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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
3310	0855	BOLIVIA, R Mosoj Chaski. in Quecha ? poor level 27/01 JD
3325	1100	INDONESIA RRI (tent) poor in Indonesian 18/1 JW
3985	1750	KOREA. Echo of Hope. poor to just fair in Korean 25/01 JD
4010	1205	KYRGYZSTAN Kyrgyz R (tent) very poor 1/2 JW
4557	1755	KOREA. Voice of the People. Fair in Korean. No jamming. 25/01 JD
4750	1100	BANGLADESH Dhaka R Bangladesh in English with News. Fair lavel
		with light QRM from China. 23/12 JD
4785	0856	BRAZIL Radio Congonghas at fair strength in PP 12/1. Another rare
		Brazilian Radio Caiari 4775 also noted 0811 this day but gone at 0855
4000	1700	recheck. BCM
4800	1730	INDIA. Hyderabad AIR.News in English Fair level. // 4810 4860 4880 4910 4920 5010 5040. 25/01 JD
4815	0040	
		BRAZIL. R Difusora poor to fair in Portuguese 23/01 JD
4820 4869.9		INDIA, AIR Kolkata. Good signal, news in EE 23/01 MS
4009.5	1133	INDONESIA RRI Wamena with Xmas prg Mx & talk in Indonesian thru to 1200. Fair level 24/12 JD
4915	0855	BRAZIL. (Tentative) R Difusura Macapa. Very poor level in Portuguese. 23/01 JD
4930	1810	BOTSWANA. VOA English Poor to fair 25/01 JD
4970	1130	INDIA Shillong AIR. Good signal with Nx in English at this time 28/12 JD
4980	1225	UNID, end tx at 1800 unid stn, unlikely to be Ecos del Torbes as music
1700	1220	and vocals middle eastern feel poor 1/2 JW
5010v	1843	MADAGASCAR Radio Madagascar poor w/western pops 12/1 on
		measured 5010.56 w/usual extended Sunday sked. Closed abruptly
		around 1851. BCM
5025	0900	CUBA R.Rebelde News in Spanish then into some great cuban
		Music. Quite good level. 23/01
5040	1515	INDIA AIR Jeypore, through cyclic jammer, still a good signal,
		mentioning Pakistan, not sure of language. 23/01 MS
5050	1515	CHINA Beibu Bay Radio, good, CC pops and commentary 23/01 MS

5865 0615 FRANCE. Radio Algerienne via Iss. Fair in Arabic. 7/1. IC 5890 0620 USA. WWCR. Good in English. 7/1. IC 0554 CUBA Radio Havana fair-good in EE w/îCultural Reportî 14/1 with 6000 parallels 6060 vgd, 6100 strong, 6165 good. BCM NTH MARIANAS IS, R F A fair in Chinese with talk, a little distorted 6020 1618 // 9495 & 9790 the same – CC 27/1 0608 UNITED KINGDOM BBC Woofferton w/FF for Africa at good strength 6055 15/1 over Radio Nikkei at poor level. BCM KUWAIT, R Liberty good in presumed Turkmen with discussion 6060 1414 // 12025 the same – CC 8/1 6080 0555 SAO TOME VOA with EE to Africa, ëToday in Historyí feature, fair 20/1. BCM 6080 0840 BRAZIL Radio Marumby w/religious talk in PP, music 20/1. Full ident w/freas at 0859. Good reception. BCM 6125v 0759 URUGUAY (TENT) Radio Uruguay (ex SODRE) has reactivated here and lim hearing a weak SS talk format on measured 6125.08 since 26/1 peaking between 0800 and 0900. Suffers annoying splatt from adjacent channels 6120 & 6135 Brazilians, as well as Bolivia 6135 and even Japan 6115. Best reception 29/1 when 6135 stations were absent. Monitoring nightly in hope of verifiable signals from this 250 watt station. BCM 6135v 0824 BRAZIL Radio Aparecida strong in PP w/popular music, time checks, jingle idents 19/1 on measured 6134.90, parallel to 9629.79 very good, 11854.9 weak under Chinese and 5035 poor. BCM 0610 AUSTRIA Mossbrun Austrian Radio good level in German 06/01 JD 6155 6155 0640 AUSTRIA. Radio Austria. VG in German. 7/1. IV 6165 0650 CUBA. RHC. Fair in English. 7/1. IC 1507 INDIA, AIR Baluchi with female singer, a little distorted // 9620 the 6165 same – CC27/1 1800 KOREA Voice of the People. Fair to Good No Jamming // 6600 also fair 6518 to good & no jamming. 25/01 JD 1630 SOMALIA, R.Hargeisa (tent), Fair in Somali, some mx - 8/1 KB 7120 1200 ETHIOPIA R Ethiopia (tent) poor in Amharic etc 18/1 JW 7200 0610 ALBANIA, CRI, Poor in Arabic, ma, ethnic mx // 17485 good - 11/1 KB 7210 1641 ETHIOPA, R.Fana (tent), Good in pres Amharic, light-hearted 7210 discussion - 7/1 KB 7215 2018 CHINA, CRI good in mixture of Chinese with translation into English – KAB 6/2 1758 INDIA, AIR, Poor/fair in English, splatter fm 7255, chanting, ma/fa, 7250 sports nx NZ/Windies - 15/1 KB 1407 KUWAIT, VOA with talk in presumed Tibetan, a little scratchy // 7530 7255 the same – CC 8/17265 1916 SPAIN, REE fair in Arabic with sports talk – KAB 8/2 1928 IRAN, VOIRI good in Arabic with relig talk – KAB 8/2 7285 1900 ROMANIA Tigantesi. EMR via IRRS. Rather poor at S/on in English with 7290

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- 7295 0610 FRANCE, RFL Good in Hausa, Off 0630, 13/1, IC
- MALAYSIA RTM Traxx FM poor in English 18/1 JW 7295 1201
- 1658 MALAYSIA, RTM, Poor in English relaying Traxx FM, song 'Loyal', nx - 8/1 KB 7295
- 7300 1703 SWAZILAND, TWR Africa, weak under co-chan, I/S, 1705 fa, mx, om - 21/8 KB
- 0429 FRANCE Radio Dabanga, sung IDs, "R.Dabanga", animated male Ann, 7315 AA vern. Strong signal. 21/01 MS
- 0630 ROMANIA, RRI, VG in English, 13/1, IC 7345
- 0557 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in French, 0600 I/S, ma, folk mx, off air 0626 12/1 KB 7360
- 7390 0650 FRANCE. RFI. VG in French. 30/1. IC
- 1714 IRAQ ??, Dengi Kurdistana ?? Good in vern, Fa, poss ID 1728, talk & 7390 ethnic mx past 1807 - 12/1 KB
- PHILIPPINES FEBC fair in Cambodian 18/1 JW 7410 1212
- 0440 GREECE Voice of Greece, pops, fair. 21/01 MS 7475
- 7490 0700 USA. WBCQ. Fair with Overcomer broadcast. 13/1. IC
- 7515 1657 UZBEKISTAN, V.o. the Martyrs (tent), Poor/fair in Korean, Fa long talk - 14/1 KB
- 7520 0645 USA. WHRI. Good with Overcomer Broadcast. 21/1. IC
- 7535 1800 BULGARIA Kostinbrod. RTR The Powerstation studios in Germany with special live concert from Albert Hammond Fair-good. 27/12 JD
- 7550 1700 MOLDOVA, R.Ranginkaman, Weak at start, then poor/steady, om/yl, talk, piano mx 1728 yl w/id & sked, off at 1730. WRTH lists as 1600-1630 but nil then - 24/1 KB
- 1743 INDIA, AIR GOS, Good in English, s/on, sked, devotional mx 18/1 KB 7550
- 1618 THAILAND, fair in presumed Tibetan with light QRM //11920 the same CC 27/1 7560
- NTH KOREA, Voice of Korea good in English with choir singing with 7570 1507 comment - CC 17/1
- SINGAPORE, BBC good in Burmese with discussion // 9900& 11685 7845 1350 the same -CC 8/1

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

- Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details FREQ UTC
- FRANCE. Radio Algerienne Issoudun, 0407-0458* Dec 24, Chaîne 5865 0407 1 program with long recitation followed by man with Arabic talk and musical selection. Id at 0430 followed by news. Mix of talks and music after the news. Carrier cut sharply at 0458. Good sianal. (DíAnaelo-PA)
- FRANCE. Radio Japan ñ Issoudun, *0400-0430* Jan 22, 5910 0400 opening music, opening of Spanish Service with an ID followed by a man announcer with the news. Good. (DíAngelo-PA)
- 6005 0515 ASCENSION ISLANDS. BBC World Service, 0515-0544 Jan 12, News, sports and other news-related features with BBC ID at 0530 followed by more news related features. Fair. (DíAngelo-PA)
- ASCENSION ISLANDS. BBC World Service, 0515-0544 Jan 12, 6005 0515

6040	2100	News, sports and other news-related features with BBC ID at 0530 followed by more news related features. Fair. (DíAngelo-PA) GERMANY. Norddeutscher Rundfunk NDR - Nauen, *2100-2300* Dec 24, "Gruss am Bord" Program with seemingly church service and choir vocals with iliveî audience. Church service appeared to end around 2215 when local announcements and IDs and Hamburg postal address noted. Some English conversation noted and also English lyrics for iSilent Nightî. This frequency poor to fair but steadily improving with //9435 (Issoudun) fair until Romania opened up at 2127 dominating channel. //9925 (Issoudun) weak. (DíAngelo-PA)
6100	2158	BOSNIA. International Radio of Serbia ñ Bijeljina, *2158-2230* Jan 7, IS followed by opening of English service with woman announcer giving ID followed by news. Music feature from 2220. Poor to fair. (DíAngelo-PA)
6125	1900	GERMANY. NDR (via Nauen), "Gruss am Bord" prgm, fairly good at *1900 Dec 24; nx, wx, "Hier ist Hamburg" and into "Gruss am Bord" prgm with bells, foghorn, then many greetings in German, some read by the sender, others by man or woman ancr, one by a kid; mentions of various places, captains, occasional applause; mx interludes with mostly GM songs, also "White Christmas," "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay," "Feliz Navidad." Mention of Manila at 2000 and message in what sounded like a Philippine lang. Quite good by 2000, at which time the others were "fair minus" to poor in this order: 9925, 9885, 11955. I couldn't tell what was on 9460. (Berg-MA)
6155	0330	SOUTH AFRICA. Channel Africa ñ Meyerton, 0330-0400* Dec 25, music program hosted by a woman announcer with brief English talks. Nice series of IDs beginning at 0345 after time pips (?) followed by short features and music segments seemingly killing time until end of the broadcast. Another nice ID at 0356 followed by instrumental music until carrier was terminated. Poor to fair. (DíAngelo-PA)
7255	0426	BELARUS. Belaruskaye Radio 1 - Minsk-Kalodzicy, 0426-0520 Dec 25, woman announcer in Belarusian hosting music program. 5+1 time pips at -500 followed by a man announcer with station ID, several announcements and more music features. Discussion with another man at 0513. Poor to fair with deep fades. (DíAngelo-PA)
7285	0457	ENGLAND. BBC ñ Woofferton, 0457-0500* Dec 24, several male announcer with discussion in Arabic which ended in time for several IDs prior to transmission carrier being terminated. Fair. (DíAngelo-PA)
7290	1917	ROMANIA. IRRS Shortwave ñ Tiganesti, 1917-1930* Jan 11, music until man spoke about NSA, technology and surveillance issues

in English. Man announcer with IRRS ID at 1930 including mention of writing for QSL. Poor to fair but steadily improving. (DiAngelo-PA) ROMANIA. Echo de líEurope ñ Tiganesti, *1930-2000* Jan 11, 7290 1930 IRRS brokered program opened with man announcer with ID and opening announcements in French. News followed and program segment closed at 1945 with more announcements. English segment opened with iEcho of Europeî ID asking listeners to contact them through their website or contact@echoofeurope.eu. News features about European Union with parliamentary question and answer session. Program closed with brief music. This apparently is an EU sponsored support station, interesting. Transmission closed at 1959 with final IRRS ID inviting listeners to write for special numbered QSL but announcements was cut off when carrier was terminated. Fair signal. (DíAngelo-PA) CHINA. China Radio International ñ Jinhua, 2232-2255* 7430 2232

7430 2232 CHINA. China Radio International n Jinhua, 2232-2255* Jan 3, mainly long Chinese language talks by a man and a woman with some local music mixed in, Off rather suddenly. Fair. (DíAngelo-PA)

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9390 1		Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details THAILAND, R.Thailand WS, Good in English, om w/rptd ID 'HSK9' - 8/1 CC SWAZILAND Trans World Radio Manzini w/tuning signal & idents in EE, opening 0500 fair in the clear, 15/1. Idents as "TWR Radio 1-5-5". BCM
9560 1	1102	RUSSIA, V.o.Russia, Fair in English, news - 28/1 JW
9560 1	1338	RUSSIA, VOR, Excellent in English - 18/1 BDW
9625 1	1003	JAPAN, R.Japan, Good in English, om & yl with news. ID at 1009 - 6/1 CC
9655 1		ROMANIA, RRI, Very good in English - 1/1 BDW
9685 1		GERMANY. Pan American BC. Fair in English. 5/1. IC
9700 (TURKEY. VOT. VG in Turkish. 5/1. IC
9720 1		SRI LANKA, RFA, Good in Korean - 16/1 BDW
9740 1		SINGAPORE, BBC, Good in English - 28/1 JW
9765 1		CHINA, CRI, Excellent in English - 19/1 BDW
9780 1		ROMANIA, RRI, Good in English - 1/1 BDW
9800 1		RWANDA, DWR, Very good in French // 15275 poor - 19/1 BDW
9840 (USA. WRMI. Good in English. 3/1. IC.
9898.9 (BRAZIL. Radio Nove Julho. Good in Portuguese with good ID at 0725. 30/1. IC.
9900 1		PHILIPPINES. VOA. Fair in English. 26/1. IC
9955 1	1505	N.MARIANAS, RFA via Tinian, Poor in Tibetan // 11865 UAE very
11510 (0505	good, 11640 Kwt good, 5825 Tjk fair - 18/1 BDW
		MOLDOVA. Denge Kurdistane. Good in Kurdish. 7/1. IC
	2145	AUSTRALIA, RA via Shp, "Childcare", excellent in English - 31/12 BDW
11711v (0142	ARGENTINA RAE Buenos Aires fair in JJ 14/1, surging signals on measured 11710.89. EE from 0200, FF good at 0345 recheck. BCM
11790 (0601	ROMANIA, RRI, Good in French - 1/1 BDW
	1444	ROMANIA, RRI, Excellent in Russian // 13840 good - 1/1 BDW
	1600	SRI LANKA. AWR via Trm. Good in Urdu. Beware of KSDA at 1630 in
11005 1	1000	Sindhi also 11805khz. 17/1. IC
11840 1	1000	GUAM, KTWR, Good in English, yl opening w/ID & announcements - 6/1 CC
	1631	ROMANIA, RRI, Poor in Romanian - 1/1 BDW
	0710	GERMANY, AWR via Nau, Excellent in Oromo - 4/1 BDW
	0333	INDIA, AIR, Good in Hindi, yl spkg & female vocalist // 13695 same - 7/1 CC
	0722	

15000 1	1500	Gospel of the Kingdom" prgm, then "Thank you for listening to Radio Africa" and advice that this prgm is moving to 17790 at 1500 on Thursdays. Last date that I was able to hear this transmitter. BCM
15300 1 15340 1		ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Arabic // 17530 poor - 1/1 BDW AUSTRALIA, HCJB via Knx, "Focus on Family" Good in English - 28/12 BDW
15542 1		TAJIKISTAN. Voice of Tibet via Dushanbe. Fair in Chinese. 21/1. IC
15640 1		UAE. RDW via Dha. Good in Urdu. 30/1. IC
15665 1		GUAM. KSDA. Good in Tamil after English IDs. 15/1. IC
15680 1		FRANCE. Radio Mehr via Iss. Good in Persian. 13/1. IC
15770 1		GUAM. KSDA. Fair in Thai after English IDs. 14/1. IC
15800 (17510 (PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan. Fair in Urdu. 7/1.IC THAILAND, BBC, Good in Urdu, yl /om spkg // 17760 not so clear - 12/1 CC
17540 1		MADAGASCAR, R.Mara (tent) in pres Kinyarwanda/Kirundi, om, off
1/540 1	17 40	air 1757 - 5/1 KB
17575 1	1630	FRANCE, AWR, Good/fair in Somali & HOA mx after English s/on - 7/1 KB
		USA. WHRI. Poor in English. 9/1. IC
		FRANCE, RFI, Fair/Good in Hausa, ID 1635, off 1657 - 6/1 KB
17620 1		FRANCE, RFI, Poor/fair in French to WAf, yl/om, off 1657 - 13/1 KB
17630 1		FRANCE. Radio Xoriyo Ogaden. Good in Somali. 28/1. IC
17630 1		FRANCE, R.Xoriyo, Fair in Somali, om/yl,1626 drums, 1630 off - 14/1 KB
17760 (0759	SOUTH AFRICA SARL via Meyerton, weekly amateur radio news pgrm at poor but quite readable level 19/1. Sundays only, followed past 0834. BCM
17800 1	1445	RWANDA, D.Welle, Fair/good in Urdu, om & yl speaking, a
17000 1	1775	little scratchy, // 15640 the same - 17/1 CC
17800 1	1759	MADAGASCAR, DW, Fair in Hausaausa at s/on, nx, weaker after 1810
		// 15275 weak - 5/1 KB
17850 1	1600	FRANCE. Oromo Voice via Iss. Good in Oromo. 11/1. IC
17870 1		FRANCE, R.Xoriyo, Fair in Somali at s/on, fa/ma - 14/1 KB
17875 (INDIA, AIR, Good in Indonesian, fa, mx // 17510 fair, - 13/1 KB
17895 1	1754	VATICAN, VOA, Poor/fair in English // 15580 weaker but steady, 13755
01570 0	0400	Bot weak but improved w/daylight - 25/1 KB
		N.MARIANAS, R.Vatican via Tin, Fair in Chinese at s/on - 22/1 KB
21630 1	1/30	USA, WHRI, Fair in English relg & mx, World Vision promo, ID 1742 - 24/1 KB
		OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.
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9555 2	2043	SAUDI ARABIA. Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi
		Arabia, 2043-2122, Arabic talks by a man announcer with musical
		selections. ID at 2100, music fanfare followed by news with brief
11670 2	2004	instrumental music segments between news items. Fai - 7/1 RDA INDIA. All India Radio – Bengaluru, 2004-2032, man announcer with
11070 2	2004	news in Hindi. Woman announcer with ID followed by another man
		with a commentary. Music programming commenced at 2015. Fair
		te weed strend = 01/1 DDA

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to good signaL - 21/1 RDA

- 11740 1453 INDIA (Goa). All India Radio Panaji, 1453-1514, Pashtu program with talks and Hindi musical selections. Poor to fair before big local noise wiped them out - 18/1 RDA
- 11880 1329 WRMI, Okeechobee, with PCJ Christmas Special, 1329-1430, excellent signal throughout, tho modulation needs a little work; hosted by Keith Perron; music (some sung by Keith himself), "Happy Holidays," "Holly, Jolly Christmas," "So This Is Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," Bing Crosby, Tom Meijer doing "It's A Marshmallow World," readings of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." Offer of special QSL for rpts to their Taiwan postal address or PCJQSL@PJCmedia.com. Opened and closed with WRMI ID and request for comments or rpts to their P.O. Box 526852, Miami, FL 33152 postal address or to info@wrmi.net. Also excellent during live PCJ broadcast at 1330-1430 Dec 29, and audio much improved then too - 22/12 JB
- 11880 1356 USA. PCJ Happy Station, 1356-1430*, saw a reminder from Victor Goonetilleke and tuned in just in time to hear Keith butchering my last name, hi! Good signal in Wyomissing which Keith pronounced correctly. Brother Stair popped on at 1400 however, at 1404 I could hear Keith again talking about a song that just finished from a Bollywoood movie. Keith talked about reasons for live broadcast and new 5 KW transmitter he is in the processes of importing into Taiwan. At 1420 when Keith promised to give away a radio, the non-stop theme music/tuning signal for WYFR was heard! Second major transmission error noted during the broadcast. 1430 WRMI ID just before the transmitter was cut - 12/1 RDA
- 12095 1756 SEYCHELLES. BBC World Service Mahé, 1756-1959*, news feature with ID and promos at 1758, time pips at 1800 and more news reports. Later noted with World Business Report until closedown ID and promos with carrier cut at 1959 to clear channel for Ascension. Fair. - 7/1 RDA
- 12095 2000 ASCENSION ISLANDS. BBC World Service, *2000-2007, opened with time pips followed by ID and a man announcer hosting Newshour program. Poor signal - 7/1 RDA
- 15205 1615 SAUDI ARABIA. Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1615-1729, Holy Quran program with recitations and some Arabic talks. Poor to fair - 7/1 RDA
- 15420 2000 SEYCHELLES. BBC Mahé, *2000-2017, opening English program with ID followed by a man announcer with the news. Poor to fair - 21/1 RDA
- 17540 1720 CLANDESTINE (Rwanda). Radio Mara Talata-Volonondry, 1720-1655*, a lot of musical selection with some brief talk in listed Kinyarwanda. Music fanfare at 1745 followed by news items with music fanfare between items. Off with long song by a male singer. After song carrier was terminated. Anyone find a website for this "station" yet? - 7/1 RDA

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SIGNAL STRENGTHS e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm

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Popular Communications magazine has been merged into CQ magazine.

Thanks to a tip in the latest NRC magazine with advice about **free download** of the November 2013 and December 2014 magazines..

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SHORTWAVE REPORT

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AUSTRIA/GERMANY:

HCJB Global Voice

1530-1600 13740 MOS 100 kW 095 deg to CeAS Russian Sat 1600-1630 13740 MOS 100 kW 095 deg to CeAS Chechen Sat 2300-2330 9835 NAU 100 kW 240 deg to BRA German 2300-0045 11920 NAU 100 kW 240 deg to BRA Portuguese Winter B-13 schedule of Trans World Radio Europe 0645-0700 5910 MOS 100 kW 030 deg to EaEUR Polish Mon-Fri 0645-0700 7300 MOS 100 kW 030 deg to EaEUR Polish Mon-Fri 0800-0820 6105 NAU 100 kW 285 deg to NoEUR English Sat/Sun 0800-0820 7400 MOS 100 kW 300 deg to NoEUR English Sat/Sun 0800-0850 6105 NAU 100 kW 285 deg to NoEUR English Mon-Fri 0800-0850 7400 MOS 100 kW 300 deg to NoEUR English Mon-Fri 0930-1000 6105 NAU 100 kW 135 deg to CeEUR Hungarian 1500-1530 7300 NAU 100 kW 065 deg to EaEUR Belarussian Mon 1500-1530 9850 MOS 100 kW 055 deg to EaEUR Belarussian Mon 1500-1530 7300 NAU 100 kW 065 deg to EaEUR Russian Tue-Fri 1500-1530 9850 MOS 100 kW 055 deg to EaEUR Russian Tue-Fri (DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 11) United States, WRMI Okeechobee FL/R Africa Network (ex via Equatorial Guinea) Enalish 0400-0800 9840af (additional time/frequency) 1400-2000 17790af (additional time/frequency)

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Radio Free Asia - B13 Winter Schedule: Effective: 27 October 2013 - 29 March 2013

All programming targeted to Asia Burmese 0030-0130 12115 15700 17835 1230-1400 11795 12105 13735 1400-1430 11795 12105 1630-1730 9940

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JAPAN

Frequency changes of Shiokaze Sea Breeze from Jan.16: 1330-1430 NF5985 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5910 Japanese Mon/Wed/Thu 1330-1430 NF5985 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5910 Chinese/Korean Tue 1330-1430 NF5985 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5910 English Fri* 1330-1430 NF5985 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5910 Korean/Japanese Sat 1330-1430 NF5985 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5910 Japanese/Korean Sun 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Japanese Mon/Wed/Thu 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Chinese/Korean Tue 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 English Fri* 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Korean/Japanese Sat 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Korean/Japanese Sat 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Korean/Japanese Sat 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Korean/Japanese Sat 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Korean/Japanese Sat 1600-1700 NF5910 YAM 100 kW 280 deg to KRE, ex5975 Korean/Japanese Sat

Shortwave remains essential, conference told

Short wave will continue to be an important part of broadcasting, a coordinating conference hosted by the ABU in Kuala Lumpur has been told.

The 10th Global Shortwave Co-ordination Conference of the High Frequency Coordination Conference (HFCC) with the ABU and the Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU) from 20-24 January 2014 is part of the regular twice-yearly seasonal management of shortwave frequencies around the globe to coordinate usage and minimise interference. Mr Bassil Zoubi, Head of Transmission at ASBU, said: "Shortwave programs will continue to be vital in addressing and communicating with some important parts of the world, especially with Internet penetration in the Arab countries around 34% while in some other parts of the worlds it is less than 10%."

He said the ASBU had adopted T-DAB+ as a delivery platform for regional audio broadcasting, though the union continued to support [shortwave] DRM as a important delivery medium for international as well as national coverage, which was why the ASBU was calling for a universal radio chipset.

HFCC Chairman Mr Oldrich Cip said shortwave radio was important for travellers and isolated people, and it reached across the digital divide to the most disadvantaged and marginalised societies.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies had underlined this role of wireless radio in the 2013 World Disaster Report.

"It said that marginalised populations may not have the money or the knowledge to take advantage of the digital revolution," Mr Cip said. "The report has noted that with only six per cent of people in low-income countries using the Internet in 2011, the digital divide was still stark and therefore access to low cost media technology was really the key."

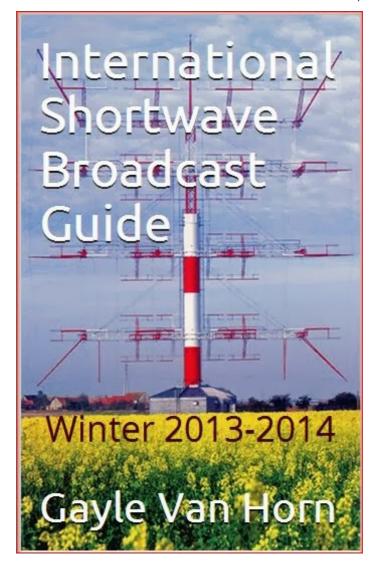
He also urged the conference that effort was needed to ensure that terrestrial broadcasting was part of the framework of the Global Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction. ABU Director of technology Dr Amal Punchihewa reiterated the importance of ensuring there were mechanisms in place to deliver information technology to the most needy and vulnerable populations around the globe.

"The ABU will continue to work with our partners to ensure this technology will survive and thrive for the benefit of the population, in times of crisis, in areas of isolation and at the most vulnerable times,' he said.

Mr Gary Stanley, Rapporteur of the HFCC Steering Board, thanked the ABU for hosting the conference and said shortwave radio was still very important for disseminating news and information to regions where Internet penetration was low and other ways of receiving international media were limited.

International Shortwave Broadcast Guide.

The 684 page Teak Publishing shortwave radio hobby e-book can be purchased at Amazon.com for US\$4.99. You can buy this new e-book at http://www.amazon.com/International-Shortwave-Broadcast-Winter-2013-2014-ebook/dp/B00H8X7LHM/



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UTILITIES

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Well here it is February and I am not sure whether or not we are going to get a summer this year. Those weather fronts just keep rolling in from the south. Anyhow enough of the weather let us check out the loggings received this month.

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CONTRIBUTORS

RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin - Sangean ATS 803A 30 mtr long wire.

- JW Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel Lowe 150 and 23 mtr long wire
- DM Dallas McKenzie, Buller Kenwood R1000, Yaesu FRG-7700, PCR1000 (Stand By), Sony SW7600G. Uniden UBCT8, Standard VR120.... Long wire E-W (190 ft)...20ft Whip, Plus Various Commercial whips.
- ABD Arthur De Maine, Kakanui Icom –R71E 25 mtr EWE running East West.

Dallas writes - Not a lot as again SAR (Land Search) duties have taken up quite a bit of time. Re using Internet site receivers its ok with me as long as QSL's are not used in Comps or Ladder totals as I'm a firm believer that only stations heard in NZ should qualify.

Ed – thanks for those comments about using Internet site receivers, Dallas. I, like you would not want to see them used for ladders or competitions. I don't have a problem with someone reporting them to this section as long as it recorded as being heard on an Internet site (site name) along with the frequency and UTC time and some details or what was heard.

Roger reports that his old computer has died and they now have another computer with Microsoft Windows 7.

Ed - good luck with learning MS 7, keep at it. Something I heard the other day, Microsoft will no longer support Windows XP after April this year.

Jonathan writes -A further search tool for NDB's can be found at <u>www.classaxe.com/dx/ndb/rww</u> - it's a contributor generated database. *Thanks for the info, Ed.*

I welcome any further comments from members about using Internet site receivers for listening to Utility Stations only.

Many thanks to the above members for your contributions. Arthur



A couple of the new Qantas A380's at Sydney Airport. photo by David (Wayne) Searle.



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FM LOG - January 2014 (Bryan Clark)

<u>3 January</u> at 0143 UTC – Taranaki & Waikato stations coming through – 89.2 Radio Live on talkback, 97.2 Live Sport peaking vgd. 98.0 with Mediaworks Hamilton promo, 97.0 Newstalk ZB Hamilton vgd 0208.

<u>11 January</u> – Times FM Orewa now on this frequency serving Mangawhai, first day on air, asking listeners to tell their Mangawhai friends. But RDS displaying gibberish.

<u>12 January</u> – another good opening to Taranaki stations – 94.8 Taranaki iwi station mixing ZM Northland at 0232 UTC. At 0540 UTC, 1XX-FM Whakatane poor to fair but steady signal // 1242 AM.

<u>17 January</u> at 2345 UTC – Trans-Tasman tropo opening with 95.3 Smooth FM Sydney in fair. 18 January – 0018 UTC – log taken on 96.9 Nova FM Sydney.

<u>29 January</u> – extended tropo opening across the Tasman with prolonged reception of Sydney stations Smooth FM 95.3 and Nova 96.9 from 0105 UTC. On 90.9 "This is a test transmission by ABC News Radio in the Illawarra area" w/phone number to call with reception issues. Odd as station has been on regular sked for some time. Also 97.1 ABC National – presume Manning River, 97.3 ABC News Radio, 97.7 SBS Radio Sydney vgd in PP, 101.7 rock music, 102.1 UNID talk, 102.5 2MBS on piano classical, 102.9 weak at 0143, 104.1 2DAY-FM Sydney at 0150. 97.7 SBS changed to SS at 0200. At 0425 all ABC Manning River outlets in – 97.1, 96.3 Triple J, 95.5 poor, 98.7 ABC Fine Music. Smooth 95.3 still vgd 0440. Grafton stations in at 0441 – 97.9 classical, Wollongong KO-FM 102.9 vgd w/traffic report – audible past 0505, Unid commercial 101.3 past 0448, 101.7 WS-FM Drivetime at 0505, 90.7 ABC New Radio // 90.9. 94.5 UNID at 0525. At 0600 only Smooth FM 95.3, Nova 96.9 and ABC news on 97.9 fading out. 99.5 ABC News Radio at 0603. Only signals at 0614 were 102.5 2MBS and 101.7 WS-FM. Recheck at 0700 UTC – only 102.9, 102.1, 97.7 and 96.9 audible.

Next morning (2128 UTC) found a newbie - 96.1 The Edge (which was loggable for almost 5 hours!); ABC Classical 95.7, 91.5 ABC News Radio good 2131 // 90.9 and 90.7, 89.9 ABC Local Radio SW Slopes on Breakfast w/Ann Delaney; also 89.1 ABC National, 90.7 Triple J, ABC Fine Music 88.3; 96.5 weak signal at 2201, 98.9 with news. ABC Newsradio 90.9 at 2221; also Newsradio SW Slopes stations on 91.5; Illawarra in at 2223 – 95.7 classical, 97.3 ABC Local, 98.9 Triple J.

At 2346 UTC – 96.1, 95.7, 90.9, 97.3 (ABC Local) coming through from Illawarra area.

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<u>30 January</u> – Illawarra frequencies – 90.9, 95.7, 97.3, 98.9 audible at 0038 UTC; at 0138 recheck – same stations up to excellent levels, plus The Edge 96.1; at 0211 these freqs still audible, together with new 98.1 which was followed past 0226. At 0410 UTC recheck no Aussie channels were heard.

FM stations heard from Hamilton (Adam Claydon)

The following are the FM stations I heard whilst in Temple View, Hamilton recently. Does anyone know where Classic Hits 90.8 and The Edge 105.8 are located? I also heard a number of LPFM stations but didn't ID all of these

88.6 Mai FM (Auckland), 88.8 The Edge (Taupo), 89.0 Free FM (Waikato), 89.4 Newstalk ZB (Auckland), 89.5 Flava (Rotorua), 89.8 ZM (Waikato), 90.2 The Rock (Auckland), 90.6 Raukawa FM (Tokoroa), 90.8 Classic Hits, 91.0 ZM (Auckland), 91.1 The Sound (Rotorua), 91.4 RNZ Concert (Waikato), 91.8 More FM (Auckland), 92.2 More FM (Waikato), 92.4 Nga Iwi FM (Waikato), 92.6 RNZ Concert (Auckland), 93.0 The Rock (Waikato), 93.4 The Breeze (Auckland), 93.8 The Sound (Auckland/Waikato), 94.2 The Edge (Auckland), 94.6 Life FM (Waikato), 95.1 Radio Live (Rotorua), 95.4 Radio Tainui (Ngaruawahia), 95.8 Flava (Auckland), 96.2 Hauraki (Waikato), 96.4 Gold FM (Waihi), 96.6 George FM (Auckland), 96.7 Coast (Rotorua), 97.0 Newstalk ZB (Waikato), 97.4 Classic Hits (Auckland), 97.8 The Edge (Waikato), 98.1 Raglan Radio (Raglan), 98.2 Radio Sport (Auckland), 98.6 Classic Hits (Waikato), 99.0 Hauraki (Auckland), 99.4 The Breeze (Waikato), 99.8 Life FM (Auckland), 100.2 Radio Live (Waikato), 100.6 Radio Live (Auckland), 101.0 RNZ National (Waikato), 101.4 RNZ National (Auckland), 101.6 RNZ National (Taupo), 102.2 Kiwi FM (Auckland), 103.4 Niu FM (Waikato), 103.8 Niu FM (Auckland), 104.4 Cruise FM (Te Kuiti), 104.6 Planet FM (Auckland), 105.0 Coast (Waikato), 105.4 Coast (Auckland), 105.8 The Edge, 106.0 M FM (Te Kuiti), 106.2 Humm FM (Auckland)

SeaBreeze FM

SeaBreeze FM broadcasts on 88.0 at Himatangi Beach (west of Palmerston North) (Adam Claydon)





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I trust everyone has had a decent summer. Your main holiday season has passed, and I notice Bryan Clark mentioned on <dxdialog> recently about having time to clear out surplus radio stuff because of rain. Now it's our turn in the North to look forward to the return of some warmth.

Our Man in Mangawhai leads off this month's pack, and as usual reports another interesting month DXwise. "On shortwave the focus has been on 2 reactivated stations - ELWA Liberia on 4760 and Uruguay on 6125. Only a weak carrier so far for Liberia but on 6 February I finally was able to extricate something verifiable out of the weak Spanish transmission I have heard most nights since 26 January on 6125.08 kHz. Radio Uruguay's talkback station on 1050 is reportedly being relayed with 250 watts on 6125, and I finally nabbed that ident at 0800 today! Fingers crossed that someone at the station has DX ears and will be able to confirm my audio report. FM brought a surprising two-day trans-Tasman tropospheric duct which allowed me to hear stations in Sydney and other parts of their east coast for hours on end. An enjoyable end to a largely lacklustre FM season. Finally medium wave has been perky most nights and I even managed to extract audio on 1240 one night - really rare for me." (Bryan, any luck with your mystery on 1690? Didn't KFSG used to be in Farsi/Persian? The current Spanish religious format doesn't seem to be blanket, but comprised of brokered blocks so maybe the former Bamdad Radio still buys time, though 0921 UT/1.21 am PST would seem like a weird purchase. And CHTO isn't totally Greek – the CRTC doesn't allow unilingual non-EE, non-FF -- but I can't turn up its broadcast schedule, although again 4.21 am EST makes it unlikely.)

<u>Mike Smith in 'Opunake by the sea'</u> puts in a welcome appearance. "Hi Theo: Hope it's all good with you up in the cooler hemisphere - Happy New Year! Just a couple of lines to prove I'm not in hibernation. The antenna situation here needs some work, which it will get before March and the equinox. Noise levels have risen again - my neighbour has some sort of wireless set up going on which triggers his dog's shock collar if it strays too far - add that to the wi-fi, plasma TV sets etc. all around - well, it's a challenge! Apart from that I have logged a few. It was interesting to hear Radio Dabanga on 7315 from Issoudun (I presume) a couple of weeks ago. Also got enough detail from KMPC 1540 and KION 1460 to send off reports. Have finished house renovations, built a deck during the summer, now for some time in front of the radio! Regards." (*Thanks, yes; things are always good when you're retired. Now that's a new one: an interfering dog collar. Interestingly, my wi-fi doesn't cause me any grief, and no one close by mercifully has chosen plasma. You must have had to have done some hard work to squeeze KION out of RNZ National's slop from Westport?)*

Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel has kept closer to home compared to last month. "This month I've experimented with three 46m antennae using trees over the back fence in the school grounds

(up on Saturdays at dusk, down Sundays at dawn). First, the portable 46m dipole with the 5m telescopic flyrod at the centre - the flyrod has to be guyed in a bent position or it un-telescopes! Worked well, would take it into tussock country if there were no trees to support the antenna, but too much work for here. Second, a clip-on to extend the 20m long wire into a 46m long wire. Picks up interference excellently, but not much else. Perhaps the fault is the Lowe's weak front end, or a weak earth - but I don't plan to try this again soon! (Though I have copper pipe to add a second earth spot at some stage). Third, back to a duplicate 46m dipole - the centre is permanently at the top of one of the 6m support poles - all I have to do is throw the spools over the fence, unwind and tie. This went well - though long wave reception only worked outside away from the house. I think it will work indoors above 5 MHz or so. Still, I have a table and chair and can sit under the stars - as I did last night/ this morning, if needed! Hope all is well in BC." (*OK, for Mike I'm good... for you, I'm well! Where did I read about a similar situation to your school 'trespass' recently? Oh, yeah, some American DXers at a beach-front motel on Long Island, NY laying out a BOG or two I think, but having to reel them in during the daytime to prevent accidents to passersby, though why anyone would have been on a beach with the frigid stuff they've been experiencing is a mystery!)*

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim keeps the tone of the column up with his formal approach. "Herewith my SW veries received during January. Hard to believe another month gone already, eh. Soon be Xmas!!!!! KTWR 15160; Bible Voice BC 13630 & 15470; Radio Liberty (RFERL) 9585; Overcomer Ministry 13810; Sagalee Bilisummaa Oromo 13810; TWR Manzini 11700; RFA Tinian 17535 & 21615; Radio Mehr (Issoudun) 15680; RDW (Dhabbaya) 21780; KSDA 11805, 15665, & 15770; and AWR (Issoudun) 11805 kHz. There they are for this time around." (Who in Oromo?! And I like your style with the Christmas warning; that was my favourite joke when working, getting all the women in the office riled every month with an 'announcement' on the 24th or 25th, especially in January. I see you've sent your shaking further north into the Wairarapa, and disturbed Tony King's afternoon tea, not to mention upsetting Adam Claydon's prize TV set in Palmerston North.)

Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany takes us on a trip back in time. "At the end of each year, it is a challenge for me to take part in DSWCI's contest 'The Grand Tour Across All Continents'. This time, there were 32 participants from all continents, but regrettably again none from the Pacific region. I finished at no. 12, because I was misled by the AOKI B13 schedule giving Ukraine as transmitter for TWR India's programs on 7545 kHz (bad luck for me), and I had no chance of monitoring Zambia on 49 meters with noise all over the band at my QTH. The 49-meter band, which we called "Europa-Band", was part of each radio set in the 1960s. These frequencies were reliable catches and some of them were audible most daytime hours: 5972 (R. Andorra), 6010 (BBC), 6020 (R. Nederland), 6025 (R. Portugal), 6035 (3AM3 with 30 kW from Monte-Carlo), 6055 (R. Prague), 6060 (Caltanissetta, Sicily/Italy), 6065 (R. Sweden), 6070 (R. Sofia), 6090 (R. Luxembourg), 6100 (R. Belgrade), 6120 (OIX7, R. Finland), 6130 (LKJ, R. Norway), 6130 (R. Nacional de Espana), 6165 (HER3 from Schwarzenburg, Switzerland), 6190 (Vatican R.), 6200 (Allouis, France), 6210 (R. Bucharest), 6234 (R. Budapest). In 1956, I heard - and QSLed - Polskie Radio on 5975, 5995, and 6135 kHz. And regularly could also be tuned in these stations from Austria and Germany: 6000 (OEI20 with 0.4 kW from Innsbruck), 6155 (OEI21 with 0.2 kW from Vienna), 6005 (RIAS Berlin), 6030 (Süddeutscher Rundfunk), 6075 (Norden-Osterloog from Norddeutscher Rundfunk, later Jülich from Deutsche Welle), 6085 (Bayerischer Rundfunk, which was 6160 with

10 kW before), 6115 (Deutschlandsender from East Germany), 6190 (Frankfurt, later R. Bremen with 10 kW). With hardly any reception possible on 49 meters at my QTH, I was lucky to receive Hamburger Lokalradio via Göhren (1 kW) on 6190 kHz and receive their nice QSL. Also these QSLs arrived after a long wait since 2010 and 2011: R. Tirana, 7465 kHz, Polskie R. 9435 and 9610 kHz (both via Woofferton)." (Yikes. Those are familiar calls, transmitters, and stations – with probably all of them verified by a bunch of League members of a certain age.)

And **Des Davey, Te Kuiti** has set pen to paper via the mail box in Mangawhai. "Happy New Year to all Radio DX League members around the world. Maybe a shade late getting this message to you all but I do think it's better a shade late than never. I was in hospital in the Waikato recently on a 'warrant of fitness checkup' I guess you could call it, for my French-Canadian modern-type pacemaker for my heart and I'm set for another six months so that's cool eh? I've been at home all over Xmas as I cannot travel with my disabilities and medication I'm currently on. I also had prostate cancer but about 2 1/2 months ago I was given the all clear. I think I beat the prostate cancer by boiling up kava-kava leaves and drinking the water from them after boiling. I have not been doing much DX these days but I have been doing a lot of CB with farmer mates all over the country as far away as the Mainland when lucky to catch a skip. The last skip was across The Ditch in Aussie when I had 6 to 8 contacts on channel 7 and 11 with truckies in road trains looking for a chat. I've got a 2005 Uniden truckie CB and it runs well. My lady friend is a nurse and she has an Aussie CB but I don't like it as it has SSB mode and too many push buttons on it for me, like the TV remote. I had one for my Sharp wide-screen digital TV but I chucked the remote in the dump and now just change the channel by way of the Freeview box. Some good nights I get islands of the Pacific on AM radio. I use a 26-foot long antenna with a special resistor connected up to it. May 2014 go extra well for you all and I trust you all had a jolly good Xmas too. Kia ora and kind regards from Des Davey, Vintage Radio and Telephone Museum of Te Kuiti." (Here's wishing you the best of times ahead too, Des. What happened to the planned holiday at that sheep and cattle station out on the Taranaki coast? A Quebecois pacemaker, hmm.)

So there we be. A couple of connected items from my end: 'Mailbag' will take a break for March as I'm off on a major vacation from late February and won't be home till way after Chief Editor Mark's deadline. But please still zap through your contributions and they'll be incorporated into April's chocolate-coated Easter edition. As prep for my travels, I recently bought one of the talked-about Tecsun PL-380 portables. As expected, I'm impressed with the performance on MW, as Tony King in Greytown knows. I'll see if I can confirm that FIRS in Stanley is indeed relaying the BBC World Service; oops, I'm giving things away. <g> It also excels on SW, and seems to really like my random longwire on the apartment balcony. I've found the audio to be really clean, and for example, Zanzibar on 11735 is way more readable than the muddy sound put out by the Eton E1.

73 till April. Theo



BROADCAST NEWS, TRAIL AND MAILBAG

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ALASKA According to the FCC Website, KRSA-580 went silent in January 2013. At that time the station told the FCC: "The station no longer has the financial resources to continue operations. The station is trying to reorganize its finances." There's more info in the following article: <u>http://www.kfsk.org/2013/01/10/southeast-alaska-christian-radio-station-off-the-air/</u> It doesn't sound like KRSA will be returning. (Bruce Portzer via IRCA)

AMERICAN SAMOA All AM and FM stations in Alaska, American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii and the Mariana Islands were required to file license renewal applications by October 1, 2013. The existing licenses of any stations in these places that failed to file for renewal expire on February 1, 2014. On January 30, the FCC published a list of stations that didn't file for renewal and therefore should be deleted on February 1, including KJAL 585 Tafuna, American Samoa. We'll see if any of these stations panic at finding themselves on this list and come in with last minute late applications. (NRC DX News 10Feb14)

CANADA (items via Shawn Axelrod and Dan Sys via NRC DX News) CHTO Toronto on 1690 has applied for U1 6kw days, 1kw nights. Currently U1 3kw/1kw.

FALKLAND ISLANDS Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service relaying BBC World Service is heard night time here in Uruguay on 530 kHz with no local programming nor any local ID. Fades in between around 02 UTC. Radio Madre from Buenos Aires also heard on 530 kHz. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, HCDX via IRCA)

HAWAII

540 App ID Kuna – Application for new station (U4 9500/400) dismissed. (NRC) KCIK-740 Kihei, Immaculate Heart Radio, new station began operation at 1 p.m. local time on January 5, with Catholic-oriented programs 24hrs //KSMH-1620 et al. (Hawaii Catholic Herald) 5kw. Slogan: "Sharing The Heart of The Christian Faith" (Bruce Portzer IRCA)

NEW ZEALAND Responding to a query from Tony King on the dxdialog newsgroup, I confirm that Burn 729 AM from Ranfurly is still on the air-waves. (Philip Garden)

<u>USA</u> (items via International Radio Club of America's "DX Monitor" magazine)

1150 KTLK Los Angeles CA new slogan "The Patriot AM 1150", adds NBC Sports Network.

- 1340 KYNS San Luis Obispo CA format now Soft Adult Contemporary, slogan: "B 93.7".
- 1430 WOWW Germantown TN new format is Country, new slogan: "95.3 The Rebel".

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

- 850 KOA Denver CO has added ABC Network and dropped Fox. (Wayne Heinen)
- 960 WFIR Roanoke VA licensed for U2 5kw day & night with a CP for U2 10kw/4.4kw, applies to amend CP to U2 10kw day and 5kw night.
- 1320 KXYZ Houston TX granted CP for U4 10kw day, 5kw night previously 5kw/5kw.
- 1420 KSTN Stockton CA granted STA for U3 1kw fulltime w/night pattern used 24 hours.
- 1640 WKSH Sussex WI fair 1000 UTC 24 January repeating WKSH Sussex and movie musical soundtrack loop. (Bruce Conti NH)
- 1640 KZLS Enid OK has added local talk to its Oldies format.
- 1650 KCNZ Cedar Falls IA w/top of the hour ident: Your home for Fox sports... KCNZ Cedar Falls (Kraig Krist VA)
- 1650 WHKT Portsmouth VA hrd w/slogan K talk 16-50 . (Kraig Krist VA)
- 1660 KRZI Waco TX is now part of the ESPN Central Texas Group. (Dave Schmidt)
- 1660 WBCN Charlotte NC with ident "You re listening to Charlotte s home for national sports talk, this is CBS Sports Radio 1660, WBCN in HD,WKQC HD3 Charlotte. (Bruce Conti NH)
- 1670 WOZN Madison WI station promo for Madison sports talk station 106.7 FM 16 70 AM The Zone ... the only sports station (Kraig Krist VA)
- 1680 WPRR Ada MI is now part of Public Reality Radio. Ident as "Working overtime to support your rights, this is Reality Radio, WPRR Ada Grand Rapids, W237CZ Hudsonville, and WPJC Pontiac, Illinois. (Bruce Conti NH)
- 1680 WTTM Lindenwold NJ Spanish/English ident as WTTM Lindenwold Philadelphia (Kraig Krist VA)

USA At our 2012 Waianakarua DXpedition, I reported WCNZ 1660, but had no response to several email attempts. I've just tried again, discovering the former avenuefla.com website is no more, and instead completing a form on the WMYR website. Amazingly, I received an almost immediate response from new Program Director David Logan. He was apologetic that I'd had no previous reply but unable to verify my report because of format and personnel changes. He might be a useful contact for anybody seeking a verification for either WCNZ or WMYR.

His email: superdavelogan@gulfbreezeradio.com. (Ian Wells)

 $\underline{\text{US VIRGIN ISLANDS}}$ WIGT Charlotte Amalie is a new station on the air at 1690 kHz with U1 and 920 watts day and night.

Per http://3abn.org/networks/3abn-radio/3abn-radio-affiliates/, WIGT (920 watts) and sister 97.9 WGOD FM Charlotte Amalie are Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) owned stations.(David Yocis, NRC DX News)

URUGUAY The new name for the radio station on 1590 kHz broadcasting from Lascano is "La Nueva Radio" ex Radio Regional. ID-ing: "Desde Lascano – transmite La Nueva Radio 1590 AM" (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, HCDX via IRCA)

VENEZUELA YVKH on 1300 has a new slogan and format: "AM Center, la radio deportivo de Venezuela". (Henrik Klemetz, ARC via IRCA)

DX TEST: KCKM Monahans Texas on 1330 AM will test on Saturday 22 March at 0100-0130 ELT (that's 0500 to 0530 UTC, Ed), with 12 kw non-directional into a 5/8th-wave tower. The test will consist mainly of Morse code, sweep tones, and sound effects known to cut through the mud. There will be a few voice announcements spread out throughout the test. GM and station owner Bob Souza will accept reports. Email reports are preferred to bob@kckm1330.com (.mp3 attachments only, .wav are too big), but snail-mail reports will be accepted too at P.O. Box 990, Monahans TX 79756. A verification postcard will be sent - a stamp to defray postage costs is always a good idea. (Thanks to Bob and Paul Walker via NRC DX News)

IN THE MAIL

On 14 January, **TONY KING** of Greytown wrote: "Some nights are great ! KUDL 1660 Kansas City KS 1kw S9 this evening with continuous business news, stock reports, interviews and at 0900 UTC identification as " KUDL AM1650 with the KMBD Business channel" Switched at 0900 to London for "Bloomberg Live from London." and the good ole UK accent. No trace of any other station on 1660." [Thanks Tony – persistence is the key to MW DX! I find the X-Band quite variable at present. BC]

MIKE SMITH from Opunake writes: "Managed to spend a bit of time listening the last couple of days, seems to have been a lift in transpacific conditions, although my little EWE is in need of some attention - I think it's more of a random wire at the moment! Great to see Bryan's QSL from KNOM. I got them on 5kW back in the 80's, but just as good if not a better achievement to hear them these days. Not a chance here with Radio Sport New Plymouth 774 on one side and Access Radio Wellington on the other. Anyway, a small trail of what I have heard in the last couple of days. Heaps of heterodynes and various SS signals popping up on 1020, 1220, 1220, 1310 etc - just need some more wire!" [Thanks Mike KTNQ Los Angeles 1020 is all Spanish, XEB 1220 always dominant. I must check 1200 as usually can't get past WOAI and the Asian Indian format stations here. BC]

TARANAKI TRAIL - Mike Smith, Opunake with Panasonic DR-31, Eddystone 680X and EWE to the east.

- 1017 TONGA A3Z up through Radio Sport for a while at 0847 on 21/1.
- 1050 USA KTCT San Mateo CA w/"Fox Sports Radio" ID fighting through the local on 1053 at 0843 3/2.

- 1460 USA KION Salinas CA strong peaks, ID "KION" at 0840 then into Coast To Coast with George Noory, logged thru to 0900, KION ID on the hour 4/2.
- 1540 USA KMPC Los Angeles CA, good at times, "1540 AM Los Angeles" ID at 0900, music show with male and female hosts.
- 1640 USA KDIA Vallejo CA still there at 1405 (I couldn't sleep!) with "AM 1640" ID, weather then into religious programming 21/1.
- 1700 MEXICO XEPE Tecate w/EE Advts, Superbowl news, "The new ESPN 1700", Mexican PSAs in EE 0815 strong signal 3/2.

NORTHLAND BROADCAST TRAIL - Bryan Clark w/AOR7030+ and various EWEs.

- 670 CUBA Radio Rebelde on top or mixed w/US talk format 0911 16/1 // 5025 SW.
- USA WLW Cincinatti OH breaking thru 702 slop w/newstalk format 0917 18/1.
- 710 CUBA Radio Rebelde w/popular Latin vocals 0852 14/1 over US talker.
- 720 USA WGN Chicago IL w/own talk show format 0807 17/1 over second American station and no trace at all of Invercargill.
- 740 USA KTRH Houston TX w/news 0903 20/1, ident "Newsradio 7-40 KTRH" then music bridge till Coast to Coast AM talkshow w/John D Wells.
- 760 USA KFMB San Diego CA w/"at 7-60 KFMB" ident 0700 12/1 then CBS theme & news. Fair in noisy conditions.
- 820 USA WBAP Fort Worth TX w/weather report "..high of 6 degrees at Dallas Fort Worth (Airport)..." 0830 20/1 breaking thru 819 slop.
- 830 USA KLAA Orange CA w/ident 0800 17/1 for KLAA Orange County, then news. Fair in noisy conditions.
- 870 USA WWL New Orleans LA w/ident 0906 4/2, then into Dave Ramsay Show. Poor but clear – not as regular as in past years.
- 890 USA WLS Chicago IL w/local news 0903 4/2, "89 WLS News" idents, then Red Eye Radio, good.
- 910 USA KKSF San Francisco CA w/I-Heart Radio promos 0857 13/1, ident as "Talk 9-10 San Francisco" on the hour.
- 1000 USA KOMO Seattle WA w/report from Komo Traffic Center and details of Super Bowl Champions Parade in the morning, 0831 5/2.
- 1090 MEXICO XEPRS Tijuana w/ESPN Sports promos, targeting San Diego 1016 on 2/2, mixed another.
- 1120 USA KMOX St Louis MO w/old-time commercials 0728 then old time comedy show featuring Frank Sinatra. "Fox News Radio" news insert 0831 then back to old shows 19/1.
- 1240 USA UNID Fox Sports Radio outlet with network ident & phone number at 0812 5/2. Unfortunately there are 12 Fox outlets listed on 1240 including KPOD California and KEJO Oregon for starters. Mixed with Mexican format station.
- 1360 USA KFIV Modesto CA w/ident 0700 17/1. Later carried Red Eye Radio.
- 1400 COLOMBIA Emisoras Marianna, Bogota on top w/catholic mass 0913 2/2.
- 1460 USA KION Salinas CA dominant 0821 17/1 w/Coast to Coast AM, idents as "14-60 AM and 101.1 FM, KION".
- 1460 COLOMBIA HJJW Radio Nueva Continente, Bogota a surprising visitor in

January, rising over KION 0831 19/1 w/music prgm, SS annots, ident, mixed thereafter. Also noted 2/2 w/SS religious talk over KION on NE EWE and all alone on East EWE.

- 1500 HAWAII KHKA Honolulu w/lengthy commercial & PSA block 0747 5/2, NBC Sports Radio promos vgd over ESPN sports talk from KSTP Twin Cities MN.
- 1620 USA KSMH Sacramento CA w/Catholic format over Cuba & US Virgin Islands 0855 14/1. Promos for Immaculate Heart Radio network.
- 1690 UNID w/Middle Eastern or West Asian music 0921 16/1 thru subdued talker thought to be KSFG. Not Greek, format doesn't match anything in X-Band lists.



Paul Ormandy with the catch of the day while visiting Bryan Clark in Mangawhai.

2	NORTH AM	NORTH AMERICAN X BAND AT-A-GLANCE 02/2014	GLANCE 02/2014 Updates in BOLD
1610	CHHA Caribbean Beacon	Toronto ON Anguilla	SS 'Radio Voces Latina' Call in SS and EE. Distinctive chimes. EE religious. Dr Gene Scott /Mrs Scott
1620	WDND	South Bend IN	Top 40
	KOZN	Bellevue NE	CBS Sport
	WTAW	College Station –Bryan TX	'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM
	KYIZ	Renton WA	Urban, r & b, hip-hop //KRIZ " Z Twins"
	KSMH	West Sacramento, CA	Rel. 'IHR (Immaculate Heart Radio) Sacremento ". "
	WNRP	Guff Breeze FL	News/Talk Fox News "News Radio 1620"
	R Rebelde	Guantanemo & Guanabacao	SS. Distinctive 5 note chime on hour. Sync echo.
	WDHP	St Croix, US Virgin Islands	BBC WS + Caribbean proms o/n.(wrra@islands.vi)
1630	KCJJ	lowa City IA	Hot AC " Mighty 16-30 KČJJ"
	KRND	Fox Farm WY	SS new ID " La Jota" 1/11
	KKGM	Ft Worth/Dallas TX	Talk
	WRDW	Augusta GA	Talk/Sport Fox, SRN.
1640	WKSH	Sussex WI	reported testing Jan 14
	KDZR	Lake Oswego OR	Disney 'KDZR Radio Disney Portland'' "AM 1640 KDZR"
	KDIA	Vallejo CA	Talk/religious/life issues
	WTNI	Biloxi MS	CBS sport
	KZLS	Enid OK	"True Oldies"
	KBJA	Sandy UT	SS music o/nite EE ID "KBJA AM Super 1640"
1650	KSVE	EI Paso TX	ESPN SS "ESPN Desportes 1650"
	KCNZ	Cedar Falls IA	Fox Sport
	KBJD	Denver CO	Rel. Radio Luz
	KFOX	Torrance CA	Korean/ EE ID on hour
	CINA	Mississauga ON	South Asian format
	WHKT	Portsmouth VA	Talk."Freedom 16-50"
	KYHN	Fort Smith AR	"Conservative Talk Radio"
1660	KTIQ	Merced CA	"Radio Visa" SS. EE ID "KTIQ Merced La Voz Christiana"

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"Radio Visa" SS. EE ID "KTIQ Merced La Voz Christiana" CBS Sport// WKQC Korean Adult contemporary "Fox Sports Radio 1660, The Fan" Nx on hr/local ads. 05 'ESPN Central Texas 1660 KRZI' "True Oldies 1660" SS ID in EE on hour "K X O L 1660"/KOVO Provo 'Mi Preferida 104.7 Business Channel	For Sports "All Sports 1670" Fox Sports "All Sports 1670" CBS Sport and SRN "The Zone" Radio Disney en francais. Radio Catolica SS. Sung ID on hr. "KHPY Moreno Valley 1670" CBS Sport	Ethnic – Asian "EBC Radio" Black Gospel. "The All New Smooth Sounds of Gospel." ID " Public Reality Radio" "Conservative Talk Radio 1680" SS Religious. EE ID 00:10 after hour. "Radio Luz" 'Country Legends 1680'	"R.Disney AM 16-90 KDDZ Arvada Denver" Ethnic EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento" Afro-American Urban Talk 'The Talk of Chicago 1690 WVON" News/Talk/Sports News/Talk/Sports EE college station AM 1690. Ethnic.	silent pending licence Black Gospel "1700 WEUP the Peoples Station' Comedy CBS Sport "The Champ 1700" Fox Sport Fox Sport 'Radio Mega 1700'
KTIQ Merced CA WBCN Charlotte NC WWRU Jersey City NJ WCNZ Marco Is FL WQLR Kalamazoo MI KRZI Waco TX KQWB West Fargo ND KXOL Brigham City UT KUDL Kansas City KS				WIGTCharlotte Amalie US VIWEUPHuntsville ALKKLFRichardson-Dallas-Ft Worth TXKBGGDes Moines IAKVNSBrownsville TXXEPETecate BCN MXWJCCNorth Miami Beach FL
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BRANCH NEWS

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WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

To help with your planning for 2014, here are the dates for the monthly Wellington Beach Babbles:

January 29 March 26 May 28 July 30 September 24 November 26 February 26 April 30 June 25 August 27 October 29

Day: Wednesday Time: 1245pm Place: Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay, Wellington

We've already had one babble so far, on January 15 and were pleased to welcome Chris in town from Marahau and also Jo who was able to join us.

Always good fun, good food, good music, great coffee/hot chocolate, great memories and the best gossip in town. Yes, still free 2 hour parking across the road, good public transport connections, rain or shine, snow or wind, sunshine usually on order.

Mark your diaries now, keep an eye out for the reminder email the weekend before, and bring along your best radio stories, latest news, juicy gossip, and join us for some great times in 2014.

Good to see so many folks along in 2013, including frequent guests from out of town, and looking forward to seeing you as regularly as possible this year. Dave Ricquish

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. Contacts: David Miller 476 3224 or Roger 473 7805

ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER LES BOYD of Palmerston North. We hope you'll find the magazine helpful in your radio listening hobby, and that you'll contribute too.

THANK YOU to members **TONY GRIMWOOD** of Maraetai and **ARTHUR DE MAINE** of Kakanui for their recent generous donations to the DX League.

<u>OUR THOUGHTS</u> are with DX Times sub-editor **YURI MUZYKA** who is caring for his 80 year old mum, after she took a nasty fall.

WORLD RADIO DAY 2014 Thursday 13 February is World Radio Day - a day promoted by UNESCO to celebrate radio as a medium; to improve international cooperation between broadcasters; and to encourage major networks and community radio alike to promote access to information, freedom of expression and gender equality over the airwaves. As radio continues to evolve in the digital age, it remains the medium that reaches the widest audience worldwide. (UNESCO Press Release via **MARTIN HADLOW**)

CHANGES AT AN OLD FRIEND HCJB Global has announced that the 82-year-old ministry, founded in Quito, Ecuador, is changing its name to Reach Beyond. The new name and the release of the Reach Beyond Mission Manifesto are intended to encourage and challenge Christians worldwide to reach beyond their comfort zones and perceived limitations to share the love of Jesus in places where the gospel has seldom, if ever, been heard. The background to the name change can be found at:

https://reachbeyond.org/name-change (via Yimber Gaviria in DXLD via IRCA & WRTH)

<u>3 MILE LIMIT</u> is the title of a full length feature movie to be released in NZ on 6 March, based on the true story of the Radio Hauraki pirate radio operation in the Hauraki Gulf in the 1960s. Check out details and the trailer at http://3milelimit.co.nz/

WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK UPDATE ISSUED WRTH have uploaded a pdf of updates to the B13 schedules in the International section of WRTH 2014. Visit www.wrth.com to download the file from Latest PDF Updates. If you haven't yet got your copy of WRTH 2014 then we advise you to buy now while we still have some stock left. (Nicholas Hardyman, WRTH Publisher)

SHORTWAVE REMAINS ESSENTIAL, CONFERENCE TOLD Shortwave will continue to be an important part of broadcasting, a coordinating conference hosted by the ABU in Kuala Lumpur has been told. The 10th Global Shortwave Co-ordination Conference of the High Frequency Coordination Conference (HFCC) with the ABU and the Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU) from 20-24 January 2014 is part of the regular twice-yearly seasonal management of shortwave frequencies around the globe to coordinate usage

and minimise interference.

Mr Bassil Zoubi, Head of Transmission at ASBU, said: "Shortwave programs will continue to be vital in addressing and communicating with some important parts of the world, especially with Internet penetration in the Arab countries around 34% while in some other parts of the worlds it is less than 10%." He said the ASBU had adopted T-DAB+ as a delivery platform for regional audio broadcasting, though the union continued to support [shortwave] DRM as a important delivery medium for international as well as national coverage, which was why the ASBU was calling for a universal radio chipset.

HFCC Chairman Mr Oldrich Cip said shortwave radio was important for travellers and isolated people, and it reached across the digital divide to the most disadvantaged and marginalised societies. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies had underlined this role of wireless radio in the 2013 World Disaster Report.

"It said that marginalised populations may not have the money or the knowledge to take advantage of the digital revolution," Mr Cip said. "The report has noted that with only six per cent of people in low-income countries using the Internet in 2011, the digital divide was still stark and therefore access to low cost media technology was really the key."

He also urged the conference that effort was needed to ensure that terrestrial broadcasting was part of the framework of the Global Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction. Mr Gary Stanley, Rapporteur of the HFCC Steering Board said shortwave radio was still very important for disseminating news and information to regions where Internet penetration was low and other ways of receiving international media were limited. (via **MARTIN HADLOW** to DX Dialog)

ANNUAL WINTER SWL FEST NASWA, the North American Shortwave Association, has announced preliminary program details for its 27th Annual Winter SWL Festival to be held at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania USA on 14-15 March. The Winter SWL Fest is the largest and longest-running annual meeting of shortwave radio enthusiasts and hobbyists in the Western Hemisphere. Beyond the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new contacts, the conference serves as a forum for discussion of radio-related matters of interest and import to the attendees, which have numbered in excess of 200 in some recent years.

This year's program of forums features two presentations by Australian Mark Fahey, who has travelled North Korea extensively in recent years. Over 4 successive trips to each province of the country, he has smuggled in and out monitoring and recording equipment enabling the capture and analysis of hundreds of hours of domestic radio and television broadcasting. Scheduled for successive afternoons on Friday and Saturday, Behind the Curtain: North Korean Broadcasting and Propaganda, will extensively discuss and feature audio and video examples of North Korean internal and external broadcasting, international and clandestine broadcasters that manage to penetrate through the regime's jamming, as well as descriptions and photographs of the media infrastructure used by the North Korean regime as the prime instrument of control over the population.

Why not join us at the 27th Annual Winter SWL Fest? Details on location, registration, meals and lodging are available from the official web site: swlfest.com (DXLD Yahoo Group via Mark Nicholls)

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