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Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.

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

2368.5	0915	AUSTRALIA	Radio Symban very poor in Greek, reactivated 24/3. In comparison, Vintage FM via Ozy Radio 3210 vgd at this time. BCM
3210	0931	AUSTRALIA	Vintage FM Fair/poor in EE, fa, old pop mx w/Jerry Lee Lewis, Everley Bros, etc, brief ma at intervals & w/promos, but speech tough w/moderate QRN - 30/3 KB
3365	0923	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	NBC Milne Bay w/local EE news 4/3 and idents "You're listening to NBC Radio" and "Voice of Kula", fair. Freq was empty the previous day. BCM
3945	1616	JAPAN	R.Nikkei (tentative) Fair on HS2 with continuous mx - 22/3 KB
3965	1818	FRANCE	RTI Fair in English, yl, 1821 ma ID, then Chinese language lesson - 22/3 KB
4780	1847	DJIBOUTI	RDifTV Good in vern, Talk & upbeat songs, fair from 1900, ma poss nx, several refs to 'Djibouti - 29/3 KB
4800	1600	INDIA	AIR Hyderabad Poor in English (QRM) om/yl, mx, nx 1730 // 4810 P, 4920 F, 5010 F - 22/3 KB
4835	1706	AUSTRALIA	VL8A Very good in English, ma quizz, yl phone-in - 22/3 KB
4850	1717	INDIA	AIR Kohima (tentative) Poor in vern, moderate QRN, 1730 mx - 22/3 KB
4880	1850	SOUTH AFRICA	Shortwave Radio Africa via Meyerton, fair 6/3 in EE w/talk about Zimbabwe economy. Closing anncts 1854 and off. BCM
4930	1742	BOTSWANA	VOA Poor in Ndebele, then English from 1800, 1830 mx, swamped by broad ute 4900-4950kHz from 1843 - 29/3 KB
5025	0657	CUBA	R.Rebelde Fair/poor in Spanish, fa/ma, some mx, 0759 poss ID - 30/3 KB
5040	0510	CUBA	RHC Poor in English, ma/fa nx, 0528 Cuban history item // 6000 weaker - 30/3 KB
5085	0725	USA	WTWW. Good in English with Overcomer. 11/3. IC
5830	1607	TAJIKISTAN	R Free Asia fair in Uighur with male vocalist, a little scratchy // 7310, 9725 clearer - CC 11/3
5850	0630	USA	WRMI. Poor in English. // 7455. 4/3. IC
5900	1633	RUSSIA	V of Russia fair in English with discussion, frequent mentions of Russia - CC 22/3
5910	1748	OMAN	BBC fair in Pashto with discussion, steady QRN //5875 clearer.

5910 clearer 1712 utc, 13/3 – CC 5/3

5930 1724 GERMANY, R Liberty good in Assumed Byelorussian // 9840 less clear – CC 13/3

5950 1933 ETHIOPIA Voice of Tigray Revolution vgd w/Horn of Africa music 10/3. Closed
2000, leaving KBS World via Issoudun in the clear. BCM

6000v 0603 BRAZIL Radio Nacional de Amazonia poor on 5999.62 in PP // 6180
vgd 13/3. LSB mode to avoid Cuba in EE on 6000. RNA reportedly has
a trial DRM transmitter on 6000, so maybe connected to that. BCM

6060 1603 CHINA, CRI excellent in English – BDW 3/8

6090 1815 ROMANIA, RRI Good in Ukranian – BDW 01/03

6130v 1918 SWAZILAND TWR Manzini in African language & gospel songs, TWR
interval signal 1920, fair 5/3 on 6129.87. BCM

6135 0537 ASCENSION ISLAND BBC Atlantic Relay fair w/ talks in Hausa 9/3. BCM

6170 1616 NTH KOREA, V of Korea fair in German with discussion// 9425
stronger – CC 22/3

6170 1806 NTH KOREA, VOK good in Korean – BDW 6/3

6400 1558 NTH KOREA, PBS excellent with music prgm in Korean – BDW 06/3

7205 1711 CHINA, CRI excellent in English – BDW 01/03

7260v 0459 VANUATU Radio Vanuatu reactivated 21/3, fair with improving signals in
EE & Pidgin. Pidgin news summary at 0501 followed by Radio
Australia relay. Freq measured as 7259.97. Very good at 0800
recheck when // 3945 also vgd. Also hrd w/theme music and “Good
Morning” anncts 1845 22/3 at good level // 3945 fair. BCM

7280 1729 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam fair in Vietnamese with female vocalist,
scratchy // 9730 stronger – cc 13/3

7295 0548 FRANCE, RTV Algeria good in Arabic, //7295 the same – KAB 16/3

7315 0540 USA, WHRI in English, strong signal but noisy. Singing and adverts – KAB 16/3

7325 1532 CHINA, CRI very good in English – BDW 04/03

7350 2026 ALBANIA, CRI fair in French with comment. French & Chinese music – KAB 15/3

7430 1950 ROMANIA, RRI good with English pop music, some noise. At 2000utc
Time pips followed by ID – KAB 15/3

7430 2037 MOLDOVA, Family Radio in unid language with OM commenting.
Some noise – KAB 16/3

7440 2028 CHINA, CRI fair in Hungarian with comment. At 2030utc change in
prgm to M/F in Bulgarian (Presumed) – KAB 16/3/

7455 0600 USA. WRMI. Poor in English. // 5850. 4/3. IC

7460 1948 SRI LANKA, R Liberty fair in Russian. M & F announcers in discussion – KAB 15/3

7465 1730 FRANCE, RTV Tunisia excellent in Russian – BDW 01/03

7470 1945 SRI LANKA, VOA ID then Music. News followed by American Story –
learning American English – In The News – KAB 15/3

7520 1200 SRI LANKA. VOA. Poor in English. 6/3. IC

7520 1619 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good in French with female vocalists, distorted
// 12015, 9435 stronger – CC 22/3

7520 1940 THAILAND, R Farda fair in Farsi with comment by two YLs. Noisy – KAB 15/3

7520 2015 THAILAND, in Farsi to ME No IDs given after extensive monitoring – KAB 16/3

7550 1530 UZBEKISTAN. Vatican Radio via Tashkent. Fair in English. 16/3. IC

7550 1600 KUWAIT. RFERL. Good in Uzbek. 17/3. IC

7550 1700 MOLDOVA. Radio Ranginkaman via Kishenev. Fair in Persian. 13/3. IC

7550 2015 INDIA. AIR. Good in Hindi. 17/3. IC
 7555 0554 USA, EWTN good in Spanish with comment – KAB 16/3
 61890 1828 ROMANIA, RRI good in Serbian – BDW 01/03

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kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
5875	0320	ENGLAND. BBC – Woofferton, 0320-0359* Mar 7, man and woman hosting a program of Arabic language news features. Several nice IDs and jingle at closedown at 0358. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6134.8	2348	BOLIVIA. Radio Santa Cruz, 2348-0014 Mar 13, man announcer with serious sounding Spanish talk. Ended around 2352 with another man with announcements, jingle ID followed by music. Man announcer hosting music program from 0002. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6245	2230	CANARY ISLANDS or EUROPIRATE? 6245 (ex-5780), Horizon FM, Tenerife, poor-fair at 2230 Mar 9 with pop music and anc'r counseling listeners with personal problems of various kinds. Ads, and news at 2300, with mention of Malayan airliner incident, several IDs. All English, and still going at 2400. Parallel their stream at < http://www.horizon.fm/ > which was delayed probably 15 secs. or so. And on 6255 (reported first by John Hoad-UK in BDXC-UK NL), decent at 2300 Mar 15; website streaming < http://www.horizon.fm/listen.html > is about 17 secs. behind signal. Euro listeners who have studied this one believe it is a Europirate, probably in Ireland, relaying Horizon FM. A nice DX event in any case, but I would say that the jury is still out on exactly where this one is. (Berg-MA)
6876	0014	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). The Crystal Ship, 0014-0038 Mar 14, rock music, parody bits, ID by a man announcer ("You are listening to The Crystal Ship") at 0015. More rock music and comedy bits. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925	0005	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). WHYP Radio, 0005-0107 Mar 9, playing old WLIS ("We Love Interval Signals") program material with All India Radio IS, followed by Radio Berlin International IS, WHYP ID at 0012 followed by parody songs and one for DX Survivor, a few minutes of Jay Smilkstein recordings and a Voice of Government Report. Returned at 0050 with a long Jay interview up to close of broadcast. Fair to Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925	0132	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Radio Ronin Shortwave, 0132-0140 Mar 9, tuned in to hear Rolling Stones tune "Fade to Black" followed by seemingly introduction of "Satisfaction" for several minutes. Man announcer with ID followed by more rock music. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925	0250	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Undercover Radio, 0250-0315 Mar 9, Dr. Benway with talk, IDs and rock music. Mentioned Radio Ronin program earlier; Dream feature about colonizing a new planet. Usual collection of interesting oddball material. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 6935U PIRATE (No. Am.). Undercover Radio, 0127-0206* Feb 17, Dr. Benway selling tee shirts for the Wounded Warrior Project with 22 black shirts sold but only 5 white sold. Gave e-mail address: undercoverradio@gmail.com. Played Dipole Story from the 20th anniversary show in 2006. Mentioned "sad news" that his mail drop was now closed since Jerry Coatsworth closed the mail drop (Box 293, Merlin). Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6949 0115 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Radio Blah Blah Blah, 0115-0201 Mar 6, music program (rock, blues, country, etc.) with a man and woman doing the hosting with "Radio Blah Blah Blah" IDs and radioblahblahblah@outlook.com e-mail address for reports. Poor to fair with deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7120 0340 SOMALIA. Radio Hargeisa – Somaliland, 0340-0417 Mar 2, man announcer with Somali language talk followed by Horn of Africa vocals. ID and news at 0400. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7730 0127 USA. PCJ Radio International via WRMI, Okeechobee, FL, *0127-0230* Mar 13, special 5th anniversary program with Ian McFarland opening WRMI transmission at 0129 and Rudy Espinol closing it at 0229. In between was Keith Perron with various talk segments, listener feedback, prize offerings from Spectrum Monitor and C Crane Radio and QSL information. Nice program although scheduled for March 12th local but actually on March 13th UTC. Excellent signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7730 0130 USA. 7730, PCJ 5th Anniversary Special (via WRMI), *0130 Mar 12, ID, greetings from Marks, Meijer, Sennitt, etc., also from listeners; music, talk about the last five years, long segment with Tom Meijer, highlights from "The Stuff File," contest, C. Crane promos. Ended with Keith Perron singing "Love" and a WRMI ID by Rudy Espinal. Excellent signal, 0230*.

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Grateful you avoid duplication of entries in consecutive months.

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details
9320	1848	SRI LANKA VOA Fair in Amharic, upbeat mx mostly, talk/om, 1859 ID // 9485 Nau F, 9755 Smg VG, 9860 Iss G, 11905 Kwt F 15/3 KB
9370	1200	PHILIPPINES VOA Fair in English 6/3 IC
9410	1730	UAE BBC Good in Pashto, s/on, mx, om/om // 5875 F 5910 jammer 15/3 KB
9425	2030	INDIA AIR Bengaluru Fair in English. 4/3 IC
9515	2045	GERMANY BVB via Nauen Fair in Arabic. 4/3 IC
9545	2050	SOLOMON ISL SIBC Weak in English. 4/3 IC
9570	1635	CHINA CRI Very good in English 4/3 BDW
9605	2045	SPAIN REE Good in French. 5/3 IC
9655	1544	ROMANIA RRI Excellent in Arabic // 16200 excellent, 15300 & 17530 poor 1/3 BDW
9755	1738	BOTSWANA VOA Fair/good in Oromo, yl spkg, a little scratchy // 9485 clearer 13/3 CC
9800	1627	RWANDA DWR via Kig Good in Amharic // 12070 & 15725 poor 8/3 BDW
9800	1701	RWANDA DW Fair/poor in French, yl interviews om, DW sting 1704 15/3 KB
9855	1648	SINGAPORE BBC Good in Singalese, 2 oms spkg // 11965 the same 22/3 CC
9940	1800	THAILAND Radio Thailand Fair in Thai. 9/3 IC
9955	1124	USA WRMI Poor to fair in English, "Wavescan" prg ending 1125 29/3 JW
9965	1740	THAILAND Deewa.R Fair in Pashto, om, fa over bagpipes, 1757 ID 15/3 KB
11510	1133	MOLDOVA Denge Kurdistan Fair in Kurdish 29/3 JW
11560	0550	MOLDOVA R.Miraya FM Good in Arabic (serving S.Sudan; recently moved from 9940) 3/4 JW
11560	1712	BULGARIA R.Erena Fair/poor in Tiginya, ethnic mx, phone-in, ID 1730 2/3 KB
11700	1143	AUSTRALIA HCJB Australia Good in English 29/3 JW
11730	1753	TURKEY V.o.Turkey Good in English, yl spkg, om with ID at 1755 5/3 CC
11735	1932	BRAZIL Radio Transmundial Giving ident & website info in PP, in clear with Zanzibar missing this day. 5/3 BCM
11740	2100	INDIA AIR Good in English. 10/3 IC
11750	1611	UAE BBC Good in Hindi, 2 oms speaking // 9700 the same 22/3 CC

11800	0329	ROMANIA	RRI	Good in Spanish, 2 oms spkg // 9650 scratchy 4/3	CC
11850	2030	MADAGASCAR	NHK Talata	Poor in French. 15/3	IC
11975	1802	ASCENSION ISL	BBC	Fair/good in French, om/yl, // 11860 poor 15/3	KB
13580	1851	BANGLADESH	Bangladesh Betar	Vgd in EE w/talk on climate change. First noted reactivated 12/3 at strong level when on 13860 but 13580 seems regular now, closing at 1900 UTC. 23/3	BCM
13765	1602	MADAGASCAR	Vatican R.	Fair in Swahili, choir singing & yl speaking scratchy & distorted // 15570 stronger & clearer 22/3	CC
13845	2150	USA	WWCR	Fair in English. 4/3	IC
13860	1745	BANGLADESH	Bangladesh Betar	Poor in English. 13/3	IC
15125	1500	PHILIPPINES	VOA	Good in English 19/3	IC
15140	2020	OMAN	Radio Sultanate of Oman	Fair in Arabic. 16/3	IC
15180	1700	FRANCE	Radio Hilaac via Iss	VG in Somali. 17/3	IC
15185	0342	INDIA	AIR	Fair/good in Hindi, om spkg // 13695 the same, both surging 4/3	CC
15235	1356	INDIA	Athmeeya Athra	Good in presumed Thadou-Kuki 29/3	JW
15275	2015	RWANDA	RDW Kigali	Poor in English. 10/3	IC
15285	1401	INDIA	Athmeeya Athra	Good in Yerukala 29/3	JW
15460	1920	IRAN	VOIRI	Poor in English. 12/3	IC
15480	2020	MADAGASCAR	AWR via Talata	Fair in Arabic. 10/3	IC
17510	0324	THAILAND	BBC	Good in Urdu, 2 oms spkg // 17760 less clear 4/3	CC
17550	2345	KUWAIT	Radio Kuwait	Poor in Arabic. 4/3	IC
17860	1600	USA	VOA Radiogram	Poor with Announcements then digital. 8/3	IC

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9435	0037	CHINA China Radio International – Kunming 0037-0100*, man and woman with talk in Mandarin, light vocals and ID at closedown with frequency announcements. Closed program at 0057 but kept transmitter on until top of the hour for some reason. Fair 5/3
9480	0107	KUWAIT Radio Free Asia (presumed) 0107-0158, man announcer with long talks in listed Uyghur. Carrier cut at 0158 after brief announcement. Poor signal. 5/3
9575	2306	MOROCCO (Spanish). Radio Medi Un – Nador, 2306-0002, man and woman with the news in French. Pop music program hosted by a man with a long stretch of musical selections. A woman with ID at 2347 followed by a jingle. Some more music and talk mix until 0000 when China Radio International from Cerrik, Albania opened on 9,570 kHz marring reception. Fair but in the clear prior to CRI opening. 24/3
9629.72226		BRAZIL. Radio Aperecida, 2226-2253, vocal selection prior to ID and several announcements in the Portuguese. A man announcer with a long talk followed by a music program hosted by another man announcer. At 2245 two male announcers got involved in a long conversation. Fair but somewhat fading signal. 25/3

- 9690 2314 INDIA All India Radio – Bengaluru 2314-0004, nice mixture of Indian vocals; ID at 2330 by a woman announcer for the General Overseas Service followed by the news in English. More Indian instrumental music at 2340 until 0000 when a woman announcer gave ID followed by another newscast. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. 8/3 RDA
- 9710 0236 CHINA. China Radio International – Kashi, 0236-0300*, Spanish service with talk by a man and woman followed by musical selections. Closedown ID and announcements by another male announcer at 0258. Fair. 20/3 RDA
- 11620 0144 INDIA. All India Radio – Bengaluru, 0144-0235, nice program of music hosted by a woman announcer with talk in listed Urdu. Program seemed to end at 0202 followed by dead air until programming resumed at 0214 with music. Fair. 19/3 RDA
- 11765 0140 BRAZIL. Super Radio Deus é Amor – Curitiba, 0140-0212, shouted conversation by several people in Portuguese until top of the hour ID and frequency announcements by a male announcer. Vocal by woman singer before another man began another long excited talk at 0206. Fair to good. 20/3 RDA
- 11770 0335 IRAN. Voice of Justice – Sirjan, 0335-0354, man and woman announcers with English news program. Nice "Voice of Justice" ID at 0345 followed by news analysis program. Fair. 25/3 RDA
- 11810 2212 KOREA (South). KBS World Radio – Kimjae, 2212-2300*, interview feature in English about technology. ID and two woman opening Saturday mailbag program reading listener reception reports. Closed feature with a man providing DX tips. Quiz questions after Mailbag program followed by a man announcer with final ID and closedown announcements. Fair. 22/3 RDA
- 11854.80037 BRAZIL. Radio Aparecida, 0037-0108, music followed by discussion by two men in Portuguese. More vocals before top of the hour followed by ID and several announcements. Poor to fair signal. 18/3 RDA
- 11905 0119 SRI LANKA. Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation – Trincolalee, 0119-0215, lively vocal selections by various male and female singers with a female announcer Hindi with talks. Around 0157 Radio Cairo's carrier came on but no audio materialized by tune out. Good signal 14/3 RDA
- 11905 0334 EGYPT. Radio Cairo, 0334-0437, woman announcer with Arabic talks hosting a program of Egyptian vocal musical selections. 0400 news with a man announcer with a return to vocals at 0405. ID at 0430 by a woman before talk features commenced. Making it through with fair to good signal tonight. 29/3 RDA
- 11915 0220 BRAZIL. Radio Gaucha - Porto Alegre, 0220-0241, man announcer with talk in Portuguese. Another man with some announcements followed by a discussion with several men. Poor to fair. 14/3 RDA
- 11915 2240 SAUDI ARABIA Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2240-2301*, noted with man announcer with long Arabic talk followed by another man with a recitation. Carrier closed at 2301. Fair to good. 5/3 RDA
- 15540 2046 KUWAIT Radio Kuwait 2046-2100*, pop music until ID by a man

- announcer at 2050 ("This is Radio Kuwait") followed by a news update. Back to pop music at 2057 with closedown announcements by another male announcer at 2059 followed by brief instrumental music (Anthem?). Fair to good signal. 8/3 RDA
- 15720 1330 MADAGASCAR. PCJ 5th Anniversary Special, Mar 12, checking the various channels at 1330, only 15720 was useable. Poor-fair, improving for a while but deteriorating after 1400. There was a signal on 15455, but not enough audio to work with, and I think there was something on 9335, but very weak. Nothing on 5995 from Europe at this hour. When 15720 opened, they gave this ID: "This is PCJ Radio International broadcasting to Africa from 1330 to 1430 UTC on 15720 kHz. from MGlob, Madagascar." MGlob is the "new" operating company of the former-RN xmtrs. I assume the "MGlob" ID is used generally on xmsns from the Madagascar site, but this is the first time I have heard it. (Berg-MA) 12/3 JB
- 17540 1730 CLANDESTINE (Rwanda). Radio Impala - Talata Volonondry, 1730-1755*, program of local musical selections with periodic IDs in three languages (Kinyarwanda, English and a local language). Program closed at 1755 after song. Still none of the usual talk you would expect from an opposition radio station. Fair. 8/3 RDA
- 25900 1310 RUSSIA Radio MTUCI – Moscow 1310-1405+, thanks to a tip from Harald Kuhl in Germany noted with woman announcer in Russian hosting a music program with long talks. At around 1330 after a quick station ID, a man began hosting playing Iron maiden music. Fair signal with periodic deep fades. 7/3 RDA

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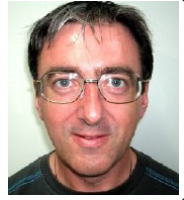
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73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM <http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm>

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0510-0528	5040p:6000p	RHC	CUBA	30/3	KB
0540	7315e	WHRI	USA	16/3	KAB
0600	5850:7455p	WRMI	USA	4/3	IC
0630	5850p:7455	WRMI	USA	4/3	IC
0725	5085g	WTWW	USA	11/3	IC
0923	3365f	NBC	PNG	4/3	BCM
0931	3210f	Vintage FM	AUSTRALIA	30/3	KB
1124-1125	9955f	WRMI	USA	29/3	JW
1143	11700g	HCJB	ECUADOR	29/3	JW
1200	7520p	VOA	USA	6/3	IC
1200	9370f	VOA	USA	6/3	IC
1500	15125g	VOA	USA	19/3	IC
1530	7550f	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	16/3	IC
1532	7325g	CRI	CHINA	4/3	BDW
1600-1730	4800p:4810p:4920p:5010p	AIR	INDIA	22/3	KB
1603	6060e	CRI	CHINA	3/8	BDW
1633	5900f	V of Russia	RUSSIA	22/3	CC
1635	9570g	CRI	CHINA	4/3	BDW
1706	4835g	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	22/3	KB
1711	7205e	CRI	CHINA	1/3	BDW
1745	13860p	Bangladesh Betar	BANGLADESH	13/3	IC
1753-1755	11730g	V.o.Turkey	TURKEY	5/3	CC
1800-1843	4930p	VOA	USA	29/3	KB
1818-1821	3965f	RTI	TAIWAN	22/3	KB
1850-1854	4880f	Shortwave Radio Africa	STH AFRICA	6/3	BCM
1851-1900	13580g	Bangladesh Betar	BANGLADESH	23/3	BCM
1920	15460p	VOIRI	IRAN	12/3	IC
2015	15275p	RDW	GERMANY	10/3	IC
2030	9425f	AIR	INDIA	4/3	IC
2050	9545p	SIBC	SOLOMON ISL	4/3	IC
2100	11740g	AIR	INDIA	10/3	IC
2150	13845f	WWCR	USA	4/3	IC

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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AUSTRIA:

A14 Relays via ORS Moosbrunn shortwave tx site

7355 0100-0130 40E,41NW	300 95 211 1234567 Pashto BBC BAB
9690 0200-0230 40E,41NW	300 90 211 1234567 Urdu AWR AWR
9690 0230-0300 40E,41NW	300 90 211 1234567 Panjabi AWR AWR
7310 0300-0315 39S	250 120 211 1234567 Multi MBR MBR
9505 0330-0400 40	300 100 211 1234567 Farsi AWR AWR
9455 0400-0430 29S,39N,40W	300 115 218 1234567 Turkish AWR AWR
6155 0430-0500 37,38W	300 220 211 1234567 French AWR AWR
11955 0500-0530 46SE,47W	300 190 217 1234567 Hausa AWR AWR
6155 0500-0615 18,27-29,37-39	300 n-d 926 1234567 Deutsch ORF ORS
5910 0544-0559 28	100 30 800 .23456. Polish TWR TWR
7320 0544-0559 28	100 300 211 .23456. Polish TWR TWR
11880 0600-0700 38	300 190 217 1234567 Arabic AWR AWR
7400 0700-0750 27	100 300 800 1234567 English TWR TWR
15260 0800-0830 39NE Feba/IBRA	100 115 218 1234567 Arabic IBR BAB
17780 1200-1230 37	300 225 218 1234567 French BBC BAB
9800 1400-1428 28,29,30	100 55 218 1234567 BelaRus TWR TWR
15440 1400-1430 40E,41NW	300 90 217 1234567 Urdu AWR AWR
9655 1400-1600 18,27,28	100 285 805 1.....7 Multi TOM MBR
17605 1430-1500 48	300 145 217 1234567 Afar AWR AWR
11935 1500-1530 29S,39N,40W	300 120 217 1234567 Turkish AWR AWR
15290 1530-1600 40E,41NW	300 90 217 1234567 Panjabi AWR AWR
13650 1530-1630 29S	100 95 2187 Russ? HCJ MBR
13800 1530-1630 29S	100 95 2187 Russ? HCJ MBR
15260 1600-1630 40E,41NW	300 90 217 1234567 Urdu AWR AWR
13590 1615-1900 39	100 115 218 1234567 Farsi? MBR MBR
15215 1630-1645 41S	125 95 2186. Multi MBR MBR
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15150 1630-1700 40	300 100 217 1234567 Farsi AWR AWR
9625 1700-1730 27N	100 300 800 1234567 English VOV BAB
13590 1700-1800 37,38,46,47,52	300 175 217 1234567 English TOM MBR
15215 1700-1900 39	100 115 218 1234567 Multi MBR MBR
9625 1730-1830 27	100 300 800 1234567 Vietnam.VOV BAB
9430 1800-1830 39,40	300 n-d 926 .234567 Multi MBR MBR

12055 1800-1900 38	300 190 217 1234567 Arabic	AWR AWR
9625 1830-1900 27SE	100 300 800 1234567 French	VOV BAB
11955 1900-1930 46SE,47W	300 190 217 1234567 Hausa	AWR AWR
15220 1930-2000 47,48W,52,53W	300 170 217 1234567 French	AWR AWR
11955 2000-2030 46	300 210 217 1234567 Dyula	AWR AWR
15155 2030-2100 46	300 210 217 1234567 French	AWR AWR
11955 2100-2130 46	300 210 217 1234567 English	AWR AWR

(WWDXC Top News)

GERMANY

Frequency change on Hamburger Lokaradio and other progr
from March 2

0900-1400 NF9485 GOH 001 kW 230 deg to CeEUR CUSB, ex9480 as scheduled:

1000-1100 1st Sun MV Baltic Radio English/German

0900-1000 2nd Sun Atlantic 2000 International French

0900-1000 3rd Sun European Music Radio English

1000-1200 3rd Sun Radio Geronimo English

0900-1100 4th Sun Radio Gloria International English/German

1200-1400 Sunday Hamburger Lokalradio German

(Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 27)

BANGLADESH

Frequency changes of Bangladesh Betar, confirmed on March 12:

1315-1345 NF 9455 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to SoAs Nepali, ex 7250

1745-1900 NF 13860 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu English, ex 13580, re-ex 7250

1915-2000 NF 13860 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu Bangla, ex 13580, re-ex 7250

BELGIUM(non) BBN Radio, new transmission via Alyx & Yey effective March 9

1900-1930 on 15155 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Amharic Fri, carrier March 7

1900-1930 on 15160 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Amharic Sat, carrier March 8

1900-1930 on 15165 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Amharic Sun, program March 9

Please check other alternative frequencies 15170, 15175, 15180.

RWANDA. Rwanda Broadcasting Agency is the new name for that country's state radio and television organisation, and they have a slick new website and URL at www.rba.co.rw.

The site is presented in English, French and Kinyarwanda and offers live streams and on-demand archive files of their Rwanda TV and Radio Rwanda services, in addition to live streaming of Magic FM. There are also frequency details of five RBA community radio stations. Via DXLD

USA.

Radio Africa A14 schedule.

The new Radio Africa Network broadcasting from Okeechobee, Florida is proving to be an exceptional Outreach for our ministries, and the broadcasts continue to be a blessing to all people that are listening to the station...Praise God!

Since the first day we began broadcasting from the Florida site, December 1, 2013, we

continue to monitor the effectiveness of the station, as well as fine tune the transmission in order to ensure that we receive optimum coverage and maximize the transmission quality of the signal. During our three months of broadcasting, we have received numerous reception reports, and we look forward to receiving more reports from listeners around the world! If you have sent us a reception report in the past couple of months, we thank you! It is amazing to receive your letters and reports, and they inspire us and the ministries to continue with the broadcast service.

We are excited to announce that effective March 30th, 2014 The Radio Africa Network is adjusting its frequencies in order to provide optimum coverage to its targeted areas. The new schedule will be as follows:

17790 kHz = 0800 – 2100 UTC

15190 kHz = 2100 - 0800 UTC

Your reception reports are very important to us, and we look forward to receiving each and every one of them. We are excited to announce that we have 3 different QSL cards as noted below:

Additionally, we continue to track where in the world the Radio Africa Network is being heard and you can see the results at <http://www.radiopanam.com/QSLmap.html> Again, we thank you for tuning into the Radio Africa Network, and please continue monitoring the station and providing us with feedback and reception reports.
Jeff Bernald & The Pan American Broadcasting Team

International SW Disaster Test June 4-5 2014

April 2, 2014 - Members of the shortwave listening community can pencil in their log-books an extremely exciting upcoming date. **On June 4-5, 2014**, listeners can attempt to log an international test being organized by the High Frequency Coordination Commission of the International Radio for Disaster Relief project.

During these dates, the IRDR will be tested on the shortwave bands at the Media Summit on Climate Change, Information and Communication Technologies, and Disaster Risk Reduction in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The IRDR will simulate a major disaster occurring in Southeast Asia, and multiple international broadcasters will be cooperating to support coordinated humanitarian coverage for the impacted region.

Mr. Oldrich Cip of the HFCC graciously confirmed to ReliefAnalysis.com that the roster of broadcaster participants is being organized, and there could well be QSL opportunities for this historic occasion via those outlets.

http://www.hfcc.org/doc/HFCC_RAD_2014-002-BBG_Request_for_Comment.pdf for a new Fact Sheet about the relevancy of shortwave broadcasting and the IRDR from the HFCC.

<http://www.interaction.org/blog/world-radio-day-why-humanitarian-community-should-shape-future-shortwave> my thoughts on how shortwave radio can cross the digital divide, literacy divide, and disaster divide. This piece recently ran on the web site of InterAction—a coalition of 300 international NGOs.

I'm going to be closely following this event as it gets closer. I'm very excited about what this test could mean for the evolution of humanitarian applications in the world of short-wave broadcasting.

If you'd like to receive additional updates, feel free to sign up for the Relief Analysis Radio newsletter in the box on the right—I'd be delighted to connect with you.

Mehmet Burk
ReliefAnalysis.com

Posted on Wednesday, April 2 2014.

via Mike Terry via DXLD
[dxld] International SW Disaster Test - June 4-5

<http://reliefanalysisradio.tumblr.com/post/81549595859/save-the-date-international-sw-disaster-test>

<http://reliefanalysisradio.tumblr.com/about>

About

According to the United Nations, radio is the most widespread medium of communication in the world today. Radio has a unique ability to cross the digital divide, literacy divide, and in the Internet age, radio provides a unique window into a vast spectrum of content as emerging disasters and humanitarian operations unfold.

Relief Analysis Radio embraces the medium of radio in all of its variations and content across the electromagnetic spectrum. From shortwave broadcasters in the Pacific Islands describing an impending cyclone impact, to digitally-distributed international broadcasts describing complex emergencies in Africa, to audio of responders and NGO professionals on the front lines of climate change, extreme weather, and relief operations worldwide, this medium can take our readership inside the humanitarian experience.

Radio remains exceptionally relevant today.

UTILITIES

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A good number of contributions this month due to the missing flight MH370. This has lead to to some good catches on the HF aero frequencies. Also this month we welcome Jim Stewart from Auckland to this section

FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION			
230	1326	NZ Taupo NDB (AP)	poor	29/3	JW
299	1329	AUSTRALIA Cowra NDB (CWR)		fair 29/3	JW
329	1331	AUSTRALIA Narrandera NDB (NAR)	poor	31/3	JW
353	1333	AUSTRALIA Longreach NDB (LRE)		poor 29/3	JW
365	1335	AUSTRALIA Williamtown RAAF volmet,		poor to fair 29/3	JW
371	1336	AUSTRALIA Taree NDB (TRE)		poor 29/3	JW
374	1338	AUSTRALIA Bromelton NDB (BML)		poor 29/3	JW
377	1355	AUSTRALIA Roma NDB (ROM)		poor 29/3	JW
382	1247	NZ Wanganui NDB (WU)		poor 31/3	JW
3345	0720	Operator "any stations wishing to call Wellington"	Good	22/03	ABW
3345	0631	ZLKU Hawkes Bay Mountain Radio calling ZLKU5. No reply from ZLKU5. Good copy from ZLKU.		28/3	JS
3345	0703	ZLJG Wellington Mountain Radio announcing tech. difficulties, weather forecast to follow shortly. Wx commenced at 0705, followed by contact with ZLJG37 (one of the huts).	Fair - good.	28/3	JS
3413	0543	Shannon Volmet woman giving met reports, Copenhagen at 0544, ID Shannon Volmet at 0545	Good	22/03	ABW
3446	0614	Shannon Radio – mention of Shannon,0638 heard ...758 go ahead. Operator ask for selcal check. Noisy	poor to fair	22/03	ABW
4417	0739	Fiordland Navigator with check-in and position report to Bluff Fishermen's Radio.	Good.	24/3	JS
4417	1830	ZMH73 (Hokitika Marine Radio) with current weather at Hoki. This was to Bluff Fishermen's Radio.	Good.	20/3	JS
5643	1622	Reach 084 with position report and SELCAL check to San Francisco. Good.		22/3	JS
5680	1833	Kinloss Rescue working unheard aircraft. Didn't get the call sign of the aircraft. Tasking for incident.	Poor - fair.		JS
6604	0712	Aviation wx for Boston, Baltimore, Washington,	Fair	24/3	JS
6754	0730	Trenton Military with Aviation weather, mention of Shannon weather	Fair to Good.	22/03	ABW
8743	1028	"Bangkok Metro" usual Musical ID then Male voice in english with South China Seas weather.	DM		
8762	0920	Coastal Ch 15 Male Voice in Japanese with Tokyo Area coast warnings. (Relay of Volmet from Tokyo). Also logged last month at 0924	DM		

8782 0615 3 way conversation Jap Fishing Trawlers. DM

8828 0602 Honolulu Volmet with Guam International, weather, 0605 Honolulu weather observations. Fair to Good 22/03 ABW

8828 1029 Nth Pacific Volmet with Alaskan, Fairbanks Airports, and Elmendorf Air Base Weather. Signed off at 1030 with "Honolulu radio Audio F/C". DM

8855 0747 Un Id Female voice with call asking "Do you require Ambulance" DM

8867 1910 Skier 9 ID to Ak Radio with Selcal. DM

8867 1940 Kiwi 222 called Ak with flight info. DM

8867 0245 Un ID KIWI Flight called Auckland only made out word "Kiwi" DM

8867 2352 Kiwi 235 called Auckland with F/I 240 and requesting Time. Auckland acknowledge and added that "Flight will not be available, but will get McMurdo center to check AK out" DM

8867 0058 Kiwi 235 old by Ak to switch to 9.032 then again at 0102 gave selcal to Ak which was acknowledged. DM

8867 0703 C.U.E (Charlie Uniform Echo) called Nandi and tld to contact Brisbane. DM

8867 0738 Flight 933 (US Navy) called Fiji no reply. DM

8867 1650 Reach 094 with position rpt and SELCAL check to San Francisco. Fair 22/3 JS

8867 20:49 AKL/King Air 7121 q re: freqs 8867/5643 ref to odd noise on channel pos newcarrier to meet. Auckland "do you have a radio problem", nil reply, (new call to me) 28/3 RP

8891 0704 Unhead call sign but SELCAL lookup determined Martin Air Cargo with position report to Gander. Fair. 30/3 JS

8957 0520 Shannon Volmet with met reports ID at 0525 Good 22/03 ABW

11175 0729 Mainsail with 25 letter EMS, then "This is Mainsail Out" at 0730 DM

11235 1654 RAF Volmet (St. Eval, Cornwall) with wx for Muscat, Dubai, etc. Fair - good. 24/3 JS

13261 0518 Medevac 404 Hotel Golf with position, flight level, wx to San Francisco. Very good. 26/3 JS

13261 09:10 Fiji 921, Brisbane sends selcal -FHKQ 1/4 RP

13261 2117 QANTAS 151/ BRISBANE ADV at 40 Degrees south contact Auckland on 8867 Qantas 151 confirms 3/4 RP

13261 2110 A L F L H / BRISBANE posn rep block F L, S 310 - 420 freq exc 13261_8867 at pluger cnt AKL 128-600 3/4 RP

15962 0445 Canberra Control called "Kiwi 32" re position. DM

15962 0132 Aussi 254 Female voice called Canberra Control and again at 01.40 Z with request for local Time and reported weather 22 C and cloud at 230. then again at 0145 gave 2nd Weather Forecast. DM

15962 2138 Aussie 54? to Canberra Control. "Departing for destination ETA ...?" Fair - good. Not sure if this was a part of the Search and Rescue for the Malaysian plane. 26/3 JS

15962 10:48 Rescue 932/Canberra Control, m/voice, English with Japanese accent, req/wx for Pearce. AFB West Australia, various positions conditions exchanged from 14knots for some areas, gusts to 30knots for others, 2/4 RP

15962 08:06 Rescue 106/Canberra Control, req phone patch adv stand by re: working freq, w/freq xxxxxx advised sig report from work freq broken but readable, short comms continued, 2/4 RP

15962 22:46 AUSSIE 485, RAAF/Canberra Control, mission number 3732, req SC

confirmed SC MPEL 31/3 RP
 22686 0413 Canberra Control radio check with Rescue 794 Good 31/03 ABD
 22868 0402 Rescue 553 gave a number of figures acknowledged by Control “
 Good copy” Fair 31/03 ABD
 22868 0613 Canberra Control to Rescue 933 with request for updated position. CC
 was very good but Rescue 933 (strong Asian accent - Chinese or
 Japanese plane?) was poor. 27/3 JS
 22868 0540 Rescue 932 (Asian plane) with position rpt to Canberra Control.
 Fair. 31/3 JS
 27446 0733 Rescue 105 to Canberra Control with radio check. Followed by
 discussion about reaching a debris field. This came about by
 Canberra Control on 22868 kHz requesting Rescue 105 to change
 frequency due to poor copy. Kind of surprised me that they went to
 27 MHz! Fair - good copy. 30/3 JS

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RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin, - Sangean ATS 803A, DR49 coms rec. Aerials, 1x30meter
 E/W LW 1x15meter WWII field telephone connecting cable NE/SW LW
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.
JS Jim Stewart, Auckland - Receivers: (HF) Kenwood R-5000 x2, Sangean ATS-909.
 (VHF) Uniden UBCT8, Uniden UBC72xlt. Antennas: Wellbrook ALA 1530 Active
 Loop, Diamond D-130 discone.
JW Jonathan, Mosgiel – Lowe HF-150 coupled to either a 34m or 46m dipole.
ABW Arthur De Maine, Waianakarua - Icom R-70 coupled to 300m Bev
ABD Arthur De Maine, Kakanui – Icom R-71E and Drake R8 coupled to a 25m dipole

 Jim advices that my 4417 KHz Bay of Islands Radio tentative reported in last month's DX
 Times is actually Far North Radio CG. Thanks for that.



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TRN reinvigorates the New Zealand Radio Market

The Radio Network (TRN) has today announced significant changes to its Classic Hits and ZM music stations. TRN CEO Jane Hastings announced that from April 28 one of New Zealand's most loved and listened to breakfast show couples Polly and Grant, (Polly Gillespie and Grant Kereama) will be the faces of a new station, The Hits that will replace Classic Hits. Equally important, the network will be increasing the local hours regionally during the day. ZM's New Breakfast show will be headed up by Fletch, Vaughan and Megan.

"This is a major day for radio," Hastings said.

"We are excited to deliver listeners and advertisers these changes. This is a great combination of the best talent, music and multimedia capabilities. In addition to iHeartRadio, we are confident these will future proof our business."

The Polly and Grant Show will air on Breakfast in 20 regions, nationwide on iHeartRadio and an hour of daily highlights will play from 6-7pm nationwide. The Hits will capitalise on what's been successful for Classic Hits to date, with an injection of international entertainment star quality. TRN Chief Content Officer, Dean Buchanan says breakfast radio is all about being connected on a local, national and international level. He says a number of international A-list stars had committed to interviews that will be heard in the coming weeks.

"In a globally connected world, listeners demand the very best of entertainment from the very best of sources. Polly and Grant have proven themselves as both and have an exceptional track record that is world-class. The Hits captures all that was strong from Classic Hits and has evolved to recognise today's modern day adult listener."

Gillespie says it is a once in a life time moment to be part of something great.

"We've got the chance to start a revolution. We've never done anything like this in our careers and it's something we're so excited to be part of. We've been working really hard to bring listeners everything they will love in a station - the best music, the biggest stars and the greatest experiences.

The Polly and Grant show will continue on iHeartRadio along with 'The Scoop' entertainment news with Polly on both The Hits and ZM 4.55pm week days and with Jack Tame on Newstalk ZB on Saturday mornings.

The Hits new look will see it extend the number of local on-air hours for the majority of its provincially based stations. Hastings says the decision is based on demand for more localism from listeners and advertisers.

"Localism is as strong as ever. With this move we will be one of a few local media left connecting with New Zealand's growing SME market. We are regularly asked about extending local content, particularly from local businesses who want to talk to locals. This also benefits

national advertisers who need to connect locally and in relevant ways”

Drive (3pm–6pm) will continue as a national show with down-to-earth, multi-media star Stacey Morrison and the naturally witty, talented author Justin Brown. Buchanan believes both Morrison and Brown’s appeal links to how relatable they are.

“They both understand that some days getting the kids to the right school and fully clothed can resemble a mission to Mars. Being able to talk about that on air in a way that makes listeners laugh and regain some degree of sanity is a gift. Equally The Hits will let you know what movie is worth seeing for date night, what Gwyneth Paltrow is up to and what style of boots are hot this winter.”

Buchanan says The Hits will continue to play music listeners know and love.

“It’s about being able to sing out loud to a great mix of songs you know and love. This has been the core of Classic Hits and a key reason for its dominant success in the market. However, 40 is now the new 30 and if a hit song today resonates with this audience, we will also play it. We are no longer defined by era alone.”

Hastings says The Hits will really resonate with today’s 30 plus audience. A leading entertainment based breakfast with Polly and Grant (and producer) Marc, followed by a strong local connection during the day, a top talent drive show and all the music you know and love. This may be the best radio station you have ever heard.”

“On the same day Fletch, Vaughan and Megan will begin their new breakfast show on ZM. Fletch, Vaughan and Megan are naturally hilarious. They have an off-the-wall sense of humour which is irreverent, creative and highly relatable. It works seamlessly with social media channels and they love connecting with their fans this way. They’re back and ready to laugh again with their fans and a whole new audience at breakfast.”

Buchanan says ZM is all about now and will focus on a younger audience making Fletch, Vaughan and Megan the ideal Breakfast team.

“The latest music is a critical component for ZM listeners as is being at the cutting edge of what’s next and trending. This has been a real focus for us. ZM will create the trend not follow it.”

(Radio Network, 15 April 2014, <http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/trn/press-releases/trn-reininvigorates-new-zealand-radio-market>)

Caveman FM

Nice QSL in this morning’s mail from Caveman FM 107.0 Gore.

In an attached note he says “Managed to get a commercial licence 106.4 should be broadcasting April EIRP 29db using RVR excitor + Amp Will be doing radio for a living YAHOO caveman@xtra.co.nz Cheers Robert.” (Douglas Johns)



Current updated list from Gordon Mathieson

TAURANGA area FM

- 87.6 Pop / Rock (no I.D. , strongest signal around Otumoetai/Matua)
- 87.8 Gaia FM (Mt. Maunganui)
- 88.0 G.V.S. (Greerton Village School radio)
- 88.1 Rush FM (Mt Maunganui)
- 88.1 XFM 'Tauranga's Hit Music Station)
- 88.3 Sub FM // 107.7
- 89.4 ZM
- 90.2 Newstalk ZB
- 91.0 Hauraki
- 91.4 RNZ Concert
- 92.6 The Sound
- 93.4 More FM
- 94.2 The Rock
- 94.6 Life FM
- 95.0 Classic Hits
- 95.8 The Breeze
- 96.6 Mai FM
- 97.4 Coast
- 98.2 Moana FM
- 99.0 Flava
- 99.8 The Edge
- 100.6 Radio Live
- 101.0 RNZ National
- 103.4 Niu FM
- 105.4 Bollybop
- 106.7 unid. but likely @ Papamoa .
- 106.9 Kiss FM - ' Mt Maunganui Rock Radio (ex 88.1)
- 107.1 Gaia FM (Tga) // 87.8
- 107.2 3ABN (Bethlehem)
- 107.2 Crest FM (Maungatapu School)
- 107.4 George FM
- 107.5 Tutarawananga FM (Merivale Community Radio)
- 107.6 Radio T.A.K.P. (Te Akau ki Papamoa)
- 107.7 Sub FM // 88.3

TE AWAMUTU

- 107.6 T.A.P.S. FM (Te Awamutu Primary School) ex 107.8

THAMES

- 90.8 The Breeze
- 97.2 Coromandel FM
- 106.7 Coromandel FM // 97.2

- 107.4 Big Valley FM
107.7 Twisted FM (transmitter on Parawai Rd , signal of about 1km max.

More NZ stations added to the New Zealand Radio Guide

Now with over 1,000 currently broadcasting AM & FM stations and the best guide you'll find, andwe've recently added:

- 87.7 The Word Bible Radio Tokoroa
88.1 SM Blues 88.1 FM Putaruru
88.3 Truelight FM Matamata
88.3 Fresh FM Tokoroa
90.8 Classic Hits Paeroa Range [Reparoa]
96.5 Classic Hits Central Ashburton
106.8 Tractor FM Raglan
107.2 3ABN Three Angels Broadcasting Network Putaruru
107.7 Cruise FM Putaruru

(Radio Heritage Foundation)

Sommet Sports now on more platforms

We are delighted that we are now able to reach all Kiwis in New Zealand and able to offer you free to air sports. The platforms we are now on are Freeview HD, Freeview satellite, Sky, Igloo, and Vodafone T Box.

We would like to thank everyone for your wonderful support and we would like to welcome all our new viewers and we hope you enjoy watching Sommet Sports! New Zealand's Free to Air Sports Channel - On Channel 14 Freeview HD and Freeview Satellite, SKY Ch 69, Vodafone T Box Ch 69, Igloo Ch 27 (Sommet Sports Facebook page, 8 April 2014)

Trackside no longer on Freeview

As of April 14 Trackside is exclusively on Sky TV. A message on Freeview UHF channel 11 says that Trackside has moved to Sky and to visit sky.co.nz/tab for more details. Freeview Satellite channel 11 just shows that the signal is now scrambled. (Adam Claydon)

Why has Trackside moved to SKY?

To enable the format and content of both Trackside and TAB TV to be enhanced for increased viewer entertainment. This will be achieved by splitting our content across two different channels, which can only be done by moving to a single platform like SKY, and will lessen duplication and allow for new content including magazine-style features, extended pre and post-race coverage for feature events, and additional races.

Will the channels be the same as they are now or will changes be made to content?

From 1 August 2014 Trackside and TAB TV will be re-launched on SKY as Trackside 1 and Trackside 2. Both channels will showcase an exciting new content including magazine-style features, extended pre and post-race coverage for feature events, and

additional races which are not currently broadcast on television. The intention that New Zealand racing will mainly be on Trackside 1 alongside major Australian meetings and other Australian and International racing on Trackside 2.
(www.tab.co.nz/information/ip/trackside-on-sky-faq.html)

Apna Television

Apna TV testing channel 36 (Freeview UHF), regular programming starts 4pm Saturday 29/3/14 with regular programming on 29/3/14 with English & Hindi programming (Fred Humphreys)

MediaWorks Announces The Edge TV

MediaWorks announced today that, in a market first, top-rating radio brand The Edge will become a true multi-platform entertainment brand, launching its own television channel this year.

The Edge TV will broadcast on the Freeview and SKY platforms, and will be streamed LIVE at theedge.co.nz and on mobile.

The Edge Programme Director, Leon Wratt says The Edge TV will be “radio with pictures on steroids” and consolidate The Edge’s position as New Zealand’s biggest music entertainment brand.

“It’s been a dream for many years for The Edge to have a TV broadcast,” he says. “Just like the radio format, The Edge TV will play the hottest local and international music videos, and will also broadcast original video content generated by The Edge.

“It’s very exciting to be launching a new free-to-air music television channel that also lives on SKY and will be the first local music TV channel available on web and mobile. This multi-platform approach is the future of entertainment broadcasting and offers a completely unique integrated media buy for clients.”

Popular Edge hosts Jay-Jay Feeney, Mike Puru, Dom Harvey, Guy Williams, Sharyn Casey, Clint Roberts, and others will feature on The Edge TV.

MediaWorks Radio Group Programme Director, Andrew Szusterman, whose credits include launching C4 Music Television in 2003, and stints as Associate Director of Programming for MediaWorks TV and co-Executive Producer for The X Factor NZ, says the launch of The Edge TV will make The Edge New Zealand’s biggest cross-platform entertainment brand, with the potential to reach a million people every week across its radio, television and digital platforms.

“Last year we demonstrated what the combined power of MediaWorks’ radio, television and digital arms can achieve, with the huge success of The X Factor NZ. The launch of The Edge TV will create our first fully integrated radio brand.

“The Edge will live on radio, television, web, tablet, mobile and social media – everywhere our audience wants to be - generating outstanding entertainment experiences for listeners and viewers, plus unmatched opportunities for clients and sponsors.

“This is the future of Music Radio.”

(MediaWorks, 9 April 2014, <http://www.mediaworks.co.nz/MEDIAWORKS-ANNOUNCES-THE-EDGE-TV/tabid/1532/articleID/2076/Default.aspx>)

MAILBAG

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The column's back! Thanks to all who kept my email inbox dusted out by forwarding notes for March as well. This month's theme is definitely South America. As you might have gathered from the hint in February, that's where my travels took me. I can highly recommend cruising as a pastime, though it was a rude awakening to come home and not have meals magically appear on the table.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai deserves top billing this month with what he terms his big prize. "While Deutsche Welle has cut back its international broadcast schedule it's pleasing to see a number of low-powered operations out of Germany. On 8 February I was surprised to find the Cuban jammers absent from 7365 allowing my first reception of the reportedly 100 watt HCJB Germany. Too weak for a satisfactory report so I reported the 1kW Radio 700 on 7310 instead and have sent a taped report. The next day I caught Radio Gloria International via the 1kW Gohren site on 6190. A quick eQSL received for that one. Keeping an ear now on 7365 to try and get a decent log on HCJB Germany before Brother Stair takes over the frequency at 0600 UTC. Sent a report out to WDHP 1620 American Virgin Islands running overnight music format rather than BBC relay. MW conditions have been noisy with a lot of solar disturbances probably the culprit. But the big prize was a lovely envelope of decals and QSLs for Radio Uruguay 6125 with 500 watts. I'm still hearing this nightly from 0600 UTC at weak levels but have yet to see any other DX reports of it from outside South America. One night in early March there was only one Papua New Guinea shortwave station active - 3905, with nothing on 90 metres at all. The next night the tally was up to 2 - 3905 and 3365. So I suggest anyone wanting to QSL PNG on shortwave act sooner rather than later. The recent absence of Vanuatu from 3945 and Solomon Islands from 5020 is also a concern." (*The RNU verie is certainly outstanding. I forgot to turn the Tecsun PL-380 on while within reasonable range of Montevideo.*)

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim is another travelling man. "Herewith my SW veries received during February. A little early but off to Christchurch for the Ellerslie Flower Show so better get this over before that: Radio Ashna via Kuwait 5810 & 7560 (reports sent to IBB c/- US Embassy in Kuwait); VoA Issoudun 15620; VoA Philippines 9900; WRMI 9355 & 15490; Radio Farda 13835; Sound of Hope 15800 & 16360; R. Xoriyo Ogaden - Issoudun 17630; TWR-India 12160; Radio Oomrang 15215; and RRI 7345 kHz." Then on 23 March, he's on the road again. "Early I know but off to Dunedin tomorrow so better get this off to avoid a rush on return so here my SW veries received during March: WRMI 9840; VOIRI 21510; RDW Dhabbaya 15640; VoA Radiogram 15670 & 17860; Sound of Hope 18970,

18500, 9540, & 11760 (the last two for reports sent May 2013); Radio Mara (Talata) 17540; VoA (Iranawila) 7580; RFA (Tinian) 21470; WBCQ 7490; CRI 7300, 7425, & 7435; Radio Kuwait 15540; AIR Aizawl 5050; Radio Thailand 9940; VoA (Philippines) 9370; and VoA (Udon) 7405 kHz." (*I take it the TWR-India is from Tashkent; and that AIR on 60m is good to see.*)

Douglas Johns, Christchurch is always confident I'll open my mail promptly. "Good afternoon, Theo. A few QSLs have rolled in from mainstream FMers: Port FM/Otematata 98.2, Radio Twizel 95.8, and Life FM/Cromwell 91.1 and LPFMers Caveman FM/Gore 107.0, Country Music Southland Gore 88.1, and Radio Methven 88.2. Otherwise all quiet. Regards." (*It was afternoon, but a different day!*)

Jerry Berg in Lexington, MA comes back to life with news of several veries during February and March. "GERMANY: 6125/9925/11955, Nordeutscher Rundfunk, for Dec 24 'Gruss an Bord' prgm, nice blue card with 'NDR' and 'Das Beste am Norden' and scenes on front, full-data on back, incl. sites (6125 Nauen, 9925/11955 Issoudun). In one month by postal mail for postal report. TAIWAN: 11880, PCJ Christmas special via WRMI-Okeechobee, nice full-data QSL sheet by postal mail from Taiwan in 3 wks. for postal report to Taiwan and \$1. USA: WRMI, two different "Okeechobee" cards, both full-data, received for postal reports on recent broadcasts. 9955, Dec 4, photo card of WRMI Xmtr 7, PanAm Broadcasting logo (though report not for PanAm), "First Week of Broadcasts" penned in on back; and 11880, Dec 22, photo card of building with "Greetings from Okeechobee, Florida" sign on it, for PCJ broadcast. In approx. 11 and 8 weeks respectively. CANARY ISLANDS or EUROPIRATE? 6245 (ex-5780, and later on 6255), Horizon FM, Tenerife, an e-mail and MP3 recording to <studio@horizon.fm> brought a same-day e-mail reply and QSL attachment from 'Andy' at <andy@horizon.fm>. European listeners say this is a Europirate, probably in Ireland, relaying Horizon FM. I asked about it and Andy says they are transmitting from their site at La Corona, North Tenerife (and their website mentions SW). The QSL is a nicely-designed JPG 'card' with station name, FM frequencies, URL and tel. number, and date-time-SW frequency heard, also power (75 watts) and location (La Corona) and my name and location."

Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany starts out with a familiar lament in late February. "Things ain't what they used to be. One whole month and regrettably not one single QSL arrived. Weather-wise I join Ray Crawford and Arthur De Maine with their complaints. Our three-river-city last June suffered from the worst flooding in more than 500 years. More recently, I myself in 73 years had not seen such a 'winter': Snow only twice, which did neither my shovel nor me [any good to] keep fit (one hour's work was enough unlike usual shoveling every other day in our European winter). Could only get better, hopefully soon!" And things did improve in March. "It's good to be able to report again with a couple of incoming QSLs: HCJB 'Andenstimme' sent QSLs 2013/C and 2013/D for Weenermoor on 7365; AJ Janitschek verified RFA Tinian on 9940 and 9990; European Music Radio verified reception of two programs, one on 6045 (Nauen), the other one on 9485 (Göhren's new frequency). And what I consider an attractive and unique QSL is the card received for my report of Radio Impala on 17540 kHz via the Madagascar

relay station; here is their mailing address: Malagasy Global Business (MGLOB SA), Lotissement Bonnet no. 88 Ivandry, BP 404, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar." *(That has to be the first time I've known anyone to complain about not having to shovel white stuff.)*

Now it's my turn! I made only three rather feeble attempts at any listening despite plenty of lazy time during 14 nights on board the "Golden Princess" from Buenos Aires to Valparaiso. The undoubted DX highlight was the half hour or more at the Falkland Islands Radio Service in Stanley on Friday morning, 7 March. John Clifford, the acting manager, took my sudden appearance in good stride. He had been assistant manager at Radio St Helena under Tony Leo and so was aware of the special shortwave broadcasts and us DXers. None of the staff at FIRS goes back far enough to recall the reception by a number of League members of the 120m transmitter several decades ago. I did hear 3958 here once or twice in the 80's but never sent off a report for some reason. Earlier while in Montevideo, I called in at Radiodifusion Nacional Uruguay on the off chance of speaking with Bryan Clark's contact (at that time Bryan hadn't received his QSL) but it was the Monday of Carnaval so the offices were closed and the security guard and a staffer who happened by weren't familiar with the name I had. And in Buenos Aires, again a quick visit to LRA/Radio Nacional/RAE which was just a block and a half from my hotel was foiled by being on Saturday so no one was at work in the English section. The two young people at reception did some extensive phoning around after figuring out what I was attempting to say in my butchered Spanish! The only other radio appearance was spotting LRA10 R. Nacional's building on the main street of Ushuaia. Reception with the Tecsun on open deck was remarkable though tuning around for casual scanning was a bit tedious. Pretty much every frequency on MW had at least two, and often three stations fighting for dominance ~0030 UT or 9.30 pm Argentine time Tuesday evening 4 Mar as the ship approached Puerto Madryn, or a full day out from Montevideo. One thing threw me: Argentina wasn't on summer time as I had expected so the clocks were the same as in Chile, and an hour behind Uruguay. I didn't make any real effort at ID's... and the only Portuguese-language outlets noted were a dominant on 720 which would've likely been Porto Alegre and another very mixed on 1010. Two nights later at much the same time, 1400 had a Brazilian dominating, though on the Tuesday, 1400 had definitely been a local in Neuquen, Argentina with multiple ads for businesses. The only other attempt at MW was just before sunrise (~1030 UT) as the ship was manoeuvring into Puerto Montt – I figured there should be a chance to hear Tahiti/738 but there was nary a peep or even slight squeal against a semi-strong signal on 740. As for shortwave, I might as well have been at home! Chinese everywhere... 60m was dead, apart from a Brazilian with religious programming on 4815 plus the usual WWCR/4840 and Cubans. I thought for sure at least Angola/4950 would be an easy catch, and the same for Sonder Grense/3320 – but no sign of either. Aparecida on both 6135 and 11855 thundered in... as did AIR's Vividh Bharati on 9870.

So, it's back to routine, and waiting for all your contributions for May.

73 Theo

Radio Nacional en todo el país



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Argentina R. Nacional station location map photo by Theo Donnelly

BROADCAST NEWS, TRAIL AND MAILBAG

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ARGENTINA Radio Imagen, Castelar, Partido de Morón, fue reportada en esta nueva frecuencia 1710 (ex 1310 kHz) con diferentes espacios, a distintas horas del día. En uno de sus anuncios avisa la realización de un festival celebrando un nuevo aniversario de la emisora en el Salon Rubi, de Rafael Castillo. Escuchada con anuncio del programa El Colectivo (periodístico) y Aventura 18 Pampeana (musical). [Grupo Radioescucha Argentino via Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, condiglist yg via mediumwave.info via NRC DX News]

MEXICO Glenn Hauser has heard the Mexican national anthem on 1700 through KKLf in Texas, at 1245 UTC on 18 March. He notes that "quarter hour is a very odd time for any Mexican to be national-antheming, unless it s signing on or off" and suspects a new XE is operating. In response, Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla in the Mexico DF wrote: Me informa mi amigo Héctor García Bojorge que, de acuerdo a la página del Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones de México hay el registro de una radiodifusora permitida con el indicativo nominal XEFCSM ubicada en Mérida, Yucatán con autorización para emitir con 50 kW en el día y 1 kW en la noche. La fecha del permiso es a partir de abril del 2013 y está a cargo de la Fundación Cultural para la Sociedad Mexicana, A.C. Quizá sea esta emisora que esté realizando pruebas. El permiso para XEFCSM es en los 1700 kHz. Per our correspondent in Yucatán, the Catholic Radio Update Travel Guide at www.thestationofthecross.com lists 1700 XEFCSM R.Maria, Mérida, Yucatan, not on the air yet but maybe soon. (via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest Yahoo Group)

Some websites for those who chase XE stations:

<http://enmedios.com/movil/radio/radiopda.htm> .

The page has links to stations in: Distrito Federal, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Monterrey, Nuevo León, Guanajuato, Guanajuato.

Another page on that same website is dedicated to XE Radio Networks:

http://enmedios.com/radio/R_Radio_Cadenas.htm .

The page has links to major networks, such as: Grupo Radio Centro, Grupo ACIR, Grupo Radio Alegría, Núcleo Radio Mil, Organización Radio Fórmula and many others.(Steve Ponder IRCA)

I use the July 2008 Mexican Summary by John Callarman. I couldn't find a newer source of overall information:

http://www.dxing.info/lists/2008_MEXICO_LIST_by_frequency.pdf

(Dennis Gibson IRCA)

USA (information from National Radio Club's 'DX News' bulletin)

- 780 WBBM Chicago IL has application for auxiliary transmitter with U1 12.5kw day & night, amends application to U1 with 13kw day & night.
- 790 WQXI Atlanta GA airs ESPN and Yahoo Sports Radio networks.
- 840 KXNT North Las Vegas NV has new slogan "FM News Talk."
- 920 WDMC Melbourne FL has applied for U4 8kw day, 4kw night from a new site (28 07 15/80 43 12).
- 1010 KXXT Tolleson AZ slogan is now "Family Values Radio."
- 1040 KURS San Diego CA is silent per recently amended license renewal application.
- 1140 WQII San Juan PR has the slogan "11-Q, Radio La Cadena Nacional."
- 1230 KRYN Gresham OR now has the slogan 'La Estación de la Familia'
- 1230 KDYM Sunnyside WA drops // KMMG 96.7; now 'La Estación de la Familia'.
- 1240 KLOA Ridgecrest CA replaces Oldies format with Sports.
KCVV Sacramento CA now has the slogan "Radio Santisimo."
- 1560 KNZR Bakersfield CA now carries Fox News.
KVAN Burbank WA now has slogan "La Estación de la Familia".
- 1690 WMLB Avondale Estates GA has applied to transmit from a new site.

USA (thanks to International Radio Club of America's 'DX Monitor' magazine)

- 1340 KWXV Cathedral City, CA was Easy Listening, now Adult Standards
- 1380 KXFN St. Louis, MO was Yahoo! Sports Radio, adding extreme Talk
- 1510 KGA Spokane, WA format was Fox Sports Radio, now CBS Sports Radio

IN THE MAIL

Mike Smith in Opunake using an Eddystone 680X and Ewe beamed East reports that on 26 March there "must have been a bit of auroral activity - just having a quick tune around at 0850z and (by coincidence) Radio Carve, Montevideo Uruguay on 850kHz was fading up. It briefly got on par with Masterton 846, good clear ID at 10 min before the hour, then into animated phone conversation. Also heard a weaker SS on 840 at the same time, but all were gone by 0900 UTC. I QSLd Carve a number of years ago, nice to hear them again." The following night Mike found Argentina was in at 0730 UTC - LS11 1270, tentatively LT9 1150, and UNIDs on 1180 and 1190. (*That's great Mike! Have found reception conditions very noisy of late with Peruvians dominating and only a few North Americans for a change! BC*)

WAINAKARUA (NORTH OTAGO) BROADCAST TRAIL

Sutton Burtenshaw (using the Tool Screecher's AR7030+), Arthur de Maine (Icom IC-R70), and Paul Ormandy (Kenwood TS2000) listening on 22 March.

Antennas: 310 meter Beverage aimed at USA, 425 metre beverage aimed at Peru.

- 840 ARGENTINA Radio Bahia Blanca, tent the one here at 0644 w/UTC -3 t/c and temps, much clearer at 0840 w/ids.

- 870 ECUADOR Radio Cristal, Guayaquil, strong at times 0838 with music then "cumpleanos" (birthday) call-outs.
- 880 PERU Radio Union, Lima, vgd 0633 w/string of promos for their "aniversario".
- 1010 PERU Radio America, Lima fr-gd 0832w/promo giving AM & FM freqs. (Radio Cielo with soft music format replaced America here some years back but I am hearing only talk there now so maybe another change? BC)
- 1050 USA KTCT San Mateo CA gd 0622w/sports tlk – poor night for USA
- 1360 PERU La Nueva Q, Lima, vgd 0616 w/prmo for cumbia mx prog
- 1430 BRAZIL Unid up briefly 0732 w/chatty tlk but slaughtered when Kidnappers played sax mx! (RB2 Curitiba has been the easiest Brazilian to hear in NZ in recent years, relaying Radio Aparecida overnight. BC)
- 1470 PERU R Capital, Lima, first Latin and the most regular. Noted 0549
- 1499.9 PERU R. Santa Rosa, Lima, gd 0606 in/NZer slop w/religion
- 1620 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, fr FA w/religion at 0557
- 1620 VIRGIN IS WDHP Frederiksted, fr 0552 w/gospel mx, occ short sermon, mxd unids in SS, one w/reg cuckoo calls (*The SS likely the Cubans, unusual for WDHP to have religion, KSMH Catholic station has been in lately. BC*)

MANGAWHAI (NORTHLAND) BROADCAST TRAIL

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and EWEs targeting North, Central and South America.

- 650 ALASKA KENI Anchorage with idents, promos 0858 and into news 10/3.
- 1010 PERU Radio Cielo Lima w/ident and talk format in SS 0747 31/3. .
- 1035 SOLOMON ISLANDS Radio Hapi Isles sporadically audible through 2ZB and an Aussie talk station, thanks to antenna phasing 0947 23/3, // SW freqs.
- 1130 LATIN on 1129.95 at 0803 13/3 – likely Peruvian OAX4N Radio Bacan which I logged on this offset frequency last year.
- 1420 UNID with non-stop Western & Latin pops 0635 past 0800 30/3.
- 1470 PERU Radio Capital all alone 0620 30/3 w/advs & promos, fair 30/3.
- 1620 US VIRGIN ISLANDS WDHP with BBC news relay dominant 0803 10/3.
- 1700 MEXICO XEPE Tijuana in SS 0620 3 /4, abruptly switching to ESPN Sports w/ident as "ESPN 17 hundred" at 0630.



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WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

February rabble had a great time with radio frequently mentioned!

Next beach babble: April 30 at Beach Babylon Cafe,
Oriental Parade, Wellington, 12.45pm.

2014 beach babble schedule:

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

Good fun, good music, good food, great coffee, great gossip and a chance to mingle and babble with the rabble.

Mark your diaries now and see you there! Contact David radioheritage@gmail.com

CHRISTCHURCH

The first and successful Christchurch beach babble had a great time with a solid turnout from the local rabble. Noisy bunch!

Next beach babble: April 23 at Salt on the Pier Cafe, New Brighton, Christchurch.
12.45pm.

2014 beach babble schedule:

April 23	August 20
May 21	September 17
June 18	October 22
July 23	November 19

Good fun, good music, good food, great coffee, great gossip and a chance to mingle and babble with the rabble.

Mark your diaries now and see you there!

Come along for just a coffee and a bite if the boss won't give you the full afternoon off:)
be good to see you! Contact David radioheritage@gmail.com

DUNEDIN AREA GROUP

The next meeting of the Dunedin Group will be on April 12th 2014 at Ian Wells Place at 16 Fenty Place, Phone 489 8122. Earlier start time of 1.30pm .

Contacts : David Miller Phone 476 3224 or Roger 473 7805

Visitors welcome.

We would like to see few more new faces or just make contact to say what you're listening too.

ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME to new member **SEF VAN HEEL** of Limbricht in the Netherlands.

WITH REGRET we report the death of former member **STAN LARKING** on 23 February in Tauranga, at the age of 84. Thanks to fellow member and friend Ray Babbage, we have learnt that Stan joined the League in the late 1950s after serving at the Naval Communications Station HMNZS Irirangi near Waiouru. After moving to Kawerau for a short period he went to Whakatane where he had a long career at the Telephone Exchange and became a committed MW and SW DXer, regularly competing in the League's Best of the Month (BOM) Competitions. Stan was one of the "Bendix" brigade, using this converted military receiver for listening from the early 70s. His temporary MW listening post was high in the hills overlooking Ohope Beach, with a "clear path" to the Americas and no power lines in miles. 400 foot longwire antennas were attached to fenceposts running East and Northeast. North American signals were good in the summer and car batteries powered the radios. Ray says that Stan's Morris Minor had to be push-started



(continued below)

STAN LARKING is kneeling front right in this photograph taken when **ARTHUR CUSHEN** visited Rotorua in 1974. Other DX League members are Michael Stockley (kneeling front left), and standing: Paul Frost, Colin Campbell, Bob McGregor, Charles Douglas, Arthur Campbell, Gavin Ritchie, Arthur, Bob Mutton, Rod Purkiss and Michael Smith. (Bryan Clark photo)

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down the hill after some DX sessions! Ray recalls hearing ZBM1 Bermuda like a local a number of times at the site "on the hill". Stan also had an impressive SW listening set-up at his home. He is remembered as a keen DXer and regular contributor to the DX Times in his peak DX period in the 1960s and 1970s. He attended one DX convention, at New

Plymouth in 1961.

Ray adds: "I met Stan in 1960, soon after joining the League from my home in Opotiki, and as the only DXers in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, we struck up a lifelong friendship.

Despite later living in Wellington I would often travel to Whakatane and join him for a few sessions on the "hill" and enjoy his family's hospitality". Ray has extended sympathy to Stan's family on behalf of the League and members.

CHANGE OF DX TIMES PRINTER Following the closure of our longtime Wellington printer ProCopy Ltd, the Administration Committee have approved the transfer of printing and distribution services to Oamaru Print & Copy Ltd, effective with the April magazine. Our Secretary **CHRIS HATTAN** will be writing to Mike Allison of ProCopy to acknowledge the excellent service that his company provided for so long.



NOTICE: Experimental 25 MHz WWV Broadcast

WWV has resumed broadcasting on 25 MHz on a limited, experimental basis.

The broadcast consists of the normal WWV signal heard on all other WWV frequencies, at the same level of accuracy.

Current 25 MHz Broadcast Specifications (subject to change):

Schedule: variable; as an experimental broadcast, the 25 MHz signal is not continuous.

It will typically be on the air from approximately 1500-2100 UTC

Mondays through Fridays, but may operate outside these hours as well.

The broadcast may be interrupted or suspended without notice.

Radiated Power: varies; no more than 2500 W

Antenna: broadband monopole

Listener comments and reception reports may be emailed to: www@nist.gov

WIA News 20/4/2014 via Ray Crawford



On the **shortwaves.com**

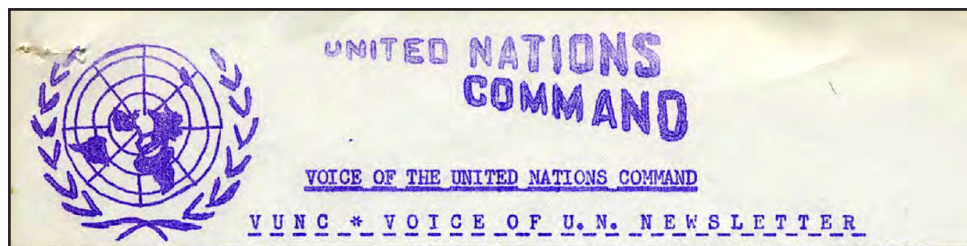
From NZRDXL member Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, USA
NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>

March 9, 2014 -- Previously we had posted a 1956 copy of the Universalite, bulletin of the Universal Radio DX Club. Now we have gone back another decade and posted two earlier issues, one from June 1, 1945 and another from November 1, 1946. These are under "DX History/Clubs & Publications." These bulletins belonged to the late Kermit Geary, and thanks go to Wayne Heinen of the National Radio Club, who provided them to John Herkimer. Many of the top DXers of the day belonged to the URDXC. -- And under "Specialized Resources," Adrian Peterson returns to the Philippines with a new "Wavescan" entry: "Focus on Asia Philippines-7: Tunnel Radio on Corregidor" (N262, March 2, 2014).

March 16, 2014 -- In 1924, Irving Vermilya of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts operated his broadcast band station, WBBG, on 1250 kc., 240 meters. In those days people often held multiple licenses in different categories, and that was the case with Irving. His call letters as a "special land station"--reserved for experimental operations--were 1XAL (no relation to the later Boston SWBC station W1XAL), and he was authorized to operate on 200 meters and 1277-1304 meters (1500 kc. and 230-235 kc.). Irving used 1XAL to conduct long distance tests, and he made a series of broadcasts in which he hoped to reach Manchester, England. Whether he accomplished this is unknown, but he definitely was heard closer to home. Under "DX History/General Radio History" we have posted a group of 13 postcard reports that Irving received for a 1XAL test on Saturday night-Sunday morning, May 10-11, 1924. Most were from nearby places--Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine--but a few were from farther afield: Norwich, New York and New York City, Philadelphia and Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and distant Valparaiso, Indiana. Judging from these cards it looks like Irving used broadcast programming for these tests. Most of the cards are in the nature of applause cards rather than classic reception reports; in only two did the writer request a confirmation. -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we have posted two new articles by Adrian Peterson: "Radio Broadcasting in Albania" (N263, March 9, 2014), and "Canadian Radio Panorama: The Intervening Years" (N263, March 9, 2014). Thanks for keeping these coming, Adrian.

March 23, 2014 -- The Voice of the United Nations Command was an American psychological warfare operation, inaugurated in 1950 with headquarters in Tokyo. Over the years it used both mediumwave and shortwave transmitters at various places in Japan and Korea, and Okinawa. From 1967 to 1971 it broadcast from Okinawa over

20 kw. transmitters on 9840 and 13830 kc. The transmitters were at Deragawa, while studios and Okinawa HQ were at Machinato. VUNC was DXer friendly, and in "The CPRV Gallery" under "Shortwave Broadcast/Asia" we have posted the station's QSL together with a copy of a VUNC-Okinawa newsletter from 1967 which contains some interesting details about the station. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan" we have posted three new entries: "BBC Indian Ocean Relay Stations: Five In a Row!", "Focus on Asia: On the Air Shortwave from India's First Capital City--The Calcutta Story," and "What is a Kilohertz?" (all N264, March 16, 2014).



March 30, 2014 -- In shortwave broadcasting's earlier days, clubs liked to arrange special broadcasts from stations, which were often very accomodating. This time, under "DX History/QSLs & Other Station Memorabilia," we remember one such broadcast, made in April 1936 over station EAQ in Spain on behalf of the London Chapter of the International Shortwave Club, then headquartered in East Liverpool, Ohio (it moved to England after the war). We have posted a file containing the announcement of the broadcast in the ISWC's monthly bulletin, International Short Wave Radio; the QSL sent out by the club's European representative, Arthur E. Bear (who would head up the club after the war); and, from the May 1936 ISWC bulletin, a photo of the attendees of the London Chapter's third annual dinner-dance which was held in March of that year. -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we have two new entries from Adrian Peterson: "BBC Indian Ocean Relay Station Seychelles: The End of an Era," and "The World's Most Inaccurate Scientific Measurement" (both Wavescan N265, March 23, 2014). --

Also under "Specialized Resources," we have updated the Popular Communications Index of history-related articles, through March-April 2014. The December 2013 issue of PopComm was the last. Starting with the February 2014 issue of PopComm's sister magazine, CQ, much of the monitoring content of PopComm has been moved to an electronic supplement to CQ called CQ Plus. The supplement is available only to subscribers of the electronic version of CQ (which is distributed via Zinio). Shannon Hurniwell's "Shannon's Broadcast Classics," where much of the PopComm history-related material appeared in recent years, has been renamed "Radio Drama" and continues to appear in CQ Plus (as does Gerry Dexter's SW column and Steve Handler's pirate column). The updated index includes articles from all PopComm issues (save for a very few missing copies) starting in September 1982, and from CQ Plus through the combined March-April 2014 issue.