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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

3215	0840	USA. WWCR. Poor in English. 14/8. IC
3365	0830	PNG. Radio Milne Bay. Fair in English. 14/8. IC
3874v	0900	PAPUA NEW GUINEA Radio East New Britain, Rabaul discovered here early Aug // 3385. On 15/8 I found same signal on 2896 at weaker level. So'spurs' are about 490kHz above and below 3385. Mystery is that 3385 never varies freq like these 2 presumably rogue signals do. During Aug I have monitored them wandering 2894.74 to 2896.31 and 3873.85 to 3875.46. BCM
3912	1010	KOREA.R. Voice of the People. Fair level also // 3480 in Korean No jaming. 02/09 JD
3925	1040	JAPAN. Radio Nikei 1st prg fair level in Japanese. 02/09 JD
3945	1050	JAPAN. Radio Nikei 2nd prg. in Japanese. Fair level dominant over Vanuatu at times. 02/09 JD
4820	1530	INDIA. AIR Kolkata. Poor in English. 22/8. IC
4870	1157	INDONESIA. RRI Wamena. Poor with Music and talk in Indonesian. 17/08 JD
4885	0440	BRAZIL. Rio Branco. R. Difusora Acreana. Poor in Portuguese. 15/08 JD
4976	1934	UGANDA Kampala w/discussion in EE poor 3/9. At same time Djibouti 4780 good, VOA Botswana 4930 fair in Special English, Angola 4849.77 very weak. BCM'
5035	0455	BRAZIL. R Apracida Poor to just fair in Portuguese 17/08 JD
5040	0520	CUBA. R. Habana fair level most days in English. 02/09 JD
5085	0510	USA WTWW now here carrying Brother Stair's Overcomer relig prgm in our evenings. Noted 28/8 at good level. BCM
5910	0701	COLOMBIA, Alcaravan R, Fair in Spanish, mx then long relg, off air 0800 - 6/8 KB
5910	0705	COLOMBIA Alcaravan R (tent.) ; poor in Spanish. 23/8 JW
5950	1857	ETHIOPIA, V.o Tigray Revol'n (tent), Poor/fair in vernac, HOA mx, and ma taking phone calls until 1930 - 31/8 KB

5960 1641 TURKEY, VOT good in Turkish – BDW 03/08
 5965 0639 COSTA RICA, REE, Fair in Spanish, ID 0640 - 6/8 KB
 5995 1600 AUSTRALIA. RA. fair in English. 26/8. IC
 6005 0636 ASCENSION ISL. BBC, Fair/poor in English comment re Egypt - 15/8 KB
 6005 0655 ASCENSION IS, BBC fair in English with talk. ID at 0659 then off, some QRN – CC 12/8
 6025 0854 BOLIVIA Radio Patria Nueva opening 21/8 w/apparent prayer, orchestral theme, SS ident & sung anthem, fair. BCM
 6050 0837 ECUADOR, HCJB, Fair in presumed Quechua & Andean mx - 5/8 KB
 6060 1613 CHINA, CRI excellent in English – BDW 28/7
 6075 1536 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl good in Chinese with music playing // 6145 weaker – CC 27/8
 6080 0609 BRAZIL, R.Marumby, Fair/good in Portuguese, yl/om, 0615 ID jingle - 28/8 KB
 6110 2005 EHTIOPA, R.Fana (tent), Fair/poor, FA in presumed Oromo & HOA mx - 31/8 KB
 6120 0637 BRAZIL, Super R.Deus é Amor SP, Fair in Portuguese relg om/yl, 0700 TS - 18/8 KB
 6120 1830 UAE. TWR. Scheduled Amharic ? Fair at sign on with Int Sig. 21/08 JD
 6134.8 0418 BOLIVIA Radio Santa Cruz on extended schedule 2/9, fair in clear past 0450 w/popular Latin & native vocals 2/9. Also vgd at 0852 signing on in SS 25/8. BCM
 6135 0544 ASCENSION ISL. BBC, Fair in Hausa, om/om & refs to Nigeria - 5/8 KB
 6135 0858 BOLIVIA, R.Santa Cruz, Fair, some local mx, but mostly talk in presumed Quechua/Aymara, ma/fa, refs to placenames, 0932 adverts - 31/8 KB
 6155 0500 AUSTRIA. ORF S/on at good level in German. 22/08 JD
 6155 0547 AUSTRIA R Oesterreich Int ; fair in German. 4/8 JW
 6161 0812 CANADA, CKZN, Weak/Poor in English, Fa interviews pianist who plays a few bars at a time, ends 0827 then clear CBC Radio One ID & mx - 6/8 KB
 6170 1531 NTH KOREA, V of Korea fair in Russian with choir singing. Distorted with strong QRM // 9425 clearer – CC 27/8
 6180 0432 BRAZIL, R.Nacional da Amazonia, Fair in Portuguese, pop mx, ma - 5/8 KB
 6180 0624 BRAZIL R Nacional Brazilia. Good in Portuguese 11/8 JW
 6185 1513 RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in English with two men discussing British Railways, ID at 1523. Surging and steady QRM – CC 27/8
 6925 0540 HOBBY PIRATE Eccentric Shortwave Radio weak with hillbilly music after Radio True North leaves freq for 6940 on 24/8. Occasional idents, followed past 0600. BCM
 6925U 0935 NZ HOBBY PIRATE Radio Totse (from Central North Island location per operator) vgd in USB mode but heavy atmospheric static 18/8 BCM
 7205 2000 SUDAN, Omdurman. Poor-fair in AA with light cochannel QRM possibly Ethiopia. 24/08 JD
 7205 2030 TURKEY. Voice of Turkey Excellent level S/on in English now the dominant station on this freq. 23/09 JD

7205	2108	TURKEY, VOT fair in English with ethnic music – KAB 29/8
7210	1507	RUSSIA, R Free Asia with discussion in Korean// 7455 weaker and less clear – CC 28/7
7225	0545	AUSTRIA ? TWR relay good level at S/on in Polish. 03/09 JD
7230	0500	SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa opening w/ time pips then “Good morning and welcome to Africa Rise & Shine” flwd by EE news, poor-fair. Weekdays only. Sonde Grense 7285 much stronger this day. BCM
7235	2106	ALBANIA, CRI good in Arabic with comment. ID 2108 followed by more talking – KAB 29/8
7270	1026	CHINA .Hohot. PBS. Nei Menggu. fair with mx and talk in local lang.23/08 JD
7275	0934	STH KOREA, KBS World fair in Korean with discussion. A little scratchy // 9570 the same – CC 14/8
7300	2100	UK. HCJB via Wof. Fair in Tachelhit. 12/8. IC
7325	2100	CHINA. CRI. Fair in English. 6/8. IC
7340	1900	RWANDA. RDW via Kigali. Good in English. 10/8. IC
7350	0440	ROMANIA, RRI good with pop music in English with comment in presumed Romanian – KAB 11/8
7355	0535	ASCENSION IS. BBC fair level in English. 21/08 JD
7405	0444	USA, R Marti good in Spanish with Spanish songs and comments – KAB 11/8
7435	0446	GERMANY, R Liberty fair with comment in Russian – KAB 11/8
7550	2119	INDIA, AIR fair in English with ethnic music – KAB 29/8

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

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kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
5990	2339	CUBA. China Radio International via Havana, 2339-0003 Aug 14, English service with sports report by a male announcer. Other features and talk segments after sports with closedown at 2359 followed by opening of Spanish Service. Fair to good. (DiAngelo-PA)
6070	0101	CANADA. CFRX n Toronto, 0101-0416 Jul 18, noted back on air with traffic report, ads and talk about Mayor Ron Ford with iNews talk 1010i 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. (DiAngelo-PA)
6924.7	0154	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 0154-0215 Jul 18, noted with rock vocals, Abbott and Costello classic baseball routine of iWhois on Firsti at 0210. Partial ID caught saying iAM Radioi but fairly noisy at that point. Generally poor reception. (DiAngelo-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. (DiAngelo-PA)
6930	0039	PIRATE (No. Am.). Radio Mushroom, 0039-0052* Aug 10, man announcer hosting program of familiar rock vocals (John Fogherty, Guess Who, etc.) with frequent IDs, e-mail address

(radiomushroom@gmail.com), and close down. Fair signal although noisy conditions. (DiAngelo-PA)

7295 0434 FRANCE. RTV Algerienne ñ Issoundun, 0434-0452 Jul 27, man announcer with news in Arabic language followed by ID at 0440 then talks and recitations. Fair to good. (DiAngelo-PA)

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kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details
9375	2130	FRANCE, Radio Algerienne via Iss. Good in Arabic - 7/8 IC
9420	2115	GREECE, VOG, VG in Greek - 6/8 IC
9460	1641	TURKEY, TRT, Fair in Turkish - 3/08 BDW
9500	0500	SWAZILAND, TWR, S/on in English. Poor to fair - 3/9 JD
9515	0308	TURKEY, V.O.T. Good in English, om & yl speaking. ID at 0312 - 17/7 CC
9555	2130	SAUDI ARABIA, Radio Riyadh, Good in Arabic // 9870 - 6/8 IC
9579.1	0530	MOROCCO, Nador, R. Medi, Good level. Starts into French at this time - 15/8 JD
9600	1810	CHINA, CRI, "Heartbeat", Excellent in English - 27/7 BDW
9610	1900	GERMANY (Wer), AWR, Very good in Arabic - 29/7 BDW
9665v	0510	BRAZIL, Voz Missionaria good with PP religious feature all alone, // to 5939.87 fair. The 31 metre frequency wandered from 9665.26 up to 9665.65 by 0545 but had tracked down to 9665.10 when rechecked at 0552 - 23/8 BCM
9700	0042	ROMANIA, RRI, Fair/good in English, om/yl, A little scratchy // 11995 less clear - 12/8 CC
9770	0104	TURKEY V.O.T, Good in Spanish, yl speaking // 9870 the same - 12/8 CC
9770	0118	TURKEY, TRT, Good in Spanish // 9870 Fair - 3/8 BDW
9810	0400	RWANDA, RDW via Kigali, Fair in English - 8/8 IC
9810	0411	CUBA, RHC, music prog, Good in Spanish - 5/8 BDW
9965	0400	EGYPT, Radio Cairo, Fair in Arabic. Noisy - 12/8 IC
11600	2000	LIBYA, R.Libya, Fair in Arabic to S/off around 2010 - 20/8 JD
11625	0500	MADAGASCAR, Vatican Radio, in English for Africa, Good signal - 20/8 JD
11625	0540	VATICAN, Vatican Radio, in Portuguese, Fair level - 20/8 JD
11660	1841	AUSTRIA (Mos), AWR, Good in Arabic - 29/7 BDW
11700	0055	SINGAPORE, BBC, Fair in Burmese, om/yl, rhythmic interference // 9810 weaker - 12/8 CC
11740	1435	JAPAN, NHK, Good in Burmese - 29/7 BDW
11815	0541	BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central on 11815.05m with PP time checks and

multiple idents as "Radio Central", very good signal. // 4985 was fair strength but suffering from co-ch teletype QRM - 30/8 BCM

11855.1 1938 BRAZIL, Radio Aparecida fair in PP w/religious feature. Reception had improved to very good at 2004 recheck - 3/9 BCM

11875 1900 U.K, Woofferton, IBRA Radio, Poor to fair level at sign on. Various African languages heard during this 1hour programe - 24/8 JD

11945 1500 AUSTRIA, AWR via Moosbrunn, Good in Turkish after English IDs - 21/8 IC

11945 2115 MICRONESIA, RFA via Aginan Point, Fair in Korean - 7/8 IC

11955 2120 AUSTRIA, AWR via Moosbrunn, Fair in English - 7/8 IC

11995 0240 SINGAPORE, BBC via Kranji, VG in Burmese - 18/8 IC

12045 1544 SINGAPORE, NHK, Good in Japanese - 28/7 BDW

12060 0107 ARMENIA, V.O.R, Good in Spanish, yl & om spkg // 9435 weaker - 12/8 CC

12085 0926 MONGOLIA, V of Mongolia, Fair in English. 0930 - 18/8 JW

13600 0129 CHINA, CRI, Fair/poor in Russian, talk, 0153 mx until off at 0156 - 17/8 KB

13685 0702 FRANCE, RFI, Fair in Hausa, om spkg, scratchy // 15315 weaker - 8/8 CC

13720 0510 UAE, Sudan Radio Service, Poor level in Arabic - 3/9 JD

13765 0648 VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Good in English, 2 oms speaking // 15570 weaker & less clear - 26/8 CC

13830 0600 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in French, ma/fa, some mx, 0630 ID & off - 15/8 KB

13840 0530 MADAGASCAR, R.Japan, Poor in French, sked, theme mx, ma/fa - 4/8 KB

13870 1515 UAE, NHK, Poor in Urdu - 29/7 BDW

15105 0500 N.KOREA, VOK, S/on in English, Fair level // 13650 poor - 3/9 JD

15120 0520 NIGERIA, VON, in EE, Undermodulated and cochannel QRM from CRI in Chinese? Doesn't appear to be regular - 22/8 JD

15205 1415 FRANCE, Pan American BC. via Iss, Good in English - 15/8 IC

15220 1920 AUSTRIA, (Mos), AWR, Good in French - 29/7 BDW

15245 0215 N.KOREA, VOK, Good in English - 4/8 IC

15255 S.AFRICA, Channel Africa (tent), Poor in English. ended 0657 - 22/8 JW

15275 0600 RWANDA, DW, Fair in English, floods in Russia, IDs - 18/8 KB

15300 2130 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Spanish - 4/8 IC

15310 0100 THAILAND, BBC, Good in English, om & yl with nx, ID 0102 - 12/8 CC

15310 0100 THAILAND, BBC, Fair level with News in English - 2/9 JD

15345 2005 ARGENTINA, RAE, Poor in French & tango mx. 2029 TS, echo - 16/8 KB

15350 1309 GERMANY, Athmeeya Yathra, Fair in various langs. 1411 - 25/8 JW

15355 0043 OMAN, R Sultanate of Oman, Fair in Arabic. xmsn ended 0102. Outside sked hrs - ident to their online broadcast but 3 sec ahead on sw - 25/8 JW

15355 2258 PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas Asia, Fair in Tagalog after EE s/on - 17/8 KB

15365 0343 RWANDA, BBC via Kig, Poor in English comment - 17/8 KB

15390 2158 GERMANY??, Overcomer B'cast, Fair in English // 15620 same - 21/8 KB

15400 1904 ASCENSION ISL. BBC, Fair/good in English re Mugabe election - 3/8 KB

15420 0300 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Poor in English, s/on, nx, spltr from RA 15415 - 18/8 KB

15490 0135 KUWAIT, R.Azadi, Fair in Dari & chants, 0200 TS, fa w/headlines - 18/8 KB

15490 0732 AUSTRALIA, HCJB Australia, Fair in English - 23/8 JW

15525 2233 AUSTRALIA, HCJB, Fair/good in Japanese, om/yl - 17/8 KB
 15562 1305 TAJIKISTAN, V of Tibet (tent), Poor at end of xmsn in unid lang - 16/8 JW
 15580 0500 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in English 'Daybreak Africa' - 12/8 KB
 15580 0555 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in English, om with nx, ID 0559, scratchy - 8/8 CC
 15670 1600 GUAM, KSDA, Poor in English - 23/8 IC
 15680 0332 SRI LANKA, R.Farda, Good in Farsi, ID 0336 // 15690 Fair - 12/8 KB
 17510 0305 THAILAND, BBC, Good in Urdu, 2 oms spkg // 15510 scratchy - 17/8 CC
 17670 0530 KUWAIT, R Azadi, Fair in Dari - 22/8 JW
 17690 0526 KUWAIT, R Azadi, Fair in Dari - 22/8 JW
 17810 0234 JAPAN, NHK, Fair in Japanese - 30/7 BDW

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9579.22337		MOROCCO (Spanish). Radio Medi Un, 2337-0039, best signal in a long time from this one with Middle Eastern vocals program. News at 2357 in Arabic language. After news signal began to deteriorate. Mainly fair - 9/8 RDA
9655 2338		ROMANIA. Radio Romania International – Galbeni, 2338-2357, woman announcer hosting features in Spanish service with Romanian musical selections. At 2356 ID and sign off announcements followed by IS. Fair - 13/8 RDA
9760 0002		OMAN. Radio Sultanate of Oman, 0002-0120, missed opening but caught man announcer in Arabic talking over light instrumental music. Program feature introduced by a woman announcer at 0012 followed by another man with talk and recitations. The recitations ended at 0110 and another program commenced with talk by man and woman announcers accompanied by instrumental music. Fair to good signal - 14/8 RDA
9810 0402		RWANDA. Radio Deutsche Welle – Kigali, 0402-0411, man and woman announcer with news in English. Nice ID at 0404 followed by program previews. Poor - 6/8 RDA
11545 0344		CLANDESTINE (Afghanistan). Salam Watandar – Sofia, 0344-0359*, talks by a man and woman announcers followed by IRRS ID inviting reception reports at 0359 before carrier was terminated. Fair to good - 31/7 RDA
11620 2201		INDIA. All India Radio – Bengaluru, 2201-2228, man announcer with news in English. ID followed by discussion program. ID for General Overseas Service at 2227 followed by closedown announcements by a woman announcer. Closed transmission with a segment of Indian instrumental music. Poor but //11670 (Bengaluru) was good - 14/8 RDA

- 11700 0724 FRANCE. Radio France International – Issoudun, 0724-0738, French language program to Africa with man announcer talking followed by instrumental music and a woman announcer. ID and news headlines at 0729. Poor to fair signal - 30/7 RDA
- 11710 2236 CHINA. China National Radio 1 – Beijing, 2236-2317, Chinese language discussion by several men. Jingle at 2246 followed by woman and man announcer talking but with cuts to a recorded speech by a man in front of a live crowd. Fair to good signal. 5+1 time pips at 2300 followed by a woman with ID, several announcements (always over Chinese instrumental music) and more talk features hosted by a man and woman. Fair to good - 14/8 RDA
- 11815 0123 BRAZIL. Radio Brasil Central, 0123-0240+, coverage of futbol match by male announcers with excited Portuguese language talk. Half time break and continued coverage. Fair to good - 14/8 RDA
- 11915 0230 BRAZIL. Radio Gaucha – Porto Alegre, 0230-0303*, man announcer with Portuguese talks hosting a program of easy instrumental music. At 0259 the man gave ID and closedown announcements. Off without any anthem. Poor - 11/8 RDA
- 11945 0700 AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia – Shepparton, 0700-0722, Australian Network News read by a male announcer. Good signal - 30/7 RDA
- 11985 0607 AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia – Shepparton, 0700-0722, Australian Network News read by a male announcer. Good signal - 30/7 RDA

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Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0042	9700g:11995f	RRI	ROMANIA	12/8	CC
0100	15310f	BBC	UK	2/9	JD
0100-0102	15310g	BBC	UK	12/8	CC
0215	15245g	VOK	NTH KOREA	4/8	IC
0300	15420p	BBC	UK	18/8	KB
0308-0312	9515g	V.O.T.	TURKEY	17/7	CC
0343	15365p	BBC	UK	17/8	KB
0400	9810f	RDW	GERMANY	8/8	IC
0500	7230f:7285e	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	-	BCM
0500	9500f	TWR	?	3/9	JD
0500	11625g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	20/8	JD
0500	13650p:15105f	VOK	NTH KOREA	3/9	JD
0500	15580f	VOA	USA	12/8	KB
0520	15120	VON	NIGERIA	22/8	JD
0520	5040f	Radio Habana	CUBA	2/9	JD
0535	7355f	BBC	UK	21/8	JD
0555-0559	15580f	VOA	USA	8/8	CC
0600	15275f	DW	GERMANY	18/8	KB
0636	6005f	BBC	UK	15/8	KB
0648	13765g:15570f	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	26/8	CC
0655-0659	6005f	BBC	UK	12/8	CC
0657	15255p	Channel Africa?	S.AFRICA?	22/8	JW
0732	15490f	HCJB Australia	AUSTRALIA	23/8	JW
0812-0827	6161p	CKZN	CANADA	6/8	KB
0830	3365f	Radio Milne Bay	PNG	14/8	IC
0840	3215p	WWCR	USA	14/8	IC

0926-0930	12085f	V of Mongolia	MONGOLIA	18/8	JW
1415	15205g	Pan American BC	?	15/8	IC
1513-1523	6185f	V of Russia	RUSSIA	27/8	CC
1530	4820p	AIR	INDIA	22/8	IC
1600	5995f	RA	AUSTRALIA	26/8	IC
1600	15670p	KSDA	GUAM	23/8	IC
1613	6060e	CRI	CHINA	28/7	BDW
1810	9600e	CRI	CHINA	27/7	BDW
1900	7340g	RDW	GERMANY	10/8	IC
1904	15400g	BBC	UK	3/8	KB
2030	7205e	Voice of Turkey	TURKEY	23/9	JD
2100	7325f	CRI	CHINA	6/8	IC
2108	7205f	VOT	TURKEY	29/8	KAB
2119	7550f	AIR	INDIA	29/8	KAB
2120	11955f	AWR	?	7/8	IC
2158	15390f:15620f	The Overcomer	?	21/8	KB

THE VOA DELANO CALIFORNIA STORY

A oldie but a goodie from radios recent past. If you have ever had the chance to listen to the Voice of America Shortwave station that operated from Delano California and can recall its booming signal up and down the West coast and out into the Pacific, here is the story of how it came about.

Also the way it operated for 63 years and its final non-descript signoff at 03:30 U-T-C on October 28, 2007.

And there's even an amateur radio tie-in when one of the stations 200 kilowatt Federal Radio transmitters showed up on the ham radio airwaves calling CQ.

We won't spoil it by telling you more.

Rather, make yourself a snack, sit back, relax and take your web browser to <http://www.rwonline.com/article/last-of-voas-wartime-transmitting-stations-goes-dark/20235>

Thanks to Ray Crawford via WIA Newsletter

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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AUSTRALIA

Radio Australia replaces former Indonesian frequencies

Effective from 21 July, Radio Australia shifts former Indonesian frequencies, to their English service as follows.

All times UTC

English

1300-1430 9475 SHP 100 kW 329 deg to SoEaAS, ex Chinese

1300-1430 9965 HBN 100 kW 318 deg to EaAS, ex Chinese

1300-1430 12085 SHP 100 kW 329 deg to SoEaAS, ex Chinese

2200-2330 9610 DHA 250 kW 105 deg to SoEaAS, ex Indonesian

2200-2330 11695 SHP 100 kW 329 deg to SoEaAS, ex Indonesian

0000-0030 17750 SHP 100 kW 329 deg to SoEaAS, ex Indonesian

0400-0500 17800 HBN 100 kW 270 deg to SoEaAS, ex Indonesian

0400-0530 17750 SHP 100

GUAM

Some changes of Adventist World Radio - KSDA Agat, Guam:

1000-1100 15705 SDA 100 kW 315 deg to EaAS Chinese Mon-Sat, additional

1000-1100 15705 SDA 100 kW 315 deg to EaAS Cantonese Sun, additional

1100-1200 11775 SDA 100 kW 330 deg to EaAS Chinese, unregistered frequency*

1530-1600 NF 15710 SDA 100 kW 285 deg to SoEaAS Marathi, ex11995

2200-2400 NF 15260 SDA 100 kW 330 deg to EaAS Chinese, ex11830, re-12120

(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5)



USA,

Radio Martí - A13 Summer Schedule. Effective: 31 March - 26 October 2013

Spanish to Central America

0000-0100 6030ca 7365ca

0200-0300 6030ca 7365ca

0300-0400 6030ca 7365ca

0400-0500 6030ca 7405ca

0500-0600 6030ca 7405ca

0600-0700 6030ca 7405ca

0700-0800 5980ca 6030ca

0800-0900 5980ca 6030ca

0900-1000 5980ca 6030ca

1000-1100 6030ca 9805ca

1100-1200 7405ca 9805ca

1200-1300 7405ca 9805ca

1300-1400 7405ca 13820ca

1400-1500 11930ca 13820ca

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1900-2000 11930ca 13820ca

2000-2100 9565ca 11930ca

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2200-2300 9565ca 11930ca

2300-0000 9565ca 11930ca

(DX Mx/WWDXC Top Newx 1111)



RUSSIA

ANOTHER ONE GONE!! Voice of Russia Radio Stops Shortwave Service

MOSCOW, August 21 (RIA Novosti) – The Russian government’s international radio broadcasting service Golos Rossii (Voice of Russia) will stop its shortwave broadcasts from January 1 next year, the Digit.ru online journal reported Wednesday.

The shortwave service is closing “due to funding cuts,” Voice of Russia deputy director Natalya Zhmai said in a letter dated August 15 to Andrei Romanchenko, head of the Russian Television and Radio Broadcasting Network (RTRBN), the journal said.

More at

<http://en.ria.ru/russia/20130821/182889844/Voice-of-Russia-Radio-Stops-Shortwave-Service.html>

RWANDA (NON)

Radio Inyabutatu New On Shortwave

From the TDP List via Alokesh Gupta, a new station whose political aims are unclear, though on their Facebook page one of the few phrases in English is: “Rwandese Protocol to Return the Kingdom” so maybe a “restoration-of-the-monarchy” movement! Starting August 31, 2013, a new radio station will start broadcasting on shortwave. It concerns Radio Inyabutatu.

Radio Inyabutatu will broadcast on Saturdays from 1700-1800 UTC on 17870 kHz in the 16 meter band.

For more information, visit www.radioinyabutatu.com (Via TDP List)

Contacts: editor@radioinyabuta.com admin@radioinyabutu.com and apparently is via Kostinbrod (ED) via

URUGUAY

5980v, Emisora Chaná, Tacuarembó (Cf. DX-Window # 485) was heard back on Aug 09 by DXer Paulero, in Buenos Aires. I immediately called by telephone to the station owner, Mr. Omar Lima, CX6OL, who confirms that the station has been again on the air since 15 days ago, and is now running 24hours, with 30 W, (nominal 50W) in AM. Antenna is very low (4 meters above ground), but he plans to raise it to 15 m height. They currently operate 24 hours. No printed or e-QSL right now, but he has already answered via e-mail to emisorachanatacuaremba@hotmail.com . (Nigro in DXplorer). Please do not mix it with R Chaski, Peru on 5980.02 which is heard in Europe and North America! (Ed) (DX Window 486)

MONGOLIA

Voice of Mongolia

0900-0930 12085 U-B 250 kW 178 deg to SoAS English
0930-1000 12085 U-B 250 kW 178 deg to SoAS Mongolian
1000-1030 12085 U-B 250 kW 116 deg to EaAS Chinese
1030-1100 12085 U-B 250 kW 116 deg to EaAS Japanese

1400-1430 12015 U-B 250 kW 178 deg to SoAS Mongolian
1430-1500 12015 U-B 250 kW 178 deg to SoAS Chinese
1500-1530 12015 U-B 250 kW 116 deg to EaAS Japanese
1530-1600 12015 U-B 250 kW 116 deg to EaAS English
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27)
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Mongolian Clothing Festival in Ulan Bator

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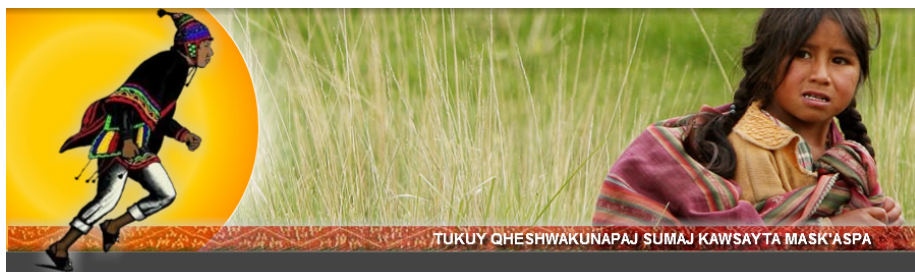
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BOLIVIA

3310 R. Mosoj Chaski Buzzing carrier already on at 0855 but think it was there as early as 0815. Start of bdcst at 0901:40 rooster crowing at least 3 times, then M anncr w/full ID over instru. Andean mx, instru. NA, M w/anmnt over instru. mx including another ID and website and ending w/ment of radio. High static noise ruined nice reception. (Via HCDX Dave Valko 15 August)



GERMANY

Radio HCJB Germany now uses 7365 kHz (41m) as second frequency, at the moment with very low power (100 Watt) from Weenermoor, northwest germany using a 1/1/0.3 directional antenna directed to the southeast. The programming is the same as on 3955 kHz (75m).

Reception reports are - as always – welcome. Web: <http://www.hcjb.de> (via Stephan Schaa)

MALI

5995, Radio Mali, Bamako, 0603-0610, 15-08, Vernacular songs. 14321. (Via HCDX Manuel Méndez Lugo, Spain)

9635, Radio Mali, Bamako, 1750-1805, 14-08, male, female, French, Vernacular music, identification at 1800: "Radiodiffusion Malienne emettant de Bamako". 23222. (Via HCDX Manuel Méndez Lugo, Spain)

FINLAND

Low-power Radio Gramox launched on shortwave in Finland
Radio Gramox has begun transmissions on 25760 kHz in the



11-meter shortwave band. The Finnish station broadcasts music from the 1920's to 1960's. The first test transmissions began today Sunday at 1000 UTC, and soon programming should be 24/7. Radio Gramox operates on a license that limits transmitter power to a maximum of 50 watts, although currently only 20 watts is being used, says station owner and founder Pasi Komsu to DXing.info. The transmitter and a 7-meter-long whip antenna are located at his home in Hämeenkyrö in Western Finland. (via Dxing.info)

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UNIDENTIFIED: 4709_99 UNID 0914:00 - 0915 and 0915:55 nice XE-like mx. Audio is a little distorted on the bass. 0917:00 ID promo in SP sounding like "Extra, Extra, ?? mi horas. ?? la emisoras, radio ??. Radio 15-70 AM, informativa, radio deportivas, ?? de la ??", then live M with a few words. 0923 rapid LA dance song, oddly out of format. (MP3 at this link <https://app.box.com/s/atksjellrn2fs5ssv37x> (Via HCDX Dave Valko 15 August)

Radio Free Asia announces 17th anniversary qsl card September 2013

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces the release of our 17th anniversary QSL card. RFA's first broadcast was in Mandarin on September 29, 1996, 2100-2200 UTC. Acting as a substitute for indigenous free media, RFA concentrates its coverage on events occurring in and/or affecting the countries where we broadcast; they are: Burma, Cambodia, Laos, North Korea, Peoples Republic of China, and Vietnam. RFA does not express editorial opinions but provides news, analysis, commentary, and cultural programming. A combination of U.S. government-operated transmitters and a variety of shortwave leased facilities support RFA. This card will be used for all valid reception reports from September 1 – December 31, 2013.

RFA is a private, nonprofit corporation that broadcasts news and information to listeners in Asian countries where full, accurate, and timely news reports are unavailable. Created by Congress in 1994 and incorporated in 1996, RFA currently broadcasts in Burmese, Cantonese, Khmer, Korean to North Korea, Lao, Mandarin, the Wu dialect, Vietnamese, Tibetan (Uke, Amdo, and Kham), and Uyghur. RFA strives for accuracy, balance, and fairness in its editorial content. As a 'surrogate' broadcaster, RFA provides news and commentary specific to each of its target countries, acting as the free press these countries lack. RFA broadcasts only in local languages and dialects, and most of its broadcasts comprise news of specific local interest. More information about Radio Free Asia, including our current broadcast frequency schedule, is available at www.rfa.org.

RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at <http://techweb.rfa.org> (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DX'ers, but also from its general listening audience. If you have a smart phone, feel free to use the QR code below to access the automated reception report system and submit your reception reports to the web site.

Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl@rfa.org, and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to: Reception Reports

Radio Free Asia
2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300
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Radio Free Asia
Technical Operations

Upon your request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker.

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Where did August go, now it is September and Mark is on my tail as I am late with page. As I start this page the wind and rain has just pasted and thankfully all my aerals and weather station have stayed in place. Hope those of you around the country also survived the winds.

FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION

- 3788 0956 Some Idiot using the Ham Band to relay the "Yorkshire Poacher" ID then when told by "Un Id" Ham to "!!!!!!!" moved to 3715 @ 1000 for about 5 min DM
- 5643 1337 All Black score relayed to aircraft 24/8 JW
- 5687 2100 RNZAF Ohakea to Auckland with Time check DM
- 6679 0945 Hong Kong Volmet weather report poor and very noisy 11/10 ABD
- 8765 0628 USCG Tropical warning, plus seas south of San Francisco Bay F/C Id at 0631 as "US Coast Guard Volmet Out" DM
- 8828 0930 Honolulu, Hawaii Aviation forecast, 0936 "This Honolulu Radio Volmet" a number of reports not received Fair 11/10 ABD
- 8828 0940 Tokyo, Japan Tokyo Volmet woman with weather Fair 11/10 ABD
- 8858 0525 "Jet Star" Domestic Message from Australian HQ to "Jet Star 170" DM
- 8867 0212 "Navy 543" (RAAF ?) to AK with F/L and maintaining "Listening Watch" DM
- 8867 0747 Un Id Voice with "5410 on 88" called AK no reply DM
- 8867 2153 "Kiwi 334" called by AK told to disregard last Message DM
- 8867 2130 "Fiji 451" with F/IL 370 called AK DM
- 9032 0550 Und ID Flight with "On Ice Pegasus", believed to be the USAF Globmaster out of Christchurch with staff and fresh food, landing at Scot Base DM
- 10051 0928 Gander, Canada weather for Winnipeg. 0930 ID good 11/10 ABD
- 11159 0830 For 3 days have heard here @ 0830 MKL (RAF Volmet) from Ascension Island relayed from possibly Canada, (During AF Exercise), with African and Indian Ocean Weather F/C and usual RAF weather for Europe. Many on UDXF reported this as well, It caused quite a Controversial Logging for many. DM

CONTRIBUTORS

- DM** Dallas McKenzie, Buller, Westland - Kenwood R1000, Yaesu FRG-7700, PCR1000 (Standby), Sony SW7600G. Uniden UBCT8, Standard VR120....Long wire E-W (190 ft)...20ftWhip, Plus Various Commercial whips.
- JW** Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel - Lowe HF 150 with inverted L 20m NNE-SSW.
- ABD** Arthur De Maine, Kakanui - Drake R-8, Icom R70. 25m EWE E - W.

Dallas comments that he has been using Flightradar for flights out of Australia, but is not always accurate.

Contribution for the October issue to me no later than the closing date as I am off to Queensland to ride trains again and then into Auckland for the League's AGM.

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Local radio — filling the gaps

There was a time when rural districts had little or no local radio, but now, even the smallest towns can — and do — have their own radio stations and Dargaville is no exception, with the area sporting around four.

These are not the glittering, nationally networked operations of the city, but are what the government calls lowpowered FM stations.

One of these is Today FM, broadcasting out of a rural property on the way to Baylys Beach on 106.7 and on the eastern side of town on 87.7FM.

Owner operator of Today FM is retired farmer Brent Robertson who with wife Alison, set the station up in 2007, following a lifelong keen interest in things radio.

Brent says the musical format of the station — hits from the 40s, 50s and 60s — fills a niche that was not being served.

“It’s all music from my own collection plus a couple of online sources who supply some of the harder to find tracks, but a lot of it is music no other station is playing — and people love it.”

As to who those people are, Brent says he has no official audience data, as he stopped record calls after the first several hundred a few years back, but says he knows while it’s primarily 50 plus, there are also a surprising and increasing number of listeners in their thirties and even younger.

“Whether they are disillusioned by the music served up for their generation or just want something different, many younger people tell us the music we are playing is great and that maybe their parents’ tastes are not so bad after all!”

Apart from the occasional community service spot and a couple of regular weekend on air hosts, the station is largely talk and commercial free continuous music, another real point of difference.

Technically, it is a surprisingly simple operation, set up for a few thousand dollars in a converted garage Brent got for free from the Dargaville Baptist Church.

The whole system is computer driven, with an impressive music library of around 8,000 songs rotating 24/7 via a fully automated system. Brent says after more than 50 years of farming, the station is a great hobby.

“I’ve still got 126 acres up here and I still tend to water troughs and fences and do the odd bit of road works and the likes, but essentially, I’m retired and the station is a great hobby that lets me give something back — and people seem to love it, so I’m happy.”

(Kaipara Lifestyler, 13 August, <http://www.kaiparalifestyler.co.nz>, via Bryan Clark)

Minor Changes to Prime's Satellite Signal from Early October

Minor changes are being made to Prime's satellite signal in early October to harmonise SKY's broadcasting arrangements for its popular free-to-air channel. Currently Prime is broadcast twice – once by SKY and once by Freeview – so the change will see the duplicate satellite signal removed.

"The first step in this process will be the unencryption of the Prime signal on the SKY satellite service which is available to all SKY customers. This will happen from midnight on Saturday 31 August," says SKY spokesperson Kirsty Way.

"The practical impact of this for SKY customers is that parental controls and PIN blocking on SKY set top boxes will no longer work for this channel so customers are advised to pay close attention to the ratings in programmes guides. For SKY customers, this brings Prime into line with all the other Freeview channels.

"The second step will see the Prime signal from the Freeview satellite cease broadcasting at 11.59pm on Tuesday 8 October. All Freeview satellite customers will then be able to receive the Prime signal from the SKY satellite."

Way says digital terrestrial Freeview customers and Igloo customers are unaffected by this change.

(Sky TV, 29 August 2013, http://www.skytv.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=202&art_id=46706)

TVNZ channel changes

TVNZ's new channel, TV2+1 begins transmission at 7am on Sunday September 1.

This new channel has all of TV2's fantastic programming, an hour delayed, so fans need never miss a moment of their favourite television shows.

From September 1 there'll be changes to Electronic Programme Guide positions for some TVNZ channels, to make way for TV2+1.

On Freeview, TV2+1 launches in position 7, and TV ONE PLUS 1 moves from 7 to 6.

On Igloo, TV2+1 launches on 19, TV ONE PLUS 1 moves from 19 to 18, and TVNZ Kidzone 24 moves from 18 to 14.

On SKY, TV2+1 will launch in position 502, with other TVNZ channels remaining the same. (TVNZ, <http://tvnz.co.nz/tv2/1-5536352>, via Leslie Williams)

Al Jazeera English Launches in New Zealand

On SKY channel 090 Al Jazeera will offer news, documentaries and programmes to 2 million homes.

Two new television deals mean that New Zealand viewers are for the first time able to watch global news channel Al Jazeera English.

From today, on SKY channel 090, Al Jazeera's offering of news, documentaries and programmes from over seventy bureaus worldwide will be beamed into nearly half of New Zealand homes reaching around two million people.

And from 1st November, Al Jazeera will be on Freeview HD channel 16, broadcasting live and free to air.

Al Jazeera already reaches more than 270m homes in over 130 countries. The

channel has been decorated with the highest awards in journalism recently, including Peabody's, a DuPont, George Polk, Scripps Howard and Amnesty International Media Awards.

A number of Kiwis can be seen on-screen including Johannesburg-based correspondent Tania Page, and Science and Tech reporter Tarek Bazley. In the studio, bulletins are anchored by former TV3 journalists Kamahl Santamaria and Elizabeth Puranam. Ex-TVNZ journalist Wayne Hay has been in the global headlines this week after being detained by authorities in Egypt while reporting for Al Jazeera.

Al Jazeera English managing director Al Anstey said: "We're incredibly pleased to be making these breakthroughs in New Zealand, and look forward to offering to viewers our in-depth global journalism, marked with integrity. The world is a village, and what happens on the other side of the planet has an effect on us, whether that be on the climate, economy or war. With our global reach, we aim to continually cover stories that are about the big issues, but crucially also about real people."

Freeview General Manager, Sam Irvine, said Al Jazeera enjoys a strong following in New Zealand and Freeview HD households will welcome the addition of the news channel. "Al Jazeera is one of those channels that viewers have often asked us about. So it's great to meet the demand and offer the channel free to air on Freeview HD," Mr Irvine said.

Al Jazeera is well-known for its coverage of major global events like the Arab uprisings, but has also excelled in diverse investigations and long-form programming. The channel aired a documentary about the education campaigning of Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousufzai two years before she was shot by the Taliban. Cooperating with outlets including The Guardian and the New York Times, Al Jazeera publishes (Al Jazeera, 1 September, http://www.aljazeera.com/pressoffice/2013/08/e1_59865208325.html)

Al Jazeera TV is to start on Freeview on 1 November on the terrestrial network on channel 16 - from Dish TV in Hamilton
(Fred Humphreys)

New Shopping Channel on Freeview

New Zealand is set to get more TV shopping options this month with the TV Shopping Network (TVSN) starting on Freeview channel 20 from August 20.

TVSN will broadcast 24 hours a day 7 days a week showcasing a wide range of products.

(Dish TV, 5 August, <http://www.dishtv.co.nz/news/new-shopping-channel-on-freeview.htm>)

Sky TV channel changes summary

TVSN started on 19 August on channel 24

Parliament TV moved to channel 86 at the end of August

TVNZ U finished on 31 August on channel 16

TV2+1 started on 1 September on channel 502

Al Jazeera started on 1 September on channel 90

(Sky TV Facebook page, 27 August, <https://www.facebook.com/SKYnewzealand>)

MAILBAG

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Welcome to a great turnout this month. It's always tremendous to hear from everyone, and especially so when the news includes the likes of a special click on the odometer of life.

Patron Frank Glen, Cromwell let slip about his when he emailed me on the first. "Tomorrow Margret and I leave for Stewart Island. My beloved of 56 years in marriage is an Islander and we will be staying again with her family. On 7 Sept I'm arranging for my brother-in-law and his wife, our niece and her husband, along with ourselves to fly by Britten-Norman Islander from Half Moon Bay directly to Mason Bay on the west coast of Stewart Island. This is one way of saying thank you to our family for their kindness during the 2011 earthquakes when we were refugees living with them for 11 weeks. The flight of 20 minutes saves a two full day walk through some rugged bush on foot. A week off my 80th birthday, I'd now find this a bit difficult. We will stay in the old farm house that the area once supported before it was taken into Stewart Island National Park. I hope to find some ambergris which if we could find some would go a long way to paying the costs of the exploration. BUT, I'm taking my Grundig Yacht Boy which I purchased in Vienna, Austria about 10 years back. It works well at Tiwai even through it lacks the power to project a strong signal it does give a steady quiet signal. Mason Bay I think would be equal to one of the most isolated Canadian coastal parts. There I'll spend time slinging an aerial and doing a round robin with a view to vetting the possibilities for a remote DXpedition in 2015. The house will take six and with the use of the twin-engine aircraft for less than \$200 each we could have a week in this place and really make a killing. However, I need to explore the site and gauge the possibilities. We need also to pick the time and the people. Six would be the most we could cope with - but it would be a fantastic experience should I find this exploration passes with flying colours. Margret and I have settled well in our new environment in Cromwell - but DXing is difficult, although I now have more options to explore this summer having increased the aerial capacity and directions with the use of the EWE as well. I don't mind our old faithfuls going off SW because they clear the air for the more difficult and weaker stations of the third world nations. A challenging SW DX is about to fall upon us. FM requires the use of an FM aerial here in Central Otago as well as the highly tooled and technically able FM Radio which are available here specifically for use in the remote Central Otago and difficult almost impossible AM. I must away and check the packing - and I have great memories of our time together earlier this year. Cheers to all and especially yourself." *(Thanks, Frank. We trust all the family turned on a Big Birthday Bash for you. You've set yourself up for next month's 'Times' to give us the results of testing reception on*

Rakiura, where there are no bears.)

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai has his usual intriguing items from the other end of the country. "Pleased to report 2 QSLs in during August: NZ pirate Radio Totse 6925 and Radio 700 from Kall-Krekel, Germany 3985 with 1kW. Some great DX conditions were experienced in August - LRA36 from Antarctica is making it through a couple of times every week on 15476 prior to closing around 2100, regular North American pirate radio activity (mainly weekends) at sunset on 6925-6940 shortwave; mysterious wandering spur transmissions approximately 490kHz above and below Radio East New Britain's 3385 steady frequency; and some good MW DX including KGYN 1210, CHRB 1140, KCJJ 1630 plus East Coasters WBZ Boston and WQEW New York on 28 August. We have American DXer Hank Michalenska coming here for a DXpedition in November so fingers crossed the DX conditions hold up!" *(Nice one with KGYN, and you could've saved Ray Babbage a trip to Calgary with CHRB.)*

Stu Forsyth in Putrajaya, Malaysia tried to squeeze in a little more for last month's column, but just missed out even with the extended deadline. "Further to my previous e-mail - veries in for R Japan 15205 via Uzbekistan and 17810 via Yamata, Japan heard in January 2011 from a follow up e-mail. I remember sending the original report and then the tsunami hit - great timing!" *(I hope that wasn't an example of cause and effect. We need only Good Karma, please, to produce 100% verie rates.)*

Jonathan Wood, Dunedin has high praise for a replacement receiver. "I've recently upgraded from two FRG-7's to one Lowe HF-150. Initial impressions are that it's about same or perhaps marginally better on ssb and hf and much better on mw. The best features are: it's less than 1/4 the size and can be taken tramping; it is fast and easy to navigate anywhere on the spectrum; the digital readout is great; the band selection and filter functions give come reasonable choices; and it is sturdily constructed. Drawbacks: it's so light it moves around on the desk slightly when spinning the dial; it's easy to accidentally erase a memory-stored channel; and the narrow filtered AM function isn't particularly intelligible even with speech only (using sideband does a much better job). With two knobs and three buttons to control everything it looks minimalistic, but does more than the FRG-7. I'm awaiting with interest to see if I can find anything interesting other than the odd beacon in the 30 kHz - 530 kHz area. Regards." *(Welcome back: I thought possibly you'd become stuck up a mud track with your car. Your 'lightness' remark about the Lowe is echoed with CommRadio's CR-1, the SDR without the computer.)*

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim has a dire warning. "Here are my SW veries received during August. Not very many this time and I predict even fewer next month. New outlets getting hard to find these days with so many closures: AIR 15770; RRI 11745; Radio Liberty, Nauen 5930; Overcomer Nauen 15390; Bible Voice, Moosbrunn 9430; Pan American BC, Issoudun 15205; Radio Farda, Iranawila 7585; RDW Kigali 9810 & 7340 kHz." *(Well, you might have read on <dxdialog> that we 'saved' one in Vancouver. CBC Regulatory Affairs managed to include CKZU/6160 in a list of "off air" transmitters*

submitted to the CRTC, which dutifully cancelled the authorisation/licence in a notice in mid-August. I'd like to think my phone call resulted in advice from the CBC's Director of Transmission that steps were being taken to re-instate the authorisation! Haven't seen a formal notice yet, but they're still on air. And a posting to a local message board states that plans for a new transmitter are in the works.)

Douglas Johns, Christchurch has an answer to the question I posed last month about his success rate with FM verifications. "The percentage of replies is variable and tending to get more difficult (like trying to find a shortwave station). The Radio Network stations are usually good. Mediaworks is bad, and getting worse, but I guess they've got more to worry about at the moment than issuing QSLs. All need prepared cards these days. Radio NZ is excellent if slow. The Rhema group is variable, but usually OK, even if it takes time. The LPFM is a different story. One of the hardest parts is getting a contact, either email or snail mail. If you get that half, but only half, the battle is won. You have to write a much more of a 'this is what I heard, please let me know it REALLY was you' and 'hey I'd really like to include your station in my list of stations I've heard' type of report, rather than the more formal reports we have used in the past. Having said that, the usual response is (paraphrased), 'what the hell is all this about...' which then needs another response from me. Overall, about 50-60% then come back. Not easy, but if you don't try, then you won't get any back."

Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany remarked his report is so short, he wasn't concerned if it didn't make the cut. "With extremely bad reception conditions in my locality, only very little reporting is possible. After two or three reports in previous months, I managed to send eight reception reports during August! During the last six weeks, these QSL cards arrived: from Radio Romania, 11955 kHz, after only 40 days, and from A J Janitschek, very reliable as always, Radio Free Asia was confirmed via Saipan on 11945 and Tinian on 9610 kHz, within one week."

And **Jerry Berg in Lexington, MA** made a similar comment when I thanked him for re-appearing. "I'm afraid I'm not doing much listening these days: one QSL, VENEZUELA via U.S. 9955, Ecos del Torbes Aug 10 special via WRMI, nice PDF card received in two weeks via e-mail for a report via an on-line form and an mp3 recording sent to <qslconfirmacion@gmail.com>. Very nice looking QSL has a view of the city, station logos, YV flag, full-data, even my name and location, but no mention of WRMI." (A far cry from the Olde Days as a regular on 4980.)

Many thanks to all for the news. I'm looking forward to next month's full mail box.

73, *Theo*

BROADCAST NEWS

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BRAZIL Brazilian DXer Renato Araujo has confirmed to me that Radio Liberal is back on 1330 kHz, but transmitting from Castanhal, 45 km from Belem, 10 Kw. Heard in Italy on 1329.83. Not sure if parallel to former Liberal Belem, now on 900 with CBN programs. (Rocco Cotroneo via MW Offsets Yahoo Group) That must be ZY1600 R.Liberal, Castanhal a move from 930 kHz to 1330 kHz – ANATEL confirms this move. (Tore B Vik, Norway via MW Offsets Yahoo Group)

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Construction of ZBVI 780's new 300 foot tower has begun. In fact, the tower is standing at about 160 feet. The studios for ZBVI are in Road Town along Station Avenue near the Road Town Police Station but the tower is about 1 mile down the road at Baughers Bay. The tower is ON the beach and some of the guy wires AND some of the ground system are IN the water. At about 4:30 on the morning of Saturday March 9th, a drunk driver came went off the road, coming into contact with several things including a telephone pole and some trees. The driver also clipped some of the guy wires for ZBVI's tower which sent it to the ground in a crumbled up mess. The station wasn't able to sign on for Morning transmission at 6am that morning. It took about 12 hours to lash up a temporary solution. For the last several months, ZBVI has been operating with a 60 foot long wire strung between two telephone using an AM transmitter loaned to them from the Department of Disaster Management in the BVI. ZBVI is "licensed" for 10,000 Watts but hasn't run that much power in years. I'm told they run between 1KW at 3KW. I'm trying to convince the powers that be at ZBVI to run a 2 or 3 minute DX test one night before their usual 10pm sign off. (Paul Walker MW DX Yahoo Group 17/8/13 via Paul Rawdon dxdialog)

CANADA CHRF 990 Montreal QC has applied for CP for new station with U4 50kw days, 10kw nights on 980 kHz (where Montreal 990 once was, 20+ years ago).

New station in Montreal QC requested for 1610 possibly U1, 1kw day and night, South Asian ethnic format as "Radio Humsafar". (via NRC)

CKBI Prince Albert SK on 900 has applied to reduce night power from 10kw to 2.8kw (day power will remain 10kw), relocate transmitter and change antenna radiation pattern from directional to non-directional. (via Dan Sys IRCA)

580 CFRA Ottawa ON CP for U4 50kw days, 3kw nights is on the air.

1570 CKMW Winkler MB now Silent and deleted; has moved to 88.9 MHz FM.

(Dan Sys, Shawn Axelrod, WRTH via NRC DX News)

CHINA Hiroyuki Okamura in Japan has heard and identified a broadcast of Liaoning People's Broadcasting Station on 610kHz. Mauno Ritola in Scandinavia surmises it is either the 10kw transmitter at Chaoyang or Dandong running 2 kHz down from their nominal frequency for some reason. [In South Asia the high powered Vietnamese transmitter is the dominant signal on 610. BC] (via Medium Wave Oz Facebook Group)

COLOMBIA On 550, Señal Radio Colombia ex-Radio/difusora/ Nacional /de Colombia/ playing Colombian music from the 50's or 60's, This is the Marinilla relay, in Antioquia. (Henrik Klemetz via RealDX Yahoo Group)

HAWAII KQNG 570 has had a change of its City of Licence from Lihue to Ele'ele; no change in facilities. (via NRC)

KUAI 720 has also had a change to City of Licence – was Ele'ele – now Kakaha. Also granted STA for U1 2.5kw day & night, due to antenna skirt problems. (NRC)
The application for new station with U1 1kw day and night on 1230 from Millani Town has been dismissed. (NRC)

MEXICO XEPUE Mexicana, Puebla heard on 1210.15 on DXpedition to Lapland in November. (LEM320/HN&HS via Mauno Ritola via MW Offsets Yahoo Group)

MICRONESIA [Pohnpei State] V6AH on 1449, heard at 0940 UTC with continuous (mostly island music) with a few urban-sounding songs thrown in for good measure. Then finally at 0951 several mentions of V6AH (though male announcer 'swallowed' the "a" and it sounded more like V6H), followed by Christian hymns (including "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"). Fair with 2MG partially nulled. 11/8 (David Sharp NSW via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

NICARAGUA YNOW, Radio Corporacion, Managua on 539.85, heard 21 August, mostly just a het against WFLF; recently ID'ed by Terry Krueger. (Mark Connelly via Coastal Roundtable Yahoo Group)

NORFOLK ISLAND VL2NI is the station on 1566 carrying Radio NZ National overnight. First observed by Bryan Clark on 8 September mixed with 3NE, with a significant time delay to NZL-based transmissions, so likely a satellite feed. Identity confirmed by VL2NI Station Manager to David Ricquish and published in 2013 WRTN [which I'd not previously noticed! BC].

PERU Radio Flor de los Andes was logged in Norway on 1610.150 at the beginning of July. (Tore Vik via Real DX Yahoo Group)

USA (Updates via NRC DX News magazine)

- 580 WKAQ San Juan PR operating STA for U1 10kw/4.5kw from temporary site.
- 840 KXNT North Las Vegas NV has application for U4 50kw/16kw, amends application to be for U4 50kw/10kw.
- 950 WTLN Orlando FL granted STA w/U2 12kw/10kw to overcome Cuban QRM);

- 970 WDAY Fargo ND is on air with U4 10kw day & night (ex-U2 5kw/5kw).
- 1050 KTCT San Mateo CA operating w/ higher power to overcome Mexican QRM
- 1230 KYPX Los Angeles CA operating from new location with U1 1kw day & night.
- 1300 KAZN Pasadena CA granted CP for U4 23kw/4.2kw from existing day site.
- 1380 KVSM Santa Maria CA new call granted for construction permit.
- 1390 KTCR Yakima WA has change of callsign to KBBO (swap w/KBBO Selah 980).
- 1470 WKCK Orocovis PR granted Construction Permit for 2.4kw day, 3.7kw night U1.
- 1560 KTXZ West Lake Hills TX - License cancelled, calls deleted; station failed to file for renewal so license expired as of 1 August. Has since applied to resume.
- 1590 KLFE Seattle WA granted STA for U1 5kw/1.25kw after fire at transmitter site.
- 1590 WXRJ Guayama PR has applied for new transmitter site, stays U1 1kw/1kw.
- 1680 KNTS Seattle WA also granted STA for U1 2.5/1kw after same fire as above.

USA (Updates via IRCA DX Monitor magazine)

- 610 WIP Philadelphia PA is now "CBS Sports Radio 610".
- 630 KIDD Monterey CA now using the slogan "ESPN 630".
- 930 KKXX Paradise CA identifies as "Life Radio 930".
- 1060 KDYL South Salt Lake City UT now identifying as "Chinese International Radio", ex oldies format.
- 1230 KELY Ely NV has dropped Cumulus True Oldies format for Talk.
- 1300 WJZ Baltimore MD is now identifying as "CBS Sports 1300".
- 1340 KTMM Grand Junction CO has replaced Fox Sports with CBS Sports Radio.
- 1380 KVSM Santa Maria, CA has new construction permit.
- 1400 KREW Plainview TX was Tejano, now Sports, new slogan: "The Krew Sport".
- 1420 KUJ Walla Walla WA has dropped ESPN for Cumulus True Oldies format.
- 1430 KWST El Centro CA format now Spanish Catholic, slogan "Radio Catolica".
- 1600 KTAP Santa Maria CA format change to Regional Mexican.
- 1650 KSVE El Paso TX format now ESPN Deportes Radio Network, slogan "ESPN Deportes 1650"

NRC AM Radio Log:

National Radio Club are accepting orders for the 34th Edition of the NRC AM Radio Log. The 34th edition of the Log will contain approximately 285 pages of data and cross references and 18 pages of instructions in 8 1/2 x 11 size, 3-hole punched, U.S. loose leaf format. This publication fits nicely into a 1 three-ring binder. Over 8,000 updates have been made since last year's 33rd Edition of the log! Additional reference include call letters of FM simulcasts with the AM Stations listing, listings of regional groups of stations in the groups section (separate section of the log book), a cross reference of those stations that are licensed to use IBOC (In Band On Channel) digital audio and a comprehensive list of FM translators that are now simulcasting AM broadcasters. Order

from NRC Publications, P.O. Box 473251, Aurora CO 80047-3251, USA. Price is US\$28.95 for regular mail or \$32.80 for Priority Mail to U.S. non members, \$35.00 to Canada, and US\$39.00 to overseas. Or order via PayPal on www.nrcdxas.org (add \$1.00). [Essential information for the serious MW DXer! BC]

AM LOGBOOK ON INTERNET TO CLOSE

It is with deep regret that I announce the closing of the AMLOGBOOK. I no longer have the time nor the desire to spend the countless hours of updating and keeping track of AM Radio stations. I have not DX ed in three years and do not see any DX'ing in my immediate future. Noise levels have gotten to the point where DX'ing for me is a waste of time, not to mention the lack of anything worth listening to on this forgotten radio band. It s been a pleasure to provide station information for radio hobbyists since 1995, and I am glad I was able to provide it as a FREE service to DX ers. But time marches on. I will leave the AMLOGBOOK site posted for the next several months. I will then be canceling my domain and email. Thank you for all your support over the years. (Lee J Freshwater Ocala, FL via NRC)

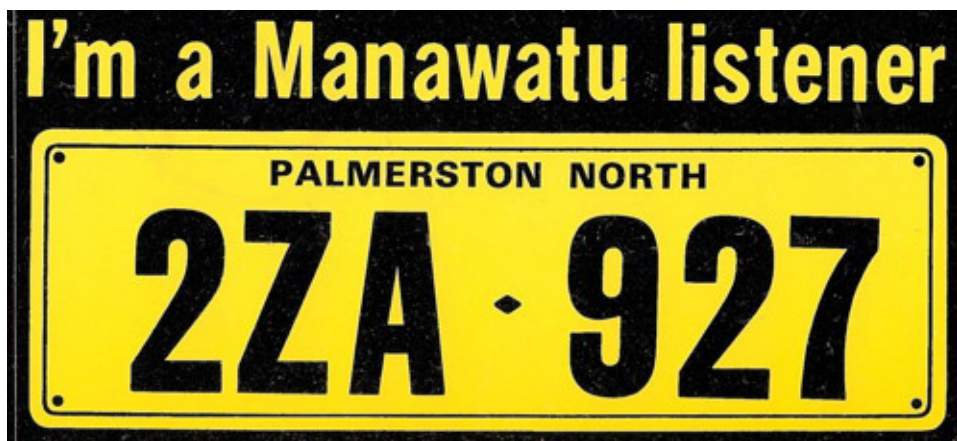
[This was a useful internet reference for North American station data. BC]

BROADCAST TRAIL

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- 650 HAWAII KRTR Honolulu w/"This is Hawaii's place for great music, the all-new 6-50", fair 0935 28/8.
- 670 USA KBOI Boise ID w/promo "with Eric and Gary on 6-70 KBOI" 0629 25/8.
- 720 USA KDWN Las Vegas NV through Invercargill 0720 25/8 w/promo for "Newstalk 7-20 KDWN", mixed country music (presume KUAI Hawaii)
- 760 HAWAII KGU Honolulu w/ident for "Hawaii's source for business and financial news, KGU" at 0730 25/8.
- 890 CUBA Radio Progreso all alone 0633 22/8 w/popular Latin vocals & SS annc " ..radio cubano.. por America.."
- 890 USA WLS Chicago IL w/weather forecast, ident, PSA for Hurricane Sandy donations 0936 28/8.
- 1030 USA WBZ Boston MS with ident & commercial string 0938, but severe slop from 1026 Kiwi, 28/8.
- 1030 UNIDENTIFIED LATIN w/SS ident like "Radio Romanza" 1029 on 28/8.
- 1140 CANADA CHRB High River AB up nicely 0657 w/"AM 11-40 is CHRB High River, a Golden West radio station. Southern Alberta's community radio station, AM 11-40" then country music. "Insight for Living" at 0700.
- 1210 USA KGYN Guymon OK w/country music format 0556 past 0650 20/8, one decent ident as "Your number 1 for country, New Life(?) KGYN" mixing KPRZ.
- 1300 UNID/USA station w/SS Christian hymns in SS and EE over KKOL Seattle w/ident as "13 hundred KKOL" at 0927 25/8.
- 1310 USA KMKY San Francisco CA over Latin station w/"They're all here, all your favourite stars, all the time and all for you, Radio Disney AM 16-80" 0606

- 21/8. (the 1680 Disney station is at Fresno, 160 miles from SFO. Not sure what happened here. BC)
- 1360 PERU Nueva Q Lima regular w/catchy cumbia rhythms 0543 21/8.
- 1380 USA UNID with Fox Sports format 0931 28/8. Hrd occasionally but usually adjacent Kiwis prevent reliable reception.
- 1440 KIRIBATI Radio Kiribati in vernacular 0903 21/8 mixing Moana AM.
- 1440 JAPAN JOWF Sapporo w/possible JJ radio drama thru Moana AM 1031 18/8.
- 1560 UNID with soft piano standards, orchestrals, show tunes in EE 0928 28/8. Probably the Mexican but some odd signals tonight eg the below & 1030.
- 1560 USA WQEW New York NY outstanding signal 0959 28/8 w/Radio Disney idents and pop songs.
- 1566 NORFOLK ISLAND VL2NI relatively easy catch with RNZ National relay at 0858 8/9, significantly delayed to NZL-based transmitters.
- 1580 USA KBLA Santa Monica CA good w/ EE DJ prgm called "Da Radio Show" with website www.daradioshow.com 0551 to 0600 3/9, then SS programming.
- 1600 USA UNID quite good w/Asian music format, likely Chinese 1006 28/8.
- 1610 UNID LATIN w/SS talk 0701 and 0809 on 19/8. Perhaps CHHA?
- 1630 USA KCJJ Iowa City IA w/ident as "The Mighty 16-30 KCJJ" 0710 28/8 during fade in usually dominant KRND Mexican & KKGM talk formats,



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013 The 65th AGM of the NZ Radio DX League will be held on Sunday 20 October at 2.00pm at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland. We hope as many Auckland region members as possible (and indeed members from further afield) will be able to attend the meeting. Arthur de Maine from North Otago is making the trip north. Please contact myself or our Treasurer Phil van de Pavverd if you need help in finding the meeting venue.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a **PROXY FORM** which enabled NZ members unable to attend the meeting to have a say in the proposals and remits received for the AGM. These are detailed on the form. Completed forms should be posted to NZRDXL, P.O. Box 178, Mangawhai 0540 or scanned copies sent by email to secretary@radiodx.com.

Completed forms must be received **no later than 16 October to be valid. Please follow the 'Important Notes' at the end of the form to avoid your vote being invalid.**

Those attending the meeting should not complete this form.

TED MANNING We note with regret from a recent item in NZART's "Break In" magazine forwarded by Sutton Burtenshaw that this former Taranaki Branch member died earlier this year. Ted was a very active medium wave DXer in the 1950s and 1960s in the heyday of the local branch and attended a number of conventions in the Auckland and Waikato regions.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS The Administration Committee has received 2 nominations for Life Membership of the League, and these are included on the Proxy Form elsewhere in this issue. PHIL VAN DE PAVERD will be known to all members as our long-serving Treasurer. A relatively recent convert to the DX hobby, Phil joined the League and the Auckland Branch in the mid-1990s and was quickly promoted to Branch Treasurer. He has been National Treasurer since 1998 and also took on the additional duties of National Secretary when Evan Murray took ill in 2005, until 2009. Today, Phil still looks after League stationery enquiries. He edited the monthly Bandwatch Over 9 section for the NZ DX Times from 2005 till 2011 and still found time to be an active SWL, MW DXer and DXpeditioner. Still active in his late 80's, Phil is currently in the process of moving from Howick Auckland to a seaside location near Mangonui in the Far North. He is looking forward to much improved DX up there!

Also nominated for Life Membership is **ANDY GARDNER**, mainly in recognition for his introduction of a complete electronic desktop publishing process for the NZ DX Times in the late 1990s. That included all editorial communications including delivery of the

magazine to the printer being achieved by email. He also initiated the securing of our radiodx.com domain name that is the foundation for the club's internet presence. Andy joined the League in the 1970s and his DX passion was and still is mediumwave. He was Chief Editor from 1998 until 2000 when he moved to Mexico but he returned to Christchurch NZ with his family in 2011 and quickly stepped back into the magazine publication role when Mark Nicholls was unwell. Right now he is tuning up a gaggle of Racal RA17Ls alongside an Icom IC-R71 and AOR7030+ receiver with the intention of proving there's still decent MW DX available in Canterbury.

RADIO HAURAKI '3 MILE LIMIT' The following was posted to the DXLD Yahoo Group by Mike Terry in late August: The film '3 Mile Limit' about Radio Hauraki New Zealand is now in post production. There is no official Trailer yet but there is this clip on YouTube. "Auckland Viaduct, October 1966: a group of determined young men defy the police and government and, to the cheering of their fans, launch a coastal ship that has been converted to a pirate radio station which they intend to use to broadcast from the Hauraki Gulf. It is the birth of commercial radio in New Zealand. Crazy as it seems, this is what it took to break the stronghold the Broadcasting Corporation had on national broadcasting at the time, despite a growing youth audience clamouring for radio that was in touch with their generation. Radio Hauraki, as the pirate station was known, broadcast their popular mix of music and chat from the so-called 'safe' international waters 50 miles from Auckland beyond the reach of government legislation, on and off from 1966-1970." See www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeR5dfusv-g

"CONTENT IS KING AND TECHNOLOGY IS QUEEN" was the mantra at two recent media conferences in Asia. This year's RadioAsia event (co-organised by the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) and the organization I head, the Singapore-based Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, AMIC) was held in July in Hanoi, Vietnam and had the theme Radio and Social Media: Where to Next? For DXers, the conference outcomes contained both good news and bad news.

On the positive side, it was clear from proceedings that radio is here to stay. Radio executives are 'gung ho' about the medium and its future. However, the way in which radio reaches its clientele augers not so well for 'traditional' radio enthusiasts and DXers chasing elusive signals from afar. Whether radio programmes are carried on AM, FM, SW, DAB+ or DRM platforms is of little interest to radio managers, as long as the content reaches its source. And, in rapidly increasing numbers, radio listeners are using mobile phones, notepads, laptops and other similar devices to access radio material. Many of the broadcasting executives present said they didn't even own a standard analogue or digital radio themselves, but relied on their phones and computers to access content. It is probably only a matter of time before more shortwave (and even MW) transmitters go silent as the digital revolution continues.

Earlier in July, AMIC held its annual conference in Yogyakarta, Indonesia with the theme Transformational Communication and the New Asia. Again, social media was at the forefront of discussions. At the opening ceremony, a senior representative of Indonesia's Ministry of Communications told delegates that there were now 63 million Indonesian

Internet users and that 48% were on Facebook. Interestingly, Indonesia is the world's 4th biggest user of Facebook and 5th in the world for Twitter. It is calculated that there are 280 million mobile gadgets in the country, 63% of which are Smartphones.

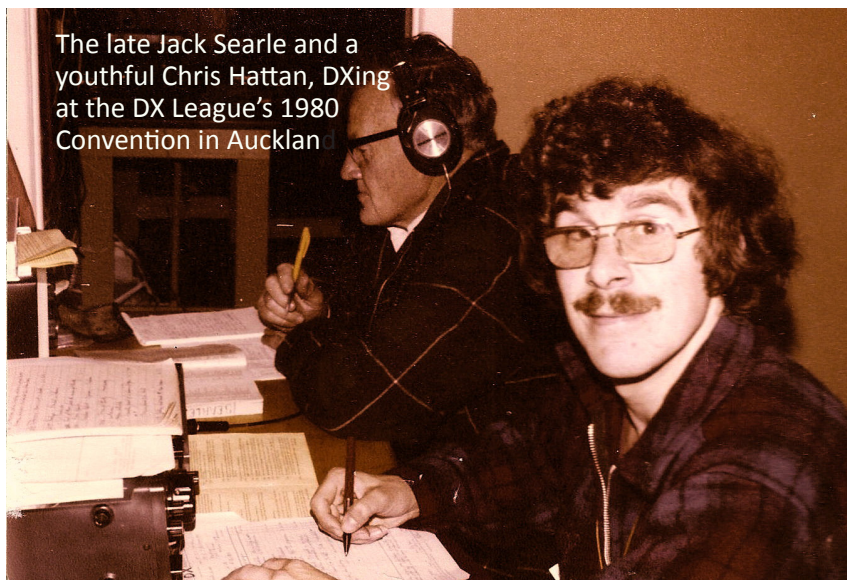
A representative from the major telco, Telkomsel, said that in 2012, one in four Indonesians used the Internet and that 9 out of 10 teenagers in the 15-19 year age group went on-line. Telkomsel has 120 million customers and Smartphone users spend about three hours a day on the Internet. Interestingly, up to 60% of the mobile phone data traffic in Indonesia is now video usage.

There is no doubt that a new generation in Asia is looking at broadcasting, both radio and television, in a different way than did those of us from the analogue era. Change is coming rapidly and we can expect more digital revolutions as radio leaves its traditional home on the airwaves and becomes just another App. on a mobile phone. Content is still king, but technology is queen and she has spoken clearly and eloquently...radio is a mobile medium and it will live on platforms where its clientele find it most convenient.

Conference papers can be accessed at www.amic.org.sg and www.radioasia.org

(from **MARTIN HADLOW**, first blogger to our new radiodx website – we encourage you to check out the excellent work being undertaken at www.radiodx.com by our webmaster **PAUL ORMANDY**)

CHRIS HATTAN - the Proxy/Voting Form included with this issue includes the nomination of Chris for the position of National Secretary for the League, so we thought it appropriate to introduce him to the wider membership. Chris has had a life-long interest in radio, having started out at Shirley Boys High School in Christchurch making crystal sets. His



first shortwave radio, a Panasonic portable, was purchased from Tricity House, and Chris then joined the NZDXRA, remaining a member till that club closed in 2008. He joined the League around that time, but was known to League members earlier from attending League conventions. His first decent shortwave receiver was a Yaesu FRG7 and he has focussed on Shortwave listening and getting QSL cards for his efforts, eventually verifying over 100 countries. From the late 70's to early 80's he dabbled in Citizen Band Radio and scanners to listen to public service stuff. Whilst not an active DX listener these days, Chris intends reactivating his 2 Sony ICF 2001D/2010 receivers at some stage. His fascination with this receiver began in 1986 when he purchased one in Hong Kong and he has been a moderator of the Yahoo Group for this receiver since 2001.

Chris has been employed in the Health sector since the 1970s and is currently Afternoon Duty Manager at the Henry Bennet Centre, Waikato Hospital in Hamilton. In accepting nomination for National Secretary, Chris is keen to put something back into the hobby that has given him a lot of pleasure over the years.

BRANCH NEWS

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WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

Mark these dates in your diary now:

September 25

October 23

November 27 [last gathering for 2013]

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. We've had up to 10 people coming along to a Beach Babble, I hope we see you soon!

DUNEDIN GROUP

Next meeting to be advised

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

August 4, 2013 -- The records that DXers kept in the 1920s were often just notations in a published list, like White's Radio Log or RADEX, but sometimes they were more elaborate. Samuel J. Murphy of Philadelphia kept a separate daily listing of the stations he heard on his one-tube Atwater Kent setup. These were broadcast band stations. Under "DX History/SWling & DXing" is a copy of Sam's typed list for a year starting on April 7, 1923. -- And we have added these "Wavescan" entries under "Specialized Resources": "The United States on Shortwave: One Leaves the Air and Another Signs On" (July 7, 2013); "Ancient DX Report: 1904" (July 7, 2013); "Tribute to Family Radio Shortwave-2: The Early Years in New Jersey" (July 14, 2013); and "Focus on Africa: The Mozambique Radio Story With Colin Miller" (July 21, 2013).

August 11, 2013 -- Under "Specialized Resources," "Radio Postcards," we have posted another group of station postcards from Japan. These are: the Funabashi Telegraph Station; the Hamamatu Broadcasting Station; the Japan Wireless Telegraph Co. in Oyama; JOQG, the NHK Morioka Broadcasting Station; two cards from JQAK, Dairen, Manchuria; three views of the Tokyo Broadcasting Station; and the Yosami Transmitting Station. -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," a new entry from Adrian Peterson: "Tribute to Shortwave WYFR-3: The Early Years in Boston" (August 4, 2013).

August 25, 2013 -- To "CPRV" and the "CPRV QSL Gallery" this time, for a compilation of QSLs from the Dominican Republic. They are: HI2D, R. Hit Musical, Santiago (1958 and 1965); Radio Ritmos, Santiago (1978); R. Norte, Santiago (1978); R. Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo (1966); Radiotelevision Dominicana (1968 and 1979); HI9T, Broadcasting Tropical, Puerto plata (1946); HICK, Ondas del Yaque (1962); and HI2T, La Voz del Yuna (1945). Also in this group are four QSLs that we had previously shown separately: HI1A, La Voz del Yaque, Santiago de los Caballeros (1934); HIL, Cd. Trujillo (1936); Rdfsra. HI8A, Cd. Trujillo (1936); and HISD, Universal Broadcasting Corp., Santo Domingo (1968). -- And from Adrian Peterson, this new "Wavescan" entry under "Specialized Resources": "75th Anniversary: All India Radio on Shortwave" (August 18, 2013).

September 1, 2013 -- Trans World Radio is well known to SWLs. Starting out in 1954 as the Voice of Tangier, it was reborn as Trans World Radio, Monaco in 1960, and over the years expanded to sites in Bonaire, Swaziland, Guam and elsewhere. Under "DX History/Stations," we have pulled together a number of items pertaining to TWR: QSLs, reading matter, recordings, etc. -- Also this week, Adrian Peterson offers another "Wavescan" entry in the "Specialized Resources" section. It is "Radio Broadcasting on the Island of Cyprus: The Early Years" (August 25, 2013).

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MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ Pac	NAm	CAm	SAm	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Sep	Inc	
Ray Crawford	881	127	414	86	111	132	46	569	189	2366	2366	0
Douglas Johns										1094	1094	0
Sutton Burtenshaw	436	65	335	43	39	47	3	121	108	1089	1089	0
David Ricquish	501	93	195	22	6	8	0	46	67	871	871	0
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	21	90	1	25	61	744	744	0
Mark Nicholls	291	57	229	27	9	10	0	22	67	645	645	0
John Campbell									130	644		
Paul Aronsen									50	531	531	0
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Peter Grenfell									41	457		0
Günter Jacob	0	0	7	0	0	349	10	11	59	377	377	0
Frank Glen									24	327		
FM-TELEVISION												
Douglas Johns										901		
Mark Nicholls	44								2	44	44	0
SHORTWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ Pac	N.Am	C.Am	S.Am	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Sep	Inc	
Ian Cattermole	276	519	612	346	392*	3403	450	1695	209	7651	7692	41
Ron Killick									237	6262	6262	0
Günter Jacob	285	332	352	172	200*	1819	508	1469	175	5119	5136	17
Douglas Johns										3207		
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0
John Durham	114	95	219	113	150*	957	246	536	265	2428	2430	2
John Campbell									264	1729	1729	0
Paul Aronsen									125	806	806	0
Peter Grenfell									141	777	777	0
Stuart Forsyth	42	19	14	16	29*	203	49	137	106	503	508	5
JUNIOR (5 - 150)												
Mark Nicholls	33	8	11	5	6	33	4	11	56	130	130	0
Frank Glen									71	106	108	2
UTILITIES												
Ron Killick									133	61957		0
Douglas Johns										35857		0
Günter Jacob									14	18		
Frank Glen									1	2		

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NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE

NOTICE OF PROXY FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

I, (name).....

being a financial member of the NZ Radio DX League continuously for at least the last 3 years, a resident of New Zealand, and being unable to attend the above Meeting to be held in Auckland on Sunday 20 October 2013, hereby nominate:

(insert 'Chairman of the Meeting' or the name or named position of a member who will attend the meeting.)

.....
to be my **PROXY** at the above meeting, and to **VOTE ON MY BEHALF**.
I direct my proxy to vote in the following manner. (If you do not indicate below, the proxy will vote or abstain from voting as they think fit.)

(Place a tick after your selected voting position)

To re-elect FRANK GLEN as Patron	For _____	Against _____
To re-elect BRYAN CLARK as National President	For _____	Against _____
To re-elect DAVID NORRIE as National Vice President	For _____	Against _____
To elect CHRIS HATTAN as National Secretary	For _____	Against _____
To re-elect PHIL VAN DE PAVERD as National Treasurer	For _____	Against _____
To re-elect MARK NICHOLLS as Chief Editor	For _____	Against _____
To re-elect PAUL ORMANDY Public Relations/Publicity Officer	For _____	Against _____
To re-elect ARTHUR DE MAINE as Competitions Secretary	For _____	Against _____

Remit 1 (a) That the NZRDXL domestic hardcopy subscription be increased to NZ\$40.00 a) for 2014, reducible to \$35 if payment is received by 31 December 2013, and the electronic sub reduced to NZ\$15.00;
For _____ Against _____

(b) That subscription rates continue to be reviewed annually and agreed at the b) League's AGM.
For _____ Against _____

Remit 2 To change the registered office of the DX League to 162 Tern Point Road, Mangawhai Northland and advertise a new Mangawhai postal address.
For _____ Against _____

Remit 3 To appoint **ANDY GARDNER** a Life Member For _____ Against _____

Remit 4 To appoint **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** a Life Member For _____ Against _____

Signed:-----

Dated:-----/-----/2013

Important Notes: To be valid, a proxy form must be signed, dated, and posted to NZ Radio DX League, P.O. Box 178, Mangawhai 0540 to reach the DX League no later than 16 October 2013.

It is recommended that proxy forms be posted no later than Monday 14 October 2013.

Alternatively you may scan the completed proxy form and send it in electronic form to **secretary@radiodx.com** no later than 16 October 2013.

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