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Welcome to the May edition of the New Zealand DX Times. Winter is fast approaching and with it the Latin DX season for Medium Wave listeners. There have already been openings from Brazil and Argentina - I am sure Bryan Clark will mention this in the MW pages. Make sure whether it is something very exotic from South America, KNX 1070 from Hollywood (my and Paul Ormandy's first yank), the ABC from Sydney or Newstalk ZB from Wellington - tell Bryan about it. In fact tell all your editors about what you are hearing. If you get a QSL back - that is wonderful, if you don't it doesn't matter.

When I took over the magazine from the late Mark Nicholls I restructured it slightly. I moved the **Mailbag** to be the first item. This was done deliberately for two reasons. Firstly Theo, despite his self-effacing denials, has a wonderful turn of phrase and shows a genuine interest in all who contribute and secondly, I wanted this column to be the focal point of the magazine. I want people to fly kites, say what they think, let us know what is going on. I did this last month with my point about what constitutes a QSL and I see it was picked up in Glenn Hauser's blog.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of one of Southland's great MW Dxers. **Keith Robinson** passed away on Anzac Day, 25th April. Tributes to Keith are to be found in these pages.

Peter Mott's League SDR in Paihia is the ideal antidote to all this noise. I have been using it a little bit and have found it to be excellent. If you live in a noisy environment, then this SDR is the answer to your problem. Peter is also talking about erecting another antenna with a bearing towards South America. Because of his local commitments he simply cannot turn the current aerial around. This will happen at some stage in the future and when it does, DXing will become a whole lot more interesting (for me at least!).

The ABC Northern Territory SW saga rumbles on. **Bryan Clark** reports via **DXDialog** that a bill to the Australian Senate is under review to discuss restoring ABC Australia's shortwave broadcasts. The Senate invited submissions from interested parties following ABC Australia's announcement to end shortwave transmission to the Northern Territory and International audiences. The DRM Consortium's submission to this process can be read at the below link. See:

<http://www.drm.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/ABC-DRM-submission-to-Australia-2017-03-29.pdf>

Being back in NZ recently and DXing with Bryan Clark has reminded me with great clarity what a wonderful haven New Zealand is for DXing. On my return from NZ I was greeted with nothing but noise and only stations from China audible on the bands during daylight hours. DXers in NZ may complain about conditions, but you have nothing to grumble about really!

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New QSL to be issued for Radio Free Asia

Our good friend, AJ Janitschek of Radio Free Asia has sent details of the new QSL card to be issued by RFA for the May 1st - August 31st period.

The press release AJ sent us says: *Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces the release of the fourth QSL card in the series highlighting the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) transmitter sites used for RFA programming. RFA programs also broadcasts from these IBB sites: Biblis, Lampertheim, Saipan and Tinian. IBB Kuwait is one of the most cost-effective transmitter site's in IBB's inventory and is also an integral part of IBB's global satellite interconnect system (SIS) carrying RFA programming where needed. This is RFA's 64th QSL overall and will be used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports from May 1 - August 31, 2017.*



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MAILBAG

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Last month in his opening comments, Chief Ed Stu picked up on Jonathan Wood's disappointment that his Channel 292 eQSL was likely an automated response. A couple of members have sent along quick thoughts about verifications and how the hobby's attitudes have changed towards collecting. Stu was wondering about what constitutes a verie, and whether a group could look at reports to 'difficult' stations.

Tony King, Greytown was in right off the bat while the electrons were still bouncing in my 'eTimes'. "My three-pence worth! If you heard it, reported it and receive a computer-generated QSL that should satisfy and you are unlikely to receive any other form of confirmation. I 'self-verify. I record it on cassette/voice recorder with enough ID or content to confirm I heard the station, and save the recording. WHYP 6920 is an example." Later, in a reply to a response from me, Tony added: "I gave up reporting about 20 years ago and have a library of catches back to the 80's. It was exciting in those days to receive cards and stations seemed to appreciate how far away they were being heard. Generations have changed, and today most stations would wonder why people report and what is a QSL." (*Thruppence! On the tenth of July this year... 50 years ago... and it's a Monday too.*)

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim whose mailbox is still busy with incoming veries had this to say: "Having read the item on page 3 April Times re QSLs I thought I would add my thoughts. First of all a definite NO to league members verifying reports. I can't see all that much difference between that and automated veries. After all how would league members be able to check for programme content? Say you were the guy checking and I were to send you a report for say Namibia how on earth would you be able to check its content as correct? Further to that I know for a fact of one broadcaster who sends out QSL cards by post for email etc. reports where a girl in the office merely checks frequency and time/language and posts out the QSL card with no check at all of programme content accuracy and I guess there are several like that. As for automated replies, WRMI has been doing this for some time now. In this day and age I really think we must accept this as being OK although obviously not ideal. Let's face it, QSL's in any format are just about a thing of the past now and SW generally in its death bed so let's be thankful for whatever we get by whatever method. As for the old hands not accepting such goings on (guess I am just about one), we must live with the times. Not too long ago some of the 'old hands' actually opposed sending email reports etc. and an email verie even fully detailed a no-no. It's really a case of some old hands jealously guarding their hard earned veries and I can understand that but I repeat we must live with the times. There are my thoughts for what they are worth and I know some won't agree and that's OK by me. Wouldn't life be dull if we all thought alike on all matters?" And a few days later, Ian followed up with his latest additions: "Here are my SW veries received during April: NHK Issoudun 5960; NHK Dhabbaya 13640; AIR 9380; RRI 9500; KSDA 11900; KTWR 13710; and Reach Beyond Australia 9685 kHz. There they are and again quite sparse and nothing spectacular but I guess it's about as much as we can hope for these days." (*But some 'regular' broadcasters there among the religious types, especially All-India Radio.*)

Personally, as I remarked to Ian and Stu, my feelings on verifications have never been

as dogmatic as with the business of remote listening, simply because in the years when I was reporting and receiving QSL's, I learned to accept that what came back sometimes didn't hit all the 'perfection buttons': possibly no time or date or frequency or signature. But I could usually match a reply with the appropriate logging, and would carefully mark same to satisfy my standards. I'm sure (as 99% of my collection dates from the early and middle 60's) some items wouldn't have passed inspection by a rules' master somewhere in the deep South Island! My ethics told me what I heard. The occasional collector still expects a full-detail, totally-correct official QSL which these days is too demanding on many stations' time and money. We have to accept what a broadcasting organisation can spare. But I must admit I agree with Jonathan Wood's wondering of the usefulness of Channel 292's apparent automated reply. Why issue an eQSL simply because a communication was received? Possibly a real person reviewed the report within those four minutes, or maybe the email address which generated the reply wasn't publicised except for reports? As for members doing the verifying, the ODXA's Harold Sellers handles QSL's for CKMX/1060 and CFVP/6030 in Calgary, AB. And the IRCA's Pat Martin in Seaside, OR looks after those duties for KGED/1680 in Fresno, CA. Still, as with hearing stations and how, it all gets back again to the hobby being what an individual wants of it, while at the same time sharing our common interests. Time to buy a new soapbox... the old cardboard apple container just collapsed.

Stu Forsyth from Cyberjaya, Malaysia tells of his latest visit to Godzone. "Hi Theo, I have just spent a few days with Bryan and Sandy Clark. You can imagine the hospitality and friendship. Bryan and I did a little listening and heard a bit. I have sent reports out to KTNN 660, KLAC 850, KTRB 860, R. Verdad 4055, Red Patria Nueva 6025, Madagascar World Voice 11825, Zanzibar 6015. Verdad (Guatemala) and Zanzibar (Tanzania) would be new countries. All of this occurred just before the storm (Cyclone Debbie's remnants TD). A drive back to West Auckland in torrential rain was as bad as it got for us, not like down the island. Fingers are crossed for getting any of these back!" *(Then you'll definitely be interested in Bryan's news...)*

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai has had success with a real goodie! "Hi Theo, DX activity has been at a high level, thanks in big part to Jonathan Wood's efforts liaising with American pirate operators for the special 1 April broadcasts to NZ. I have logged and verified WHYP 6920, WREC 6960, Captain Morgan Shortwave 6950 and XEROX Radio Duplicado 6929. Also heard with its final SW broadcasts in early April was longtime South American pirate Radio Pirana Internacional on 6930. A report going out to them, also HCJB Germany 5920 and Laser Hot Hits Ireland 6220. The biggest thrill however was a short email QSL from ZBC Zanzibar for their 6015 channel. My email of thanks was then 'rejected' by the Internet so I don't know whether others will be able to snare this elusive station for their QSL collection. Fellow club members Stuart Forsyth and Brian Dodgson have been welcome visitors to my radio shack this month with great camaraderie and some good DX heard." Bryan says the email address he used was <info@zbc.co.tz>. He sent a postscript later too: "Can you add this QSL info from 'Laser Hot Hits International' to my Mailbag submission? From Martin Scott: 'Hi Bryan. Thanks for your reception report! You were listening to the Ian Lawrence show on Laser for sure. Quite incredible! I don't think we have ever had a report from New Zealand in our 23 years of shortwave broadcasts, it's about as far away as you can get - around 12,000 miles! This is a new transmitter on 6220. We recently got a report from Cyprus, which was a first, then Brazil which was also a first. Conditions seem quite good tonight here so wondering if you got a signal today. eQSL card attached. Thanks once again for the amazing report.'" *(XEROX... R. Duplicado... groan. But, aw, Zanzibar! Here's hoping Stu can copy your success. <ducks>)*

David Ricquish, Wellington dropped a very welcome message into the mailbox. "Greetings


Theo: long time no write but avidly read each month. 7 May = 1 year since the stroke... very frustrating... some things are a bit better. I hope to walk again but still battling balance issues. Went to a restaurant yesterday, just the 2nd time in a year. Still a one-fingered typist. Good to see Mike hearing Brazilians. Spend lot of time streaming and finally heard Seychelles 1331 that way! Chris Mackerell keeps <radioheritage.net> site updated and maintained. Very tired each day though Jo says i'm really on holiday! 73s, David." *(Tremendous to hear from you directly... that's not an anniversary to be cheered at, and certainly not a holiday. I notice you lot in Wellington did well with the Aurora Australis over a couple of nights recently. Hope you saw the display facing south from Island Bay?)*

Mike Smith, Opunake has some more on David's comment. "Hi Theo: Using the old gmail account as xtra is down for maintenance - and it's late on the 26th! I didn't have much to contribute until today when a QSL turned up in the mail from Radio Ukraine International on 1431kHz - country number 63 on MW. This was in response to an emailed report to their WRTH address with a sound clip, and heard using Peter's SDR. Pretty pleased with that. Also had a purple patch with Uruguay, Brasil, and Argentina for a week or so but they seem to have dried up now. Got a few recordings to decipher when time allows. I've sent an email with audio to Radio Bahia Blanca (Argentina) on 840 as it was a good clear spell with a couple of IDs - easy to deal with for my not so good ears. Cheers." *(Some nice stuff appearing in your messages on <dxdialog>. Watching another NZ discussion group, Spark seem to have divorced <xtra> from Yahoo.)*

Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel sent me over my data allowance with two contributions this month (just kidding...). "Hello Theo, the Pirate Weekend coincided with suitably foggy conditions at Shag Point, and although no suspicious activity was to be seen in the boat harbour, the first three contacts were from the Czech Republic, Taiwan and the UK - in the form of visitors wondering what the long pole and all the wire was for! Most of the coordination was done by PJ Sparx of WREC, whom I unfortunately didn't manage to log, although I believe that Bryan did. He write to say that WHYP had let him know that the station on 6955 that I recorded was XLR8. 'He listened closely and was able to hear the station ID at some point. That station doesn't have an email address for reports unfortunately and I have no idea who he is or how to contact him.' PJ also said, 'I have been heard by listeners in Germany, Italy, England, Latvia, Ireland, France, Sweden etc. directly from my own transmitters over the years since I started back in 1992. New Zealand is definitely a first for me as it is a bit over 9000 miles away from here! I wonder if I could be heard in Australia as well?' Perhaps he is thinking of filling the ABC vacuum! WHYP commented that he was 'very pleased' that I was able to hear hear him. He continued, 'I was on 6920 from 5:15 until 6:45 running about 200 watts average power. I also included some CW ID's which were at about 500 watts. The antenna is a resonant coax fed flat top dipole 20 meters above the ground. I was following the gray line map that evening, but I did not know exactly where you were listening from, so I started transmitting a bit before sunset on the very northeast tip of northern island. I know here Euro propagation is good an hour or two before local sunset.' After contacting XEROX radio with a recording, I received a helpful reply from Bert Sambo to say it wasn't him, but possibly R. Pirana. Jorge from R. Pirana wrote to confirm it was indeed them on 6930 at 0639z. R. Pirana are working with the two other clips I sent to confirm if it was them. The first clip is of their relay of Radio Enterhaken. Jorge commented, 'This is really great! Transmitter is only 10 watts carrier (approx. 40 Watts PEP). Antenna is an inverted V dipole 23.5 metres high at the feed point. We are located in the Rio de la Plata region in South America. We also have a transmitter QTH in Europe that is our main QTH nowadays.' He also sent a pic of the transmitter. A logging on 6940 at 0457z got this response from Dick Weed of Radio Free Whatever: 'Great Work, Comrade Jonathan. I played rap not because I wanted to but because I thought it would help me stand out. It worked!' My recordings

on 6950, the frequency Capt. Morgan planned to use, haven't been confirmed, so remain tentative. The trip back, after midnight, was somewhat tiring, so a week or two later I went out to Doctor's Point, only 35 minutes away, where I had previously been on a recce with Phil Garden and also with the BOG antenna. I tried out the ELAD versus the Lowe on the same dipole antenna, making about 20 pairs of recordings. There doesn't appear to be much difference between the two: the audio and simple ergonomics is a plus for the Lowe, but the ELAD doesn't seem to suffer the overloading on lower frequencies that the Lowe does, and the ELAD has a nice collection of filters which get a lot of use. Current ELAD use is purely in stand-alone mode due to the company not catering for Mac users! However, it is handy to have two receivers that can sit side by side on the dashboard just over the steering wheel!" And just before deadline, Jonathan added these details from R. Enterhaken: "Hello, dear Free Radio enthusiast! Thanks for taking the time to email us your transmission report. We received it by forwarding via our relay station RADIO PIRANA INTERNACIONAL, transmitting marathon from a hidden site in South America. Thus, congratulations for having heard our station RADIO ENTERHAKEN in your country. Finally we also checked your audio files with success and you definitely heard our signals by voice071, voice075 and even voice077! Absolutely awesome! Where is your location in New Zealand, where at the East Coast, please be more exact?! And have there been others from your country who were listening that day and time? Please tell them to write in to us as well! Thank you for your understanding that only real and correct reception reports will be answered. BTW, ENTERHAKEN is simply German and means 'GRAPNEL' or 'GRAPPLING HOOK'. We are a fairly fast-paced German-language comedy and music station, that has been occasionally on the air since 2000, but mostly for testing purposes, transmitter- and aerial-wise. In conclusion, please find our eQSL card attached for your pleasure. Meanwhile stay tuned to RADIO ENTERHAKEN! Yours truly, Captain Cook - RADIO ENTERHAKEN. <enterhaken@gmx.net>" (Rather fitting in this issue that der gute Kapitän should remind us that "only real and correct reception reports will be answered"! Jonathan, I hope Stu is able to use all the graphics you've included.)

That's an impressive bunch of contributions! Now I've got that "I am the very model of a modern major general" running through my head. One other major piece of business this month: I think Stu will have been able to change the masthead... but I've set up an alias for my main email account for your use: <dxmailbag@telus.net>. The <radiodx> address has been playing up, again... as David Ricquish discovered. Anyone who has my usual alias with Telus is welcome to use that as well – it'll all end up in the same inbox. 73, Theo



"Springtime At WHYP"

WHYP QSL

To Jonathan Wood

April 1, 2017 / 5:17-6:45 UTC

6920 kHz USB 200 Watts Avg Pwr

Thanks for listening, ~JB



QSL

JOHNATHAN WOOD

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4-1-17

0500 UTC 6940kHz2

RADIO FREE

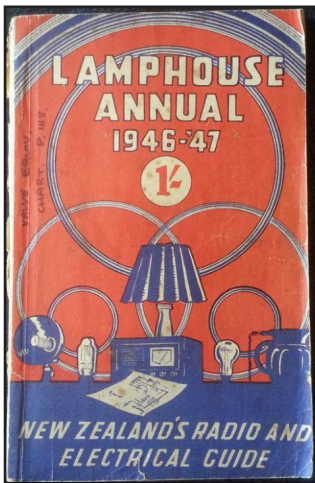
WHATSOEVER

Farewell to Keith Robinson

It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent passing of Keith Robinson.

Keith's entry in the DXers Profile section of radiodx.com reads like this:

I was fortunate enough to live in a good DX location at Kapuka, 25km east of Invercargill, during the 1940s and 1950s. I started off with my parents' Philips Radio player, which was a good DX set. I heard VPD2 Suva, Fiji on 6040 kHz; I had seen the old Lamphouse Magazine, which contained notes by Arthur Cushen. I contacted him and he put me on the right track to send reports. This was in late 1943. By this time I was attending Southland Boys' High, where I met John Miller and Lyndsay Springford from Winton, who also DXed. I used to bike in to DX meetings over 25km of gravel roads.



I started work at the Southland Times newspaper in 1944 and used to knock off work at 1.30-2.00am. There was a radio in the sub-editors' room and I heard quite a few Yanks on it, including 250 watters KRPL Moscow Idaho on 1400 and KWOR Worland Wyoming on 1490. I got a job on the now defunct Auckland Star in 1948. I boarded in Cheltenham Road, Devonport which was quite a good location. The best station I verified there was KLAS a 250 watter in Las Vegas on 1230. Some of the DXers I remember from then were Noel Barrett, Hank Barr, Des Gate and Jim Forrest.

I returned to the farm in Southland in 1951 and DXed mainly with wonky old battery sets in a hut away from the power lines. In 1962 reception from the US packed up. The last decent Yank I heard was WIWD a 250 watter in New Jersey on 1340 kHz.

PS: Ask Barry Williams if he remembers a trip to Lloyd Clayden's farm mid 1950s. He drove rapidly in an old Jaguar. The door was held shut with a piece of twine tied to the dashboard.

Ray Crawford takes up the story:

I received a phone call from Faye Robinson to tell us that Keith Robinson had passed way aged 87 years on April 25th, 2017.

Keith started DXing on the family farm at Kapuka, south west of Invercargill in the early 1940's. He sent his first reception reports to stations in 1943 when he was still attending Southland Boys' High School.

When he left school he began as a journalist at the Southland Times in 1944. Four years later in 1948 he moved to Auckland where he became an editor with the Auckland Star. In 1951 he returned to Southland and worked on the family farm.

I first met Keith at the monthly meetings of the Southland Branch of the NZ Radio DX League in the 1960's. At that time he had a caravan that he used as a DX shack on the coast at Waituna Lagoon not too far from Kapuka. (This location was only be a few kilometres from the renowned Tiwai DX shack of the Southland Branch.) Here he had several long wires erected and much DX was heard. I remember stopping one night in January of 1961 in the caravan with Bill Marsh logging 250 watt stations from the USA. Keith was away playing at a country dance. He was an accomplished saxophone player and at one time played in a dance band called the Swingtones with Sutton Burtenshaw.

Keith married Faye in January 1966 and they had a daughter, Michelle, and a son, Christopher.

Many visits to Keith's were made to DX over the years from the 1960's until we left for Australia in 1981. Monday nights would see me down there as it was that night that many USA stations would come on late to carry out transmitter tests. Lots of these Proof of Performance tests were heard over those years as there were not so many New Zealand stations on the air in the 1960's and 70's. Keith had the best ears of any DXer I have known and he could pull out what the announcer was saying through all the noise or another station when others listening with him could hear the station talking but not tell what was being said. The other advantage of having a musical bent was his knowledge of the recordings being played. He must have known every song ever recorded!

I can remember one afternoon hearing ZBM1 Bermuda on 1235kHz with 250 watts on an electric fence which was only about 700mm above the ground. Keith was well known around the district as "the mad bugger who carried his radio and a battery around the farm in a wheelbarrow." Little did they know he was an extraordinary DXer.

I took a phone call from him one evening in the 1970's and he was very excited as he had heard several Argentinian and Uruguayan stations the night before. I went to the Tiwai shack the next night and logged most of them, which was amazing reception.

One Sunday, as we did often with my family, we went out to Kapuka and Keith was at the dials using a loop antenna. His receiver then was a Phillips transportable which didn't have a cabinet or dial. He could tune along the band and tell who every Yank station was just by the voice of the announcer. He even apologised for the speaker having a hole in it as a sheep had put its foot through it.

When he retired he sold the farm and moved into Invercargill. Sometimes he would go portable out of town but when DX slowed and conditions became no good he started to write stations on 90 and 60 metre bands.

As he aged his health suffered and DXing was given away. Keith was a valued friend of the writer and his family. Many thanks for the memories.

Ray Crawford, ex Invercargill and now in Kingaroy, QLD, Australia.

Keith was a very private man with sense of justice and often grim humour. I knew Keith only after he returned to Southland from working on the Auckland Star. His exploits with the vibrator set and wooden barrow are well known in Southland DX folklore and eventually led to the siting of the caravan that was to be a rival to the 6X3 at Riverton. I also knew Keith as a musician, he and his saxophone being required in quite a few different dance bands in the deep south. On one or two occasions after a particularly strenuous session at a wedding dance or similar we would retire to the caravan for a bit of dx before I carried on to the city. Great times, great dx, great company.

To Faye and children, my heartfelt sympathy.....Sutton Burtenshaw, Hamilton.

I visited Keith in Invercargill several times in recent years, the last time in March 2016. I knew I was at the right house because there was a loop aerial in prominent view through the garage window.

Keith was still listening around on medium wave but he clearly missed the glory days of the hobby when local interference levels were never a problem. He enjoyed reminiscing about those days.

With his passing we have lost another foundation member of the DX League and links with the great DX era.

I note his contribution in the second issue of the 'DX Bulletin NZ' published on 7 November 1947 (precursor to the NZ DX Times):

KEITH ROBINSON Kapuka reported KIMA, KRUL, KWJJ, CKNW, KEEN, KUOA, WLOW, KASH, KORE, KNAK, Saigon, Singapore 1333, KFEL, WDAY, KUSN, KSTV. Veries 2XL, KPOA, CMKN 930.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai

Footnote: The last Ladders entry I could find for Keith was December 2012. He was noted as having 2929 veries from 157 countries. That is a total that is likely never to be matched in the modern era. - Chief Ed.



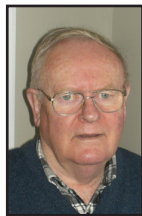
At the 1968 Convention at Leithfield. Keith is sixth from the left.

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.**

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details

4055	0557	GUATEMALA, R Verdad. Poor but readable signal. Id given as R Verdad. Woman may have been speaking in German (sounded a little like it). C/ down at 0602 with choir singing. Carrier off at 0607 - 9/4 BCM/SMF.
4747.5	1124	PERU R Huanta, tent.; traces of wooden flute mx, vp. 01/4 JW
4840	0545	USA.World Christian Radio.fair in English.15/4.BC
4885	0615	BRAZIL, R Clube do Para – Fair at best with vocals and announcements in PP. Also gave frequencies. 9/4 BCM/SMF
4950a	0500	ANGOLA RNA Mulenvos poor in PP w/apparent news bulletin 2/4 on signature freq 4949.73. At same time audio traces on 5004.59, presumed Bata. BCM
4955	1135	PERU R Cultural Amauta, tent.; m singer with backing group, p in SS or Q 01/4 JW
5020	0740	VANUATU, R Vanuatu poor in Tok Pisin – KAB 22/4
5020	0824	SOLOMON IS SIBC with usual reliable signal; Elton John, “Daniel” f-g in EE 08/4 JW
5810	0742	USA, WEWN good with relig broadcast in Spanish – KAB 22/4
5875	0530	ASCENSION ISLAND BBC World Service relay good & clear 17/4 // 5925 fair, 6005 good but with noisy hum on transmitter. Also audible at this time via Woofferton 7345 exc and Madagascar 15420 poor to fair. BCM
5875	1510	UZBEKISTAN, BBC fair in Farsi with comment, scratchy. //6195 the same – CC 5/4
5890	0730	USA, Bro Stair weak & noisy with usual relig raving – KAB 22/4
5915	1750	ZAMBIA, Voice of Hope with.guy +yl talking, fair.29/3BC
5920	0456	GERMANY HCJB Germany opened with musical interlude, GG religious talks, hymns and contemporary vocals 14/4. Followed until 0545, poor signal at best. BCM
5935	0728	CHINA, Xizang PBS poor with YL talking in English – KAB 22/4
5940	0813	BRAZIL Voz Missionaria, tent.; m annrc, p in PP 08/4 JW
5975	0500	AUSTRIA. NHK via MOS. VG in English. 1/4. IC
5980	0732	USA, R Marti fair with 2 OMs talking in Spanish // 6030 v good – KAB 22/4
5995	1810	MALI, RTV Malienne fair in English storey, bird call close18.10. 9/4.BC.
6015	0440	ZANZIBAR (TANZANIA) ZBC w/talkback in Swahili, African rhythms and “ZBC” ident 11/4. Audible some days from 0400 after China 6020 closes. Distinctive drums and time pips hrd 13/4. BCM
6015	0445	ZANZIBAR, Fair with lady talking in Swahili. Phone calls being taken. Grey line boost to sig and faded and disappeared by 0500. Id given as ZBC. 11/4

SMF/BCM

6025 0420 BOLIVIA, Red Patria Neuva. Fair/ poor with nx show. Id at 0431 as 'Bolivia Informar'. 11/4 SMF/ BCM

6025a 0812 BOLIVIA Red Patria Nueva ran overnight 13/4 w/news reports & actualities in SS, fair signal on LSB to avoid Marti 6030. BCM

6030 1940 ETHIOPIA Radio Oromiya w/folksongs & western-style vocals till closing at 2000 after brief annct and sung anthem 30/3, BCM

6070 0820 CANADA CFRX, tent.; p-f with talkback. 01/4 JW

6090 1950 ETHIOPIA, Voice of Amhara state with talking. fair.9/4.BC

6090 2057 ETHIOPIA, R Amhara vg with mx and talk. 2059 Amhara Radio id given and c/ down and anthem. CRI carrier came on and sig audible beneath. 9/4 BCM/SMF

6090 2059 ETHIOPIA Amhara Radio ident & closing anthem, good and clear 9/4. Also audible at 0402 w/very good signal 10/4. BCM

6100 1529 NORTH KOREA Pyongyang w/solemn orchestrals, time pips at 1530 & KK annct. Very good signal on LSB mode only which allowed weak Afghanistan co-channel to sneak through at 1532 2/4. BCM

6105 0415 FRANCE. NHK via ISS. VG in Japanese. 18/4. IC

6145 0500 CUBA. RHC. Fair in English. 16/4. IC

6145 0545 CUBA Radio Havana exc in EE on new freq ex 6165, 14/4. BCM

6155 0430 GERMANY. AWR via Nauen. VG in French. 31/3. IC

6155 0830 SOUTH KOREA. KBS-World. Poor in Japanese. 14/4. IC

6165 0536 CUBA, Radio Habana with ID, fair in English.7/4.BC.

6170 2035 ROMANIA, RRI fair in English with world news.11/3.BC

6180 0427 ROMANIA. RRI. Good in Romanian. 13/4. IC

6180 0610 SAO TOME VOA to West Africa in FF w/news reports, fair over DWD 24/4. Sked 0530-0630 Mon-Fri so only weekends to hear DWD now. BCM

6185 1940 UNITED KINGDOM Radio Taiwan International via Woofferton vgd w/GG ident. Closed 1955 w/mailling address & internet link 30/3. New freq ex 3955. BCM

6220 0823 Laser Hot Hits, tent.; mx alternating with m anncr, vp, 0823-0831. Also logged 0745-49 8/4 vp. 01/4 JW

6920 0517 USA WHYP; "WHYP Pirate Radio with a special test transmission to New Zealand" 0524 & 0549. fair. 01/4 JW

6920 0528 NORTH AMERICA WHYP followed until 0645 tuneout w/rock music, regular CW & voice idents including "You are listening to a DX Test to NZ from WHYP Pirate Shortwave Radio from North America". Fair at best 1 /4. BCM

6929 0529 NORTH AMERICA XEROX Radio Duplicado very weak signal on 1/4, but was able to identify one music item and catch closedown at 0612 to qualify for a quick QSL. BCM

6930 0445 SE SOUTH AMERICA P Pirana; Traces of music and anncrs 0445-0655; vp. 01/4 JW

6930 0504 SOUTH AMERICA Radio Pirana Internacional at poor level 2/4 w/pop vocals, Andean flute music. Also hrd at fair strength 0800 on 4/4, reportedly its last day on air. BCM

6940 0457 USA Radio Free Whatever; Traces of music 0457-0607 incl 2 rap songs; no carrier wave. vp. 01/4 JW

6950 0603 NORTH AMERICA Captain Morgan Shortwave a fair signal 1/4 through to closing at 0634. Classic rock songs and regular idents. BCM

- 6950 0611 USA Captain Morgan, tent; Traces of music 0611-0616 incl song similar to "Let's Dance" 0616. vp. 01/4 JW
- 6955.5 0502 USA XLR8; Music 0502-0646 incl track similar to Dr Who theme and Born to be Wild. Vp-p. 01/4 JW
- 6960 0530 NORTH AMERICA WREC monitored from opening till closure at 0620 1/4. Weak signal but able to catch ident and several music titles. BCM
- 7120 1757 SOMALILAND, R.Hargeisa. Poor in listed Somali thru 1830 - 17/4 KB
- 7215 1739 OMAN, BBC. Fair in Pashto - 19/4 KB
- 7225 1900 GERMANY, VOA. Fair in Kurdish after s/on in English - 19/4 KB
- 7245 1820 S.AFRICA, BBC. Fair in French - 19/4 KB
- 7255 0603 NIGERIA V of Nigeria, tent.; f in Hausa 08/4 JW
- 7275 1836 STH KOREA, Radio Korea International, good in English with talk on doctors buildings.30/3BC
- 7280 1807 VIETNAM, VOV. Fair in Spanish; 1829 ID & into German - 17/4 KB
- 7280 1945 VIETNAM. VOV. VG in French. 1/4. IC
- 7285 0611 S AFRICA Sonder Grense, tent.; m anncr and music, vp. 08/4 JW
- 7295 1930 CHINA. CRI. Good in English. 31/3. IC
- 7295 1946 CHINA, CRI with ID, fair in English with talk on exports.11/3.BC.
- 7300 1524 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl good in Chinese with talk. //7385duistorted – CC 5/4
- 7330 0403 ROMANIA, RRI poor & noisy with talk in Romanian – KAB 16/4
- 7330 0415 ROMANIA. RRI. VG in Romanian. 14/4. IC
- 7355 0710 USA. WHRI. Good in English. 30/3. IC
- 7365 0655 USA Radio Marti fair thru heavy Cuban jamming // 6030 good w/reports on Venezuelan protests in SS 10/4. BCM
- 7415 0625 ASCENSION R Dandal Kura, tent.; m anncr. vp. 08/4 JW
- 7425 0720 NZ. RNZI. Good in English. 30/3. IC
- 7425 0726 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI v good with "Saturday Night" in English – KAB 22/4
- 7435 0436 USA, R Marti weak, noisy with talk in Spanish – KAB 22/4
- 7480 1800 MOLDOVA, R.Payem e-Doost. Good in Persian, yl & om w/ talk & mx - 19/4 KB
- 7485 1518 SINGAPORE, BBC good in Urdu with talk// 12075 the same – CC 5/4
- 7615 0400 NORTH AMERICA YHWH anti-Christian pirate audible here 20/4, 21/4, 22/4 w/rambling talks. Followed till abrupt closing 0518:30 on 21/4. BCM

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

- 5860 2145 KUWAIT, R Farda vg in AA with mx and talk 23/4 SMF
- 5915 2147 ZAMBIA, ZBC Radio 1 fair/ poor with talk – would have been fair/good had atmospheric been settled 23/4 SMF
- 5915 2158 NTH MARIANAS, VoA sign on with Khmer service. Yankee Doodle Dandy and various VoA ids and commercials ruined Zambia completely 23/4 SMF
- 5975 2149 VIETNAM, VoV fair with choir singing. V noisy condx. 23/4 SMF
- 6030 1906 ETHIOPIA, R Oromiya vg in Afar Oromo with some talk and lots of really good music. 16/4 SMF
- 6080 1837 BOTSWANA, VOA initially vg with non-stop reggae sounding music - they would probably say music with an African flavour! Anyway, it was very pleasant to listen to. Signal deteriorated with NZ sunrise and by 0700 it was very noisy and difficult to follow. Nx in EE at 1900. 16/4 SMF
- 6090 1903 CHINA via Urumqi, CRI vg in Romanian. 16/4 SMF

- 7410 2213 VATICAN CITY Vatican R fair but noisy in CC with classical mx, talk and hymns. 23/4 SMF
- 7470 1352 MONGOLIA, RFA in Tibetan via Ulaanbaator. Fair with talk. // check on internet revealed it to be the same prog. No CC blocking! 23/4 SMF
- 7520 2220 KUWAIT, RFA in a Tibetan dialect Fair/ good and clear of any jamming. // 7505 (via Dushanbe) under CC jamming, 9370 also via Kuwait fair and mixed with CC jamming, but dominant signal. 23/4 SMF

Just a short note. After discussions with Kelvin Brayshaw, I went on to Trademe and had a look at the Tecsun radios for sale. Ended up purchasing a **PL505**. This is the best radio I have ever purchased, performs for \$106 as well as my R5000(\$2500 in 1993). PLL, DSP, MW, FM and official SW bands, not general coverage. For its size and cost it is absolutely amazing and I would strongly recommend the Tecsun line of portable radios. My thanks to Kelvin.

Regards, Ken Baird

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CC	Cliff Couch	Sevenoaks, Paraparaumu	ATS 803A, 30m wire attached to facia board
IC	Ian Cattermole	Blenheim	JRC NRD535. ICOM IC-746PRO. Antenna. T2FD. EWE
KB	Kelvin Brayshaw	Levin	2 x PL 660s, whips linked at tips.
KAB	Ken Baird	Wainuiomata	Tecsun PL505, 6m wire
JW	Jonathan Wood	1/4/17 at Shag Point 8/4/17 at Doctors Point	Elad DuoR and Lowe HF150; 21 and 46m dipoles
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- 9265 1123 USA WINB, id via Tunein, sermon, p-f in EE 23/4 JW
9390 2030 THAILAND. Radio Thailand. VG in English. 30/3. IC
9405 1600 TAIWAN, RTI. Very good in English - 11/3 BDW
9410 1945 UAE. BBC via DHA. Good in English. 1/4. IC.
9420 0450 GREECE, V of Greece vg in Greek with talk by YL and music – KAB 8/4
9420 0640 GREECE V of Greece, tent., Mx, f-g in GG 8/4 JWD
9445 1930 INDIA. AIR. Good in English. 31/3. IC
9445 2110 INDIA, AIR (BGL). Fair in EE. Talk on Syria gassing own people. 8/4 BC
9460 1930 TURKEY. VOT. Good in Turkish. 1/4. IC
9470 0115 CHINA China Radio International via Kashi-Saibagh good & clear w/EE
news reports on 'The Beijing Hour' // 9675 fair, 9570 poor (possibly Albania
relay), 11770 fair, 15125 good, 15785 poor to fair 13/4. BCM
9480 1930 JAPAN. NHK. Good in English. 2/4. IC
9480 1938 JAPAN, R.Japan. Good in English news box + 20 20 in Tokyo. 30/3 BC
9490 0445 JAPAN, NHK/R Japan good in Japanese with talk – KAB 8/4
9525 0440 CUBA, R Havana good in Spanish with talk – KAB 8/4
9540 1538 ROMANIA, RRI. Fr in Romanian; om spkg; scratchy // 1900 wkr - 5/4 CC.
9600 1730 BULGARIA, BVB. Excellent in Persian - 25/3 BDW
9620 2039 TURKEY, VOT (EMR). ID, Good in English, history. 29/3 BC
9620 2051 TURKEY, VOT good in English with comment & music (Heard on Tecsun
505 with whip) – KAB 11/4
9685 1115 AUSTRALIA. Reach Beyond Australia. English IDs then unid Asian
language. 27/3. IC
9710 1948 JAPAN. R.Japan NHK. Good in English, world news. ID. 7/4 BC
9730 0245 ROMANIA, R.Romania, gd in SS, 26/4, PP
9745 1934 KUWAIT, RFA, in CC. Fair signal mixed with others' attempts at blocking it,
but quite audible. 16/4 SMF-&
9770 2000 FRANCE. AWR via ISS. Fair in Mossi after English IDs. 26/3. IC
9835 0939 MALAYSIA RTM Sarawak FM, tent., p in Malay with el mx 1/4 JWS
9835 1956 MALAYSIA, RTM. Good in Bahasa Malaysia & local mx, ma, yl - 24/4 KB
9870 1416 CHINA, CRI. Very good in English // 11675 good, 11765 fair - 27/3 BDW
9910 2049 INDIA, AIR (ALG). Good in English, talk on pills + songs. 9/4 BC
11560 0235 INDIA, AIR, gd in Pashto, 26/4, PP
11580 2158 USA, WRMI (YFR). Fair in EE DX prgm, Talk on Vatican Radio. 8/4 BC
11605 0845 TAIWAN. RTI. Good in Japanese. 10/4. IC
11620 2041 INDIA, AIR (BGL). ID, Good in English music/songs. 3/4 BC
11650 0350 MADAGASCAR, Rad.Tamazuj, Exc.in Sudanese Arabic, freq.ID's, 25/4, PP
11650 0402 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese with comment – KAB 9/4
11670 0421 INDIA, AIR, gd in Farsi, 25/4, PP
11670 0447 INDIA, AIR Bangalore, good in Arabic with talk – KAB 9/4

11670 1811 INDIA, AIR (BGL). Fair in English, ID talk on Prime Minister. 4/4 BC
11700 1700 BULGARIA, BVB. Fair in Arabic - 24/3 BDW
11785 1140 PHILIPPINES, VOA. Good in CC; om speaking // 9845 surging - 16/4 CC
11790 1630 GERMANY, AWR via NAU. Poor in Amharic - 24/3 BDW
11815 0701 BRAZIL R Brazil Central, tent. M singer, vp-p in PP 8/4 JW
11825 0359 MADAGASCAR, World Voice Madagascar in EE with African Pathways.
Very good signal. 11/4 SMF/BCM
11825 0425 MADAGASCAR, African Pathways Radio, v/gd in EE, ID 0430, religious,
25/4, PP
11825 1330 GUAM, AWR/KSDA. Very good in Thai - 29/3 BDW
11840 0437 CUBA, R Havana poor in Spanish with talk – KAB 15/4
11865 0435 IRAN, VOIRI, fair in AA, 25/4, PP
11880 0640 AUSTRIA. AWR via MOS. Good in Arabic. 26/3. IC
11900 1300 GUAM. KSDA. Weak in Khmer after English IDs. 4/4. IC
11955 2331 CHINA, CRI with ID, good in English with China news – KAB 8/4
11980 0440 TURKEY, V.of Turkey, v/gd in Turkish, mostly mx, 25/4, PP
12030 0445 IRAN, VOIRI, poor in Hebrew, best on LCD, close at 0450, 25/4, PP
12095 0450 OMAN, BBC, fair in EE, very noisy, close at 0500, 25/4, PP
12095 0707 ASCENSION ISL BBC, tent., vp in EE 8/4 JW
13600 0716 OMAN R Oman, tent., M Eastern style singing, vp in AA 8/4 JW
13710 0700 ALBANIA. CRI via Cerrick. Good in English. 30/3. IC
13710 1015 GUAM. KTWR. Good in Mandarin. 10/4. IC
13840 2352 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI fair, noisy in EE with comment to Sth Pac – KAB 8/4
15105 0502 N.KOREA, V.of Korea, poor in FF, piano mx, 25/4, PP
15120 0345 INDIA, AIR, gd in Hindi, 26/4, PP
15120 0410 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA Holy Quran good with chanting of Quran in Arabic
– KAB 14/4
15140 0505 KUWAIT, VOA, poor/fair in Tibetan, 25/4, PP
17520 2318 GUAM, AWR. Fair in Chinese, good on peaks, ma, fa - 22/4 KB
17530 0400 MADAGASCAR, World Christian Bcastg. Hrd 18-20/4 Weak/poor in CC;
best around 0450. Sunday sked listed but nil hrd on 23/4.- 20/4 KB
17530 0410 MADAGASCAR, World Voice Madagascar - good in CC, but not as good
as the signal on 11825. 11/4 SMF/BCM
17650 2330 GUAM, AWR. Weak/poor in Asho Chin, fair on occasnl peaks - 22/4 KB
17735 0321 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese with comment – KAB 11/4
17780 0130 PHILIPPINES, VOA. Weak/poor in Burmese after EE s/on. Deep fades; fair
on occsnl peaks - 19/4 KB
17820 0200 PHILIPPINES. R.Pilipinas. Poor in EE. Gd on peaks after 0215 - 19/4 KB
17880 0230 THAILAND, R.Azadi. Poor in Pashto - 18/4 KB

Overseas Contributions

9400 0228 BULGARIA End Time Coming Radio - Sofia, *0228-0300, prgrm started
0230 in English; om w/ axments; then long relig talk; closed 0300 fol'd by
BVB prgrm Poor to fair - 7/4 RDA
9575 2332 MOROCCO (Spanish) Radio Medi Un – Nador,2332-0000, rare
appearance; decent signal w/discussn in Arabic. FA w/ID and axments
2358 then MA w/nx. C.R.I. from Albania opened on 9570 at 0000 covering
channel w/slop. - 18/4 RDA
9799.62152 EGYPT Radio Cairo – Abis, 2152-2221, noted w/local instr mx, then FA w/
talk in English. More local vocals; bells at 2204, ID and FA opening next

feature. Later back to mx. Good signal but low audio and off freq - 23/4 RDA

- 11635 2247 11635 CHINA China National Radio, 2247-2307, apparent jammer to R.T.I. including FA w/Chinese talk, several audio clips oms spkg all with Chinese radio flair/style. ID unsure until hrd another outlet on 9685 at 2320 on Apr 24 //11635. Fair signal - 22/4 RDA
- 11764.6 0240 BRAZIL SuperRadio Deus é Amor – Curitiba, 0240-0308, MA preaching in Portuguese, followed by vocals at 0252. Instr mx music at 0300 and time pips followed by MA w/ ID & freq axments. Fair - 2/4 RDA
- 11810 2114 ASCENSION ISLAND, BBC WS, 2114-2147, FA w/ID, A series of promos heard. News by FA at 2130. Fair - 18/4 RDA
- 11875 1936 ENGLAND IBRA Radio - Woofferton, 1936-1959*, MA & FA talking in local African language; several IDs at 1944 then vocals & more talk. Closed at 1959. Fair to good - 22/4 RDA
- 11915 2148 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA - Riyadh, 2148-2201*, OM w/recitation, then MA w/talk in Arabic which sounded like nx although "Twitter" ref near the end. OM w/recitation at 2200 then brief talk in Arabic before carrier cut. Good signal - 18/4 RDA

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JW	Jonathan Wood	Mosgiel	Elad DuoR. Lowe HF-150. Various Dipoles
JWD	Jonathan Wood	Doctors Point	Elad DuoR. Lowe HF-150. Various Dipoles
JWS	Jonathan Wood	Shag Point	Elad DuoR. Lowe HF-150. Various Dipoles
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Please note that items with "-&" after contributor's initials were heard on NZRDXL SDR in Russell NZ

Your input much appreciated, thank you.

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

The Solar Flux is aired daily over WWV/WWVH on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz Shortwave at 18 & 45 minutes past every hour. For propagation forecasts please refer to Mike's column.

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
0115	9470g:9570p:9675f	China Radio Int	CHINA	13/4	BCM
0115	11770f:15125g:15785f	China Radio Int	CHINA	13/4	BCM
0200-0215	17820p	Radio Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	19/4	KB
0359	11825g	World Voice Madagascar	MAD.	11/4	SMFBCM
0425-0430	11825g	African Pathways Radio	MAD.?	25/4	PP
0450-0500	12095f	BBC	UK	25/4	PP
0500	5975g	NHK	JAPAN	1/4	IC
0500	6145f	RHC	CUBA	16/4	IC
0536	6165f	Radio Habana	CUBA	7/4	BC
0545	4840f	World Christian Radio	USA	15/4	BC
0545	6145e:6165	Radio Havana	CUBA	14/4	BCM
0700	13710g	CRI	CHINA	30/3	IC
0707	12095p	BBC	UK	8/4	JW
0710	7355g	WHRI	USA	30/3	IC
0720	7425g	RNZI	NZ	30/3	IC
0726	7425g	RNZI	NZ	22/4	KAB
0728	5935p	PBS	CHINA	22/4	KAB
0824	5020g	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	8/4	JW
1123	9265f	WINB	USA	23/4	JW
1416	9870g:11675g:11765f	CRI	CHINA	27/3	BDW
1600	9405g	RTI	TAIWAN	11/3	BDW
1810	5995f	RTV	MALI?	9/4	BC
1811	11670f	AIR	INDIA	4/4	BC
1836	7275g	Radio Korea Int	STH KOREA	30/3	BC
1930	7295g	CRI	CHINA	31/3	IC
1930	9445g	AIR	INDIA	31/3	IC
1930	9480g	NHK	JAPAN	2/4	IC
1938	9480g	Radio Japan	JAPAN	30/3	BC
1945	9410g	BBC	UK	1/4	IC
1946	7295f	CRI	CHINA	11/3	BC

1948	9710g	Radio Japan	JAPAN	7/4	BC
2030	9390g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	30/3	IC
2035	6170f	RRI	ROMANIA	11/3	BC
2039	9620g	VOT	TURKEY	29/3	BC
2041	11620g	AIR	INDIA	3/4	BC
2049	9910g	AIR	INDIA	9/4	BC
2051	9620g	VOT	TURKEY	11/4	KAB
2110	9445f	AIR	INDIA	8/4	BC
2158	11580f	WRMI	USA	8/4	BC
2331	11955g	CRI	CHINA	8/4	KAB
2352	13840f	RNZI	NZ	8/4	KAB

BRANCH NEWS

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

WELLINGTON BRANCH

The next Beach Babble will be on **Wednesday, 31st May**, 12.45pm
Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay, Wellington
join Dene and others to talk about what's what in the world of DX.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, 8th July** from 2-4pm
at Ian Wells' home, 16 Fenty Place, Mosgiel.
We're always happy to welcome new members – for further information, contact
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if possible, let them know that you're coming.



The Elad Duo R SDR, as used by Jon Wood

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KTWR

Summer A-17 new frequencies of KTWR Trans World Radio Asia eff. from March 26:
1015-1100 NF 13710 TWR 200 kW / 305 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon-Sat, ex 11750 A-16
1215-1235 NF 9900 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs English Mon-Fri, ex 7400 A-16
1215-1245 NF 9900 TWR 100 kW / 345 deg to EaAs Japanese Sun, ex 7400 A-16
1215-1230 NF 11580 TWR 200 kW / 285 deg to SEAs Manipuri Sat, ex 11730 A-16
1200-1230 NF 12040 TWR 100 kW / 293 deg to SoAs Burmese, ex 15390 A-16
1230-1245 NF 12040 TWR 100 kW / 293 deg to SoAs Burmese Sun, ex 15390 A-16
1130-1200 NF 11695 TWR 100 kW / 308 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon-Sat, ex 9910 A-16
1200-1230 NF 11695 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Kokborok Mon-Fri, ex 15240 A-16
1200-1230 NF 11695 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs English Sat, ex 15240 A-16
1230-1245 NF 11695 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Santhali, ex 11730 A-16
1245-1315 NF 11695 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Assamese, ex 11730 A-16
1430-1500 NF 9975 TWR 200 kW / 285 deg to SoAs English Mon-Sat, new time and QRG

GUAM(non) A-17 last minute frequency changes of AWR / KSDA from March 26:
0000-0030 NF 15750 SDA 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs Thai, ex 11730 TRM
1300-1330 NF 11900 SDA 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs Khmer, ex 15150 TRM
1300-1330 NF 15430 DB 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs Dzonka, ex SDA in B-16
1330-1400 NF 11825 SDA 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs Thai, ex 15445 TRM
1400-1430 NF 11540 SDA 100 kW / 285 deg to SEAs Asho Chin, ex 15150 TRM
1430-1500 NF 11540 SDA 100 kW / 285 deg to SEAs Pwo We.Karen, ex 15150 TRM
1500-1530 NF 11540 SDA 100 kW / 300 deg to SoAs Nepali, ex 15525 TRM
1530-1600 NF 11755 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg to SoAs Oriya, ex 11855 TRM
1600-1630 NF 11540 SDA 100 kW / 300 deg to SoAs Urdu, ex 11695 TRM

Last minute changes of AWR / KSDA via MBR Tashkent and Nauen from March 28
1530-1600 NF 9580 TAC 100 kW / 163 deg to SoAs Kannada, x 9625
1730-1800 NF 17570 NAU 250 kW / 145 deg to EaAf Oromo, ex 17725

AWR / KSDA via new MBR's relays Dushanbe and Tashkent:
1300-1330 on 15170 TAC 100 kW / 122 deg to SEAs Kachin
1300-1330 on 15430 DB 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs Dzonka
1400-1500 on 15715 TAC 100 kW / 110 deg to EaAs Chinese
1530-1600 on 9580 TAC 100 kW / 163 deg to SoAs Kannada
1530-1600 on 11755 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg to SoAs Oriya
1530-1600 on 11985 TAC 100 kW / 150 deg to SoAs Hindi
1530-1600 on 12025 TAC 100 kW / 186 deg to SoAs Gujarati
1600-1630 on 11985 TAC 100 kW / 163 deg to SoAs English

KUWAIT

Radio Kuwait was back on shortwave after 2 years of absence, April 10

0200-0900 on 5960 KBD 250 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic General Service
0500-0900 on 15515 KBD 250 kW / 059 deg to EaAs Arabic General Service
0800-1000 on 7250 KBD 250 kW / non-dir to WeAs Persian
1000-1200 on 21580 KBD 250 kW / 084 deg to SEAs Filipino
1015-1600 on 11630 KBD 250 kW / 230 deg to CeAf Arabic Holy Qur'an Sce
1100-1600 on 9750 KBD 250 kW / 286 deg to NEAf Arabic General Service
1215-1545 on 21540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Arabic General Service
1600-1800 on 15540 KBD 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Urdu
1615-2100 on 6050 KBD 250 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic General Service
1700-2000 on 13650 KBD 250 kW / 350 deg to NoAm Arabic General Service
1800-2100 on 15540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English
2015-2400 on 17550 KBD 250 kW / 350 deg to NoAm Arabic General Service

CUBA Summer A17 frequency changes of Radio Habana Cuba from April 9
0100-0700 NF 6145 BAU 100 kW / 340 deg to WNAm English, ex 6165 A-16
2100-0400 NF 7340 BEJ 050 kW / 110 deg to SoAm Spanish, ex 9710 A-16
For the first time ever that Radio Habana Cuba has used the 7MHz band

AUSTRALIA: NEW SHORTWAVE SERVICE:

In May 2017 Radio 4KZ Innisfail in far North Queensland will commence transmission on 5055 kHz between 4pm and about 9am seven days a week.

The station will run 1.5kw into an inverted V antenna and will be a full simulcast of 4KZ, 531khz.

It is expected that the service will provide satisfactory coverage to remote areas of the Cape where there are no AM or FM services available.

4KZ: More info about Australia's new shortwave broadcaster

NQ Radio operates about 20 AM & FM transmitters in North Queensland, Australia. Our stations are 4KZ, 4AM, 4AY, KIK FM & KOOL FM.

In a couple of months or so we will be establishing a 4KZ shortwave service on 5055 kHz with 1 kilowatt.

The antenna is designed to give primary coverage from 200 km to 800 km from Innisfail. We suspect it will be heard with a low quality signal much further away.

Al Kirton

General manager

NQ Radio

IRAN A-17 English language schedule VOIRI IRIB:

1523-1620 on 11830 SIR 500 kW / 102 deg to SEAs English
1923-2020 on 9800 SIR 500 kW / 216 deg to SoAf English
1923-2020 on 9810 SIR 500 kW / 313 deg to WeEu English

SOUTH AFRICA SenTech A-17 Meyerton operation schedule.

Start	End	kHz	Broadcaster	kW	Azi deg	Days	Target Area	Language
1700-	1730	9600	AWR	250	19	1234567	East Africa	Swahili
1730-	1800	9600	AWR	250	19	1234567	East Africa	Masai
1930-	2000	11790	AWR	250	315	1234567	West Africa	Fulfulde
0400-	0500	7445	BBC	100	20	1234567	East Africa	English
0500-	0600	11945	BBC	250	5	.....7	East Africa	Kirundi
0500-	0600	12095	BBC	250	19	1234567	East Africa	English
0500-	0600	15490	BBC	250	5	7	East Africa	Kirundi
0529-	0600	9440	BBC	250	328	1234567	West Africa	Hausa
0529-	0600	11945	BBC	250	5	1.....	East Africa	Kirundi
0529-	0600	15490	BBC	250	5	1.....	East Africa	Kirundi
0600-	0700	12095	BBC	100	335	1234567	West Africa	English
0600-	0800	6190	BBC	100	360	1234567	East Africa	English
0600-	0800	7445	BBC	100	15	1234567	East Africa	English
0700-	0730	15400	BBC	250	340	1234567	West Africa	French
0700-	0800	17830	BBC	250	328	1234567	West Africa	English
1130-	1600	15420	BBC	250	32	.....7	East Africa	Somali
1200-	1230	17765	BBC	250	352	1234567	West Africa	French
1330-	1400	15420	BBC	250	32	.....7	East Africa	Somali
1400-	1430	17640	BBC	250	328	.23456.	West Africa	Hausa
1400-	1500	15420	BBC	250	32	123456.	East Africa	Somali
1400-	1600	15420	BBC	250	32	.....7	East Africa	Somali
1500-	1600	12095	BBC	100	19	1234567	East Africa	English
1600-	1700	12095	BBC	100	19	1234567	East Africa	English
1630-	1700	11660	BBC	250	5	.2345..	East Africa	Kirundi
1800-	1830	5930	BBC	250	76	1234567	Indian Oc.Is	French
1800-	1830	7245	BBC	100	342	1234567	West Africa	French
1800-	1830	7265	BBC	100	30	1234567	Somalia	Somali
1800-	1830	9720	BBC	250	32	1234567	East Africa	Somali
1800-	1900	7375	BBC	100	30	1234567	East Africa	English
1900-	2000	7375	BBC	250	19	1234567	East Africa	English
0500-	0600	3255	BBCW	100	360	1234567	Southern AF	English
0500-	0600	6190	BBCW	100	15	1234567	Southern AF	English
1600-	2000	3255	BBCW	100	360	1234567	Southern AF	English
1600-	2000	6190	BBCW	100	15	1234567	Southern AF	English
0300-	0500	3345	Channel Africa	100	5	.23456.	Southern AF	English
0300-	0400	5980	Channel Africa	250	19	.23456.	East Africa	English
0500-	0800	7230	Channel Africa	100	5	.23456.	Southern AF	English
0600-	0700	15255	Channel Africa	250	328	.23456.	West Africa	English
0800-	1200	9625	Channel Africa	100	5	.23456.	Southern AF	English
1200-	1300	9625	Channel Africa	100	5	.23456.	Southern AF	Chinyanja
1300	1400	9625	Channel Africa	100	5	.23456.	Southern AF	Silози
1400-	1500	9625	Channel Africa	100	5	.23456.	Southern AF	Portuguese

1500- 1600	9625	Channel Africa	100	5	.23456.	Southern AF	English
1500- 1600	15660	Channel Africa	250	7	.23456.	East Africa	Swahili
1600- 1700	15235	Channel Africa	250	328	.23456.	West Africa	French
1700- 1800	15235	Channel Africa	250	328	.23456.	West Africa	English
0300- 0400	6045	Deutsche Welle	250	19	1234567	East Africa	Swahili
0630- 0700	15200	Deutsche Welle	250	330	1234567	West Africa	Hausa
1000- 1100	17710	Deutsche Welle	250	7	1234567	East Africa	Swahili
1600- 1700	9670	Deutsche Welle	250	7	1234567	East Africa	English
1700- 1800	11610	Deutsche Welle	250	340	1234567	West Africa	French
1800- 1830	9755	NHK	250	328	1234567	West Africa	English
0000- 0600	3320	R Sonder Grense	100	275	1234567	N. Cape	Afrikaans
0600 0700	7285	R Sonder Grense	100	275	1234567	N. Cape	Afrikaans
0700- 1500	9650	R Sonder Grense	100	275	1234567	N. Cape	Afrikaans
1500- 1700	7285	R Sonder Grense	100	275	1234567	N. Cape	Afrikaans
1700- 2400	3320	R Sonder Grense	100	275	1234567	N. Cape	Afrikaans
0800- 0900	7205	SA R League	100	5	1.....	Southern AF	English
0800- 0900	17660	SA R League	250	19	1.....	East Africa	English
1630- 1730	3230	SA R League	100	360	.2.....	Southern AF	English
1400- 1500	15460	Voice of America	100	15	1.....7	East Africa	Kirundi
1630- 1700	11985	Voice of America	100	360	.23456.	Ce Africa	English
1700- 1730	6080	Voice of America	100	335	1234567	West Africa	English
1730- 1800	12140	Voice of America	100	15	.23456.	East Africa	Oromo

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AFGHANISTAN

Reception of Radio Afghanistan External Service on April 28:

1530-1630 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs English/Urdu, weak to fair
1630-1730 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs Arabic/Russian, NO SIGNAL (!<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-radio-afghanistan-external.htm>.)

I last checked for Radio Afghanistan on 6100 on 26th April only Pyongyang heard but did note a unidentified weak signal sounding similar to Chinese under Pyongyang. (Editor.)

AUSTRALIA

Radio 4KZ Innisfail will run its 1.5 thousand watts into an inverted V antenna and will simulcast station 4KZ which is an AM/FM operation. The shortwave simulcast will be on 5055kHz seven days a week between 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. local time. The new shortwave service was reported on the website SWLING.COM and credited the general manager of NQ Radio, Al Kirton, VK4FFKZ, with creating this to provide service to some areas left without radio when Radio Australia went off the shortwave bands earlier this year. Meanwhile in Parliament, there's a measure by Senator Nick Xenophon which would reinstate Radio Australia's shortwave service if it passes. (Via Amateur Radio Newsline, Graham Kemp VK4BB. 21 /04)

Al Kirton VK4FFKZ told Amateur Radio Newsline in an email that listeners will receive an attractive QSL card if they send in reception reports. He said the first two weeks of shortwave will be a trial-run operation. (Via(WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA, Al KIRTON VK4FFZ, SWLING.COM 21/04)

2368kHz StationX as reported due to commence tests in December. Have they started using this freq. Nothing heard at at my location, have not seen any reports of reception. (Ed)

3210kHz Unique Radio from somewhere in NSW. Is this station back on this freq.? (Editor)

BANGLADESH

Radio Bangladesh 4750khz noted at a fair level with News in English at 1600. Co channel China National Radio underneath Bangladesh on this occasion. (26/04 Editor)

CHINA

Xizang (Tibet) People's Broadcasting Station in English at 1630. 4905 kHz Poor level with parallel 4920kHz poor to fair. 6200kHz good level. Scheduled in EE 1600-1700.(260/4 Editor)

ODDs and ENDS: 5025kHz Rebelde of air occasionally and Radio Quillabamba Peru can be heard. 4765kHz Radio Progreso Cuba -0400. 3310kHz Radio Mosoj Chaski one of the more regular Bolivians in our evenings

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NEW TRANSMITTER FOR RHEMA 1251. BRAZIL IS BACK AGAIN!

NEW ZEALAND A new Nautel NX5 5000 watt transmitter has been inaugurated for Rhema's 1251 AM frequency in Auckland. It replaced the previous transmitter that had served Rhema in Auckland for over 20 years. ('Frequency' newsletter May 2017 via BC)

ARGENTINA Radio Selva, Partido de la Matanza, Buenos Aires, heard on 1709.805 kHz at 0506 UTC on 21 March. (Fredrik Dourén, Arctic Radio Club mv-eko 10 April via DXLD) Identified as "Radio Selva AM 1710" at 0431 on 25 March when frequency measured at **1709.814**. (AN, Arctic Radio Club mv-eko 27 March via World of Radio 1875, DXLD) [I am hearing this quite regularly at Mangawhai – frequency was 1709.833 on 29 April. BC]

AZORES Antena 1, Santa Bárbara on **693** is inactive due to tower collapse, but will be reactivated as soon as the new antenna is built and installed which is expected to happen before mid-year. (Carlos Gonçalves via Ydun's Medium Wave Info via IRCA)

COLOMBIA

- 890 HJCE Cadena Radial Vida, Bogotá, ex Radio Continental/Radio Todelar.
- 1030 HJGX RPC Radio, Lórica, ex Caracol
- 1050 HJDR Vida, Medellín, ex Radio Unica
- 1080 HJJF Vida, Cali, ex Radio Eco
- 1360 HJRA Radio María, Pereira, ex Ecos 13-60 (now all day w/Radio María prgms)
- 1390 HJZY Radio María, Bucaramanga, ex La Primera (ditto above)
- a) Vida 890 in //1130 for various hours a day, in the night musical programs.
- b) Vida 1050 and Vida 1080 don't have any own QTHs, for the moment they relay the satellite signal from Vida Bogotá 1130 kHz.

(Rafael Rodríguez via Mauno Ritola, ARC via IRCA)

US DXer Chuck Hutton had an unidentified Latin on **1060.290** last November, opening before 0900 UTC. The Real DX detectives identified it as Radio Furatena from Villa de Leyva. Don Moore heard Radio Furatena in January 2016 on 1060.285. In February, he heard Radio Surcolombiana on 1060.23, in the morning and at night, local time. (Henrik Klemetz via Real DX Yahoo Group) I had Surcolombiana on 1059.985 in October last year and on **1059.981** in January this year so they seem to do some "travelling" there. (Jan Edh via Real DX Yahoo Group)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIC80 Radio Juventus Don Bosco, Santo Domingo heard with religious music at 0200 UTC on 1 March. Frequency measured at **1639.991**.

La Voz de Yuna, Bonao heard at the same time on **1669.993**. (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, Arctic Radio Club mv-eko 13 March, 2017, via DXLD)

HAWAII KHKA Honolulu **1500** has applied for licence to cover Construction Permit for U1 5kw day & night. (NRC)

MEXICO

- 730 XEW Deportes, México – This is the former sports format TDW Radio, and apparently just switched slogan, per Wiki: “The sports format continued through January 5 2017, when TDW Radio bid farewell to its listeners. The station was relaunched the following Monday as W Deportes”. (Terry Krueger, DXLD 5 Feb via IRCA)
- 900 XEW-AM reduced its power; it currently emits with 100 kW. For the months of June-July 2016, its transmission tower was dismantled after changing the location of the transmission plant to Los Reyes, Acaquilpan. Along with XEW, XEX-AM with 60 kW and XEQ-AM with 30 kW were also moved to the recent transmission plant. (RadarDX via DXLD 27 Mar via IRCA)

The following stations are reported off the air:

- 1190 XEJPA La Mexicana, Cuernavaca. (Héctor García Bojorge via Mauno Ritola, ARC via IRCA)
- 1340 XEASM Éxtasis Digital, Cuernavaca. (Bojorge via Ritola, ARC via IRCA)
- 1390 XEKT La Super KT, Tecate (Tim Hall, ABDX via Mauno Ritola, ARC via IRCA)
- 1520 XEART Señal 152, Jojutla. (Héctor García Bojorge via Ritola, ARC via IRCA)

MICRONESIA V6AK Chuuk 1593 kHz has improved their ground system and are running some disaster preparation programs, has been reported often in Japan. (Dave Stanley via Mauno Ritola, ARC Mar17 via IRCA)

PUERTO RICO

- 1520 WRSJ San Juan has changed format again: Now news, mostly or exclusively in English from, amongst others, VOA and France 24. (Fredrik Dourén, Odd Påg, Jan Edh and Thomas Nilsson, ARC via IRCA)
- 1580 WVOZ Morovis resumed operations on March 13, 2017, broadcasting the full WAPA Radio News Network schedule. (Bo Olofsson, ARC via IRCA)

VENEZUELA YVOY Radio Los Llanos 1330 reported inactive. (Mauno Ritola, ARC via IRCA). I am pleased to report that RNV El Informativo 1310, Barcelona, Estado Anzoátegui and Radio Deporte 1590, Caracas have been reactivated. Also, back on the air is Radio Centro 610 in Cantaura, Estado Anzoátegui. But Unión Radio 640 has been off the air for more than 2 weeks and Radio Barcelona 1080 for 3 months. Hopefully they will also soon be reactivated. (José Elías Díaz Gómez, WRTH fb group, translation by Christer Brunström, ARC via IRCA)

- 640 YVQO Deportes Unión Radio, Puerto La Cruz – “I am informed that 640’s transmitter site was pretty well trashed by thieves/vandals, who stole all the copper they could find; air conditioning, plumbing, ground straps, all the usual. Hopes are to get it back on soon”. (Glenn Hauser, DXLD 20 March 2017 via IRCA)
- 660 YVNA Ondas de los Medanos Coro off the air.
- 1350 YVTJ Radio Falcón, Puerto Cumarebo off the air.
(Max van Arnhem visiting Curaçao via Mauno Ritola, ARC via IRCA)

TAIWAN Radio Taiwan International, 1000kw station on 612 has officially been off the air since September 2016 when Typhoon Megi destroyed the Lukang transmitting site. No plans to return to the air, I believe.... (Chris Kadlec, WRTH fb group via Ydun’s Medium Wave Info Feb17 via IRCA)

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

- 610 WIOD Miami FL granted STA extension, U4 10kw day & night due Cuban QRM. Has applied for U4 50kw/20kw and new site at 25-42-38/80-28-32.
- 620 WDAE Saint Petersburg FL slogan is "Tampa Bay's Sports Radio." (TF)
- 670 KMZQ Las Vegas NV applies for license to cover CP for U4 25kw day, 600w nights.
- 890 KMJE Olivehurst CA granted program test authority on, CP for U4 10000/270, moving night operations to existing day site.
- 930 WKY Oklahoma City OKformat is now ESPN SS Sports – slogan ESPN Deportes (Glenn Hauser)
- 960 KOVO Provo UT applies to extend STA, U1 5000/250.
- 990 WMYM Miami FL applies for license to cover CP for U4 7.5/5kw, moving to new site and City of Licence change to Kendall FL.
- 1040 WURN Boynton Beach FL applies for license to cover CP for U4 50/5kw, new site and City of Licence change to Miami FL.
- 1090 KAAV Little Rock AR applies to extend STA, U1 50kw days, 10kw nights.
- 1170 KLOK San Jose CA applies for license to cover CP for U4 50kw/9kw from new site.
- 1330 KWKW Los Angeles CA slogan & group to // ESPN Deportes LA.
- 1340 KOMY La Selva Beach CA – Slogan to "News Talk Radio," networks to C/Ru/C2C; adds // KSCO-1080.
- 1450 KIKR Beaumont TX – Applies for license to cover CP for new tower.
- 1490 KSGI Santa Clara UT – This is the correct location (and call) of the new station CP as mentioned last issue (not CA). This is in southwestern Utah, NW of St. George.
- 1590 WAKR Akron OH slogan change to "News Talk Sports." (HS)
- 1650 WHKT Portsmouth VA applies for U1 6.5kw days, 1kw nights.

USA (info from IRCA's "DX Monitor bulletin)

- 790 KJRB Spokane WA format was adult standards, now classic rock. New slogan is "94.1 The Bear".
- 840 KSWB Seaside OR now airing classic hits format w/slogan "Radio Clatsop".
- 920 KKGX Palm Springs CA debuted a conservative talk format branded "Real Talk" on March 16. Slogan "KGX Real Talk". Kate Delaney hosts the 11pm to 3am slot. (Mike Sanburn)
- 940 KICE Bend OR has changed callsign to KCOE. Was to go silent at end of March due sale of transmitter site. (Dennis Gibson via Mike Sanburn)
- 1070 WFRF Tallahassee FL now has Spanish religious format, slogan "Radio Fe 1070/1580".
- 1150 WJBO Baton Rouge LA slogan now "WJBO Newsradio 1150 AM and 97.7 FM"
- 1230 KAHD Murray UT has change of call letters - now KRRF.
- 1240 KNRY Monterey CA is staying with adult standards simulcasting KKGO-FM HD3. (Dave Gordon CA)
- 1250 KLLK Willits CA format was La Maquina Musical regional Mexican, now Westwood One Classic Hits
- 1260 KBOQ Beverly Hills CA has changed callsign to KSUR. They have also changed format from Adult Standards ('Unforgettable') to Oldies. They played oldies from Friday afternoon, March 10, to Monday morning, March 13, then back to adult standards. Starting Friday, March 17 the station flipped to Oldies full-time – a mix of oldies from the mid 50's to the early 70's. The station changed its call letters on 20 March. (Wolfgang Schneiter CA)
- 1270 KXBX Lakeport CA format now Westwood One Classic Hits.
- 1340 KRMD Shreveport LA drops ESPN for CBS Sports, slogan "The Ticket 100.7"

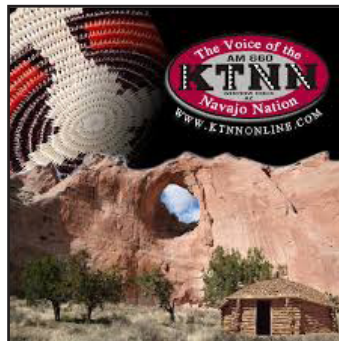
- 1340 KWXYZ Cathedral City CA will return to its heritage Soft Oldies/Beautiful Music identity. Slogan “Relaxing Music” featuring “wall-to-wall music with minimal interruptions”. KWXYZ on 1340/98.5 was one of the last Beautiful Music stations until the FM was flipped to Classic Hits in 2010. 1340 eventually segued to Adult Standards before that format was moved to its then translator and an HD subchannel after the translator was sold to Alpha Media in 2015. In its final days prior to going dark last summer, 1340 KWXYZ aired the Liberal Talk format that had previously been heard on 1450 KPTR. (Mike Sanburn)
- 1370 KFRO Longview TX is now silent.
- 1400 KUKI Ukiah CA replaces regional Mexican format w/Westwood One Classic Hits.
- 1580 WTCL Chattahoochee FL reactivated as “Radio Fe 1070/1580”, SS religion.

KINGS OF THE KILOHERTZ

STUART FORSYTH, Cyberjaya, Malaysia paid a brief visit to Mangawhai mid-month to check out the DX – see trail for the results. A QSL response from KTNN 660 and KTRB 860 already to hand! A QSL is also in from KVMI 1270 - for a follow up email report.

MIKE SMITH, Opunake writes that he got a very nice surprise - a QSL (card) in the mail from Radio Ukraine International on 1431. “Logged on Peter’s SDR back in February. The card is a nice postcard with a pic of the Hotel Bristol and the QSL detail on the reverse. Verified time, date and frequency but no power advised, so presume the 800kW quoted in WRTH. South Americans have fallen away in the last few days but I have a report away to LU2 Radio Bahia Blanca on 840 and a few interesting recordings to sort out as noted in the trail items. The strong auroral activity brought nothing but noise when I was able to listen...but I did see it with naked eye from the clifftop lookout here at Opunake the other night. Must have annoyed all the photographers with their time exposures on when I drove down the track with headlights on!” *[Yes Mike – the increased noise when the deep South Americans are in make them even more challenging. I am very impressed with what you are hearing! BC]*

BRYAN CLARK, Mangawhai has a welcome QSL from KYKN 1430. Signals from Brazil were finally caught on 17 April but marginal reception so far.



APRIL BROADCAST TRAIL

BCM = Bryan Clark, Mangawhai with WinRadio G33DDC SDR & EWEs to NE, East & SE.

SMF = Stuart Forsyth, DXing at Mangawhai with above equipment

MS = Mike Smith Opunake with Panasonic DR-31 & EWE to SSE.

- 570 0632 USA KLAC Los Angeles CA fair and clear, but with fading. Sports talk. Id given as 'AM 570 LA sports' station. 11/4 SMF
- 590 0900 ARGENTINA Radio Continental w/signature tune "Here Comes The Sun" 13/4. MS
- 640 0700 USA KFI Los Angeles CA fair w/ ID, mixed with Latin, Progresso? 10/4 SFM
- 660 0702 CANADA/USA – CFFR mixed with KTNN. Traffic info for Calgary and Indian chanting (referred to as 'hymn singing' in reply (Chief Ed). 10/4. SMF
- 690 0715 HAWAII KHNR Honolulu good with announcer talk. 10/4. SFM
- 710 0727 USA, KIRO – ESPN Seattle fair with id and lots of mentions of Seattle. 10/4
- 750 0728 UNID with Country music format 14/4. Possibly KERR Montana. BCM
- 780 0733 USA USA, KKOH fair but mixed. Id given as "Red Eye Radio on Newstalk 780, KKOH". Promo for Rush Limbaugh weekdays at 9 am. 10/4. SFM
- 840 0930 ARGENTINA Radio Bahía Blanca w/two good IDs on the half hour. 13/4 MS
- 850 0740 USA KOA Denver CO with farming ads and id. Fair. 10/4. SMF. At 0638 "Coast to Coast AM is heard on KOA 850 AM and 94.1 FM" fair 29/4 BCM
- 860 0855 USA KTRB fair with some splash from locals and some fading. ID given just before the hour and then news and financial stories. 11/4. SMF
- 880 0805 PERU Radio Un Lima presumed w/strong SS sermon 17/04. MS
- 940 0618 BRAZIL Super Radio RBV presumed, PP audible over several evenings. MS
- 1000 0733 UNID NORTH AMERICAN clear w/Easter religious prgm 15/4. KOMO? BCM
- 1050 1000 URUGUAY Radio Uruguay, still there this late, multiple IDs. MS
- 1090 0749 USA, KFNQ Seattle WA fair with Seattle Sports Talk. 10/4. SMF
- 1130 0540 BRAZIL? Unid, PP female ann then music. R Nacional, Rio most likely. MS
- 1180 0655 USA Radio Marti, Marathon FL w/SS reports on Venezuelan protests, fair 10/4 // 7365 shortwave. BCM
- 1280 0642 BRAZIL Unid presumed Radio Tupi with PP talkback. MS Snatches of PP caught at 0621 and 0642 17/4. BCM
- 1300 0830 USA KKOL Seattle WA w/ "1300 KKOL" ID & station promo o/SS 17/4. BCM
- 1310 0754 USA KMKY Oakland CA fair w/Punjabi mx. (KMKY is R. Punjabi). 10/4 SMF
- 1360 0726 PERU Radio Bienestar w/spoken prgms good // web stream 27/4 BCM
- 1370 0705 BRAZIL Unid but PP FA at good level briefly before going into music. WRTH has Rede Apolo Sao Paulo with reasonable power. MS
- 1430 0703 USA, KLO Ogden UT Fair/ poor on talk format – a lot of fading 11/4. SMF
- 1430 0621 USA KMRB San Gabriel CA all alone in CC w/soft vocals 16/4. BCM
- 1430 0623 BRAZIL RB2 tentatively in the mix 17/4, // 6041 shortwave. BCM
- 1470 0630 PERU Radio Capital w/SS ident, easy listening vocals, all alone 24/4. BCM
- 1540 0632 USA KMPC Los Angeles CA fair w'/Bridge Over Troubled Waters' 9/4. SMF
- 1540.5 0502 PERU Turbomix, Cajamarca fading up w/catchy Latin rhythms 23/4 BCM
- 1610 0928 CANADA CHHA Toronto all alone w/ident, catchy Latin rhythms, 9/4. BCM
- 1620 0650 AMERICAN VIRGIN ISLANDS WDHP fair w/BBC World Service relay, over Rebelde Cuba. Jingle ident on the hour 11/4. BCM
- 1660 0800 USA KRZI Waco TX w/ESPN Radio promos, up through the mix 10/4. BCM
- 1660 1001 USA Fox Sports network station here 8/4 – choice between KQWB North Dakota or WQLR Michigan. BCM

- 1670 0958 USA KQMS Redding CA very good w/local commercials after "Coast to Coast AM" talkshow breakout 8/4. BCM
- 1670 0815 USA, WMGE under KHPY but audible. At 0819 mentioned "Fox Sports trending". SMF
- 1670 0817 USA WMGE Dry Branch GA likely the Fox Sprts station audible on 1670.012, on high side of KHPY 11/4. BCM
- 1690a 0801 ARGENTINA Radio Cristo la Solucion poor on signature 1689.965 freq on 13/4. Another Argie on 1709.838. Both also hrd on 15/4 at 0841, 17/4 at 0655, and 22/4 at 0805. BCM
- 1700 0732 UNID LATIN noted 27/4 and 29/4 over KVNS and XEPE w/easy listening vocals, brief anncs. Possibly KKLK but no definite ID as yet. BCM



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New Auckland Low Power FM

I saw an ad for this in the North Shore Times and I looked it up on the net - Barry Hartley

Travel Advisory Radio Trial - 102.2 OnRoute FM

The NZ Transport Agency, along with Auckland Transport, is trialling a new radio service for motorists on the move in Auckland.

The trial service, 102.2 OnRoute FM, will run from 6 March to 1 September 2017 using a fixed-term, temporary FM licence for a limited broadcast area (see area map below).



The aim of the trial is to test short-range radio as a tool for better informing people on route, including by advising them about things which may impact a current or future journey. You may be able to hear 102.2 OnRoute FM outside this zone but as the signal strength is lower audibility will be affected, while within the advertised broadcast zone there may be some spots where topography or other factors affect reception. Please note, when appropriate we will be broadcasting about matters occurring outside the broadcast area as we know many potential listeners travel further afield and want to know what's going on outside the broadcast zone too.

This service has worked well in countries such as the United States and the proof-of-concept trial in Auckland, backed by customer research, is to see whether it could work well in New Zealand.

The information broadcast will help ensure motorists in the coverage area can access more detailed information about delays which may occur during their trip, such as when an incident has occurred or a road works closure is in place, and can potentially make more informed decisions about their journey, such as taking an alternative route. In an effort to provide more predictable journeys, the station will also broadcast information about activity which may impact future journeys, which will enable people to plan in order to avoid delays if possible. This will include, but not be limited to, information about current state highway improvement projects in the area and scheduled overnight motorway maintenance closures, along with major public events which could create congestion in a localised area.

Public alerts and advisories from NZ Police, Auckland Civil Defence and Emergency Management will also be broadcast where relevant.

Pre-recorded messages will be on-air 24/7; however live updates on incidents affecting the transport network will only be available 6am – 7pm, Monday to Friday

In order to take full advantage of 102.2 OnRoute FM we recommend you pre-set 102.2FM in your vehicle's radio before departure to have it easily accessible while on the move in/near the advertised broadcast area.

(NZTA, www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic-and-travel-information/102-2-onroute-fm)

I tried for the station when at Waiwera, near the top of the Auckland motorway network and was able to hear OnRoute FM sporadically there at elevated points, despite the target coverage being well south. Less than 2 minute cycle of road safety related information – Bryan Clark

Port FM

New FMer - 89.4 Port FM, Twizel township //94.2

Also seems 91.0 from Tekapo has had a considerable power increase //94.2

(Paul Ormandy via dxdialog)

Stations heard in Wellington

While sitting in the car parked at the Wellington Botanic Gardens I heard the following FM stations – Adam Claydon

- 88.0 TLC - The Little Country Radio
- 88.6 Radio Active
- 89.3 Newstalk ZB
- 90.1 The Hits
- 90.9 ZM
- 91.7 The Edge
- 92.5 RNZ Concert
- 93.3 Radio Hauraki
- 93.7 Mix
- 94.1 The Breeze
- 95.3 More FM
- 95.7 Coast
- 96.1 RNZ Concert (Hutt Valley/Eastern Bays)
- 96.5 The Rock
- 97.3 The Sound
- 98.5 The Breeze
- 98.9 Radio Live
- 99.7 More FM
- 100.5 Mai
- 100.9 Atiawa Toa FM (Hutt Valley and Wellington)
- 101.3 RNZ National
- 101.7 RNZ National (Hutt Valley/Eastern Bays)
- 103.7 Niu FM
- 104.1 Niu FM
- 104.5 George FM
- 105.3 Local Indian Radio
- 106.1 Wellington Access Radio
- 106.7 George FM

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First up my thanks to Graeme for looking after this Utilities section while I was away on the high seas. It is good to be back, though the temperature in Hawaii was much better than when we landed back home.

- 4417 0733 Bluff Fishermen's Radio with wx (vg) then callups: vessels at Dusky, two vessels (g & g); Port Pegasus, two vessels (f & g); Paterson Inlet, two vessels (f & f); Beach Harbour (g); Port Adventure (g); Milford (f); Tauranga (vg); off E Cape (vg; commented they first picked up signal N of Panama). 01/4 JW
- 6501 1053 USCG San Francisco Wind and sea conditions Good ABD
- 6628 0533 240 calling Santa Maria female responded 240 gave position report and Santa Marie request selcal check Good 29/4 ABD
- 6880 0445 Russian Air Force; female speaker (p-f) with continuous sets of short phrases ending 0450; also male speakers (varying f to f-g) sometimes over female speaker. 01/4 JW
- 8176 0148 Volmet VMC Sea F/c for Queensland Coastal Waters. DM
- 8439 0901 Russian male voices mainly repeating Numbers (Russian Navy Frequency for Southern Pacific area fleet). DM
- 8743 1919 Bangkok Metro Radio EE announcement by male giving ID and frequencies then into the marine weather 1940 sign off with ID and address, Good ABD
- 8764 1116 USCG Chesapeake with marine wx; f. 24/4 JW
- 8831 0245 Male voice in English WPYY (Whiskey Papa Yankey Yankey) with voice and selcal to unknown Station. DM
- 8867 0102 VHCRW called Auckland radio re position and BEHO voice selcal. DM
- 8867 2130 E029 called Auckland for weather request in Queenstown and confirming runway 23. DM
- 8867 2216 Kiwi 219 to Auckland re F/L and weather told to change to 5643 for further updates DM
- 8867 0950 Pan Pan from NZ752 re electrical Problem on Board requesting return immediately to Auckland. DM
- 8867 0955 Kiwi 988 Reported position to AK DM
- 8867 2027 Fiji 576 called Nandi re F/L DM
- 8867 0858 Victor 915 told by Fiji to call from Nandi when in position DM
- 8867 0853 Fiji 921 called Nandi with back on Track DM
- 8867 0041 Kiwi Rescue 414 Asking Auckland for permission to deviate then at 0048 selcal DM
- 8891 0515 57 calling Gander Radio position report and selcal check Good 29/4 ABD
- 9189 2045 sounds like three fishing boats, not in japanese.15/4 BC
- 9616 2229 Alaskan station with faint voice messages (ESM) DM
- 14300 0114 Pacific Sea Net (Hams) calling Marine Mobile 2 in San Fran Waters. DM
- 16528 0757 VMW with Seas off Geraldton Western Australia DM
- 17904 0328 QF790 called by San Francisco who acknowledged call but told the operator to go slower with weather report and send selcal. DM

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DM	Dallas McKenzie	Buller	Icom IC-R70, with long wire..N-S (100ft),and 20ft whip (30ft above ground),..FRG 7700 with long wire ...E-W (60ft), and, a Degen 1103 (for Stand by). VHF/UHF:-...Uniden UBCT8 and Standard VR 120.
JW	Jonathan Wood	Mosgiel	Elad DuoR and Lowe HF150; various dipoles; 1/4/17 Shag Point, otherwise Mosgiel.
BC	Brian Carr	Christchurch	JRC NRD 535 and EWE antenna.
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WELCOME to new member **NEVILLE ESKRICK** of North East Valley, Dunedin. Neville has been a keen SWL for some 50 years. He was introduced to the DX League by fellow Dunedin member David Miller.

We regret to inform members that long time Invercargill member **KEITH ROBINSON** has passed away recently. The League sends its condolences to his family.

RNZ AM NETWORK UNDER REVIEW? Here's an interesting line in a recent article in the NZ Herald by John Drinnan on Radio NZ's attempts to survive the government's 8-year freeze on its funding: "RNZ chairman Richard Griffin is finalising the sale of the broadcaster's Auckland studios, with other land set to go once AM transmission ends." Every MW DXer's dream is to see local stations closing to free up DX opportunities, but this statement assumes RNZ National's FM coverage can completely supersede AM coverage. RNZI REBRANDING UK DXer Alan Roe has noticed that the home page and other pages of the RNZ international service website now brands itself as "RNZ Pacific" (although remnants of RNZI branding still appears). Commenting on the change, New York DXer John Figliozzi says "Rebranding RNZI (Radio New Zealand International) to RNZ Pacific (to go with RNZ National and RNZ Concert) more clearly defines the mission of that service by succinctly emphasizing its principal and, at the same time, anticipates the real potential for casual misunderstanding that today can spell the difference between continued tolerance for its existence and an unceremonial demise - witness Radio Australia. (via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

OUR TIME SIGNALS The pips we currently hear on RNZ National are an analogue feed of pulses sent from the atomic clock at the Callaghan Institute in Gracefield, Lower Hutt. Plans are underway for the analogue feed to be replaced by RNZ using the Measurement Standards Lab's (MSL) network time signal via RNZ servers being synchronised with the MSL network time.

LEAGUE'S SDR A FOLLOW ON FROM LAST MONTH'S ADCOM NOTES – I live in a Lifestyle Village (we don't call it a retirement village) here in Ashburton. Our villa is full of noise, ie emergency alarms, motion detectors and while at times I can hear the odd SW/Utility station on a loop or on the longwire that I have hidden behind the fence I have started using the League's SDR more and more. When you think about it is no different than going on a DXedition to Northland with a good receiver and antenna. I don't see a problem with a member reporting a station heard on a SDR located in New Zealand. You don't just have to listen to Mediumwave or Shortwave, I listen to Utility stations.

An example what can heard – Radio Medi 1, Morocco 171 KHz 1840 to 1855 UTC, reported by Mike Smith.

If you live in a noisy location give the League's SDR a try, it's there for your use provided you can use a computer.



On the shortwaves.com

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

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, April 2, 2017 -- In the past we have posted several files containing "poster stamps," a kind of "cinderella" (non-postage) stamp used usually for advertising or promotional purposes. Here are two more files, with poster stamps for radio shows, which were, in the 1920s (some later), a popular way for companies to promote their radio equipment. One file is for domestic shows, the other is for shows in other countries. -- Under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," Adrian Peterson takes us to a station that is well-known in the U.S.: "Lonely Little Shortwave Station in Canada Closed [CKZU]," Wavescan N422, March 26, 2017.

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, April 9, 2017 -- Under "DX History/Recordings," we have posted 13 recordings of shortwave stations in Ecuador. ID locations are in brackets. All these stations--indeed all shortwave broadcast stations in Ecuador save for the reduced-footprint HCJB--are now off shortwave. The recordings are: (1) Compania Radiodifusora del Ecuador (C.R.E.), Guayaquil, 4765 kHz., 1980 [1:21, 3:42]; (2) Emisora Gran Colombia, Quito, 4911, 1976 [:32]; (3) Ondas Azuayas, Cuenca, 4980, 1979 [:18]; (4) Rdif. Casa de la Cultura, Quito, 4930, 1976 [:17]; (5) R. Cenit, Portoviejo, 4722, 1975 [1:12]; (6) R. Cuenca, 5950, 1976 [:39]; (7) R. Iris, Esmeraldas, 3380, 1977 [0:2, 1:45, 2:23]; (8) R. Melodia, Quito, 3375, 1976 [:18]; (9) R. Popular, Cuenca, 4800, 1976 [:30]; (10) R. Rio Amazonas, Macuma, 4870, 1976 [:12]; (11) R. Splendit, Cuenca, 5026, 1976 [:12, :29]; (12) R. Tropical, Esmeraldas, 3340, 1979 [:15, :56]; and (13) R. Zaracay, 3390, 1977 [:17].

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, April 16, 2017 -- Under "DX History/Recordings," we have posted another group of recordings of stations "never-again-to-be-be-heard-on-SW" from Ecuador. These date to the years 1975-1981. ID locations are in brackets. The stations are: 1) Escuelas Radiofonicas Populares, Riobamba, 3985 kHz., 1976 [:04, :11]; (2) La Voz de los Caras, Bahía de Caraquez, 4795, 1976 [:14]; (3) La Voz de Saquisilí y R. Libertador, Saquisilí, 4900, 1978 [1:02, 1:17]; (4) La Voz del Rio Tarqui, Cuenca, 3285, 1981 [02:03]; (5) Ondas Quevedenas, Quevedo, 3325, 1975 [:01, :07, :16]; (6) Ondas Canarias, Azogues, 5046, 1978 [01:28]; (7) R. Centinela del Sur, Loja, 4892, 1976 [:48]; (8) R. Federacion, Sucua, 4960, 1976 [1:16, 1:59]; (9) R. Luz y Vida, Loja, 4831, 1977 [:08]; (10) R. Nacional Progreso, Loja, 5060, 1980 [01:26]; and (11) R. Rio Tarqui, Quito, 4972, 1976 [:51]. -- Under "Specialized Resources" we have updated the "Active-Inactive SWBC Countries" list. The current totals: of 266 listed NASWA SWBC countries, 120 are active (3 of them "pirate only"), 146 are inactive. See pg. 41 of the list for recent changes to the list.

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, April 23, 2017 -- Most shortwave clubs tried to operate in a democratic fashion, but they usually became "key man" operations. The Newark News Radio Club was probably the best-structured of all the clubs. Under "DX History/Clubs & Publications," we have posted a copy of the NNRC's 1938 Constitution & By-Laws. -- And, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," there are three new entries from Adrian M. Peterson: "The Original Vatican Radio" (Wavescan N423, April 2, 2017); "The Radio Scene on an Almost Scottish Isle in the Caribbean [Vieques, Puerto Rico]" (Wavescan N424, April 9, 2017); and "The Shortwave Scene in the Indian City With the Longest Name [Thiruvananthapuram]" (Wavescan N425, April 16, 2017).