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Check out <http://www.radiodx.com> to read the many articles contributed by Webmaster Paul Ormandy and DX League members.

If you have a suitable article or photos (Historical or new) I am sure Paul would be very happy to hear from you.

Delay to this months magazine

I apologise for the delay in this months magazine. I thought I had enough problems last month.

This month my computer quit working and I had to purchase a replacement and I discovered that I had cataracts on both eyes. I was advised that the waiting list is about 6-12 months.

You can see the closing dates for the next 3 months listed above.

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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. 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

- 4885 0805 BRAZIL. Very good here in Portuguese. Maria or Clube do Para? ID not heard. 2/7. IC
- 5830 0658 USA, WTWW fair in English with station announcements, ID at 0700, a little noisy – CC 13/7
- 5860 2012 KUWAIT, R Farda good in Farsi with discussion – KAB 22/7
- 5930 1700 GERMANY. Radio Liberty via Nauen. Poor in Belarusian. 18/7. IC
- 5935 0655 USA, WWCR fair in English with talk. ID at 0657, a little noisy – CC 13/7
- 6050 2040 KUWAIT. Radio Kuwait. Good in Arabic to off at 2100. 10/7. IC
- 6165 0640 CUBA. RHC. Good in English. 28/7. IC
- 6175 0358 USA, WHR fair in English with discussion, a little distorted. ID at 0359 – CC 2/7
- 6180 0750 BRAZIL. Radio Nacional Amazonia. VG in Portuguese. Good ID at 0800. 2/7. IC
- 6195 1022 SINGAPORE, BBC fair in English with talk. Scratchy //9740 stronger with bad QRM – CC 26/7
- 6885 2033 ISRAEL, Galei Zahal poor in Hebrew with discussion, very noisy – KAB 22/7
- 7120 0339 SOMALIA, R.HARGEISA, Poor in pres Somali, some mx - 7/7 KB
- 7205 2008 FRANCE, RFI fair in French from CRI on same freq – KAB 22/7
- 7220 1120 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good in Chinese with female vocalist // 9445 weaker & noisier – CC 5/7
- 7230 0459 S.AFRICA, Channel Africa, Poor in English, 0500 TS, Fa s/on, nx/comment on Zimbabwe elections - 31/7 KB
- 7235 2002 ALBANIA, CRI god in Chinese with comment – KAB 22/7
- 7260 2000 CHINA, CRI with IS, Time pips, then station ID in Chinese – KAB 22/7
- 7280 0340 GERMANY, R.Farda, Poor/fair in Farsi, off air 0358 - 16/7 KB
- 7280 1957 UK, V of Vietnam good in French with Classical singing. Off at 2000 after ID – KAB 22/7
- 7285 0510 SOUTH AFRICA. Sonder Grense. Poor/fair in Afrikaan. 27/7. IC
- 7295 0405 FRANCE. Radio Algerienne via ISS. VG in Arabic. 31/7. IC
- 7295 1042 MALAYSIA, RTM, Fair in English & pop mx, 1059 ID as Traxx FM - 22/7 KB
- 7295 1953 CHINA, CRI fair in English with comment on English news. Lots of

mention of China with stories behind the news – Beijing Hour. Station IS, ID 1956 – KASB 22/7

- 7325 1926 U.K. RTI via Wof, Fair in French, om/yl discussion, ID/sked 1958 - 27/7 KB
 7325 1948 UK, R Taiwan Intl good in French with comments, ID 1952 – KAB 22/7
 7340 0445 SOUTH AFRICA. RFI via Meyerton. Good in Swahili. good ID at close 0449. 19/7. IC
 7340 0453 S.AFRICA, RFI, Poor/fair in listed Swahili, also hrd weak but fairly clear on 29th - 31/7 KB
 7350 0307 ROMANIA, RRI, Fair in English, nx, ID - 18/7 KB
 7350 0352 ROMANIA, RRI good in English with talk. ID at 0356 than IS and off // 9645 stronger – CC 16/7
 7350 1938 CHINA, CRI good and clear in French with discussion, 1945 changed to African songs – KAB 22/7
 7355 0501 ASCENSION ISL, BBC, Poor in English, nx, ID - 28/7 KB
 7360 1925 TURKEY, VOT with comment in French, fair – KAB 22/7
 7365 0235 USA, R.Marti, Poor in Spanish. ID 0259 - 20/7 KB
 7405 0630 USA, R.Marti, Poor in Spanish, off at 0700 revealing jammer still going - 3/7 KB
 7405 1938 CHINA, CRI fair with Chinese music – KAB 22/7
 7415 1935 CHINA, CRI fair in Czech with news, some QRM – KAB 22/7
 7415 2100 CHINA. CRI. Poor in English. 21/7. IC
 7435 0405 GERMANY, R.Liberty via Lam, Fair in Russian - 16/7 KB
 7440 1920 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese with discussion and Chinese music, ID 1930 – KAB 22/7
 7460 0241 MOLDOVA, Payam-e-Doost, Fair in vern, I/S-tune “There was a boy” on clarinet - 18/7 KB
 7465 1930 ALBANIA, R Tirana fair in French with IS, ID then the news – KAB 22/7
 7485 1933 USA, VOA fair in English with comment on polar bears – KAB 22/7

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

- | kHz | UTC | Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details |
|------|------|--|
| 3345 | 1938 | INDONESIA 1938 RRI Ternate fair-good w/indopops - presumed on early for Ramadan 17/7. Freq measured as 3244.9 BCM |
| 3945 | 0941 | JAPAN Radio Nikkei all alone here 4/7 with Vanuatu off-air. Spoken prgm in JJ, not same as 3925 which was also fair-good. BCM |
| 4755 | 0548 | BRAZIL Radio Imaculao Concepcao fair in PP 25/7 on 4754.91m. A good Brazilian night with better-than-usual reception of 4975 and 5014.98 stations. BCM |
| 5050 | 0546 | USA WWRB Nashville TN ran late 26/7 only. Noted w/ jazz & orchestral standards past 0945. Fair with occasional ute |

- QRM. BCM
- 6070 0101 CANADA. CFRX – Toronto, 0101-0416 Jul 18, noted back on air with traffic report, ads and talk about Mayor Ron Ford with “News talk 1010” IDs. Noted off and on past 0400 with fair to good signal and general fair overall reception. It is nice to have them back again. (D’Angelo-PA)
- 6070 0720 CANADA CFRX Toronto reactivated 17/7 with idents for “10-10 Newsradio, CFRB”, fair on measured 6069.96. BCM
- 6110 2041 ETHIOPIA Radio Fana very string in local lang 11/7.
Closed 2059 after reference to Fana Broadcasting Corporation and a sung anthem. BCM
- 6924.7U0154 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 0154-0215 Jul 18, noted with rock vocals, Abbott and Costello classic baseball routine of “Who’s on First” at 0210. Partial ID caught saying “AM Radio” but fairly noisy at that point. Generally poor reception. (D’Angelo-PA)
- 6925 0042 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Radio Free Whatever, 0042-0107* Jul 21, noted with frequent IDs, rock music from DJ Dick Wood. Closed with long instrumental music selection. Fair to good. (D’Angelo-PA)
- 6925 0525 NORTH AMERICAN HOBBY PIRATE Radio PPVR (abbreviation of rude name announced) poor-fair w/ odd music and frequent idents, some by male with Aussie accent 25/7. BCM
- 7295 0434 FRANCE. TRV Algerienne – Issoundun, 0434-0452 Jul 27, man announcer with news in Arabic language followed by ID at 0440 then talks and recitations. Fair to good. (D’Angelo-PA)

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kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details
9490	1708	RUSSIA, VOR, Fair in English - 13/7 BDW
9600	1900	FRANCE. Afia Darfur. via ISS. Poor in Arabic - 8/7 IC
9625	1011	JAPAN, R.Japan, Good in English, om & yl with news, ID at 1014 - 26/7 CC
9735	1400	TAIWAN. RTI. Weak in Indonesian. N/F - 11/7 IC
9740	1055	THAILAND, BBC, Good in English, 2 oms speaking, yl with ID 1059 - 5/7 CC
9800	1643	ROMANIA, RRI, Fair in French // 11905 fair/poor - 13/7 BDW
9910	2105	INDIA. AIR. Fair in English - 21/ 7 IC
11545	0301	BULGARIA. Salam Watander via Kostinbrod. Poor in Pashto - 3/7 IC
11695	2159	AUSTRALIA, Radio Australia, strong w/Kookaburra call, news theme and Indonesian news. Sadly RA has since dropped Indonesian SW broadcasts. - 15/7 BCM
11775	0615	ALBANIA. CRI via Cerrick. Good in Arabic - 5/7 IC
11775	2040	GERMANY. Overcomer via Nauen. Good in English - 9/7 IC
11940	0338	IRAN, VOIRI, Fair/good in Dari, yl speaking, a little scratchy, // 13740 the same - 16/7 CC
11955	2115	AUSTRIA. AWR via Moosbrunn. Good in English - 9/7 IC
11975	0620	FRANCE. NHK via ISS. Good in Arabic - 5/7 IC
12150	1630	BULGARIA. Bible Voice BC via Kostinbrod. Fair in Farsi after English IDs - 13/7 IC
12759	0215	DIEGO GARCIA, American Forces Network, w/local Diego Garcia weather report, poor to fair strength. Audible some days only as late as 0450 - 22/7 BCM
15245	1700	BULGARIA. Voice of Assena. Fair in Tigrinya - 15/7 IC
15365	0331	RWANDA, BBC, Fair in English, om spkg, ID 0332, very scratchy - 16/7 CC
15460	0000	PHILIPPINES. RVA. Poor in Sinhala after English IDs - 25/7 IC
15470	0346	IRAN, VOIRI, Good in English, yl with news, // 13650 not so clear - 16/7 CC
17510	0232	THAILAND, BBC, Fair in Hindi - 13/7 KB
17515	1600	GERMANY. Bible Voice BC via Nauen. Good in Oromo after English IDs - 5/7 IC
17520	0311	N.MARIANAS, RFA, Fair in Chinese, fa/phone-in, until co-chan dominant from 0314 - 24/7 KB
17550	2330	KUWAIT, R.Kuwait, Fair in Arabic, om/yl light chat, off air 0001/27 - 26/7 KB

17595 2106 SPAIN, REE, Good in Spanish, interviews & mx - 19/7 KB
 17595 2145 SPAIN. REE. VG in Spanish - 27/7 IC
 17615 0348 N.MARIANAS, RFA, Good in Chinese, om & yl speaking, // 17855
 much weaker - 2/7 CC
 17720 2212 CUBA, RHC, Fair in Spanish, ma/fa, mx - 7/7 KB
 17730 0509 CHINA, CRI, Fair in English, comment re China/Australia relations - 30/7 KB
 17745 2107 ROMANIA, RRI, Fair in Spanish, variety mx, ID 2150, 2156 sked/IS - 13/7 KB
 17790 0205 THAILAND, BBC, Fair in English, nx/sport - 6/7 KB
 17820 0220 PHILIPPINES, R.Pilipinas, Fair in English, nx/comment - 6/7 KB
 17830 0333 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in English, yl speaking, // 9645 scratchy - 2/7 CC
 17885 2007 ASCENSION ISL. BBC, Fair, om in Hausa - 26/7 KB
 21490 0307 PHILIPPINES, VOA, Poor/fair in Tibetan, co-chan mixing 0315 - 25/7 KB
 21630 2040 USA, WHRI, Poor/fair in English, relg & choir, anti-aids promo, ID - 13/7 KB

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9760	0138	OMAN. Radio Sultanate of Oman, 0138-0156*, woman announcer with Arabic talk and music. Later talk by a man and a woman. Brief segment of instrumental music prior to close of transmission. Fair to good - 4/7 RDA
11895	2229	EGYPT. Radio Cairo, 2229-2245*, apparently English Service but talk was so muddled it was almost impossible to understand language. Music came through okay. Closedown at 2244 with anthem sounding tune. Poor - 5/7 RDA
11985	2203	ASCENSION ISLAND. FEBA Radio, 2203-2215*, long talk in listed Hassinya language with a music segment at 2213 prior to closedown ID and announcements with brief instrumental music until carrier was terminated. Fair - 5/7 RDA
17775	1804	KVOH – The Voice of Hope, 1804-1830, test broadcast with English and Spanish IDs, e-mail address for reception reports (mail@kvoh.net) and some light music. Fair to good on peaks but subject to very deep fades - 7/7 RDA
9465	2346	RUSSIA. Voice of Russia – Armavir, 2346-0007, English features with ID and information at 2359 closedown of English service to South America. After Kremlin bells opened with Spanish service, ID and news. Fair - 9/7 RDA
11680	0258	GERMANY. Radio Japan – Nauen, 0258-0313, Japanese talk by a woman announcer buried under Radio Havana Cuba in Spanish on same channel. News at 0300 by a man announcer improving somewhat as Cuba faded down a little - 12/7 RDA
11815	0140	BRAZIL. Radio Brasil Central - , 0140-0225, male announcers in Portuguese with coverage of futbol match. Ids, jingles and half time coverage beginning at 0150. Fair but no sign of 4985 outlet - 10/7 RDA

- 11855 0317 MOLDOVA. BBC – Grigoriopol - Maiac, 0317-0330*, talk by man and woman announcers in listed Farsi language. ID at 0329 followed by time pips at 0330 ending transmission. Poor to fair - 14/7 RDA
- 11865 1944 RWANDA. Radio Deutsche Welle – Kigali, 1944-2012, English service with African news features hosted by a woman announcer. Off mid-sentence during feature about South African leader Nelson Mandela. But returning at top of the hour with news and more feature programming. Poor to fair with moderate fading - 13/7 RDA
- 12005 0244 ENGLAND. Voice of Vietnam – Woofferton, 0244-0300*, woman announcer hosting English service with Vietnamese vocals at 0252. ID and closedown at 0257 but carrier stayed on for another three minutes. Fair to good - 12/7 RDA
- 15140 2043 OMAN. Radio Sultanate de Oman, 2043-2200*, man announcer with Arabic talks hosting Middle Eastern vocals. After bells and chimes at 2100 a man gave station ID followed by the news which was followed by woman hosting program of talks and more music. At 2200 the usual array of bells and chimes followed by a man with ID prior to carrier being terminated. Fair - 13/7 RDA
- 11560 0300 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Miraya via Sofia, *0300-0328, opening with English ID and announcements by a male announcer followed by various selections of local vocals. Fair to good - 27/7 RDA
- 15630 1330 GREECE. Free Hellenic Radio (tentative), 1330-1353, thanks to tip from Alan Roe tuned this but although signal was fair the modulations seemed off making distinguishing words very difficult. Interesting! - 28/7 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.

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
0205	17790f	BBC	UK	6/7	KB
0220	17820f	Radio Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	6/7	KB
0307	7350f	RRI	ROMANIA	18/7	KB
0331-0332	15365f	BBC	UK	16/7	CC
0333	9645:17830g	RRI	ROMANIA	2/7	CC
0346	13650:15470g	VOIRI	IRAN	16/7	CC
0352-0356	7350g:9645e	RRI	ROMANIA	16/7	CC
0358-0359	6175f	WHR	USA	2/7	CC
0459-0500	7230p	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	31/7	KB
0501	7355p	BBC	UK	28/7	KB
0509	17730f	CRI	CHINA	30/7	KB
0640	6165g	RHC	CUBA	28/7	IC
0655-0657	5935f	WWCR	USA	13/7	CC
0658-0700	5830f	WTWW	USA	13/7	CC
1011-1014	9625g	Radio Japan	JAPAN	26/7	CC
1022	6195f:9740g	BBC	UK	26/7	CC
1042-1059	7295f	RTM	MALAYSIA	22/7	KB
1055-1059	9740g	BBC	UK	5/7	CC
1708	9490f	VOR	RUSSIA	13/7	BDW
1933	7485f	VOA	USA	22/7	KAB
1953-1956	7295f	CRI	CHINA	22/7	KASB
2040	11775g	Overcomer	GERMANY?	9/7	IC
2040	21630f	WHRI	USA	13/7	KB
2100	7415p	CRI	CHINA	21/7	IC
2105	9910f	AIR	INDIA	21/7	IC
2115	11955g	AWR	?	9/7	IC

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voice of Nigerial Summer Schedule

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Target areas and languages as indicated

All times UTC

0500-0700 15120 IKO 250 kW 007 deg to NoAF English, not active at present

0700-0800 15120 IKO 250 kW 007 deg to NoAF French, not active at present

0800-0900 15120 IKO 250 kW 007 deg to NoAF English, not active at present

0800-0900 9690 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to WeCeAF Hausa

0900-1500 9690 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to WeCeAF English

1500-1600 15120 IKO 250 kW 007 deg to NoAF English, not active at present

1600-1630 9690 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to EaCeAF Swahili

1630-1700 9690 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to WeCeAF Yoruba

1700-1730 9690 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to WeCeAF Igbo

1730-1800 15120 IKO 250 kW 007 deg to NoAF Arabic, not active at present

1800-2000 15120 AJA 250 kW 007 deg to NoAF English DRM

2000-2100 7255 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to WeAF French

2100-2200 7255 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to WeAF Fulfulde

2200-2300 7255 AJA 250 kW 248 deg to WeAF Hausa

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TAIWAN

Radio Taiwan International Update Summer Schedule

All times UTC

0100-0200 11875 TNN 250 kW 180 deg to SoEaAS English, cancelled

1000-1500 NF6180 HUW 100 kW 310 deg to EaAS Chinese, ex6135

1100-1200 9465 TNN 250 kW 180 deg to SoEaAS English, cancelled

1100-1300 11720 TAI 300 kW 300 deg to EaAS Chinese, cancelled

1200-1300 7445 PAO 100 kW 225 deg to SoEaAS Chinese, additional

1200-1300 9465 TNN 250 kW 180 deg to SoEaAS Amoy, cancelled

1400-1500 NF9735 TNN 250 kW 205 deg to SoEaAS Indonesian, ex11875

1500-1600 NF7445 PAO 100 kW 225 deg to SoEaAS Thai, ex7555

2200-2400 11700 TAI 300 kW 300 deg to EaAS Chinese, cancelled

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KUWAIT+++++

Radio Kuwait Summer Schedule

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Radio Kuwait

0200-0900 5960 KBD 250 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic General Service

0500-0900 15515 KBD 300 kW / 059 deg to EaAs Arabic General Service

0800-1000 7250 KBD 500 kW / non-dir to WeAs Farsi

0900-1600 11630 KBD 250 kW / 230 deg to CeAf Arabic Holy Qur'an Sce

0900-1800 21540 KBD 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Arabic General Service

1000-1200 21580 KBD 500 kW / 084 deg to EaAs Tagalog

1000-1600 9750 KBD 300 kW / 286 deg to NEAf Arabic General Service

1600-1800 15540 KBD 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Urdu

1600-2100 6050 KBD 300 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic General Service

1700-2000 13650 KBD 500 kW / 350 deg to NoAm Arabic General Service

1800-2100 15540 KBD 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English

2000-2400 17550 KBD 500 kW / 350 deg to NoAm Arabic General Service (DX Mix 788)

SOUTH AFRICA:

Channel Africa A13 summer schedule updates

0300-0355 5980 MEY 250 kW 019 deg to EaCeAF English Mon-Fri

0300-0455 3345 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF English Mon-Fri

0500-0655 7230 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF English Mon-Fri

0600-0655 15255 MEY 250 kW 328 deg to WeAF English Mon-Fri

0700-1200 9625 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF English Mon-Fri

1200-1300 9625 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF Nyanja Mon-Fri

1300-1400 9625 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF Lozi Mon-Fri

1400-1500 9625 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF Portuguese Mon-Fri

1500-1600 9625 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF English Mon-Fri

1500-1555 15660 MEY 250 kW 005 deg to EaCeAF Swahili Mon-Fri

1600-1655 15235 MEY 250 kW 340 deg to WeAF French Mon-Fri

1700-1755 15235 MEY 250 kW 340 deg to WeAF English Mon-Fri

SA Radio League A-13 summer schedule

0800-0900 7205 MEY 100 kW non-dir to SoAF English Sun

0800-0900 17660 MEY 250 kW 019 deg to EaAF English Sun, not 17570

1630-1730 3230 MEY 100 kW non-dir to SoAF English Mon

Radio Sonder Grense A-13 summer schedule

0500-0755 7285 MEY 100 kW 275 deg to SoAF Afrikaans

0800-1755 9650 MEY 100 kW 275 deg to SoAF Afrikaans

1800-0455 3320 MEY 100 kW 275 deg to SoAF Afrikaans

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0300-0400 on 7235vGEJ 100 kW / non-dir to ETH Amh/Oro/Tig Radio Ethiopia

0300-0400 on 9565vGEJ 100 kW / non-dir to ETH Amh/Oro/Tig Radio Ethiopia

0300-0500 on 9715 ASD 100 kW / non-dir to ERI Amh/Afar/Ar/Somali VOBME-2

0300-0600 on 5950/5980 GEJ 100 kW / ND to ETH Tig/Afar VOTigray Revolution
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1600-1700 on 7235vGEJ 100 kW / non-dir to ETH English Radio Ethiopia
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1800-1830 on 7235vGEJ 100 kW / non-dir to ETH Tigrinya VOPeace & Democracy
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WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

Mark these dates in your diary now:

September 25

October 23

Wellington Beach Babbles are held on Wednesdays, 12.45pm, at the Beach Babylon Cafe in Oriental Bay, Wellington. Hot coffee, great food, cool music, and the absolute best gossip in town. Latest scandals, inside scoops, story telling, lots of laughs.....and always free two hour parking, easy public transport access and outside tables on those crisp sunny Wellington winter days or inside by the fire.

Even if you're not in Wellington, get on the Beach Babble mailing list by emailing Dave Ricquish at radioheritage@gmail.com and if you're from Christchurch or anywhere else, you'll be made very welcome if you'll join us.

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Next meeting to be advised

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Just a short list of loggings this month as I have had to close of this section early because of travel commitments.

FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION

- 8176 1043 A Volmet on Shipping CH # 26 with relay of VMC and inshore Waters DM
- 8731 0820 Volmet relay with High Seas F/c for North Pacific DM
- 8806 1106 Seas at 77 West and Atlanta Mentioned DM
- 8828 0806 Pacific" Volmet @ 08.06 Z with Continuous Message, No Reports Received DM
- 8867 0200 Kiwi 184 Selcal to AK radio DM
- 8867 1032 NZ 726 with Negative Selcal 3 times to Brisbane then told to switch on approach to 132.61 DM
- 8867 0111 Shark Echo Tango (ET), ?????? called by AK no reply. (Cant find details of this call sign) DM
- 8867 0155 Orion 04 called AK re position. DM
- 8867 0159 Kiwi 371 called Nandi @ 01.59 Z with F/I 390 and "Will continue on position DM
- 8867 0234 Jetstar 219 with information for Auckland 1/8 ABD
- 9065 0825 Cuban Number Station @ 08.25, Female voice in Spanish S/Off at 0829 DM

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- DM** Dallas McKenzie, Buller: Kenwood R1000, Yaesu FRG-7700, PCR1000 (Stand By), Sony SW7600G. Uniden UBCT8, Standard VR120....Long wire E-W (190 ft)...20ft Whip,
Plus Various Commercial whips.
- ABD** Arthur De Maine, Kakanui: Drake R-8 antenna 25m EWE

Computer program called "Flightradar 24.com". This is a snapshot taken at 0230 UTC on the 1st of August 2013. Does anyone else use these sort of programs to assist them in the hobby.

Arthur



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Air New Zealand

OOL → **AKL**
Gold Coast → Auckland

STD 10:20 EST STA 15:20 NZST
ATD **10:05** EST ETA **14:55** NZST



	Aircraft (A320) Airbus A320-232	
	Registration (C816DC) ZK-OJE	
	Altitude 35,650 ft	Vertical Speed -1792 fpm
	Speed 424 kt	Track 110°
	Latitude -36.0256	Longitude 172.5077
	Radar T-NZAA2	Squawk 1132



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TVNZ axe TVNZ U

TVNZ has announced today it plans to close youth channel TVNZ U on August 31 and launch a time-shifted version of TV2.

After two years of running at a loss, TVNZ says it has made a commercial decision to take the free to air channel off air in a month's time.

TVNZ's Chief Executive Kevin Kenrick says, "Despite our best efforts, we've not been able to make it work financially."

"As it is, the channel is a very lean operation and no significant savings can be made to address the shortfall."

"The team who worked on U have done a tremendous job. And we've picked up some valuable expertise along the way, particularly in the way we use live TV and social media to connect with audiences."

A consultation process is underway with affected staff.

TVNZ plans to launch TV2+1 on the vacated frequency on 1 September. The new channel will be an exact duplicate of TV2, broadcast an hour later.

"The plus one version will give TV2 viewers another chance to watch their favourite programmes on the country's most commercially successful channel," says Kevin Kenrick.

Time-shifted TV is popular with viewers, he says. "Viewers love to call the shots and watch programmes in more ways. With the launch of TV ONE +1 and the explosion of TVNZ OnDemand's popularity in the last year, we've seen our viewers seize the opportunity to exercise greater choice and control over their viewing options. Our audiences are growing as a result."

The changes mean some TVNZ channels will be given new EPG positions from 1 September. TVNZ will release details of the new numbering towards the end of August. (Dan News, 29 July 2013, <http://dannews.co.nz/2013/07/29/tvnx-axe-tvnx-u/>)

Flava Arrives for New Plymouth on 106FM

Off the back of the successful launches of Flava in Dunedin and Wellington, The Radio Network (TRN) is further expanding their hip hop and R&B radio brand to New Plymouth from 10 August on 106FM.

Flava's Content Director, Christian Boston says interest in the station has been high from fans.

"We've had so much demand to get Flava into everywhere from Dunedin to the Gold Coast. It's great to now be coming to New Plymouth. We've even had offers from people to put transmitters on their houses, so it's great to be able expand the network. It was the number one station with the teens in two out of its three surveyed markets

last year, so to be able to have it in eight locations this year is a very exciting expansion for us.”

Boston says Flava really resonates with 18-39 year old market.

“With our launch of Flava into New Plymouth it will enable us to capitalise on the ever growing urban audience and further raise TRN’s overall fresh and funky youth audience. In the next few months the coverage will include not only New Plymouth but a wider catchment in the Taranaki region,” says Boston.

In addition to delivering urban music lovers the hottest new hip-hop and R&B music a full programme will launch on 10 August in New Plymouth on 106.0 FM with celebrity interviews, exclusive remixes, hip hop lifestyle information and news.

Flava launched initially on 23 July 2004 and has been delivering hip hop and R&B music to over 96,300 listeners per week in the Northland, Auckland, Rotorua, Tauranga, Napier, Christchurch and more latterly Dunedin and Wellington regions. Flava’s most successful region is Rotorua being the number one station overall for the ten plus year old age group from the TNS New Zealand Commercial Survey 1/2013 released in April 2013.

(Radio Network, 12 August 2013, http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/trn/press-releases/all-press-releases_flava-new-plymouth)

Mai FM now operational in Dunedin

5/8/13 Mai FM hit the airwaves in Dunedin on 100.6FM. Stations DJs are using the ID “One hundred six Mai FM”

Quick note: Spaces still available in the FM broadcast band in Dunedin are these 102.2/103.0/104.6.

Blueskin FM 88.2 at Warrington School still going strong as ever
(Leslie Williams, Waitati, Nth Dunedin)

Dunedin Airwaves

I didn’t notice your mention of Flava 88.6 in your column. But they had a half page advert in the Otago Daily Times on Friday 2nd August 2013.

But today on August 6th 2013 I was tuning around and on 100.6 is Mai FM

Both these stations have same format of Hip Hop & R&B.

(David Miller)

North Island TV is going digital

TV in the Lower North Island, Taranaki and the East Cape is going digital on 29 September 2013, and the rest of the North Island on 1 December 2013. You need Freeview, Sky or Igloo before then to keep watching TV. Find out more at www.goingdigital.co.nz

(Radio Spectrum Management Business Update - August 2013)

More TV shopping networks to join the NZ market

Australian based TVSN will begin broadcasting on SKY TV from August 20.

It will become the second television shopping channel broadcasting in New Zealand, joining The Shopping Channel.

Plans are also underway for the launch of a third shopping channel.

The as yet unnamed network is being set up by Korean company KD Media and will be produced locally in Auckland.

Auditions have been held for presenter roles but there is no word on a launch date. (Dan News, 30 July 2013, <http://dannews.co.nz/2013/07/30/more-tv-shopping-networks-to-join-the-nz-market/>)

Sky Announces New Pop Up Family Movies Channel To Run In School Holidays

Giving all those family favourites a home of their own.

SKY is bringing some peace to your household during school holidays by announcing the launch of a new family pop up channel, SKY Movies Family that will run in New Zealand School Holiday periods throughout the year and provide a movie nirvana for kids and parents.

The channel will launch at the beginning of the third term holidays on Saturday 28 September 2013 at 12.30pm, running through until Sunday 13 October 2013 on SKY Channel 035. Starting at 6am each morning during the holiday period, the channel will run through until the end of the 7pm blockbuster movie slot each night (anywhere from 8.30pm to 9.15pm).

Until now family movies have had a place amongst other adult genres on the SKY Movies tier, SKY Movies Family will give these favourites a home of their very own. The channel will screen family genre movies with a selection of premieres, current titles and library films offering a great, safe, family entertainment environment during the school holidays, conveniently all on the one channel.

SKY Television Director of Programming, Travis Dunbar commented, "Until now we have had so many family blockbusters that have sat amongst the adult genres so it is great to be able to give the family content a home of its own."

SKY Movies Family will be available to all SKY domestic customers with the Basic package and SKY Movies subscription, and will be broadcast in HD for customers with the HD Access Ticket.

The channel will return for a longer period over the Christmas break, starting on Friday 27 December 2013 through to Sunday 26 January 2014, returning at the end of each school term in 2014.

SKY Movies Family launches Saturday 28 September on SKY Channel 035, running for the length of the third term school holidays giving all those family favourites a home of their own.

(Sky TV, 29 July 2013, http://www.skytv.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=202&art_id=45970)



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MAILBAG

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Well, I was all set to hunker down as soon as I arrived home from the circle tour of the US, but the first item that popped up on the PC at around 7 p.m. NZT Friday 16 Aug (midnight Thursday for me) was news of the 6.6 jolt near Seddon. That immediately set me wondering about well-being for Ian in Blenheim and the Wellington area members. The good news came on <dxdialog> later with Dene Lynneberg, David Ricquish, Chris Mackerell, and Ralph Sutton quickly checking in. Ian later answered my query to confirm he was OK. Whew. A lot of us were gypsies over the past month or so, as you'll see: Travellers, I guess to be PC!

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim as I say gave us the thumbs up. "OK here apart from a lot of broken ornaments/crockery etc. Only minor structural damage to one interior wall so not too bad. Although not much stronger than last time by reports seemed a lot stronger but of course shallower and closer this time. Only about 20 miles away." And as the lead in to his official notes just after the 6.5 shake several weeks earlier: "No damage to radios etc. but we did lose a few ornaments much to my wife's sorrow. Also a couple of glass shelves but overall not too bad. One small crack in a wall also. Was a bit scary though: we were crouched under the dining room table and ornaments etc. falling down around us then we heard the big glass in the lounge go so knew there would be a few broken things in there, fortunately some were brass and pewter so those all OK. Nothing like what Chch folk have had to endure. Herewith my SW veries received during July: VOIRI 9400, 15470, 9715, 15515; RTI 15440; Radio Kuwait 17550; Overcomer Ministry 11775; Afia Darfur 9600; Bible Voice 17515; VoT 6165 & 13710; KSDA 11830; and AWR (Issoudun) 9530 kHz." *(Thanks, Ian. That's not the version of centre of attention that anyone wants. I see Seddon suffered considerable damage. You also seem to be intent on bankrupting the ayatollahs!)*

Ray Babbage from Melbourne, Victoria as mentioned last month has a "few" notes of Margaret's and his travels in western Canada and the US in May! They're mostly aimed at me, but I'll relay them in abbreviated form. "Hi Theo. Just been looking up the latest ADXC which came on a few mins back: must admit I do not always read it fully but find some interesting items from time to time. Have you had any feedback re the DX League's proposals? I am happy either way but would prefer the paper magazine. Had a good look at David's proposal for League reforms but have left that message in the 'reserve' dept. Now on to our travels after leaving you at Canada Place in Vancouver. We managed to find our way with little problem over Lions' Gate Bridge but missed the turnoff to Whistler first time up (I was behind the wheel). TC (travelling companion) was not too impressed with my early efforts, but this week was to be shared driving). It bucketed down most of the way to Whistler and was quite dark and dismal in the town.

Next morning had a couple hours looking at (2010 Winter Games') venues including the Olympic Rings and the chairlift. Weather improved somewhat on the way to Kamloops where it was an overnight: a nice city with lots of golf links and a decent number of rivers and lakes nearby. Here I logged the local AM station CHNL/610 to which I sent a letter of greetings to acknowledge me hearing them. Sent a postcard of Melbourne and some postage so just maybe I might get a reply! Despite hearing a number of signals in our travels it was the only one that I contacted. Then on to Bear Country Revelstoke but not one to be sighted. We visited the local railway museum and the huge dam on the nearby river. I have an interest in hydro dams having worked on the Matahina power project near Whakatane in the early 60s before transferring to MoW Wellington. So it was on over Rogers Pass with light snow falling heading to Lake Louise. Our visit was about 7pm and the picture postcard view of the famous lake was not available: dark, cloudy, plenty of snow and COLD. The only animals about were ground squirrels and a porcupine in the car park. A chance meeting by Margaret of a couple from Perth changed our plans for the Jasper area so it was to be an early start the next morning. Leaving Lake Louise along the Icefields Parkway, it was snowing -- pretty fine stuff but it hung on the fir trees. Got tickets for the Athabasca Glacier tour and were taken to the glacier face (in fog and cloud) in large very red/white bus creatures that weigh 25 tonnes and have 6 huge tyres grinding away at 9/12 km/h. Our driver was Rowan, a very colourful young chap from Grafton (NSW). Another driver I met on the ice was from Sydney -- discovered that about 25 Aussies and three Kiwis made up a lot of the total crew of 60 on the Columbia Icefields. Was impressed with the tour and the vocal and informative driver. We were at the glacier face about 30 mins and towards the end, the cloud lifted and we could see the actual face. Met another Perth group near our vehicle -- the reception lady at our Lake Louise hotel was from Queensland somewhere -- (later) the young women serving at the Banff Springs Hotel fur/shoe shop was from Wagga Wagga in NSW (no, I was not buying mink. Margaret was browsing -- I suggested that Customs might not let in the \$10,000 mink coat!) It was time to head south again along the Parkway, there would be no visit to Jasper. Made it to Banff about 6pm -- our driving arrangement was working well: Me in the AM/Margaret in the PM. We got used to the roads/traffic movements but still had to be a bit careful when making some turns to ensure that we ended up on the correct side of the road! Early a/c Sunday 26 we were on the Banff Gondola heading up Sulphur Mt. Out on to the Frozen Boardwalk with hundreds of tourists we struck for the summit. I flagged it maybe a 100 ft below the hut on summit but Margaret got there and back to where I had the medic party waiting, ground squirrels. I think it's about 2200 metres to that top hut with some great views of the Banff region. It was after 4pm by now so on the road to Calgary, and saying goodbye to the Canadian Rockies. Will have great memories. Monday and it was to the Calgary Zoo to see all the animals we had missed: mountain lions/grizzlies/black bears/ muskox/bison/elk but no moose or beaver. It was my ambition to see a beaver during this trip but it appears they are regarded as a bit of a pest. Flying out of Calgary our plans went haywire. Due to fog in SFO the plane was delayed 2 hrs, but after boarding at 1 pm nothing happened for some time with an eventual announcement that due to lightning strikes within a certain range of airport (3kms I heard from crew) that ground crews who release plane could not work outside. We were stuck on board till just after 3pm. All we had access to was water -- cannot say we were overly impressed with the situation, however we cannot control the weather. So did not get into SFO airport till about 5 30pm, 4 hrs late. We had

intended to do a quick city visit to Union Square etc. via BART. However we had friends from San Jose whom I had not seen in 26 Years coming the next morning to take us to their home for lunch. My visit to get a receiver on Market St came to nothing. I recall calling into a Radio Shack near Carnegie Hall in New York (in Sept 2010) but on Market Street after struggling to get some service, discovered that they had little range or stock of receivers. In fact they were not too interested in my quest: there was one at about 100 bucks that would have been useful on the Canadian portion. I note that most BC stations are FM with no AM station in Whistler or Lillooet. Not having anything other than my trusty Sony Mini Digital SW 33 which I picked up in Saigon in 2006 made listening a bit difficult. Besides CHNL/610 Kamloops, I heard KEX/1190 Portland, KMO which I QSLed in 1965 but on 1360 (who/where? TD), KIXI/880 Seattle, C-FAX/1070 Victoria, CKLG/730 Vancouver (call is now CHMJ – TD), KCLI/790 (who/where? Do you mean KGMI in Bellingham, WA? TD), CFCN/1060 Calgary (call is now CKMX, and y'all see my note later about a upcoming format change -- TD), CFAC/960 Calgary, CHR/B/1140 High River, CFFR/660 Calgary, and a late burst at San Bruno (near SFO airport) got KDAI (do you mean KDIA/1640 Vallejo? TD) and KK-- (oops, you missed the last two letters! TD) Besides the Kamloops station, the only other one I am preparing to contact is High River Station." *(Great stuff, Ray. Glad the Grand Tour went well even if lightning was poised to strike. Yes, outside Vancouver, AM use has pretty much disappeared in BC – Victoria has just one – Kamloops used to have a second, CFJC/550 but they went to FM in 2001 or thereabouts. It actually is a pain driving in the Interior, as FM coverage with all the mountains is abysmal.)*

Bryan Clark (sometimes in Mangawhai) was on the road to file this. "Hi Theo, reporting in from Bangkok this time - almost 40 years since our last holiday here. Plenty of local AM and FM activity with the crammed FM spectrum making clear reception difficult on many channels. But little English - only Radio Thailand programmes occasionally on 918 AM and 88.0 FM. Also some EE content on Heart Radio 93.5 in the evening. No sign of superpower 1575 either. My July DXing included continued logging of Zanzibar 6015 around 0400, hearing Diego Garcia on local content, and continuing good MW DX from the Americas. One report out to PCJ International via Sri Lanka, promptly e-QSLed by Victor Goonetilleke. Regards." *(1575's signal was probably being sucked out of the ether by the guys on the Oregon coast and BC!)*

Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany has another of his QSL marathons to relate. "When I participated in a listening competition of NZDXRA and NZRDXL (until March 31, 2000), I sent a letter to Rome asking RAI International to verify my two reports of March 7 and 9, so that the two cards could still be counted (I had enclosed two prepared cards to make it easy). My request was not fulfilled. Up until August 2004, I sent another ten detailed reception reports to Rome, always asking to get QSL cards. In February 2006, RAI International Director Massimo Magliaro replied to one of my (follow-up –TD) letters, thanked me for my interest in their programs and expressed his regret that the mail department never passed on any of my reception reports. He recommended that I use e-mail <international@rai.it> which I had done since 2004. Finally, last week, a large envelope arrived from RaiWay with their QSL cards (from a series of four cards with pictures of Vernazza, Portovenere, Venezia and Positano) verifying four mediumwaves and these shortwave frequencies: 5970, 6185, 7190, 7235, 9605, 9690, 11670, 11895

kHz. The essence of it all? You need patience.”

Douglas Johns, Christchurch, as well as picking my brains about trolley buses in Vancouver <grin> had time to send along this list. “QSL’s have come in from: FM -- Tahu FM Timaru 89.1, ZMFM Timaru 96.3, Mai FM Rotorua 105.5, HummFm Auckland 106.2, Edge Hamilton 97.8, Rock Wellington 96.5, Breeze Wellington 98.5, Breeze Hamilton 99.4, Radio Sport Auckland 98.2, Coast Hamilton 105.0, Flava Auckland 95.8, Classic Hits Auckland 97.4. Radio Live Hamilton 100.2, RNZ Concert Wellington 96.1, RNZ National Wellington 101.3, Atiawa Toa Wellington 100.9, Newstalk ZB New Plymouth/96.4, Times FM Orewa/97.8, and Real Good Life Auckland 99.4. LPFM -- Hospital FM Timaru 88.0, Hospital FM Geraldine 107.1, Flava Christchurch/107.4, Three Angels Ashburton 107.0, One Christian Radio New Plymouth 107.7, and Te Awamutu Primary School Te Awamutu 107.2 MHz. MW -- Live Sport Wellington 711, RNZ National New Plymouth 918. Coast New Plymouth 1359, and Radio Sport New Plymouth 774 kHz.” *(That’s a lot of writing, or even keyboard tapping. Do you keep track of your success rate?)*

Stu Forsyth in Putrajaya, Malaysia has been paying a visit DU to cool off. “Greetings Theo. Not a lot to report really. I went home to Auckland for two weeks late July and took my Etón E1 with me. I was going up to Whangarei Heads to see friends so I bought a reel of wire from Dick Smith in order to try a Tony King Special, aka beverage on ground. Mark Nicholls and I had a night up at Tony’s place in Greytown about 10 years ago before Tony built his house. These were sophisticated aerials we used and I was blown away by what we heard. East Coast Yanks on the X Band peaking as sunrise came and we followed sunrise across the States. I thought I would try to repeat the dose. With pencil sharpened and pad in hand what did I hear? Nothing - not a sausage. When I got back here I was talking to Ray Crawford and apparently the day before there was a large solar eruption and that wiped everything out. As they say, timing is everything. Oh well, better luck next year. I have been going through a few of my old reports and sent a follow up to KTWR and also sent a new report. Both came back for 15170 (July 2012) and 15200 (July 2013). Both are an e-mail QSL which does me just fine. I hope you have summered well - here it is summer all year long!” *(Like a good martini, the summer has been dry! No rain at all in July, and we’re only two-thirds through Official Summer.)*

Gary DeBock in Puyallup, WA isn’t a League member but his NZ reception successes during DXpeditions to the coast are pretty much legendary. He has gladly agreed to let me throw in this report from a visit to one favourite spot a few weeks back. “During the recent one-week DXpedition to the Oregon coast sheer cliff ‘Rockwork 4’ (about 10 miles south of Cannon Beach) the daily propagation to several New Zealand AM stations seemed completely “locked in” every morning, with extremely stable reception, no fading-- almost as if the stations had ground wave propagation. Once sunrise enhancement started around 1200 they were always there, never allowed any Aussie QRM on their frequencies, and all stuck around until the DU propagation collapsed around 1330 daily. The bizarre regularity of these (and other) New Zealand stations almost made it seem like the Cliff was a separate piece of Kiwi real estate. Posted below are several MP3 links for these ultra-stable NZ signals, with each one covering several minutes. For anyone on the west coast who hasn’t heard New Zealand on AM, a trip to ‘Rockwork 4’ should provide instant success!”

567- RNZ (50 kW, Wellington) -- 1215 UTC 7-27-13 (1.8 MB file) <<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/blcrcejqez9443w/567-RNZ-1215z072713PL380.mp3>>
603- Radio Waatea (5 kW, Auckland) -- 1252 UTC 7-22-13 (1.2 MB file) <<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/cs7m6z3pp0tgsvf/603-R.Waatea-1252z072213PL380.mp3>>
765- Radio Kahungunu (2.5 kW, Napier-Hastings) -- 1225 UTC 7-26-13 (1.8 MB file) <<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/aklwag3g3s5gjwa/765-R.Kahungunu-1225z072613PL380.mp3>>
783-Access Radio (10 kW, Wellington) -- 1247 UTC 7-21-13 (1.6 MB file) <<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/91pgddql67z7d5y/783-AccessRadio-1247z072113PL380.MP3>>
And if you wish to see the Full Report, with photos and the total log list, please try this link:
<http://www.mediafire.com/view/2eypa6ga0buq3c2/July_2013_Oregon_Cliff.doc>

And as for my own wanderings, the combined convention in Minneapolis, MN for the IRCA, NRC, Worldwide FM TV DX Ass'n, and Minnesota DX Club was just terrific – I believe the official attendance count was just below 50. A former NZRDXL member, Vincent Ferme from Montreal, was there. The gathering had quite a different approach from other conventions, with a structured programme of sessions rather than just a continuing gabfest: subjects such as “Chasing Sunset Skip”, “Taming the Vertical for Medium-Wave”, “The Ferrite-Sleeve Antenna”, and “A Nifty New Receiver” (CommRadio’s SDR-based CR-1). Some of the sessions were at the hotel – others were at the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting, about 15 km away <<http://www.pavekmuseum.org/>> which has a massive collection of Olde Radios, many native to Minneapolis alone. A quick DXpedition was mounted for early arrivals on the Thursday evening at a rural park for an attempt at listening. Not being familiar with local conditions and reception patterns, I was limited to being pleased with sunset skip for Toronto’s CHHA/1610 on the Degen/Kaito 1103. On Saturday afternoon, a small group drove north to Coon Rapids to one of WCCO/830’s two transmitter sites... yes, two. Both have two transmitters to cover for (all?) eventualities as WCCO is a key Emergency Preparedness station, being clear channel non-directional. Until recently, there had been three tx’s at the primary site, but fire damaged the mid-60’s Continental and it was found that damage to the power supply made it uneconomic to repair. I moved hotels on the Monday to be close to the Amtrak station for an early departure Tuesday (hah... the train was four hours late) and was staying a few blocks from KSTP/1500 in St Paul. I managed a few outside photos, then went in and introduced myself to the Chief Engineer, who never admitted to any name to me! Anyway, he was quite ho-hum at a personal visit from someone who had heard them at Mangawhai in March. I did learn that the free-standing tower in the backyard wasn’t used for transmitting (either radio or Ch. 5 TV) but simply held up the studio-transmitter links and other communications stuff.

And a last note that should really go to Bryan, but it’ll be Old Hat by the September issue: CKMX Classic Country 1060 in Calgary, AB (and by extension CFVP/6030) is supposedly going yuk-yuk full-time comedy as of 12 September... “Funny 1060AM”. Don’t laugh (sorry), apparently the format works at CHAM/820 in Hamilton, ON.

73, and thanks to Mark for holding up his production schedule.

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BROADCAST NEWS

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CANADA The Bell Media takeover of Astral Media has been approved resulting in Bell inheriting 77 radio stations across Canada formerly owned by Astral. Here is a partial listing of all AM radio properties that Bell Media will have under their belt as of July 5, 2013 when the merger with Astral Media officially takes effect. Due to the CRTC's Common Ownership Policy Bell will be forced to divest 10 fairly high profile radio stations. (Dan Sys IRCA)

- 650 CISL Richmond-Vancouver BC Oldies-Standards (AM 650) must be sold.
 - 690 CKGM Montreal QC Sports (TSN Radio 690)
 - 800 CKOR Penticton BC with AC (EZ Rock)
 - 800 CKLW Windsor ON News-Talk (AM 800)
 - 800 CJAD Montreal QC News-Talk
 - 890 CJDC Dawson Creek BC is Country
 - 1010 CFRB Toronto ON News-Talk (News Talk 1010)
 - 1040 CKST Vancouver BC Sports (Team 1040)
 - 1050 CHUM Toronto ON Sports (TSN Radio 1050)
 - 1060 CKMX Calgary AB Classic Country (AM 1060)
 - 1070 CFAV Victoria BC News-Talk (C-fax)
 - 1260 CFRN Edmonton AB Sports (Team 1260)
 - 1410 CFTE Vancouver BC Sports (Team 1410)
 - 1410 CKSL London ON Comedy (Funny 1410)
- Bell Media will be allowed to maintain control of CKGM Montreal 690 on the condition that the station retain its English language Sports format for 7 years. (Dan Sys IRCA)

USA (updates from IRCA DX Monitor 7/13)

- 670 KMZQ Las Vegas NV was Yahoo Sports Radio, now Fox Sports Radio with slogan: "Fox Sports 670 AM Las Vegas"
- 770 WJBX North Fort Myers, FL new slogan: "ESPN 99.3". New call for WWCN.
- 1120 WFNX Coral Springs FL has new callsign WZBR.
- 1140 KHTK Sacramento CA is now "CBS Sports Radio 1140", CBS Sports ex Fox Sports Radio.
- 1150 KCCT Corpus Christi, TX now identifies as "Texas Radio 1150 AM".
- 1210 KUNF Washington UT change of callsign to KHKR.
- 1230 KLVT Levelland TX format is now talk, slogan "News and Sports Talk 1230".
- 1320 KSDT Hemet, CA now silent
- 1340 KRMD Shreveport, LA is now "Sports Talk 100.7", with ESPN Sports Radio.
- 1430 WOWW Germantown, TN format now Adult Hits, slogan "Guess 97.7".

- 1450 KIKR Beaumont TX drops Regional Mexican (La Gran D), now CBS Sports, slogan "Sports Radio."
- 1490 KTOP Topeka, KS adds slogan "Sports Radio 1490"
- 1520 KUNX Port Hueneme CA drops talk format for Spanish Talk, slogan "Radio Formula".
- 1560 KNGR Daingerfield, TX reactivated w/ Country and Southern Gospel, slogan "King County Radio".
- 1580 KXZZ Lake Charles, LA now CBS Sports Radio, slogan "Sports Radio 1580".

MANGAWHAI TRAIL for July 2013

BCM Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland using AOR7030+ and EWE antennas to the Americas.

- 790 MEXICO XEVA Villahermosa hrd for first time 0558 11/7 with local idents and relay of Radio Maria (which it carries from midnight till 4am local time). Followed till 0629.
- 1320 MEXICO XERJ Mazatlan another new one for me with idents for "La Nueva nueva Ranchera FM" at 0507 25/7 after national anthem at 0457. Possible with XENET Mexico DF off air currently.
- 1350 UNID LATIN Several SS stations here mixed Radio Sport Rotorua, one of them with regular rooster crowing noises 0505 11/7.
1370a UNID LATIN with SS religious format on measured 1370.04 at 0503 on 11/7.
- 1400 PERU Callao Super Radio, Lima still regular 21/7. Ident 0632 over Mexican station.
- 1410 MEXICO XECF Los Mochis good, alone 0450 24/7 with "La Mexicana" ident slogan.
- 1430 UNID LATIN with repeated jingle sounding like "Radio Jericho" 0501 11/7.
- 1450 COLOMBIA HJNL Manizales clear with ident 0459 as "Desde Manizales, transmite Carinosa" 11/7.
- 1540 USA KMPC Los Angeles CA with EE ident 0500 12/7 "15-40 Radio Korea, I'm Ray Hong" then talkshow.
- 1550 CUBA Radio Rebelde good 0529 8/7 with usual great music offering // 1620.
- 1580 USA KMIK Tempe AZ all alone 0447 24/7 with Radio Disney promos.
- 1620 USA WTAW College Station TX with Coast to Coast AM talkshow 0857 21/7, ident & promos at 0858.
- 1660 USA WCNZ Marco Island FL relaying WMYR with oldies, all alone 0518 27/7 past 0530; ident as "14-10 AM, 106.7 FM, WMYR".



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013 This year's AGM will be held at the usual venue, the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland on Sunday 20 October commencing at 2.00pm.

Nominations for the positions of Patron, National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Chief Editor, Public Relations/Publicity Officer and Competitions Secretary are now called for.

Nominations are to be made on the form included on page 34 of the July 2013 DX Times and forwarded to our Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** at NZRDXL, PO Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145 no later than 30 August 2013. Alternatively a scanned copy of the completed nomination form can be sent by email to treasurer@radiodx.com no later than 30 August. This deadline will ensure correctly completed nominations are included in the Proxy Form to be published in the September issue of the DX Times. As required by the DX League Constitution, nominations shall be signed by 2 financial members and shall contain the consent in writing of the candidate. The candidate and the supporting financial members must all be NZ residents and have been financial members continuously for a minimum of 3 years prior to the date of the AGM.

Likewise, any remits for consideration at the 2013 AGM must reach the Treasurer no later than 30 August.

REMIT 1 FOR 2013 AGM The following remit has been submitted by the Administration Committee (Adcom) for decision at the meeting on 20 October:

- a) That the NZRDXL domestic hardcopy subscription be increased to NZ\$40.00 for 2014, reducible to \$35 if payment is received by 31 December 2013, and the electronic sub reduced to NZ\$15.00;
- b) That subscription rates continue to be reviewed annually and agreed at the League's AGM.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RELOCATE OFFICE Our Treasurer Phil has indicated his intention to move to a better DX location in Northland within the next 6 months. As a result it will no longer be possible to maintain the League's existing postal address in Howick. Accordingly Adcom seeks the approval of the 2013 AGM to change the registered office of the DX League to Mangawhai Northland, and to advertise a new Mangawhai postal address.

INTERIM MAILING ADDRESS Since Adcom decided on the above course of action, NZ Post have confirmed that the rental of our existing Post Office Box in Howick will expire mid-September. Accordingly, **EFFECTIVE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2013**, all postal items for

the DX League (other than your existing direct communications with DX Times section editors) should be addressed to **NZ RADIO DX LEAGUE, PO BOX 178, MANGAWHAI 0540.**

RADIO AUSTRALIA SHORTWAVE – GOING, GOING.. Further to last month's report, RA's Indonesian and Chinese shortwave broadcasts did in fact conclude on 22 June. And the prospect is that Radio Australia's days as an international shortwave broadcaster are numbered. For those of us who have long valued shortwave as a means of reliable cross-border communication, this is hard news to swallow. It is difficult to see how new media options like the Internet and mobile phones could realistically and reliably deliver Radio Australia content to the likes of Papua New Guinea, Melanesia and Polynesia. So, listen to Radio Australia while you can, and if you value RA's shortwave service, let them know that you do.

UNUSUAL DX ACHIEVEMENT Australian FM/TV DXers Tony Mann in Perth and Todd Emslie in Sydney have successfully received signals from North America via the Moon. Following the closure of analogue ChA2 TV broadcasts in the States, the University of Utah has been conducting cosmic ray experiments using old TV transmitters donated by Salt Lake City's KUTV Channel 2. The university wanted to explore alternative methods of detecting cosmic ray particles using the bistatic radar principle. The transmitter has been radiating very high power analogue RF on 54.10 MHz into a Yagi antenna array aimed at the horizon on a 251° bearing towards the University's Long Ridge, Utah Fluorescence Detector station. For meteor scatter detection, 251° extends to coastal California (Salinas, and San Jose) at some 530 miles. Extending the great circle path across the Pacific continues into southeast Queensland. Late last year WTFDA member and KSL-TV Studio Engineer Ken English suggested to Tony and Todd that they look out for possible signal detection and this was first achieved in Perth (9697 miles – great circle distance from the transmitter) and Sydney (7945 miles) on 21 May and 17 June respectively. Ken says the station is running an unmodulated carrier at an estimated 6.3 Megawatts ERP. For his moon-bounce reception, Todd was using a Hills vertical polarised 12 element DL4 wideband Yagi antenna into an Icom R8500 receiver and Spectrum Lab.



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