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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

This Meeting will be held on
Sunday 30 October 2011 in the
Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms
at 3000 Great North Road, New
Lynn, Auckland.

Local members are asked to
make a special effort to attend,
in order to ensure that the quorum
requirements of a League AGM
are met.

Also, for only the second time
in our club's history, financial
members of at least 3 year's
standing, may vote directly at
the Meeting.

POSSIBLE DELAY TO NOVEMBER DX TIMES

As I am moving from my current
rental property around the
middle of next month, there
may be a short disruption to
my access to computer and
Internet etc so the magazine
may be delayed.

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BANDWATCH UNDER 9MHz

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

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

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2325	1520	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek fair in English // 2310 Alice Springs, 2485 Katherine the same – DD 29/8
3925	1502	JAPAN, R Nikkei fair in Japanese, closed 1304utc – DD 14/8
3945	0730	VANUATU, R Vanuatu fair in Bislama – DD 14/8
4319	1944	CHAGOS ARCHIPELIGO AFRS Diego Garcia reactivated 22/9 but distorted audio feed– possibly FM mode. Vgd signal - could almost decipher in CW mode. BCM
4750	1407	BANGLADESH/ INDIA mixed with very poor reception – DD 12/9
4765	1852	TAJIKISTAN?? Tajik R.1 tent, Fair in pres Tajik & chanting, FA/MA – 29/9 KB
4780	1822	DJIBOUTI, Rdif.TV de Djibouti, Fair in vern, 1830 nx in pres. Afar. 1901 mx, FA – 20/9 KB
4800	1740	INDIA, AIR poor in Hindi – DD 24/8
4815	0934	BRAZIL, R.Dif Londrina tentative, Fair in Portugese, OM w/spoken prgm – 6/9 KB
4835	0810	AUSTRALIA, Alice Springs fair but noisy in English – DD 12/8
4835	0824	AUSTRALIA, VL8A, Good in EE, 0825 TC '5 mins to 6', 0829 mx & off air – 21/9 KB
4840	1412	INDIA, AIR Hyderabad poor in Hindi – DD 12/9
4905	1452	TIBET, Xizang Lhasa fair but noisy in Chinese – DD 24/8
4910	1833	MADAGASCAR, R.Nat.Malagasy pres, Fair in mx prgm & vern, 1900 off air. (Thanks to I.C.for info re freq change. Hrd back on 5010 28/9). – 25/9 KB
4910	1943	MADAGASCAR RTM Antananarivo good level in local dialect 23/9. Into FF with news feature at 1944. Ident and promos for "RTM" at 1952. Noted back on old 5010 freq on 1/10. Often running past its traditional 1900 UTC signoff nowadays. BCM
4920	1736	INDIA, AIR Chennai tentative, Fair in vern, modrt QRN, off air 1740 – 21/9 KB.
4920	1736	TIBET, Xizang Lhasa fair in Chinese – DD 24/8
4930	1828	BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in English nx & some mx – moderate QRN – 28/9 KB
4940	1419	CHINA, V of Straits China channel poor in Chinese – DD 12/9
4965	1854	ZAMBIA, One Africa R, CVC, Poor in EE with hip-hop mx and YL/OM banter. Announced phone no. heard as '782 795 800' (Check on Google shows it as 782 795 300) – 28/9 KB
4975	1837	TAJIKISTAN, VOR, Fair in EE interview, het on freq – 21/9 KB 5010

- 1733 INDIA, AIR Thiruvananthapuram, Fair in vern, modrt QRN, off air
1740 – 21/9 KB
- 5010 1835 MADAGASCAR, R.Nat.Malagasy pres, Fair in mx prgm & vern. 1852 off
air abruptly. Also hrd this freq following day – 28/9 KB
- 5020 0740 SOLOMON IS, SIBC fair with news in English – DD 14/8
- 5020 0831 SOLOMON IS, SIBC, Fair in EE talk on human relations, moderate
QRN – 21/9 KB
- 5020 1100 SOLOMON, SIBC good with English news –TN 3.10
- 5765 0900 GUAM, Barrigada AFRTS good in USB with news –TN 23.9
- 5840 1440 INDIA, AIR poor and v noisy in Hindi – DD 24/8
- 5875 1717 CYPRUS, BBC in Arabic with talk// 11820 much weaker – CC 15/9
- 5885 2000 VATICAN, St.Maria Vatican R. fair in English relg prgm –TN 23.9
- 5925 1358 CHINA, CNR-5 good in Chinese – DD 12/9
- 5955 1350 CHINA, CRI good in English with Chinese Studio – DD 23/8
- 5980 0559 GERMANY Frankfurt Local Radio on special extended transmission
3/10, opening with ident in GG, poor but reasonably clear channel.
Rock & roll oldies followed till 0629. BCM
- 5995 1731 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good with country music in English – DD 23/8
- 6010 1911 BAHRAIN Radio Bahrain with usual pop music features, occ EE anncs
3/10. Transmission mode has no LSB, fair and deteriorating signal. BCM
- 6020 1350 SPAIN, REE v good with pop music in Spanish – DD 19/9
- 6055 1344 JAPAN, R Nikkei fair in Japanese with male singer, distorted // 9595
the same – CC 19/9
- 6090 1831 IRAN, VOIRI fair in Russian with talk, some QRN // 6140 weaker &
noisier – CC 11/9
- 6102 1525 AFGHANISTAN. Radio Afghanistan. Weak at opening then into
English news at 1530. IC. 31/9
- 6105 0725 GERMANY. TWR via Wert. fair in English. – IC 21/9
- 6120 1753 CHINA, PNS Xinjiang in vernac with female singer // 7205 with strong
QRM – CC 15/9
- 6155 0500 AUSTRIA, Moosbrunn R.Austria Int. good en German –TN 21.9
- 6160 1720 CHINA, CRI v good with music prgm in English & Chinese // 6090 the
same – DD 4/9
- 6185 0645 MEXICO R.Educacion fair in Spanish, clear ID –TN 27.09
- 6195 1304 SINGAPORE, BBC WS fair with news in English – DD 12/9
- 6195 1739 OMAN, BBC fair in Arabic with talk, some QRN // 7375 stronger – CC 29/9
- 6925 0600 CANADA? Hobby Pirate Radio True North again hrd 4/9 past 0630
with rock songs, regular idents with email address. Poor signal
on 6924.65m. Fewer pirates noted lately, perhaps due to recent FCC
bust of several well-known operations? BCM
- 7205 2041 TURKEY, VOT fair in English with Turkish music – 3/9
- 7205 2105 CHINA, CRI fair in English into Chinese music prgm – KAB 22/9
- 7240 2050 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in EE with Sports Prgm – DD 3/9
- 7245 0710 MAURITANIA. Radio Mauritanie. Good in French. IC. 20/9
- 7250 0507 VATICAN, R Vatican v good in English – DD 17/9
- 7250 2105 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in Arabic with comment – KAB 22/9
- 7275 2045 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with comment – KAB 22/9
- 7330 2035 SRI LANKA, D Welle good in German on world economic problems,

English Subtitles?? – KAB 22/9
7335 0335 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl fair in English with comment. ID 0342 utc then into English with ethnic music - KAB 23/9
7335 0700 TUNISIA. RTV Tunisienne. Good in Arabic. IC. 20/9
7365 0645 ASCENSION. BBC,. Poor in English on this N/F. IC. 20/9
7365 2020 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair but weak in English with relig comment, IS 2028 utc – KAB 22/9
7375 2015 CHINA, China Business Radio, fair in Chinese with comment –KAB 22/9
7400 1711 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good with talk and music in Russian – CC 15/9
7475 0345 GREECE, V of Greece good in Greek with comment – KAB 23/9
7555 0545 USA, KJES fair in Spanish – DD 11/9

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

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3255	0401	SOUTH AFRICA. BBC World Service via Meyerton, 0401-0420 Sep 24, man announcer with news in English. End of news at 0406 followed by IOD and news features. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
3290	0411	GUYANA. Voice of Guyana (presumed), 0411-0440 Aug 24, 20 minute instrumental music version of theme from Summer of '42 followed by smooth jazz selections. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
3290	0411	GUYANA. Voice of Guyana (presumed), 0411-0440 Aug 24, 20 minute instrumental music version of theme from Summer of '42 followed by smooth jazz selections. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	0347	SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0347-0415 Aug 26, man and woman announcers talking in listed Lomwe language with choir vocals at 0356 and talk ending program over music. IS at 0358 followed by ID ("Good morning, this is Trans World Radio broadcasting from Manzini, Swaziland. The following program is from our German Service followed by our English to Africa Service. This is Trans World Radio.") The announcement was repeated followed by opening of the German program. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	0347	SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0347-0415 Aug 26, man and woman announcers talking in listed Lomwe language with choir vocals at 0356 and talk ending program over music. IS at 0358 followed by ID ("Good morning, this is Trans World Radio broadcasting from Manzini, Swaziland. The following program is from our German Service followed by our English to Africa Service. This is Trans World Radio." The announcement was repeated followed by opening of the German program."). Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4780	0304	DJIBOUTI. RTV Djibouti, 0304-0336 fade out Sep 16, recitations until man spoke at length in Arabic language. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4910	0348	MADAGASCAR. Radio Madagasikara, 0348-0416 Sep 10, noted on this frequency thanks to Ron Howard log with man announcer hosting pop music program with English language lyrics. ID at 0400 followed by another man with news. More pop tunes from 0405 with talk by a woman announcer at 0409. Poor to fair with CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 4960 0413 SAO TOME. Voice of America – Pinheira, 0413-0437 Sep 22, English program with African news features and several IDs. ID followed by news at 0430. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5010 0302 MADAGASCAR. Radio Madagasikara, 0302-0334 Aug 29, tuned in to "Amazing Grace" sung by choir followed by a man with long religious talk over instrumental music in presumed Malagasy language. At 0316 a woman announcer spoke accompanied by flute music ending religious programming. Id followed by discussion by man and woman announcers until news at 0330. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5015 0252 USA. WWRB – Manchester, 0252-0307 Aug 17, tuning through noticed them off nominal frequency with Pastor Charles Williams doing some Bible readings. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5910 0251 COLOMBIA. Alcaraván Radio – Puerto Lleras, 0251-0435 Sep 30, Latin music with IDs between most songs. 5+1 time pips at 0300 under music. At 0301 a man announcer gave a formal ID and frequency announcement in Spanish. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5990 0943 BRAZIL. Radio Senado, 0943-1006 Aug 22, Brazilian pop vocals hosted by a woman announcer with Portuguese talks. Jingle ID at 1001 followed by a man announcer with formal ID and frequency announcement. More pop music. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5990 0943 BRAZIL. Radio Senado, 0943-1006 Aug 22, Brazilian pop vocals hosted by a woman announcer with Portuguese talks. Jingle ID at 1001 followed by a man announcer with formal ID and frequency announcement. More pop music. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5995 2326 MALI. Radiodiffusion TV Malienne – Bamako, 2326-2359* Sep 14, woman announcer in French language hosting a call-in program with short pop music selections between listener phone calls. Close down by a woman announcer at 2356 with ID followed by choral National Anthem. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6030 0320 ETHIOPIA. Radio Oromia, *0320-0356 Aug 15, finally poking through after messy conditions on this frequency of late. Familiar IS running until opening ID and announcement at 0328 by a man in Oromo language. Some Horn of Africa music before news at 0336 followed by some discussion. Poor to fair but reasonably clear frequency. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6030 0321 ETHIOPIA. Radio Oromiya, *0321-0352 Aug 29, xylophone IS with a man announcer with ID at 0329, sign on announcements in Oromo language, another ID followed by music bridge and talk by a woman announcer. Into program of Horn of Africa vocals. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 0427 CHAD. Radio Chad, *0427-0434 Sep 23, open carrier after Radio Netherlands sign off until Balafon IS heard at poor to fair level. NHK World opened with Spanish announcements by a woman announcer at 0429 with Chad now weakly in background. Chad's orchestra National Anthem could be heard under NHK opening music. A man with French talk could be heard but not much else after that point as NHK began the news. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 2221 CHAD. Radio Chad, 2221-2231* Aug 16, French pop vocals with man announcer at 2229 with ID and sign off announcements followed by orchestra National Anthem. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 6925 0131 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 0131-0134* Oct 1, tail end of music selection followed by a man talking but very difficult to understand. Very poor reception and later noted FRN logs of Radio Free Mars so I presume this could have been them. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0342 PIRATE (No. Am.). XFM Shortwave, 0342-0405 Sep 29, live program with time checks, frequent IDs, playing rock music and taking listener requests (there was one from Andy Yoder). Asked for reception reports to xfmshortwave@gmail.com. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7125 2224 (presumed) GUINEA. Radio Guinée, 2224-2300* Sep 8, man announcer with continuous French language talk until plug pulled at 2300. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7200 0253 SUDAN. Radio Omdurman, 0253-0319 Sep 21, Arabic vocals, 5+1 time pips at 0301 followed by man in Arabic with ID and news. More vocals after the news at 0310. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7245 0558 MAURITANIA. Radio Mauritanie, 0558-0621 Aug 30, 0030-0525+ Aug 31, seemingly 24 hour operation on this channel with Arabic talks, local music and long discussions, seldom IDs but if listen long enough periodic IDs can be heard. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7245 0654 MAURITANIA. Radio Mauritanie, 0654-0721 Sep 26, man announcer with talk in Arabic followed by Middle Eastern music at 0701. A man and woman alternated talking followed by another man with station ID at 0702. Into news program with a man announcer at 0703 which ended at 0716. Music programming followed. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7460 0228 PRIDNESTROVYA (Moldova). Payam-e Doost – Grigoriopol, *0228-0315* Sep 9, open carrier with tones until instrumental music opening at 0230 followed by woman announcer with ID and announcements in Farsi. Long religious sounding talk by a man followed by choir type vocals at 0308. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

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

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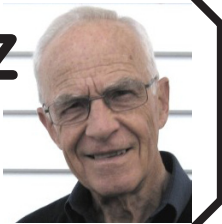
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BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ

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A change from villa to apartment for Cliff & Mrs Couch will mean a break in Cliff's long-standing contribution until the challenge of a new antenna is resolved.

Good luck with the move, folks, and hoping it won't be long before we have **CC** appearing in the column again.

Logs arranged in Date/Time order are acceptable.

Early receipt of any logs completed prior to closing date is appreciated, thank you.

To limit duplication, items will be omitted from current issue if they have already appeared bearing the same initials **in either of the two preceding editions.**

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details

9410	1850	SEYCHELLES, BBC, Good in EE, Radio play & ID at 1859, Surging – 18/9	CC
9410	1903	SEYCHELLES, BBC, Fair in EE nx – ID 1905 – 19/9	KB
9410	2045	SEYCHELLES, BBC via Mahe. Good in English - 5/9	IC
9430	1000	PHILIPPINES, Bocaue FEBC fair in Mandarin – 22/9	TN
9430	1930	UK, Skelton, VoVietnam fair in German – 22/9	TN
9470	2006	GERMANY, AWR via Wer, Good in Arabic - 6/9	BDW
9480	0400	RWANDA, Kigali DW very good in German – 22/9	TN
9480	0427	RWANDA, DW, Fair in GG to Waf & talk about Internet – 28/9	KB
9495	1600	OMAN, A'Seela BBC Far East relay very good in English – 23/9	TN
9545	1800	PORTUGAL, Sines DW very good in German Nachrichten – 2/10	TN
9545	1900	UK, Woofferton DW good in German – 2/10	TN
9545	2050	PORTUGAL, DW via Sin, Good in German, closed at 2100 – 3/9	DD
9565	0527	BRAZIL, Super R. Deus e Amor, Curitiba, Fair in PP relg prgm //11765 weaker & 6060 poor – 24/9	KB
9580	0500	GABON, Africa No.1. Weak in French - 9/9	IC
9610	0339	IRAN, V.of Palestine, Good in AA, 2 OMs speaking, //11875 stronger – 11/9	CC
9735	0342	FR. GUIANA, VOR, Fair in SS, MA, VIP speech, 0359 IS/ID – 28/9	KB
9740	1527	SINGAPORE, BBC via Kranji, Very good in EE nx – 24/8	DD
9750	0349	SEYCHELLES, BBC, Fair in EE re Michael Jackson court case – 28/9	KB
9760	1500	THAILAND. VOA via Udorn. fair in English - 18/9	IC
9760	1630	GERMANY. Radio Farda via Wert. VG in Farsi - 6/9	IC
9765	2200	SRI LANKA, Trincomalee DW very good in German – 1/10	TN
9770	0630	LITHUANIA, Sitkunai VOIRIran very good in Italian – 24/9	TN
9770	1725	AUSTRIA, Polskie R, Good in EE, 2 YLs discussing mountaineering, OM with ID 1730 – 15/9	CC
9780	1700	GERMANY. Deewa Radio. Via Nauen. VG in Pashto - 9/9	IC
9785	1845	TURKEY, V of Turkey, Good in EE, Music & OM with ID. Surging – 22/9	CC
9805	1826	FRANCE, RFI, Good in RR, OM & YL spkg, light QRM, //13680	

weaker – 11/9 CC

9820 0100 AUSTRIA. ROI. Good in German. (Now moved to 9830) - 7/9 IC

9820 0700 BRAZIL, Sao Paulo Radio9deJulho rlg prgm in Portuguese – 26/9 TN

9820 2300 CHINA. Voice of Beibu. (Tent) Poor in Vietnamese - 31/8 IC

9825 1712 AUSTRIA, AWR via Mos, Good in Farsi – 5/9 BDW

9835 2106 SARAWAK. RTM Sarawak. VG in Malay - 4/9 IC

9855 0404 BOTSWANA, VOA, Good in EE nx & sport //11670 Fair, 0415 ID – 28/9 KB

9855 0800 NETH.ANTILLES, Bonaire DW very good with German – 15/9 TN

9865 0500 N.ANTILLES, RN via Bon, Very good with nx in Dutch – 11/9 DD

9895 2230 RWANDA. RDW via Kigali. Good in German - 31/8 IC

9930 0900 PALAU, Medorn T8WH Harvest R. fair with rlg pgrm in English – 14/9 TN

11520 0800 USA, Vandiver EWTN fair with English rlg pgrm – 23/9 TN

11565 0800 USA, Cypress Creek WHRI fair with English rlg pgrm – 16/9 TN

11625 0433 MADAGASCAR, Vatican R, Fair in FF & choir mx, 0435 ID – 28/9 KB

11660 1546 AUSTRALIA, RA, Excellent in EE with documentary – 24/8 DD

11660 1936 ASCENSION IS, BBC, Poor in pres Hausa – 18/9 KB

11665 2050 SARAWAK. RTM Sarawak. Fair in Malay.//9835 - 6/9 IC

11670 0430 BOTSWANA, VOA, Good in EE nx – 21/9 KB

11680 0150 SPAIN, REE, Excellent in SS with popular mx prgm – 1/9 BDW

11710.5 0405 ARGENTINA RAE Buenos Aires in SS with progress report on Puma's rugby match in NZ. Exc strength until 11710 station opened at 0455. RAE used to close here at 0400 after FF broadcast. – 17/9 BCM

11750 0730 AUSTRALIA, Kununurra HCJB very good with English rlg pgrm – 20/9 TN

11765 0139 BRAZIL Super Radio Deus e Amor, Curitiba fair in PP // 9564.93 poor-fair. Other 25m Brazilians audible at this time on 11749.9 Voz Misionaria, 11780 Radio Nacional good, 11815.04 Brasil Central good & clear, 11925.23 Bandierantes poor-fair with time pips 0145 – 30/9 BCM

11810 1931 ASCENSION IS, BBC, Fair in EE nx, ID 1932 – 18/9 KB

11815 0040 COSTA RICA, REE, Fair in SS football b'cast, poor by 0100 – 3/9 KB

11815 0355 BRAZIL, R.Brasil Central, Fair in PP, mx, 0359 ID, 0400 spltr from 11820 – 21/9 KB

11815 0900 BRAZIL, Goiana R.Brasil Central good in Portuguese id – 1/10 TN

11830 1742 IRAN, VOIRI, Good in Swahili, OM speaking, //9655 the same – 15/9 CC

11850 0700 PORTUGAL, Sines R.Portugal Int. fair in Portuguese – 29/9 TN

11850 1549 INDIA?? AIR (tentative), Fair but noisy in EE nx – 24/8 DD

11945 0436 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Fair in EE, YL talking abt human rights – 28/9 KB

11980 0400 FRANCE, Issoudun very good with Rugby WC in English – 2/10 TN

12010 0800 GERMANY, Wertachtal AWR very good in French – TN 28/9
Email reply on my report in English from the AWR FRENCH department in GERMANY telling me that reports has to be in FRENCH because hardly anybody in the department understood FRENCH.!!

12080 1500 GERMANY. VOA via Wert. Good in English - 14/9 IC

12100 0249 USA WTWW Lebanon Tennessee fair with American religious teaching in EE 21/9. Audible through our daytime period in various European languages and EE Bible readings as fillers between them. Irregular idents eg 0155 5/10 - BCM

12140 1500 GUAM. KTWR. Good in English - 1/9 IC

12140 1530 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Excellent in Farsi – 13/9 BDW
12600 0949 TAIWAN?? Sound of Hope (tentative) Poor in Chinese mx – 25/8 DD
13680 1852 FRANCE, RFI, Good in RR, 2 OMs speaking, //9805 the same – 22/9 CC
13740 0332 IRAN, VOIRI, Good in Dari, YL speaking, //11940 stronger with QRM – 11/9 CC
13790 0900 China, Jinhua CRI very good with Beijing Hour in English – 20/9 TN
13790 0955 CHINA, CRI, Good in EE with 'Chinese Studio' prgm – 25/8 DD
15090 1333 KUWAIT, R.Free Afghanistan, Good in Dari, YL speaking, //11550 with strong QRM – 19/9 CC
15120 0610 NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria. Good in English - 25/9 IC
15170 0900 RUSSIA, Chita VoRussia fair with English news – 24/9 TN
15190 0043 USA WYFR Family Radio fair with EE/PP translated speech, station address in Oakland California, tuning signal and closedown, leaving Brazilian Radio Inconfidencia in the clear 17/9. WYFR sked here 2200-0045 - BCM
15210 1000 CHINA, CRI, Very good in EE nx – 25/8 DD
15210 1000 CHINA, Kunming CRI very good with Beijing Hour in English – 12/9 TN
15255 1542 GERMANY, AWR via Wer, Good in EE – 6/9 BDW
15260 1602 AUSTRIA, AWR, Good in Urdu – 6/9 BDW
15345 1600 MOROCCO. Radio Marocaine. Good in Arabic - 20/9 IC
15345 2040 ARGENTINA. R.N.Argentina. Fair in French. freq actually 15344.1 - 18/9 IC
15560 1200 KAZAKHSTAN. WYFR via Alam Ata. Good in English - 23/9 IC
15575 0715 CYPRUS. BBC via Limassol. Fair in English - 21/9 IC
15615 0700 FRANCE. RFI. Good in English - 8/9 IC
15740 0400 THAILAND. Radio Mashaal via Udorn. Poor in Pashto - 7/9 IC
15770 0430 INDIA. AIR. Fair in Arabic - 8/9 IC
17505 0109 CHINA, CRI, Fair in home service – 5/9 DD
17520 1200 UZBEKISTAN. WYFR via Tashkent. Fair in English - 21/9 IC
17605 0112 CHINA, CNRI Beijing, Poor in home service, very noisy – 5/9 DD
17715 0116 AUSTRALIA, RA, Fair in EE games talk – 5/9 DD
17895 1037 INDIA, AIR, Fair in EE with documentary – 25/8 DD
25990 2202 USA KSCS studio link transmission in FM mode surprisingly readable past 2400 29/9 with country music format, ident at 2359 as "only on New Country 96.3 Fort Worth-Dallas". On 25950 at same time "KOA Newsradio 8-50" was audible - BCM

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9610	0530	CLANDESTINE (Nigeria). Radio Hamada International via Wertachtal, IS followed by man announcer in Hausa with ID and opening announcements. News mainly about Nigeria followed with various talks and discussions about Nigeria. Numerous IDs during broadcast with sign off ID and closedown announcements at 0556 by a woman announcer. Fair. 0558 – 30/8 RDA
9685	0033	BOSNIA. International Radio of Serbia via Bijeljina, English news followed by ID and features until closedown at 0058 requesting letters and e-mails and IS. Very good. 0059 – 17/8 RDA

- 9705 0320 ETHIOPIA. Radio Ethiopia, man announcer with talk in Amharic followed by Horn of Africa vocals. Man with news at 0330. More HoA vocals after news followed by ID and announcements at 0359. Gongs at 0400. Fair to good. 0410 – 25/8 RDA
- 9705 2248 NIGER. La Voix du Sahel, male vocal selection prior to man announcer speaking in French. Brief flute music at 2255 followed by choral National Anthem. Tone after anthem before carrier cut. Fair. 2258 – 14/9 RDA
- 9890 1157 THAILAND. Radio Thailand World Service, open carrier followed by ID, IS and English announcement for World Service mentioning the next program was in Malaysian language. After brief musical interlude, Malaysian program began with ID and news by a man announcer. Poor to fair. 1209 – 22/9 RDA
- 11670 2211 INDIA. All India Radio – Bangaluru, English program with commentary followed by ID and sports program. Good signal. // 9445 (Bangaluru) was also good. 2226 – 28/9 RDA
- 11690 0451 CLANDESTINE (Congo) Radio Okapi – Meyerton, pop vocals until a woman announcer spoke in French with ID and announcements prior to carrier being terminated. Poor to fair. 0459 - 8/9 RDA
- 11710.6 0238 ARGENTINA. RAE, English program with IDs and “DX Special” program and some tango music until 0255 IS and multi-lingo IDs. French language program opened at 0300. Fair. 0308 – 8/9 RDA

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Kelvin'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
0116	17715f	RA	AUSTRALIA	5/9	DD
0249	12100f	WTWW	USA	21/9	BCM
0335-0342	7335f	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	23/9	KAB
0349	9750f	BBC	UK	28/9	KB
0404-0415	9855g:11670f	VOA	USA	28/9	KB
0430	11670g	VOA	USA	21/9	KB
0436	11945f	BBC	UK	28/9	KB
0507	7250g	R Vatican	VATICAN	17/9	DD
0610	15120g	Voice of Nigeria	NIGERIA	25/9	IC
0645	7365p	BBC	UK	20/9	IC
0700	15615g	RFI	FRANCE	8/9	IC
0715	15575f	BBC	UK	21/9	IC
0725	6105f	TWR	?	21/9	IC
0730	11750g	HCJB	ECUADOR	20/9	TN
0740	5020f	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	14/8	DD
0800	11520f	EWTN	USA	23/9	TN
0800	11565f	WHRI	USA	16/9	TN
0824-0829	4835g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	21/9	KB
0831	5020f	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	21/9	KB
0900	9930f	T8WH Harvest R	PALAU?	14/9	TN
0900	13790g	CRI	CHINA	20/9	TN
0900	15170f	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	24/9	TN
0955	13790g	CRI	CHINA	25/8	DD
1000	15210g	CRI	CHINA	12/9	TN
1000	15210g	CRI	CHINA	25/8	DD
1037	17895f	AIR	INDIA	25/8	DD

1100	5020g	SIBC	SOLOMON	3/10	TN
1200	15560g	WYFR	USA	23/9	IC
1200	17520f	WYFR	USA	21/9	IC
1304	6195f	BBC WS	UK	12/9	DD
1350	5955g	CRI	CHINA	23/8	DD
1500	9760f	VOA	USA	18/9	IC
1500	12080g	VOA	USA	14/9	IC
1500	12140g	KTWR	GUAM	1/9	IC
1520	2310:2325f:2485f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	29/8	DD
1525-1530	6102p	Radio Afghanistan	AFGHANISTAN	31/9	IC
1527	9740g	BBC	UK	24/8	DD
1542	15255g	AWR	?	6/9	BDW
1546	11660e	RA	AUSTRALIA	24/8	DD
1549	11850f	AIR?	INDIA?	24/8	DD
1600	9495g	A'Seela BBC	OMAN?	23/9	TN
1725-1730	9770g	Polskie R	POLAND	15/9	CC
1731	5995g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	23/8	DD
1828	4930f	VOA	USA	28/9	KB
1837	4975f	VOR	RUSSIA	21/9	KB
1845	9785g	V of Turkey	TURKEY	22/9	CC
1850-1859	9410g	BBC	UK	18/9	CC
1854	4965p	One Africa R/CVC	?	28/9	KB
1903-1905	9410f	BBC	UK	19/9	KB
1931-1932	11810f	BBC	UK	18/9	KB
2000	5885f	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	23/9	TN
2020-2028	7365f	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	22/9	KAB
2041	7205f	VOT	TURKEY	3/9	-
2045	9410g	BBC	UK	5/9	IC
2050	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	3/9	DD



SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR NOVEMBER 2011



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 112-190. An * = good reception only above Index of 94. November currently is a transitional one, sharing top evening reception from the North Pacific with many other months. However, best morning reception from South America can be enjoyed..

Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
18	6-11-17*	18	7-15	18	6-11	18	6-11	18	15
19	7-11-15*	19	9-15	19	7	19	6-11	19	15
20	9-15*	20	9-17*	20	-	20	7-11-15*	20	15*-21*
21	9, 15*	21	11-15	21	-	21	9-17,21*	21	17
22	15*	22	17	22	-	22	13-17,21*	22	-
23	15*	23	17	23	-	23	13-17,21*	23	-
0	11	0	-	0	-	0	13-17,21*	0	15
1	11-13	1	15*	1	-	1	13-17,21*	1	-
2	9-11	2	9,15*	2	-	2	11-21	2	15*
3	7-9-11*	3	9-15*	3	-	3	11-17,21*	3	9-11
4	7-11-15*	4	7-11-15*	4	7,11*	4	11-17,21*	4	611
5	6-11-15*	5	6-11	5	7-11	5	9-17,21*	5	6-11
6	6-21	6	6-11-15*	6	7-17,21*	6	5-17,21*	6	6-11
7	6-17,21*	7	7-9-17*	7	15-17,21*	7	5-15-21*	7	6-11
8	6-17,21*	8	9-21*	8	15-17,21*	8	5-17,21*	8	6-11
9	9-21	9	-	9	7-17	9	4-15-21*	9	6-9

Middle East	Asia	North Pacific	Nth America	Sth America					
18	7-11	18	9-15	18	6-11-15*	18	15*		
19	9,11*	19	7-13,15*	19	11,13,15x*	19	6-11-21*	19	15*17*
20	9-15*	20	7-11,15*	20	13	20	9-15-21*	20	9*-21*
21	11-15*	21	9-11-15*	21	11-15x17	21	11,17,21*	21	15-17
22	13*	22	13*	22	15x17	22	11,17,21*	22	15
23	-	23	11-13	23	13-15x17	23	17*21*	23	15
0	-	0	11-17	0	17-21	0	17*21*	0	-
1	-	1	15-17	1	15-21	1	17*21*	1	-
2	-	2	15-21	2	17-21	2	15*	2	11-15*
3	9-15	3	13-21	3	15-21	3	9*11*	3	9-11
4	7-15-21*	4	13-21	4	9-21	4	7-11-15*	4	9-11
5	7-21	5	15-17	5	9-21	5	6-9-11*	5	9-11-15*
6	11-21	6	15-21	6	5-21	6	5-9	6	6-11
7	15	7	11-17-21*	7	5-21	7	5-9	7	5-11-15*
8	15-17	8	9-21	8	5-21	8	5-9	8	5-11-15*
9	15-21	9	5-21	9	5-21	9	5-9	9	5-11

x = not Hawaii. Monthly Solar Flux average indexes: August 101, September 134

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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AUSTRIA

Frequency change of Radio Oesterreich Int in German from Sept 20:
0000-0030 NF 9830*MOS 300 kW 245 deg to SoAM Tue-Sat, ex 9820 0100-0130
0030-0100 NF 9830*MOS 300 kW 305 deg to NoAM Tue-Sat, ex 9820 same time
0000-0030 on 9820 MOS 300 kW 285 deg to CeAM Tue-Sat, cancelled/deleted
(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc)

KAZAKHSTAN/UAE/UZBEKISTAN:

Additional English language transmissions WYFR.

1200-1300. 15560khz. A-A. East Asia.

1200-1300. 17520khz. TAC. South East Asia.

1200-1300. 17880khz. DHA. East Asia. (R.BULGARIA DX MIX News)

Clandestine station schedule updates

via Babcock.

Free North Korea

1200-1300 on 15645 DB 100 kW / 070 deg to KRE Korean, ex 1200-1400

1300-1400 new freq 11640 DB 100 kW / 070 deg to KRE Korean, ex 15645

CMI Voice of Wilderness

1400-1430 new freq 15630 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg to KRE Korean, ex 15500, Sun only

Voice of Martyrs(Freedom)

1600-1700 new freq 7530 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg to KRE Korean, ex 6240

(DX Mix News 696)



Updated Summer Schedule of NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave

Arab Woman Today in Arabic (TWR program)

0800-0815 11910 TIG 300 kW 140 deg to NE&ME/WeAS Wed

1400-1415 11910 TIG 300 kW 140 deg to NE&ME/WeAS Fri

Radio Joystick in English

0800-0900 9510 TIG 150 kW 290 deg to WeEUR/NoEUR 1st Sat

Radio City in English

0800-0900 9510 TIG 150 kW 290 deg to WeEUR/NoEUR 3rd Sat

NEXUS-IBA/IPAR in English

0800-0900 9510 TIG 150 kW 290 deg to WeEUR/NoEUR 2nd/4th Sat

European Gospel Radio in English

0930-1200 9510 TIG 150 kW 290 deg to WeEUR/NoEUR Sun

Brother Stair TOM in English

1300-1400 15610 TIG 300 kW 100 deg to AS/AUS/NZL Daily
1730-1800 7290 TIG 150 kW 290 deg to WeEUR/NoEUR Sun
1800-1900 7290 TIG 150 kW 290 deg to WeEUR/NoEUR Daily
1900-2000 7290 TIG 150 kW 185 deg to CeAF/SoAF Daily
(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc)

Mighty KBC Set to Return to Shortwave in October



Dutch-based KBC Radio has published the following information:

"The Mighty KBC will start broadcasting on shortwave on 30-10-2011 Saturday and Sunday between 11.00 – 16.00 UTC.

There is a good chance that we will use our new frequency during weekdays as well in the future.

Within a few weeks we will announce our new frequency."

(R Netherlands Media Network Weblog)

Earlier comments from the station; The KBC Radio website adds: "We are trying to return on SW in November 2011. Minimum power is 100KW.

We are also checking if we can beam again to the USA on shortwave.

"For reception reports please mail to KBC531 @ gmail.com or write to The Mighty KBC, Argonstraat 6, 6718 WT Ede, The Netherlands. Send 2 USD if you want to receive our Mighty KBC QSL card." (Source: KBC Radio)

The website of Dutch-based KBC Radio states that the tests on mediumwave 531 kHz from Burg, Germany will stop on Friday 7 October. Until then, the tests are at 1500-1800 UTC.

As previously reported, KBC Radio will start testing on 6095 kHz shortwave on Saturday 8 October. The tests will be each Sat & Sun at 0900-1600 UTC. The schedule of programs can be found at http://www.kbcradio.eu/?page_id=478

(R Netherlands Media Network Weblog)

PERU:

New station on 3360kHz. Radio JPJ is a new legal shortwave station from Peru, broadcasting on 3360 kHz. Radio JPJ (named after its director Jesús Párraga Jiménez) is located in Monte Los Olivos, Distrito de San Martín de Porres, in the Province and Department of Lima. The station was first heard on June 9, 2011, by Markku Kaunisto, Jouni Keskinen and Juha Vehmas in Finland. According to information received by Henrik Klemetz and Alfredo Cañote, Radio JPJ uses call letters OAW4Y and has a power of 1 kW. The address is Manzana D, Lote 9, Asoc. Vivienda Monte Los Olivos, Distrito de San Martín de Porres, Provincia y Departamento de Lima, Perú. (DXing.info) Radio JPJ streaming audio <http://www.radiojpp.com/>

Germany's new Shortwave Station XVRB Radio on the air



6045 kHz, XVRB Radio, via Wertachtal (100 kW, non directional), *0900-1000.*
Sunday Sept 18. New station since Aug 21, broadcasts on 3rd Sunday is XVRB Radio.
Transmitter switch on from 0857, started with six tone interval signals from 0900-0901.
English, many IDs, Rock'n'Roll and Oldies concert. It is The Music Museum at www.xvrb.org/. E-mail: xvrbadio@gmail.com. Next broadcast scheduled for Sunday Oct 16.
(Bueschel, Ivanov, Koie and Robic).

New Clandestine station heard on 15750 kHz

15750 kHz, New station E-SAT (Ethiopian Satellite TV), via Grigoriopol (300kW 170degrees), 1700-1800 UTC, in Amharic targeted to East Africa. Parallel test frequencies 15760 and 15770 kHz. (Ivanov direct and via BC-DX)

Radio Free Sarawak resumes transmissions today

After its recent break Radio Free Sarawak is re-launching this week with an expanded team and greater ambitions. The show kicks off with a two hour daily timeslot from 6-8 pm (1000-1200 UTC) on 17560 kHz. It will also be available free online via the website www.radiofreesarawak.org.

As before, the station will continue to focus on the concerns and interests of the ordinary people of Sarawak, mainly rural folk, who currently have no access to an independent news source. However, it will also address urban and Malaysia-wide issues in recognition of its popular following among internet users and listeners from other states. For further information please see the Website. <http://radiofreesarawak.org/>

(Source: Radio Free Sarawak)

**RADIO
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SARAWAK**

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FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION
3130	0805	Korean Fishing vessel with Phone Patch to Office re Catch so far. DM
4010	0600	Royal Flying doctor calling Base?? could have been Base calling Aircraft (Very faint) DM
4417	1818	BLUFF RADIO USB Woman Operator Five day weather forecast fair to good 1828 contact with Waitangi. ID Bluff Fishman Radio. Gave Oamaru forecast at 1829 followed by Dunedin. Contact with "Southern Progress" which said they had fog. Good morning in Bluff. 4/10 ABD
4666	1741	RCOO7/ TOKYO distant coms 30/9 RP
5643	0712	NANDI / USAF REACH 6E1 coms freqs confirmed US accent 28/9 RP
6350	1000	AFTV Network from Peel Harbor with Sports and ID. DM
6676	0732	Sydney Volmet DM
6679	0722	Far East then Ak Volmet DM
6679	0650	Auckland Volmet ID weather for around the South Pacific 0650 "Auckland Volmet out" Good 4/10 ABD
6679	0655	Honolulu Volmet Hawaii sign on " Honolulu Volmet" Poor to Fair 9/10 ABD
8176	0906	VMC with "VMC transmission ends" DM
8483	0913	Very fast CW at least 100 pm (mechanically sent) CW Decoder unable to decode. DM
8763	0915	Volmet or weather relay station in Japanese (not listed in my info) could be 8.762.3 relaying duplexed 8,238 (CH 17) DM
8867	1755	CASEY 117 / TOKYO freq exchange 4666 / 3455 1/10 RP
8867	2000	KOREAN AIR 130 / AKL freq exc 5643 / 8867 SC BFFR 3/10 RP
8867	2007	AIR NEWZEALND NZ 701 / BRISBIANE FL 360 posn report SC HSDG confirmed 2/10 RP
8867	2011	KOREAN AIR / AIR req radio check loud and clear confirmed also at my qth 2/10 RP
8867	2028	AIR NARU 332 / AKL posn report FL 360 cnt Melbourne center 124.000 8867 / 13261 2/10 RP
8867	0643	QANTAS 107 / SAN FRANCISCO ref CPDLC frequency advice 8867 / 5643 @ crossing 20dg North 5574 / 3343 Q107 confirms from a distant position 30/9 RP
8867	0644	QANTAS 113 / NANDI VHXQ posn reports freq 8867 5643 SC DLZQ 30/9 RP
8867	2116	QANTAS 114 AKL SC GRDH 2/10 RP

8867 1941 RNZAF KIWI 820 / AKL 30/9 RP
8867 2104 RNZAF AKL / KIWI 782 request block from a distant FL 370 confirmed 3/10 RP
8867 0704 unld" Female voice re "Hawaii 1" calling San Francisco DM
8867 0705 Brisbane radio called "Hawaii 451 re using "88" DM
8867 0706 "Bluebird to Nandi re landing approach DM
8867 0707 San Francisco re "Selcal ok" and Unld flight saying "crossing 140 West" and San Francisco replied "ok and selcal ok DM
8867 0412 "Kiwi 782" selcal, and giving estimated time to base, DM
8867 0135 "Rescue 860" Selcal to Ak radio and Cleared to enter new Block DM
8867 0432 "Kiwi 297" to AK radio re "10 mile west Deviation" DM
8867 0554 "A.R.J.M." no other Id .. Departing San Francisco gave Air Conditions and confirmed 5575 as Primary. DM
8867 0556 "OZ 585" to AK arriving Destination "Kaymen" at 0622 DM
8867 0650 "QF 93 and QF 107 Both gave selcal and flight levels to San Francisco, DM
8867 0654 Un ID flight requesting move through "Quebec" no reply DM
8867 0658 "Pacific 156 selcal to Ak plus Flt Info DM
8867 0700 "United 840".. "Nandi Nandi on 88" DM
8867 0701 "United 413" ??? from Nandi "maintain F/L 37000 call Ak on 6667" No reply. DM
8867 0518 "OZ 585" Flt info and selcal to Ak - 123.7 to contact ChCh DM
8903 0810 Un Id flight with Selcal to Tokyo who replied change to 4.666 DM
8903 0813 "Delta 297" could be "397"..Only heard "Tokyo Rodger and out" after faint call DM
8903 0814 Un Id "625" Requested to contact Tokyo Tower on 124.550 DM
8903 0817 "NZ 288" called Tokyo "Tokyo go ahead" DM
8903 0828 "Delta 297" clearer this time calling Tokyo tower, DM
11387 2100 Australian Volmet inc Canberra and Darwin, S/off at 2103 z with "Australian Volmet Out" DM

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- ABD** Arthur De Maine Kakanui - Drake R-8 and Icom R-70 with a 25m EWE running E – W,

Good to hear that Dallas has fully recovered from his eye operation and is back at the dials. Thanks to those who have contributed this month.

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October DXT LPFM News

A quiet month at the NZLPFM Radio Guide [www.radioheritage.com] and latest additions are:

87.6 Hamilton [TBC], Radio Mabuhay

87.7 Auckland [CBD], Hindi Live News FM

87.9 Wellington [Wainuiomata], Nui FM

107.1 Christchurch [NZ Broadcasting School CPIT 2011], Tony FM

107.5 Raetihi [CBD], Radio Zero

With 1,700+ individual records covering two decades [1990-2011] this is the most comprehensive guide to NZ LPFM radio. It's free to use and can be searched in different ways. Visit today: www.radioheritage.com.

Please send news, updates and monitoring reports to David at info@radioheritage.net and to Adam at fm@radiodx.com so the guide can be kept up to date.

(David Ricquish, Wellington)



**Commercial Radio Audience
Measurement Survey Results 2011**

The 2-2011 Radio Survey results were released on 7 October. I have listed the top three stations in each market.

For more information go to <http://www.radios.co.nz>

Northland

More FM	13.6%
Coast	11.0%
The Edge	10.5%

Auckland

Newstalk ZB	12.2%
Coast	7.4%
Classic Hits	7.1%

Waikato

The Rock	18.0%
Newstalk ZB	11.5%
The Edge	11.1%

Tauranga

The Rock	15.4%
Classic Hits	12.5%
Coast	12.2%

Rotorua

Coast	17.1%
The Rock	11.7%
Flava	9.7%

Taranaki

The Rock	15.2%
Classic Hits	13.3%
Coast	12.4%

Hawkes Bay

Newstalk ZB	16.0%
Classic Hits	11.6%
The Rock	11.2%

Manawatu

The Rock	12.8%
More FM	10.0%
The Breeze	9.4%

Wellington

The Breeze	15.5%
ZM	14.0%
Newstalk ZB	13.5%

Nelson

The Rock	15.2%
The Edge	13.7%
Coast	11.9%

Christchurch

The Rock	13.3%
Newstalk ZB	10.8%
More FM	10.4%

Dunedin

Radio Dunedin	15.2%
The Rock	14.5%
The Edge	12.2%

Southland

Coast	15.1%
The Rock	12.2%
Classic Hits	11.1%



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Mailbag closing date is the 3rd of every month. Items received later will appear next month.

Conditions on Shortwaves were rather extreme in September with a multitude of flares being fired by that big hot ball ! From a monthly average Solar Flux of around 100 for several months it rose to over 134 culminating with a daily level of 190 on the 24th. Although the levels were comparatively higher, these sudden bursts of radiation produced storms in the ionosphere resulting in a severe loss of signal at times.

Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany is first in this month with, "These QSLs arrived during the last four weeks:

Vatican Radio verified these frequencies: 5965, 7585 (Tashkent), 9660 (Madagascar), 11850 (Tashkent), 13765 (Madagascar). Kathy Gregowske of KTWR put complete details on a QSL for 11580 kHz and sent their schedule, too. Radio Free Asia's A J Janitschek sent an "RFA's 15 Years of Broadcasting" commemorative QSL for Tinian on 5895 kHz. Radio Nederland confirmed my reception of Sines on 5955 kHz. Another "one of the last" Trincomalee QSLs came from DW for 21780 kHz. Iris Rauscher of HCJB Global sent one of the 2011 series HCJB QSLs verifying a test program via Kall (1 kW.) on 3995 kHz. Regrettably there seems to be still more patience needed before Radio Romania and Family Radio will send their cards for my many detailed reception reports of many months ago. Just to mention that I received a mediumwave QSL from Radio Algérienne for my "Rapport du 10.10.2010, Fréquence 531 kHz, Heure GMT 22:00-23:04". Algeria's powerful transmitter provides a stupendous signal here in Europe every night on 531 kHz. But this is my first mediumwave QSL received within the last one and a half years or so!" Good to receive your news, Günter, and note that the interesting veries are *continuing to roll in*.

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim advises his "SW veries received during September: AWR 9470; KTWR 13750; RNW Issouden 9840, Tinian 9650 7360; FEBC 15580; VOR 11985 15585; RDW Kigali 9895 9885; R.Vaticana 5965; R.Tirana 7530 9895; CRI Kashi 9600, Cerrick 5960; European Gospel Radio 7290; VOT 9465; R.Ibrahim (IBRA) 11740; NHK. Santiago 6145." *Thank you Ian and you've certainly proved that you haven't been taking a holiday. Last month I asked Ian about Azadi Radio from which he had received a QSL, a station which I had never heard of. His kind reply reads, "Radio Azadi, otherwise known as Azadi Radio is operated by Radio*

Free Europe/Liberty with HQ in Prague. It broadcasts in Pashto and Dari to Afghanistan via transmitters at Udorn, Kuwait and I think Sri Lanka also and could well be others. Website is www.azadiradio.org Plenty of info there, staff numbers etc."

Des Davey, Te Kuiti has sent reports are out to: CRI 5955 13590 15210 15350 15665; AIR India (frequency?) and they very seldom reply! 14970 Taiwan Sound of Home. I wonder if I'll get a reply! KJES 7555. His QSL's to hand: CBC Canada 15235; R. Romania 7390; DW Germany 11865; NHK Japan 9625

And Des adds, "I'm into jogging now. Yes, each morning, I get up out of the sack and into my track pants and T-shirt and track shoes, and I run around the block. And when I finish, I kick the block back under the bed! Jogging helps with my crook left knee and leg. What a job I'll have with a stick trying to jog!" *You're really a tough guy, Des. I have two bionic knees and the last thing I would think of is jogging. Half -an-hour with a soft walk on the grass is the best that I can do !*

Theo Donnelly, Vancouver, Canada comments: "Nothing of great import with DX here, apart from three/four weeks ago: R. Ethiopia on 9705 kHz showed up at sign-on ~0259:30 UT for a week or so -- most evenings (8 p.m. PDT) rather poor, but a couple where it lifted into the fair range. My Amharic is rather rusty so never did grab a definite ID... however, they have a distinctive "gong" sounding three times just after the initial announcements and anthem, and a quick check with their "National Radio" streaming audio brought the same detail to my ears! Ah, technology." *What a wonderful age we're in Theo!*

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai reports 3 QSLs in - Free Radio Service Holland 7600 and 6221, both just 350 watts - and Whangarei LPFM The Cruz 88.0.

This month I have enjoyed daily monitoring of daytime Brazilians on 19, 25 and 31 metres with Radio Inconfidencia 15189.3 audible from 1930 to sometimes past 0900 UTC, with only Family Radio to interfere with reception between 2200 and 0200. Very occasionally they carry a comprehensive English identification on the hour, most recently noted at 0500 UTC.

Other listening highlights for the past month included KSCS Fort Worth Dallas with its low-powered feed on 25990 in FM mode, Turbo Mix in Peru on 1540.5 putting a heterodyne on ZNS1 Bahamas 1540, and surprise reception of the 1kw Hamburger Local Radio from Germany with an extended schedule on 5980 on 3 October.

You have certainly been tramping through the frequencies this month, Bryan. SW to 26MHz ,MW and even on FM. Thank goodness my September forecast proved correct!

BROADCAST NEWS

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Broadcast News from Around the World

AUSTRALIA 4AY has a new 1kw Armstrong transmitter on 873 and Al Kirton is promising a nice QSL card for reports to him at al@4kz.com.au (via John Wright)

CANADA (Items from Dan Sys IRCA)

- 690 CKGM Montreal QC proposes a move here from 990 with 50kw fulltime. Competing applications have also been lodged for 50kw on 690 for a French News-Talk station and a Gay & Lesbian station.
- 940 New competing applications lodged for 50kw fulltime outlets in Montreal QC carrying English news-talk and an English all-traffic format.
- 1370 CFOK Westlock AB closed down on 6 September, immediately after FM flip to CKWB 97.9 without utilizing authorized 90 day simulcast period.
- 1550 CBE Windsor ON went dark on 30 September 30 after 61 years of service to Windsor, Now on 97.5 FM.
- 1610 CJWI Montreal QC is off temporarily while they relocate their transmitter as part of their move to 1410 kHz. (NRC)

COLOMBIA Some off-frequency Colombians reported recently to the MWOffsets Yahoo Group: 819.528 likely to be Radio Vigia in Cartagena on 29 September – later appeared to be // to presumed RCN Barranquilla on 760. (Barry McLarnon, Canada) 1170.034 HJBX Ondas del Meta, Villavicencio at 0556 UTC on 22 September. (Mauricio Molano, Spain)

PERU 1470 OAU4B R Amor, Lima (LI45) – ex. CPN Radio. New address: Aviacion 5150 (dentro de Plaza Veal), 3er piso, Surco. Slogan “solo baladas en español” (Henrik Klemetz, Fredrik Dourén, Alfredo Cañote of Arctic Radio Club via IRCA) 1540.500 Turbomix id heard at 0548 on 29 September (Paul Crankshaw, Scotland)

USA (all thanks to IRCA ‘DX Monitor’ except where specified)

- 690 KFXN Minneapolis, MN has replaced Sports format with Ethnic.
- 910 KCJB Minot ND now on with U4 night power increased to 5kw. They added a tower and now use two during the day and three at night. The new night pattern is virtually a large circle based at Minot directed to the northeast with small lobes to the southeast and southwest. (NRC)

- 910 KRIO McAllen TX license modified to 5kw day & night DA-2.
- 950 WPEN Philadelphia PA now licenced for 43kw days, 21kw nights DA-2.
- 980 KRTX Rosenberg TX licenced for 5kw days, 4kw nights DA-2
- 1440 KEYS Corpus Christi TX has dropped Talk, now ESPN Sports.
- 1660 KRZI Waco TX licenced for 10kw days, 1kw nights non-directional.
- 1660 WDND South Bend IN has replaced ESPN Sports format with Top 40 // WNDV 92.9. Slogan is "U-93"
- 1680 KGED Fresno CA has replaced Ethnic format with Talk, slogan "Fresno's Christian Talk 1680"

IN THE MAIL: We're pleased to hear that medium wave enthusiast and former DXT Chief Editor ANDY GARDNER has returned to NZ from Mexico and the family are presently settling into life in Redwood Christchurch. Unfortunately Andy's Drake R8B communications receiver will not be arriving for a few months, and Andy has also spotted a couple of broadcasting towers in the immediate vicinity which could curtail MWDX somewhat. (I strongly recommend a EWE antenna or two Andy – am sure you'll rise to the challenge of suppressing the local QRM! BC)

Vancouver-based expat THEO DONNELLY sent along an item regarding the recent move of CBE Windsor Ontario from 1550 AM to FM. "Friday night 30 September marked an historic change to radio in Windsor. At midnight, CBC Radio's AM signal, 1550, went off the air after 61 years. Programming was moved to the FM dial at 97.5 in Windsor and 91.9 in Essex County." (Managed to watch the CBC video clip Theo but as you surmised, it wasn't smooth due to our limited bandwidth. CBE was a regular DX catch for me back in the late 1960s, but hasn't made it down-under in recent times. BC)

Globetrotting member MARTIN HADLOW has forwarded an article from the Guardian newspaper of 9 October, entitled "Radio 4's long wave goodbye"



Long wave transmission's days are numbered.
Photograph: Guardian

A handful of specially crafted glass valves each measuring one metre high are all that is stopping the historic home of Test Match Special, Yesterday in Parliament and the Daily Service going suddenly and permanently off air. BBC Radio 4 long wave, which transmits on the 198 kilohertz frequency, relies on ageing transmitter equipment that uses a pair of the valves – no longer manufactured – to function.

The valves, at Droitwich in Worcestershire, are so rare that engineers say there are fewer than 10 in the world, and the BBC has been forced to buy up the entire global supply. Each lasts anywhere between one and 10 years, and when one of the last two blows the service will go quiet. Last week, Mark Thompson, the director-general of the BBC, signalled the beginning of the end for the 198 long-wave service, which is still used by 90,000 homes in Britain to receive Radio 4 in areas where short-range FM does not penetrate.

The BBC began national transmission with the National Programme, the predecessor of Radio 4, in 1926. Transmission moved to 200 kilohertz in 1934, when the BBC moved its transmission to Droitwich, and has remained at that frequency, allowing for a slight shift to 198Khz ever since. (Thanks to the Guardian & Martin for this story –another significant milestone in the ever changing radio scene. BC)

TONY KING in Greytown writes: "For two years now I've MW DXed with Ultralights and own a Tecsun PL606 and PL380 bought direct from Hong Kong. The advent of the Silicon chip that enables a selectable bandwidth on MW and SW of 1 2 3 4 6 kHz was a dream come true, and to be able to nudge Coast 1584 away from 1580, and separate Anguilla on 1610 from the Aussies on 1611 has been great. Does anyone else own one of these radios ? With the \$NZ v \$US at a high about a month ago, I landed the PL606 for NZ \$58 delivered in 6 days. The sets respond best to loop antennas and the trend in the States now is towards Ferrite Sleeve Loops (82 Russian surplus ferrite rods taped at 1cm intervals and wrapped around a plastic waterpipe; an 84 turn litz wire coil over the rods goes to a 381 pf tuning condensor, and the signal transfers by induction.) The lack of real estate and QRN is one of the reasons for so many US DXers like this approach. If you want a peek at the prices etc, type anon-co ebay into your browser." (*Thanks Tony – I hope some of our 'retired' MW DXers will take up the challenge of trying this new approach to the hobby*)

DX TRAIL – stations recently heard in Mangawhai Northland by Bryan Clark using AOR7030+ and EWE antennas to North, Central & South America.

- 590 HAWAII KSSK Honolulu all alone 0706 7/10 with advt string, then "KSSK proudly presents. . .", good signal.
- 630 COOK ISLANDS Radio Cook Islands tentatively the sports commentary here 0709 11/9, through National Radio Napier. Not // to Radio Sport.
- 650 ALASKA KENI on talkshow format 0657 7/10 mixing KRTR Hawaii on music format. News from 0700 including ident at 0705 as "News Radio 6-50 KENI".
- 710 CUBA Radio Rebelde fair 0642 16/9 through US sports talk format.
- 820 USA WBAP Fort Worth TX with advts 0622 24/9 on 'Midnight Truckers Network', fair.
- 850 ALASKA KICY Nome with religios talk in EE 0642 7/10. Russian prgm from 0700, mainly mixed with KOA Denver but sometimes on top.
- 1150 MEXICO XEAD Radio Metropoli Guadalajara almost certainly the SS talk station with jingle sounding like "Metropol" and annc't for Universidad de Guadalajara 0602 30/9.
- 1180 USA Radio Marti, Marathon FL strong with popular Cuban vocals 0610 16/9.

- 1310 USA KMKY Oakland CA with Radio Disney format on top of others 0701 11/9.
- 1420 UNIDENTIFIED Latin music format mixed KKEA Honolulu on ESPN Sports 0629 3/10.
- 1470 USA KUTY Palmdale CA with SS music format 0828 5/10, idents hrd only as "14-70 AM", but positively identified by references to Hermosa slogan and High Desert Broadcasting, owners of the station.
- 1500 HAWAII KHKA Honolulu with ESPN Sports, local breakout 0605 22/9 offering free tickets to local sports events, ident as "ESPN Radio 1500, Honolulu".
- 1530 USA KFBK Sacramento CA w/ PSA annct 0603, promo for "news, weather, traffic... kfbk.com..." mixed/over NZL oldies station 6/10.
- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNS1 has been quite regular during September in early evenings before KMPC in Korean dominates. Prior to 0600 has talkback with female host, eg 0512 30/9.
- 1540 USA KXEL Waterloo IA with ABC news 0601 22/9 through KMPC Korean and Unid Mexican format.
- 1540.5 PERU Turbomix AM, Cajamarca surfacing occasionally with Inca vocals & flutes, shouting anncr, on low slow fade pattern 0716 29/9 putting het on 1540. Ident 0749 as "Radio Turbomix". Also logged on 30/9 from 0627.
- 1570.26 UNIDENTIFIED station hetting XERF 0818 5/10.
- 1610 UNIDENTIFIED LATIN here 0705 past 0820 5/10 fair, with no traces Anguilla. Lively SS prgm, references to cumbia often. Who? No trace next 2 nights.
- 1680 USA KGED Fresno CA noted 12/9 at 0646 with new Christian talk format, promos for "Mornings in America" network prgm, and own local Fresno programming in afternoon, fair.



ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME TO NEW & REJOINING MEMBERS **GRAEME McDONALD** of Auckland, **MIKE SMITH** of Opunake, **GEORGE SAYERS** of Wanganui and **FRANK O'RORKE** of Raumati South. All 4 gentlemen have come to us via the League's latest Trade Me promotion organised by **PAUL ORMANDY**.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011 The DX League's 63rd AGM will be held on Sunday 30th October, at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland, commencing at 2.00pm. We hope that as many members as possible can make the trip to New Lynn for the League's primary business meeting of the year – I look forward to meeting you there!

WORLD RADIO DAY? The Executive Board of UNESCO has approved 13 February of each year as "World Radio Day" and it now only needs the approval of the United Nations to proceed. The concept of United Nations Radio was originally approved on 13 February 1946. All UN Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, professional associations and broadcasting unions, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, are invited to duly celebrate the World Radio Day, in the way that each considers most adequate. As has been commented elsewhere in the hobby media, it's an interesting initiative, although it probably would have been more valuable 20 years ago. (Thanks to Bruce Girard, Uruguay via Jaisakthivel and Wikipedia)

CONGRATULATIONS to North American Shortwave Association (**NASWA**) who have just clocked up the 500th edition of their electronic Flashsheet. The Flashsheet keeps members updated with DX tips from members between issues of NASWA's monthly "Journal". The Flashsheet first appeared in December 2001.

NEW HOBBY PRODUCTS FROM KLINGENFUSS The following products are due to be published on 10 December:

- 2012 Super Frequency List on CD
- 2012 Shortwave Frequency Guide
- 2012 Frequency Database for the Perseus LF-HF Software-Defined Receiver
- January 2012 Supplement to the 2011/2012 Guide to Utility Radio Stations

Interested members can find full details on the Internet at www.klingenfuss.org

HEATHKIT WILL MAKE KITS AGAIN Sending a pleasant shudder up the backbone of many a hobbyist and radio ham, Heathkit says it is back in the kit business. The first

kit will be a Garage Parking Assistant, the company states on its website. The Garage Parking assistant kit lets you build your own system that uses ultrasonic sound waves to locate your car as it enters the garage. The system signals to the driver using LED lights mounted on the wall when the car is detected and in the perfect spot for parking". The kit consists of two assemblies, an LED display in kit form and a preassembled ultrasonic range module. The kit will include everything you need to complete the project except a soldering iron and hand tools. launched in the 1970s to develop training materials for schools and corporations. They are based in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Visit the Heathkit Museum at www.heathkit-museum.com/ (via NRC DX News September 2011)

The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting at the site of the former VOA relay station in Bethany Ohio recently opened on a Saturday for the first time in 2 years, attracting about 100 people. It will close again soon for more outside renovation and a new roof. "It was a great turnout," said Ken Rieser, board chairman. "We weren't sure what to expect, but we were really happy with how things turned out." The Museum board may decide at its next meeting on 5 October to have tours at the museum every other Saturday for the next few months. In order to open the museum full-time, the former Relay Station must undergo numerous restorations and approximately US\$12 million must be raised. Grants have covered much of the work done so far. (via Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands Media Network) Website: <http://www.voamuseum.org/>



VOICE OF AMERICA MUSEUM



BRANCH NEWS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

The Meeting will be held on Sunday October 30 at 2pm at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland. (see Adcom pages and page for more information)

AUCKLAND BRANCH

There was no meeting in September due to the bimonthly arrangement.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 30 October when the League's AGM will be held at 2pm. Would all Auckland members who can possibly do so, please attend to ensure that the required quorum is met. All League financial members of 3 years or more will be able to vote directly.

Our longstanding member, Malcolm Holmes, who has had a quadruple bypass operation thinks that he may be able to attend. We sent him a 'Get Well' message and we do hope, Malcolm, that you will quickly recover from the operation, and that we will be able to see you again soon. We send you our best wishes.

Our League President, Bryan Clark, will as usual chair the AGM, which will be held in the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms at 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn. Visiting members may contact Barry on (09) 817-4437.

The next BRANCH ONLY meeting will be held on Sunday 26 February 2012. There are no meetings in November, December or January.

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

The usual crowd gathered for the September coffeekick and enjoyed plenty of news and gossip and promises to actually DX 'sometime' were duly noted. Listening to Micronesia via live streaming does not really count!

Word has it that a 'visitor from Nelson' plans to be in town for the October coffeekick, so locals are also invited to be present at Beach Babylon, Oriental Bay at 12.45pm on Wednesday October 26 for the usual good food, good coffee, good music and...as always.. very good gossip. To be added to the Wellington newsletter mailing list simply email Dave at info@radioheritage.net.

CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH.

Next meeting. Sunday 4 December 2011 at Doug Johns simply because his house at the moment is undamaged and he has kindly invited us. He is at 20 Colesbury Street, Harewood. Doug Johns 03 359 2972.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

Contacts: David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805

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On the **shortwaves.com**

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

EKKO stamps--the verification stamps that were popular in the 1920s--are quite well known, Bryant stamps less so. Bryant stamps were somewhat of a competitor to EKKO stamps. However, I have seen many thousands of old BCB QSLs and, unlike EKKO's, I have never seen one bearing a Bryant stamp. Presumably you bought them direct from the company (P. M. Bryant, Chicago).

Under "DX History/QSLs & Other Station Memorabilia" you will find a file containing some sample pages from a 1925 Bryant stamp album. It is set up much the same as an EKKO album--pages for the stamps (which were a little less artful than the EKKO's), then lists of American broadcast band stations arranged by call letters and location, followed by pages for keeping a log of stations heard.

Also shown are several sheets of unperforated Bryant stamps. A little research shows that the stations are arranged on the sheets alphabetically by state (left-to-right, top-to-bottom), though not necessarily alphabetically by call letters within the state. Could you send a list of stations to Bryant and have them send you a sheet of stamps for the requested call letters? Did you have to send the QSLs? There is some suggestion on line that you could buy the album with a complete set of stamps. Unlike EKKO's, which bore the words "Verified Reception Stamp," Bryant stamps carried no indication that they were meant to signify verification of reception. -- Also, we have substituted a new version of the file containing club seals and stickers that we posted on August 28, 2011. This one contains two new items from John Herkimer, a red NNRC sticker and a green-and-gold NNRC decal (3" diameter).

Lest you think that the Winter SWL Fest was the first "national" SWL convention, consider the IDA DX Festival, held in San Francisco, July 8-11, 1939. Sponsored by a national DX club, the International DXers Alliance (IDA), the festival coincided with the Golden Gate International Exposition, i.e. the 1939 World's Fair (one of them--there was also a New York World's Fair that year). Under "DX History/Clubs & Publications," we have posted a file containing various articles in *The Globe Circler* (the IDA journal), and several promotional pieces put out by the IDA, about the festival.

As you can see, there was a special IDA broadcast over General Electric Treasure Island shortwave station W6XBE (later KGEI), and a train trip from Chicago for those wishing to make the trek west by rail. If I am reading the third to the last item in the file ("Editorial") correctly, it look like IDA president Charles A. Morrison made the trip by car but missed the convention! Per the next item, attendance was an inspecific "goodly number," if "somewhat smaller than expected." An August convention in Downers Grove, Illinois drew more than 40 people. -- And under "Specialized Resources," two new "Waves-can" entries from Adrian Peterson: "VOA Shipboard Relay Stations-VOA Ship No. 2: The Mystery Story of the Radio Ship Phoenix," and "Minivan Radio for the Maldiv Islands"

(September 11, 2011).

This time, under "DX History/Equipment & Advertising," we have posted a Hallicrafters 20th Anniversary brochure, issued circa 1954, containing brief writeups of receivers, transmitters, and other equipment. -- And under "Specialized Resources," two new "Wavescan" entries (September 18, 2011): "Radio Afghanistan Returns to the Air on Shortwave-1: Early Mediumwave," and "The World,s Newest Country: The Radio Story in the New South Sudan, Pt. 2."

For many decades, at least before the internet, national clubs were the major way for SWLs to stay in touch with one another.

However, club membership was often supplemented by gatherings of local DX groups. Such groups have existed for many years, as evidenced by an article posted under "DX History/Clubs & Publications"--"Leaves From a DXer's Scrapbook," from the May 1939 issue of RADEX (Radio Index) magazine. It reviews the activities of some of the local groups of the day. The author, "Count de Veries," was the well-known BCB DXer Carleton Lord. -- And under "Specialized Resources," a new "Wavescan" article by Adrian Peterson: "VOA Shipboard Relay stations-VOA Ship No. 3: The Apache--The American Ship With the Australian Cargo" (September 25, 2011).



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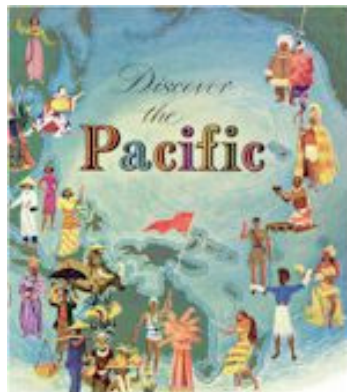
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The Story of the PAL Radio Guides

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The Pacific - Asian Log (PAL) Radio Station Guide edited by Bruce Portzer in Seattle WA is the definitive guide to AM broadcasters in this extensive region of the world.

Used by broadcasters, engineers, listeners, advertising agencies, government planners and many others, PAL is the only list of its kind based on widespread monitoring of the mediumwave dial from Afghanistan to Alaska and the rest of the Pacific and Asia region.



Merv Branks - PAL's first editor

PAL was first published in the late 1950's by the New Zealand Radio DX League and editor Merv Branks was a well known AM listener. He contacted hundreds of radio stations in the region and began publishing a 50-60 page long guide with results of his queries and observations from hundreds of club members.

"The area that PAL embraces is No.1 spotlight in today's current events. It may be a haunting rhythm from the Pacific, a weird melody from the vast Asian continent, a muezzin summoning the faithful to worship from the minaret of a mosque in the lands of the Middle East, or even beat music from some jungle outpost."

Merv Branks, 'Listening with PAL' 1966

Pacific Log

Merv withdrew from publishing PAL because of advancing age, the final edition being in October 1966.

Chris Martin's Pacific Log

Chris Martin of the Southern Cross DX Club (Australia) published a 'Pacific Log' in 1978 dedicated to the memory of Merv Branks. This ran to 90 pages and co-incided with the move to 9kHz spacing along the mediumwave dial throughout Asia and the Pacific.

Another smaller guide was published in 1983, when Robert Chester of the ARDXC, issued a 'Mediumwave Guide to Australia, NZ and the South Pacific' running to 36 pages and excluding Asia.

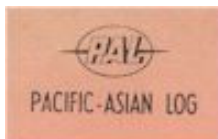


ARDXC Guide

PAL reborn in the digital age

It would be almost 20 years before Bruce Portzer took advantage of the digital age to begin compiling PAL again, with regular revisions, and the tradition established by Merv Branks was reborn.

The Original PAL Log



Almost 50 years later, PAL has returned to New Zealand as 'flagship' of the Radio Heritage Foundation Guide Series under the control of editor-in-chief Bruce Portzer.

New features include on-line search of the database

Maintained almost 'live' with updates, PAL has great new features. Use the new search facility for the most popular data such as country, location and frequency.

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Source - <http://www.radioheritage.net/PAL.asp>