

N.Z. RADIO



LEAGUE

New Zealand DX Times

Monthly Journal of the
New Zealand Radio DX League (est 1948)
February 2013 Volume 65 Number 4

<http://www.radiodx.com>

N.Z. RADIO



LEAGUE



Deadline for next issue is Wed 6th Mar 2013 . P.O. Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145

Bandwatch Under 9	4
with Ken Baird	
Bandwatch Over 9	8
with Kelvin Brayshaw	
English in Time Order	11
with Yuri Muzyka	
Shortwave Report	12
with Ian Cattermole	
Utilities	16
with Arthur De Maine	
TV/FM News and DX	19
with Adam Claydon	
Mailbag	22
with Theo Donnelly	
Broadcast News	24
with Bryan Clark	
ADCOM News	30
with Bryan Clark	
Branch News	32
with Chief Editor	

OTHER

On the Shortwaves	28
by Jerry Berg	

NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE (Inc)

The New Zealand Radio DX League (Inc) is a non-profit organisation founded in 1948 with the main aim of promoting the hobby of Radio DXing. The NZRDXL is administered from Auckland by NZRDXL AdCom, P.O. Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145, NEW ZEALAND

Patron Frank Glen patron@radiodx.com
 President Bryan Clark president@radiodx.com
 Vice President David Norrie vicepresident@radiodx.com

National Treasurer Phil van de Paverd
 treasurer@radiodx.com

National Secretary, (Position Vacant)

Chief Editor/Publisher - Mark Nicholls
 editor@radiodx.com or dxtimes@gmail.com

Annual Membership:**For Printed Magazine**

Within New Zealand NZ\$30.00

Rest of World NZ\$60.00

All Overseas members get airmail delivery.

An Electronic magazine is available in Adobe PDF Format NZ\$20 for both New Zealand or International members.

We are able to accept VISA or Mastercard (only for International members)
 Contact Treasurer for more details.

Club Magazine

The NZ DX Times. Published monthly.
 Registered publication. ISSN 0110-3636

Printed by ProCopy Ltd,
 Wellington



<http://www.procopy.co.nz/>

© All material contained within this magazine is copyright to the New Zealand Radio DX League and may not be used without written permission (which is hereby granted to exchange DX magazines).

Where such permission is given, acknowledgement of the NZ DX Times and the original contributor is required.

Advertising Rates:

'Marketsquare' members advertising is FREE subject to available space.

Non Member and Commercial rates on request

**CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT
3 MONTHS 2013**

March Wednesday 6th March
April Wednesday 3rd April
May Wednesday 1st May

You can send your contributions to the
NZ Radio DX League
PO Box 39-596

Howick
Manukau 2145

or use the email or postal addresses
given by the section sub-editors.



Please send your notes in early to Arthur De Maine for the Utilities pages as he will be travelling North for the mini Convention.

Mark Nicholls
Chief Editor

editor@radiodx.com

or if there is any problem with that email address you can try email address
dxtimes@gmail.com



BANDWATCH UNDER 9MHZ

Editor

Ken Baird
Christchurch

email ka.baird@extra.co.nz
bandwatch.under9@radiodx.com



Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short. Would you please try not repeat loggings in adjacent months.

Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.

FREQ UTC Country, Station name, ID, Signal, Comments

- | | | |
|-------|------|---|
| 3985 | 0565 | GERMANY Radio 700 via Kall 1kw, peaking at fair strength on SE EWE (poor on other antennas) with news report in GG, greetings, jingle ident, rock oldies. Fading out by 0730 4/2. BCM |
| 3995 | 0657 | GERMANY HCJB via Weenermoor 1.5kw at fair level 4/2 in EE with Winnipeg mailing address, soft gospel songs, into GG from 0700. BCM |
| 4815 | 0820 | BRAZIL, R.Dif Londrina, tentative, Fair in Portugese, phone-in, mx, adverts, 0830 canned ma with sked but at lower level of audio. Hrd 27/1 with insp mx. – KB 28/1 |
| 5025 | 0745 | AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine very weak in English with music – KAB 21/1 |
| 5830 | 0734 | UNID, Relig Station fair in English with Preaching. Not mentioned in any of my ref material – KAB 25/1 |
| 5935 | 0745 | USA, WNQM Nashville good in English with comment on St John V 19 – KAB 21/1 |
| 5955 | 1800 | AUSTRIA. VOV via Moosbrunn. Fair in English. 29/1. IC |
| 5965 | 1654 | TURKEY, VOT good in presumed Azerbaijani – BDW, 13/01 |
| 5980 | 0739 | USA, VOA (Greenville) fair with relig prgm in Spanish – KAB 21/1 |
| 5980 | 1743 | TURKEY, VOT fair in Turkish // 6120 the same – BDW 12/01 |
| 5985 | 0613 | ALBANIA, CRI fair in Arabic with talk, a little scratchy // 7210, 9590 the same – CC 17/1 |
| 6070 | 0608 | CANADA CFRX Toronto fair in the clear 4/2 with ident "This is Newstalk 10-10" then Jim Richards talkshow featuring racial harassment of 87 year old in Toronto. Freq measured at 6069.97. BCM |
| 6075 | 0710 | VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. Good inn Latin. 13/1. IC |
| 6090v | 0615 | NIGERIA Radio Nigeria, Kaduna putting a bad heterodyne whine onto Anguilla 6090 on 28/1. Spoken prgm in Swahili, poor reception. BCM |
| 6155 | 0700 | AUSTRIA. Radio Austria Int. Good in German. 13/1. IC |
| 7120 | 1701 | SOMALILAND, R.Hargeisa, Good in Somali, "Somaliland" refs – KB 21/1 |
| 7170 | 1729 | ERITREA, VOBME-2, Fair in vernacular & HOA mx – KB 15/1 |
| 7195 | 0611 | ERITREA VOBME Asmara (pres) though jamming which ceased at 0612 and moved to obliterate 7175. 7195 remained clear past 0623 w/ vernacular talk, HOA vocals. BCM |

7210	0655	ALBANIA. CRI via Cerrick. Good in Arabic. 13/1. IC
7215	2049	ALBANIA, CRI poor in Arabic with discussion, ID 2050 – KAB 22/1
7220	1800	KUWAIT, R.Liberty, Good in Russian, s/on, fa – KB 29/1
7235	1902	GERMANY, R.Liberty via Lam, Fair in Russian & jazz, ID – KB 21/1
7290	1018	RUSSIA, V of Russia good in English with talk // 11680 weaker – CC 24/1
7305	0528	ASCENSION ISL. BBC, Poor in Hausa at s/on but became fair // 6135 weak, mostly talk, brief flute mx at intervals – KB 30/1
7325	0748	PNG, Wantok Light weak with music, very noisy – KAB 21/1
7325	0905	PNG, Wantok R. Lite, Fair in English, NBC nx, then relg Isaiah ch.41 – KB 22/1
7335	0705	TUNISIA, R.Tunisienne, Good, but later surgy, in Arabic, mx, phone-in – KB 14/1
7360	1419	CHINA, CRI good in Thai with talk // 9785 stronger – CC 10/1
7375	2045	CYPRUS, BBC WS fair in Arabic with discussion – KAB 22/1
7390	0650	FRANCE, RFI good in French with talk // 5925 very scratchy – CC 21/1
7395	1835	CHINA, CRI, Good in German // 6160 same – KB 29/1
7410	0733	AUSTRALIA, R Australia good with comment about Oz society and religion – KAB 25/1
7455	1817	KUWAIT, VOA Deewa R. Good in Pashto, ID, ma hosting phone-in – KB 30/1
7460	1901	THAILAND, VOA, Fair in Korean, but canned nx anncmnts in EE – KB 29/1
7465	1800	S.AFRICA, BBC Fair in French, om/yl, getting weaker from 1815 – KB 30/1
7470	1905	SRI LANKA, RFE/RL, Fair in Tatar/Bashkir, om at length – KB 29/1
7480	1723	SRI LANKA, VOA, Fair in Kurdish, mx, US anthem // 9655 poor – KB 21/1
7480	1930	SRI LANKA. VOA via Iranawila. Good in English. 15/1. IC
7495	1404	THAILAND, VOA fair in Pashto with discussion, a little scratchy // 9370 the same – CC 10/01
7550	1910	INDIA, AIR GOS, Good in English, comment re Israel election – KB 29/1
7550	1950	INDIA. AIR. Good in Hindi. 14/1. IC
7560	1935	KUWAIT. Radio Ashna. Good in Dari. 14/1.IC
7580	0715	N.KOREA. VOK. Good in Japanese. 31/1. IC

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3985	0254	CROATIA. Voice of Croatia – Deanovec, 0254-0340 Dec 30, Croatian programming until 2 short and one long tone at 0300. Into English program with Croatia Today feature. At 0307 and announcements about terminating shortwave service at December 31 st . Music until Spanish ID and news at 0330. Poor but //7375 (Wertachtal) was fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
4780	0356	DJIBOUTI. Radiodiffusion Télévision de Djibouti, 0356-0424 fade out Jan 12, nice Horn of African vocals until a man started talking in presumed Somali language as station began to fade. Fair with some CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
4825	0248	BRAZIL. Radio Canção Nova – Cachoeira Paulista, 0248-0326 Dec 23, woman announcer with Portuguese talks hosting program of vocals. ID at 0300 by woman followed by a canned ID and

- frequency announcement by a man. Fair with some CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5900 2237 BULGARIA. The Overcomer Ministry – Kostinbrod, 2237-2300* Dec 26, nice music caught my attention but soon became more religious in nature. Shortly thereafter it was followed by Brother Stair and the Overcomer Ministry program inviting listeners to contact him. More light music until carrier was terminated. Bulgaria seems to be in full rent mode these days. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5950 2220 IRAN. Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran - Sirjan, 2220-2332* Dec 26, man announcer talking in listed Bosnian language with some light instrumental music. Id at 2229 prior to more instrumental music before opening of another program, possibly Farsi (?). Into Qur'an recitation but signal was terminated shortly after program commenced. I guess someone forgot to shut down the transmitter at 2230. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6045 0452 AUSTRIA. Adventist World Radio - Moosbrunn, 0452-0458* Jan 12, man and woman with French talk, some light instrumental music before closedown ID and announcements. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6045 0733 ENGLAND. KBS World Radio via Woofferton, 0733-0759* Jan 12, Korean language program with apparent news followed by light hearted banter by a man and woman with laughter. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6075 0749 VATICAN. Vatican Radio – Santa Maria di Galeria, 0749-0805* Jan 12, Arabic program with talks and brief music segments. Closed with Vatican's IS. Good but //9645 was very poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6100 2200 BOSNIA. International Radio of Serbia – Bijeljina, *2200-2233 Dec 21, opening of English program with IOD and news. Music program hosted by a man announcer from 2210. Closedown of English program with announcements at 2228 followed by IS. Serbian program opened at 2230. Fair to good but audio somewhat mushy. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7120 0331 SOMALILAND. Radio Hargeisa, 0331-0412 Jan 12, man announcer with opening announcements in Somali language followed by another man with Qu'ran recitation. Brief Horn of Africa music followed by talk. Id at 0400 followed by news. Good but light hum. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7255 2131 NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria – Ikoradu, 2131-2205 Dec 31, English service with a woman announcer hosting countdown pop music program. At 2139 a man began a 30 minute program of Nigerian music. The program ended 21 minutes later in mid-sentence followed by dead air. Good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7265 1949 SPAIN Radio Exterior de Espana, 1949-2011 Dec 24, continuous music until Arabic announcement at 1956 with e-mail address. More music with Arabic talk, ID and news at 2000 after time pips. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7285 2016 ALBANIA. China Radio International, 2016-2033 Dec 24, English language feature about Reindeer, the Arctic Circle and Christmas in Scandinavia. ID at 2019 followed by more features. Formal ID at 2029 including a mention of program China Drive. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7290 2200 PRIDNESTROVIE (Moldavian S.S.R.). Radio PMR, *2200-2231 Dec 18,

- time pips opening English program with report on President's trip to villages in country including summaries of what was discussed. Closed around 2211 with end of program but continued with musical features until German program started at 2230. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7290 2039 ROMANIA. International Radio Relay Service - Saftica, 2039-2100* Dec 22, Overcomer Ministry program until closedown ID by a man announcer at 2058 prior to choral singing from 2059 until carrier was terminated. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7335 2217 GERMANY. Norddeutscher Rundfunk – Wertachtal, 2217-2259* Dec 24, special Christmas program from German public broadcaster with mainly German language talks and a few Christmas music selections. Nice ID and presumed address at 2239. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7375 0300 GERMANY. Voice of Croatia via Nauen, 0300-0325 Jan 1, ID in English into Croatia Today program with news and features followed by music. The usual schedule at 0311 no longer mentioned shortwave. Heard next night but then transmission was canceled. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH

- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai (Northland) with AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America, 100m BOG to NE and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas.
- BDW** Brian Webb, Upper Hutt, WATTs portable, DegenDE110, both with 1.0 m whip
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, ATS 803A, 30m wire attached to fascia board.
- (D'Angelo-PA)** – Richard D'Angelo Wyomissing USA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Eton E1, Eton E5, R8B, Lowe HF 150, Alpha Delta sloper, RF Systems mini windom, Datong FL3, PS ANC.
- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD535, ICOM IC-746PRO. Antenna. T2FD. EWE
- KAB** Ken Baird, Christchurch, Kenwood R5000, R1000, 18m Wire, SW Eavesdropper
- KB** Kelvin Brayshaw, LEVIN. ATS-909, Coax loop.

Contributions to this column may be sent to
 PO Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145,
 or K A Baird, 10 Sarabande Avenue, Christchurch, 8051. Ph: +64 3 352 6455,
 e-mail to ka.baird@ xtra.co.nz



BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ

Editor

Kelvin Brayshaw
Levin

email
bandwatch.over9@radiodx.com



If you have not confirmed station ID please mark 'tentative'.

To minimize duplication do not include items from the same tx site, & frequency if they have appeared in NZDXT bearing your initials during the two preceding months.

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details
9465	1100	TAIWAN. RTI. Fair in English - 11/1. IC
9465	1111	TAIWAN, RTI, Poor in English - 15/1 JW
9480	0809	GERMANY Radio Gloria International special 27/1 via Kall 1kw transmitter, fair but fading with pops, promos & regular idents in EE and GG. BCM
9595	1400	GERMANY. RFE/RL via WER. VG in Uzbek - 7/1. IC
9600	1616	CHINA CRI Excellent China Drive in English - 8/1 BDW
9665	0650	BRAZIL. Voz Missionaria. Good in Portuguese - 13/1. IC
9665	1935	SPAIN. REE. VG in English - 11/1. IC,
9700	0630	TURKEY VOT music prog excellent in Turkish - 15/1 BDW
9750	0845	JAPAN, R.Japan, Fair in Japanese. 0931 - 21/1 JW
9780	1911	VATICAN, Afia Darfur R, Good in AA, 2 oms spkg // 9815 weaker - 13/1 CC
9790	0739	FRANCE, RFI, (tent), V.good in French - 17/1 JW
9820	0630	TURKEY VOT music prog fair in Turkish - 15/1 BDW
9870	0343	ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Spanish(presumed), also hrd 27/12 - 3/2 JW
9955	0700	USA. Channel Africa via WRMI. Poor in English -18/1. IC
11520	0503	USA, EWTN, Poor in English - 18/1 JW
11560	2040	EGYPT, R.Cairo (tent), Poor in French - 26/1 JW
11620	0300	INDIA, AIR, V.good in Urdu - 3/2 JW
11635	1630	UAE. TWR-Africa via DHA. Good in Somali. Good English IDs at opening - 8/1 IC.
11710.9	0233	ARGENTINA RAE Buenos Aires at very good level in EE 25/1 in the clear after AIR DRM transmission on 11715 closes. Ident at 0256 but heavy QRM from 11710 China Radio International from 0257. BCM
11720	1028	TAJKISTAN, VOA, Fair/good in CC, om & yl speaking & mx, a little distorted // 13650 same - 24/1 CC
11740	0600	ROMANIA, RRI, Fair/good in FF, om speaking, a little scratchy - 17/1 CC
11775	1925	FRANCE, R.Algerienne, Poor in Arabic, Holy Qur'an. 1936 - 3/2 JW
11815	1400	TURKEY. VOT. Poor in Turkish. Mixed REE - 15/1. IC
11820	0459	OMAN, BBC, Fair in Arabic, ID & end of xmsn - 13/1 JW
11820	2111	S.ARABIA, R.Riyadh (tent), Poor in Arabic // 11930 poor - 26/1 JW
11825	0305	ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Spanish - 3/2 JW
11890	1358	THAILAND, BBC, Fair/good in English, om & yl speaking, ID 1400, a little scratchy - 10/1 CC
11905	1430	PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Uyghur. 14/1. IC
11915	1329	PHILIPPINES, RVA, Good in Hindi after English IDs - 28/1 IC

11925 0700 TURKEY VOT Poor in Turkish - 9/1 BDW
 11935 1710 VATICAN VR Excellent in French then English - 12/1 BDW
 12070 2017 RWANDA DWR Good in English - 23/1 BDW
 12085 1030 MONGOLIA, V.o.Mongolia, Good in English – 28/1 JW
 12095 1026 PHILIPPINES, FEBC Manila, Good, sig-tune & ID only – 28/1 JW
 13615 0300 SRI LANKA Radio Farda via Iranawila, opened abruptly with strong
 signal, middle eastern vocals, ident and frequency info in Farsi at
 0305 2/2 BCM
 13660 0627 CYPRUS, BBC, V.good in Arabic – 18/1 JW
 13660 0655 CYPRUS. BBC via Limassol. Good in Arabic. Off 0700 - 18/1. IC.
 13710 1422 INDIA, AIR, Good in English, yl with news // 9690 not so clear – 10/1 CC
 13765 0655 VATICAN VR Poor in English - 9/1 BDW
 13780 0644 RWANDA, DW, Fair in English – 17/1 JW
 13810 0650 IRAN. VOIRI. VG in Albanian - 18/1. IC
 15285 1235 SRI LANKA, Athmik Yatra R. Good in Oriya/Koya. 1300 – 2/2 JW
 15320 1510 VATICAN R.Veritas Excellent in mix English/Tagalog(?) - 24/1 BDW
 15335 1600 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. via NAU. Good in Oromo. -. 6/1 IC
 15340 1505 AUSTRALIA HCJB sermon very good in English - 24/1 BDW
 15345 0100 ARGENTINA, R.Nacional (tent), Fair in Spanish – 28/1 JW
 15350 0705 TURKEY VOT Fair in Turkish - 9/1 BDW
 15400 0036 AUSTRALIA, HCJB, Fair in Rawang – 19/1 JW
 15460 1222 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in English – 2/1 JW
 15515 0330 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in English – 4/1 DD
 15550 1245 GUAM. KTWR. Fair in Vietnamese - 13/1. IC
 15575 1730 VATICAN VR Poor in English - 12/1 BDW
 15610 2000 USA. WEWN. Good in English - 14/1. IC.
 15610 2010 USA WEWN Open Line very good in English - 8/1 BDW
 15700 1700 UK DWR via WOF, Good in French - 24/1 BDW
 15760 1220 SRI LANKA, Mashaal R. V.good in Pashto. 1259 – 3/1 JW
 17485 0647 CHINA, CRI, Fair in Arabic, mx, CC lesson, off 0700 – 21/1 KB
 17600 0710 IRAN, VOIRI, Good in Italian // 15085 same - 21/1 KB
 17605 1300 GUAM. KSDA. Good in Kachin after English IDs - 19/1. IC
 17640 0437 CHINA, CRI, Good in Russian re cultural productions – 17/1 KB
 17640 0700 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Poor in English, some clear audio but surging,
 s/on, drama excerpt & talk abt robots – 30/1 KB
 17670 1315 MADAGASCAR, AWR, Poor/fair in Vietnamese, talk/songs/chants – 14/1 KB
 17680 0830 UAE. Radio Ergo via DHA. Fair in Somali – 22/1 IC
 17730 0200 MONGOLIA, RFA, Fair in Tibetan after EE s/on (co-chan stn under) – 17/1 KB
 17735 1802 TUNISIA, R.Tunisienne, Good in Arabic & songs – 14/1 KB
 17800 1340 RWANDA, DW, Poor in Hausa, om/yl, also hrd 14/1 w/ chants/mx – 28/1 KB
 17860 1412 UAE, DW, Good in Dari, yl speaking // 15640 weaker – 10/1 CC
 17885 1948 ASCENCION ISL. BBC, Poor in Hausa, om talking – 29/1 KB
 18910 0927 AUSTRIA, ORI (tent), Fair in German, xmsn ended 0933 – 23/1 JW
 19010 0728 KUWAIT, R.Azadi (tent), Poor in Dari – 17/1 JW
 21630 1725 USA, WHRI, Good in English relg & mx to Afr, 1759 ID nx - 14/1 KB
 21630 1950 USA WHRI World Harvest Radio vgd with prayer requests 23/1, promo
 for Lester Sumrol's teaching programs and 'Healthy Choices' followed
 by closedown at 1959. Only signal on 13 metres. BCM
 21840 0738 RUSSIA, VOR, Poor in English re Pakistan // 21820 G, 21800 F - 21/1 KB

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9395	2300	ARMENIA, Voice of Russia – Gavar, 2300-2359*, ID and news in English followed by World Service Programming. Nice discussion by a man and woman with an Indian about current political and election situation in India. Closed English service with ID and IS. Fair. – 27/1 RDA
9700	0526	TURKEY, Voice of Turkey – Emirler, 0526-0550 woman announcer with Turkish language talk hosting music program. Fair to good. – 26/1 RDA
9940	0442	CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Miraya FM via Mykolaiv, 0442-0519, man and woman talking in Arabic, interview with a man from a remote location; music, ID at 0500 before news. Poor to fair. – 26/1 RDA
11665	2316	JAPAN. Radio Japan – Yamata, 2316-2329*, Listed Indonesian program with a woman announcer; several long talks and some light instrumental music. Id at closedown. Poor with deep fades. - 26/1 RDA
15190	1906	EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Radio Africa – Bata, 1906-1946, noted with a man in English with usual religious preaching. One program ended around 1940 with a man announcer in English moving right into the next program. Poor to fair - 26/1 RDA
15275	1824	RWANDA. Radio Deutsche Welle via Kigali, 1824-1858^, Hausa language program with man and woman announcer in long discussion. ID at closedown. Fair to good. – 26/1 RDA
15435	1524	SAUDI ARABIA. Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1524-1757*, Arabic language talk by a man and woman; interview with another man to 5+1 time pips at 1600, ID and news. Stayed with them for music program which went off mid-song. Fair to good signal but hum on frequency reduced reception. – 26/1 RDA

CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH

BCM	Bryan Clark	Mangawhai (Northland) AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America 100m BOG to NE, and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas
BDW	Brian Webb,	Upper Hutt, Degen portable & Watts portable, both with 1m whip.
CC	Cliff Couch,	Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 30m wire on apartment fascia board
DD	Des Davey,	Te Kuiti, Grundig Satellit 750, 50M long wire.
IC	Ian Cattermole,	Blenheim JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-746Pro. Antenna T2FD, EWE
JW	Jonathon Wood	Mosgiel YAESU FRG-7, Inverted L antenna pointing NNW
KB	Kelvin Brayshaw,	Levin, DR-31, ATS-909, Tecsun PL-390 Coax Loop.
RDA	Richard d'Angelo,	Wyomissing PA USA Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton1, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4

Kelvin

Your contributions to this column are appreciated and
may be posted to

23 Tasman St, LEVIN 5510

or e.mailed to k.brayshaw@slingshot.co.nz

ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

Editor

Yuri (George) Muzyka
Auckland

email
eto@radiodx.com



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
0233-0257	11710.9g	RAE	ARGENTINA	25/1	BCM
0330	15515g	RA	AUSTRALIA	4/1	DD
0503	11520p	EWTN	USA	18/1	JW
0644	13780f	DW	GERMANY	17/1	JW
0655	13765p	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	9/1	BDW
0657-0700	3995f	HCJB	ECUADOR	4/2	BCM
0700	9955p	Channel Africa	SOUTH AFRICA	18/1	IC
0700	17640p	BBC	UK	30/1	KB
0738	21800f:21820g:21840p	VOR	RUSSIA	21/1	KB
0745	5025p	VL8K	AUSTRALIA	21/1	KAB
0745	5935g	WNQM	USA	21/1	KAB
0905	7325f	Wantok R Lite	PNG	22/1	KB
1018	7290g:11680f	V of Russia	RUSSIA	24/1	CC
1030	12085g	V.o.Mongolia	MONGOLIA	28/1	JW
1100	9465f	RTI	TAIWAN	11/1	IC
1111	9465p	RTI	TAIWAN	15/1	JW
1222	15460g	RRI	ROMANIA	2/1	JW
1358-1400	11890g	BBC	UK	10/1	CC
1422	9690f:13710g	AIR	INDIA	10/1	CC
1505	15340g	HCJB	ECUADOR	24/1	BDW
1616	9600e	CRI	CHINA	8/1	BDW
1725-1759	21630g	WHRI	USA	14/1	KB
1730	15575p	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	12/1	BDW
1800	5955f	VOV	VIETNAM	29/1	IC
1910	7550g	AIR	INDIA	29/1	KB
1930	7480g	VOA	USA	15/1	IC
1935	9665g	REE	SPAIN	11/1	IC
2000	15610g	WEWN	USA	14/1	IC
2010	15610g	WEWN	USA	8/1	BDW
2017	12070g	DWR	GERMANY	23/1	BDW

SHORTWAVE REPORT

Editor

Ian Cattermole
Blenheim

email
shortwave.report@radiodx.com



New Source for QSLing MALAYSIA

Radio TV Malaysia (RTM) regional broadcasts can now be verified directly by sending e-mail reports to Mr. Zulkifli Bin Abdul Rahim at zulrahim@rtm.gov.my.

Also the reports may alternatively be mailed to Deputy Director Mr. Othman Bin Md. Said at othman@rtm.gov.my.

If postal reports need to be acknowledged with QSLs, reports must be addressed to:
Mr. Zulkifli Abdul Rahim, Head of

Assistant Director (Quality Measurement) Technical Section – RTM Kajang, Radio Television Malaysia. Angkasapuri 50614. Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia.

Reports may also be addressed to:

Mr. Othman Mohammed Said, Deputy Director, Networks Technical Section
RTM Kajang, Radio Television Malaysia. Angkasapuri 50614, Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia.

Reports addressed to regular RTM address may not verify, if correct official/department is not mentioned. Since it may not reach the right official.

Thanks to Mr. Timm Breyel in Malaysia, who provided me some information about this. Mr. Othman Md. Said signed a nice QSL card on my three reception reports on 9835 and 11665 dated Dec 07 and 08, 2012. (Rajeesh, Dec 31)



Radio Taiwan International

Effective to: 30 March 2013

All times UTC

0000-0030	on 11655 TAI 100 kW / 205 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
0000-0100	on 15440 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to CeAm Cantonese/Hakka
0000-0300	on 9660 KOU 100 kW / 267 deg to SEAs Chinese

0100-0200	on 11565 YFR 100 kW / 140 deg to SoAm Spanish
0100-0200	on 11875 TAI 250 kW / 180 deg to SEAs English
0200-0300	on 11995 GUF 500 kW / 195 deg to SoAm Spanish
0300-0400	on 15320 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs English
0400-0500	on 15320 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Cantonese/Hakka
0400-0600	on 11640 KOU 100 kW / 310 deg to EaAs Chinese
0400-0600	on 15245 TSH 300 kW / 325 deg to EaAs Chinese
0800-0900	on 11605 TAI 250 kW / 045 deg to JPN Japanese
0900-1000	on 15270 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
0900-1000	on 15465 PAO 100 kW / 230 deg to SEAs Chinese
1000-1100	on 6105 KOU 100 kW / 310 deg to EaAs Chinese
1000-1100	on 11520 PAO 100 kW / 180 deg to SEAs Indonesian
1000-1100	on 11625 PAO 100 kW / 208 deg to SEAs Cantonese/Hakka
1000-1100	on 11915 TAI 250 kW / 205 deg to SEAs Indonesian
1000-1100	on 15270 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Cantonese/Hakka
1000-1100	on 15465 PAO 100 kW / 230 deg to SEAs Amoy
1000-1400	on 9780 KOU 100 kW / 267 deg to SEAs Chinese
1000-1500	on 6085 HUW 100 kW / 310 deg to EaAs Chinese
1000-1700	on 7385 KOU 100 kW / 352 deg to EaAs Chinese
1100-1200	on 7445 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs English
1100-1200	on 9465 TAI 250 kW / 180 deg to SEAs English
1100-1200	on 9735 TAI 250 kW / 045 deg to JPN Japanese
1100-1200	on 11625 PAO 100 kW / 208 deg to SEAs Chinese
1100-1200	on 11985 HUW 100 kW / 002 deg to NEAs Russian
1100-1300	on 11720 TAI 300 kW / 300 deg to EaAs Chinese
1100-1400	on 11640 KOU 100 kW / 310 deg to EaAs Chinese
1100-1700	on 9680 TAI 300 kW / 352 deg to EaAs Chinese
1200-1300	on 6105 KOU 100 kW / 267 deg to SEAs Cantonese/Hakka
1200-1300	on 9465 TAI 250 kW / 180 deg to SEAs Amoy
1200-1300	on 9665 PAO 100 kW / 208 deg to SEAs Chinese
1200-1300	on 11625 PAO 100 kW / 208 deg to SEAs Indonesian
1200-1300	on 11765 TAI 100 kW / 205 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
1200-1300	on 11915 TAI 250 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Cantonese/Hakka
1300-1400	on 9735 TAI 250 kW / 045 deg to JPN Japanese
1300-1400	on 11625 PAO 100 kW / 208 deg to SEAs Amoy
1300-1400	on 15265 TSH 300 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Chinese
1300-1500	on 7445 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Chinese
1400-1500	on 9625 TAI 300 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
1400-1500	on 11875 TAI 250 kW / 205 deg to SEAs Indonesian
1400-1500	on 15180 ISS 500 kW / 060 deg to RUSS Russian
1400-1600	on 11635 PAO 100 kW / 245 deg to SEAs Thai
1400-1800	on 6075 KOU 100 kW / 310 deg to EaAs Chinese
1400-1800	on 6145 PAO 100 kW / 267 deg to SEAs Chinese
1500-1600	on 7380 PAO 100 kW / 267 deg to SEAs Chinese
1500-1600	on 7555 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Thai

1500-1600 on 11605 TAI 300 kW / 205 deg to SEAs Cantonese/Hakka
 1500-1700 on 7365 TAI 300 kW / 325 deg to EaAs Chinese
 1600-1700 on 9440 TAI 250 kW / 205 deg to SoAs English
 1600-1700 on 15485 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to SEAs English
 1700-1800 on 7465 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to RUSS Russian
 1700-1800 on 15690 ISS 500 kW / 160 deg to SoAf English
 1800-1900 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 345 deg to U.K. English
 1900-2000 on 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg to WeEu German
 1900-2000 on 9895 DHA 250 kW / 315 deg to WeEu French
 1900-2000 on 11875 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to NoAf French
 2000-2100 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 215 deg to SoEu Spanish
 2100-2200 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu German
 2200-2300 on 6115 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to NoAm English
 2200-2300 on 11605 TAI 250 kW / 045 deg to JPN Japanese
 2200-2300 on 15440 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to CeAm English
 2200-2400 on 6105 KOU 100 kW / 310 deg to EaAs Chinese
 2200-2400 on 6150 KOU 100 kW / 310 deg to EaAs Chinese
 2200-2400 on 7445 PAO 100 kW / 225 deg to SEAs Thai
 2200-2400 on 11635 PAO 100 kW / 208 deg to SEAs Chinese
 2200-2400 on 11700 TAI 300 kW / 300 deg to EaAs Chinese
 2200-2400 on 11885 HUW 100 kW / 002 deg to JPN Chinese
 2300-2400 on 9660 KOU 100 kW / 267 deg to SEAs Chinese
 2300-2400 on 9685 TAI 100 kW / 300 deg to EaAs Chinese
 2300-2400 on 9690 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg to CARB Spanish
 2300-2400 on 15440 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to CeAm Chinese
 2330-2400 on 11655 TAI 100 kW / 205 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
 (Balkan DX/DX Re Mix News 762)

PHILIPPINES:

Radio Veritas-Asia Changes

Due to the interference brought about by ROU and CHN to the reception area, Radio Veritas Asia (RVA) implementing the following changes in their transmission effective from Sunday, January 27, 2013.

Following are the changes:

Old/	New.	Antenna	Language
------	------	---------	----------

11935 to	11855 0030-0057UTC	SW-3	Tamil
----------	--------------------	------	-------

11870 to	11915 1330-1400UTC	SW-2	Hindi
----------	--------------------	------	-------

11870 to	11915 1400-1427UTC	SW-2	Bengali
----------	--------------------	------	---------

(From Technical Dept. RVA)

U.S.A.

Voice of Hope plans return to shortwave

The Voice of Hope, which was operated by Dr. George Otis from Simi Valley, California in the 1980's to early 2000's intends to get back on the air from California this year. The transmitting site is on Chatsworth Peak. The FCC has reissued licenses for 9975 and 17775 kHz, KVOH's old frequencies. The primary target area is Cuba, the Caribbean, and northern South America, especially Venezuela. Secondary objectives would be Spain and North Africa. The antenna has been overhauled recently. It's a marvellous dual log periodic array, with a 90 degree beam (due east) from Los Angeles. It sits on a mountain top location with spectacular views in all directions, and they have a 30 year lease for the land the antenna and transmitter buildings are on. The current owner (a former partner of Dr. Otis, who passed away in 2005) wants to programme the station with as much live presentation as possible, in English, Spanish and possibly Arabic. (Balkan DX via Ray Robinson, Stevenson Ranch, California, email to Mike Barraclough, January 11)

VIETNAM

Voice of Vietnam Winter schedule update
relays via Babcock

All times UTC

0100-0128	on 9640 WOF 250 kW / 294 deg to NEAm English
0130-0228	on 9640 WOF 250 kW / 308 deg to NEAm Vietnamese
0230-0258	on 9640 WOF 250 kW / 308 deg to NEAm English
0300-0328	on 6175 HRI 250 kW / 173 deg to CeAm Spanish
0330-0358	on 9640 WOF 250 kW / 294 deg to NEAm English
0400-0428	on 6175 HRI 250 kW / 173 deg to CeAm Spanish
0430-0528	NF 6175 HRI 100 kW / 315 deg to NWAm Vietnamese, ex 7345 WOF
1800-1828	on 5955 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu English
1830-1928	on 5955 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu Vietnamese
1930-1958	on 5955 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu French
2000-2028	on 6135 WOF 250 kW / 075 deg to NEEu Russian
2030-2058	on 6175 DHA 250 kW / 315 deg to WeEu German
2100-2128	on 6175 DHA 250 kW / 315 deg to WeEu German
2130-2228	on 7370 WOF 250 kW / 114 deg to SEEu Vietnamese

(DX Re Mix 764/21 Jan 2



UTILITIES

Editor

Arthur De Maine

email

utilities@radiodx.com



Welcome to the February Utilities page and a welcome to Jim Stewart of Auckland and Tony Lowe of Masterton (my old home town). A very good number of contributions this month.

FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION
119.100	2256	Masterton control calling Harvard 92 asking to report their position. Reply: yellow at end of formation. TL
119.100	0320	Eagle airlines requesting permission to land...Told ok as airshow finished, and go to runway 124. TL
130.200	0034	Report to Harvards to move at their discretion as tail wind all over the place. TL
130.200	0115	Harvards now given instruction to line up as tail wind is now 2-3 knots. TL
130.200	0130	Army helicopter given flight plans to fly over Ekatahuna on way to Ohakea TL
3413	0750	Shannon Volmet aero wx for Brussels, Amsterdam, Hamburg JS
3467	1705	San Francisco wkg 135 Whisky Bravo JS
4146	1904	Taupo Maritime with coastal station wx reports for shipping JS
4417	1816	Bluff Fisherman's Radio with marine weather forecast JS
4417	1916	Tauranga Coastguard with marine wx for Bay of Plenty and Coromandel JSI
5547	1028	AIR CANADA 644 / SAN FRANCISCO posn reports FL 370 alt 1112 fuel 17.1 confirmed 4/2 RP
5598	0802	Delta 268 with position report to Santa Maria JS
5616	0757	Air Canada Selcal check with Gander JS
5680	1558	Rescue 137 (RAF Sea King helo based at Lossiemouth, Scotland) in training exercise with Kinloss Rescue. 21/1 JS
5680	1705	Rescue 169 (RAF Sea King helo based at Chivenor, England) reporting to Kinloss "enroute to Brecon Beacons incident", 4 POB"21/1 JS
5680	1807	Rescue 122 (RAF Sea King helo based at RAF Valley, Wales) wkg Kinloss Rescue - 31/1 JS
5680	1831	Navy 193 (Royal Navy Sea King helo based at Culdrose, England) with position rpt to Kinloss rescue 31/1 JS
8296	1017	Pacific Volmet including NZ and Fiji with switch to Indian Ocean and Nth Pacific(Including Alaskan Waters) then a SAR report for NZ "S60-605" and all Sea Mobile Radios Part 3 SAR Only. DM

8828 0923 SP Volmet and Airport Weather for Christchurch and Nandi "as Requested" DM

8828 0958 Volmet with Anchorage Snow warning DM

8867 0647 "Velocity 163" to Auckland with position. DM

8867 0648 "United 640" called Nandi 3 times no reply from Nandi DM

8867 0711 Un ID "34" gave San Francisco Selcal on 8867 nothing more heard DM

8867 0713 "NZ 40" Cleared Block and gave Auckland F/L 350 DM

8867 0714 "Velocity 74" called by Auckland re Negative Selcal DM

8867 0716 Auckland called Nandi re "Radio Check on 88" then Nandi called Brisbane, followed telling them Auckland has Radio tech problems. DM

8867 1918 "Delta 16" called San Francisco confirming Flight Number and destination. DM

8867 0720 Auckland gave "Velocity 74" weather conditions for Dunedin, and Runway in Guard DM

8867 0726 " 7253 called Nandi Radio. DM

8867 0728 "Hawaiian 465" called Auckland re F/L 360 and position, told due to situation use 6.553 or VHF 118.1. DM

8867 0334 "Kiwi 939" Called Auckland with position "33 South" DM

8867 2002 Qantas 15 with Selcal check via San Francisco JS

8867 0737 VELOCITY 163 / AKL 0700 WX RARATONGA wind 100 dg @ 6 knots viz 10km light rain cloud scatted temp 24, qnh 1004 expected wind shear on approach radio coms 6553 28/1 RP

8867 0116 AKL / SKIER 81 @ 60DG / south call AKL @ 0117 com 13261)?? PM J Key flt ??? 18/1 RP

8903 1020 "Hawaiian 455" called San Francisco with Position. DM

8994 1805 "Charlie Fox Charlie 408" (Canadian Airforce) wkg Algiers JS

8994 1810 Reach 201 wkg Niamey JS

11175 0742 Andrews" with 5 letter Message repeated twice.DM

11175 1724 USAF Ascension with EAM (Emergency Action Message) JS

11175 0747 USAF Offut with SkyKing message JS

11253 1735 RAF Volmet with wx for Northolt, Belfast, Culdrose JS

13261 0004 "Argentine 1180" called Brisbane re position "east 165 told to use 17.904. DM

13261 0007 "Lofty" or "Roxy" 155 called by Nandi re Block DM

13261 0623 Air Canada 035 with position rpt to San Francisco JS

13261 0556 Delta 16 position rpt to San Fran & radio check on 8867 JS

13261 0210 SINGAPORE 286/BRISBANE Ref CPDLC FL 320 SC BPFR 4/2 RP

13261 0225 JET STAR 223 AIREP INC posn reports from FL 350 temp- 52 wind 249 DG @ 42 knots 4/2 RP

13261 0236 ARGENTINA 1180 / AKL posn reports estimates supra passed @ 203

FL 397 cnt REMANDA 4/2 RP
 13261 0236 ARGENTINA 1180 / AKL posn reports estimates supra passed 106203
 FL 390 CNT REMANDA 4/2 RP
 13261 2137 AIR NEW ZEALAND 722 / BRISBANE att req sighting , report other
 direction airbus A320 estimated @ 2143 4/2 RP
 13264 1731 Shannon Volmet aero wx for Frankfurt, Cologne, Munich JS

CONTRIBUTORS

RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin - SANGHEAN ATS 803A Yaesu 7000 / Dig FRG 7 aerials
 1x 30 mtr longwire 1x 15 mtr WW11 vintage LW.
DM Dallas McKenzie, Buller - Kenwood R1000, Yaesu FRG-7700, Icom pcr
 1000, Sony SW7600G. Uniden UBCT8, Standard VR120....Long wire
 E-W (190 ft)...20ft Whip. Various Comercial whips.
JS Jim Stewart, Auckland - Receiver: Kenwood R-5000 Antenna: Wellbrook
 ALA 1530 active loop.
TL Tony Lowe Masterton. Sangean, Ats 818cs.Philips D2935. Kenwood
 R1000. Uniden ubc1000xlt, Long wire 40m NxS. Discone Whip 20ft +
 various others.

Tony I would certainly recommend erecting a EWE it will certainly help with your reception.

Jim is asking about digital decoding, does anyone in the league have any experience in this area here in New Zealand?

**As I and a number of other South Island DXers are
 heading to the far north to sample the delights of
 Mangawhai on Friday 8th of March, ask that
 contributions to this section reach me no later
 than MONDAY 4 MARCH PLEASE. Many thanks.**

Arthur

CAN YOU HELP ED?

As a Christmas present Ed Hopgood received a Uniden UBDC396XT scanning radio. What he wants to know is does anyone have any simple instructions on how to use the radio? In nice simple terms. He can receive the police. railroad etc but not the other features ie the motorola trunks etc. He has the operating disk and so far has printed off about 1000 pages of operating instructions.

Any help would be much appreciated.

Edward Hopgood

Email eddyhopy@y7mail.com

TV/FM NEWS & DX

Editor Adam Claydon
Palmerston North

email
fm@radiodx.com



Flava launched in Christchurch

Launched today is FLAVA, broadcasting on 88.0 and 107.4FM. FLAVA's unique blend of R n B and hits will be a fresh flavor for Christchurch listeners.

"The FLAVA music mix is very contemporary and aimed at a younger audience than ZM", says content director Christian Boston.

"We hope FLAVA will quickly develop a strong following in Christchurch as a successful new addition to our six existing stations; Newstalk ZB, ZM, Classic Hits, Coast, Radio Sport and Radio Hauraki", said Mr Britt.

(The Radio Network, 4 February 2013, http://theradionetwork.co.nz/trn/press-releases/all-press-releases_asset---christchurch-classic-hits-b-f-and-flava-launch)

LPFM Radio Guide News

February 2013 Update

- 87.9 Christchurch, South New Brighton, Radio New Brighton relocation from Seaview Road, New Brighton
- 88.0 Auckland, Mt Eden, WPRT relay of WPRT FM USA
- 88.0 Christchurch, Sugarloaf tower, Flava [TRN network brand from Auckland]
- 88.1 Wellington, Upper Hutt, NZ Modified Grand Prix, Wellington Family Speedway, Feb 02 2013 and infrequently through 2013
- 88.3 Auckland, CBD, AFM Audio Foundation Radio
- 88.3 Gisborne, CBD, Coast [ex 87.6]
- 88.3 Christchurch, Halswell, Activated FM, Halswell Primary School, Tues-Wed 2-3pm
- 88.7 Blenheim Richmond View Primary School Radio Zestaboom
- 106.7 Auckland, Manurewa, Southern Breeze [ex-South Auckland]
- 106.9 Auckland, CBD, Rep FM
- 107.1 Geraldine, CBD, Hospital FM returns to air with relay of Timaru 88.1
- 107.2 Westport, CBD, Blue Pulse
- 107.4 Christchurch, Sugarloaf tower, Flava [TRN network brand from Auckland]
- 107.5 Auckland, Glenfield, Le'o 'oe Huelo Koula [Voice of Golden Rays], Tongan
- 107.5 Westport, CBD, Cat Country 1075
- 107.5 Timaru [Marchwiel,] Hospital FM returns to air with relay of Timaru 88.1
- 107.7 Christchurch, Spreydon, Chill FM [ex-Addington]

The guide is constantly updated online at <http://www.radioheritage.com>. It lists almost 2,000 LPFM radio stations that have broadcast in the past 20 years and is the only comprehensive guide of its kind in NZ. If you have monitoring news, or any updates, please email info@radioheritage.net. Many thanks.
(Dave Ricquish, Radio Heritage Foundation)

Radio Pegasus Christchurch

It seems that a family trust continues to operate the two networks previously run by the late Dave Smith, the Christchurch based Radio Pegasus brand, and the country music network around much of the South Island. We know some of the latter transmitters were disconnected after loss of signal feed around 2011, but it's possible some remaining stations continue to operate. Certainly it seems that Radio Pegasus has not yet flown away and local monitoring would be very helpful to help update the database.

(David Ricquish, Wellington)

Face Television Launches on SKY

A proven public service broadcaster is back on TV screens nationwide with the launch of Face Television on SKY Television.

Face, which is a rebrand of Auckland's Triangle Television, is available on SKY Channel 089 from today. Face will also continue to be available on Auckland's analogue UHF channels 41, 42 and 52 until digital switch over (DSO) for TV in the region later this year. Jim Blackman, chief executive of Face, says the broadcaster was just four days away from being shut down before SKY secured its digital future with the offer of a channel on the SKY platform.

"I am thrilled John Fellet and his team at SKY have recognised the value in what our small team has achieved during the past 14 years by offering us a channel on the SKY platform," Mr Blackman says.

"Triangle and its programme providers were facing a bleak future with no solution to the channel's spectrum crisis coming from government or other sources. This is despite all the assurances around DSO that the needs of regional, non-commercial operators would be adequately met. The solution SKY has provided, at no cost to us, means that we will be able to offer other regional broadcasters access to a digital broadcast platform.

"There is a thirst for public broadcasting in New Zealand. People want to see faces from their local communities on their TV screens and those faces are multicultural and represent the many ethnicities that make up New Zealand's society today."

Face aims to deliver an hour of New Zealand current affairs and topical discussion in prime time from 7pm, Monday to Thursday.

John Fellet, SKY's chief executive, said he welcomed Face to the SKY platform: "When I heard of Triangle's situation with the forthcoming DSO I considered the impact for New Zealand and SKY viewers. I'm confident Face will attract a healthy niche audience as well as providing an important public service broadcasting outlet. It's a fitting addition to SKY's content line up that I welcome with open arms."

Face Television will also continue to screen the largest breadth of international news

and current affairs, documentaries and lifestyle shows of any New Zealand channel and for which the former Triangle developed a substantial following. Face is now available for viewing by all domestic SKY subscribers on channel 089. (Sky TV, 1 February 2013, http://www.skytv.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=202&art_id=43266)

Regional Channels Switch

Channel 9 Dunedin has purchased spectrum to mount a stand-alone DTT system outside Freeview.

The channel has received a digital grant of up to \$70,000.

(Ch 9's analogue transmitter and two repeaters are not part of Kordia's transmission site on Mt Cargill. Leasing space from Kordia was deemed to be too expensive so Ch 9 set up its own sites.)

Source: <http://pundit.co.nz>

(Freeview_nz Yahoo! Group, 2 February 2013)

Ex Hauraki Pirate dies

Kevin Black (1943 – 18 February 2013) was a New Zealand radio broadcaster. A former breakfast host on Auckland's Radio Hauraki, he was once the highest-paid private radio DJ in New Zealand.

Kevin Black left St. Patrick's College, Wellington at the age of 15, and was a seaman with the British Merchant Navy, before moving into radio.

He died suddenly on 18 February 2013 after suffering a suspected heart attack at his home in Remuera, Auckland, just a few days short of his 70th birthday

Image Tiri2 1968

(c) from Radio Heritage Foundation Collection



MAILBAG

Editor email mailbag@radiodx.com
Theo Donnelly Burnaby, BC, Canada



Some of our regulars seem to be on Summer Holiday this month. I hope they do better remembering where they've been than Sir Cliff recently, confusing the Capital for the City of Sails.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai is one of those who has been a travelling man. He starts out, "(I've) reported Radio Gloria International's DX test from 1kW German site on 9480kHz and Radio 700 from the same site and power on 3985. QSLs from NDR 'Gruss an Bord' Christmas Eve Special via Wertachtal 11840 and Radio Gloria International 9480. A couple of weeks in January spent catching up with our son in Singapore and Japan. I was optimistic about MW DX in Singapore as a year ago I heard VoA from Al-Dhabayya on 1539. But this year there was QRN all over the MW spectrum, so mainly listened to BBC Singapore on 88.9 FM and also RNZI shortwave on occasions. In Japan, American Forces 810 noted but programme sounding much like we hear via Guam and Diego Garcia on SW. FM was almost impossible with the Japanese FM band ending where the rest of us start! Had an enjoyable catch-up in Tokyo with two veteran members of Japan Shortwave Club, one being Toshi Ohtake who attended the DX League's 50th Anniversary Convention in North Otago back in 1998. Not much DX since getting home but MW conditions are still good and there are already signs of Latins contesting frequencies with the usual North Americans and Mexicans, such as Nueva Q in Lima Peru on 1360." *(That's an intriguing comment about tuning FM in Japan. I thought your Tecsun PL606 had a user switch to cover the lower band?)*

Des Davey, Te Kuiti wrote up his February notes quite early in January, but didn't add too much about his health situation. Des does say that his memory and eye-sight are expected to return but just when isn't certain. He is asking for help in restoring the correct frequency readouts on both his Kenwood R-5000 and FRG-7000. I'm sure he'd appreciate any assistance. Des says two lonely QSL's have come in, both from CRI, for 9440 and 9765 kHz; no reports have gone out. *(Sorry, but I wouldn't be much use on those technical issues with your receivers, even if I lived right next door! Rather strange that both would have developed what sounds like a similar problem at about the same time. Do you know any local amateur operator who might give you a hand?)*

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim gets straight down to business. "Here are my SW veries received during January: VOIRI 9540, 11885, 11770, & 9710; CRI 17800 & 11640; TWR India 7505; TWR Africa 11635; RHC 17750 & 17705; KTWR 15550; WTWW 5830 & 9905; RFE/RL 9595; Radio Azadi 13830; Bible Voice BC 15335 & 9850; Overcomer 15370; and

KSDA 17540, 15640, 17605, & 15605 kHz." (*You and Günter do well with the Iranian transmissions!*)

And **Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany** does set out his latest. "IRIB World Service sent the folded card 'Kermanshah, Taq-e Bostan Grottos' (with photo and description) verifying these frequencies: 7240, 7365, 7420, 9490, 9615, 11660, 11750, 11850, 11865, 11930, 11940, 15500, 17600, 17610, & 21500. From R G Stair, I received - in reply to registered letters with proof of delivery - signed and stamped PPCs verifying 13810 (Nauen), 17485 (Wertachtal), 11590 (Yerevan). And from Greece arrived a colourful folded MW QSL (on page 4 with a photo showing a "gold larnax from the Royal Tombs at Vergina 350-325 B.C.), with which Radiophonikos Stathmos Makedonias verified my reception of Thessaloniki on 1044 kHz from 2003. In the 3rd International DX Contest 'The Grand Tour across all Continents', again 23 DXers from 16 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, North America and South America took part, but again regrettably not anybody from the Pacific area. I could again finish - together with two other gents - in 2nd place. Rumen Pankov of Bulgaria could get most of the points, being the only one who managed to log Azerbaijan during the 10-day-period. I would like to encourage you to participate when the 2013 Contest will be due next November (?)/December; I herewith offer to pay the contest fee for two New Zealand DXers. If you are interested to learn more about the requirements to log different countries during this contest on shortwave, look for "Latest News" on the web page of <dswci.org>. With deteriorating reception conditions at my place of residence, I can hardly get a good place in the future. Why don't you take a chance?" (*It might be a good idea to give us a reminder closer to the dates, Günter. I'll try to set my memory in action for October's 'Mailbag'.*)

That's all they wrote! I can't even add any surprise reception at my QTH – it's been a pretty humdrum winter DX season, apart from the quite remarkable signal from VL8A on many local mornings as it continues to use 4835.

73, Theo



BROADCAST NEWS

Editor Bryan Clark
Mangawhai

email
broadcast.news@radiodx.com



CANADA

- 850 Application for new station in Montreal Quebec with U4 50kw day, 22kw nights; would be directional with main lobe to the northeast and French sports talk.
- 1010 CBR Calgary AB is on the air from a new transmitter site in the Chestermere area, around 25 km NE of the old site. (Shawn Axelrod & Dan Sys, NRC)

COLOMBIA

Currently the frequency of 1010 kHz, which belongs to William Vinasco, is broadcasting the programming of Vibra FM 104.9 MHz also owned by Vinasco. Until a few years ago the frequency of 1010 kHz was used by Radio Reloj. The frequency of 850 kHz continues with mixed programming from Candela, sometimes in // with 101.9 MHz and occasionally with separate programming and identifications. (Rafael Rodríguez via Mauno Ritola, Christer Brunström, ARC via IRCA)

RCN is advancing and the Super network is history. Cadena Super in Colombia has been bought by RCN. What the newly purchased stations will be called, etc., so far is not known. (Henrik Klemetz, ARC via IRCA)

HAWAII

KORL Honolulu 1180 applies for silent STA; silent since December because station needs a new site and new equipment, for which it is preparing a CP application.

570 KQNG Lihue granted CP to change City of Licence to Ele'ele, no change in facilities.

720 KUALI Ele'ele granted CP to change CoL to Kekaha, no change in facilities.

These construction permits are connected with a CP for KSHK 103.3 FM in Kekaha to move to Hanamalulu and 103.1MHz. With these changes, no city that currently has a licensed AM or FM station will lack one after the FM change (Lihue has FM stations). (all above via NRC DX News)

PERU:

Having spent a week (29 October-6 November) in Peru, I would like to share my radio logs with you. AM stations in Cuzco, with strong or very strong signal in the local evening:

680 R. Vida: <http://www.radiovidacusco.org> (religious)

720 NSE Radio: <http://www.nseradio.com> (religious)

740 R. La Rompe
 790 UNID religious station (in Quechua). R. La Luz, as per Internet
 810 R. Jerusalém (religious), in Spanish and Quechua
 830 R. Inti Raymi
 870 R. Dios Es Amor (in Spanish and Portuguese!)
 920 R. La Voz (religious station <http://cvclavoz.com>)
 940 R. Las Vegas //100.1 FM (pop music)
 1000 R. Prensa al Día
 1030 R. Poder Inka
 1060 R. Studio 1060
 1080 R. Salkantay //92.7 FM
 1130 R. Universal, on MW only from 12:00 to 14:00 UTC.//103.3 FM
 1190 R. Tawantinsuyo //6174 SW!
 1270 UNID religious station (R. Difusora Horizonte, as per Internet?)
 1350 R. Santa Beatriz //101.3 FM
 1370 R. Santa Mónica (?) – voice inaudible due to transmitter problems
 1560 R. María (Catholic). Also announces 97.7 FM – but not heard there.
 Lima AM stations received on 6 November:
 600 UNID with national anthem, ending its program at 0312 UTC.
 620 R. Ovación.
 640 Pacifico R., Religious.
 660 R. Inolvidable.
 730 RPP (Programas del Peru).
 760 Radiomar Plus.
 780 UNID religious station. (Radio Victoria has been heard in NZ on 780. BC)
 820 UNID religious station.
 830 Nuevo ...??, Religious.
 850 UNID station with mention of Chiclayo.
 880 R. Unión. Also announced 103.3 FM.
 900 R. Felicidad AM.
 990 R. Dios Es Amor in Portuguese.//1250
 1010 R. Cielo.
 1040 Metropolitana R. Peruana.
 1060 UNID folk music station.
 1080 R. La Luz, Religious.
 1110 UNID religious station in a local language.
 1130 R. Bacán Folk music. Radiobacan.com (Robertas Pogorelis 11/12 via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest via IRCA DX Monitor)

DX TEST organised by Paul Walker for the IRCA/NRC Test Committee

Station: KBXD Dallas Texas 1480kHz
 When: Sunday 17 March at 0000–0200 CDT (0500–0700 UTC)
 Content: Morse code, sweep tones, special music and other easily identifiable content.

Technical: KBXD is testing its brand new full 50-KW six-tower day pattern.

QSL Info: No e-mail reports accepted. Reports should be sent by regular postal mail.

Please note – KBXD is graciously covering the cost of mailing out QSLs. No need to send a SASE. Reports must include the listener's location, equipment used and details about content heard. If possible, please provide an audio recording. (CASSETTE TAPE &/OR USB

Reports to: Jerry Kiefer, KBXD, 8035 East R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, TX 75228, USA.

Please be sure to thank Jerry when you write!

USA (updates from National Radio Club's 'DX News' bulletins Jan-Feb 2013)

- 620 KTAR Phoenix AZ granted Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate U1 5kw day, 1.25kw night after transmission line to one tower in the night pattern was cut during fire hydrant repair.
- 870 WWL New Orleans LA format now news talk and sports (ESPN).
- 1020 KTNQ Los Angeles CA now using "Univisión América" slogan.
- 1050 KTCT San Mateo CA has dropped Fox Sports Radio & ESPN for CBS Sports.
- 1090 KAAV Little Rock AR notifies FCC it went silent on 10 January due transmitter failure.
- 1120 KANN Roy UT granted STA; operating backup transmitter with U4 900 watts day & night due to fire in main transmitter.
- 1130 KRDU Dinuba CA is using the slogan: "Inspiration Station."
- 1200 KFNV West Fargo ND granted STA for U4 45kw/13kw due transmitter issues.
- 1270 KBZZ Sparks NV format changed from talk to sports – CBS Sports network.
- 1300 WNQM Nashville TN is U1 50kw days/1.25kw nights pending repairs, which will soon be completed.
- 1380 KTKZ Sacramento CA applies for STA; having problems with night pattern.
- 1410 WMYR Fort Myers FL granted STA for U1 1250 watts day & night after lightning strike on one of the three towers.
- 1430 KZQZ St. Louis MO construction permit for U4 50kw/5kw is on the air.
- 1450 KFSD Escondido CA using slogan: "1450 Financial San Diego".
- 1450 KVEN Ventura CA now with CBS Sports Network, replacing ESPN.
- 1470 CP granted for new station in Anchorage AK w/U1 10kw day & night..
- 1480 WVOI Marco Island FL granted STA to operate U3 500 watts day & night with licensed day pattern after discovering that day/night pattern switch has failed.
- 1520 KKXA Snohomish WA granted CP for U6 50kw day & night. Increased day power resulting in two different patterns, one for day, one for critical hours and night, all with 50 kW.
- 1530 KGBT Harlingen TX slogan change to "Univisión América."
- 1590 KTEL Tillamook OR granted CP to change City of License to Netarts OR.
- 1660 WWRU Jersey City NJ with Korean programming, EE ID as "AM 1660 WWRU, Jersey City & New York City" on the hour.(Tony Fitzherbert NH)
- 1700 KBGG Des Moines IA now with CBS Sports Network ex ESPN.

The Enid Oklahoma station on 1640 has a new call and a new brand, ID as KOAG,

“All Ag, All Day”, “keeping farmers and ranchers informed”. References to “The Farm Station” and to <http://www.allagnews.com>. This is something syndicated by Paramount Broadcasting Corporation. No affiliate list as such on the website, but the Listen Live page says: “Listen to All Ag, All Day! Live across the Texas/Oklahoma Panhandles at 800AM (KDDD) Dumas-Amarillo; and across the Texas South Plains at 900AM (KFLP) Floydada-Lubbock. Further listening finds KOAG with IRN-USA news on the hour and half-hour (the latter with sports segment). This replaces KFXV, which lastly had a southern gospel music format, always subject to pre-emption for stupid ballgames, as I expect KOAG will be too. Note that unlike most X-banders, this station is directional with a figure-8 loop from east of Hennessey, between Oklahoma City and Enid so it favours both cities, but nulls toward the ENE and WSW, making it difficult in those directions. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX Listening Digest)

WMOB Mobile Alabama has been running day power and pattern 24/7 on 1360 for many years. They’ve been warned and fined but it doesn’t stop them. (Neil Kazaross via Real DX Yahoo Group). The WMOB case is fairly complex. Before 2009, when they were running at their officially approved pattern, they were virtually impossible to log in Europe. No wonder as almost all of the power was beamed towards the southwest. Since 2009 they’ve been the easiest Alabama station to hear in Europe. Officially they have since then been operating on a temporary STA permit with an omni-directional pattern (1.25 kW days, very low power at nights). Even if they had been running omni-directional 1.25 kW nights they would have been difficult to log across the Atlantic, so I wouldn’t be surprised if they’ve actually been using at least 5 kW 24/7. In 2010 they applied for a CP with 9 kW days and most of the power beamed to the north, this application has been granted. I don’t know if that’s what they are using now. (Jan Alvestad via Real DX Yahoo Group) *Also audible here in NZ from time to time – definitely some kilowatts! BC)*

LATIN AMERICAN OFFSETS

Two big offsets noted recently:

1199.88 Radio Cu Cú, San Jose Costa Rica – Thanks to Henrik Klemetz for checking the recording!

1299.704v UNID drifting.

Both stations heard around 06-07 utc in December by Tarmo Kontro, Finland, reporting to the MW Offsets Yahoo Group.

MANGAWHAI MINI BROADCAST TRAIL

BCM = Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with AOR7030+ and directional low-noise EWE antennas to North, Central & South America.

550 CUBA Radio Rebelde familiar jingle popped thru hash 0900 on 24/1.

600 CUBA Radio Rebelde w/political talk 0841 24/1, //SW 5025. Bad splash from Waatea 603.

870 USA/CUBA KRLA Glendale CA w/Los Angeles traffic report, advert for “LA Legal” good over Radio Reloj in SS & “RR” CW call after time pips 0919 on 24/1.

- 1060 USA/MEXICO KYW Philadelphia PA with newstalk format over XEEP Mexico DF. Ident 0719 24/1 for "KYW Newsradio".
- 1160 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT 29/1 at 0707 with jazz music bridge and intro to the Jim Bohannon Show, very good.
- 1210 USA KPRZ San Diego CA w/talk 0722 24/1, ident 0726 as "12-10 AM, KPRZee", over SS.
- 1270 USA/HAWAII KBZZ Sparks NV with new CBS Sports format , regular network promos 0712 on 21/2, over or mixed KNDI.Honolulu on Pacific Islands format. Superbowl previews, local advt, idents as "96 1 and 12-70" with CBS Sports Radio jingle. CBS Sports website only lists WXYT Detroit but the FM frequency pointed to KBZZ and their own website confirmed format switch 12/1.
- 1450 MEXICO XENA Queretaro semi regular, "Yo FM" id, all alone 0900 23/1.
- 1510 USA WLAC Nashville TN with weather 0605 4/2 "high of 52... Weather brought to you by Hometown USA on 15-10 WLAC", then joins Coast to Coast AM talkshow.
- 1610 CANADA CHHA Toronto ON all alone 0701 25/1 in SS.



On the **shortwaves.com**

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

January 13, 2013 -- Under "Specialized Resources," "DX Newsletters," we have posted a file containing something that is not exactly a newsletter but that served a like purpose. It is the "Stop Press Sheet" that accompanied the Globe Circler, the monthly bulletin of the International DXers Alliance. The Globe Circler covered both the broadcast band and shortwave until mid-1940, when it went all shortwave (some BCB material survived for a time in the "Stop Press Sheet"). The file contains a sampling of these bulletin addenda that appeared between 1938 and 1942. -- And, courtesy of Adrian M. Peterson, we have two more "Wavescan" entries (also under "Specialized Resources): "Radio Broadcasting in Sri Lanka-8: After the War" (December 30, 2012) , and "BBC West Africa Relay Stations in the Twin Congos" (January 6, 2013).

January 20, 2013 -- Many DXers know of Roger Legge's USSR High Frequency Broadcast Newsletter (UHN), a few copies of which are already posted under "Specialized Resources," "DX Newsletters." For a brief time, Roger also published another newsletter, the four-page International Broadcasting Journal. Its purpose was to correct mistakes and Radio in Bulgaria-2: Early Radio Broadcasting" (January 13, 2013).

in the ITU's periodic Tentative High Frequency Broadcasting Schedule, especially the domestic section. Roger explains this in more detail in issue No. 1, published in July 1979, which we have posted under "DX Newsletters." A second issue of IBJ, focusing on domestic stations, was published in August 1979, and that is posted as well. It is unclear if any further issues were published. In any event, IBJ's life was short. -- Also posted this week under "Specialized Resources," another "Wavescan" entry--"100 Years of Wireless and Radio in Bulgaria-2: Early Radio Broadcasting" (January 13, 2013).

January 27, 2013 -- Under "Specialized Resources," "Newsletters," we have posted some past issues from each of the editors of the North American Shortwave Association "Flash Sheet" during the years that it was a hardcopy publication. The "FS" started out in September 1966 as a two-page column of "hot" information from both NASWA members and others. Prepared by club executive editor and publisher William P. Eddings of Altoona, PA, it was originally part of the monthly bulletin, but with a late "at publication" deadline. In November 1967 it was assigned its own editor, Al Niblack of Vincennes, IN. In January 1973 a separately mailed, mid-month FS was introduced to supplement the monthly in-bulletin FS. It was available to those who kept a supply of stamped, self-addressed envelopes on hand at headquarters. In October 1974 the in-bulletin FS went to separate mailing, but it returned to in-bulletin status in May 1975, where it remained a monthly feature through October 1986. The FS, both in-bulletin and mid-month, was called "DX Hotline" from October 1975, "Update" from November 1977, and "DXtra" from January 1987 to July 1989, when it ceased publication. It was restored as an electronic weekly in December 2001, and is still published electronically. The editors of the hardcopy FS over the years were: Bill Eddings (1966-67); Al Niblack (1967-1975); Ralph W. Perry, Libertyville, IL (1975-1976); John J. Moritz, Jr., Youngstown, OH (1976-1977); Thomas B. Alleman, Kansas City, MO (1977-1986); and Robert J. Hill, Sharon, MA (1987-July 1989). -- Also this week we have posted a new story under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan": "The Final Episode in the Story of Radio Broadcasting in Afghanistan: The Story of the Indian Shortwave Transmitter" (January 20, 2013).

February 3, 2013 -- There have always been some stations with particularly distinctive QSLs. In the "CPRV QSL Gallery" (SWBC), we have posted one--a QSL from Broadcasting Caracas, a station that operated in the 1930s on both mediumwave and shortwave. The QSL was on the cover of a 16-page pamphlet containing much information about the station and about Venezuela. Broadcasting Caracas had some English-language programming, including, on Tuesday nights, special programs dedicated to various radio clubs. It later became YV5RN, Radio Caracas. -- And under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," we have another article from Adrian Peterson: "Focus on Africa: Radio Broadcasting in the Land of the Mountain Lion - 1" (January 27, 2013). Any help re the above would be much appreciated.

ADCOM NEWS

Editor Bryan Clark
Mangawhai

email
adcom.news@radiodx.com



WE NOTE WITH REGRET the passing of Lower Hutt member **CYRIL INGHAM** – on behalf of all members we extend sympathy to the Ingham family.

BEST WISHES for a speedy recovery to our hard-working Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** who had knee reconstruction surgery in January.

ATTENTION AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND MEMBERS At the convention being held in Mangawhai (Northland) from 8 to 11 March, time is allocated for a discussion on future options for the DX League. On-site accommodation is now booked out, but members in the Auckland/Northland area are invited to join us on Saturday 9 March when the discussion is scheduled. Mangawhai is 55 minutes drive south of Whangarei, and between 1¼ and 1¾ hours north of Auckland. For catering purposes, please contact me at the above email address, or telephone (09) 431-4434, no later than 1 March if you'd like to join us for the day or part of the day. Former Radio Hauraki DJ **MARK PERRY** is our guest speaker following the discussion on the club's future.



WORLD RADIO DAY on 13 February marks the day in 1946 when United Nations Radio was founded. To mark the occasion a set of 6 stamps has been issued by the UN postal administration.

FIBS RECALLED Thanks to long-time member **DENE LYNNEBERG** who corrects my faulty memory in my comments last month regarding Tony Marr's reception of the Falkland Island Broadcasting Service and his contact with the station. Tony logged FIBS from Pauanui in the Coromandel rather than Quartz Hill, and his subsequent contact was with then Governor Rex Hunt. Thanks Dene.

TIWAI REBORN? Those who have made the pilgrimage to the famed Tiwai Listening Post out of Invercargill will be interested to hear that the Department of Conservation proposes upgrading the farmhouse and outbuildings to accommodate schools and other groups visiting the adjacent wildlife areas. Wonder if we could smuggle in a radio and big reel of wire one day to see what wild signals are out there!

WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK UPDATE WRTH Publisher Nicholas Hardyman has advised that updates to the International section of WRTH 2013 are available at their website www.wrth.com – click on **Latest PDF Updates** to download the file.

INTERESTING LINKS Thanks to members who have forwarded the following Internet links for the interest of other members. Via **RAY CRAWFORD**, we have a link to a report by Frank Hill, an astronomer at the U.S. National Solar Observatory which concludes that sunspot activity might be headed for a dramatic drop in activity, beginning around the year 2019. <http://earthsky.org/space/frank-hill-sees-future-sunspot-drop-no-new-ice-age>

DAVID NORRIE highlights some YouTube links concerning the closure of the Orfordness transmitter site in England, particularly www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dMfb3nY_rE in which Jonathan Marks takes a trip down memory lane. A short film showing the final minutes of the AEG Telefunken 648kHz AM transmitter used to carry BBC World Service into Western Europe can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qndmk6Yx_kg

MARTIN HADLOW reminds us of the HFCC website listing all shortwave broadcasting schedules and frequencies by time and geographic location of the listener - see <http://www.hfcc.org/schedule/>, and <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/world-radio-day/shortwave-radio/shortwave-article/> which contains a comment by former BBC World Service Director John Tusa that “If shortwave had been discovered today instead of 8 decades ago it would be hailed as an amazing new technology with great potential for the world we live in today” and a stimulating article on the challenges and opportunities facing shortwave broadcasting by Oldrich Cip, HFCC Chairman – older members may have unwittingly known Mr Cip in the past when he hosted DX programmes on Radio Prague under the name of Peter Skala.

And also from **MARTIN HADLOW** a link to an item on the inventor of the Wind Up Radio Peter Bayliss <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science-news/9875026/Trevor-Baylis-lve-wound-up-broke-despite-inventions.html>

And thanks to **PAUL ORMANDY** for bringing a new receiver to our attention <<http://www.commradio.com/>> and **THEO DONNELLY** for locating the receivers manufacturers web site Company info at <<http://www.aerostream.com/>>

VISITING JAPAN I was fortunate to meet up with longtime Japan Shortwave Club members **TOSHIMICHI OHTAKE** and **TAKAHITO AKABAYASHI** while in Tokyo in mid-January. Toshi visited NZ for the DX League's 50th anniversary celebrations in 1998, and JSWC celebrated its 60th anniversary last year. It was interesting to compare the state of the hobby and



our respective clubs. Their membership is currently about 400, down from a peak of over 2000 members during the BCL boom in Japan last century. Most current members are still active, reflecting the keen interest of the Japanese in foreign cultures. By comparison, our club membership has fallen from a peak in excess of 750 in the 1970s to about 150 today, but with a much lower level of active DX and SWL listening. Toshi has retired from his role with Toshiba Space Systems and looks forward to travelling to Europe every year to take part in the annual EDXC conventions. His primary receivers are the AOR7030+ and Perseus SDR. Takahito has a Tentec RX3400 and Drake R8, as well as a Perseus. A former computer engineer, he is now a university lecturer in management studies. Takahito maintains a website covering his DX and QSL activity at <http://www5a.biglobe.ne.jp/~BCLSWL> We also discussed the quite unique Japanese shortwave operation Radio Nikkei. I was also interested to learn from my hosts that this privately owned shortwave operation is owned by the newspaper company that produces the Japanese edition of the Wall Street Journal. Shortwave is a perfect low-cost means of reaching its target audience – horse racing enthusiasts who in many cases have receivers that only receive the designated SW frequencies of Radio Nikkei – 3925, 3945, 6055, 6115 and 9595kHz. Satellite radio was tried as a means of broadcast by Radio Nikkei but curtailed in 2006. At night (when Radio Nikkei is audible in NZ) educational programmes are aired. I extended fraternal greetings to JSWC members on behalf of the DX League.

BRANCH NEWS

Chief Editor Mark Nicholls
Upper Hutt

email
editor@radiodx.com



WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

February gathering will be **Wednesday, February 27 at 12.45pm, Beach**

Babylon in Oriental Bay, Wellington. Theme: Easter, Bunnies & Radio.

Free two hour parking. The usual great company, coffee, music, food and gossip.

We have a friendly and informal gathering, lots of laughs, great memories, and enjoy meeting new faces.

Email Dave info@radioheritage.com to go on the local mailing list.

CHRISTCHURCH GROUP

contact Doug Johns at douglas-johns@xtra.co.nz or frankglen@xtra.co.nz

DUNEDIN BRANCH

Contacts : David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805