

#### Welcome to the February edition of the DX Times

It is great to see that members have been active on the bands. It has also been fascinating following the postings on the Yahoo Users group about FM reception this summer. Bryan Clark has been hearing all sorts of places. We expect Bryan to report hearing east coast Australia, New Caledonia and Fiji - they are old hat, but it is the diverse parts of New Zealand that are coming in too that are really surprising. RNZ Concert FM in Christchurch has been a highlight. For more details see page 22.

If you aren't already a subscriber to **DX Dialog**, then send an e-mail to: dxdialog-subscribe@ yahoogroups.com and you will be added to the group. I warmly recommend it.

It is with great sadness that we were informed of the passing of longtime DXer, League member and stalwart of the RA **Ron Killick** recently in Christchurch. There is more about Ron on pages 4 and 5.

**Ray and Raewyn Crawford** are continuing their epic voyage around Australia as grey nomads and are currently in the south of Western Australia. Ray sent a photo recently, which I reproduce below. It is great to see that truly local radio still exists.



Great Southern Radio 1422 and its sister station Easy Listening 1611 broadcast out of Wagin.

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Ron Killick in happier times

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

#### Farewell Ron Killick

It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent passing of Christchurch member Ron Killick. He was the King of Utilities with 61,957 veries from 133 countries.

Ron was a stalwart of the RA and towards the end of its existence he edited the RA magazine Tune In. He was also a founder member of the Aviation Historical Society of New Zealand and had membership number 7. He provided the international movements section for many years and these records are an enduring historical record of a bygone era. The above information comes from a blog and to read more of Ron's exploits in this area, go to: http://nzcivair.blogspot.my/2016/01/vale-ron-killick\_26.html

A number of members have spoken about Ron and their comments are reproduced below.

I first met Ron way back in the late 50s, when he showed me some of the "tricks" to aviation DX. Ron back then was in the RNZAF as a communications officer. Over the years he came and went from ChCh, being based more in Wellington, at HQ in Stout Street. He also served time in Fiji, Lauthala Bay, where there was a Sunderland Flying Boat Base, and in Singapore. I can't remember when he left the AF, but when he did he returned to ChCh, and took a job at the airport, firstly as a toll plaza operator, and later as one of the Security Officers.

For many, many years Ron was the Ham/Utility Editor for Tune In, the RA magazine, later taking on in steps the whole editorship of Tune In as numbers of members faded away. Eventually the two clubs merged, at which time Ron stepped aside from any positions of responsibility.

His knowledge of DX-ing in many ways exceeded that of Arthur Cushen as Ron covered all aspects of the hobby, not just SW and BC, and he always gave freely of his knowledge. -Douglas Johns, Christchurch (currently in Oslo!)

Ron was truly an integral part of the NZRA executive. My first meeting with Ron was shortly after joining NZDXRA in 1964. He was always very practical and shared his knowledge of Utilities. His excellent cooking skills at AGMs will always be remember along with his other fine attributes.

Arthur DeMaine, Utlities Editor, Ashburton

Ron will be known for holding the RA together in its twilight years, for his extensive collection of civil aviation materials including many thousands of QSL cards, and his links back to the golden days of MW/SW DX in NZ. I met with Ron quite a few times, he came out to North Beach to see us several times too...in later years he remained a friend of the NZRDXL. *David Ricquish, former Chief Editor, NZDXT, Wellington* 



Ron DXing at the 1994 Convention with a Sony ICF 6800W and an active antenna. Very sorry to hear about Ron though I knew he'd been ill for some time.

Ron and Wally Singleton were the glue that held the RA together. Well remember meeting them both at Shag Valley DXpeds on several occasions. Ron was very likeable and interesting to talk to. I met him at Chch airport where he was working one day and he insisted in taking Linda and I to the staff cafeteria for a cuppa.

Ron's home at 67 Dunbars Rd is a famous place-name in NZ DX history. *Paul Ormandy, Life Member, Oamaru* 

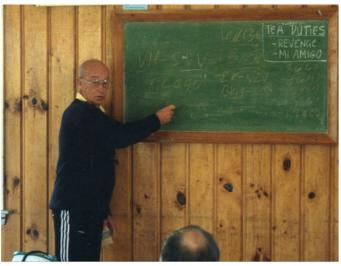
Yes, another stalwart gone. I joined the RA in the late 60s while still at school, RA3190, and Ron and Wally were in their heyday. Another great contribution to the hobby. Thanks Ron. *Mike Smith, Taranaki* 

I first met Ron when I returned to Darfield from Wellington in about 2003. I set up a branch gathering and Ron turned up in the company of Douglas Johns. They inspected my EWE antennae in the back garden and I think Ron was a little bemused by them. I had no idea who Ron was at the time, but the extent of his knowledge soon became evident.

I met Ron several times over the years I was still in New Zealand, at branch gatherings and indeed 67 Dunbars Road hosted one or two. Going there was an eye opener. The veries and memorabilia were quite something. I always found Ron to be supportive and helpful.

When I was editing the Ladders section after I had moved abroad, Ron would always send me a friendly message with his contribution. I knew he had not been well, and was greatly saddened to elarn of his passing.

Stu Forsyth, Chief Editor, Cyberjaya, Malaysia.



Ron Killick at Camp Iona 1994 Convention giving a talk on aviation Dxing. (Photo courtesy Arthur DeMaine)

# MAILBAG

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Wow, that month went by quickly. It's almost as if someone chopped a week out on my calendar. <g> I hope the January sunshine kept everyone in good spirits. Judging by the <dxdialog> chatter, E-skip on FM certainly produced some happy campers.

Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin has sent along some thoughts about being in the right place at the right time. "A word of explanation why my loggings sometimes contain details of being received over a certain route. Having had my basic experience of shortwave radio on the Navy's 24-hour Wajouru-UK circuit. I became accustomed to the twice daily changes between short and long paths carried out at each end with rhombic transmitting and receiving antennas. Timing pretty much coincided with NZ evening and daytime respectively. In my present situation. I still see examples of this ongoing condition of HF propagation in miniature in SWL. My house is T-shaped, with the cross part where I do my listening on a roughly east-west line. There's enough space between the far walls to usually make a noticeable difference to the level of signal obtained from one end or the other. With two portable receivers end-to-end on a tea trolley, it's a simple matter to wheel them from one position to the other to try for the best signal. Recently, I had a signal on 19 MHz best at the westfacing end, while I had to go to the east to find the parallel on 12 MHz. Don't know about you, but this stuff still fascinates me." (All this theory stuff leaves me at the bottom of the class! Wouldn't the HMNZS Irirangi connection to the UK also benefit from an 'antipodean' effect. in that both locations are close to 180 degrees apart in longitude, so aren't the paths' lengths quite similar? As for the house, wiring and construction materials could have an effect. Living in a 'concrete' cliff, getting outside that shield is my problem. Though not SW, several weeks ago, a low-powered FM started up about 15km to my SE; there was no sign of it from any east-facing window, but it was readable from the only north window, which suggests in this case that the high-rise across the street was acting as a reflector.)

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** appears on the count of... "Herewith a short list of SW veries received during January. Not many this time and reckon it will get worse yet: TWR-Africa 7300; RFA Saipan 13685; Missionswerk Friedensstimme 13710; RDW Talata 12025; KSDA 15195; and VoA via SMG 15580 kHz. The VoA one came as a bit of a surprise as they no longer verify from Washington, so I sent this report to their programme people for this broadcast at <musictimeafrica@voanews.com>." (*It seems to me that the individual IBB transmitting locations have also become a source of QSLs. Hasn't Günter had success that way?*)

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai** writes that January was exciting DXwise on MW, SW, and FM. "Low-powered African ELWA 6050 was heard for over an hour on 19 January, and the same night a number of new US stations were logged on MW including KCYK Arizona on 1400. FM DXwise, tropospheric ducting enabled me to hear new stations in Southland, Otago, and South Canterbury. Sad to hear of Ron Killick's passing - I had a good relationship with him since the 1970s when we respectively edited the NZDXRA and NZRDXL magazines. Later on I would regularly meet up with him on business trips to Christchurch as he worked in security at Christchurch Airport. Reports out to FemTalk FM Fiji 89.0 and Free FM Hamilton 89.0, with a prompt and excited confirmation received from FemTalk FM." (Sounding like a broken record, but a bad day of DX for you would keep the rest of us content. I think that's the same good day/bad day joke which applies to fishing and golf versus work. Tropospheric ducting: I'll file that away for future use, too.)

Now it's off overseas, first with **Stu Forsyth in Cyberjaya, Malaysia.** "Hi Theo, I may have sent this previously - I can't remember - have been very busy at work. I have verified Dankó Rádió 1251 in Hungary. I tried three times (again) for the verie and finally was lucky. Nice English form verie back and a sticker. Persistence pays off and it is a new country. I heard this in Vienna Christmas 2014. Even though Vienna is so close to Hungary, with directional antennae it was difficult to hear." (*No, unless my ISP is playing games, that was the only message from you about your pestering – oops!*)

**Günter Jacob from Passau, Germany** has a little advice about one of his holdouts. "In order to avoid disappointment about not getting QSLs from World Harvest Radio, I decided to send a detailed report to Brother Stair at Walterboro and received my authenticated PPC verifying my reception of WHRI on 7315 kHz. He used my SASE, while World Harvest Radio (seem to) ignore requests, and keep stamps or IRCs or whatever else you send to their South Bend address. Bible Voice Broadcasting verified 7220 (Nauen) and A J Janitschek verified RFA 9860 (Tinian). From 'Die Andenstimme' (Voice of the Andes) I received QSLs 2015-E ('Manteño') and 2015-F ('Paleoindios') for my collection, and Shelley Martin of Reach Beyond Australia sent eQSLs 'Road Trains' for 9625 and 'Crimson Rosella' for 9720 kHz." (*I just noticed, and too late to query you, but what frequencies for the Voice of the Andes?*)

**Ray Crawford, Western Australia** (now back wandering north of Perth) adds extra information for me. "Hi Theo: reports are out to 6GS Wagin 1422 and 6GS Wagin 1611, and 6LC Carnarvon 666. QSL's in from 6GS 1422 and 6GS 1611. Cyclone Stan was due to hit the coast near Port Hedland sometime (early Sunday 31 Jan. TD). We are a fair way south so will only get some rain at best. The bush fires south of Perth around New Year were really bad and almost wiped out the town of Yarloop. They had a magnificent Railway Workshops Museum with many restored working steam train engines as well as a lot of stationary steam engines that sadly are no more. The whole complex along with some 170 houses and businesses were destroyed." (*Oh, not good news… the fire situation southwest of Melbourne made our news but I don't recall any mention of WA.*)

And from the "I Love RAI Department", an un-signed notice appeared in my building the other day, from a resident complaining of all-night noise from a mechanical (or electronic) nightingale! I haven't heard it personally, so it must be on the south or west sides. The strata council/body corporate committee did have to 'silence' a pair of mechanical canaries last summer, which a resident had installed on a high-up balcony, with twitterings across the neighbourhood. All part of the fun of cliff dwelling.

Here's hoping your Waitangi Day celebrations go well, and summer continues. 73, Theo

### **BANDWATCH UNDER 9MHZ**

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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short. Would you please try not to repeat loggings in adjacent months. **Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.** 

| <b>kHz</b><br>4774.8 | <b>UTC</b><br>1015 | PERU R Tarma p in S; confirmation via station's online stream radiotarma.  |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| 5015                 | 0612               | com30/12 JW<br>USA The Overcomer via WRMI Okeechobee fair w/Brother Stair in usual<br>form 9/1. New frequency. On 10/1 had strong signal at 0528, superior<br>readability to WWCR 4840, similar strength to Cuba 5025. BCM |
| 5995                 | 0724               | MALI ORTM Bamako w/news-type prgm in FF, poor-fair audio through solid carrier 19/1. BCM   |
| 6030<br>6050         | 1900<br>0632       |  |
| 6060a                | 0810               | BRAZIL Super Radio Deus e Amor (pres) w/religious preaching in PP, 19/1.<br>Frequency measured at 6059.78. BCM   |
| 6075<br>6135a        | 1446<br>0816       | TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl. good in Chinese with talk // 6145 same – CC 11/1<br>BRAZIL Radio Apercida w/ident, PP religious talks, poor on measured<br>6135.22. Het against UNID stn around 6134.83 possibly Bolivia 19/1. BCM  |
| 6165<br>6260         | 1708<br>1412       | CHINA, CRI Roundtable good in English // 7420 good - BDW 12/01   |
| 7120                 | 1658               |  |
| 7120                 | 1755               | SOMALIA Radio Hargeisa w/talk, good & clear 21/1. Short annct at 1800 w/ frequent mentions of Hargeisa then into familiar Horn of Africa vocals. BCM   |
| 7210<br>7220         | 1653<br>0946       | ETHIOPIA, R.Fana (tent), Fair in vern & HOA mx, 1700 I/S, ma - 6/1 KB  |
|                      |                    | 9445 the same – CC 22/1  |
| 7235                 | 1800               | UK, KBS via Wooferton, Good in RR; om comment, om/yl, KK pop song,<br>I/S - 8/1 KB   |
| 7255                 | 0620               | NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria. Good in Hausa. No IDs heard but surely the one with much mention of Nigeria. 2/1. IC  |
| 7255                 | 0740               | NIGERIA, V of Nigeria, Poor (weak but steady) in vern; yl/om, 0756 ID & ethnic rhythms until ID at fair level by Fa s/on for 0800 EE prgm; sig fading soon after - 12/1 KB   |

| 7265  | 1758 | U.K, BBC, Poor in French, I/S nx/sport, // 7465 (Mey) weak - 9/1 KB  |
|-------|------|--|
| 7265  | 1908 | UNITED KINGDOM IBRA, g in A, giving address as www.  |
|       |      | arabicbroadcasting.com. End tx 1929 30/12 JW   |
| 7275  | 1600 | STH KOREA, KBS poor in Korean – BDW 18/12  |
| 7300  | 1500 | TAIWAN. RTI opens in Chinese. 3/1. IC  |
| 7300  | 1700 | SWAZILAND. TWR-Africa. Poor in scheduled Yao. Distinctive TWR tuning music. 2/1. IC  |
| 7325a | 0753 | PAPUA NEW GUINEA Wantok Radio Light reactivated 11/1, fading in<br>and quite readable at 0848 recheck, w/syndicated US religious prgm.<br>Frequency has dropped a little to 7324.94 and transmitter seems unstable<br>w/ "wobbly" audio. BCM |
| 7325  | 0818 | PNG, Wantok R. Lite, Fair in Tok Pisin; Contemp & trad Insp mx, OT Bible lesson, 0900 NBC EE nx, then advts, R.Lite ID - KB 17/1   |
| 7345  | 0630 | ROMANIA, RRI good in English – BDW 01/01   |
| 7365  | 1830 | GERMANY, Bible Voice good in Farsi – BDW 31/12   |
| 7390  | 0605 | FRANCE. RFI. Good in French. 2/1. IC   |
| 7435  | 0515 | GERMANY, R.Liberty via Lam, Fair/poor in Russian; ID // 17530 Kwt poor<br>- KB 16/1  |
| 7460  | 1700 | BULGARIA, R.Ranginkaman, Fair in listed Persian; TS s/on,Fa & Ma over class mx, some ethnic songs, ma talk, Fa talk with 'stings' of 3 chimes,; yl over mx before 1730 Mon/Fri close - KB 18/1   |
| 7480  | 1758 | MOLDOVA, R.Payem e-Doost; Good/fair in Persian; IS, Fa, ID, comment<br>- KB 18/1   |
| 7540  | 1708 | KUWAIT, VOA Deewa R, Good in Pashto; om/yl // 7495 fair - KB 8/1   |
| 7565  | 1425 | UZBECKISTAN, BBC fair in Hindi with very scratchy talk // 9510 the same – CC 11/1  |

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| BCM | Bryan Clark     | Mangawhai (Northland) | WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+            |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------------|---|
|     |                 |                       | receivers, EWEs to North, Central &     |
|     |                 |                       | South America.                          |
| BDW | Brian Webb      | Upper Hutt            | AR1733 7 whip, DE1103 with whip.        |
| CC  | Cliff Couch     | Sevenoaks, Paraparaun | nu ATS 803A, 30m wire attached to facia |
|     |                 |                       | board.                                  |
| IC  | lan Cattermole  | Blenheim              | JRC NRD535. ICOM IC-746PRO.             |
|     |                 |                       | Antenna. T2FD. EWE                      |
| JW  | Jon Wood        | Mosgiel               | All on Lowe HF-150                      |
| KB  | Kelvin Brayshaw | Levin                 | ATS-909, Antenna - 8 x14m horizontal    |
|     |                 |                       | loop                                    |

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## **BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ**

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If unsure of station ID kindly mark item as 'tentative'. Please avoid duplication of your items in consecutive months.

| kHz   | UTC  | Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details   |
|-------|------|--|
| 9380  | 1815 | INDIA, AIR, Aligarh, domestic, in EE; songs; 'Monday, Monday', & classical - 20/12 BC                      |
| 9425  | 1459 | N.KOREA, V.o.K, Good in Russian; om speaking // 6170 same -11/1 CC   |
|       |      | PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia; Good in Zomi Chin. Into Hindi 1400 -4/1 BDW                                  |
|       |      | PHILIPPINES, VOA, Fair/good in CC; om spkg, scratchy // 11655 the same - 11/1 CC                           |
| 9640  | 1458 | S.KOREA, KBS, Very good in Vietnamese - 19/12 BDW  |
|       |      | VATICAN, R.Vatican, Good in French; yl speaking // 11625 much weaker - 20/1 CC                             |
| 0660  | 0645 | VATICAN, R. Vaticana, in EE, Afr accents, re officials' backhanders - 12/1 BC                              |
|       |      | ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Arabic - 1/1 BDW   |
|       |      | TURKEY, V.o.T, Good in Turkish; yl speaking & mx // 9820 much weaker -                                     |
| 0700  | 0000 | 20/1 CC  |
| 9710  | 1945 | JAPAN, R.Japan, in Eng; world nx, Learn Japanese, ID/finish 2000, Freq                                     |
| 07.10 |      | not in Klingenfuss or WRTH 2016 (nor in Aoki or HFCC. Ed) - 12/1 BC  |
| 9740  | 1602 | S.KOREA, KBS, Good in Korean - 18/12 BDW   |
|       |      | CHINA, CRI, Roundtable in English. Good - 13/1 BDW   |
| 9765  | 1800 | GERMANY, NHK, Good in Japanese - 2/1 BDW   |
| 9835  | 2100 | SARAWAK. RTM Sarawak. Fair in Malay. 9/1. IC   |
| 9870  | 2122 | SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, gd in AA, 24/1, PP  |
|       |      | GUAM, KSDA, AWR, v/gd in Korean, 24/1, PP  |
|       |      | INDIA, AIR via DEL, in EE; world nx re govt policy, ID; gone 1810 -13/12 BC                                |
|       |      | INDIA, AIR, v/gd in EE, //9910, 24/1, PP   |
| 9955  | 0430 | U.S.A, AWR Wavescan via WRMI Okeechobee good 19/1 with early radio   |
|       |      | history of Guam. Cuban buzz-saw jammer evident in the background. This                                     |
|       |      | excellent shortwave prgm scheduled Tuesdays. BCM   |
|       |      | N.MARIANA ISL, R.Free Asia, v/gd in Korean, //9860, 24/1, PP   |
|       |      | INDIA. AIR. VG in Urdu. 6/1. IC  |
|       |      | INDIA, AIR via BGL. in English; world nx re Pakistan, Taleban - 13/12 BC                                   |
|       |      | AUSTRIA. AWR via MOS. Poor in Arabic. 16/1. IC   |
|       |      | BULGARIA, BVB, Good in Arabic - 31/12 BDW  |
|       |      | PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia, Good in Telugu - 3/1 BDW   |
| 11760 | 1451 | IRAN, VOIRI, Good in Bengali; om & yl speaking & music // 9800 the same -                                  |
| 11700 | 1000 | 11/1 CC  |
|       |      | ROMANIA, RRI, Good in Arabic, // 11975/15170, both good - 1/1 BDW  |
|       |      | ALBANIA. CRI via Cerrick. VG in English. 8/1. IC<br>S KOREA, KBS World Serv, gd in EE, mostly mx, 25/1, PP |
| 11010 | 2231 | S NOREA, NDS WORD SERV, GUILLEE, MOSILY MIX, 20/1, PP  |

11825 1400 PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia, Poor/Fair in Bengali - 3/1 BDW 11840 2228 CUBA, Rad.Habana, fair in SS, mx and OM talking, 25/1 PP 11850 1310 PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia, Excellent in Vietnamese - 4/1 BDW 11870 2050 OMAN, BBC, via Al Seela, Fair in Arabic, 9/1, IC 11880 2221 CUBA, Rad.Habana, fair/gd in EE, 25/1, PP 11910 2217 JAPAN, Rad.Japan, gd in JJ, 25/1, PP 11920 2213 SARABIA, BSKSA, gd in AA, OM lamenting, 25/1, PP 11925 1331 PALAU, NHK, Poor/Fair in Indonesian. Poor in EE from 1403 - 3/1 BDW 11935 1402 GUAM, AWR, Very good in Mandarin - 20/1 BDW 11945 1701 FRANCE, NHK, Very good in Japanese - 2/1 BDW 13695 0827 FRANCE, RFI, Good in FF: 2 oms speaking //15300 not so clear - 14/1 CC 13760 0845 N.KOREA, V.o K, Fair in RR; om speaking, scratchy // 9875 same - 14/1 CC 13870 1515 U.A.E, NHK, Excellent in Urdu - 3/1 BDW 15120 0250 INDIA, AIR, gd in Kannada, close at 3.00, 22/1, PP 15120 0300 CHINA, CRI, gd in EE, opening with NX, 22/1, PP 15150 1423 GUAM, AWR, Poor in Asho Chin - 20/1 BDW 15150 1431 SRI LANKA, AWR, Very good in Pwo-Karen - 20/1 BDW 15150 1500 GERMANY, AWR via NAU, Excellent in Panjabi - 19/1 BDW 15155 1845 GERMANY, AWR via NAU; in EE, Afr accents, old age, praise the Lord + songs, ID.address Kenya; fade-out 1900 - 6/1 BC 15190 0530 BRAZIL Radio Inconfidencia fair w/popular ballads, PP idents, followed past 0710 17/1. BCM 15230 0445 CUBA, RHC, in Spanish guivia, ID as 'Radio Cuba' 0500 - 20/12. BC 15250 1540 GERMANY, AWR via NAU, Good in Hindi - 18/1 BDW 15265 0045 PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia, gd in Bangla, 22/1, PP 15320 0700 GERMANY, AWR via NAU, Very good in Arabic - 20/1 BDW 15330 1430 PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia, Excellent in Urdu - 4/1 BDW 15355 2255 PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia, Very good in Filipino - 3/1 BDW 15425 0050 PHILIPPINES, VOA, gd in CC, close at 1.00, 22/1, PP 15440 0732 FRANCE, Manara R. (tentative); p-f in Hausa(?) - 30/12 JW 15510 0100 THAILAND, BBC, gd in Hindi, 22/1, PP 15530 0110 PHILIPPINES, R. Veritas Asia, gd in Vietnamese, 22/1, PP 15580 2010 VATICAN, VOA, VG in EE, announcing e-mail as musictimeafrica@ voanews.com 9/1. IC 15605 1515 GUAM, AWR, Fair/good in Mizo - 19/1 BDW 15620 1538 VATICAN, R. Veritas Asia, Excellent in Filipino - 2/1 BDW 17525 0230 N.MARIANA, R.Free Asia via TIN tentative; badaga Tibetan; 0300 - 8/1 BC 17530 0515 KUWAIT. R.Liberty. Poor In Russian // 7435 LAM. fair - 16/1 KB 17615 0858 S.ARABIA, Saudi Int R, Poor/fair in AA over short path; Q'uran & talk-2/1 KB 17640 0659 MADAGASCAR, BBC, Poor/Fair in EE; Fa s/on, ma nx; some deep fades, but better than a week ago - 10/1 KB 17720 2300 GUAM. KSDA. Fair in Mandarin after English IDs. 1/1. IC 17780 0500 SRI LANKA, AWR, Poor/echoy at start, I/S, fa in Arabic; fair from 0530, -27/1 KB 17800 1300 FRANCE. RDW via ISS. Good in Hausa. Plenty IDs. 21/1. IC 17805 0900 S.ARABIA, Saudi Intnl R, Fair/poor in AA & Q'uran // 15490 Fair - 18/1 KB 17810 0250 JAPAN, R.Japan via YAM, (tent); in JJ, vl, children's songs, pops, TS 0400, nx? - 8/1 BC 17895 0320 S.ARABIA, Saudi Intnl R, Poor in Arabic; Q'uran; also hrd 6/1 past 0635 w/ long talk & Q'uran - 12/1 KB

- 19010 0430 KUWAIT, R.Azadi, Good in vern over short path; om, poss Ingge-change 0500, ID 0506
- // 12140 KWT poor over long path, 16/1 KB
- 21670 0928 S.ARABIA, Saudi Intnl R, Fair/poor in Bahasa Indonesia; ma, 0944 mx, yl 10/1 KB
- 21675 2210 U.S.A, WRMI Okeechobee w/old time cops & robbers drama, vgd 11/1. Not sure if this is regular Monday programming or filler. BCM
- 21680 0619 U.A.E, RFA, Good in Tibetan; om & yl speaking // 17815 same 20/1 CC

#### **Overseas Contributions (Edited)**

- 9660 0337 MADAGASCAR Vatican Radio Talata-Volonondry, 0337-0358\*, several men talking in listed Swahili. Poor to fair reception 16/1 RDA
- 11860 1351 CLANDESTINE (Yemen) Radio Sana'a (presumed), 1351-1412, MA, long talk in Arabic. No break at top of the hour so no ID noted. Fair to good signal - 16/1 RDA

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|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| BDW       | Brian Webb                | Upper Hutt                | Degen & Watts portables. 1m whips  |
| CC        | Cliff Couch               | Paraparaumu               | ATS-803A. 30m wire on apartment facia  |
| IC        | Ian Cattermole            | Blenheim                  | NRD-535, IC-746Pro, T2FD, EWE  |
| JW        | Jonathan Wood             | d Mosgiel                 | Lowe HF-150, 19/26m dipoles.   |
| KB        | Kelvin Braysha            | w Levin                   | 2 x PL-660s. Whips joined at top.  |
|           |                           |                           | ATS-909. 14 x 8m Horizontal loop   |
| PP        | Phil Van de Pav           | verd Coopers Beach        | R-71E, AOR 7030+, Winradio G31 DDC   |
|           |                           |                           | SDR. Flag antennae to NE and E, T2FD to E  |
|           |                           |                           | 200M longwire, 25M up in the trees.  |
| RDA       | Richard D'Ange            | elo Wyomissing, PA        | RX-340, R8B, Eton E1, Eton E5. Alpha Delta<br>DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom,<br>Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4                    |

Your contribution much appreciated vy 73 Kelvin



## **ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER**

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Kelvin's BandWatch Over 9Mhzcolumns. For station transmitter sites please refer to the BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

The Solar Flux is aired daily over WWV/WWVH on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz Shortwave at 18 & 45 minutes past every hour. For propagation forecasts please refer to Mike's column. \*\*\*SIGNAL STRENGTHS\*\*\* e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

| Time<br>(UTC)   | Frequencies<br>(kHz)  | Station<br>Name  | Station<br>Country   | Log<br>Date  | DXer<br>Name   |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 0300<br>0430<br>0630<br>0645<br>0659<br>0800<br>1403<br>1412<br>1429<br>1708<br>1805-1810<br>1845-1900<br>1945-2000<br>2010<br>2100<br>2118<br>2221<br>2231 | 15120g<br>9955g<br>7345g<br>9660<br>17640f<br>7255p<br>11785g<br>11925p<br>6260f<br>9765g<br>6165g:7420<br>9950<br>15155<br>9710<br>15580g<br>11620<br>9950g:9910<br>11880g<br>11810g | CRI<br>AWR<br>RRI<br>Radio Vaticana<br>BBC<br>V of Nigeria<br>CRI<br>NHK<br>Bible Voice<br>CRI<br>CRI<br>AIR<br>AWR<br>Radio Japan<br>VOA<br>AIR<br>AIR<br>Radio Habana<br>KBS World Service | CHINA<br>USA<br>ROMANIA<br>VATICAN<br>UK<br>NIGERIA<br>CHINA<br>JAPAN<br>AUSTRALIA<br>CHINA<br>CHINA<br>CHINA<br>SRI LANKA<br>JAPAN<br>USA<br>INDIA<br>INDIA<br>INDIA<br>STH KOREA | 22/1<br>19/1<br>1/1<br>12/1<br>8/1<br>3/1<br>19/12<br>13/1<br>12/1<br>13/12<br>6/1<br>12/1<br>9/1<br>13/12<br>24/1<br>25/1<br>25/1 | PP<br>BCM<br>BDW<br>BC<br>KB<br>IC<br>BDW<br>BDW<br>BDW<br>BDW<br>BC<br>BC<br>IC<br>BC<br>PP<br>PP |
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Aerials at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka

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### SHORTWAVE REPORT

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BULGARIA(non) Updated winter B-15 schedule of SPL Secretbrod as of January 8. This schedule subject to changes because txs powers and azimuths are approximate. 0903-1003 on 9510 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu German Sat Radio City 1032-1257 on 9510 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Sun European Gospel Radio 1500-1600 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish Denge Kurdistan 1500-1600 on 11600 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs English Brother Stair, new 1500-1530 on 15190 SCB 050 kW / 090 deg to SoAs English/German Sun Radio Santec 1500-1530 on 15515 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Oromo Sat Radio Warra Wangeelaati 1500-1600 on 15600 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8 1600-1700 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish Denge Kurdistan 1600-1700 on 11600 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs English Brother Stair, new + video 1600-1700 on 15600 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English Brother Stair, new + video 1700-1730 on 7460 SCB 050 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Persian Mon/Fri Radio Ranginkaman 1700-1800 on 11600 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Persian BVBroadcasting 1700-1715 on 11700 SCB 100 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Dardasha 7 BVBroadcasting 1715-1745 on 11700 SCB 100 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Tue BVBroadcasting 1715-1800 on 11700 SCB 100 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Mon/Wed/Fri BVBroadcasting 1700-1800 on 11850 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Afar/Arabic Dimtse Radio Erena 1700-1800 on 15600 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8 1800-1900 on 9500 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to ENAm English Brother Stair, TWR Af is here 1801-1831 on 11600 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs English ETC Radio 1800-1900 on 15600 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8 1900-2000 on 5900 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair, new + video 1900-2000 on 7290 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu German 3rd Fri Radio City 1900-2000 on 7290 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English 1st/2nd/4th Fri UNRadio&other 1900-2000 on 7290 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Sat/Sun UN Radio and other 1900-2000 on 9500 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to ENAm English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8 1900-2000 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to WeAf English Brother Stair, new + video 2000-2200 on 5900 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair, new + video 2000-2200 on 9465 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to WeAf English Brother Stair, new + video 2000-2200 on 9500 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to ENAm English Brother Stair, new + video 2000-2200 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to WeAf English Radio Biafra, test 2200-2300 on 5900 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair, new + video 2200-2300 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to ENAm English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8 2200-2300 on 9465 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to WeAf English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8 2200-2300 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to WeAf English Radio Biafra, test 2300-2400 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to ENAm English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8 2300-2400 on 9465 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to WeAf English Brother Stair, nothing Jan.8

 PHILIPPINES
 Winter B-15 of R.Pilipinas Philippines Broadcasting Service:

 0200-0330 on 15640 PHT 250 kW / 270 deg to N&ME Tagalog/English

 0200-0330 on 17700 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME Tagalog/English

 0200-0330 on 17820 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME Tagalog/English

 1730-1930 on 9925 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME English/Tagalog

 1730-1930 on 12120 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME English/Tagalog

 1730-1930 on 15190 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME English/Tagalog

PHILIPPINES Winter B-15 SW schedule of Radio Veritas Asia only via two txs in Palauio-Zambales. No more broadcasts in Sinhala and Tamil: 0000-0027 on 9645 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Kachin 0000-0027 on 11935 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Karen 0030-0057 on 15265 PUG 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAs Bengali 0030-0057 on 15280 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Hindi 0100-0127 on 15280 PUG 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAs Urdu 0100-0127 on 15530 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Telugu 0130-0157 on 15255 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Zomi-Chin 0130-0227 on 15530 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Vietnamese 1000-1027 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Khmer 1000-1157 on 11945 PUG 250 kW / 000 deg to EaAs Mandarin 1130-1157 on 15450 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Burmese 1200-1227 on 11935 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Hmong 1200-1227 on 15225 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Karen 1230-1257 on 15225 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Kachin 1300-1357 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Vietnamese 1330-1357 on 9520 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Zomi-Chin 1400-1427 on 9520 PUG 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAs Hindi 1400-1427 on 11825 PUG 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAs Bengali 1430-1457 on 11750 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Telugu 1430-1457 on 15330 SMG 250 kW / 089 deg to SoAs Urdu 1500-1557 on 15620 SMG 250 kW / 107 deg to N/ME Filipino 2100-2257 on 6115 PUG 250 kW / 350 deg to EaAs Mandarin 2300-2327 on 15355 PUG 250 kW / 000 deg to CeAs Filipino 2330-2357 on 9670 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Vietnamese 2330-2357 on 9720 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Burmese

**SUDAN(non)** Frequency change of Radio Tamazuj and Radio Dabanga, Jan.15: Radio Tamazuj

1500-1530 NF 15545 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550 // frequency 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Sudanese Arabic // frequency 15400 ISS 200 kW / 138 deg to EaAf Sudanese Arabic Radio Dabanga

1530-1600 NF 15545 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550 // frequency 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Sudanese Arabic

1600-1630 NF 15545 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15550 // frequency 13800 SMG 200 kW / 145 deg to EaAf Sudanese Arabic **ALBANIA**: frequency change of Radio Tirana in English Tue-Sun:

0230-0300 NF 7465 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to NEAm, ex 7470\*, re-ex 7425. \*to avoid Deewa Radio in Pashto. Thanks for this info from Glenn Hauser. **USA(non)** Winter B15 schedule of Wavescan until March 26, 2016: 0030-0100 on 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg to Cuba English Sun WRMI 0130-0200 on 11580 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Sun WRMI 1030-1100 on 5850 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg to WNAm English Sun WRMI 1030-1100 on 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg to WNAm English Sun WRMI 1130-1200 on 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg to Cuba English Sun WRMI 1300-1330 on 15430 SDA 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs English Sun KSDA 1530-1600 on 11750 NAU 250 kW / 075 deg to SoAs English Sun AWR\* 1600-1630 on 11780 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to SoAs English Sun AWR\* 1600-1630 on 15660 SDA 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs English Sun KSDA 0000-0030 on 7730 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg to MEXI English Mon WRMI 0130-0200 on 9975 VOH 050 kW / 100 deg to CeAm English Mon KVOH 1200-1230 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Mon WRMI 1415-1445 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Mon WRMI 0430-0500 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Tue WRMI 0030-0100 on 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg to Cuba English Wed WRMI 1130-1200 on 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg to Cuba English Wed WRMI 1230-1300 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Wed WRMI 2130-2200 on 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg to WNAm English Wed WRMI 0130-0200 on 11580 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Thu WRMI 1400-1430 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Thu WRMI 1230-1300 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Fri WRMI 2100-2130 on 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg to WNAm English Fri WRMI 0230-0300 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Sat WRMI 1130-1200 on 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg to Cuba English Sat WRMI 1200-1230 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Sat WRMI 1730-1800 on 12160 WCR 100 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English Sat WWCR 2200-2230 on 15435 SDA 100 kW / 255 deg to SEAs English Sat KSDA 2330-2400 on 15320 SDA 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English Sat KSDA 2345-0015 on 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm English Sat WRMI \* via MBR Media Broadcast transmitters in Nauen and Trincomalee.

**SOUTH AFRICA** Additional (test?) frequencies of Sentech registered in HFCC on Jan.19 0300-0400 on 5910 MEY 100 kW / 015 deg to CeAf English Channel Africa Mon/Tue/Fri 0500-0700 on 15310 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to CeAf English Channel Africa Sat 1000-1200 on 17820 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to CeAf English Channel Africa Sat

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Wantok Radio Light Reactivated in 7325 kHz

Over the past week or so, a few DXers around the world have noted the return of the low powered PNG station, Wantok Radio Light (WRL). Although listed as only a 1 kW transmitter into a non-directional antenna from its location in Port Moresby, it is quite amazing how this tiny station can be heard as far away as Japan, USA and Europe. I think it may have been Hiroyuki Komatsubara who was the first to note the return of WRL, quickly followed by Ron Howard in California, Mauno Ritola in Finland, Bryan Clark in New Zealand, and myself.



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### **BROADCAST NEWS**

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**NEW ZEALAND** I heard a listener's question on RNZ National's pre panel show concerning reduced signal for Titahi Bay **567** kHz. The answer was that they were using a shorter mast (which we know already) and a reduced transmitter power (which may be news) until the changeover is complete. Sounds as though they may be using a different transmitter. I'm assuming that the 50kw transmitter is situated at the site of the old mast. (Paul Rawdon via DX Dialog) The transmitter is located in the main transmitter building. It is a Nautel 50 kw unit. The transmitter consists of many low power modules combined to make 50 kw. It is easy to pull out a few units to reduce power. Reducing the transmitter drive will also lower transmitter power. A transmitter of the same type was installed for 657 kHz recently and the two of them sit side by side. (Barry Hartley via DX Dialog) According to the 29 January issue of RNZ 'Soundbytes' staff magazine, there are probably two more days of work remaining to remove the top 15 metres of the mast. Then it will be ready to be lowered. The company that will do that work, Abseil Access, is now planning to do it on Tuesday 16 February. As always it will be weather-dependent, so the few days after that date are our reserve days. (via Barry Hartley)

**AUSTRALIA** The 4VL Facebook page lists Cunamulla as an FM translator (96.5Mhz), which may mean that the 1584 transmitter is no longer on the air. Can anyone confirm this? (Geoff Wolfe via ICDX-AM Yahoo Group)

**BERMUDA** I was told by Ed K in Bermuda that AM 1160 (carrying) BBC is back on, but only temporarily. No idea if they are running the full 1 kW or not. But here is your chance, folks. (Chris Dunne in the WTFDA Forum 27 January, via Glenn Hauser's World of Radio DXLD Yahoo Group)

**CANADA** Andy Reid has introduced his Canadian Radio Directory (CRD), a web site of all the FM and AM stations in Canada. See http://www.canadianradiodirectory.com/ Andy says it works on Apple iPhones so that DXers can check it out 'in the field' [he believes Androids are OK too]. If one chooses, you can also print the pages [FireFox seems to work the best]. Unlike most other lists CRD has the station name as well as the official call sign. Readers will know that many stations in Canada do not use their calls. Clicking on the station name will take you to their website. In the case of CBC/IRC stations, it will take you to the respective CBC regional station. I hope you will find Canadian Radio Directory useful. If it is licensed and on air, it's in CRD no matter how big or small. Feel free to contact me if you notice any updates or corrections. Take it with you, travel and discover. If you help keep CRD up to date, it will be kept up to date. (Andy Reid via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

**HAWAII** KUPA Pearl City on 1370 has a new Chinese language format, first noted here on 16 January. (Bryan Clark)

**MEXICO** XEROK Radio Cañón on **800** is being heard widely again, first reported by Glenn Hauser on 13 January. (via NRC) Radio Cañón's Mario Arriola asked for reports to the "Diexismo" Facebook Group - he claims that the (reactivated) station is now 35kW.(Humberto Molina via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

**USA** (items from NRC's "DX News" bulletin)

- 570 KLIF Dallas TX now carries "Coast to Coast AM". (Bill Hale)
- 590 KID Idaho Falls ID now uses slogan "Newstalk 590 AM & 92.1 FM" and carries "Coast to Coast AM".
- 950 KSEW Seward AK. Long silent, has finally been deleted from FCC database.
- 950 KRWZ Parker CO is being sold will change from Oldies to Sports format.
- 1110 KVTT Mineral Wells TX is still running Hindi programming, not Spanish religion, as heard in early January. (John Wilkins CO)
- 1170 KCBQ San Diego CA granted STA with U3 2.1kw and use of day pattern 24 hours as cannot switch to night pattern.
- 1300 WMEL Cocoa Beach FL had callsign change to WKQK on 8 January.
- 1300 KAKC Tulsa OK has new slogan "The Buzz," carries CBS Sports Radio.
- 1310 KAHL San Antonio TX now using the slogan "Call 1310".
- 1340 KIKO Apache Junction AZ construction permitted for U1 1kw days, 930 watts nights, formerly licenced to Miami Arizona. has been on air for about a year.
- 1410 KQV Pittsburgh PA format is now News & Talk.

USA (items from IRCA's "DX Monitor" magazine)

- 760 KDSP Thornton CO ex KKZN carries Fox Sports Radio, slogan "Denver Sports 760". Legal id on hour: "KDSP Thornton, KRFX 103.5". (John Johnston AZ)
- 910 WZMG Pepperell AL format now black gospel, new slogan "Hallelujah 910".
- 980 KFWB Los Angeles CA has been sold and will become a foreign language station. (Mike Sanburn CA)
- 1230 WDBZ Cincinnati OH was talk, now black gospel, new slogan "Praise 1230"
- 1340 KFMD Bethel Heights AR callsign changed to KQIS with new Urban Contemporary format and slogan "Kiss 105.3".
- 1380 WWMI St Petersburg FL was Radio Disney, now business news with slogan "1380 The Biz".
- 1410 WIQR Prattville AL is now silent
- 1600 KEPN Lakewood CO has changed from NBC Sports to ESPN Radio Network.

1690 KDMT Arvada CO with format of Johnny Cash all the time, "Cash Country" lasted less than a week. On 16 December I noticed the station broadcasting finance programs and using slogan "Denver's Money Talk 1690 AM." Now the KDMT call letters have a meaning. (John Johnston AZ)

**KINGS OF THE KILOHERTZ BILL MARSH Jr** of Blenheim writes that at the start of the year he went portable to the Wairau Bar (where he goes whitebaiting in the sea at the Wairau River mouth). This location looks out through the Cook strait towards North America. "Took my loop number 1 with me and the Grundig Satellite 800 along with the Sangean ATS-909. Ended up using the Grundig as it has clearer speech reproduction than the Sangean which tends to be a little bassy. I could not believe the Yank signals I was hearing at 8pm NZT on the X band. The sun was still high in the sky. KDIA on 1640 was coming in like a local. There was something to hear on each 10khz segment of the X band. 1700 had about 3 different Yanks at times. When I left at 9.30 pm, KDIA was still like a local. When I got home half an hour later I could hardly hear KDIA on the home setup. I always knew that a seaside location

was far better than in town but I cannot explain the vast difference in reception." Bill has since been looking to have his loop antenna in a higher location at home, with some improvement. He continues: "This is the first time I have been MW DXing at a remote location in 60 years plus. I gave up MW DXing about 1964 when I got my Ham ticket. I am not too serious about verifications and the like, but the DX bug is running in my veins once again. Besides it's a great way to put my home brew receivers to the test which makes it all worthwhile. I sometimes wonder why I am still designing and constructing a DX receiver at age 71. I guess it's the challenge." Bill's father created the famous "Marsh Special" mediumwave DX receiver back in the early 1950s, and Bill is taking one to Moeraki for the March Convention to try it out alongside today's DX receivers. In the meantime he will be trying out the Grundig and loop on a caravan trip down the coast past Kaikoura, so will have more opportunities to check for coastal DX. *[Yes Bill, there is no doubt that our best DX locations are on the coast. As far as I am aware, with the remarkable exception of Robin Chamber's Taranaki farm location near Opunake, all NZ's great DX has been heard on Pacific coastal locations. That's why we retired to Mangawhai, hi! BC]* 

**BRYAN CLARK** Mangawhai notes continued lively medium wave action from North America. "On 19 January, after noting exceptional conditions on shortwave (ELWA Liberia on 49 metres till almost 0800 UTC), I decided to record a large slice of the MW spectrum across the hour using the SDR, and then review the results. A large proportion of the trail below resulted. A couple of new stations for me plus a smattering of rarely heard ones. Other MW highlights in January were a new regular catch on 640 (KWPN Oklahoma – maybe a power or antenna change) and the return of XEROK Radio Cañón to 800.

#### MANGAWHAI BROADCAST TRAIL

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| 610 | 0803 | USA KEAR San Francisco CA tentatively the station w/contemporary        |
|-----|------|---|
|     |      | Christian vocals 10/1 struggling against the 612 Kiwi.                  |
| 640 | 0810 | USA KWPN Oklahoma City OK w/ESPN Sports talk mixed KFI. 'Tornado        |
|     |      | Watch' msg at 0847 20/1. Noted since 7/1. Surely more than listed 1kw.  |
| 640 | 0900 | USA KFI Los Angeles strong w/ "Gary & Shannon Show" promo mentioning    |
|     |      | "also on FM at "KOST HD2 Los Angeles" 20/1                              |
| 650 | 0924 | ALASKA KENI Anchorage on "Coast to Coast AM", mixed Latin 15/1.         |
| 750 | 0928 | USA KXTG Portland OR now carrying CBS Sports Radio. Hrd w/'After Hours' |
|     |      | prgm 8/1. Was with NBC Sports Radio until October last year.            |
| 800 | 0855 | MEXICO XEROK Radio Canon back on high power, hrd regularly since 14/1.  |
|     |      | Mainly SS talk before 0800 and lively Mexican rhythms after that.       |
| 820 | 0800 | USA WBAP Fort Worth TX w/id for their FM outlet KPLX-FM, news 19/1.     |
| 830 | 0759 | USA KLAA Orange CA promo for "The New American Funding Mortgage         |
|     |      | Show on AM 8-30 KLAA" then ESPN Sports promo."                          |
| 860 | 0800 | MEXICO XEMO Tijuana w/full SS ident "XEMO La Poderosa 8-60 diez mil     |
|     |      | watts, Poderosa lapoderosa860.com then National Anthem 19/1.            |
| 870 | 0750 | USA WWL New Orleans LA on Dave Ramsay Show, ident as "News,             |
|     |      | Talk & Sports Leader, the Mighty 8-70 WWL New Orleans" plus FM and HD   |
|     |      | outlets given, then news over Cuba and another US station 19/1.         |
| 880 | 0803 | USA KKMC Gonzales CA w/multiple idents and Christian message 19/1.      |
| 890 | 0849 | USA WLS Chicago IL w/'Red Eye Radio' talk show, over KIHC on Catholic   |
|     |      | talk and Radio Progreso Cuba which was on top by 0902 7/1.              |
| 920 | 0800 | USA KPSI Palm Springs CA w/ident on the hour as "Newstalk 9-20" then AP |

| news | mixed others | 19/1  |
|------|--------------|-------|
|      |              | 10/1. |

- 920 0801 CANADA CFRY Portage la Prairie MB w/ident "This is CFRY, 9-20 AM, Portage la Prairie, a Gold West Radio Station" then weather update 19/1.
- 930 0801 USA KHJ Los Angeles CA on "inspirational Catholic talk" dominant 19/1.
- 930 0927 CANADA CJCA Edmonton AB w/Christian messages, mentions of "The Light" slogan 8/1. Moderate splatter from 927.
- 940 0903 MEXICO XEQ Mexico DF w/SS ident over KFRE on sports 7/1.
- 950 0730 USA UNID with nostalgia/oldies music format mixed or under KJR 17/1.
- 970 0800 USA KHTY Bakersfield CA w/ "We are Fox Sports" and "KHTY Bakersfield, Fox Sports 9-70, Home of the Los Angeles Dodgers" 19/1.
- 980 0800 USA KDBV Salinas CA w/"Radio Vida Abundante", SS religion 19/1.
- 1010 0929 CANADA CBR Calgary AB w/classical interlude then into "The World" feature. Over UNID Latin, possibly Mexican 7/1.
- 1040 0800 USA KHLT Honolulu w/Christian talk, way over US talker (WHO?) 19/1.
- 1060 0800 MEXICO XEEP w/full identification in SS, then piano music. Het from another Mexican off-frequency around 1060.06m 19/1.
- 1090 0800 MEXICO XEPRS Tijuana w/Mexican National Anthem then "San Diego's Sports Leader, the Mighty 10-90" then into ESPN Sports network 19/1.
- 1110 0800 USA KDIS Pasadena CA w/kids pops, reportedly the only Radio Disney AM station remaining on air 19/1.
- 1120 0800 USA KPNW Eugene OR on "Fox News Radio", ident & news 19/1.
- 1140 0800 CUBA Radio Rebelde w/familiar sound effects thru mix of stations 19/1 including sports talk which was dominant by 0802 w/CBS Sports Radio, likely KXST North Las Vegas.
- 1150 0759 USA KEIB Los Angeles CA dead air till 0800 when news began w/"Fox News Radio, Fair and Balanced", PSA for safer car seats 19/1.
- 1160 0802 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT w/"You're listening to ABC News", vgd 19/1.
- 1180 0800 USA KERN Wasco CA w/ident and into ABC news, over Cuban Radio Rebelde. Radio Marti faded up by 0802 with "Marti Noticias" in SS 19/1.
- 1190 0800 USA KFXR Dallas TX w/id for "...Fort Worth Talk Radio 11-90, an IHeart Radio Station" then own newscast. Mixing or over KEX 19/1.
- 1200 0800 USA WOAI San Antonio TX w/full id: "Radio 12 hundred WOAI, San Antonio's station for breaking news, traffic & weather and the Spurs. The top stories next, after traffic and weather together". Very good 19/1.
- 1210 0800 USA KPRZ San Diego CA w/religious msg, ident, over KZOO in JJ 19/1.
- 1250 0802 USA UNID with Fox Sports Radio, maybe WGL Indiana? 19/1.
- 1260 0801 USA KMZT Beverly Hills CA w/detailed ident "At 12-60 AM,this is KMZT Beverly Hills... digital stereo and 105.1 FM.." Good over Trackside 19/1.
- 1300 0755 USA UNID with Fox Sports Radio promos, possibly KVET Texas 10/1.
- 1300 0800 MEXICO UNID with Mexican National Anthem 19/1, fair.
- 1310 0800 USA KMKY Oakland CA w/ ident o/Asian Indian mx "You're listening to Radio Punjab, AM 13-10 KMKY Oakland-San Francisco-San Jose" 19/1.
- 1370 0750 HAWAII KUPA Pearl City w/CC format, ident in EE & CC at 0800 19/1 as "KUPA AM 13-70 and FM 103.9". New format, first noted here 16/1, change not found in any Internet website, so I did my first Wikipedia update!
- 1400 0800 USA KCYK Yuma AZ w/callsign ident popped up nicely on the hour 19/1.
- 1410 0802 CANADA CFTE Vancover w/ "Fox Sports Radio" promo, Glyco Insurance advt, over Mexican 19/1.
- 1420 0800 HAWAII KKEA Honolulu w/ ident for "KKEA Honolulu, Home of the Jersey

Fun Run" and ESPN Sports talk, 19/1.

- 1430 0800 USA KMRB San Gabriel CA in CC, EE ident as "AM 14-30 KMRB, San Gabriel-Los Angeles, a multi-cultural radio station."
- 1430 0801 USA KYNO Fresno CA w/ident "KYNO 14-30 AM.... Thanks for listening today" then 'Star Spangled Banner' anthem 19/1. Oldies format.
- 1440 0759 KIRIBATI Radio Kiribati w/native choir mixed or under Moana AM. Possible news in local dialect from 0801 19/1.
- 1450 0802 USA UNID with sports talk format up briefly on 19/1.
- 1460 0759 USA KION Salinas CA w/ident for "Fox1460.com and 101 FM", then Fox News Radio promo and news. Over KHRA Hawaii in Korean 19/1.
- 1500 0800 HAWAII KHKA Honolulu w/ident for "NBC Sports Radio 1500 AM" 19/1.
- 1530 0801 USA KFBK Sacramento CA w/"KFBK Traffic every 10 minutes" and "Newsradio KFBK" ident then weather and local news 19/1.
- 1540 0800 HAWAII KREA Honolulu w/ time pips and "This is KREA Honolulu, 15-40 on your AM dial" then Korean. O/usually dominant KMPC Korean 19/1.
- 1560 0800 USA KNZR Bakersfield CA w/ident "15-60 KNZR Bakersfield, 97.7 KNZR Shatton. It's 12 o'clock" then Fox News Radio news, 19/1.
- 1570 0801 MEXICO XERF Ciudad Acuna w/full SS ident "XERF 15-70 AM, XHRF 103.9FM, transmitiendo...(internet address).. La Poderosa, Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico" 19/1 over KUAI Hawaii on religion.
- 1600 0800 USA KRVI Blaine WA w/brief "KRVI Blaine" o/Asian Indian format 19/1.
- 1640 0817 USA WTNI Biloxi MS thru dominant KDIA with sports talk, ESPN Radio idents 16/1.



Picture of SDR Radio recording Radio Kiribati on 1440 courtesy Youtube.com - this is NOT Bryan's radio!





## TV/FM NEWS & DX

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#### FM Log January 2016

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland with Sony XDR-F1HD and 5 element horizontallymounted yagi on rotator at 5 metres height.

All dates and times are UTC.

#### 6 January

0618 on 92.0 - More FM Kerikeri peaking fair with frequent fades.

14 January

2210 - 89.5 UNID noted briefly with pop music.

**15 January** (Another great South Pacific DX day, also brief opening to Christchurch & Queenstown!)

0054 – BBC Fiji 88.2 very good, Fijian language on 92.0 // 92.2 (Viti FM) and 92.8 // 93.0; UNID 96.0 on pops; 87.5 Tonga strong at 0058, heard past 0140; BBC 88.2 still fair 0109, patchy past 0140; CRI Tonga 92.1 from 0112 past 0200; Abovementioned Fijians still about at 0203; Bula FM in Fijian on 102.6 // 102.4; 100.8 Navtarang Hindi prgm weak// 101.0 which was mixing RNZ National.

0219 - Fijians weak on 100,2, 102.4, 103.2, 102.6. By 0235 on 92.0 and 93.0 heard.

0238 – Fijian on 96.0 peaking vgd; 88.2 BBC good at 0303; 92.0 Viti FM with rugby sevens commentary in EE & Fijian over More FM Kerikeri, vgd; 100.8 Hindi, 102.6 Fijian; 103.2 in Hindi .

0412 – 92.1 China Radio International Nukualofa heard with solid signal past 0431 on 'The Beijing Hour'; 103.0 Radio Australia Tonga at 0438.

1932 – 89.7 RNZ Concert Christchurch makes a rare appearance; Taranaki stations on 89.2 Radio Live, 97.2 Trackside; 97.8 and 98.8 ZM was very good at 1957 The Edge Waikato fair steady signal.

2308 - Fiji opening - 88.2, 92.0 // 92.2, 102.4 Fijian // to 102.6, 102.8, 103.0; 103.2 Hindi. 2335 - 88.0 New Caledonia strong.

16 January (More South Pacific and Otago/Southland on tropo)

0048 - 102.0 New Caledonia vgd, "Djiido: on RDS; 96.0 surging to vgd.

0101 – Kiwis on tropo 89.6 Newstalk ZB Queenstown; 89.7 RNZ Concert Christchurch at 0108; 97.2 The Edge Southland; 89.2 More FM Southland; 88.8 with rock music – ZM Queenstown!

0122 – 88.2 BBC Fiji at fair level; 89.0 live event with speeches at 0134, later identified as 89 FemTalk from Fiji, a new station for me. Difficult DX w/semi-local More FM Rodney 88.9 splatter.

0205 – 88.2 BBC had multiple signals showing that both Suva and Nadi transmitters coming through.

0221 - Fijians on 102.8 and 103.0 still going strong.

0355 – 87.5 Tonga at excellent level past 0400; 88.2 BBC excellent; 88.5 New Caledonia; // 91.5; Viti FM 92.0 poor while // 92.2 excellent (both still audible at 0450); 95.4 Today FM Suva on news and weather at 0403.

#### **17 January** (New Caledonian afternoon)

0143 – New Caledonians on 88.0, 88.5 vgd, 89.0 good, 91.5 vgd, all RNC Premiere in parallel, 92.5 and 93.0 France Inter w/"Inter" on RDS, followed past 0200; 93.5 rock music distorted; 95.0 Djiido mixing bFM Auckland // 96.0 strong, 97.0 strong, 97.5 smothering local, 98.5 strong; 101.0 smothering RNZ National; 101.5 "RRB" over Northland RNZ National; 102.0 Djiido strong; 102.5 RRB strong, 103.0 at 0155.

0246 – rechecked band and still New Caledonians galore, including 91.0 RNC Premiere swamping NZ. RDS shows as "NC 1ERE". Opening monitored till 0416 when only 88.5 and 91.5 remained.

18 January (New Caledonians galore, plus Fiji)

0613 – New Caledonian opening – RNC Premiere on 88.0, 88.5, 89.0, 89.5, 90.0, 90.5, 91.0, 91.5; France Inter 92.5 // 93.0; Fijians Viti FM on 92-0 and 92.2; 95.0 Oceane with no sign of co-channel bFM Auckland; Djiido on 96.0 // 96.5, 97.0, 97.5 (under NZ), 98.5, 102.0, 103.0; 101.0 Radio Rhythme Bleu exc // 101.5 poor.

0656-102.5 still vgd; also 88.0, 88.5, 89.5, 91.5; some lower frequency Djiidos at poor strength.

#### 19 January

0429 – 89.5 UNID with brief music opening.

2112 – 87.8 'Magic Jazz 106.7 FM" Whangarei fair under open carrier of local school station Beach FM which is off till February.

**20 January** (Australian East Coast)

0009 – Gold Coast area opening – 89.3. 90.9, 92.5, 94.5, 95.3 ABC FM, 96.1, 88.5 ABC FM Lismore classical at 0018, 90.7 ABC News Radio Grafton-Kempsey, 92.3 ABC Local Radio up briefly.

0312 – 88.7 ABC FM Nambour Queensland up vgd but distorting; also 88.5, Gold Coast frequencies 89.3, 90.9 Sea FM, 92.5, 93.3 4SBS Brisbane, 94.5 on cricket, 94.9, 95.3 ABC classical, 95.7 ABC News Radio, 96.1 Triple J, 96.5 identifying as "Family... Brisbane's 96,5", 96.9 ABC talk, 98.5 ABC News Radio Gold Coast strong, 90.1 ABC National with history talk at 0323, 91.5 Triple J Grafton/Kempsey, opening continued till about 0328 UTC. **22 January** (Kiwi DX evening with Otago & South Canterbury on tropo)

0525 – 89.0 RNZ Concert Manawatu makes a very rare appearance; 96.2 The Hits hrd from 0533. Dunedin road conditions; 95.4 The Rock Dunedin; 96.6 Radio Live Dunedin at 0553 with Mosgiel Tavern advt; 92.2 Radio Live news feed, suspect Wanaka; 89.1 Tahu FM Timaru vgd with RDS ident – my first Timaru FM logging.

#### 23 January (Nelson opening)

0555 – 89.2 Radio Live New Plymouth w/local adverts; 89.1 More FM 'Turn it up Saturday' – probably Coromandel.

2015 - 88.8 UNID here sporadically, possibly ZM Queenstown again?; 96.8 ZM FM Nelson peaking vgd; 89.6 The Hits Nelson; 91.2 RNZ Concert Nelson strong.

2348 - 89.0 UNID talk format here.

24 January (More FM from Taranaki & Nelson)

0035 – 97.2 Trackside New Plymouth poor, improving signal; 92.2 Nga lwi FM fair w/Maori ident.

0450 – rock music on 89.6 – "The Hits, Nelson" parallel to Whangarei station but not Auckland. 0630 – 89.6 Hits Nelson still in, 91.2 RNZ Concert on the decline, 92.8 More FM Nelson followed past 0712; 91.2 RNZ Concert Nelson at 0724 past 0853.

2055 - 89.2 Radio Live Taranaki vgd; 89.0 traces of talk here fighting against semi-local 88.9 More FM Rodney. Monitored sporadically all morning and finally confirmed with ident 2359 as Free FM, Hamilton (first time confirmed here).

#### 26 January

0250 - 88.2 weak LPFM eventually confirmed as The Flea, Devonport Auckland thru webstream //.

#### **New Rhema Frequencies**

Rhema Broadcasting Group have provided an update on all their recently introduced new FM frequencies:

Rhema – Tauranga 104.6 FM, Gisborne 103.7, Whanganui 104.8, Kapiti 103.9, Blenheim 104.1, Timaru 104.3

Star – Taumarunui 95.9 FM, Alexandra 100.7.

Life FM – Rotorua 106.3 FM, Taupo 105.6, Blenheim 93.7, Timaru 105.1, Alexandra 103.9, Wanaka 105.0. (Bryan Clark)

#### Prime TV in HD

Prime will be available in HD to SKY customers from 13 February. With great new content launching very soon and the Rio Olympics only a few months away, we made the decision to offer Prime in HD to SKY customers now while we continue discussions with our broadcast providers as to when we can look to upgrade on other platforms. Customers with the new SKY Box, MY SKY HDi or MY SKY+, along with an HD-ready television, will be able to view Prime in HD from this date. An HD access ticket is not required to watch Prime in HD. (Sky TV, www.sky.co.nz/prime-series-links)

#### Sky TV Announces Five New Foreign Language Channels

SKY Television will be launching five exciting new foreign language channels in February, including a Filipino channel and two Hindi channels, as well as two new Chinese channels, just in time to welcome in the Chinese New Year.

The new channels will launching on Tuesday 9th February and include:

**TFC** (The Filipino Channel), the Philippines' top TV channel offering the very best in general entertainment in Tagalog.

**Star Chinese Channel and SCM** (Star Chinese Movies) are two premium Chinese language channels offering the very best in general entertainment and movies.

**Colors** will offer the best in Hindi general entertainment and whilst Star Gold will bring you closer to Bollywood.

To subscribe to the channels you must be either a SKY Basic or Broadcast subscriber before being able to add the new line-up. SKY subscribers will be able to sample all of the new channels for a month after the launch date at no extra charge.

Star Plus which is currently broadcasting on SKY Channel 315 will remain on SKY but moves to the new home of Channel 150 on Tuesday 9 February where it will available at a reduced monthly rate. The existing foreign language channels operated by WTV will come off SKY on Tuesday 1 March.

#### AT A GLANCE

Colors – Hindi (SKY Channel 151)

Star Gold – Hindi (SKY Channel 152)

Star Chinese Channel – Mandarin (SKY Channel 155)

SCM (Star Chinese Movies) – Mandarin (SKY Channel 156)

**TFC** (The Filipino Channel) – Tagalog (SKY Channel 160)

- All existing WTV operated channels will be removed from SKY on Tuesday 1 March.
- The channels can be subscribed to individually or as packages.
- The channels are broadcast in Standard Definition (SD).

(Sky TV, 20 January 2016, www.sky.co.nz/-/mk\_pressrelease\_160120)

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### UTILITIES

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Once again the League has to record the passing of another member. Ron Killick was a long standing member of the now disbanded NZDXRA. Ron's great interest was Utility DXing and mainly in the area of aviation. It was only last month that Ron contributed to this section. RIP Ron. Thanks to Roger Pryde for letting me know. Many thanks also to members that remembered the new closing date.

| FREQ   | UTC  | DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION   |
|--------|------|---|
| 5574   | 0915 | DELTA 854 SAN FRAN FL310 Fuel 4.36, W X shifting advised 25/1 RP                |
| 5574   | 0925 | UNITED 155 SAN FRAN comms from FL350 position reports freg 5574 /               |
|        |      | 4313 squalls / Thunder storms 33.N – 143-0 west @ 30 knots 25/1 RP              |
| 5643   | 1552 | AIR NZ 01 AKL ADV contact RARATONGA 118-100 26/1 RP                             |
| 5643   | 1610 | QANTAS 16 NADI FL3 60 frequency exchange 5643/ 8867 data link                   |
|        |      | receive problem NANDI ADV other Ault NANDI Apr 119-100 26/1 RP                  |
| 5905   | 0612 | GERMANY DWD Pinneberg (tent) m slow speaker, f in D. end tx 0630                |
|        |      | 3/1 JW-Mop  |
| 6604   | 0835 | New York volmet 0840 ID "This is New York Radio" fair 23/1 ABD                  |
| 6604   | 0948 | New York volmet (Very Faint) DM   |
| 8728   | 0758 | MONACO 3AC Anthem; m speaker in F; f speaker in EE giving tx                    |
|        |      | schedule and id; anthem; end at 0802. poor-fair at Mopanui. (Also               |
|        |      | 30/12(poor) and 6/1(poor) at Mosgiel, 0758) JW                                  |
| 8743   | 0932 | Bangkok Radio Usual Id then Male with weather DM                                |
| 8765   | 0945 | Volmet Seas for New England DM  |
| 8828   | 0805 | Honolulu Hawaii volmet poor 23/1 ABD  |
| 8867   | 0352 | Auckland calling NZ 765 Good 23/1 ABD   |
| 8867   | 2247 | Auckland called Kiwi (no Number given) told to contact OHK on VHF DM            |
| 8867   | 2254 | Chat 51 called Auckland re deviation "going off Nth of the Island" DM           |
| 8867   | 0850 | Fiji 413 called Auckland DM   |
| 8867   | 2148 | VG (Victor Gulf) 18 repeated calls by Auckland no reply heard DM                |
| 8867   | 0901 | VHVLT /SAN FRANCISCO Position reports from FL 399 over CROWBEX                  |
|        |      | BLOCKS 380-400 + estimates 25/1 RP  |
| 8903   | 1032 | "Zanado?? 8903" Selcal to Manila Control DM                                     |
| 8903   | 1336 | San Francisco called Manila Control re Bravo Oscar Hotel (BOH) and              |
|        | 0054 | 13.300 mentioned DM   |
| 8922   | 0951 | Manila Volmet DM  |
| 8931.2 | 1950 | UNID fishermen (?) with Japanese accent speaking in EE (inexplicable!).         |
| 0450   | 4050 | Ref to 50-54 degrees E. Time given for sked at "6 o'clock". JW                  |
| 9152   | 1058 | Chinese Number station with Numbers in sets of 3 id as V26 DM                   |
| 9340   | 0827 |   |
| 11253  | 1038 | 0 0 0   |
| 11256  | 2345 | Very faint Yank male voice (This is first time in 15 years that live heard this |
| 17004  | 0200 | Antarctica frequency used) DM<br>NZ61 called Auckland with weather report DM    |
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|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| JW<br>JW-Mop<br>RP<br>ABD | Jonathan Wood<br>Jonathan Wood<br>Roger Pryde<br>Arthur De Maine | Mosgiel<br>Mopanui<br>Dunedin<br>Ashburton | Lowe HF-150 with 19 and 26m dipoles<br>Lowe HF-150 with 46m, dipole<br>National DR 49 aerials 30m Long Wire.<br>AOR 7030+, Icom-R71E, 25m Long wire, Coaxial                                   |
|                           |  |  | Loop.  |

### **BRANCH NEWS**

Any information re Branch News - notice of upcoming events or reports of recent events, please email: editor@radiodx.com

#### Wellington Group

As seen in the news and mentioned on DXDialog, there has been a fire at Beach Babylon Café in Oriental Bay. This is the usual venue for the Wellington gathering. David Ricquish has mentioned Mojo Poneke, also in Oriental Bay, as an alternative venue.

The date is Wednesday, 24th Feburary (closing date for the mag) at 12.45pm

Keep an eye on DXDialog for confirmation of venue from David.

#### **Dunedin Group**

The first meeting for the Year will take place on February 20th 2016 at

Ian Wells' home at 16 Fenty Place

Phone 4898122 Starting at 2pm finishing at 4pm.

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Looking forward to seeing more new faces this year!

# ADCOM NEWS

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER JIM COWAN** of Northcote, Auckland. We hope you'll find information in these pages to help your radio listening Jim, and look forward to reading of your catches in due course!

**GET WELL SOON** to our worthy Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** who underwent knee replacement surgery at Whangarei Hospital in early February. We hope the forced convalescence period will allow your more time at the radio dial Phil!

**WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK** has uploaded a pdf file of updates to the B15 schedules in the International section of WRTH 2016. Visit the WRTH Store at http://www.wrth.com/\_ shop/ for the link to the Schedules update. (Nicholas Hardyman, Publisher via Email)



**AWARUA COMMUNICATIONS MUSEUM** was officially opened by Invercargill Mayor Tim Shadbolt on 27 January and is now open to the public on Sundays from 11am to 3pm, and at other times by appointment. The Museum provides an opportunity for exploring both the technology and history of NZ's communications from early telegraph and radio days through to the modern era. A purpose-built theatre and its wide collection of heritage film provides both entertaining and educational material. The museum's technology collection displays the evolution of the fascinating world of wired, radio and digital communications.

See their website at http://www.awaruamuseum.co.nz/ We also have an article about the former coastal radio station on the DX League's website at http://www.radiodx.com/articles/ station-profiles/pacific/the-awarua-radio-story/

**NEW WEBSITE** The New Zealand Archive of Film, Television and Sound (Ngā Taonga) has a new website which includes their catalogue of archival sound recordings. Some of us longtime DXers will have our own 'archive' of radio recordings and the website includes a video in which audio conservator Marie O'Connell talks about the challenges of preserving analogue broadcasting recording formats including open reel tapes and cassettes. See: http://www.ngataonga.org.nz/preservation/our-preservation-work/video-preserving-audio-tapes



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

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, January 10, 2016 -- We return to Germany, with two more items from "Zeesen," the German shortwave station that dominated the short waves during World War II and before. They are: (1) an October 1939 German-English letter to listeners, outlining changes in their broadcasting (the war in Europe had started the month before); and (2) "Hello, Everybody! A Voice of Friendship, Short Waves Over the World," a four-page English-language writeup about shortwave and the German station's "Waves of Friendship." It is all posted under "DX History/Stations." -- And in "Specialized Resources" there are two new "Wavescan" entries from Adrian Peterson: "Two Men on an Island: The Radio Scene on the Island of Guam" (Wavescan N358, January 3, 2016); and "Focus on the South Pacific: Shortwave Callsigns in Australia VLF " (Wavescan N358, January 3, 2016).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, January 17, 2016 -- Hearing Hawaii on shortwave always seemed special, but it was seldom that you could hear actual Hawaiian programming over the islands' shortwave stations. There were, however, some locallygrown Hawaiian programs that were carried over a couple of Hawaii's shortwave transmitters. The story is told in "The Sounds of Hawaii on Shortwave," which is posted in the "DX History" section under "Stations."

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, January 24, 2016 -- Under "Specialized Resources/SWLing in World War II," we continue our review of the wartime columns of the International DXers Alliance, presenting the years 1941 and 1942. -- Also under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," this new entry from Adrian Peterson: "The World's Oldest Mediumwave Station: The KDKA Story" (Wavescan N359, January 10, 2016).

