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We mourn the loss of our Chief Editor since October 2000 and Life Member, **Mark Nicholls**, who passed away on 20 August 2014 following medical issues.

Mark gave himself selflessly to this club and to this hobby. He was liked and respected by all. Mark carried on the work of former Chief Editor, Andy Gardner, in modifying and improving the magazine over the years.

This edition of the DX Times is dedicated to the memory of Mark Nicholls.

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As mentioned on the front page, Andy Gardner dragged this magazine into the 21st Century and then Mark carried on the work by modifying and refining its features until we have the magazine we do today. It is a hard act to follow. In these pages you will find tributes and messages about Mark from those who knew him and counted him as a friend.



Adam Claydon asks members to help support the DX League Facebook pages.
They can be found at
<http://www.facebook.com/nzrdxl>

From fellow Life Member, **Paul Ormandy**, comes this:

I first met Mark at the 1976 Tatum Park convention, we hit it off straight away and with Paul Edwards, spent every night at the dials getting very little sleep. We had joined the NZRDXL within months of each other, we were the same age and more importantly, we both preferred MW to SW! Mark was a regular attendee of League events in both islands and in 1983, spent the first of his many annual weekly DX pilgrimages with me at Waianakarua. It became the DX-highlight of the year for each of us and we both got on very well together. Mark's first serious DX-receiver was a Sony ICF-6800W and later a Drake R8B.

Mark and I traveled to Te Araroa for a week of DX in April 1988 and had a wonderful time, staying with his parents in Taupo on the return journey. Linda and I often visited him when he lived at Queenstown and he was always very welcome when he stayed with us in Oamaru. Such was our respect and admiration for him, we named our first son after him. Our boys loved his visits as they knew "Uncle Mark:" would have a treat for them!

He was an extremely tidy and well-organized person and loved the company of friends. Mark had a great collection of books, mostly on radio and also aircraft, especially of a historical nature and was a keen gardener.

Mark had a great sense of humour and showed remarkable courage through his long-term health issues. Few people would have the devotion he showed to the editorship of the magazine. I shall miss my mate very much and treasure the many great times we shared.



Paul Ormandy, Mark Nicholls and Bryan Clark at Waianakarua about 1986

My earliest memory of Mark is when I was at university in Auckland. I can't remember how it all came about, but we went up to Whangaparoa, along with Barry Williams, to try out the Peter Snell Youth Village site as a possible convention location. It was a flop - lots of noise and not a lot of signals. We did both manage to log XEMO on 860 though. When I lived in Wellington, after returning from the UK I had a lot more to do with Mark and we regularly got together. Our trip to Tony King's, referred to in last month's magazine as a footnote to Tony's X Band list, was but one occasion. After I moved south Mark came down and we went with Frank Glen and sundry others to Tiwai for a last hurrah. Mark loved it. I don't know that we heard a lot but he filled the void - he did love to chat.

I have lost a good friend, and so have many others. The hole he leaves in our DXing lives is as large as the man himself. RIP my friend. - **Stu Forsyth**

I've known Mark for about 40 years. I have many good memories of his company. In the 1980's he worked as an air traffic controller (or similar) at Queenstown airport. I used to visit there as part of my job with the then NZ Tourist & Publicity. One flight I was escorting a media crew from Singapore. The pilot came on the intercom and asked if I would please come to the flight deck [it was a Mt Cook turbo]. There Mark was on the radio. He was concerned that Queenstown was about to close because of bad weather. We were due to have dinner in town. The pilot said he would see what he could do. I returned to my seat. The plane suddenly went into a deep dive and came out really low to the ground. The pilot then came on and said that I was a VIP and just had to land today. The Singapore TV crew was suitably impressed. When we taxied up to the airport, Mark was waving from the control tower. He told me afterwards that he had seen a gap in the low clouds and told the pilot to go for it. He did, we had dinner.

He was a gentle, methodical, and patient fellow with a good sense of humour. He had QSL's from some stations on MW I had never heard of, and he insisted on waving around Wallis et Futuna 1188 whenever I visited because he knew even a phone call to the station had failed to get me a response.

Thanks Mark for letting us be friends, and part of your life. We had some good times. Travel well our friend. We'll always remember you.

David Ricquish, former Chief Editor, NZ DX Times (edited for length)



Mark DXing at Tiwai

Very sad news indeed. I'm lost for words. - **Andy Gardner**, former chief Editor

From **Edward Hoggood**: Mark you did us proud. RIP my friend!

From **League Patron Frank Glen**: My thoughts are will you all as we move through this time of real sadness, but also thanksgiving for a 'good keen man.' (*Amen to that - Ed.*)

Another Life Member, **Paul Aronsen** from Wallacetown, Invercargill has this to say: Have just heard about Mark from Arthur Demaine. I am sad to hear the news. Mark was always a nice person to know and we in the south had a lot of great times at Tiwai, and also when he stayed at our house. He will be missed by us all as friend and as an excellent editor of the DX Times.



Mark at the Tiwai Convention 1982

The front row has 5 life members - Paul Aronsen (left), Bryan Clark (3rd left), Arthur Cushen (centre), Eric McIntosh (2nd right) and Mark Nicholls (right)

My memories of Mark go back to the years of trips to Invercargill, Tiwai and Annual General Meetings. Mark was a regular attender to all the A.G.M.'s and conventions held in and around Oamaru. Many times he visited Waianakarua and was always a willing helper with Paul Ormandy in erecting aerials and many other tasks relating to our visits there. His memory of Radio stations, D.X.ing and D.X.ers was phenomenal. He was of a quiet disposition and set a very high standard as Chief Editor/Publisher of the N.Z. Radio D.X. Times. The magazine is recognised as one of the best of its type throughout the Radio D.X. world.

There is no doubt he will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all those who knew him.

Peter J. Grenfell, Life Member

Steven Greenyer in Timaru writes:

I think I first met Mark when he started attending Southland Branch Meetings probably in the mid to late 80's. He usually came down the day of the meeting and stayed at our house the night of the meeting and we often then went on to Tiwai for a night or two.

Mark did quite a bit of work at Tiwai while he stayed there often helping me with aerials and fire wood and he set about repainting the inside of the house. He was a keen DXer and one of the highlights was him alerting me to hearing a Florida station sign on one night at booming strength.

In return we stayed with Mark a few times in Frankton where he arranged a free helicopter ride for the family and Christchurch on one of these stays we all went on the train to Greymouth.

He was a good friend and I regret that our friendship faded over time and distance.



A frightening picture
- Stu Forsyth (left) and Mark Nicholls (centre) running the auction at the Auckland Convention 1990. Bryan Clark is doing the accounting.

An attempt at a beverage antenna.

Mark Nicholls (left) with Steven Greenyer, Ray Crawford, John Durham and Paul Aronsen in front. Apart from Mark, the other four were all Southland Tech Old Boys.





Mark Nichols (front) DXing at Waianakarua with Harry Weatherley and Paul Ormandy in 1985

John Durham, Dxissimo editor, writes: A sad month indeed with the passing of Mark, a really good genuine bloke. He will be missed by all of us.

Arthur DeMaie From former Chief Editor, Life Member and current Utilities Editor and Competitions' Secretary: I first met Mark at the 1982 Tiwai convention and then later at several AGM's and conventions at Oamaru. Most times he would have that Mark grin that went with the beard. In later years I would catch up with Mark when visiting Wellington and we would talk about the magazine, Mac computers, software and of course the radio hobby. His devotion to publishing the magazine each month, even though his health was not good, was over and above the call.

Mark was certainly worthy of the League's Life Membership Award and has certainly set the standard for the magazine: a standard that will certainly be hard to better. You will be missed by all DX League members.
Rest in peace Mark, the battle is over. .

Ken Baird, editor of the Under 9 Bandwatch column writes: Just a short comment about Mark. We worked together on the DX Times for over 20 years and I formed a good relationship with him. He knew his stuff and spent many hours sorting out the info for the magazine. He will be greatly missed.
RIP, Mark.

From **Dave Onley** of the ARDXC: RIP Mark. To be so ill and to work so hard at putting the clubs magazine together each month is just unbelievable. Huge respect. To all his family, friends and dx colleagues, my condolences. You are a huge loss to the dx community and in particular the NZDXL. Be at peace. Dave Onley, The Hague, Netherlands

From **Richard Jary**, Editor of the ARDX News (ARDXC): I am very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. As the editor for the Australian Radio DX Club (which has an exchange agreement with NZDXRL) I used to regularly receive the magazines from him, and a friendly follow up if I hadn't reposted it to our mailing list within a day or so which occasionally happened if I was travelling. He was a great person to deal with as a fellow unpaid professional on that basis. We have posted the announcement on our mailing list as well and will include a tribute in next month's magazine which I will be putting together this weekend.

From **Costa Constantinides**: My condolences from himself always had good memories of radio from the Pacific and the true spirit of DXing from this area of the world. RIP Mark Nicholls. Signed Costa Constantinides, South Africa and Cyprus. will be greatly missed. RIP



Mark Nicholls at the Auckland Convention in 1990 with (from left to right): National President Bryan Clark, for Chief Editor Arthur DeMaine, Arthur Cushen, Jack Searle and Peter Chambers



Working their way towards another Beverage antenna! This was the scene at Te Araroa (East Cape) c. 1980. Life Members Barry Williams and Bryan Clark, Jack Searle, Mark Nicholls, Jim Gorman and David Ricquish.

From the National President and Life Member, Bryan Clark

I wish to acknowledge Mark as a personal friend for 38 years and, on behalf of members of the DX League, his contribution to our organisation over the last 40 years.

Mark joined our club in 1974. DX League members listen to distant radio stations as a hobby, usually a solo activity but in sharing our interest with like-minded people, life-long friendships are formed. That is what happened when I first met Mark in 1976 at a listener convention. We subsequently met up regularly at listener gatherings around the country and remained in regular contact by email, telephone and Skype until early this month before we left for a holiday in Asia.

In 2012 Mark was unanimously awarded Life Membership of our organisation in recognition of his valuable contribution over those 40 years including the last 14 years as chief editor and publisher of our monthly magazine.

I admired the way that Mark didn't let his growing health issues divert him from the creative effort of producing the magazine every month. He never complained about, or sought pity for, his situation. He once proudly explained how, to overcome his eyesight issues with the computer he was using white text on a black background. His computer skills were certainly far superior to mine.

Mark was an optimist to the end. In early August he was talking about getting dialysis in Auckland on his way to visit Sandra and me in Mangawhai, as soon as his latest hospitalisation was over. Sadly that was not to happen.

I know Mark valued the friendship and support of his church community in Trentham. On behalf of his friends scattered through the country, thank you.

Farewell Mark - you are now at peace with your God - no more pain or suffering, from Bryan, Sandra, Matthew & Daniel Clark

MAILBAG

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Little did we realise with the good wishes for Mark Nicholls in the August 'Times' that this edition would bring our remembrances on his passing. I think it was Bryan Clark in a <dxdialog> posting, who mentioned that the doctors seemed to have found a reason behind some of Mark's health problems, so it was a shock to hear just a few days later of his death. We were in frequent contact over the almost three years that I've been roped into 'Mailbag', and I was able to shout him lunch in Upper Hutt while visiting Wellington last year. Afterwards, Mark drove the two of us to the Silver Stream Railway for a memorable visit. RIP, Mark. You poured a lot of effort and knowledge into the 'Times' for us all.

Stu Forsyth in Putrajaya, Malaysia has to be commended for managing to squeeze the editing of the 'Times' into his schedule at short notice, but he has been rewarded. "I have been very pleased to receive a verification from Radio Creativa in Buenos Aires 1230 kHz (1 kW). It was heard at 0445 at Ynak when I had a few days down there. Never got an actual id, but lots of phone calls and mentions of Buenos Aires. It is the only BA station on the frequency. Anyway, I emailed and got a reply saying thank you for your interest and here is our website. That isn't a verie in my book so, taking Frank Glen's SPAM approach, I emailed again and told them again exactly what I wanted. I got a lovely email in Spanish, from Patricia Paola Sosa, who is the program director. She was impressed with the minute details of the report and says it was them. The address is <am1230creativa@yahoo.com.ar>. I said when I went there that if I got even one verie I would be happy. I now am - makes it all worthwhile." *(Thanks for your hard work – I know you were planning a special edition in Mark's memory.)*

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai tells of another Overseas Experience with wife Sandy. "Home safely from the latest Asian jaunt - perhaps our most challenging as we journeyed to the 'Roof of the World' - Tibet. Have sent Stuart a DX report on the trip. So sad to lose our friend Mark Nicholls at just 56 years of age - we DXed together at conventions plus DXpeditions to East Cape, Tiwai and Waianakarua over a 40-year period. And of course his personal contribution to the League over that time was considerable. I know all members will be grateful to Stuart for taking on the challenge of the DX Times and I hope they will support him by sending in their DX experiences, reminiscences or radio news generally. Highlights of DX at home are continuing interesting medium wave DX with a full range of signals from Canada down to Peru possible most weeks. On shortwave I was very pleased to catch the latest schedule of LRA36 from the Argentine Antarctic Sector on 15476 (thank you Radio Kuwait for dropping 15475 from their schedule) with reception

possible from 1930 sign-on till 2135 UTC signoff (Tuesday to Saturday morning in NZ).”
(Lhasa <sigh>... looking forward to reading about what DX stuff you worked into your travels.)

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim seems to thrive on having to do filing. “Here are my SW veries received during August: RFA (Tinian) 21620 & 9610; Echo of Europe 7315; KSDA 13625; AWR (Trincomalee) 11845, 6180, 15175, & 15150; AWR (Nauen) 15670; RFI 13695; RFE/RL 15255; WRMI 11730; AIR 15210 & 13795; and the last group of four, via Issoudun: Radio Algerienne 7295 & 7495; Radio Hilaac 15180; NHK 5910; and RTI 5915 kHz. There they are for this time. Regards, Ian.” *(I must remember to look at your totals with the latest standings, and imagine your filing cabinet. That NHK does nasty things to my attempts to hear Alcaravan from Colombia in my mid-evening.)*

Douglas Johns, Christchurch is another with a large collection, even if this edition doesn't show it. “Just a couple of QSLs this month – Newstalk ZB Masterton 846 and Wellington 1035. Quite unremarkable in themselves, but it means I have now reached 1100 on MW. Regards, Douglas.” *(No more to add from the big tour of Super, Natural BC, Wild Rose Country, and the Last Frontier?)*

Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany rounds out the month's mail. “Luciana Couto, coordinator at Rádio Nacional da Amazônia, was sorry that it took a long time before the new QSL cards were ready to be sent, but anyway I've now received my verification (with all details) for ZYE365 on 6180 kHz. They give this new address: EBC - Empresa Brasil de Comunicação S/A, SCS Q. 8 - Bl. 'B-50' - 1º subsolo, Ed. Super Center Venâncio 2000, Brasília - DF, 70333-900. An additional sticker says, 'Sender: Rádio Nacional da Amazônia, Caixa Postal 258, Brasília - DF, 70.359-970'. IBB Thailand Transmitting Station sent QSLs for Udorn on 7455, 7495, 9355 and 15215 kHz. And RTI verified their German program on 6185 via Woofferton.” *(I guess the 'civic' address for EBC makes sense should any of us decide to visit, but the PO Box I'd hope would work. I never did receive any reply back in, it must have been the mid-70's, for a report when 11780 first went on air.)*

And from the Coast Is Clear Dep't: a couple of unsolicited North American entries... Chuck Hutton in Seattle, WA came to realise his recent 1359 log which I was asking about on <dxdialog> was actually Coast from New Plymouth. He zapped an email to TRN's Taranaki office about hearing Gary Puckett and the Union Gap's 'Young Girl' at a specific time, and back came confirmation from Cara Hayes in 15 minutes. Then in late August, Nigel Pimblett near Medicine Hat, AB came up with a 1584 musical puzzler, which his wife promptly recognised as 'It Might Be You/All of My Life', though the version sounds more like Anne Murray than Stephen Bishop! Again, email to TRN in Napier brought a quick answer from Raylene Ramsay that it was indeed Coast.

That makes two remarkable 1 kW trans-Pacific verifications for the month. Rumour has it that I have red, yellow, and black support with **Sutton Burtenshaw** taking over the Ladders column. All is good in Mooloo-land.

73

Theo

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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 to repeat loggings in adjacent months. **Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.**

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details

2365	0850	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr.Int.exc in EE, //15240, 20/8, PP
3200	1600	SWAZILAND Manzini. TWR unknown lang. Poor-just fair 28/08 JD
3210	1849	AUSTRALIA Vintage FM Fair in English, old pops, 1856 brief ma, then radio play set in school classroom - 29/4 KB
3310	0912	BOLIVIA Mosoj Chaski (tent), poor in Spanish/Quechua (also hrd 1045 25/8 & 0830 1/9) 24/8 JW
3985	0958	SOUTH KOREA. Echo of Hope. (Presumed) F air in Korean. 6/8. IC
4010	1300	KYRGYZ. Bishek. Fair level with better modulation than usual 27/08 JD
4319	1501	DIEGO GARCIA AFRTS Fair in English, mx until 1533, ID, USN feature - 8/6 KB
4747	1056	PERU R Huanta fair in Spanish/Quechua 25/8 JW
4750	1559	BANGLADESH Bangladesh Beta H.S. Fair/Good in pres. Bengali, ma, mx - 8/6 KB
4755.5	0810	MICRONESIA, PMA Radio, gd in EE, religious, 3/8, PP
4775	1123	PERU R Tarma poor-fair in Spanish 25/8 JW
4780	1920	DJIBOUTI Radio Djibouti reactivated, vg in local dialect, not AA, w/ numerous references tDjibouti 25/8. BCM
4810	1127	PERU R Logos (tent, but heard songs "Turn your eyes upon Jesus" and "Fight the good fight" so this is fairly safe ident.) poor in vernac. 25/8 JW
4835	1105	AUSTRALIA ABC Alice Springs (reliable and often interesting listening thru night hours) fair-good in English 24/8 JW
4835	1816	AUSTRALIA VL8A Very Good in English, phone-in re 'Catch 22' situations - 8/6 KB
4905	1619	CHINA Xizang PBS Fair in English, mx & folk story, Tibet IDs // 4920 QRM - 8/6 KB
4930	1800	BOTSWANA VOA Poor in English, I/S, nx - 8/6 KB
4960	0550	SAO TOME VOA Relay fair to good in FF despite noisy atmospherics 25/8. BCM
5025	0820	AUSTRALIA, ABC Northern Terr.with rugby comm..gd in EE, at 0829 Cuba, Radio Rebelde took over in SS, 3/8, PP
5830	0835	USA, Lebanon, WTWW, v/gd in EE, religious, long talk about racism, 3/8, PP
5860	1933	KUWAIT R.Farda Good in Farsi, ma/fa // 7585 Ira fair (up from 7580

of 10/5) - 19/5 KB

5875 1630 THAILAND, BBC fair in Bengali with discussion, scratchy // 7485weaker and noisier – CC 12/8

5890 1950 CHINA, CRI fair with Chinese music – KAB 18/8

5910 0308 FRANCE R.Japan Fair in Japanese, mostly talk, some mx - 4/5 KB

5910 0433 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese with talent show – appalling mx !!! KAB 3/8

5910 0545 AUSTRIA Mossbrun TWR s/on in Polish ? Fair- good level 27/08 JD

5935 0746 USA, WNQM from Nashville fair in English with preaching – KAB 4/8

5935 0915 USA, WWCW good in English with relig B/C // 4840 less clear – CC 6/8

5940 0450 BRAZIL Voz Missionaria Camboriu Fair/poor, relig prgm // 9664 Fair, both faded by 0600 - 22/5 KB

5940 1701 BOTSWANA VOA Poor in listed Shona, ref to Mozambique - 22/8 KB

5950 1855 ETHIOPIA V.o.Tigray Revolution Fair in vernacular & HoA mx (mx at fair level but ma at lower audio), phone-in from 1909 - 17/5 KB

5950 2050 FRANCE. KBS World via ISS. Good in French. 5/8. IC

5955 1047 PERU Radio Cultural Amauta w/flute music, talk in Quechua, into SS at 1057 and ident 1102 as “Radio Cultural Huanta”, fair despite noisy atmospherics 28/8. BCM

5960 1541 TURKEY, VOT poor in Turkish –BDW 23/8

5970 0503 BRAZIL Radio Itatiaia good in PP w/easy listening pops 28/8. Little QRM from 5980 NHK World in EE via Wooferton. BCM

5975 0512 U.K. R.Japan Fair in English, re ways to help overcome sleep loss, ID 0526 - 20/5 KB

5995 1900 GERMANY R.Liberty Good in Russian , nx, ID - 11/8 KB

6005 0542 ASCENSION ISL. BBC Fair in English comment & interview - 3/8 KB

6005 0545 ASCENSION ISL. BBC Poor in English, ma/fa, ID & TS 0559 - 7/5 KB

6015 0354 ZANZIBAR ZBC initially at weak level w/mod splatter from CRI via Albania 6020 till 0400 leaving 6015 clear for ZBC’s distinctive drumbeats & time pips f/by news in Swahili. Slowly improving signal past 0430 but fading out by 0500 29/8. BCM

6030 0845 USA, Radio Marti, poor in SS, 3/8, PP

6050 0841 ECUADOR HCJB P/f in presumed Quechua & Andean mx - 11/8 KB

6060 0645 CUBA R Havana fair in English 23/8 JW

6060 1618 CHINA, CRI excellent in English – BDW8/8

6065 1814 SWEDEN Ringvalla R.Nord Revival poor but improving with 60s mx. 28/08 JD

6080 0515 BRAZIL R.Marumby Fair/poor in Portugese, mx, advert, spoken prgm after 0600, canned IDs 0559 & 0615 - 19/5 KB

6080 0625 BRAZIL R.Marumby Poor/fair in PP spoken prgm & ID jingle - 2/8 KB

6080 2004 AUSTRALIA, RA good with final Pacific Beat in present format, ID 2005 – KAB 18/8

6090 0645 ANGUILLA University Network Poor/Fair in EE relig,& contact details - 14/8, KB

6090 0858 JAPAN R.Japan Fair in Japanese I/S TS fa/ma Carib Beacon cochan - 13/8 KB

6095 0540 SAO TOME, VOA, fair/gd in FF, 25/8, PP

6100 0653 CUBA R Havana fair in English 23/8 JW

6110 2011 ETHIOPIA R.Fana (tentative) Fair in vernacular & HoA mx, phone-in 2025 - 14/5 KB

6115 0901 JAPAN R.Nikkei (tent.) Fair on H.S.2 with pop mx & jazz - 12/5 KB
6120 0631 BRAZIL SRDA Sao Paulo Fair in PP relg // 9585 better - 19/5 KB
6125 0441 SPAIN, REE good with modern jazz mx, SpanSS axmnts – KAB 3/8
6135 0428 ASCENSION IS BBC Poor in FF, I/S, om w/sorts clips - 2/8 KB
6135 0846 BRAZIL R.Aparecida Fair in Portugese, mx, ID 0856, Santa Cruz
cochan 0900 - 6/5 KB
6135 0900 BOLIVIA R.Santa Cruz Fair in SS, ma s/on with flute I/S & song, mx
prgm - 19/5 KB
6140 2011 CHINA, Firedrake jammer using CNR-1. Very strong signal with station
being jammed not heard – KAB 18/8
6145 1800 OMAN BBC Fair in listed Somali - 18/5 KB
6155 0445 AUSTRIA, AWR fair with music prgm, - KAB 3/8
6165 0655 CUBA R Havana poor in English 23/8 JW
6175 0410 USA, Cypress Creek, Voice of Vietnam, poor/fair in SS, 20/8, PP
6175 0448 CANADA, V of Vietnam good in Vietnamese with comment and ethnic
music – KAB 3/8
6175 0558 PERU Cusco R Tawantintuyo .Good level noted only at this time on
24/08 JD
6180 0640 BRAZIL R.Nacional da Amazonia Fair/Good in Portugese // 11780
stronger - 19/5 KB
6195 0930 USA, Radio Japan, signing on in SS, exc.3/8, PP
6195 1830 OMAN BBC Poor in English, ID, om/yl, nx/sport - 14/5 KB
6200 1300 CHINA Nanjing Voice of Jingling Good clear signal in CC while PBS
Lhasa off for one week for maintainence.10/08 JD
6322 1905 Euro Pirate. Tentative. Radio Mustang. Poor with mainly dance mx.
15/08 JD
7120 1740 SOMALIA R.Hargeisa tentative Fair in vernacular & ethnic mx
past 1800 - 29/4 KB
7120 2058 SOMALIA Radio Hargeisa vgd signal ending news w/update on World
Cup soccer between Brazil & Colombia 4/7. Ident 2100, guitar music and
closed. 2 hour extension to evening transmission for most of July during
Ramadan. BCM
7205 2025 TURKEY, VOT v good in English – BDW 21/8
7205 2110 TURKEY. VOT. VG in English. 5/8. IC
7205 2146 TURKEY ANKARA / VOT ids English Lady Ann welcomes listeners to
DX corner, sig / good. 24/8 RP
7210 1920 N.KOREA VOK Poor in English, fair sig but QRN, 1929 theme mx &
off air - 23/4 KB
7220 0938 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good in Korean with male speaking // 9445 the
same – CC 31/7
7260 0553 VANUATU Radio Vanuatu only using this freq for daytime & night-time
transmissions 25/8 through 2/9. Good strength 25/8 w/station promo in
Pidgin (Bislama).BCM
7275 0908 STH KOREA, KBS World Radio fair in Korean with OM/YL talking,
surging // 9570 weaker and less clear – CC 6/8
7275 1602 STH KOREA, KBS fair in Korean – BDW 25/8
7285 0513 SOUTH AFRICA Sonde Grense domestic Afrikaans Service fair steady
signal w/speaker in EE calling "for ANC to divest itself of bully boy
tactics", 28/8. Usually opens abruptly about 0459 and audible till f/out

0550. BCM
7285 2130 ALBANIA. CRI Cerrick. Good in English. 5/8. IC
7325 1812 PNG Wantok R. Lite Fair in English "Back to the Bible" & mx, occasnl
bubbler co chan - 29/4 KB
7325 1858 UAE RTI Good/fair in French, mx, s/on, ma/fa - 22/4 KB
7340 0430 SOUTH AFRICA. RFI via Meyerton. Poor in Swahili. 13/8. IC
7365 1420 PHILIPPINES , VOA fair in Chinese with OM speaking, some QRM //
9845 & 11615 the same – CC 7/8
7405 0431 USA, R Marti poor in Spanish with comment – KAB 3/8
7405 0501 USA R.Marti Fair in Spanish, mx but mostly spoken prgm // 6030
poor - 27/4 KB
7445 1759 MADAGASCAR BBC Fair/poor in English, s/on nx/comment, ID 1830
- 12/4 KB
7460 2110 MONGOLIA. RFA Ulan Baatar. Fair in Korean. 17/8. IC
7495 1433 KUWAIT, R Ashna fair in Pashto with OM talking, a little scratchy // 9790
the same – CC 7/8
7550 1900 INDIA AIR Fair in English, yl, ID, nx, ethnic mx - 26/4 KB
7585 1731 SRI LANKA R.Farda Fair in Farsi, yl/om, mx, IDs - 21/7 KB
7730 0328 USA RTI via Yfr Fair in Spanish & mx. ID 0343 - 19/7 KB
7730 0406 USA WRMI Poor/fair with prgm from SGF (Star Global Family,
Dominican Republic) with continuing sequence of weird "relaxing" mx,
telegraph/fax modulation, & SGF IDs until 0459 when WRMI ID given -
20/4 KB

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

4875.1 0334 BRAZIL. Radio Difusora Roraima – Boa Vista, 0334-0400* Jul 27, man
announcer with Portuguese language talks hosting a program of
Brazilian pop vocals. Formal ID at 0356 and closedown announcements
over light instrumental music. Broadcast ended with choral national
anthem. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4960 0403 SAO TOME. Voice of America – Pinheira, 0403-0425 Jul 27, English
service with a man and woman hosting the news followed by news
features. Poor signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
5790 2337 BRAZIL. Radio Itatiaia – Belo Horizonte, 2337-0016 Aug 6, talk by
several men in Portuguese language with a couple of IDs; re-tuned after
top of the hour and heard fast paced futebol action. Poor at first but
much improved after 0000. (D'Angelo-PA)
5990 2347 CUBA. China Radio International – Havana, 2347-0002 Jul 20, group
discussion in English talking about brain functions, forgetting things and
deterioration with old age. At 2355 Chinese language lesson with a man
and woman announcers. Into Spanish language program at midnight.
Very good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
5995 2351 MALI. Radio Television du Mali – Bamako, 2351-0001* Aug 6, music
program hosted by a woman announcer with French language talk.
Closedown at 2359 followed by orchestra national anthem. Poor.
(D'Angelo-PA)

- 6000 0025 6000 IRAN. Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran – Kamalabad, 0025-0030* Jul 21, male with recitation followed by a man announcer with talk in listed Kurdish language. Apparent Ramadan special program with talks, vocals and recitations but carrier was terminated mid-song at 0030. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6080 0320 BOTSWANA. Voice of America – Moepeng Hill, 0320-0347 Jul 18, English language discussion with several people followed by Daybreak Africa mention by a man announcer. Several promo announcements and IDs plus website mention at 0328. VOA International Edition commenced at 0330. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6134.8 0038 BOLIVIA. Radio Santa Cruz – Santa Crus, 0038-0106 Jul 25, two men with talk in Spanish followed by a woman with an announcements. Latin vocals followed. A man appeared to be hosting a music program. ID and contact information at 0050 by a woman announcer. Series of announcements followed by more IDs and vocal selections. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6135 0310 VATICAN. Afia Darfur – Santa Maria di Galeria, 0310-0330* Aug 23, man in studio interviewing another man over the phone in Arabic. Several IDs at 0321 followed by a discussion by another man and a woman announcer. Carrier cut at 0330 seemingly without any closedown announcements. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6160 2308 CANADA. CKZN – St. Johns, 2308-2325 Aug 21, man with news in English followed by “CBC News” ID and weather forecast for region. “CBC Radio 1” ID followed by news features hosted by a woman talking about ISIS recruitment. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6175 2307 ALBANIA. China Radio International – Cerrik, 2307-2332 Aug 6, man and woman talking in Spanish language, frequent IDs, announcements, etc. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6175 2307 ALBANIA. China Radio International – Cerrik, 2307-2332 Aug 6, man and woman talking in Spanish language, frequent IDs, announcements, etc. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6770 0204 PIRATE (No. Am.). Old Time Radio Pirate, 0204-0224 Aug 7, Abbott and Costello routine and other vintage radio broadcast material. Fair to good at tune in but slowly deteriorating. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6930U 0046 PIRATE (No. Am.). Hard Tack Radio, 0046-0100* Jul 21, instrumental version of Yellow Rose of Texas followed by Johnny Comes marching Home. Male announcer with ID mentioning “the sounds of the Civil War through music. Off with ID and slow scan sounds. Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6950U 0152 PIRATE (No. Am.) Wild 100, 0152-0215 Aug 7, rock music program with several IDs such as “This is generation Wild, 100” by a male announcer. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6950.4 0041 PIRATE (No. Am.). MAC Shortwave, 0041-0048 Jul 21, big band music with Artie Shaw followed by announcement for Jimmy Stewart Shoe and then weather report (stick your head out the window ...). Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 7255 2256 NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria – Ikorodu (presumed), 2256-2300* Aug 6, caught final instrumental music until carrier terminated ending broadcast. Scheduled in Hausa language but did not hear any talk. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7255 2256 NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria – Ikorodu (presumed), 2256-2300* Aug 6, caught final instrumental music until carrier terminated ending broadcast. Scheduled in Hausa language but did not hear any talk. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7340 0437 SOUTH AFRICA. Radio France International – Meyerton, 0437-0457* Jul 26, man and woman talking in Swahili language with periodic local music vocal selections. ID at 0456 followed by a woman with closedown announcements and brief African vocals until the transmission carrier was terminated. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7350 0033 CHINA. China Radio International – Kashi, 0033-0057* Aug 7, English service program with male host interviewing London businessman who has been living in China for 10 years. Into Chinese language lesson hosted by a man and woman announcers at 0055 which was cut off early when transmission was terminated mid-lesson. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7355 0105 AUSTRIA. BBC – Moosbrunn, 0105-0159* Jul 16, two men talking in listed Pashtu language joined by a woman announcer. Apparent drama of some sort. At 0115 a discussion program began. Local vocals at 0125 followed by a woman with ID and announcements at 0329. Language change at 0330 into listed Dari. News items in English but soon translated in Dari. Off mid-sentence at 0159. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7395 0346 MADAGASCAR. Radio Japan - Talata Volonondry, 0346-0400* Aug 23, Japanese language program with a woman announcer ID and closedown announcements at 0358 over light instrumental music. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7700 2200 EUROPIRATES (Netherlands). 7700 & 9300, probably the Free Radio Service-Holland b/c that was supposed to be on at 1800-2400 Aug 31, but no ID heard. I listened (on and off) from around 2200, mostly on 7700, which became slightly better than 9300 (which was better at first). Both fqys were in //. Reception was very poor throughout, low level, lots of static. I couldn't make out anything that was said or identify any musical selections, except that at 2348 they played that catchy 5-note melody from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" three times. 7700 went off at 2354; I checked 9300 and they had gone off also. (Berg-MA)



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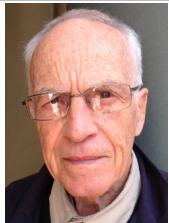


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kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details

9390	1414	THAILAND R.Thailand	Fair in EE, om spkg. ID 1415. Distorted & surging - 7/8 CC
9390	1948	THAILAND R.Thailand	f in English - 22/8 JW
9460	1541	TURKEY VOT	poor in Turkish - 23/8 BDW
9515	0545	ALBANIA CRI	gd in AA - 18/8 PP
9530	1529	TURKEY VOT	very good in Azerbaijani - 21/8 BDW
9540	1715	ROMANIA RRI	Fair in English, yl & om with news, several refs to Romania. Rather scratchy - 1/8 CC
9540	2120	IRAN VOIRI	VG in Japanese - 4/8 IC
9555	2130	SAUDI ARABIA	Radio Riyadh Good in Arabic - 5/8 IC
9580	1600	AUSTRALIA ABC	All Night Programme, classical music for the whole hour (possibly all night) f-g in English. 1657 - 15/8 JW
9580	1625	IRAN VOIRI	Good in Bengali, om chanting. Surging // 11825 weaker & noisier 12/8 CC
9610	1150	ALASKA KNLS	poor in Mandarin - 21/8 JW
9620	0445	SPAIN REE	v/gd in SS, // 9535 - 28/8 PP
9630	0105	BRAZIL Radio Aparecida	good steady signal w/PP ident, jingle & prayers // 11855 fair strength - 26/8 BCM
9645	0536	BRAZIL R Bandeirantes	with mix of music and annrcs, p - f in Portugese; disappeared sometime after 0709 - 23/8 JW
9730	2033	VIETNAM V of Vietnam	p - f in English - 22/8 JW
9730	2115	VIETNAM VOV	Poor in French - 4/8 IC
9740	1125	SINGAPORE or THAILAND	or both BBC f in English - 22/8 JW
9750	0855	JAPAN R.Japan	Fair/Good in Japanese, om & yl speaking. A little scratchy // 13650 weaker - 6/8 CC
9765	1530	TURKEY VOT	excellent in Persian - 23/8 BDW
9805	1558	S.KOREA KBS	good in Indonesian - 23/8 BDW
9818.5	0304	BRAZIL R. Aparecida	p - f in Portugese, frequency approximate, abundance of IDs (also hrd 0556 and 0708) - 23/8 JW [previous occupant R.Nove de Julho, SP -Ed]
9850	0650	VATICAN Vatican R.	Fair/good in Ukrainian, choir singing & chanting. Surging & scratchy // 11740 weaker & noisier - 17/8 CC
9870	0106	TURKEY VOT	fair in Spanish - 23/8 BDW
9940	1630	N.MARIANAS RFA Tinian	Fair in Burmese - 21/8 IC
11520	0345	USA EWTN	g in English - 16/8 JW
11560	0507	MOLDOVA R.Miraya	with ad for upcoming "Inside South Sudan Today" prg, p - f in English (R Miraya is operated by the UN Mission in South Sudan, UNMISS) - 23/8 JW
11605	0500	SOUTH AFRICA RFI via Meyerton	Good in French - 16/8 IC
11730	2045	USA WRMI	Overcomer broadcast. ID 2100utc - 14/8 IC

11765 1605 TURKEY VOT good in D/P/Uzbek - 21/8 BDW
 11780 0410 IRAN VOIRI Good in EE, yl & om talking about Gaza Strip // 13650
 wkr - 29/7 CC
 11785 0904 THAILAND VOA Good in CC, yl speaking // 13740 weaker & less
 clear - 6/8 CC
 11790 2100 GUAM KSDA AWR fair in Korean - 29/3 BDW
 11815 0619 BRAZIL Radio Brasil Central reactivated after a period. Hrd strongly
 w/fast paced PP format, time check w/rooster crowing //4985
 vgd - 31/8 BCM
 11815 1410 JAPAN R.Japan Fair/Good in JJ, om spkg. A little scratchy // 9750
 same - 7/8 CC
 11825 0340 ROMANIA RRI VG in English - 25/8 IC
 11980 0333 TURKEY VOT excellent in Turkish - 21/8 BDW
 11995 0231 FRANCE RTI via ISS excellent in Spanish - 8/8 BDW
 11995 0530 VATICAN CITY VOA gd in Kurdish - 9/8 PP
 11995 1600 SRI LANKA AWR via TRM fair in English - 29/8 BDW
 12025 0200 IRAN IRIB v/gd in SS, close at 0223 - 10/8 PP
 12035 0225 KUWAIT VOA very weak in Pashto - 10/8 PP
 12095 0402 OMAN BBC Good in English, om & yl with nx, ID at 0405 - 29/7 CC
 12095 0425 OMAN BBC Fair in English - 7/8 IC
 12095 0535 SOUTH AFRICA BBC v/gd in Kinyarwanda - 9/8 PP
 13580 0600 MADAGASCAR BBC Poor in English, s/on, world nx - 3/8 KB
 13660 0259 RWANDA BBC Poor/fair in EE s/on, T/S, nx, frequent breaks in xmsn
 - 2/8 KB
 13685 0400 FRANCE RFI Poor in French - 13/8 IC
 13695 0735 FRANCE RFI Good in French - 8/8 IC
 13695 1017 INDIA AIR with enjoyable contemp Indian music, p - f in English -
 16/8 JW
 13740 0309 CUBA RHC Fair/gd in SS, enjoyable mx // 11840 weaker - 14/8 KB
 13765 0430 MADAGASCAR Vatican R. Good in French, yl s/on, om nx- 14/8 KB
 13845 2210 USA WWCAR Fair in English - 19/8 IC
 15105 1950 ASCENSION BBC Fair in Hausa, om/om past 2000 (Friday) - 1/8 KB
 15230 0249 CUBA RHC Poor/fair in SS, yl at length // 11840 better - 14/8 KB
 15255 1400 FRANCE RFE/RL via ISS Good in Turkmen after repeated English
 IDs - 11/8 IC
 15280 0057 PHILIPPINES R.Veritas Asia Poor/fair in Urdu after EE ID - 18/8 KB
 15280 0110 PHILIPPINES Rad.Veritas Asia gd in Urdu, 17/8 PP
 15340 0507 ROMANIA RRI Gd in French, yl & om speaking // 17780 wkr - 4/8 CC
 15355 2301 PHILIPPINES R.Veritas Asia Fair/good in listed Filipino, mx/relg ID
 2325 - 16/8 KB
 15425 0305 CHINA CRI gd in RR - 20/8 PP
 15476 1930 ANTARCTICA LRA36 Esperanza Base opening at fair-good level,
 surging fading pattern. 2 female annrcs in SS alternating, frequent
 idents, music variety till s/off 2138 Best reception in a while - 25/8 BCM
 15490 0359 MADAGASCAR BBC Gd in Somali, s/on, T/S, om at length - 2/8 KB
 15490 0400 MADAGASCAR BBC via Talata VG in Somali - 31/7 IC
 15490 0730 AUSTRALIA Reach Beyond Australia Good in English - 20/8 IC
 15510 0135 THAILAND BBC gd in Urdu - 17/8 PP
 15510 0240 THAILAND BBC Fair in listed Hindi, om/yl comment re Israel/Palestine
 - 3/8 KB
 15550 0510 UAE Radio Dabanga via DHA Good in Arabic - 25/8 IC
 15560 1610 N.MARIANAS R.Free Asia Fair in Chinese, female vocalist.
 Scratchy // 11865 weaker & noisier - 12/8 CC
 15600 2330 PHILIPPINES FEBC Fair on peaks but mostly poor in Burmese, echo,

surging, co-chan ute, I/S, om/yl & songs, yl at 0000 likely language
 change - 30/8 KVB
 15620 0145 SINGAPORE BBC gd in Kranje - 17/8 PP
 15630 0158 GREECE ERA Good in mx, 0205 brief om, mx // 9420 weak, 9935
 fair - 3/8 KB
 15670 1530 GERMANY AWR via Nauen Fair in Tibetan after English IDs - 31/7 IC
 15690 0223 GERMANY R.FARDA Good in Persian, mx, ma, ID 0226, talk & mx -
 3/8 KB
 17495 0358 N.MARIANAS RFA Good in CC , om spkg // 17615 weaker, off 0400 -
 29/7 CC
 17560 0043 PHILIPPINES VOA Good in CC, om & yl spkg // 15565 weaker,
 noisier - 14/8 CC
 21505 0420 N.MARIANAS Rad.Free Asia gd in CC - 20/8 PP
 21560 0425 N.MARIANAS Vat.Radio v/gd in CC - 24/8 PP
 21660 0340 PHILIPPINES VOA gd in Tibetan - 24/8 PP
 21670 0945 S.ARABIA BSKSA gd in Indonesian - 3/8 PP

Overseas Contributions

9295 2206 SWEDEN. Radio Nord Revival - Ringvalla, Sala, 2206-2240 Aug 23 and
 0011-0054 Aug 24, male announcer with Swedish talk playing old time
 musical selections, most in Swedish. On the early broadcast there was
 an interview and in the latter broadcast I heard several English lyric
 tunes (Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong and Dean Martin) as well as a
 nice English ID and frequency announcements. Poor to fair for the early
 transmission and fair to good for the later listening period. Noted again
 around 0400 with Neil Sedaka song with gd sig - 23/8 & 24/8/8 RDA
 9555 2255 SAUDI ARABIA. Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,
 2255-2300*, man announcer with Arabic talk over instrumental music
 followed by a man and woman talking. Vocals soon thereafter. News
 with music bridges between items prior to carrier terminated at 2300.
 Fair to good and //9870 which was poor to fair. - 21/8 RDA
 9615 2244 TAIWAN. Radio Taiwan International - Kouhu (presumed), 2244-2300*,
 Program mainly of long Chinese talks with some musical breaks.
 Instrumental music at close followed by time pips. Appeared to sign off
 although it may have just disappeared in the noise. Poor - 25/8 RDA
 9690 2036 NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria - Ikorodu, 2036-2156*, several men
 participating in an excited discussion in listed Hausa. ID at 2155
 followed by African vocal selection before carrier terminated.
 Fair - 30/8 RDA
 9965 0347 EGYPT. Radio Cairo, 0347-0420, Egyptian vocals followed by a woman
 announcer with Arabic talk. 3+1 time pips at 0400, ID by a woman and
 news. Arabic vocals from 0404. More time pips at 0415. Good signal
 but poorly modulated signal - 21/8 RDA
 11660 2218 CHINA. China Radio International - Kashi, 2218-2227*, man and
 woman with French language talk until 2225 another man with ID and
 closedown announcements followed by Chinese instrumental music until
 carrier was terminated. Fair - 17/8 RDA
 11735 2044 ZANZIBAR. Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation (presumed),
 2044-2059*, a program of continuous African vocals until carrier
 terminated at 2059. Fair signal - 30/8 RDA
 11750 0349 VATICAN. VoA - Santa Maria di Galeria, 0349-0359*, man with talk in
 listed Somali followed by female Horn of Africa vocals. C/down axmnts

- over music followed by a man in English "This program has come to you from the Voice of America, Washington". Fair - 9/8 RDA
- 11765 2014 FRANCE. Radio Algerienne via Issoudun, 2014-2059*, recitations followed by man with Arabic talk followed by female vocals. At 2054 a man with ID and times/frequencies in Arabic followed by same in French over instrumental music. Fair - 10/8 RDA
- 11815 0015 BRAZIL. Radio Brasil Central – Goiânia, 0015-0041, man announcer with Portuguese talks, ID hosting pop music program with Ritchie Valens "La Bamba" played. Many IDs and TCs alternating with music selections. Fair - 31/8 RDA
- 11855 0003 BRAZIL. Radio Aparecida, 0003-0036, woman announcer hosting music program until a man began a long religious talk shortly after formal canned ID. Fair to good - 31/8 RDA
- 11995 2056 FRANCE. Radio France International – Issoudun, 2056-2100*, man announcer talking in French language until a man and woman gave ID and c/down axmnts with carrier terminated at 2100. Fair - 17/8 RDA
- 15140 2139 OMAN. Radio Sultanate of Oman, 2139-2159* , program of Arabic vocals hosted by a female announcer with Arabic talks. Program ended around 2145 followed by a man with a long talk with brief instrumental music segments. The program closed with a final female vocal selection until carrier terminated. Fair to good - 13/8 RDA
- 15190 2202 USA. Radio Africa via WRMI-Okeechobee, 2202-2209, vocals followed by Radio Africa Network through WRMI ID at 2203 into Back to the Bible program at 2205. Good signal - 17/8 RDA
- 15720 0213 NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealand International, 0213-0224, discussion program in English with several males and a female announcer. Poor to fair - 7/8 RDA
- 17560 0008 PHILIPPINES. Voice of America – Tinang, 0008-0100*, Mandarin program with news followed by news feature hosted by a man and woman announcers. Off with several announcements and 5+1 time pips at 0100 before carrier was terminated. Fair - 14/8 RDA

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PP	Phil Van de Paverd	Coopers Beach, Northland	R-71E AOR 7030+ 12m EWE, 100m Longwire, 45m Sloper
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Chief Editor's Note:

Special birthday greetings to section editor Kelvin Brayshaw. We hope you had a fantastic day on the 9th September!

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

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NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0259	13660f	BBC	UK	2/8	KB
0340	11825g	RRI	ROMANIA	25/8	IC
0345	11520g	EWTN	USA	16/8	JW
0402-0405	12095g	BBC	UK	29/7	CC
0410	11780g:13650f	VOIRI	IRAN	29/7	CC
0425	12095f	BBC	UK	7/8	IC
0507	11560f	R Miraya	STH SUDAN	23/8	JW
0512-0526	5975f	R Japan	JAPAN	20/5	KB
0542	6005f	BBC	UK	3/8	KB
0545-0559	6005p	BBC	UK	7/5	KB
0600	13580p	BBC	UK	3/8	KB
0645	6060f	R Havana	CUBA	23/8	JW
0645	6090f	Uni Netwk	ANGUILLA	14/8	KB
0653	6100f	R Havana	CUBA	23/8	JW
0655	6165p	R Havana	CUBA	23/8	JW
0730	15490g	Reach Beyond Australia	AUSTRALIA	20/8	IC
0746	5935f	WNQM	USA	4/8	KAB
0810	4755.5g	PMA Radio	MICRONESIA	3/8	PP
0820-0829	5025g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	3/8	PP
0835	5830g	WTWW	USA	3/8	PP
0850	2365e:15240	R Aust Int	AUSTRALIA	20/8	PP
0915	4840f:5935g	WWCR	USA	6/8	CC
1017	13695f	AIR	INDIA	16/8	JW
1105	4835g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	24/8	JW
1125	9740f	BBC	UK	22/8	JW
1414-1415	9390f	R Thailand	THAILAND	7/8	CC
1501-1533	4319f	AFRTS	USA	8/6	KB
1600	11995f	AWR	SRI LANKA	29/8	BDW
1600-1657	9580g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	15/8	JW
1618	6060e	CRI	CHINA	8/8	BDW
1619	4905f:4920	Xizang PBS	CHINA	8/6	KB

1715	9540f	RRI	ROMANIA	1/8	CC
1759-1830	7445f	BBC	UK	12/4	KB
1800	4930p	VOA	USA	8/6	KB
1812	7325f	Wantok R Lite	PNG	29/4	KB
1816	4835g	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	8/6	KB
1830	6195p	BBC	UK	14/5	KB
1849-1856	3210f	Vintage FM	AUSTRALIA	29/4	KB
1900	7550f	AIR	INDIA	26/4	KB
1920-1929	7210p	VOK	NTH KOREA	23/4	KB
1948	9390f	RThailand	THAILAND	22/8	JW
2025	7205g	VOT	TURKEY	21/8	BDW
2033	9730f	V of Vietnam	VIETNAM	22/8	JW
2110	7205g	VOT	TURKEY	5/8	IC
2130	7285g	CRI	CHINA	5/8	IC
2146	7205g	VOT	TURKEY	24/8	RP
2210	13845f	WWCR	USA	19/8	IC

Radio Free Asia Releases 18th Anniversary QSL September 2014

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces the release of our 18th Anniversary QSL card. This is RFA's 55th QSL design and will be used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports from September 1- December 31, 2014.



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SHORTWAVE REPORT

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MYANMAR/NORWAY (NON) Democratic Voice of Burma to end radio broadcasting. At the end of October, the Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) will stop producing its ethnic language radio program after 21 years of broadcasting, a decision revealed yesterday during a meeting of staff members from DVB's Ethnic Groups' Program.

"Because there are more and more magazines and journals [being distributed] in the country, the audience [listening through] short-wave radio has become smaller. We broadcast the news at six in the morning and nine in the evening, but at those times the audience has demonstrated a preference for newspapers and journals instead of waiting for us," said DVB editor U Khin Maung Soe.

According to a US-based group which collects data on short-wave radio audiences in Burma, the DVB's short-wave radio programs only attract 2% of the Burmese exile radio station audience, the smallest percentage among the four exile stations.

Due to such small audience numbers, DVB donors have suggested that the organization stop broadcasting radio programs and produce TV media programs instead. However, changing from radio to TV broadcasting may pose challenges and difficulties for those in charge of the DVB's Ethnic Groups' Program.

"Although at the previous meeting it was mentioned that TV training would be conducted, and assistance for any necessary technical training would be provided, nothing has been implemented yet. And now, in the past 1-2 months the situation has changed and we haven't had time to prepare," said the director of the Karenni ethnic program. During yesterday's Ethnic Groups' Program online meeting, broadcast directors from the DVB's Ethnic Groups' Program discussed common difficulties posed by TV production. For example, given the fact that the directors live on the Thai-Burmese border they find it difficult to obtain video footage and voice recordings. They also mentioned the lack of video-editing devices and materials as well as technical IT knowledge. The DVB's current ethnic language radio program is broadcast in Kachin, Karenni, Karen, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan languages.

The Democratic Voice of Burma is a non-profit media organization based in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Run by Burmese expatriates, it makes radio and television broadcasts aimed at providing uncensored news and information about Burma (also known as Myanmar), the country's military regime, and its political opposition.

In July 1992, DVB began broadcasting programming into Burma via shortwave radio. According to DVB, these broadcasts reach millions of listeners. On May 28, 2005, DVB expanded its programming and began satellite television[!] broadcasts into the country.

The organization stated that it hoped to reach some ten million Burmese through this new effort (which it claims is the first free and independent Burmese language television channel), which was funded in part by non-governmental organizations such as Free Voice of the Netherlands, the National Endowment for Democracy, and the Freedom of Expression Foundation.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Voice_of_Burma>

Burma_News_Intern. via Mike Terry-UK, BrDXC-UK ng / dxld Aug 28

GERMANY/FRANCE (non) Brother Stair, The Overcomer Ministries via MBR:

1400-1600 on 13810 NAU 100 kW / 130 deg to N&ME English Mon-Fri

1400-1600 on 13810 ISS 100 kW / 120 deg to N&ME English Sat/Sun

QATAR. (NON) Full SW schedule of the Al Jazeera Arabic TV news channel effective Aug.14th.

1100-1555. 15760

1600-1755. 7305

1800-1955. 7310

2000-2155. 7305

2200-0400. 7300.

All directed to Middle East and site probably Kostinbrod.

SRI LANKA: SLBC noted signing off at 0330utc on 11905khz after Christian programme in English.

So new schedule for 11905khz is:

Mon-Sat. 0115-1230

Sunday. 0115-0330.

ALGERIA(non) Summer A-14 shortwave schedule of Radio TV Algerienne via Issouden

0400-0459 on 7295 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF Arabic Nat. Chaîne 1

0500-0559 on 7295 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Nat. Chaîne 1

0500-0505 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF French news bulletin

0505-0559 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF Arabic Holy Quran px

0600-0605 on 11985 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf French news bulletin

0605-0659 on 11985 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px

1800-1900 on 13820 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF Arabic Nat. Chaîne 1

1900-2000 on 11765 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Nat. Chaîne 1

1900-1905 on 13820 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF French news bulletin

1905-1959 on 13820 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF Arabic Holy Quran px

2000-2100 on 9375 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF Arabic Nat. Chaîne 1

2000-2005 on 11765 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf French news bulletin

2005-2059 on 11765 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px

2100-2200 on 7495 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Nat. Chaîne 1

2100-2105 on 9375 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF French news bulletin

2105-2159 on 9375 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAF Arabic Holy Quran px

2200-2205 on 7495 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf French news bulletin

2205-2259 on 7495 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px

The times in announcement are given in UTC+1 hour. Video from Aug.23

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/summer-14-shortwave-schedule-of-radio.html>

A14 Schedule of IBRA - valid until 26 October

Freq	Start	Stop	Broadcaster	Lang	Transmitter (kW)	Power	Days of Operation (Sun =1)
9390	0000	0030	IBRA Radio	Ben	Tashken	100	1234567
6125	0230	0315	IBRA Radio	Prs	Dhabayya	250	1234567
15260	0800	0830	IBRA Radio	Ara	Moosbrunn	100	1234567
9390	1500	1530	IBRA Radio	Ben	Tashkent	100	1234567
9590	1500	1600	IBRA Radio	Prs	Erevan	300	1234567
11655	1600	1627	IBRA Radio	Aar	Kigali	250	1234567
12125	1600	1700	IBRA Radio	Amh	Erevan	300	1234567
9820	1630	1700	IBRA Radio	Tir	Dhabayya	250	1234567
6180	1700	1730	IBRA Radio	Som	Dhabayya	250	1234567
9630	1700	1729	IBRA Radio	Orm	Kigali	250	1234567
11610	1700	1730	IBRA Radio	Tir	Meyerton	100	1234567
12045	1700	1730	IBRA Radio	Ara	Woofferton	250	1234567
11785	1715	1730	IBRA Radio	Swa	Dhabayya	250	1234567
9630	1729	1757	IBRA Radio	Tir	Kigali	250	1234567
7510	1730	1800	IBRA Radio	Xst	Erevan	300	1234567
11610	1730	1800	IBRA Radio	Som	Meyerton	100	1234567
11785	1730	1800	IBRA Radio	Swa	Dhabayya	250	1234567
15510	1730	1900	IBRA Radio	Ara	Woofferton	250	1234567
9550	1800	1927	IBRA Radio	Ara	Kigali	250	1234567
7425	1900	1930	IBRA Radio	Ara	Woofferton	300	1234567
11875	1900	2000	IBRA Radio	Und	Woofferton	250	1234567
9490	1930	2000	IBRA Radio	Ara	Woofferton	300	1234567
12070	1930	1945	IBRA Radio	Mul	Woofferton	300	1234567

VIETNAM. Voice Of Vietnam. English Language broadcasts

0100-0130	NA	12005uk
0230-0300	NA	12005uk
0330-0400	LA	6175wh
1000-1030	As	9840, 12020
1100-1130	As	7285
1130-1200	As	9840, 12020
1230-1300	As	9840, 12020
1330-1400	As	9840, 12020
1500-1530	As, Af	7285, 9840, 12020
1600-1630	Eu, Af, As	7220, 7280, 9550, 9730
1700-1730	Eu	9625au
1900-1930	Eu, As	7280, 9730
2030-2100	ME	7220
2030-2100	Eu	7280, 9730
2030-2100	Af	9550
2330-2400	As	9840, 12020

(Primetime SW)

YEMEN. Radio Saana now in English on 6135. 1800-1900utc.

BANGLADESH, Bangladesh Betar/External Service schedule revision.

Arabic

1600-1630 7250me

Bengali

1630-1700 7250me

1700-1730 7250me

1915-2000 13580eu

Hindi

1515-1545 15505as

Nepali

1315-1345 9455as

Urdu

1400-1430 15505as

English

1230-1300 15105as


1745-1800 13580eu

1800-1900 13580eu

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ASCENSION ISLAND: BBCWS English

2100-2200 9915, 11810, and 12095 kHz, Mon-Fri only.



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BROADCAST NEWS

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BROADCAST NEWS & TRAIL

ARGENTINA Radio Imagen, Buenos Aires was heard on 1710.109 kiloHertz on 20 August by Paul Crankshaw in the UK. Paul also noted identifications for “AM 630 Radio Rivadavia” on 1629.83 which should make it Radio America/Melody. Perhaps it’s a relay by Radio America, he suggests. (via MW Offsets Yahoo Group)

AUSTRALIA Currently the frequency of 1674, transmitting from Werribee Victoria, consists of two separate stations sharing the frequency. The stations are “Lion FM”, which is a Jewish station and “Surf FM”, relaying 87.6MHz in Frankston. (Robert Copeman via ICDX-AM Yahoo Group)

CANADA CKOC Hamilton ON 1150 requests reduction in night power from 50kw to 20kw. Day power to remain 50kw. (via IRCA)

CHILE Radio Nuevo Mundo was heard on 929.8 kiloHertz in Finland on 22 August by DXer Markku Jussila. Id. confirmed by Henrik Klemetz. (via MW Offsets Yahoo Group)

GREENLAND KNR is to return to three Medium Wave frequencies following a lot of criticism about the lack of reception of KNR on the sea and outside towns and villages in Greenland. 3 MW frequencies are expected to return:

Qeqertarsuaq - anytime between October 1 and December 1 2014

Nuuk - anytime between January and March 2015

Simiutaq, Qaqortoq - approx. June 1 2015

No frequencies nor powers were quoted, but previously they were Qeqertarsuaq 650 kHz (5 kW), Nuuk - 570 kHz (5 kW) and Simiutaq, Qaqortoq - 720 kHz (10 kW). 650 kHz is the most commonly reported KNR frequency reported in Europe. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, MW DX List via Bruce Conti via Paul Rawdon in DX Dialog newsgroup)

HAWAII

620 KHNU Hilo has returned with Talk format and slogan: “Honu 62”

880 KHCM Honolulu adds the China Radio International network (all via IRCA)

USA (items from IRCA’s ‘DX Monitor’ magazine)

840 KMPH Modesto CA is now Immaculate Heart Radio, Catholic Teaching format.

1100 KAFY Bakersfield CA was Spanish Christiann, now “La Favorita” regional Mexican

1130 WOIZ Guaynilla PR now using slogan “Radio Antillas 1130 AM”.

1230 KWG Stockton CA is now carrying “Immaculate Heart Radio” Catholic format.

1240 KNSN San Diego CA has dropped its Christian Teaching format.

1300 KPML Bemidji MN has dropped its News format for Fox Sports Radio with slogan

“1300 The Sports Fox”

1360 KLSD San Diego CA now identifies as “Xtra 1360 Fox Sports San Diego”.

1370 KRAC Red Bluff CA reactivated with Talk format.

1390 KLOC Turlock CA was Spanish Christian, now “La Favorita” regional Mexican.

1440 KFNY Riverside, CA format was Comedy, now News/Talk.

1680 WTTM Lindenwold NJ adds slogan: “La Unika”.

USA Radio Disney says it is selling most of its stations and focusing more on digital distribution - and away from broadcast. The company plans to sell 23 out of its 24 stations, effective 26 September. The one station it's keeping, KDIS(1110 AM), Los Angeles, will originate Radio Disney's national programming. Radio Disney GM Phil Guerini told colleagues today that changing consumer media consumption habits “compel us to evaluate and evolve our business.” Radio Disney will increase its involvement in digital distribution and music-centric programming; both “optimize the company for long-term growth and better reflect the habits of the customers we serve,” according to Guerini. Disney Stations to be sold that have been heard in NZ are WQEW 1560 New York NY, KMKY 1310 San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose CA, KMIK 1580 Phoenix AZ, KDDZ 1890 Arvada-Denver CO, KIID 1470 Sacramento CA, KDZR 1640 Portland OR. (Info via RadioWorld magazine via Kim Andrew Elliot via DX Listening Digest Yahoo Group)

USA 1680 KRJO Monroe LA noted on 20 August at 0522 UTC with “Classic Country 16-80” ident. On 1700 at 0516 UTC promo in English mentioning KEDA and Texas; that's the 1540 Tejano station in San Antonio, and then on to IDs in English for The Metroplex Tejano here, “Kick 1700”, KKLK. Are these stations related? Yes! Both licensed to Claro Communications, per FCC AM Query. Maybe they even simulcast except for local ads & announcements (Glenn Hauser via DX LISTENING DIGEST Yahoo Group)

DISAPPEARING MEDIUM WAVE The last active mediumwave outlet in Switzerland was Cima di Dentro 558 kHz, used by Voice of Russia until December 31, 2012. To be added is Finland, with 963 kHz being closed on April 15, 2013, when likewise China Radio International did not prolong its transmission contract. And it should be noted that Iceland and Denmark in fact just moved their AM services (in the European meaning of the term) from mediumwave to longwave for better coverage. It should also be noted that a 100 kW longwave transmitter is still operational in Norway, although in this case only because the transmission contract is still compulsory. All that is left in Latvia and Poland are semi-professional, low-powered transmitters. (But still a high power longwave transmitter is on air in Poland, though.) And those who are stunned now should check back in five years. It is to be expected that by then a number of further European countries will show up on this list (Kai Ludwig via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

IN THE MAIL STUART FORSYTH in Malaysia has been monitoring 684 and hearing All India Radio's Andaman Islands station at Port Blair. (Good to catch up on Skype Stu and glad the DX bug is still alive and well! BC)



BRYAN'S BROADCAST TRAIL

Recent receptions at Mangawhai Northland by Bryan Clark with AOR7030+ and EWE antennas aimed at the Americas.

- 600 USA KOGO San Diego CA tentatively the talk & advts at 1038 1/9. Quite a few years since I last logged a station on this frequency.
- 820 USA WBAP Fort Worth TX w/talkshow 0629 30/8 about "IRS scandal", then "1.30 on WBAP" followed by local news & weather "high of 98". Fair w/819 slop.
- 850 ALASKA KICY Nome w/soft RR vocals mixing KOA Denver 0909 28/7 – unusual reception at this time of year.
- 910 USA KVSM San Francisco CA w/promo for talk910.com then NBC Newsradio news, mixed Latin easy listening station & American religious format 0659 25/8. On 26/8 at 0559 ident as "Talk 9-10, San Francisco's Talk Station".
- 1040 USA WHO Des Moines IA on news, ident for "Newsradio 10-40 WHO", then weather report, 0604 25/8.
- 1060 CANADA CKMX Calgary AB w/comedy 0621 1/9 over IBOC hash. Still there at 1035 recheck.
- 1070 USA KNX Los Angeles w/"KNX News Time 11.20" then sports scores 0620 1/9, very good signal, as it is most days.
- 1170 USA KFAQ Tulsa OK mixed unid SS 0803 28/8. Ident 0806 as "Talk Radio 11-70 KFAQ", then goes to Coast to Coast AM networked talk. No trace 2CH today.
- 1160a UNIDENTIFIED LATIN on about 1159.9 putting het whine on KSL 0612 25/7.
- 1260 USA KMZT Beverley Hills CA w/classical concert thru Radio Trackside 0624 10/7.
- 1270 HAWAII KNDI Honolulu in Samoan w/talkback, all alone 0806 31/8.
- 1410 MEXICO XECF Los Mochis vgd over ESPN Vancouver w/music format 0815 28/8. Ident 0833 as "93.3 FM, La Mexicana".
- 1470 PERU Radio Capital, Lima continues to own this freq, good at 0518 29/8, then vgd at 0747 when ident hrd, talk format in SS.
- 1500 MEXICO XEDF Mexico DF w/ "Radio Formula" ident, orchestral theme 0537 24/7 over US sports.
- 1520 USA KXXA Snohomish WA w/country music 0802 thru KOKC news, ident as "New Country... KXA" at 0804 31/8 .
- 1540.5 PERU Turbo Mix, Cajamarca fair 0516 29/8 w/music & SS anncts putting massive het against 1540.
- 1560 MEXICO XEINFO Mexico DF presumed the non-stop Latin orchestral & band format here 0454 past 0555 on 27/7, peaking good when 1557 slop is down.
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon 0744 5/7 w/ "You're listening to the University Network", fair signal.
- 1610 CANADA CHHA Toronto ON poor 0958 26/8 w/familiar theme, SS talk.
- 1620 CUBA Radio Rebelde w/distinct echo 0606 29/7 reflecting multiple transmitter sites in use, SS musical variety dominating frequency tonight.
- 1630a ARGENTINA Radio America relay on measured 1629.84 on SS talkback 0956 26/8, tentative "Rivadavia" ident at 1000 (see news item above).
- 1660 USA KTIQ Merced CA w/religious talk in SS 0734 past 0850. Ids at 0806 & 0848.
- 1680 USA KGED Fresno CA w/advts 0759, ident "AM 16-80 KGED" then network news, fair 31/8.



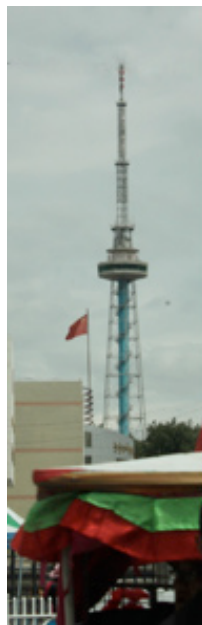
DXING FROM THE ROOF OF THE WORLD

Having a son based in Asia means most of our overseas holidays are extensions to stays with Matthew in Singapore. During August we made a challenging trip up to Tibet - challenging because the high altitude (Lhasa is 3,490 metres, 11,450 feet above sea level). Time was spent beforehand in Lijiang in the Yunnan province of China (2400 metres, 7900 feet) to help our acclimatisation so I was able to DX from 3 locations this trip. In all cases shortwave DX was largely impractical due to local noise levels but surprisingly I found MW relatively clear of this QRN when the receiver's inbuilt ferrite rod antenna was optimised for north-south receptions.

A total of 10 airline sectors and 7 airlines were involved in our itinerary and I no longer try the FM DX while flying as increasingly airlines are specifically prohibiting the use of FM radio receivers during commercial flights.



The Tibetan TV Tower overlooking Lhasa. Prior to the 1959 invasion, a hospital monastery had occupied this strategic site, but that was destroyed by artillery fire during the invasion.



The Chinese TV Tower in Lhasa.

Below is my listening trail – of particular interest was the reception of Nepal on 2 frequencies from Lhasa, and AIR Port Blair now having a clear channel for reception in Singapore. Also hearing Filipino commercial stations on one night. Thanks again to Alan Davies' indispensable asiawaves.net website for help with identifying stations – Asian languages apart from Indonesian, Chinese and Japanese are not that familiar to me.

Bryan Clark

BCL = listening in Lijiang, China 8-11 August

BCT = listening in Lhasa (Tibet) 12-15 August

BCS = listening in Singapore 16-24 August

with Sony ICF7600G and inbuilt ferrite rod (MW) and whip (FM) antennas.

- 567 INDIA AIR Dibrugarh in complete control of the frequency 1400 on 12/8 BCT
567 LAOS?? English heard at weak level 1420 21/8, possibly Laos which is sked in EE from 1400. BCS
- 594 PHILIPPINES DZBB at 1324 21/8 w/talkback, advts in Tagalog & EE, traffic report 1347, fair-good. BCS
- 610 VIETNAM Voice of the People of Ho Chi Minh City fair w/talk 1325 18/8. BCS
630 INDIA AIR Thrissur the dominant signal here at 1405 12/8. BCT
630 PHILIPPINES DZMM Manila w/talkback 1355 21/8 across the hour. Jingle ident 1402. BCS
- 639 MYANMAR Thazin Radio w/music requests fair in EE 1410 over India 12/8 BCT
684 NEPAL Radio Nepal good w/EE news 1422 12/8, advts in Nepali & EE for Mobile Datacom. BCT
- 684 ANDAMAN ISLANDS AIR Port Blair fair on peaks 1310 18/8. Confirmed // to weaker 4760 SW. On previous visits to Singapore, this freq has been blocked by the high power Hainan China station relaying CRI and RFI but that is currently missing. Port Blair better reception from 1245 past 1400 on 19/8. BCS
- 693 BANGLADESH Dacca w/exc signal all alone on frequency 1315 9/8. BCL
693 BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar exc w/radio drama 1419 12/8. 1000kw tx. BCT
693 BANGLADESH Dacca at 1405 19/8 w/news, fair to good over second station, fluttery propagation. BCS
- 711 VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam strong in VV 1430 19/8 w/ident. BCS
747 INDONESIA RRI Bengkulu poor-fair w/news prgm 1318 20/8 over South Asian, possibly Thai. BCS
- 792 NEPAL Radio Nepal w/time pips at 1415 then "This is Radio Nepal" then EE news, good // 684 fair 14/8. BCT
- 819 THAILAND tentatively the sole occupant of frequency at 1322 20/8. BCS
846 TIBET Xizang PBS, local reception strong 1425 12/8. BCT
855 UNIDENTIFIED on news 1403 18/8; not Indonesian, suspect Thai but only 5kw listed here. BCS
- 864 INDIA AIR Shillong in local lang but some EE eg 'Chief Minister" 1323 9/8. BCL
882 INDIA? AIR Imphal tentatively the station dominating freq, all alone, bearing south from Lhasa 1255 13/8. Mentions of Bangladesh. BCT
- 891 UNID in Asian lang (not Chinese) vgd over co-channel CC 1328 9/8. BCL
891 THAILAND Sor Wor Thor Bangkok the dominant signal here w/spoken format 1335 18/8. BCS
- 999 TIBET Xizang PBS, Chinese News and General Service at 1305 13/8 strong local. BCT
999 INDONESIA RRI Jakarta solid signal w/news at 1402. BCS

- 1062 INDIA ?? All India Radio Pasighat likely the poor-fair signal here 1330 9/8. BCL
- 1098 CHINA strong signal in Lhasa at 1315 13/8. Possibly the 1000kw Golmud tx carrying China National Radio's Tibetan Channel, CNR-11 rather than a low powered tx from elsewhere in Tibet. BCT
- 1134 INDIA All India Radio Magra (West Bengal) w/ health talk about chickenpox & smallpox 1331 9/8. BCL
- 1134 TIBET Damxung Lhasa, CNR-1 strong local station 1327 13/8. BCT
- 1188 CHINA? Unidentified strong signal w/ethnic music prgm 1330, language possibly Burmese. Possibly CRI External Service from Kunming 13/8. BCT
- 1242 CHINA CNR Kunming probably the vgd signal here 1326. No sign of hoped-for Vietnam 9/8. BCL
- 1260 TIBET CNR-2 / Voice of the Economy, Damxung Lhasa strong 1344 13/8 BCT
- 1269 CHINA CRI External Service strong via 600kw sender in Indian language (Bengali listed) at 1228 talking about oxygen 9/8. BCL
- 1269 CHINA CRI via Hainan fades in around 1100. At 1257 EE/CC language lesson & ident, then tuning signal and opening in Bengali 29/8. BCS
- 1341 INDONESIA RRI Tanjung Pinang vgd w/ telephone talkback 1505 17/8. BCS
- 1359 TIBET local signal in Lhasa, presumed CNR1 relay, though can't locate in Asiawaves list, 1348 13/8 BCT
- 1404 SIKKIM AIR Gangtok the only listed AIR outlet here, poor-fair 1345 13/8. BCT
- 1413 INDONESIA RRI Sungaiilat (presumed as only listed Indo) peaking to vgd level over second unid signal. Gave SMS number at 1500 as phone-in chat continued across the hour 17/8. BCS
- 1476 PAKISTAN? Faisalabad likely the signal that faded up briefly w/mentions of Lahore. Signal peaked SW from Lhasa supporting my tentative id. 1400 13/8. BCT
- 1503 UNIDENTIFIED w/frequent refs to Vietnam, 1455 22/8. Suspect RFA via Taiwan. Lang seemed to change at 1500, good on peaks but long deep fades into local noise. BCS
- 1521 INDIA? All India Radio Tawang presumed w/Indian language commercials & music, peaking good 1400 13/8. BCT
- 1521 UNIDENTIFIED station w/deep fades 1410 13/8; seemed to say Radio Rossi, mixed another. BCT
- 1548 UNIDENTIFIED signal followed at poor level 1405 past 1450 on 18/8 w/mainly talk w/short instrumental breaks. Gave postal address at 1414 and ident 1446 when seemed to change language 18/8. Could this be Trincomalee Sri Lanka reactivated? BCS
- 1548 UNID traces of Indian music 1405 19/8. BCS
- 1566 UNIDENTIFIED in CC at 1412 13/8, perhaps FEBC South Korea? BCT
- 1575 THAILAND VOA strong in Asian language 1325 9/8 w/mention of "VOA Washington". BCL
- 1575 THAILAND VOA presumed w/talkback feature, vgd at 1410 on 14/8. BCT
- 1575 THAILAND Radio Saranrom in Thai, abruptly closing down transmitter at 1130 19/8. Good signal. At 1245 recheck, strong w/VOA. Fading in 1035 21/8 (35 mins before Singapore sunset) w/EE language lesson. At 1100, anthem, ident & news in Thai. BCS
- 1575 THAILAND VOA strong in South Asian lang 1430 17/8 w/report on Ukraine situation. BCS

SHORTWAVE

- 5915 UNIDENTIFIED signal, the strongest 49mb signal at 0930 8/8. Per Aoki this probably Myanmar Radio. BCL
- 7345 UNIDENTIFIED in Asian lang which Aoki implies would be Thazin Radio Myanmar 0940 8/8. BCL
- 7390 ANDAMAN ISLANDS AIR Port Blair NOT HEARD during its scheduled 0130-0315 schedule. BCS
- 9570 CHINA CNR2 Geermu the strongest 31mb signal at 0937 8/8. Commercials in CC with lots of references to Shanghai. BCL
- 9730 CHINA CRI English Service strong w/movie reviews and promo for "Easy FM Spotlight" 1340 9/8. (I was expecting to hear Myanmar on this freq) BCL
- 11620 CHINA CRI via Xian vgd in EE 0942 8/8 over CC which Aoki says is CNR5 from Beijing. BCL

FM BROADCAST

- 94.6 MALAYSIA Lite FM Johore Bahru airing American Top 40 with Casey Kasem on local Sunday evenings past 1400 17/8. Real nostalgia as this great DJ died in June this year. BCS
- 100.0 TIBET CRI's Easy FM service in EE and CC from Beijing is relayed in Lhasa. "The Beijing Hour" in EE aired from 7am local (2300-2355 UTC) and 5 minute EE news bulletin followed at 8am and 9am. This was one of 10 FM stations audible in Lhasa - other frequencies were 89.3, 91.4, 93.4, 96.1, 98.0 101.6, 103.0, 104.3, 105.7. BCT

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Unfortunately nobody has sent any news items to Adam and therefore we have no TV/ FM news for this month.

Please send anything you have to Adam for next month's edition. **Remember** - closing date is the first Wednesday of the month - in this instance it is **1st October**.



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Ictimai Radio in FM mode was back to your traditional frequency: 0000-2400 on 9677v UNIDentified tx site to CeAs Azeri,ex 11760.
(Ivo Ivanov *QTH*: Sofia, Bulgaria Equipment*:Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire Via HCDX 14/08/14)

BHUTAN

Both the BBS Txers (50 & 100 kW) are back on the air.thanks to the AIR engineer whos at Bhutan now. Guatam Sharma from Abhayapuri.Assam heard them loud and clear on 6035kHz 0414 UTC onwards in Nepali today. (Via Alokesh Gupta New Delhi Cumbre DX 30/08/14) (EDITORS COMMENT:refer to China below)

Thanks very much to Gautam Sharma for the tip that BBS's transmitter is now fixed; Sept 2 with their unique repetitive indigenous music 1223-1230 UT; conversation in vernacular (clearly not PBS. Yunnan's Chinese or Vietnamese!) 1230-1257 UT. BBS many times stronger than PBS Yunnan, which at times was heard very faintly underneath BBS; intermittent heavy adjacent QRM. Measured today by Ralph Perry on 6034.96 kHz (a great catch for Ralph!), who confirmed audio // website - <<http://www.bbs.bt/news/radio-wan.html>> (Via Ralph Perry at WWDXC)

Sept 4, found as usual, a brief window of opportunity from 1230 to 1233 UT, when the adjacent QRM is silent, otherwise is a bother to BBS reception. 1230 UT onward in conversation till 1259 UT. Seemed today to leave the air at 1259* UT. Overall poorer reception than on the 2nd.(Via Ron Howard-CA-USA, DXLD Sept 2 3 & 4)

BOLIVIA

6105.48 Radio Panamericana, La Paz, at 1055 to 1110 UT weak signal noted 27 and 28 Aug; 1120 UT, surprised to hear it this late ... still audible with Andean music 30 Aug. (Wilkner & XM) (Robert Wilkner-FL-USA, DXplorer Aug 30)

BRAZIL

4885, Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, 0445-0510, 30-08, Portuguese, comments. 24322.
4915, Radiodifusora Macapá, Macapá, 0602-0612, 30-08, Brazilian songs.24222.
(Manuel Méndez Lugo, Spain. Logs in Reinante, Lugo Tecsun PL-880, wire antenna, 8 meters via HCDX 01/09/14)

CHINA

6035 1100 PBS Yunan Kunming. Voice of Shangri-La Ident.in English following Time pips.suffers a little splash from CNR 1 on 6030kHz No sign of Bhutan as reported above at 1100 but around 1200 possibly two signals on this frequency. Needs further work. (03/09/14 via Editor)

6040 1100 PBS. Nei Menggu Hohot poor in Mongolian ? (Via Editor 03/09/14)

6165 0900 sign on CNR6 Taiwan sce (Voice of Shenzhou) Good level with some quite nice music at times. (Via editor 05/09/14)

GERMANY

6150 AM Europe 24 tests.I think they must have turned the power up, very good signal at 0635 UT on 6150 kHz, however just as I type this the signal has gone in mid song. At 0754 UT S=7 signal Aug 17. (Russ Cummings-UK, BrDXC-UK Aug 17)

MYANMAR

Today Aug 29 around 1425 UT heard three channels of Myanmar Radio. 5985.247 kHz measured, heard male voice program, but different program on 5915.0 kHz, and very same program content on 7200.000 kHz at 1420-1445 UT, latter signal strength S=9 or -73dBm on remote SDR unit at Brisbane Queensland Australia. Via Wolfgang Buschel, wwdxc BC-DX Aug 29)

PERU

9675 Radio Del Pacifico,in // w/ MW 640, hrd at around 1500. Reactivated (Alfredo Cañote, Lima, Perú via condiglist, (Via Horacio Nigro CX3BZ "La Galena del Sur" Montevideo Uruguay Sep 5th) (Noted in NZ last year March/April around 0400 past 0500.Editor)

UGANDA

4750, 1848 UT, Dunamis Shortwave, Uganda (tentative) - tribal- style songs, Closedown without announcements at 1859 UT. 242, July 8 AM 4750, 1853 UT, Dunamis Shortwave, Uganda (tentative) – lively Afro-style songs, no announcements. Closedown at 1928 UT. 242, July 17 AM

Arthur Miller has also logged Dunamis Shortwave (tentatively) on 4750 kHz - tentative because he heard no announcements, though the African songs and close-down times make it the likely candidate on that frequency: "I last heard the station a couple of years ago, when their policy seemed to be to play soft Afro-style songs with few or no announcements. I've not seen any recent reports. I did check on other days but heard no trace of a station". (Arthur Miller-UK, Aug BrDXC-UK Communication magazine direct/via dxld Aug 6)

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I can't recall if an internet site named Flight Radar 24 has appeared here in the Utility pages in the past, but those who are interested in hf aircomms, you can track on Flight Radar24 of the aircraft your'e hearing/logging.

FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION
285	1206	Cape Campbell NDB (CC) poor 22/8 JW
310	1207	Hokitika NDB (HK) poor 22/8 JW
350	1209	Kaikoura NDB (KI) poor 22/8 JW
382	1212	Wanganui NDB (WU) poor 22/8 JW
385	1213	Alexandra NDB (LX) fair 22/8 JW
395	1218	Merimbula, Australia, NDB (MER) v.poor 22/8 JW
3330	1023	CHU, Canada, voice poor, toned clear 22/8 JW
5455	0905	VKS-737 Australia "St Mary's Base standing by for another 3 minutes" 11/8 JW
6501	0935	USA USCG Portsmouth with weather reports, noisy fair 29/8 ABD
6519	0530	USA Mobile Radio marine weather reports, poor 29/9 ABD
6604	0916	USA New York aviation weather reports poor to fair 1/9 ABD
8022	0850	Coober Pedy mobile stn (poor) calling VK-737 Adeleide Base (fair) 24/8 JW
8764	0835	USA USGC with marine forecast. Reception started out very noisy and then at 0837 reception improved noise dropped 0838 ID Noisy condi- tions started again, perhaps something to do with fares that had occurred over the last 24 hrs. 1/9 ABD
8867	2123	Nadi Radio request selcal check Fj441 Fair 3/9 ABD
11612	0040	0107, steady voice traffic in varying degrees of readability on VKS-737 11/8 JW

Jonathan advises the following:

VKS-737 (the Australian 4WD Network) operates daily for call-ins from 0800-0905ish from its Adelaide Base. Reception here on my set/antenna has a readability limited to the odd sentence or two here and there - I suspect the sked may start with wx and road conditions. Clearest reception was when tx was briefly switched to the Charleville site (0831 on 28/8). Adelaide Base sked is from 0800 to 0830 & 0835-0905 on 8022kHz (channel 2); with tx switched to St Marys base Tasmania (same operator I think) from 0830-0835 and 0905-0910 (both times approximate depending on traffic) on 5455kHz (channel 1). Voice traffic has been heard on 8022 before and after these times; and also (rarely) during the day on 11612 (channel 3). I haven't heard anything on channels 4-7 (14977, 3995, 6796, and 10180kHz respectively). Some frequencies/bases are operated in conjunction

with the Royal Flying Doctor Service - google "VKS-737 & RFDS Base Stations" for more details.

Link to FlightRadar24 www.flightradar24.com/

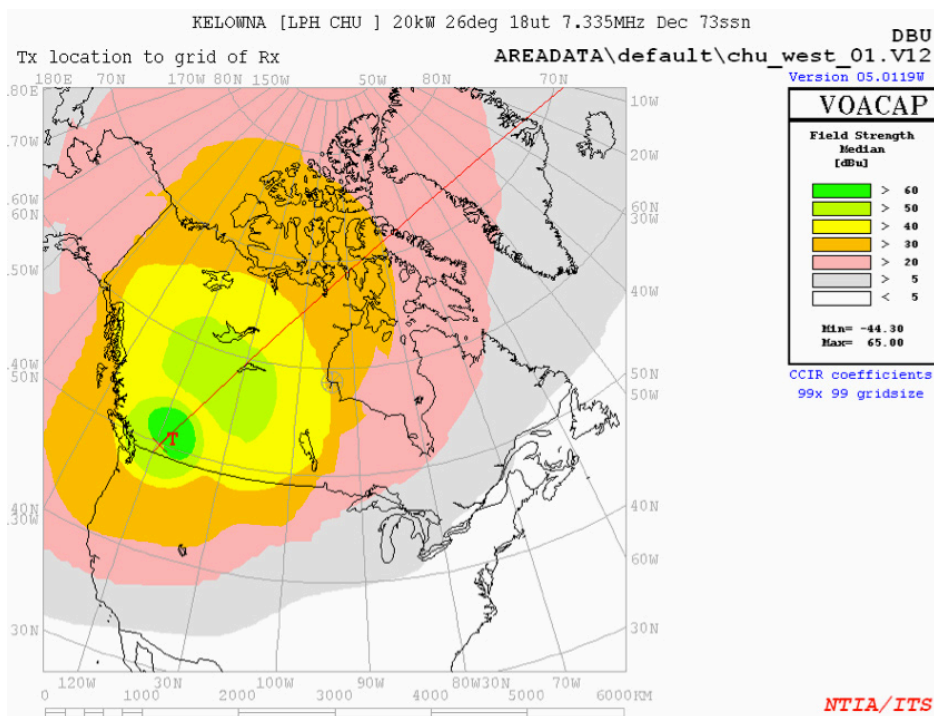
Contributors

ABD Arthur De Maine, Kakanui – Drake R8 25m EWE

JW – Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel. Lowe 150 with 34m dipole.

Many thanks to Graeme for guest editing the column this month. He will repeat the dose next month too. Ed.

**Contributions for next month's
Utilities page
go to
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CHU's coverage map

BRANCH NEWS

Any information re Branch News - notice of upcoming events
or reports of recent events, please email:
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Dunedin Group

Our meeting on 30 August saw Ian Wells, Roger Pryde, Philip Garden, Jim Searle and Olly Bain gather at Ian's home in Mosgiel for another animated discussion covering the broad spectrum of radios, aerals and general reception conditions.

Olly displayed albums full of amazing mediumwave verifications received by his late grandfather, who spent several years in the 1930's listening at a shack at Aramoana, and Philip showed the remains of his 14-foot fishing rod antenna which was destroyed by recent high winds. We also discussed the next Dunedin visit to Paul Ormandy's Waianakarua site, from 14 to 16 November.

The next meeting will be held at **David Miller's home, 24 Herron Street, Brockville, 2-4pm on Saturday 18 October**. If the date or location is changed, regular attendees will be notified by email. **Visitors would be very welcome** – if you are interested in joining our meetings, please contact either **David Miller 4763224** or **Roger Pryde 4737805** for further information.

Ian Wells

MARKET SQUARE

ICOM ICR70 Surplus to requirements. About 10 hours use over the last 10 years. Receiver is in reasonably good condition, noted a little noise when using AF gain possibly dust has got in from the set sitting on a shelf for such a long time. Comes with original box and user manual plus a little packet of fuses etc and power cord. Was professionally modified many years ago by Amos Electronics in Hamilton to allow switchable selectivity in the AM mode. Can supply full details on this modification if required.

OFFERS over \$230.00 can be picked up from my home or freighted at buyers expense.

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ADCOM NEWS



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CHIEF EDITOR

This issue of the magazine is dedicated to our long-serving Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS**, who died on 20 August at the age of 56. See elsewhere in this issue for tributes to Mark. The Administration Committee (Adcom) is grateful to long-time member **STUART FORSYTH** for agreeing to take on the role – please show your support for Stuart by contributing your listening and radio-related news to these pages.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The 66th AGM of the NZ Radio DX League will be held in West Auckland on Sunday 12 October at 2.00pm. The venue will be the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, located at 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland. We hope as many Auckland region members as possible (and indeed members from further afield) will be able to attend the meeting. Please contact myself or our Treasurer Phil van de Pavverd if you need help in finding the meeting venue.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a **PROXY FORM** which enables NZ members unable to attend the meeting, to record their apology and be represented at the AGM. Completed forms should be posted to NZRDXL, P.O. Box 178, Mangawhai 0540 or scanned copies sent by email to secretary@radiodx.com. Completed forms must be received no later than 8 October to be valid. Please follow the 'Important Notes' at the end of the form to avoid your vote being invalid. Those attending the meeting need not complete this form.

RADIODX.COM We commend to all members the excellent work that our Webmaster **PAUL ORMANDY** is putting into material for the League's internet website. His latest effort is an excellent article on Clandestine Broadcasters from a NZ perspective, drawing on member reports to the NZ DX Times and some excellent internet-based resources.

REMEMBER WHEN everyone knew what shortwave was? In recent NZ Herald report about his retirement from commercial radio, we learnt that the radio bug claimed **PETER MONTGOMERY** early. Year-round, he would listen to baseball games from America or crackling shortwave cricket commentaries from Australia. It was a magical world for the Dunedin teenager, one he envied but never dreamed he would embrace for more than half his 70 years. "I used to tune into AFRTS (Armed Forces Radio and Television Service) and listen to games like the Chicago Cubs playing at Wrigley Field," he says breaking into an impersonation of one of their announcers, "or those great Australian cricket commentators".

THE FUTURE OF SHORTWAVE The US-based Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) Special Committee on the Future of Shortwave Broadcasting foresees a dim outlook for the medium. In August the Committee released its assessment of the current and projected use of shortwave radio as a platform for programming by US international media.

“United States international media must optimize delivery by audience/market,” one main finding concluded. “While there is still a critical need for shortwave in key countries, it is a medium of marginal and continuously declining impact in most markets.” The report said that even in countries where shortwave radio will enjoys significant usage levels, “audiences will migrate to other platforms as they become more accessible.”

Among other things, the Committee reviewed audience-based research, including analysis of user experiences and user choices, as well as opportunities and limits of the medium. It also examined “the characteristics and listening experience of shortwave users in the BBG’s target markets, the use of shortwave radio by the BBG’s networks, the networks’ relative success in reaching their target audiences through shortwave, and the costs of operating the BBG’s shortwave transmitting facilities.”

The panel recommended that the Broadcasting Board of Governors take “an aggressive approach to reduce or eliminate shortwave broadcasts where there is either minimal audience reach or the audience is not a target audience based on the BBG’s support of US foreign policy.”

The report said that its evidence suggested that declining use of shortwave radio is primarily due to the availability of high-quality content on “preferred platforms” such as AM and FM radio, podcasts, and mobile streaming, which are more widely used for audio consumption.

The committee found that shortwave use does not increase during times of crisis. “Audiences continue to use their existing platforms (TV, FM, and the Internet) or seek out anti-censorship tools, including online firewall circumvention, private chat software, flash drives, and DVDs to access content,” the report said.

The report also said that shortwave radio was “a relatively expensive platform to operate and maintain” and that digital shortwave radio (ie, Digital Radio Mondiale or DRM) “is unlikely to become an established mass media distribution methodology in enough of the BBG’s current or future markets to justify the costs.”

The committee said it largely supports the reductions in shortwave radio broadcasts previously approved by the Board. Those include recent cutbacks in a number of Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, and Radio Free Asia broadcasts. But, the committee added that given the current situation in Ukraine and nearby states with significant Russian-speaking populations, it recommended that the BBG revise its fiscal year 2014 operating plan to ensure that “shortwave broadcasts in Russian to Russia and the Caucasus be continued at current levels, subject to re-evaluation during FY16 budget formulation processes.” (Southgate Amateur Radio Club News via ARRL via Ray Crawford).

RADIO CAROLINE RETURNS The renegade Radio Caroline, which entertained rock ‘n’ roll fans in the UK and Europe from the 1960s until the 1990s from offshore shipboard transmitters and studios, is back on the airwaves from the River Blackwater off England’s Essex Coast using a temporary, low-power license. It has plans to obtain a permanent AM broadcasting authorization. Radio Caroline was among the first, and most famous, pirate radio ships of the era.

Radio Caroline, which was motivated by similar pirate radio operations on the high seas by Scandinavian and Dutch broadcasters, began operation in 1964. Named either after Caroline Kennedy or after a girlfriend of its founder, Ronan O'Rahilly, Radio Caroline transmitted on various medium-wave frequencies over the years, starting out on 1520 kHz -- announced as "199 meters, since that rhymed with "Caroline." The station ran nearly 20 kW, using linked Continental Electronics transmitters. The earlier Radio Caroline inspired a number of competing offshore pirate radio stations, and these operations eventually compelled the staid BBC to start airing more popular musical fare. Radio Caroline finally departed the airwaves as a pirate broadcaster in 1991, after losing its anchor and running aground. The story of the shipboard station was fictionalized in the movie "The Boat That Rocked," which starred the late Phillip Seymour Hoffman. The latter-day incarnation of Radio Caroline has been a satellite and Internet broadcaster.(via Southgate Amateur Radio News via BARRY WILLIAMS)

CONGRATULATIONS to the British DX Club on reaching their 40th anniversary!

The club began life as the Twickenham DX Club. The first edition of their Communication newsletter appeared in September 1974 and ran to just three A4 sides. The increasing and widening geographical spread of membership led to the decision to finally change the club's name to The British DX Club (or BDXC-UK for short) from March 1979. Membership peaked over 500 in 2002 but with the influx of members from the World DX Club which folded in 2013, BDXC membership is now over 500 again. We have received a copy of their September 2014 magazine celebrating the club's milestone and this has 68 pages of quality content.

I have personally used and can recommend BDXC publications 'Africa on Shortwave' and 'The Middle East on Shortwave' that are freely available from their website www.bdxc.org.uk – check them out!



LADDERS & CONTINENTS



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MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ	Pac	NAm	CAM	SAM	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Sep	Inc
Ray Crawford	881	127	414	86	111	132	46	569	189	2366	2366	0
Douglas Johns										1094	1100	6
Sutton Burtenshaw	436	65	335	43	39	47	3	121	108	1089	1089	0
David Ricquish	501	93	195	22	6	8	0	46	67	871	871	0
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	22	90	1	26	61	745	746	1
John Campbell										130	644	
Paul Aronsen										50	531	0
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Peter Grenfell										41	457	0
Günter Jacob	0	0	7	0	0	356	10	11	59	384		0
Frank Glen										24	331	3

FM-TELEVISION

Douglas Johns										901	980	79	
SHORTWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ	Pac	N.Am	C.Am	S.Am	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Sep	Inc	
n.b. * next to Sth America total means you have verified ANTARCTICA													
Ian Cattermole	282	552	639	348	393*	3486	469	1773	209	7871	7941	70	
Ron Killick										237	6262	6262	0
Günter Jacob	286	340	352	172	199*	1841	515	1515	176	5220	5220	0	
Douglas Johns										3207	3223	16	
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0	
John Durham	115	95	220	113	152*	969	248	546	265	2454	2459	5	
John Campbell										264	1729	1729	0
Paul Aronsen										125	806	806	0
Peter Grenfell										141	777	777	0
Stuart Forsyth	42	20	14	16	29*	203	49	143	107	516	517	1	

JUNIOR (5 - 150)

Frank Glen										71	108	112	4
UTILITIES													
Ron Killick										133	61957		0
Douglas Johns											35857		0
Günter Jacob										14	18		
Frank Glen										1	2		

Hello all, I'm sure you will join with me in thanking Stu for his efforts in maintain this page and congratulations to his becoming our new Chief Editor.

May I also invite you to continue sending your emails on the same basis as you did with Stu. Lookout for a new personal email address for this page only. 73, Sutton.

NEXT LADDERS AND CONTINENTS LISTING: DECEMBER!



On the shortwaves.com

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

August 17, 2014 -- Returning to the subject of NBC shortwave monitoring during the war, under "DX History/General Radio History" we have posted an oversize (11 x 17") information piece issued by NBC in 1941 describing it's then-new monitoring post in Bellmore, Long Island. It outlines the NBC international news gathering system and dramatizes listening post activities. It also contains many interesting photos. -- And under "Specialized Resources," we have posted Adrian Peterson's latest entry: "A Visit to All India Headquarters New Delhi: Mr. T. R. Rajeesh" (N285, August 10, 2014). Thanks to Adrian for continuing to chronicle these valuable radio history stories.

August 24, 2014 -- In 1937 there were 20 shortwave stations broadcasting from the Dominican Republic. Today there are none. Under "DX History/Recordings" we have posted some recordings of Dominican Republic stations of the past, specifically these (all in Santo Domingo except where indicated; numbers in parens. indicate location of ID): La Voz de las Fuerzas Armadas, 4825 kHz, 1976 (:24); Radio Amanecer, 6025 kHz, 1987 (:11); Radio Clarin (English), 11700 kHz, 1977 (:54); Radio Clarin (Spanish), 4850 kHz, 1976 (:11); Radio Discovery, 6215 kHz, 1986 (:23); Radio Norte, 4807 kHz, 1975 (:04); Radio Quisqueya, 6205 kHz, 1992 (:06); Radio Santiago, Santiago 6048 kHz, 1982 (:14); and Radio TV Dominicana, 9505 kHz, 1977 (:19). -- Adrian Peterson has sent along two new stories, which we have posted under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan." They are: "Phantom Radio Stations in Canada," and "Ancient DX Report: 1908" (both Wavescan N286, August 17, 2014).

August 31, 2014 -- We have posted more Dominican Republic recordings this time, under "DX History/Recordings" (all Santo Domingo except where indicated; IDs at indicated seconds): Onda Musical, 4766 kHz, 1997 (:15); Radio Antillas, 5955, 1986 (:26); Radio Comercial, 4882 kHz, 1976 (:10); Radio Earth over Radio Clarin, 11700 kHz, 1983 (:13); Radio Mil, 4930 kHz, 1975 (:19); Radio Pueblo, 5010 kHz, 2002 (:04); Radio Revelacion, Puerto Plata, 2480 kHz (MW harmonic), 1996 (:18); and Radio Villa, 4960 kHz, 1999 (:10). -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan" we have posted this new entry from Adrian Peterson: "From the Needles to Colombo: The Radio Story on the Isle of Wight" (Wavescan N287, August 24, 2014).



In case you have never had the opportunity of visiting the DX League's website, here is a screenshot of the home page!

The website is a credit to the League and to the stewardship of Paul Ormandy. It is full of many interesting articles about radio history/ heritage. It contains interesting stories about such things as Clandestine Radio, pen portraits of many of the more renowned members of the League, past and present, station profiles, technical article and much more.

If you have a bit of spare time and are not busy twiddling the dials, check out our website. The address is at the top of the page.

The screenshot shows the website's header with navigation links: HOME, ABOUT US, ARTICLES, CONTACT, INTRO TO DX, JOIN US, MAGAZINE, PHOTO GALLERIES, HISTORY. The main title is "New Zealand Radio DX League" with the tagline "Serving Kiwi DXers Since 1948". Below the title are two "N.Z. RADIO DX LEAGUE" logos. The main content area features an article titled "Shortwave Scene's 30th Anniversary" dated September 3, 2014. To the left of the article is a "DX TIMES SAMPLE COPY" section with a thumbnail image. To the right is a "Join Us" button with a headset icon and a search bar. Below the article is a "RECENT POSTS & PAGES" section listing two posts: "Mick Nicholls - A Tribute on 80 September'14" and "Russia Independent SW Stations 1990-98 on 80 September'14".

The call sign card for LRA 36 features a blue and white diagonal design on the left. The text reads: "LRA 36", "RADIO NACIONAL", and "ARCANGEL SAN GABRIEL". It specifies the QTH as "Base ANTARCTICA ESPERANZA, TERRITORIO ANTARTICO ARGENTINO, REPUBLICA ARGENTINA". A section titled "UBICACION GEOGRAFICA" provides coordinates: "Lat 63° 24' Sur" and "Long 56° 59' Oeste". On the right, there is a diagram of a radio antenna labeled "QTH" and a photograph of a snowy mountain landscape.

LRA36 Radio Nacional, Base Esperanza, San Gabriel, Argentine Antarctic



**NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE
NOTICE OF PROXY FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014**

I, (name)
being a financial member of the NZ Radio DX League continuously for at least the last 3 years, a resident of New Zealand, and being unable to attend the above Meeting to be held in Auckland on Sunday 12 October 2014, hereby record my apology.

I nominate:
.....

(insert 'Chairman of the Meeting' or the name or named position of a member who will attend the meeting) to be my **PROXY** at the above meeting, and to **VOTE ON MY BEHALF**.

I direct my proxy to vote in the following manner. (If you do not indicate below, the proxy will vote or abstain from voting as they see fit.)
(Place a tick after your selected voting position)

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| To re-elect FRANK GLEN as Patron | For_____ Against_____ |
| To re-elect BRYAN CLARK as National President | For_____ Against_____ |
| To re-elect DAVID NORRIE as National Vice President | For_____ Against_____ |
| To re-elect CHRIS HATTAN as National Secretary | For_____ Against_____ |
| To re-elect PHIL VAN DE PAVERD as National Treasurer | For_____ Against_____ |
| To elect STUART FORSYTH as Chief Editor | For_____ Against_____ |
| To re-elect PAUL ORMANDY Public
Relations/Publicity Officer | For_____ Against_____ |
| To re-elect ARTHUR DE MAINE as Competitions' Secretary | For_____ Against_____ |