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### **BANDWATCH UNDER 9MHZ**

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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short. 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
2325	1007	AUSTRALIA, ABC N.T. Fair in English - talkback/ quiz 2/1 JW@LL
2485	1014	AUSTRALIA, ABC N.T. Fair in English - talkback/ quiz 2/1 JW@LL
3260	0950	PNG, R Madang. Poor in Tok Pisin - 29/12 JW@TDH
3310	0924	BOLIVIA, R Mosoj Chaski. Poor in Quechua - 28/12 JW@TDH
3365	0928	PNG, R Milne Bay. Fair in English , 28/12 - lists of students promoted to high schools - JW@TDH
3385	0938	PNG, NBC E New Britain. Poor in Tok Pisin, 28/12 JW@TDH
3905	0941	PNG, NBC New Ireland. Poor in Pidgin, 28/12 JW@TDH
4750	1639	BANGLADESH, B'desh Betar, HS, Fair in vern, mx, nx 1700, off 1705 - 30/12 KB
4755	0953	F.S.MICRONESIA, PMA-Cross Radio. Fair in English 29/12 JW@TDH
4775	1020	PERU, R Tarma (tent). Poor in Spanish - high energy Latino music JW@TDH
4800	1710	INDIA, AIR Hyderabad, Fair in vern, instr mx, nx in English 1730 - 30/12 KB
4810	1727	INDIA, AIR Bhopal, Fair in EE nx, then nx in vern, 1740 ma s/off - 30/12 KB
4835	1738	AUSTRALIA, VL8A, 'Auld Lang Syne', om/yl New Year resolutions - 31/12 KB
4850	1747	CHINA, Xinjiang PBS, Fair/good in Chinese, m.o.r. CC songs - 30/12 KB
4880	1859	UNITED KINGDOM, SW Radio Africa (tent). Poor in English, end of tx. 28/12 JW@TDH
4930	1720	BOTSWANA, VOA, Poor in English, om/yl - 31/12 KB
4940	0942	CHINA Voice of the Straits, Fuzhou w/tuning signal (as per
		www.intervalsignals.net) at strong level, then opening anncts in CC lang 27/12. BCM
4990	0902	SURINAM Radio Apinte, Paramaribo logged 1/1 till past 1000, anncts
		in Dutch, New Year Greetings, ident with website, poor but
FOFO	1000	surprisingly readable this day. BCM
5050 5050	1230	CHINA. Beibu Bay Radio. Poor in Vietnamese. Mxd AIR. 2/1. IC
	1245	INDIA. AIR Aizawl. Poor in Hindi. English News earlier. Mxd. BBR. 2/1. IC
5060	1753	CHINA, Xinjiang PBS, Poor in Chinese, western-style pop mx - 30/12 KB
5855	1500	ASIA, RFA good in Korean – BDW 25/12
5875	1100	THAILAND, R.Thailand,V.good in Vietnamese after EE s/on, 1116 to

5890 5900 5925 5940 5950 5950	0800 1510 0649 1505 1445 1631	Khmer, 1130 sig poor after changed to Lao - 26/11 KB USA, Overcomer Ministry, Fair in English, s/on & relg prgrm - 18/11 KB RUSSIA, VOR good in English with "Review 2013" – BDW 31/12 FRANCE, RFI, Good in French, Ma interviews yl & om, 0657 off air - 17/11 KB AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English with "AWave" doco – BDW 31/12 NZ, RNZI Roger with national prgm of music in English – BDW 31/12 ETHIOPIA, VO Tigray Revolution (tent). Fair in Tigrinya/Afar -
5952.	5 0901	music/anncr 3/1 JW@LL BOLIVIA, Emisoras Pio XII (tent). Fair in Spanish - nonsched time;
		spirited anners & music 3/1 JW@LL
5995	1450	AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent in English with "Conversations" – BDW 31/12
6025	0718	BOLIVIA Radio Patria Nueva ran all night on New Years Eve w/lively music prgm, different to what I usually hear. SS idents for "Patria Nueva, 24 horas" over music, followed past 0900 1/1, fair at best. BCM
6055	1011	JAPAN, R.Nikkei, Fair in JJ oms/yl, mx // 9595 weaker, 3925 v.weak - 27/11 KB
6055	1651	RWANDA, R.Rwanda, Poor in vernacular until spltr gone from 6060 at 1700. Audio from ma low but yl better, and recorded reports/frequent advts, yl/children's choir clearer & fair reception. Several 'Rwanda' refs, Weaker from 1740 and co-chan CC from 1757, Heard 27, 29 30/11 - KB
6075	0701	VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Good in Latin with Mass - 17/11 KB
6075	1515	TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in Chinese with indig. Music with light QRM
		and surging. Chinese jammers ?? – CC 16/12
6080	0710	SOLOMON ISLANDS. SIBC. Fair in English. 30/11. IC
6080	0733	BRAZIL, R.Marumby, Fair in PP, mx, relg, hymn to tune 'Away in
		a Manger', 0801 om/yl, 0815 ID jingle 0830 fading - 6/11 KB
6100	1603	GERMANY, AWR fair in Bulgarian – BDW 25/11
6115	0840	JAPAN, R.Nikkei, HS2, Good in Japanese & pop mx - 6/11 KB
6120		BRAZIL, SRDA, Poor/Fair in Portugese relg, fading from 0742 - 23/11 KB
6145	0551	ROMANIA, RRI good with prgm in Romanian // 7220 the same – CC 1/12
6175	1526	UAE, BBC WS good in Urdu with OM Speaking //12075 the same, 9920 weaker – CC 16/12
6180	0710	BRAZIL, R.Nac. de Amazonia, Good in PP, some QRN, mx, phone-in - 6/11 KB
6225	1430	TAJIKISTAN. Dem. Voice of Burma via Dushanbe. Good in Burmese. 25/12. IC
6960		USA HOBBY PIRATE X-FM Shortwave fair in AM mode 1/1 with quality
0700	0020	audio, contemporary music, frequent idents & email address till
		closing at 0706. Quickly confirmed I was their first reporter from NZ.
		Also hrd KIPM on 6940 at same time, plus UNID on 6925 USB. BCM
7235	1854	STH KOREA, KBS World Service weak in noise with discussion in
		Russian – KAB 7/1
7285	1846	CHINA, CRI fair in Chinese with talk by OM – KAB 7/1
7305	1945	FRANCE. CRI via Iss. Good in Czech. 16/12. IC
7315	1858	AZERBAIJAN, VOA poor in Cantonese, very noisy – KAB7/1
7335		TUNISIA. RTV Tunisia. VG in Arabic. 2/1. IC

- 7345 0710 ROMANIA. RRI. VG. in German. 2/1. IC
- 7360 0543 VATICAN, Vatican radio fair in Portuguese with comment KAB 7/1
- 7390 1956 CHINA, CRI poor in unid language with folk sons by group, then off at 2000utc KAB 1/1
- 7400 0539 IRAN, VOIRI fair in unid language with comment KAB 7/1
- 7400 0804 AUSTRIA, TWR good in English with relig. Prgm. //6105 the same CC 10/12
- 7435 1630 CHINA, CRI good in English with "Media Scan" BDW 25/12
- 7555 0730 USA. WEWN. VG in Spanish. 2/1. IC
- 7570 0735 USA. WRMI with Overcomer broadcast via Okeechobee. Fair. 2/1. IC
- 7570 1331 NTH KOREA, V Of Korea fair with orchestral music, scratchy// 9435 & 12015 the same CC 4/12

#### OVERSEAS LOGGINGS. All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

- kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
- FREQ UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
- 4765 0450 CUBA. Radio Progreso, 0450-0502\* Nov 15, music and Spanish language talk until closedown ID and orchestra National Anthem. Carrier cut at 0502. Fair although not nearly as strong as earlier in the evening when spot checking the channel. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5910 0207 ROMANIA. Radio Romania International Tiganesti, 0207-0235 Dec 7, Romanian language program which appeared to be a variety show of some sort with a lot of discussions between several people, laughter, and musical selections. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6922.8 2251 PIRATE (No. Am.). Edmund Fitzgerald Radio, 2251-2305 Nov 11, noted with Gordon Lightfoot's "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" and some English talk, ID and Gmail address. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 2236 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). PBS Underground, 2236-2243 Dec 7, noted with instrumental music; seemingly quick talk by man announcer before more instrumental music. Unfortunately, I had to leave but noted a Chris Lobdell message indicating it was this station which signed off a few minutes later. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 2336 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Radio Echo One, 2336-0011\* Nov 15, man announcer in English with several IDs, e-mail address playing rock tunes until closedown. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6935U 0124 PIRATE (No. Am.). Wolverine Radio, 0124-0145 Dec 15, playing a program of vocals of real old time music. Man with quick "Wolverine Radio" station IDs at 0133 and 0141. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6935 0124 6935 usb PIRATE (No. Am.). Wolverine Radio, 0124-0145 Dec 15, playing a program of vocals of real old time music. Man with quick " Wolverine Radio" station IDs at 0133 and 0141. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7210 0332 SOMALIA. Radio Hargeisa Somaliland, \*0332-0408 Nov 15, tuned in during opening anthem followed by man announcer speaking in Somali language. At 0344 brief Horn of Africa music followed by talk

by another man announcer in Somalia language. Another Horn of Africa vocal selection by a male singer followed by more talk by a woman announcer.

Another HoA male vocal selection from 0359. Fair to good and best heard in a long time. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 7220 0335 IRAN. Voice of Palestine Kalalabad, 0335-0417\* Dec 7, much Arabic language talks, music and group discussions until carrier cut at 0417 ending transmission. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7315 0437 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Dabanga Santa Maria Galeria, 0437-0453 Dec 12, man announcer with Arabic language talk, ID followed by two men with news and several remote reports. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7315 0437 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Dabanga Santa Maria Galeria, 0437-0453 Dec 12, man announcer with Arabic language talk, ID followed by two men with news and several remote reports. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7425 0235 ALBANIA. Radio Tirana, 0235-0258\* Dec 7, man announcer with news in English followed by Press Review. After station ID Profile program followed. Some light pop music before closedown with IS. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7506.5 0446 USA. WRNO New Orleans, 0446-0500\* Nov 14, programs of religious pop vocals with carrier cut at 0500. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

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- **KB** Kelvin Brayshaw, LEVIN. ATS-909, TecsumPL660, 7.5m EWE, Coax Loop.
- JW@TDH the Top Dingle Hut, west of the Ahuriri river, HF150, 46m dipole

**JW@LL** Leaning Lodge on the Rock and Pillar Range, HF150, 46m dipole

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### **BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ**

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Where station ID not confirmed, please mark item as 'tentative' Grateful you avoid duplication of entries in consecutive months.

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details
9355	0750	USA. WRMI. Good with Overcomer broadcast. 7/12. IC
	1330	SRI LANKA, PCJ Happy Station via Trm, Good signal at s/on - 29/1 JD
9390	1403	THAILAND, R.Thailand, Good in EE, yl nx, various refs to Thailand - 4/12 CC
9410	2005	EGYPT. Radio Cairo. Poor in French. 4/12. IC
9440	1404	ARMENIA, DWR via Erv, Very good in Pashto - 28/11 BDW
9440	2039	GERMANY, BVB R Dardasha. Fair in Arabic 29/12 JW@TDH
	0420	RWANDA, Deutsche Welle via Kig In English with World in Progress - 15/12 JD
	0509	
9490	0149	CLANDESTINE, R Republica. Poor in Spanish. 3/1 JW@LL (also picked up
		on a 100m BOG antenna on a hill near Mosgiel last year)
	1945	UK. IBRA via Woofferton. Good in Arabic. 16/12. IC
	1813	RWANDA, IBRA, Fair/poor in Arabic, om & mx - 1/1 KB
	0602	
	0835	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	1709	RWANDA, FEBA (tent) Fair/good in Oromo, Fa, om/ song, off 1715 - 27/12 KB
	0834	BRAZIL, R.Aparecida, Poor in Portugese, mx, 0840 ma 'bom dia' - 29/12 KB
	0545	BRAZIL, R Bandeirantes. Poor in Portugese. 9/12 JW@TDH
9655	0427	
		little distorted with occsnl QRN - 17/12 CC
9655	1530	ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Arabic, om spkg, mx // 11620 same; 15300
		& 17530 weaker - 16/12 CC
9665	1512	ROMANIA, RRI, Excellent in Arabic // 11620 very good - 4/12 BDW
9700	0545	TURKEY, VOT, Fair/good in Turkish, male vocalist, surging // 9820
		much weaker - 1/12 CC
9800	1704	RWANDA, DW, Fair in French, om/om - 27/12 KB
9880	1240	GUAM, KSDA AWR, Very good in Korean - 20/12 BDW
9880	1601	RWANDA, DWR, Good in Amharic // 12070 poor - 18/11 BDW
9885	1900	AUSTRIA, NDR Hamburg via Mos with yearly special prg "Gruss
		an Bord" Quite good level with News in German at 1900 then into
		special at 1905 // 11955 just audible & 9925 poor to just fair; both via
		Issoudun France - 24/12 JD
9895	0615	RUSSIA. Radio Tatarstan. Good in Tatar. Off 0700. 29/12. IC
9940	0351	MOLDOVA, R Miraya FM. Music and id's only. Fair in English. (S Sudan) 3/1 JW@LL

9955	0454	USA WRMI Miami via Okeechobee w/"The Church of God" prgm 7/12, well over Cuban pulse jammer. At 0459 brief sports headlines & ident as "WRMI Miami-Okeechobee" with email address, then relay
9955	0520	of Radio Prague news in SS. BCM USA, WRMI rebroadcasting R Prague. Good in Spanish. Classical music. 29/12 JW@TDH
11600	0739	ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Arabic, om speaking, 0740 ID // 15200 same; 15330 & 17810 weaker - 10/12 CC
	1356	IRAN, VOIRI, Good in Japanese, yl speaking // 9585 with QRM - 4/12 CC
	1728	S.AFRICA, IBRA, Poor in Somali, i/s fa/ma, mx - 27/12 KB
	1730 0137	SOUTH AFRICA. IBRA. via Meyerton. Fair in Somali. 15/12. IC INDIA, AIR, Poor at first in Urdu, fair from 0205, ma & mx - 25/12 KB
	0208	ARGENTINA, RAE. Poor to fair in English. 3/1 JW@LL
	0533	FRANCE, NHK, Excellent in French - 22/11 BDW
	1430	GUAM, KSDA AWR, Very good in Mandarin - 21/12 BDW
	0220	IRAN, VOIRI, Poor/fair in listed Hindi, ma, 0243 silent, 0247 fa/ma in
		presumed Dari & mx - 25/12 KB
	1303	SINGAPORE, NHK, Very good in Vietnamese - 22/11 BDW
	1530	GERMANY. AWR via Nauen. Good in English. 1/12. IC
	0613	BRAZIL, SRDA Curitiba in Portugese // 9565, both Poor to fair - 5/1 JD
11765	0727	BRAZIL, SRDA Curitiba, Fair in Portugese relg. some talk low audio,
11770	1700	but preacher w/strong, clear voice - 29/12 KB SOUTH AFRICA. AWR via Meyerton. Fair in Kiswahili after English IDs. 11/12. IC
	1707	S.AFRICA, AWR, Fair in Swahili, insp mx, yl - 27/12 KB
11780v		BRAZIL Radio Nacional Brasilia noted to have wandered off nominal
117 001	0010	11780 since 26/12. Checks over subsequent days show it to vary
		between 11780.11 and 11780.15. Good to very good w/great music
		offerings & PP annots in our late afternoons. BCM
11800	1544	RWANĎA, DWR, Poor in Swahili // 15275 poor - 18/11 BDW
11815	0710	BRAZIL. R.Brazil Central, Fair in Portugese B/b mx, 0759 ID jingle
110.45	1000	and more mx; still going 0829 - 29/12 KB
	1800	S.AFRICA, BBC, Fair in Somali, i/s, Fa/om // 9410 clearer - 1/1 KB
	1807 0211	ASCENSION ISL, BBC, Fair in French yl/om nx - 31/12 KB SRI LANKA, SLBC, Poor in listed Hindi, ma & mx - 25/12 KB
	1401	GUAM, KSDA AWR, Very good in Mandarin - 21/12 BDW
	1000	PHILIPPINES. Radio Veritas. Good in Mandarin after English IDs. 12/12. IC
	1504	GERMANY, AWR, via Nau, Excellent in Turkish - 28/11 BDW
12035		TURKEY, VOT, Good in EE, mx, 1350 om w/ID, then "Letterbox" - 4/12 CC
12045	1624	SINGAPORE, NHK, Good in Japanese - 19/11 BDW
12070	0628	RWANDA, DW, Poor/fair in Hausa s/on // 15275 same, 15800
		stronger - 25/12 KB
12080		SAO TOME, VOA, Poor in Shona, fa/om // 15455 weaker - 27/12 KB
12105 13630		MADAGASCAR. Radio Dialogue via Talata. Poor in English. 29/11. IC
		BULGARIA. Bible Voice BC via Kostinbrod. Good in English. 20/12. IC IRAN, VOIRI, Good in Russian, yl spkg // 11825 & 21600 weaker - 1/12 CC
	1700	FRANCE. Sagalee Bilisummaa Oromoo. via Iss. Fair in Afar. 29/12. IC
	2128	OMAN, R Sultanate Oman. Fair in Arabic 3/1 JW@LL
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15155	1730	GERMANY, AWR via Nau, Very good in Oromo - 24/11 BDW
15180	0633	N.KOREA, Voice of Korea via Kujang, Quite good in French - 6/1 JD
15260	0800	UK. IBRA via Woofferton. Poor in Arabic. 16/12. IC
15275	1430	
15300	0713	
		13695 &17830 weaker - 10/12 CC
15310		
		VATICAN. Radio Veritas via SMG. VG in Filipino. 23/12. IC
		VATICAN. Radio Veritas via SMG. VG in Urdu. 18/12. IC
15335		FRANCE. Bible Voice BC via Iss. Good in Tigrinya after English IDs. 2/12. IC
	1603	TAIWAN, RTI, Good in English - 4/12 BDW
15495		GUAM, KSDA AWR, Fair in Telugu - 16/12 BDW
15605	1542	GUAM, AWR, Good in Hindi, om, mx // 13655 weaker & scratchy - 16/12 CC
15640	1403	UAE, DWR via Dha, Good in Pashto - 28/11 BDW
15640	1530	GUAM, KSDA AWR, Good in Malayam - 16/12 BDW
15660	1330	GUAM, KSDA AWR, Good in Hmong - 20/12 BDW
15670	1301	GUAM, KSDA AWR, Good in Kachin - 20/12 BDW
15735	1516	SRI LANKA, AWR via Trm, Fair in Nepali - 17/12 BDW
17540	1700	MADAGASCAR. Radio Mara via Talata. Fair in African languages. 28/11. IC
17605	1430	AUSTRIA, Voice of Hope S/on in Afar. Fair level - 27/12 JD
17605	1442	AUSTRIA, AWR via Mos, Good in Afar - 18/12 BDW
17665	0300	GUAM, KSDA AWR, Poor in Russian - 19/12 BDW
17700	0235	PHILIPPINES, R.Pilipinas in English. Ranges from fair to good level on
		a dail basis - 3/1 JD
21800	0630	RUSSIA, Voice of Russia, Irkutsk, Good level in English - 5/1 JD
21800	0800	RUSSIA. VOR. Good in English. om ID. vl nx // 21820 the same - 10/12 CC

21800 0800 RUSSIA, VOR, Good in English, om ID, yl nx // 21820 the same - 10/12 CC

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<b>k</b> Hz	UTC	Country,	Station,	Programme,	& Reception Details

- FREQ UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
- 9560 0143 VATICAN. Vatican Radio Santa Maria Galeria, 0143-0158\*, English program but a very poor level with only identifiable characteristic being the station's IS at 0158 closedown 7/12 RDA
- 9575 0410 MOROCCO (Spanish). Radio Medi Un Nador (presumed), 0410-0516, Middle Eastern music program hosted by a male announcer with brief Arabic language talk. Missed ID at 0500 but a woman announcer followed with news. Return to music program at 0510 hosted by a woman announcer with French language talk. Poor to fair - 14/12 RDA
- 9660 0250 MADAGASCAR. Vatican Radio Talata-Volondry, \*0259-0329\*, IS followed by African Service ID by man opening English service with Nelson Mandela's passing being the lead news story. Several nice IDs during broadcast with African News Panorama following the news. Good signal - 7/12 RDA

- 9965 1936 THAILAND. Radio Thailand, 1936-1959\*, man and woman with English service with news, news features, promos and IDs. Poor - 7/12 RDA
- 11670 2021 INDIA, All India Radio Bengaluru, 2021-2051, man and woman announcers hosting Hindi language program with Hindi music features. News at 2030 followed by music until end of program. English language service commenced at 2045. Fair - 3/1 RDA
- 11735 2050 ZANZIBAR, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation Dole, 2050-2058\*, caught the tail end of the broadcast with local music and man announcer with brief Swahili talks. Carrier terminated mid-song. Poor to fair - 3/1 RDA
- 11769.92120 NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria Ikorodu, 2120-2159\*, man announcer with Arabic language talk, some music but mainly talks. Light instrumental music after closedown announcements until carrier was terminated. Poor to fair - 3/1 RDA
- 11880 1414 USA. PCJ Radio Okeechobee, 1414-1431\*, another "test" with live program hosted by Keith Perron with music from The Lighthouse Family and Dusty Springfield. Gave away C Crane radio to Larry in Texas. Invited reception reports to pcjqsl@pcjmedia.com. After program close at 1430, there was light instrumental music and a WRMI ID before carrier was terminated - 5/1 RDA
- 15365 1713 CLANDESTINE (Ethiopia). ESAT Radio Kostinbrod (presumed),
  1713-1738, long talk by a man announcer in listed Amharic language with remote reports from different men. Horn of Africa vocals at 1732.
  Poor with very deep fades to almost non-existent at times 10/12 RDA
- 17540 1732 CLANDESTINE (Rwanda). Radio Mara Talata-Volondry, 1732-1758\*, discussion between a man in the studio and another man from a remote location in presumed Kinyarwanda language. Some light instrumental music between segments with a regional vocal at closedown. Fair to good - 7/12 RDA
- 17630 1619 CLANDESTINE (Ethiopia). Radio Xoriyo Issoudun, 1619-1630\*, man announcer with talk in Somalia language with Horn of Africa instrumental music prior to brief talk and HoA male vocals. 1629 apparently ID and closedown announcements with music continuing until the transmission carrier was terminated. Poor but improving to fair by closedown - 10/12 RDA
- 17775 1520 USA. KVOH Los Angeles, 1520-1651, testing per e-mail from Ray Robinson with inspirational music and "La Voz de Esperanza" IDs noted by a male announcer. Jazz from 1600 with English announcements. Fair with some moderate fading - 8/12 RDA
- 17850 1559 CLANDESTINE (Ethiopia). Oromo Voice Radio Kostinbrod (?), \*1559-1618 fade out, opening transmission for the latest Ethiopian opposition station with instrumental music opening followed by a woman announcer with station ID, light music and a man with news in

the Oromo language. Remote reports from 1607 until station faded out. Fair signal but a little rough at opening with deep fades marring reception. Fekadu Megersa who responded to my report indicated he had no idea where the transmission was broadcast from although he indicated from other monitors he thought perhaps Issoudun, France. Nevertheless, he promised to check - 4/1 RDA

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Many thanks for your contributions throughout 2013.

Best of Health & DX in 2014  $\mathcal{Kelvin}^{73}$ 



## **ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER**

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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	Freq	Station	Station	Log	DXer
(UTC)	(kHz)	Name		Date	Name
0208	(KHZ) 11710f	RAE	Country ARGENTINA	3/1	JW@LL
0235	17700g	Radio Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	3/1	JD
0351	9940f	R Miraya FM	MOLDOVA?	3/1	JW@LL
0420	9470	Deutsche Welle	GERMANY	15/12	JD
0427-0430	9655g	VOT	TURKEY	17/12	CC
0454-0459	9055g 9955	WRMI	USA	7/12	BCM
0509-0530	9470p	DW	GERMANY	25/12	KB
0630	21800g	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	5/1	JD
0710	6080f		DLOMON ISLANDS		IC
0800		comer Ministry	USA?	18/11	KB
0800	21800g:21820g	VOR	RUSSIA	10/12	CC
0804	6105g:7400g	TWR	?	10/12	CC
0928	3365f	R Milne Bay	PNG	28/12	JW@TDH
0953		A-Cross Radio	F.S.MICRONESIA?		JW@TDH
1007	2325f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	2/1	JW@LL
1014	2485f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	2/1	JW@LL
1348-1350	12035g	VOT	TURKEY	4/12	CC
1403	9390g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	4/12	CC
1445	5950	RNZI	NZ	31/12	BDW
1450	5995e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	31/12	BDW
1505	5940g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	31/12	BDW
1510	5900g	VOR	RUSSIA	31/12	BDW
1515	13630ğ	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	20/12	IC
1530	11750g	AWR	?	1/12	IC
1600	12105p	Radio Dialogue	MADAGASCAR?	29/11	IC
1603	15485g	RTI	TAIWAN	4/12	BDW
1630	7435g	CRI	CHINA	25/12	BDW
1720	4930p	VOA	USA	31/12	KB
1727-1740	4810f	AIR	INDIA	30/12	KB
1730	4800f	AIR	INDIA	30/12	KB
1859	4880p	SW Radio Africa	?	28/12	JW@TDH
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## SHORTWAVE REPORT

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#### ALASKA

Winter B-13 of KNLS The New Life Station: 0800-0900 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Russian 0900-1000 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Chinese 1000-1100 on 9615 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs English 1100-1200 on 9615 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Chinese 1200-1300 on 9615 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Chinese 1200-1400 on 9680 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Chinese 1400-1500 on 9615 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Chinese 1500-1600 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs English 1600-1700 on 6190 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Russian 1700-1800 on 6190 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs Russian

#### ASCENSION ISL/SEYCHELLES/UAE/U.K. BBC changes:

0230-0300 9560 DHA 250 kW 070 deg to SoAS Hindi till December 13 0400-0800 15420vDHA 250 kW 225 deg to CEAF English, exSEY 0800-1100 17640 SEY 250 kW 280 deg to CEAF English, additional 0800-1700 15400#ASC 250 kW 027 deg to WeAF English, additional 0800-1600 17830 ASC 250 kW 085 deg to CeAF English, additional 1100-1130 17640vDHA 250 kW 215 deg to EaAF English, additional 1130-1400 21470 SEY 250 kW 270 deg to CEAF English, additional 1130-1230 17745 SEY 250 kW 285 deg to EaAF Somali Sat, cancelled 1130-1500 21470 DHA 250 kW 205 deg to EaAF Somali Sat, cancelled 1130-1500 15595 SEY 250 kW 295 deg to EaAF Somali Sat, cancelled 1230-1500 21630 ASC 250 kW 065 deg to WeAF Hausa Sat, cancelled 1400-1500 15420 WOF 250 kW 120 deg to EaAF Somali, exSEY 1500-2000 12095 WOF 300 kW 140 deg to CEAF English, exSEY 2000-2100 15420 SEY 250 kW 270 dea to CEAF English, additional 2100-2200 11810 ASC 250 kW 065 deg to WeCeAF English Daily, exMon-Fri 2100-2200 12095 ASC 250 kW 027 deg to WeAF English Daily, exMon-Fri 2200-2400 12095 ASC 250 kW 027 deg to WeAF English, additional 2200-2400 12095 ASC 250 kW 065 deg to WeCeAF English, additional

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#### **TIBET(non)**

Updated B-13 shortwave schedule for Voice of Tibet: 1200-1215 NF 15542 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 15543 1215-1230 NF 15548 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 15537 1230-1245 on 15588 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan no change 1245-1300 on 15582 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan no change 1300-1315 on 9317 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese no change 1300-1315 on 15582 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan no change 1315-1345 NF 9322 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 9323 1315-1345 NF 15577 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15582 1345-1400 NF 9322 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 9323 1345-1400 on 11517 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan no change 1400-1415 NF 11522 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 11523 1400-1415 on 15520 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to CeAs Tibetan no change 1415-1430 NF 11522 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 11523 1415-1430 on 15515 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to CeAs Tibetan no change Changes between frequencies vary from 3 to 5 minutes

#### USA: NON.

Radio Africa.

Announcement of Radio Africa on December 3 at 0656 UTC on 15190:

"From January 1, 2014 this program will be broadcast on Wednesday at 1430 UTC on new frequency 21525 kHz"

But new frequency from December 1 via Okeechobee 1400-2000 is 17790, instead of registered 21525.

(CUMBRE)

#### USA: WRMI

As you may know, WRMI has just moved its transmitter site from Miami to Okeechobee, Florida, to the old WYFR transmitter site. We are currently transmitting two hours per day from 2000-2200 UTC on 15440 kHz at 44 degrees to Europe. We would be very interested to know if the signal is making it into Europe at that hour, or if we should perhaps try to move it back a few hours. The program is The Overcomer Ministry in English.

We would also be interested in reports from Europe regarding our transmissions to Africa, which are:

0400-0800 UTC on 9355 kHz 1400-2000 UTC on 17790 kHz and 2000-2300 UTC on 15190 kHz

The programming from 0400-0800 is The Overcomer Ministry, and the programming from 1400-2300 is Pan American Broadcasting's Radio Africa Network.

Any observations that DXers in Europe might have about these transmissions would be most welcome, even if just some brief comments about your reception (or lack thereof). Many thanks for your help!

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From Dec 9 at 1200 UT Radio Habana Cuba announcement summer time/frequencies. (DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13)

#### **ETHIOPIA**

Winter B-13 shortwave schedule of several Ethiopian stations.

0300-04005950 GEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHTig/Afa VOTigray Revolution0300-04006030 GEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHOro R.Oromiya0300-04006090 GEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHOro R.Amhara0300-04006110 AAB 100 kW non-dir to ETHAmh/Oro R.Fana0300-04007210 AAB 100 kW non-dir to ETHAmh/Oro R.Fana0300-04007237vGEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHAmh/Oro/Tig R.Ethiopia0300-04007237vGEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHAmh/Oro/Tig R.Ethiopia0300-04009566vGEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHAmh/Oro/Tig R.Ethiopia0400-04305950 GEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHOro R.Oromiya0400-04306090 GEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHOro R.Amhara0400-04306110 AAB 100 kW non-dir to ETHOro R.Amhara0400-04307210 AAB 100 kW non-dir to ETHAmh/Oro R.Fana0400-04307210 AAB 100 kW non-dir to ETHAmh/Oro R.Fana0400-04307237vGEJ 100 kW non-dir to ETHTig VOPeace and Democracy

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#### **PHILIPPINES**

Winter B-13 of R.Pilipinas Philippines Broadcasting Service: 0200-0330 on 15640 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME Tagalog/English 0200-0330 on 17700 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME Tagalog/English 0200-0330 on 17820 PHT 250 kW / 270 deg to N&ME Tagalog/English 1730-1930 on 9825 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME English/Tagalog 1730-1930 on 11890 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME English/Tagalog 1730-1930 on 15190 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME English/Tagalog

#### USA

Winter B-13 schedule of WTWW We Transmit World Wide: WTWW-1 0000-1400 on 5830 TWW 100 kW / 050 deg to NEAm English 1400-2400 on 9475 TWW 100 kW / 050 deg to NEAm English WTWW-2 0000-1400 on 5085 TWW 100 kW / 180 deg to SoAm English 1400-2400 on 9930 TWW 100 kW / 180 deg to SoAm English WTWW-3 0000-0300 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Spanish Sat-Wed 0300-0500 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Portuguese Sat-Wed 0500-0600 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Portuguese, very irregular 0600-0900 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Yoruba, very irregular 0900-1200 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Chinese, very irregular 1200-1400 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Russian, very irregular 1400-1500 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Russian Fri-Tue 1500-2100 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm Arabic Fri-Tue 2100-2400 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to NEAm French Fri-Tue

#### USA(non)

Frequency changes of Voice of America:

2230-2300 NF 5810 UDO 250 kW / 030 deg to EaAs Learning English, ex 5820 2230-2300 NF 9905 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to EaAs Learning English, ex 9490 2300-2400 NF 5810 UDO 250 kW / 030 deg to EaAs Learning English, ex 5820 2300-2400 NF 9900 PHT 250 kW / 332 deg to EaAs Learning English, ex 9490



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#### **QSL Verification**

Dear

#### - Mr. Ian Cattermole from Blenheim, New Zealand.

We would like to thank you for your reception report which has been checked against our program log and is hereby verified as correct as per the following details:

Date	Time (UTC)	Frequency	Tx Site	Power
NOVEMBER 24,	1330 - 1404	9335 kHz	Trincomalee, Sri Lanka	125 kW
2013				

Thank you for your report. We welcome your reports and comments. Keep listening. 73's!

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## DXISSIMO

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This month we welcome the return of ELWA Liberia and the reported reintroduction of shortwave from Al Hiswah Aden in Southern Yemen.

#### CONGO

6115, Radio Congo, Brazaville (presumed), 0608-0640, 25-12, Vernacular African music, male, female, French, comments, "Bon jour". Weak. 14321. (Méndez .Lugo, Spain. Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 10 meters via HCDX)

#### ECUADOR

B-13 shortwave schedule of HCJB Global Voice: 0830-1100 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 018 deg to CeAm Kichwa 0830-1100 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 172 deg to SoAm Kichwa 1100-1130 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 018 deg to CeAm Kichwa Sat/Sun 1100-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 172 deg to SoAm Kichwa Sat/Sun 1100-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 018 deg to CeAm Spanish Mon-Fri 1100-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 172 deg to SoAm Spanish Mon-Fri 1130-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 018 deg to CeAm Spanish Sat/Sun 1130-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 172 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun 1130-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 172 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun 1130-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 172 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun 1130-1500 on 6050 QUI 010 kW / 172 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun

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#### MALI

5995, Radio Mali, Bamako, 0703-0720, 25-12, vernacular music, female, French, comments. 24322. (Méndez .Lugo, Spain. Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 10 meters via HCDX)

#### YEMEN

Radio Sanaa was observed again on shortwave on November 26 and 27: 1300-1500 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic, but distorted audio At 1300 poor, 1330 weak, 1400 good, 1445-1500 very good signal, SINPO 44544 (Via DX RE MIX NEWS # 817 November 27, 2013

11770 Aden Yemen appeared on few remote units.Schduled 1100-2200 UT to zone 39, Aden Al Hiswah ALH 100 kW. 0=non directional antenna ITU type #925 HQant YEM YER.

Registered on HFCC table, but heard tonight in Switzerland, Greece, Russia, and CA-US remote SDR units on odd v11769.871 kHz, some minus 129 Hertz lower flank. Program 100% guturral throaty Arabic.

(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13)

#### From ye Editor QSL Responses from

**SUDAN** Voice of Africa 9505kHz E-letter in French from bakhit02bb@yahoo.com. Adam Bakhit Bushra, Director of French Section.



**PERU**: Radio Pacifico 9675kHz Short E mail in Spanish to verify reception. Audio clip sent to gerencia@grupopacifico.org

# UTILITIES

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Welcome to this first Utility section for 2014 and I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year. For this first issue we have received a good number of contributions and as this is the first issue for the year I will start by remaining anyone who wants to contribute to this section that contributions should show frequency, time in UTC and details of the transmission. You don't have to report aircraft. You can report a frequency where the announcer is just giving out numbers. Report a frequency that has a fax or RTTY. 2014 could be the year that you make your first Utility contribution.

FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION		
254	0915	Ashburton NDB (AS) poor	28/12	JW@TDH
278	1000	Westport NDB (WS) fair	2/1	JW@LL
286	1000	Cape Campbell NDB (CC) poor	2/1	JW@LL
310	0915	Hokitika NDB (HK) fair	28/12	JW@TDH
322	1000	Chatham Islands NDB (CI) fair	2/1	JW@LL
346	0915	Manapouri NDB (MO) poor	28/12	JW@TDH
346	1000	Tauranga NDB (TG) poor	2/1	JW@LL
358	0915	Mosgiel NDB (MO) poor	28/12	JW@TDH
366	0915	Timaru NDB (TU) fair	28/12	JW@TDH
378	0915	Henley NDB (HL) fair	28/12	JW@TDH
386	0915	Alexandra NDB (LX) good	28/12	JW@TDH
394	1000	Berriedale NDB (BE) poor	2/1	JW@LL
2007	1634	NZ Marine Met report gale warnings, to fair, 2/1 JW@LL		
2201	0946	VMC (poor) Marine Wx for Great Barrie		12 JW@TDH
2500	1015	WWV/H poor	2/1	JW@LL
2663	1642	Romaradio?? Warning, "will carry out involving blank firing, Adriatic Sea, are message alternating in English/Italian	a coordinates give	
3261	1938	Canterbury Mountain Radio Service (for field sets at Lake Grace (good) and e		alling 2 JW@TDH
3261	0000	Canterbury Mountain Radio Service (g River south Westland (poor) and Lake	•	
3261	0630	Canterbury Mountain Radio Service (fo (rain; a few showers; scattered showers pick!) and calling field sets at Pukaki (fair area (good); Clyde (?) Hut (unreadable);	air to good ) with w ; heavy rain - take y ); Bluff Hut(good); C	veather vour Dtiake
3330	0943	CHU Canada, fair	2/1	JW@LL
3336	1913	DOC Te Anau (good) with weather and	d calling huts at Lu	
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		(good); Iris Burn (fair); Moturau (fair); Howden (fair);McKenzie (good) Clinton (poor); Mintaro (fair); and Dumpling (good). 28/12 JW@TDH
3344	0700	Wellington Mountain Radio Service (good) with brief weather and calling field sets (v poor or unreadable). 3/1 JW@LL
4619	1902	DOC Stewart Island (poor) calling Adams Island (unreadable) 30/12 JW [on 20m longwire, Mosgiel]
4619	1920	DOC Queenstown (good) calling huts including Routeburn Flats (fair); R. Falls (fair); Greenstone (good), 28/12 JW@TDH
4880	1930	DOC Makarora (poor) calling Siberia Hut (fair) 28/12 JW@TDH
4880	1947	Aspiring hut calling Kerrin Forks Hut (poor) 5/1 JW
5505	0807	Shannon Volmet (fair) with Gatwick report 28/12 JW@TDH
6679	0352	with Auckland inshore Weather plus NZ Coastal and Aerodrome weather. DM
8761	0947	Male voice (Mechanical) Repeating Numbers in Korean. DM
8867	0706	UN ID flight with "Yankee Doodle" (YD) call sign called Nandi and
		Brisbane with Position. DM
8867	0901	both Brisbane and Auckland called "QF 19" to contact ChCh immediately DM
8867	0220	"NZ 763" called Auckland re approach to Norfolk Island. DM
8867	0221	"Velocity 88" called 3 times by Auckland and told to revert to previous level DM
8867	0553	" Velocity 156" Called Nandi re reception on 88 DM
8867	2225	"VHJPQ" called Auckland 3 times, Auckland replied"VPQ" go ahead did you get my selcal, and contact Brisbane on 13.261 DM
8879	1555	Singapore 365 (poor) calling Mumbai (fair), in English, 29/12 JW@TDH
8903	1508	7897 calling Manila (good), in English, 29/12 JW@TDH
9011	0952	Jap Tuner Fisherman off west coast calling "?? Maru DM
9032	2316	"Skier ??" to Auckland (No Flight Number) Info given re 3 Korean
		Helo Flight crew being medically evacuated to ChCh DM
9032	0709	UN ID flight saying "good night" to Auckland, called again@ 0717 no reply DM
9155	1030	Cuban Spy Numbers (poor) in Spanish 29/12 JW@TDH
10051	0838	NY Volmet (very clear) DM
11175	0709	Mainsail with Ems DM
17904	0532	Brisbane called Un Id Flight no reply heard 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.
- **JW@TDH** Jonathan Wood, Top Dingle Hut, Upper Dingleburn Lowe 150 receiver and 46m portable dipole cut for primarily for the Canterbury Mountain Radio frequency.

JW@LL Jonathan Wood, Leaning Lodge a Hut on Rock and Pillar – same as above. JW Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel – Lowe 150 receiver and 20m longwire.

Jonathan Wood writes "I've been away hiking twice with the Lowe 150 and a portable 46m dipole (cut primarily for Canterbury Mountain Radio frequency - though I'm pleased with it's performance on speaker wire lead in with no tuner on other frequencies too. Locations were Top Dingle Hut in the upper Dingleburn, and Leaning Lodge, a brand new hut on Rock and Pillar with a view of the sea beyond Palmerston across to Brighton, with a few interruptions.

Antenna height at Leaning Lodge was only 3m above ground at the centre, and averaged Im above ground elsewhere as there was only scrub to tie onto - but still good reception. At Dingleburn I managed to get the centre 6m off the ground.

airports identified from the morse code, via ourairports.com and <a href="mailto:rsm.govt.nz">rsm.govt.nz</a>

The following received from Dallas :-

The following monitored on the Net using the University of Twente's radio.:- between 0100 and 0230

8743 Bangkok Metro (Not as good a signal as heard in NZ)@ 0104

6565 Russian Mil Number Messages @ 0110

7850 CHU (Otawa) Time signal @ 0115

8860 Russian Volmet Magadan and Yakatsk mentioned @ 0217

11318 Russian Volmet (y/l voice) with s/off at 0250

I would be interested in hearing members thoughts on the use of Internet radio for listing to Utility stations. One site that I use on occasions is Globatuners.

#### Arthur



http://www.globaltuners.com/

http://www.chilton.com/scripts/radio/R8-receiver

## TV/FM NEWS & DX

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#### FM Report from Bryan Clark

I spent a lot of time in December parked on 92.1 in the perhaps vain hope that I might hear American Samoa. The undoubted highlight of an otherwise disappointing FM DX season was a great opening to Tonga for about 3 hours on 11 December. Having heard 1 station previously on 88.6, this time I heard 6 new stations including unlisted China Radio International's Tongan relay on 92.1. One has QSLed so far – 89.5 FM Broadcom – for my 6<sup>th</sup> FM country verified.

#### FM LOG – DECEMBER 2013

- 2 December Radio Live New Plymouth 0502 till 0522 UTC fadeout; Trackside Taranaki with racing on 97.2.
- 7 December New Caledonian opening at 0242 UTC RNC 88.0 up for a minute over Whangarei LPFM.
- 9 December Australian FM monitored from 0205 till 0539 UTC: ABC Parliamentary/ News Network 89.7 Bega vgd w/Mandela tributes past 0300; ABC Classical Bega 99.3 poor 0242; rock music exc on 102.1 at 0306, 102.9, 103.7, ABC Parliament 90.7 Grafton/Kempsey at 0308, 91.5 strong, 92.3 "ABC New South Wales" ident (Grafton/Kempsey), 93.3 classical 0311 UTC, 93.5, 93.7 classical, 94.7 Parliament Manning River Qld, 91. 5 progressive rock from Triple J Grafton/Kempsey, 90.9 rock music mixing ABC Parliament Illawarra on 90.9, country music on 92.3 at 0329, TAB Port Macquarie horse racing on 92.7, on 93.5 "2PM Port Macquarie" logged 0332 till 0348, 92.3 ABC Local Radio, 2JJJ strong on 91.5 at 0358. ABC Gold Coast classical music 88.5 at 0405 and also on Nambour 88.7. UNID on 89.5 at 0432, Eastside Radio Sydney w/ iazz on 89.7 logaed 0433 till 0443. Oldies 89.3 at 0453, Brisbane 4SBS 93.3 in unid lang 0510 poor, Triple J Nambour 89.5 peaking vgd 0524, also ABC Fine Music 88.7, ABC Parliament Gympie 94.5 at 0536, also classical 93.7 and ABC talk 95.3, ABC National 96.9 up briefly 0539. New Caledonia – NRJ 93.5 jinales at 0400 UTC, RNC 91.5 vad 0405 // 88.0 and 89.0 both distorted. 11 December Major Pacific FM opening starting with BBC World Service 88.2 from Fiji at 0241; Hindi on 90.6, 92.0 // 92.2, Fijian lang 92.8 // 93.0 and 93.4 over Auckland, 93.8 fair over 'The Sound' // 93.6 weak, 95.2 //

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Fiji noted back again at 2246 UTC – BBC 88.2 fair on peaks, 92.0 // 92.2, 92.8 // 93.0, Hindi on 97.6 // 97.8 at 2250, Gold FM 100.0 // 100.2 poor at 2252 but very good soon after, other Fijians on 101.0, 102.6 // 102.8, 103.8 // 104.0 at 2300 UTC.

- 22 December Australian opening ABC 89.7 strong at 0043 UTC // 90.9, ABC Classical 92.9 Sydney breaking thru local Times FM Warkworth at 0046; country music on 93.3, ABC Talk on 94.5, ABC Batemans Bay 105.1, Power FM 104.3, ABC Classic 101.9, 100.9 talk, 100.5 talk, 100.1 UNID, others on 98.9, 97.9, SBS in Russian on 97.7 at 0105 UTC, Triple J Illawarra 98.9, classical 95.7, talk on 97.3. ABC news on 95.7 briefly at 0202, 102.1 patchy at 0204 to end this opening.
- 23 December Fiji Bula FM ident on 92.0 at 0201. 92.8 up briefly also. More Fijian reception at 0234 on 92.0, 92.8. Promo in EE on 96.2 at 0317.
- 28 December New Caledonia from 0330 UTC 91.5 vgd w/non-stop music, till "Premiere" (RNC) ident in FF at 0353. New France Inter freq 92.5 logged from 0404, parallel 93.0 from 0529 including ident taped; 89.0 RNC, 102.0 Radio Djiido w/native rhythms // 96.0 and 97.0 at 0541; NRJ 93.5 0543 past 0555; 88.0 RNC // 88.5 // 89.0.
- 29 December Fiji 92.2 and 92.8 briefly at 0109 UTC both in Fijian.

#### Mangawhai gets another FM frequency

Orewa (top of Auckland's North Shore) - based Times FM are now relayed on 100.0 FM from Mangawhai Heads. Not sure exactly where the transmitter is located but it is licence

number 168543 on the RSM database and the transmitter location is at a height of 100 metres, which narrows down the possibilities. Seems like 11 January, the day I first heard it, was their first day on air - previously we had them operating on LPFM channel 106.8 which is now clear. (Bryan Clark)



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Below is the **JANUARY 2014** Mailbag contributions (the **DECEMBER 2013** Mailbag contributions which I missed putting in the combined Nov/Dec DX Times will follow this Mailbag- Mark Chief Editor)

#### JANUARY 2014

And a Happy New Year as we launch into another volume of the 'Times'. Many thanks to Mark for the extraordinary effort with the Big Christmas Edition, so soon after a hospital stay and facing his eye operation too as the holiday season loomed. As always, it's a pleasure to hear everyone.

**Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany** is also pleased with his own mailbag. "First of all, I would like to say many, many thanks for the long letters I received from Peter Grenfell in Oamaru and from Barry Williams in Auckland. I was extremely pleased to read your messages, which brought back memories of my only stay in New Zealand during holidays a long time ago. Even if we live so far away from each other, our SWL/DX hobby created life-long friendships; that is great! When I participated in 'The Grand Tour Across All Continents' international DX contest and sent reception reports, these QSL cards arrived in the meantime: Elena Osipova sent a nice Christmas card and verified Voice of Russia World Service via Novosibirsk on 21820 kHz. NHK World Radio Japan sent the QSL 'Kyogen' (traditional comic drama) for their Uzbekistan relay on 11695 kHz. Radio Romania's English Service verified 7345 kHz. More incoming QSLs: RVA's Arlene Arungayan-Donarber verified their frequency of 15280 kHz via Santa Maria di Galeria, and an e-QSL arrived from RTR2, via Kostinbrod (Bulgaria), on 12035 kHz."

**Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel** sent me searching for the back-of-beyond in my trusty NZ Touring Atlas. "I've been hiking with the Lowe 150 and a portable 46m dipole, with 14m long speaker cable feed line - an attempted replication of Canterbury Mountain Radio Service's antenna used with their 2-way sets. I also have a plug-in 'short' so it can be used as a BOG longwire antenna, with feed line zig zagged to make an 'earth' as per the description in radiodx.com under 'radial antenna'. A 3-hour hike over a steep mountain ridge leads from the Ahuriri road to the Top Dingle Hut, where I set up using beech trees on the forest edge to hold the antenna up, and the radio in the tent. I'm very happy with reception, though loud lightning crashes every 2-5s on the first night made listening interesting. A few annoying noises that I had thought came from industrial activity in Mosgiel or from power wires showed up - so I'm encouraged not to write off better reception at home with a better antenna. The nearest low voltage wires were about 10km away, and nearest high voltage about 25km away. The second trip was to Leaning Lodge, a brand new hut near the top of the Rock and Pillar range (at about 1100m), near Middlemarch. It has views out to sea beyond Palmerston, Waikouaiti, and Brighton - watched the sunrise out of the sea. (Photos of these huts are on the DOC website, and locations on wams.org.nz, which shows the huts as one starts to zoom in - and you can flick from topo map to aerial photo for the same screen view.) With only a 3m high balcony railing and low alpine shrubs to use, most of the antenna was less than 1m from the ground, but the extremely low dipole still did better than the BOG, though I've had good results previously with a 100m BOG on shortish grass. I have ordered a telescopic flyrod, so it will be interesting to see how much wire it can support and how high it will go, for future expeditions into the tussock lands. Any suggestions on portable lightweight antenna design for 90m and above are most welcome!" (*That Top Dingle Hut looks to be a fair bit of a tramp from the road with a 46m 'portable' antenna; at least your receiver is compact. You don't mention any of your loggings so I'll look at both Bandwatch columns to see.*)

**Douglas Johns, Christchurch** zapped his notes back to the future on New Year's Day. "All the best for 2014 - yes it's 2014 here, but you are still probably in last year right at the moment. As you will recall, Christmas in NZ is a time of hot sunny days, lazing on the beach, and BBQs, but not this year. We were in Dunedin for a week. It was sunny the day we arrived, but that evening a rather impressive thunderstorm broke, and then it rained solid for the next 5 days. One could have been forgiven for thinking that NZ had inverted itself and Dunedin had moved to the western side!! We were part way up one of the hill suburbs, and were in fog/low cloud for over 36 hours. I hope that your Christmas weather was better than that even though it may be winter - and certainly better than midwest USA. Anyway some notes: QSLs in from: regular FM stations: Classic Hits/Timaru 94.7, The Edge/Timaru 95.5, The Sound/Dunedin 90.2, The Sound/Kurow 105.6, Flava/Dunedin 88.6, Life FM/Timaru 93.9, Port FM/Ashburton 106.1, and Mai FM/ Dunedin 100.6. LPFM stations: Hospital FM/Marchwiel (Timaru) 107.5, The Generator/ Oamaru 106.7, and Otematata Community Radio/Otematata 87.9. Particularly like the LPFM QSLs, can be quite hard to track down, and even harder to get replies from. Thanks to David Ricquish for his assistance." (Yep, it was about 12.30 pm on 31 Dec when Mr Gates' thingie said "You have mail"! The Weather: always something to talk about, but it's been pretty benign here; none of that extreme metallic primate stuff as on the other side of The Rockies.)

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai** celebrated the end of the Olde Year in style. "December was a memorable month DXwise with an unprecedented FM DX opening to Tonga on 11 December, with 7 stations being heard. One has already verified, bringing my FM countries verified tally to 6. Later the same day I logged KNOM Alaska on 780 and this brought a prompt eQSL from General Manager Ric Schmidt. New Year's Day saw some good shortwave reception - US pirate operation X-FM Shortwave on 6960 was heard well and promptly acknowledging me as their first NZ reporter. Their signal emanated from the southern US, running C-QUAM AM Stereo at about 100W carrier level through a vertical antenna trimmed for 43 meters. Radio Apintie 4990 was heard at loggable

strength for once, and Patria Nueva Bolivia ran all night on 6025. Even with the number of major broadcasters on shortwave declining, there's always something of interest to be found." (*I wish I could be as optimistic*. *My noise level took a huge jump in December, especially over 31 and 25m for some reason*. *I suspect it was Christmas lights close by as The Buzz has since disappeared*. The only quirky reception was two versions of R. *Africa on 15190 at the same time in late December – I tend to think it was a muddled up programme feed to WRMI rather than both Okeechobee and Bata transmitters being heard*.)

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** keeps on keeping on with his totals! "Here are my SW veries received during December: RDW Kigali 7425 & 15700; Bangladesh Betar 7250 & 15105; Radio Cairo 9965, 11610, 11905, 9410; FEBC 9940; PCJ International 9335; Bible Voice BC 15335; RFA Tinian 21550, 17565, AWR 21590, & 15310; Radio Marti 7345; WHRI 21630; AWR (Trincomalee) 15430; AWR (Nauen) 11750; AWR (Meyerton) 11770; KSDA 15190; and RFA (Iranawila) 11555 kHz. That's it for another month. Have a great New Year." (And you too! 15190 is a busy frequency. I'm surprised you hear enough content on 9965 to send a report to Cairo; they put in a massive signal for me, but I seldom make out any programming.)

And **John Durham**, **Tauranga** wishes us well too. "All the best for 2014, Theo. Good to get all the Xmas/New Year stuff out of the way and get back to the boring normal. Quite a good little collection of QSLs in over the last 5 weeks. I surprised myself with quite a bit of DX activity and now have just got to maintain it for the rest of the year. Peru: Radio Pacifico 9675; Sudan: Voice of Africa 9505; Radio Waves International via Nauen 17540; R. Slovakia 5820; EMR via Tiganesti 7290; Sri Lanka: Happy Station 9335; Oromo Voice via Issoudun 17850; and NDR Hamburg via Mossbrunn 9885 kHz" (All that stuff outa the way? You should stop reading so much Dr Seuss and Charles Dickens in November! Nice present though from that Peruvian and even Sudan.)

### 73, Theo

Below is the **DECEMBER 2013** Mailbag contributions which I missed putting in the combined Nov/Dec DX Times - Mark Chief Editor)

#### DECEMBER 2013

Welcome to a special edition for Christmas 2013, and double duty with Mark back in the editorial saddle. There's no need to ask who's been naughty – everyone's always nice around here!

**Paul Ormandy, Oamaru** tried to be sneaky with a late entry for November, but that puts him at the top of the list of Santa's Helpers now. "Believe it or not, I have two QSLs to boast of: KVOH 9975 card in mail for e-mail report; and Radio Totse 6925 jpeg QSL for e-mail report. The operator of US pirate Radio Ronin International 6825 is also sending me a QSL by s-mail!" I then queried him about his attempts at follow-ups to the likes of

former CKEG/1570 in Nanaimo, BC: "Nothing from the Olde 1570 or the 30+ others who haven't responded. QSLing is well and truly in its death throes for SW and MW. Ham QSLing is still huge. I have well over half confirmed with a heap more on the way in the very slow (but very cheap!) bureau process. It'll probably top out ~80%+."

**Rich D'Angelo in Wyomissing, PA** had a brief comment to accompany his Bandwatch notes, which Kelvin Brayshaw thought would be of interest. "Our first DXpedition to French Creek State Park occurred on November 17-19, 2013. Unseasonably warm weather greeted us and stayed with us throughout generating noisy conditions on the tropical bands which also suffered from a lack of carriers. I have been very busy since it ended with some serious computer problems that still need to be resolved (I am using my wife's MacBook Air). Also, my mother-in-law passed away the day of my return from French Creek so had to travel into New York to meet up with Sue for the funeral. Things are starting to settle down a little so I took this afternoon to type out my logs from the DXpedition. We return to Pennsylvania on Sunday." (*Rich, it was good to hear from you as a frequent visitor here in the past. Sorry to hear of your wife's loss, but glad the down time gave us the opportunity for your DX news.*)

Des Davey, Te Kuiti wrote a long personal letter in mid-November to Under 9 Bandwatch editor, Ken Baird, who also wanted to share all his news. "Greetings from the bush at View Road in Te Kuiti. Well it has been many moons since I've had my name in the Under 9's as you know. When I had my stroke back in November 2012, I lost much of my memory and was months getting all back in place (sort of), eh. It makes it hard now for me to run my hobby of SWL. I sent one of my receivers to a very small town way up in N.T., Australia to a war vet I met at the recent Waikato agricultural field days. He wanted a receiver that would pick up countries in and around Asia where he was stationed a few years ago. I had a spare Grundig Satellit 750 and I swapped it with a mediumsized AM/FM stereo cassette radio, hardly used and made by Sony of Japan. It's got good sound and bass, and very clear music replay too. I've got 896 cassette tapes, all of country music from Canada and USA. My old Sharp cassette tape AM/SW 7-band radio was stolen when I was away unwell. I had another trip again to Waikato Hospital in late October. The local doctor took me the 70 k's in the clinic service van at no cost to me. Anyway, I got a new W.O.F. so that made my day! The doctor said, 'Everything is fine. We will see you same time, same place in six months' time.' I'm going away for 11/2 weeks to a rather large sheep and cattle station on the west coast in Taranaki province. My cousin runs the cookhouse on contract. The beach is only a stone's throw and a bit away so I'm taking my Surf Caster with me to do some fishing for breakfast. I can get a beer or wine there too so it will be like home away from home. I may be away at Xmas from about Dec. 14th on, so Ken I'd like to wish you a very Merry Xmas and a damn good New Year too." (Des, it sounds like you're doing well, gallivanting around the countryside. We'll take your holiday wishes as ours as well. That's a powerful number of tapes – all country music -- so no shortage of tear-jerking steel guitars!)

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** is still on a roll with his QSL count: "Hi Theo. Here are my SW veries received during November: Overcomer (Nauen) 9490; R. Vaticana (Tinang) 11890; HCJB (Aust.) 11700 & 17760; Bible Voice (Issoudun) 11700; Bible Voice (Kostinbrod) 9925; R. Farda (Iranawila) 15690 & 15680; R. Thailand 9965; NHK (Palau) 9625; Bible Voice (Moosbrunn) 9715; TWR (Mos) 7300 & 9850; HCJB (Mos) 13740; VoTurkey 11930; VoRussia 15670; Radio Farda (Nauen) 15670; R. Liberty (Issoudun) 11900; Athmik Yatra

Radio (Nauen) 11790; KSDA 15150; AWR (Nauen) 13655; AWR (Issoudun) 11860; AWR (Moosbrunn) 15240; and Deewa Radio (Nauen) 13590 kHz. That's them for this week. Hope you have a great Xmas and guess it's getting colder up your way now." (Ha! Cold? As I type this ~10 am Sat 7 Dec, it's minus 6 with the high expected to top out at minus 4 both today and tomorrow... been years since Vancouver has had an Arctic outbreak like this. I way prefer cold to heat so it's no big deal, though the very low humidity at ~20% causes problems. I was thinking of you our Friday afternoon 6 Dec when I came across presumed FEBA/HCJB from Ascension on 9530 at 2200 UT in listed Hassinya/Pulaar! Mister Google can't help but it's aimed at East Africa.)

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai** has had his software-defined radio interest piqued. "A busy month with American DXer Hank Michelanka from Rhode Island staying with us for 4 nights in an endeavour to hear some elusive radio countries. Most successful for Hank with 11 new radio countries logged, taking his countries heard tally to 200! Helpful for me too, as Hank was travelling with his Bonita RadioJet SDR computerised receiver and this was a catalyst to me activating the AFEDRI SDR that I imported from Israel mid-year. It performs well on higher SW frequencies but will take me some time learning how to 'drive it' and optimising the set-up so I can utilise it for MW band captures. Time spent lately monitoring SIBCs new nighttime channel of 6080 and looking for RAE which was absent for about 5 days from late November. Fortunately back on air 4 December. My FM DX season started with a bang on 26 November and QSL responses have been received from 2 of the 3 stations logged - 2ARM Armidale NSW 92.1 and LPFM Radio Waves' new Ruakaka transmitter on 87.7 FM. Christmas greetings to all members and may you have the opportunity for some decent DX in the New Year!" (*Well, with the SDR now you can go fishing off-air, and down at the harbour at the same time.*)

**John Durham, Tauranga** checks in with his tease (for me) of beach weather. "Hi Theo. Not much to report of late, a couple of veries to hand. Radio Totse 6925u and RTR Europe via Bulgaria 12035. Quite a sunny November so a couple of trips to the beach. Very little DX activity in November we will see what December brings." (At least the dial still spins...  $\langle g \rangle$ )

**And <u>Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany</u>** has the Last Word. I should hold a lottery each month to decide the order. "These QSLs have come in during the last four weeks: Iris Rauscher verified HCJB Weenermoor, 100 watts on 7365 kHz. Ms Ying sent CRI cards for Jinhua on 9800 and Urumqi on 17630 kHz. A J Janitschek sent RFA's 17th anniversary card for Saipan 12105, and Tinian 11585 kHz. Reception of Radio City, the Station of the Cars, on 7290 (Tiganesti, Romania) was verified with an e-mail letter within 34 minutes. Bible Voice Broadcasting sent a card for 12150 via Bulgaria. And I was very delighted to receive four cards for my reception in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2010 of now silent Ekala transmitter on 6005, 9770, 11880 and 11905 kHz. Many thanks go for this great gesture to the well-known Victor Goonetilleke in Sri Lanka!" (*Wow, after 13 years. And after 34 minutes! I take it we'll hear about any NZ participation in the DX contest in January's report?*)

Another month, another year: thanks for the news and experiences you've all shared. May your Christmas be bright, and the New Year keep the Times filled.







#### --- New Hawaiian Station Reported on 740 AM ---

**ALASKA KNOM** in Nome promptly verified my mid-December reception by email from General Manager Ric Schmidt. They operate on 780 with a Nautel 25kw transmitter that operates 25kw days and 14kw nights. Their antenna is a folded dipole type, 238 feet high, about 3 miles east of their studios in Nome. Ric says to look for their studios (including FM tower and antenna) on Google Earth just west of the corner of Third and Steadman, on the south side of Third. I did this and Google Earth displays a little transmitting symbol superimposed on the studio building itself! (BC)

**BONAIRE** For many years, TWR broadcast from Bonaire on 800 kHz at a half-million watts but then made the transition to 100,000 watts in 1999 to reduce operating costs. In the summer of 2013, the ministry's international board decided to undertake the return to higher power, a move already legally permissible because of a license granted the year before. The upgrade is projected to cost more than \$3 million and would extend a much stronger AM signal well into northern Brazil and into Cuba, whose northwest-southeast expanse sits roughly 700 to 1,200 miles from Bonaire. TWR planners are already organizing for the Bonaire Power Restoration Project, which likely will be launched in the spring of 2014 with a completion schedule likely measured in years rather than months. But prayer is fervently sought from the TWR family throughout the Americas and around the world so that Cuba may one day become a mission field of dreams. (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener via mediumwave.info 19 Dec via IRCA)

**CAMBODIA** The Ministry of Information has swapped an 11-hectare plot of land in Phnom Penh's Meanchey district, which was previously the site of National Radio AM 918 kHz, with a property development firm in exchange for the construction of a new radio tower and transmitter on a 20-hectare plot of land about 25 km outside the city. The government's only AM radio station, on 918 kHz, has been shut down since its Phnom Penh facilities were torn down in September 2012. Information Minister Mr Kanharith declined to estimate when the new AM 918 facility would be up and running, but said that the state AM radio station remained "very important" to spreading information to rural areas, which often do not have access to TV or FM radio feeds. The swap was also necessary, Mr Kanharith said, because without the access to capital made possible by Khun Sea Group, the government would not have been able to upgrade its 20-year-old transmitter, which was broadcasting at only 80 kW, well under its capacity of 200

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kW. With the new equipment purchased by the Khun Sea Group, National Radio AM 918 will be broadcasting at 600 kW, allowing it to reach the entire country as well as large Cambodian populations living in southern parts of Vietnam and eastern parts of Thailand, Mr. Kanharith said. (Cambodian Daily 18 Oct via Alan Pennington BDXC Communication 12/13 via Glenn Hauser's dxld Yahoo Group)

#### CANADA (items via Shawn Axelrod and Dan Sys via NRC DX News)

- 580 New station for Edmonton AB sought with U4 10kw day & night. Ethnic format.
- 980 CHRF Montreal QC granted move here from 990 kHz, U4 50kw day, 10kw nights.
- 1280 CJSL Estevan SK seeks move to 1150 with U3 10kw day & night.
- 1400 CIOR Princeton BC has formally requested approval to relay CJOR 1240 around the clock. Apparently it has been doing so for some time but forgot to get CRTC permission to drop local programming.

#### (Following items via Dan Sys reporting to IRCA's "DX Monitor" magazine)

- 530 CIAO Brampton-Toronto ON proposes replacing existing two tower array with one tower. Radiation pattern will change from directional to non-directional.
- 990 CHRF Montreal QC granted move to 980kHz with 50kw days, 10kw nights.
- 1050 CKSB Winnipeg MB was due to go dark on 3 January 3, following move to FM.

#### **HAWAII**

- 550 KMVI Wailuku HI swapped calls with KNUI 900 on 18 December. (NRC) Now has talk format "The Talk of Maui" (IRCA)
- 740 KCIK Kihei HI granted program test authority, CP for U1 5kw day & night. (NRC) – [See Broadcast Trail for details of reception in NZ. BC]
- 900 KNUI Kahului HI has changed callsign to KMVI see 550 listing. (NRC) Now carries ESPN Radio, sports format. (IRCA)
- 1060 KIPA Hilo HI granted STA for U1 2kw day & night transmitter component failure.

**PERU** 679.94 Radio Onda Digital, Lima heard 4/12 with modern music in SS and EE, idents as "Usted escuchando una emisora de Onda, grupo de medios, desde Lima" and "Onda Digital, emisora del grupo Onda". Website: www.onda-digital.net/ (Pedro F. Arrunátegui, Chasqui DX via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

**RUSSIA** MW broadcasting from "Voice of Russia" from 1 January 2014, at times favourable for possible reception in Australasia.

kHz	language	UTC	transmitter	kW direction notes
171	CHECHEN/RR	1200-1600	Krasnodar	1200 Caucasus
648	EE 1	400-1445	Ussurijsk	500 Asia
648	EE	1400-1500	Dushanbe	1000 Near & Middle East
648	IRAN/PERSIAN	1500-1700	Dushanbe	1000 Near & Middle East
648	EE	1700-1900	Dushanbe	1000 Near & Middle East
657	CHECHEN/RR	1200-1600	Groznvy	50 Caucasus

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999 RR 1700-1900 Grigoriopol 500 Ukraine, Moldova, Eu	rope
999 RR 2100-2300 Grigoriopol 500	
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1143 POLISH 1700-1800 Kaliningrad 150 Europe	
1143 RR 1800-2100 Kaliningrad 150 Baltic Countries, Europ	e
1170 AA 1600-2100 Krasnodar 1200 Near & Middle East	
1215 RR 1800-2200 Kaliningrad 1200 Baltic Countries	
1314 TURKISH 1300-1500 Yerevan 1000 Near & Middle East	
1314 KURDISH 1500-1600 Yerevan 1000 Near & Middle East	
1314 AA 1600-2100 Yerevan 1000 Near & Middle East	
1314 TURKISH 2100-2230 Yerevan 1000 Near & Middle East	
1350 TURKISH 1300-1600 Yerevan 1000 Near & Middle East	
1377 IRAN/PERSIAN 1500-1700 Yerevan 1000 Near & Middle East	
1395 RR 1200-2400 Yerevan 500 Caucasian region	
1413 RR 1800-2000 Grigoriopol 500 Ukraine, Moldova, Eu	rope
1548 SERBIAN 1500-1700 Grigoriopol 500 Europe	
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(Department of frequency planning WGD "Voice of Russia", editor, via Mike Bethge, WWDXC, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 27)

**ST. KITTS & NEVIS** WRTH 2014 lists Radio Paradise 820 as inactive, and expected to return in 2014. TBN donated the station to Flowing Streams Church last April. (Bruce Conti's IDXD via NRC DX News)

#### USA (items via International Radio Club of America's "DX Monitor" magazine)

- 1350 WRWR Warner Robins GA has dropped News format for R&B Oldies.
- 1430 KVVN Santa Clara CA has new slogan "The Voice of Vietnam".
- 1550 WAZX Smyrna GA was silent, has reactivated with new format. (I have heard this station in NZ. BC)
- 1620 KSMH Sacramento CA hrd w/Catholic mass followed by ID by male at ToH "Immaculate Heart Radio KSMH West Sacramento." Good. (Rick Barton-AZ)

#### USA (via National Radio Club's "DX News" bulletin)

- 550 WPAB Ponce PR granted STA for U1 3500/3500, transmitter problems.
- 680 WMFS Memphis TN applies for program test authority for CP to U2 8kw/5kw.

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- 860 KTRB San Francisco CA has applied to extend existing STA for U1 50kw/12.5kw from day site, night site not operational.
- 1010 KIQI San Francisco CA granted STA for U2 2kw days, 500 watts at night and night pattern at variance; problems with directional antenna pattern system.
- 1040 Construction Permit granted for new station in Sanger CA, just east of Fresno -U4 with 1kw nights. Night pattern is a cardioid with a deep null to the east.
- 1380 KVSM Santa Maria CA granted program test authority for U2, 500 watts at night.
- 1480 KYOS Merced CA applies for STA w/ U4 2kw day & night, to replace power module.
- 1540 KXEL Waterloo IA has dropped religious content now just News & Talk.
- 1590 WCGO Evanston IL applies for license to cover CP U2 7.2kw day, 2.5kw nights.
- 1620 WDND South Bend IN identifying as "U93" until top of the hour when full legal ID mentions WDND 1620. Exc signal but QRM from CHHA 1610. (Al Muick PA)
- 1620 KOZN Bellevue NE identifying as 11 80 the Deuce (// KZOT 1180), Nebraska s most listened-to Sports Station ... slogan. (Harold Frodge MI)
- 1640 WTNI Biloxi MS with The NFL on Westwood One, "...96.7...1490...1640 WTNI Biloxi" ID and "Sports Radio 96.7, the Champ" slogan. (Harold Frodge MI)
- 1700 KVNS Brownsville TX with "Your home for Dallas Cowboys football in the Rio Grande Valley, an iHeart radio station, Fox Sports 1700, online at foxsports1700 .com, KVNS Brownsville & the Rio Grande Valley, Fox Sports 1700 is available anywhere you go on the iHeart radio app, download it now." (Bruce Conti NH)

<u>USA</u> WMLB Avondale Estates GA 1690 verified with no data "Indeed it was us!" email in about 5 hours for email report to Jeff Davis, VP/GM jeffdavis(a)jwbroadcasting.com. (Al Muick PA via Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)

**USA** On January 2, 2014, KTLK Los Angeles on 1150 will be re-branded as "The Patriot" and will air a conservative talk format. Glenn Beck will be heard from 6 to 9. Rush Limbaugh will move from KFI and be heard from 9 to noon, followed by ex-KABC host Sean Hannity noon to 3 and Clark Howard 7 to 10 pm. Former KNBC-Channel



4 newsman David Cruz will do news for KFI and host a two-hour Saturday program on KTLK dealing with local issues. (Wikipedia via Bryan Clark) Logged 3 Jan NZT with new call KEIB. (BC) John Rieger (at DXMidAmerica) says KTLK 1150 Los Angeles CA will change calls to KEIB, with the KTLK calls moving to KTCN 1130 Minneapolis MN.

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Nothing yet at the FCC on this change. (NRC DX News 13/1/14 issue)

#### IN THE MAIL

**BRYAN CLARK** Mangawhai reports limited MW DX but an emailed report to KNOM 780 brought a prompt QSL response. Hearing traces of music on 740 in early January led to the discovery of new Catholic-format station KCIK.

#### BRYAN'S BROADCAST TRAIL

- 580 USA KMJ Fresno CA one of the few standout signals on a noisy night 4/1. At 0835 carried promo for employment opportunities & slogan "KMJ Talk that's what I do".
- 740 HAWAII KCIK Kihei finally identified 10/1 when Catholic Mass hrd from 0844, partial ident at 0900. Google confirms station is part of Immaculate Heart Radio network and has been officially on air since 8 January.
- 1150 USA KEIB Los Angeles CA (ex KTLK) fair w/ident "11-50 KEIB" at 0700 3/1 then Superbowl promo. Now scheduled to carry CBS Sports Network till 2am local.
- 1160 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT clear opening the Jim Bohannan Show at 0807 3/1.
- 1400 USA Enticing mix of signals here 0735 past 0805 2/1, including a Radio Disney promo at 0752, a Fox News Radio promo at 0801, and a Country Music station. Only Disney outlet I can trace on 1400 is WPGA Macon Georgia!
- 1550 CUBA Radio Rebelde poor on top 0714 23/12, parallel to SW 5025.



- 1610 CANADA CHHA Toronto w/SS songs, familiar theme & promo for "the only Spanish radio station in Canada" then SS ident w/frequency, 7/12 at 0838, fair at best.
- 1660 USA KRZI Waco TX presumed w/ESPN Radio promo, Subway advt, 0818 2/1.



## ADCOM NEWS

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**NEW MEMBER** A big welcome to **JIM ADAMS,** joining us from 'across the ditch' in Queensland. Jim has been DXing since the early 70's and is getting back into the hobby after a break.

**THANK YOU** to those members who sent greetings for the festive season and even Christmas cards! Special thanks too, to members **TONY GRIMWOOD** of Maraetai Auckland and **BRIAN WEBB** of Upper Hutt for their recent donations to League funds. Thank you too, to members who sent best wishes to our Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** last month. Mark's cataract operation went very well, and the surgeon is now hoping to improve the situation with Mark's other eye. We wish Mark well with this.

**RADIO HISTORY** Thanks to Life Member **PETER GRENFELL** of Oamaru, we learnt of an excellent two-part documentary "Germany Calling" by Jack Perkins which aired on Radio NZ National just after Christmas. The documentary includes the voices of DX League pioneers **ARTHUR CUSHEN** and **JACK FOX**, talking about the wartime monitoring service they set up. You can still listen to the programme by visiting the Radio NZ website and clicking on the links: www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player/2581159 for Part 1 and www. radionz.co.nz/audio/player/2581232 for part 2.

**DX DIALOG** is the League's Yahoo Groups site on the Internet, where members can share the latest news of the hobby and radio-related topics. The latest innovation is that DX Times section editors are 'posting' their columns online to DX Dialog so that members have immediate access, ahead of publication of the 'NZ DX Times' in its electronic pdf and hardcopy editions. To join the group, you'll need Internet and Email of course. Please contact **PAUL ORMANDY** (email: zl4pw@orcon.net.nz) for more details.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW OVERDUE** – see renewal form in the November/ December combined issue. In the DX League's 66<sup>th</sup> year, we hope you will continue to stay in touch with our wonderful hobby and support the club.

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#### WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

Dates for the next 3 months are:

#### February 26

March 26

April 30

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!

\* Retro Radio Dial 1953 Brazil is now released for those with long memories it'll bring back many old familiar but long gone Brazilian radio stations at www.radioheritage.net

\* On our Facebook page only we're running short series of interesting content such as Top 10 Cities of India, Radio Stars, and have more lined up. Members on Facebook are welcome to join us, we have over 850 fans now.

#### DUNEDIN AREA GROUP

Our next Dunedin Group meeting will be on **February 22nd 2014, 2pm - 4pm** at David Millers Place 34 Herron Street Brockville,Dunedin.

This year at our Dunedin Group Meetings we would like to see a few more new faces or just make contact to say what you're listening too.



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

December 1, 2013 -- Recently, under "CPRV/The CPRV Gallery," we posted some goodlooking mediumwave QSLs from Japan. This time we have put up a compliation of 37 QSLs from Australian mediumwavers. Those bearing dates are from the years 1930 to 1972, mostly the 1950s and earlier, and all are from New South Wales. Backs of the QSLs are included when they contain interesting information. We will post more Aussie QSLs in the future. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan" you will find another history entry from Adrian Peterson, this time a timely "Tribute to the Old WRMI" (November 24, 2013).

December 8, 2013 -- What DXer of the 1960s and 1970s didn't dream of tuning around on the receivers of the BBC Monitoring Service at Caversham Park, or just clipping on to one of their antennas? Although "BBC MS" became less secretive as the hush-hush years of World War II receded, it wasn't until 1972 that Caversham opened itself up to a visit from DXers. Alan Thompson and Martin Hall were the lucky ones, and in Alan's 12-page monograph, "BBC Monitoring Service--A Layman Looks at Caversham Park," he reports in on what they found. The account is posted under "DX History/SWLing & DXing." -- Under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," this week also sees a new (and timely) entry from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "Welcome to the New WRMI: 88 Years of Radio History" (December 1, 2013).

December 15, 2013 -- The World DX Club (UK) closed at the end of 2012. In 1968 it had replaced the World Communications Club, which had itself, in 1965, been a new incarnation of the two year-old Sudbury World Communications Club. Through it all the name of the bulletin remained CONTACT. Under "DX History/Clubs & Publications" we have posted a copy of the July 1967 issue of the World Communications Club CONTACT (at which the bulletin was edited by Alan Thompson). -- We recently posted some material about the Liberian Rural Communications Network. Under "DX History/Stations" we have now posted some comments that Bob LaRose of California sent in about the shortwave radio scene in Liberia, together with some photos from Bob and an ELWA postcard. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan" there are two new entries from Adrian Peterson: "75th Anniversary: The Early Shortwave Scene in Albania" (December 8, 2013), and "72nd Anniversary: International Encounter on the High Seas-2, HSK "Kormoran" and HMAS "Sydney"–Radio Repercussions in Australia" (December 8, 2013).

December 22, 2013 -- Charles A. Morrison is well known for his leadership of the International DXers Alliance, a club which operated from 1932 to 1943. Less well known is that from 1935 to 1943 (the year the magazine closed) he also had a shortwave column in a popular newstand radio magazine titled Radio Guide (renamed Movie and Radio Guide in February 1940, Movie-Radio Guide eight months later). Radio Guide had offered some limited DX coverage, both shortwave and broadcast band, at least as far back as 1932 (and perhaps even 1931, its founding year), but Morrison focused on shortwave. Most issues of the magazine are posted online at AmericanRadioHistory.com < http://www.americanradiohistory.com/Radio\_Guide\_Master\_Page.htm> or at Old Time Radio Researchers Group < http://www.otrr.org/pg06b\_magazines.htm> In a new section, "Charles A. Morrison and Radio Guide & Movie-Radio Guide," under "Specialized Resources," we have extracted the shortwave and other DX columns from those issues and assembled them into annual compilations for the years 1932 to 1943. Thanks to David Gleason of AmericanRadioHistory.com and Jim Beshires of the Old Time Radio Researchers Group for permission to use their magazines in this way. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," Adrian Peterson offers another glimpse at SW history in "Shower Radio on Shortwave: The Northern Territory Shortwave Service in Australia" (December 15, 2013).

December 29, 2013 -- Recently, under "CPRV/The CPRV Gallery," we posted a compilation of Australian mediumwave QSLs from New South Wales (district "2"). Now we have posted another group, this time from the other states of Australia ("3" through "7"). These QSLs are from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s (one from 1972). -- Thanks to Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, in Australia, we have added three new titles to our "Book Reviews" section (under "Links to Reviews On-Line"). Look for: An Air War With Cuba by Daniel C. Walsh; Voice of America: A History by Alan L. Heil, Jr. (our second review of that title); and Good Morning, Hanoi by Iain Finlay and Trish Clark (with additional comments from Ralph Perry).

January 5, 2014 -- At first glance, the shortwave QSL that Roger Legge received from Radio Japan in 1961 and that we have posted in the "CPRV" section ("The CPRV Gallery," Shortwave Broadcast/Asia) looks pretty ordinary. But notice the hole in the middle? There is a 45 rpm record embossed on the front of the QSL (if you look carefully you can see some of the grooves). The record's content is described on the back. With the QSL we have posted the QSL's 4-minute recorded message. -- Also this week, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we have two new history entries from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "The BBC Central Africa Relay Station, BBC Francistown" (December 29, 2013), and "Water Radio: Ancient and Modern" (December 29, 2013).

January 12, 2013 -- An ontheshortwaves visitor, Michael Griffiths of Cardigan, Wales, has sent us a number of interesting photos of Sharq al Adna, the British-operated Near East Arab Broadcasting Station that was relocated to Cyprus in 1948 and eventually became the BBC East Mediterranean Relay Station. But Sharq started out in Jaffa, Palestine. Mick's father, James, was a wireless mechanic in the RAF, assigned to Special Operations and involved in maintaining radio equipment for British spies parachuted into Europe. In 1945 he was posted to Jaffa to be the technical lead at Sharg. He also did remote recording at various places across the Middle East. James declined to go to Cyprus when the station moved there, returning to civilian life instead. Although he did not pursue a career in broadcasting, his stories were instrumental in convincing Mick to take up a career in electronics. You will find the photos in a PDF file posted under "DX History/Stations," and we have added to the file a Shara al Adna QSL-card and letter originally belonging to Roger Leage. Mick has also sent two extracts from an interesting diary (now in the Imperial War Museum archive) written by Major C. E. Law, who spent time at Sharq al Adna and also in Jerusalem, and we have also posted these abstracts as a PDF. In the first extract (four pages), Major Law relates how and why the station was set up, and he makes some other interesting observations from those times. The second extract (five pages) appears to relate to the British Mediterranean Station, a sister operation of Shara al Adna that used the Shara facilities to broadcast beyond the Arab world. If you want to know the full story of Sharq al Adna, ask your library to get you this article by Douglas A. Boyd: "Sharq al-Adna/ The Voice of Britain," Gazette: The International Journal for Communication Studies, Vol. 65, No. 6 (2003), p. 443-455. Many thanks to Mick Griffiths for sharing this interesting information with us. -- And, as usual, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," you will find new history material from Adrian Peterson, this time: "Early Wireless Experiments in India" (January 5, 2014), and "Three Early Wireless Stations in China" (January 5, 2014).