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Welcome to the July edition of the DX Times.

Well, the year is half-way through. As usual time seems to have run away. Plenty is happening as you will see in the pages that follow.

In this edition we say farewell to Life Member **Phil van de Paverd**. See page 4 for tributes. In addition, just after the last edition went to bed, we learned that former Canterbury member, **Bruce Lister**, has sadly passed away. Bruce has very kindly left the League a bequest in his will, which is a pleasant surprise and is very much appreciated. Adcom is discussing ways in which it can best be put to use for the benefit of all members. There will be more details available in the months to come.

Just as the magaizne was going to bed we learned of the passing of Wellington member **Ralph Sutton**, aged 96. Our condolences to his family. We will have more on Ralph next month.

A bit of **good news** comes from **Mike Smith**. Mike has been up in Auckland for an operation. He reports that the doctors are very happy with his progress and he reports that he may well be home in Taranaki by the end of the week. I visited Mike on the 24th and he was making splendid progress and was in good form. We all hope the recovery is complete and speedy, Mike. Very best wishes from us all. Hurry home, the Latin signals will have been wondering where you have got to!

I don't do a lot of shortwave listening, but I was on the shortwave bands recently when a message popped up from DX Dialog that WBCQ was testing on 9330 at about 0400 UTC. The signal was unbelievable. The power is supposed to be 500kW. I would suggest a wet piece of string out the window would be good enough to get this one. If you haven't heard it, have a listen.

It was also disappointing to learn via DX Dialog, that the password for the League SDR was being broadcast around the ham bands. Paul Ormandy labelled the person concerned a 'rat bag' and I would concur whole-heartedly with that sentiment, probably adding a couple of far more colourful adjectives.

DX League membership is only \$10 a year and for that you get two dedicated SDRs with the best aerial set up imaginable. The DX results speak for themselves. In addition, there is a third SDR dedicated for general public use. Why spoil it for members by breaking the trust we place in you? The password has now been changed and Adcom would ask, respectfully, that you do not reveal the SDR password to non-members.

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WIRELESS WEATHER

Next sunspot cycle may be 50% lower. NASA report research now underway may have found a reliable new method to predict this solar activity.

The Sun's activity rises and falls in an 11-year cycle.

The forecast for the next solar cycle says it will be the weakest of the last 200 years.

The maximum of this next cycle - measured in terms of sunspot number, a standard measure of solar activity level - could be 30 to 50% lower than the most recent one. The results show that the next cycle will start in 2020 and reach its maximum in 2025.

WIA News 23/6/19 via Ray Crawford.

What does this mean for DXers? I asked Paul Ormandy and his reply is:

The more sunspots, generally speaking, the higher the solar flux, the higher the solar flux the better conditions on the higher ham bands, e.g. 50MHz, 28MHz and 12MHz in particular. Not many broadcasters up there, however the opposite is also true, i.e. the lower the solar flux the more likely MW will be better. Something in it for everyone.

So, here's hoping conditions improve. They couldn't be much worse than they presently are!

Adam Claydon asks members to help support the DX League Facebook pages.

They can be found at

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MUSINGS

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Hello and welcome to musings for the month of July.

First up I have had an email from **Ray Babbage in Werribee, Vic.**

Hi Stu, It's really sad to hear that Dallas McKenzie and Phil Van De Paverd have passed on.

Dallas Mc Kenzie was the Wgtn /Hutt Branch President when I first went to Wellington Transferred from the MOW at Matahina Power project (near Whakatane) to the HO office of that outfit in March 1965. I recall a few branch meetings at Dallas's home overlooking Evans Bay, I think. Other members were Theo Donnelly, Dene Lynneberg, Bryan Clark, Jim Benzoni, Ray Goldie, Mike Highley, Tony King being among them. Must admit my memories are a bit faded, but two days ago (the day before the Times arrived) I was looking deep into a box, long lost in a storage cupboard at home in Werribee. In it was some long lost DX stuff and the DX Newsletter/ Programme of the 1966 Reikorangi Wgtn /Hutt Branch Convention.

I was in attendance and the other 30 names listed were of some well known members of the DX League's community - Arthur Cushen and Dick Pollard spring to mind. I note that Tony King was there and I met again with Barry Sefton and Don Steer, who I had contact with at the Taranaki 1962 convention.

Yes it's long ago. I really don't have a great memory of the actual event. No photographs but I recall driving to the location deep in the hills behind Waikanae in my little black Morris Minor. I can recall attending the Broadcasting House facilities but only "vague" in regards of my DXing on the Sat nite!!

The Convention Schedule made interesting reading though. Dallas was the Prez them days and did a pretty good Job organising, along with one Bryan Clark as Convention Convenor. Cannot recall when Dallas left Wellington for the wider world. I suspect it may have been some time after that convention. I was aware that Dallas has resided on the West Coast for some time, but it's sad to hear of another member of the DX tribe 'dropping" off the tree. RIP Dallas Mc Kenzie.

Also my sympathies to the family and friends of Phil Van De Paverd who died in early June. I had the pleasure of meeting Phil again at the Mangawhai Convention last year. Phil, for a number of years, looked after the monthly ADX Electronic version on line to members and it was always welcomed into my in box, and this still continues.

I cannot recall when I first meet with Phil in person but maybe the Convention near Oamaru in 2008. I found him to be a very pleasant guy and keen DXer in the few meetings we had. RIP Phil.

Maybe, Stu, Bryan might have some photos of that Reikorangi Convention and also the 1963 Auckland one at Clayden's Farm. I have also found a Newsletter from Peter Kerr of that event which commenced in the Waverley Hotel in Lower Queen St.

I have a photo (very faded) of the group taken at Location unknown. Am currently trying to identify the attendees but one Rod Barkworth was there next to me. I was staying at Rod's home in Auckland and I know Rod had a Rover model 90 or 80 Vehicle, which I thought was "cool" (I was carless them days). Can recall our driving over the Harbour Bridge heading to the Farm of Lloyds, There are a few very old black and white photos taken of antennas and Peter Kerr's push bike, produced by my Brownie camera!!

Yes, the memories are fading away a bit like our membership, but despite not really being a DXer these days, I still hold an interest. I have a DR 28 out of "that" cupboard and connected to a short wire and now and then I tune in just for the "memories" Best wishes to you, Stu. Cheers, Ray

Wonderful to hear from you, Ray, really wonderful. Such fantastic memories. I don't go back that far in the league, only to 1973. but some of the names you mention are well known. I remember Barry Williams talking at length about the Clayden farm - if only we had access to it now. Mind you it is a different game these days. One thing is for sure, the camaraderie is as good today. What i love about the hobby is it brings all sorts of different people, from so many different walks of life together and the friendships are fantastic.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai is currently in warmer climes, but finds time to contribute: My DX activity in early June was focussed on identifying and reporting new Ecuadorian station *Pasión La Nueva* 14-90, and I must acknowledge the help of senior Swedish DXers led by Henrik Klemetz in getting an on-air confirmation of reception! More details in the Broadcast column. Also QSLed Zeppelin Radio Greece 7725.

We are currently visiting our son in Hong Kong and have spent a few days in Penang. Tried to hear neighbouring Andaman Islands on 4760 and 7390 on my Tecsun PL390 while there but horrendous local noise levels only allowed receptions of local FM. Hoping to get an appointment with Tecsun Hong Kong while there. Have visits to Bangkok and Nagano Japan before we head home to Mangawhai. *Bad luck on the Andaman Islands. I heard them using my Etón E1. Both of your other catches are very nice!*

Tony King chimes in from **Greytown**. Last night took a stroll down ESE street ! i.e. experimented with a merge of my E and SE EWE's. Quite effective ! *When asked what this meant, he replied:* What I did was simply link the inbound terminals with a jumper lead (alligator clip on each end). My wire to the induction coil for the Tecsun plugs into one terminal socket. In essence link E with SE and take the plug in wire from the SE socket to the induction coil.

The interesting observation is how it effects the signal pickup. . E could be receiving a steady signal; add the SE and the background is subdued, or signal sharpened. Oddly enough the NE EWE favours Peru on 1470 but I think that's the power of 25kw doing that. When I'm on the SE and S lines on their own its amazing how I cut back NZ splatter.

In addition he has logged: R Martí 1180, R Feliz in Lima 1110 and R Cielo in Lima 1010 - as well as other regulars he hasn't added to the list. All this on a little Tecsun.

He also reports that he bought a second Sony Voice Recorder on Trade Me this week from seller Bolii Bolii - \$68 and a 30 hr recording time. Has the benefit of also slowing or speeding up playback and clipping bass or treble. *Sounds like you are all set to go. It is amazing what you can hear, Tony.*

John Durham, Tauranga sends in a message with his column. A little bit of DXing over the past month. Reception of European pirates has been very poor of late but did send of a rather sketchy report to legal broadcaster SWRadio in Winsen Germany for a Skyline Radio relay 3975kHz and was very lucky/surprised to receive QSL in return. *[It may only be a little bit of DXing, but your catch on 3975 kHz is one to savour.]*

Your Chief Editor in Mangawhai has done a little listening, mainly on shortwave, surprisingly. Not a lot of any exotcia has been heard; however I did hear RNZI on 13840 and got a reply from Adrian Sainsbury within three hours of sending the report. I was impressed!and grateful.

I also recently had the pleasure of visiting **Mike Smith** in Auckland City Hospital following his recent operation. Mike and I have never met before and we have corresponded on one or two occasions only. What a delightful person he is and it was so good to put a face to the name. I am very hopeful that it won't be the only time we meet. I also was delighted to meet Wendy, his wife, as well as his son, daughter in law and granddaughter. I hope Mike's recovery is full and swift.

While we were talking, he raised the matter of what constitutes a verification. He has received acknowledgements on Facebook from various broadcasters. Do we consider these to be veries? I am sure Messrs Branks, Cushen et al would be horrified at the prospect until they got such a reply! He mentions this in his contribution to Bryan's column and Bryan gives his views on the matter. I do consider it a verie and would be interested to hear your thoughts. Please let me know what you think next month.



Farewell Phil van de Paverd



Stereo DXing? Phil at the dials - Little Huia AGM 1996

News reached us just as the June DX Times was going to press that Life Member, Phil van de Paverd, had passed away in Rotoura, aged 93. I did not know Phil at all well and only met him for the first time at the 2018 League Convention in Mangawhai, when he had driven himself down from Cooper's Beach. His time in Adcom coincided with my time first in England and then in Asia.

Phil became League Treasurer in December 1998 and held the position until the AGM in October 2016. In addition he edited the Shortwave Bandwatch section of the DX Times for a number of years. For his service to the League and the Auckland Branch, Phil was made a Life Member in 2013.

The League owes Phil a huge debt of gratitude for his enthusiasm and service. RIP.
Stu Forsyth, Chief Editor

Sad to learn of Phil's passing but I know he would have been most frustrated by his loss of mobility and function in his final days.

I've known Phil for most of his 30+ years with the NZ Radio DX League. He joined the club in 1985 and was soon active in Auckland Branch affairs as treasurer. He later became National Treasurer and, for many years also served as a Shortwave Bandwatch editor in the 'NZ DX Times' magazine. He was made a life member of the League in October 2013 in recognition of his many years of service.

Phil was a hardworking and loyal member. We visited him and Kathleen at their Howick home and more recently Phil at his home high above Cable Bay in the Far North. He drove down to Mangawhai on a number of occasions to stay with us and attend club events, amazing for a 90 year old but very independent guy. He always aspired to do the very best

at any challenge he took on.

Our club owes a lot to people like Phil who have given so much of their time and energy to sustain the organisation. RIP Phil. **Bryan Clark, Mangawhai**

Very sad news, indeed. RIP Phil. **Andy Gardner, Kirwee**

I found Phil's enthusiasm in all matters very hard to match. He always seemed larger than life itself and those little 'wisecracks' were delivered with a knowing grin. Rest In Peace Phil. **Sutton Burtenshaw, Hamilton, Patron NZRDXL.**

Sad news indeed. Rest well Phil. **Mike Smith, Opunake**

I was convinced Phil was going to out live us all. His enthusiasm and determination seemed to have no limits. I did not know Phil well, but enjoyed the visits Angela and I made to his home in Cable Bay to help with his antenna farm. Rest in peace Phil, I am sure you have earned it! **Peter Mott, Russell**

Very sad to hear. We need some good news soon! RIP Phil. **David Ricquish, Wellington**

Phil was remarkable for his age, an ardent bridge player whilst residing in Howick. When we drove to the annual AGM he had forthright views on all the current political goings on. A man with a thirst for knowledge, RIP Phil. **David Norrie, Bucklands Beach**

This is very sad news indeed. I always remember Phil was full of energy especially when he made the shift to Cooper's Beach. I remember talking to him on Skype one day soon after he moved in. He showed me around his house with his laptop. He was so thrilled to be away from the noise of Auckland and in a place that was quiet and he could pursue the hobby he enjoyed. I seem to recall that Phil also had a love of music, (for the life of me I cannot remember what sort) he also took a great interest in trying out all sorts of antennas.

I well remember meeting Phil again at the last Convention in Mangawhai. He (at 90+) had driven all the way down from Coopers Beach to attend. He was so full of life. Phil was a past Treasurer of the League, a position he held for number of years. He also was a life member.

Friend, rest in peace, you can turn off the radio and hang up your headphones. **Arthur De Maine, Ashburton, NZRDXL President**

Sorry to read this – Phil was a nice guy and hard worker, there are not many like him around nowadays!
RIP Phil. **David Crozier, Auckland**

Phil's passing is very sad, he was a lovely chap, his heart & soul was well into our hobby, the fun times we had at the Waipu Cove DXpeditions. 'Phil the plumber' rest in peace. **Graeme Dixon, Massey**

I meet Phil at convention in 2018 at Mangawhai & was able to help him put up his aerial set up. I a few chats with Phil on radio stuff. I was surprised at his age as I was thinking he was younger. He gave me & fellow dx Yuri Muzyka a lift to Kaiwaka to catch the bus to Auckland. He would not leave us until the bus arrived.

I am hoping you get to hear all the stations you missed out on hearing on earth RIP Phil.
Brian Withers, Napier

Very sad news on the passing of Phil van de Pavverd a great DX man who just loved the hobby. I can remember picking Phil up from his lovely home in Howick in Auckland we were going to the New Zealand DX League convention at Mangawhai on the 8th to the 10th March 2013. We talked all the way there about the hobby and his radios and his antennas and we were both looking forward to the weekend and on the way back to Auckland after the weekend Phil said to me that was just great seeing all his mates. RIP Phil.

John Akersten, Auckland



Phil (front right) with other life members at the Mangawhai Convention April 2018



Phil is presented with his Life Membership certificate by fellow Life Member Bryan Clark

BANDWATCH UNDER 9MHZ



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It's amazing how quickly 2019 is disappearing. Some of us have taken positive steps to escape Winter – Bryan Clark reports in with an interesting catch from Hong Kong to show he hasn't forgotten us! As usual, your contributions are always welcome – remember to show loggings as tentative if you don't get a clear ID, or if there's any doubt, and provide as much detail as you can, including the date and language heard, while keeping your notes concise.

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3975	1911	GERMANY Skyline Radio via AM SWR Winsen just audible at times in GG & EE with headbanger music 8/6 JJD**
4750	1953	INDONESIA, V of Indonesia fair with Female singer in Dutch, ethnic style music, clear ID, 20/5 KAB**
4840	1055	USA WWCR Brother Stair w/EE religion 30/5 BC
5040	0540	CUBA R Habana fair in SS 17/6 BC
5875	1840	ARMENIA BBCWS via Yerevan-Gavar in Pashto for Afghanistan 4/6 BC
5885	1625	PHILIPPINES VOA Tinang fair In Burmese, EE ID 28/5 JM
5900	0337	BULGARIA The Overcomer via Kostinbrod, EE religion, 4/6 BC
5905	1620	CHINA CRI fair in Russian via Kashget 25/5 JM
5935	0606	USA WWCR fair/noisy with Dr Gene Scott's usual nonsense 15/6 SMF
5935	0724	USA, Dr Gene Scott (I thought he had been dead for years!!) VG in EE with Church of the Open Door, 28/5 KAB**
5945	0607	NEW ZEALAND RNZI fair with National Radio 15/6 SMF
5950	0608	USA WRMI poor/fair in EE 15/6 SMF
5950	1845	ETHIOPIA Voice of the Tigrey Revolution, talk in Tigrinya 16/6 BC
5960	1904	ALBANIA, CRI v good in FF (Tent) 9/6 KAB**
5970	0608	USA WEWN poor/fair with talk in EE 15/6 SMF
5970	0731	USA WEWN, fair with talk in SS with music in background (Tent), 27/5 KAB**
5985	0417	USA, R Japan /NHK good with Female singing in SS, M in SS talk (Tent) 9/6 KAB**
5985	1600	ALBANIA CRI supposed to be in Arabic – strong carrier, no audio 15/6 SMF
6005	0609	CHINA CRI via Beijing poor in Swahili for East Africa 15/6 SMF
6020	0322	ALBANIA CRI via Cerrik with Chinese pops 7/6 BC
6030	0610	ASCENSION ISLAND BBCWS carrier visible, no audio 15/6 SMF
6030	0644	ETHIOPIA, R Oromiya VG with in Oromo with comment, clear ID, 20/5 KAB**
6050	0403	FRANCE, R Algerienne weak in AA with Koran & comment (Tent) 28/5 KAB**
6055	0340	USA, Bro Stair weak in EE with usual rel. prgm. ID by voice & content 10/6 KAB**
6070	0535	CANADA CFRX Toronto poor, frequent mentions of Ontario 25/6 JJD**
6075	1645	TAIWAN RTI via Kouhu (tent) fair in Chinese // 6145 26/5 JM
6100	0611	CUBA R Habana good carrier, no talk // 6165 the same 15/6 SMF

6100 1335 CHINA CRI fair in Mongolian // 7385 7/6 JM
6105 0315 FRANCE NHK World Radio via Issoudun good in JJ 5/6 BC
6120 0335 AUSTRIA AWR via Moosbrunn in Persian to Iran 5/6 BC
6135 0420 BRAZIL R Aparecida in PP relig prg, poor/just fair level. 9/06 JJD
6170 1630 NEW ZEALAND RNZI poor in EE to the Pacific 24/5 JM
6170 1907 GERMANY, VOA fair with Male/Female comment in Kurdish (Tent) 9/6 KAB**
6170 1925 ROMANIA RRI via Galbeni in FF for Southern Europe 31/5 BC
6200 1612 CHINA CRI poor in EE 8/5 BDW
7205 2040 FRANCE RFI in FF for West Africa 30/5 BC
7220 0920 NORTH KOREA fair in Chinese // 9445 JM
7220 1520 AUSTRALIA RBA good in Korean 8/5 BDW
7265 2111 CHINA, CNR2, good in CC, IDed as China Business Radio, 27/5 KAB**
7270 0455 BOTSWANA VOA poor in languages of Zimbabwe, off 0459 4/6 JM
7275 0812 SOUTH KOREA, KBSWR good in Japanese (Tent), 20/5 KAB**
7300 1515 TAIWAN RTI via Tanshui fair in CC, t/sig 1600 then music & talk 26/5 JM
7315 0423 VATICAN, R Dabanga Santa Maria di Galeria relay poor in Sudanese Arabic,
ID & freq sked heard 9/6 KAB**
7335 0335 USA, R Marti good with male in Spanish (Tent) 10/6 KAB**
7360 2115 VATICAN R Vaticana Santa Maria di Galeria in PP to West Africa. 29/5. BC
7360 2128 VATICAN, R Vaticana fair with ID by IS then off at 0230, 5/6 KAB**
7375 0245 ROMANIA RRI fair in SS 4/6 JM
7375 0455 BOTSWANA VOA fair in EE to Africa, off 0500 3/6 JM
7380 0115 INDIA AIR via New Delhi fair in Sindhi 22/5 JM
7430 0940 CHINA CRI via Jinghua fair in Chinese 1/6 JM
7435 0458 USA, R Marti. Fair in SS, off at 0500. 5/6 JM

Please add the symbol ** after your initials if you heard the station using the League's Northland SDR. If you've heard it using the SDR, others may also be able to, and it all counts as DX.

Local Contributors

BC	Brian Carr	Christchurch	Icom IC-R70, EWE
BDW	Brian Webb	Upper Hutt	DE-1103 & AR-1733 with whips
JJD	John Durham	Tauranga	SDRPlay RSP2pro, Eavesdropper trap dipole.
JJD**	Using the League's Northland SDR		
JM	John Mainland	Wellington	Kenwood R-1000, 20m longwire East-West
KAB**	Ken Baird	Wainuiomata	** Using the League's Northland SDR
SMF	Stuart Forsyth	Mangawhai	Winradio G33DDC with 5m EWE

Overseas contributions

Freq	Time	Details
5945	1010	NEW ZEALAND RNZI Rangitaiki w/RNZ National news item, fair through local noise, more than an hour before local sunset 21/6. BCH

Overseas Contributor

BCH Bryan Clark Escaping Winter in Hong Kong Tecsun PL390 & 1 metre whip
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BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ



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If unsure of ID pls mark item "tentative". Try to avoid duplicate items in successive editions.

Freq	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9330	0401	USA, WBCQ. Very good in EE; need for funds to enable b'casting to resume following effects of fire – 23/6 KB
9330	0410	USA, WBCQ. Excellent in EE. What a power house! 22/6 SMF
9390	0215	TAJIKISTAN, RFA via Dushanbe Poor in Tibetan. Off 0200 22/5 JM
9420	0347	GREECE, V of Greece excellent, v clear signal with music and talk in Greek (Tent).- 18/5 KAB**
9505	1620	TURKEY, VoT in Azeri for Caucasus. Fair with axmnts and mx. 16/5 JM
9515	0346	TURKEY, VOT good with Male in English on health, then ID and Freq Sked. Female sign off 0347 then IS. - 2/6 KAB**
9560	0355	MADAGASCAR, NHK via Talata. Fair in Swahili for East Africa. Off 0358. 9/6 JM
9570	2210	CHINA, CRI via Urumqi fair in FF 10/6 JM
9610	1625	MOLDOVA, TWR India in Urdu via Grigoriopol. Off 1630. 19/5 JM
9620	2035	TURKEY, Ankara fair level with EE Nx 24/06 JJD
9635	1035	VIETNAM, VoV Fair with VV first prog. 1100 time sig. 22/5 JM
9640	2200	CHINA, CRI via Kashgor in SS for Europe. Fair 10/6 JM
9650	2015	GUINEA, Guinea Radio in FF with music Quite good level. 8/06 JJD
9650	2113	SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, v good with Male talk in Arabic on Afghanistan, followed by Koran(Tent), - 27/5 KAB**
9685	2120	KUWAIT, RFA in CC via Sulaibiyah. Fair 10/6 JM
9700	1300	TAJIKISTAN, RFA fair in Khmer. 26/5 JM
9735	1225	TAIWAN, RTI in Cantonese to Asia via Paochung 22/5 JM
9740	2110	ENGLAND, VOA via Wooferton. FF to Africa. s/off 2130. Fair. 13/5 JM
9765	1525	TURKEY, VoT in Persian. Mx/ speech. Off 1554. Fair 12/6 JM
9825	0335	BULGARIA, BBC. Fair in Fasi; ID – 25/6 KB
9865	2355	CHINA, CRI via Kunming Fair in CC. Off 0000. 21/5 JM
9880	0245	ARMENIA, BBC. Fair in Persian, IDs; off 0300 – 25/6 KB
9885	0610	VATICAN CITY, VoA in FF. Fair/ poor 14/5 JM
9900	1350	UZBEKISTAN, BBC WS via Tashkent in Bengali. EE id 1400. Fair 22/5 JM
9915	0401	MADAGASCAR, BBC. Good; nx in English – 24/6 KB
11560	0212	INDIA, AIR. Good in Pashto? – 5/6 BDW
11560	0339	INDIA, AIR (BGL). Fair in Dar with traditional Indian music 22/6 SMF
11650	0341	MADAGASCAR, R Tamazuj Fair in Sudanese Arabic (I didn't realise there was such a thing) to South Sudan. Good clear ids at 0400 22/6 SMF
11665	0813	MALAYSIA, Wai FM Fair & improving in Bahasa Malay? 25/06 JJD
11670	2134	SPAIN, REE v good with Male comment in Spanish, ID. //11940 excellent.. - 5/6 KAB**

11695 1120 SINGAPORE, NHK World in EE. Poor 14/5 JM
 11725 2126 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI v good with Males in English on comms to Solomon Is. ID then contemporary NZ art. - 19/5 KAB**
 11725 2140 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI. Poor in EE; 2200 TS; nx- 23/6 KB
 11745 0402 SAUDI ARABIA, R Al Azm. Fair with Quranic chanting 22/6 SMF
 11825 0335 ROMANIA. Fair with EE to South Asia. 18/5 JM
 11825 0406 MADAGASCAR, KLNS, Fair in EE with religious talk. 22/6 SMF
 11850 2033 ROMANIA, RRI. Poor in EE with Nx 21/06 JJD
 11910 2041 NTH KOREA, KRE poor with females singing in Korean (Tent), 18/5 KAB**
 12035 0350 KUWAIT, VOA Deewa Radio fair with male comment in Pashto (Tent), - 23/5 KAB**
 12040 2211 GUAM, AWR good in English With relig Prgm – return of Christ to Earth. Clear ID, - 16/5 KAB**
 12055 1300 GERMANY, AWR (NAU). Good in Kachin – 29/5 BDW
 12095 0334 OMAN, BBC good in English with talk on Wikileaks (Tent), - 18/5 KAB**
 13580 0305 ARMENIA, BBC. Poor/Fair in Pushto; ID – 25/6 KB
 13580 0613 MADAGASCAR, BBC WS Fair/ poor in EE. Sce to E Africa. 16/6 SMF
 13730 0935 CHINA, CRI fair in CC //15560. 19/5 JM
 13840 1230 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI. Fair with EE with National R. 15/6 SMF
 13850 0915 CHINA, CRI via Beijing in CC //9880 Fair 10/6 JM
 15320 2232 GUAM, AWR (SDA). Poor in Javanese – 29/5 BDW
 15360 0615 UAE, R Mashaal fair in AA 16/6 SMF
 15515 0459 KUWAIT, Radio Kuwait with AA ident “Huna al Kuwait”, fair to good signal 7/6 BCM
 15685 2248 GUAM, AWR (SDA). Fair in Mandarin – 29/5 BDW
 17490 0005 CHINA, CRI via Beijing in Cantonese. Fair 22/5 JM
 17560 0036 CHINA, Firedrake excellent with Male/Female in Chinese, jamming VOA in Chinese to Far East (Tent), - 20/5 KAB**

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Your Contribution much appreciated

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ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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Time Order summary of Ian'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.

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

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0334	12095g	BBC	UK	18-May	KAB**
0335	11825f	RRI	ROMANIA	18-May	JM
0337	5900	The Overcomer	USA	4-Jun	BC
0346-0347	9515g	VOT	TURKEY	2-Jun	KAB**
0401	9330g	WBCQ	USA	23-Jun	KB
0401	9915g	BBC	UK	24-Jun	KB
0406	11825f	KNLS	ALASKA	22-Jun	SMF
0410	9330e	WBCQ	USA	22-Jun	SMF
0455-0500	7375f	VOA	BOTSWANA	3-Jun	JM
0606	5935f	WWCR	USA	15-Jun	SMF
0607	5945f	RNZI	NZ	15-Jun	SMF
0608	5950f	WRMI	USA	15-Jun	SMF
0608	5970f	WEWN	USA	15-Jun	SMF
0613	13580p	BBC	MADAGASCAR	16-Jun	SMF
1055	4840	WWCR	USA	30-May	BC
1120	11695p	NHK	SINGAPORE	14-May	JM
1230	13840f	RNZI	NZ	15-Jun	SMF
1612	6200p	CRI	CHINA	8-May	BDW
1625	5885f	VOA	PHILIPPINES	28-May	JM
1630	6170p	RNZI	NZ	24-May	JM
2033	11850p	RRI	ROMANIA	21-Jun	JJD
2126	11725g	RNZI	NZ	19-May	KAB**
2140-2200	11725p	RNZI	NZ	23-Jun	KB
2211	12040g	AWR	USA	16-May	KAB**



SHORTWAVE REPORT



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AUSTRIA

Bible Voice Broadcasting BVB via MBR Moosbrunn, June 221730-1900 on 9810 MOS 100 kW / 115 deg to N/ME English Sat, very Good.

(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

FRANCE

NHK World Japan Network Radio Japan via MBR Issoudun, June 26
0500-0530 on 11970 ISS 500 kW / 155 deg to SoAf English, co-ch Radio KWT DRM
0530-0600 on 11730 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to WCAf French, very good signal and
0600-0630 on 11975 ISS 500 kW / 160 deg to NoAf Arabic, fair, QRM KWT in DRM
(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

GERMANY

DWD Deutscher Wetterdienst in 49mb on June 22
0600-0630 on 5905 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German AM mode, weak
0600-0630 on 6180 PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German AM mode, Fair
(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

Bible Voice Broadcasting in 31mb & 25mb via MBR Nauen, June 28
0501-0516 on 9735 NAU 250 kW / 120 deg to N/ME Arabic/English Fri, very good
0600-0615 on 11655 NAU 125 kW / 180 deg to NoAf Arabic Dardasha 7, very good:
(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

GUATEMALA

Radio Verdad, Chiquimula 4055, on air, 0430-0630*, 18-06, heard now with religious comments in Spanish. Very weak, best on LSB, later English program, at 0610 anthem and id. in several languages and English program again, closing at about 0630.. 15311. (Via HCDX Méndez. Lugo Spain)

LIBERIA

6050, ELWA Radio, Monrovia, 0603-0617, 09-06, religious songs in English. 15311. (Via Manuel Méndez HCDX)

MALI

Reception of China Radio International via Bamako, June 3
1400-1557 on 13685 BKO 100 kW / 111 deg to SoAf English, QRM NHK/CRI*
1400-1557 on 17630 BKO 100 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English, good signal
1600-1657 on 15125 BKO 100 kW / 085 deg to CEAf Arabic, not on air
1601-1603 on 17880 BKO 100 kW / 020 deg to NEAf Arabic, good signal
from 1603 on 17880 BKO 100 kW / 020 deg to NEAf no signal-tx is off
*1430-15 QRM 13680 ISS 500 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Persian NHK R.Japan
& 15-1557 QRM 13680 KAS 500 kW / 308 deg to WeEu Chinese China R.Int

All other transmissions of CRI via Bamako are inactive today June 3.
(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

MONGOLIA

Voice of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar 12085 kHz, on May 31 at 1022-1035 UT. Voice of Mongolia, in Chinese and Japanese. Female and male voices in Chinese language; A song. At 1030 UT: IS and start program in Japanese; Male announcer talks with backgrounds. Very poor reception here, 25422. (Jota Xavier-BRA, hcdx May 31; via dxld June 13)

12084.876 kHz VoMongolia Ulanbataar in Mongolian, at 0938 UT on June 4. (wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews June 4)

NIGERIA

Reports of Voice of Nigeria on new frequency 11700. Jun 28, 2019. 1812-1905, Voice of Nigeria, in English. Man and woman announcers talk about all Nigeria actualities: News, comments and nigerian life. ID many times> 1900UT IS (drums) and ID by woman voice. Fair reception with spur interference by CRI in german language, 34433. No sked in Aoki, EiBi, HFCC and or WRTH about this 11770kHz frequency! (Via HCDX WOR & Ivo Observer.

11769.9 is on air also this morning June 29 at 0600UT in Hausa. (Via HCDX JRX_Jose Ronaldo Xavierr)

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Following a tip from Californian DXer Ron Howard yesterday, I tuned in to SIBC 9545 at 0120 UTC on the League SDR.

Easy listening vocals, adverts in EE, peaking fair. Sign off time for SIBC's daytime frequency used to be around 0500 UTC when reception was usually best. Check it out guys!
(Via DX Dialog Bryan Clark (Hong Kong)

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation in 31mb on June 2 1115-1200 on 9720 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to SoAs Hindi, weak/fair. (Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

USA

World Harvest Radio International Angel 2, June 28 Good signal
0430-0600 on 9825 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg to WeEu English Daily, except: 0500-0515 on 9825 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg to WeEu French language on Fri
(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

WRMI-6 Oldies/Bob Biermann, Fair/good signal of June 26 from 0503 on 9395 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm English Daily.

APS Radio via WRMI-8 Programs of APS Radio via WRMI-8 Okeechobee are on air again: 1900-2100 on 9455 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm English Mo-Fri:
(swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

** 7305. Jun 21, 2019. 0151-0200, Vatican Radio, Greenville-NC, in Spanish. News of catholic church by female announcer; 0200 Abrupt ends. Very good reception, 45544.

** 7780. Jun 21, 2019. 0216-0223, Radio Prague, Okeechobee-FL, in English. Man and woman talk; ID. Poor reception, 25322.

** 9955. Jun 21, 2019. 0223-0229, Radio Praga, Okeechobee-FL, in Spanish. Man and woman announcers talk about variety czech themes; 0228 A brief song, ID and ends programming. Fair reception, 35433.

** 9955. Jun 21, 2019. 0230-0240, Radio Eslovaquia Internacional, Okeechobee-FL, in Spanish. ID and news by female voice; 0234 "Tema del Dia": Slovak products exporting to European Union; ID. Fair reception this night here, 35433.

** 9955. Jun 21, 2019. 1113-1123, RAE Argentina ao Mundo, Okeechobee-FL, in Portuguese. Woman announcer presents a newsletter; News about brazilian political theme; 1121 ID and sport news. Fair reception till 1123UT, 35333. After 1123, poor reception with noises and fading, 35322. (The above via HCDX & Jose Ronaldo Xavier SWARL Callsign PR7036SWL Cabedelo, Brazil)

Radio for Peace International 9395, WRMI i UT Sun June 23 at 0000, sign-on with faux beep timesignal, IDs in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, and into woman lexuring in French. So this is *not* monthly as Ivo had assumed, but weekly --- orrather, I think it's a replay of same program last week. So maybe is produced only monthly repeatedly aired weekly. Will they ever get around to English via WRMI? (Via Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UZBEKISTAN

Four clandestine broadcasts via RRTM Telecom Tashkent, June 13

Radio Free North Korea, extended, ex 1200-1300UT

1200-1430 on 11510 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, fair/good signal, BUT

1300-1315 on 11510 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan Voice of Tibet co-ch!

Voice of Wilderness

1330-1530 on 7615 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to NEAs Korean, weak to fair signal

North Korea Reform Radio

1430-1530 on 11565 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, poor & weak, plus QRM

at same time 11560 BGL 500 kW / 325 deg to WeAs Pashto All India Radio-strong

Voice of Martyrs

1530-1600 on 7530 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, fair/good Signal

(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

ZAMBIA

New summer A19 schedule of Voice of Hope Africa from June 4

1200-1300 on 9680 LUV 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAf English Sat/Sun tx#1

1200-1300 on 13680 LUV 100 kW / 315 deg to WeAf English Sat/Sun tx#2

1300-1600 on 9680 LUV 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAf English Daily tx#1

1300-1600 on 13680 LUV 100 kW / 315 deg to WeAf English Daily tx#2

1600-1900 on 4965 LUV 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAf English Daily tx#1

1600-1900 on 6065 LUV 100 kW / 315 deg to WeAf English Daily tx#2

Morning broadcasts of Voice of Hope Africa are cancelled from June 4

0500-0800 on 9680 LUV 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAf English Mon-Fri tx#1

0500-0800 on 11680 LUV 100 kW / 315 deg to WeAf English Mon-Fri tx#2

In new schedule again strong co-channels from RTI+CNR-1/NHK/CRI/VIRI IRIB

1200-1400 on 9680 TSH 100 kW / 352 deg to EaAs Chinese RTI+CNR-1 Jamming

1430-1500 on 13680 ISS 500 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Persian NHK World R.Japan

1500-1600 on 13680 KAS 500 kW / 308 deg to WeEu Chinese China Radio Inter

1623-1720 on 6065 ZAH 500 kW / non-dir to WeAs Pashto VIRI IRIB

(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/06)

SHORTWAVE & STATION NEWS

DENMARK

For several weeks there has been a problem with the aerial for World Music Radio (WMR) 5840 kHz meaning that the power on 5840 had to be reduced to some 25-40 W, and more recently - after a lightning strike - WMR has been off air on 5840 during weekdays due to problems with the audio feed. Thursday June 27 everything was fixed and WMR is back on the air on 5840 kHz with full power (100 W) and again 24 hrs a day seven days a week

The transmissions on 15805 have also suffered from some problems, but is now also back on the air as from today Saturday June 29. Power is 200 W into a half wave dipole. Transmissions on 15805 kHz are weekends only, and 15805 kHz will be on the air today Saturday until tomorrow Sunday at 1600 UTC.

Right now at 1030 UTC 15805 is audible in many of Europe (except close to the transmitter site) including Ireland, western UK, Northern Scandinavia, Switzerland/Austria, Italy, Iceland and on the East coast of North America (New Hampshire). Please note that modulation on 15805 kHz is not perfect; not good in LSB or USB, but fair in wide AM. WMR is also audible from www.wmr.radio (Via Stig Hartvig Nielsen)

INDIA

Prasar Bharati has asked it to come up with a proposal to phase out SW transmitters. If Prasar Bharati [India's largest public broadcasting agency] has its way, All India Radio will have to stop all global short wave transmissions — eighty years after it began international broadcasting in 1939. AIR is resisting the move arguing that it will curtail its global reach. There are about 46 short wave transmitters that run both domestic and external services. Out of these, 28 are used for the external services alone. Barring three transmitters that were recently installed, all the others will have to be shut down over the next six-months. The external services are broadcast to 150 countries in 13 Indian languages and 15 foreign languages.

Prasar Bharati had written to the AIR in May third week asking it to come up with a proposal to phase out the short wave transmitters.

'Whimsical'

A high-ranking AIR official called it a whimsical decision. "There will be a huge implication on external services. The short wave is the only effective way to reach to any part of the world. FM and other modes don't work. Even live streaming on web can't be complete substitute to this due to varied penetration of internet connectivity. Any country that wants to scuttle Indian radio can just shut down our web channel."

Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati denied that discontinuing short wave will impact global outreach. He said there would be fresh investments in expanding in DD India, AIR World Service and Prasar Bharati's Global Digital Platform. "Going forward, AIR world service will be primarily a digital service which will leverage FM and Medium Wave capabilities where available and short wave in a limited way for strategic purposes. We will also explore hiring airtime in transmitters outside India on a need basis where feasible," he told The Hindu.

China has recently started buying air time on Nepalese radio channels for its programmes. India too may soon follow suit.

Limited audience

A study on short wave transmitters conducted by the Prasar Bharati had revealed that shutting down these transmitters would save the AIR nearly ₹60-70 crore. The majority of the

transmitters were nearly 25 years old and obsolete. "Short Wave, as a mode of transmission, has very limited audience, which is further dwindling with time. The short wave network will be rationalised so we are able to invest more in content and in newer ways of broadcasting, like Internet streaming, digital radio and in future satellite radio. We will, however, preserve a limited set of short wave for strategic purposes and national interest," Mr. Vempati added

This entry was posted in Broadcasters, International Broadcasting, News, Shortwave Radio and tagged AIR, All India Radio, All India Radio Funding, Shortwave Radio, The Hindu on June 7, 2019 by Thomas

RUSSIA

Far East and Chukotka.

In a short time, through a powerful radio center located in Kamchatka Yelizovo, it is planned to distribute the broadcast of Purga Radio to the entire territory of the Chukotka Autonomous Region.

From an interview with Nikolai Garanin, Head of the Television and Radio Workshop of the city of Anadyr of the RTRS Branch "Delnoeostochny Regional Center"

For us, the best option was to use the capabilities of the Kamchatka radio center, equipped with a 100-kilowatt radio transmitter, thanks to which residents of remote areas of Chukotka can receive the signal, having the most simple radio receivers that receive short waves.

Thus, it will be possible to promptly deliver news and other programs to the workers of the reindeer-breeding brigades, fishermen, hunters, geologists and prospectors. We have already checked the range of radio signal coverage from Kamchatka, which is about 90% of the territory of Chukotka, which is a lot. Specialists set up a diagrammatic field, and its focus on Chukotka had to be regulated for almost four months in order to cover the territory as much as possible. All technical moments are coordinated with the center in Moscow. Information about the frequencies at which it is supposed to broadcast, we will give separately."

Excerpt from the material of the portal "Far North". <<https://vk.com/club171176221>> (Anatoly Klepov-RUS, RUSdx #1033 via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews June 16)

[Whatever happened to Radio Sakha from Yakust 7345kHz ? .Has not been heard for over a year now. Editor]

SOUTH AFRICA

SABC TOTAL BLACKOUT WARNING -- Staff Writer 16 June 2019

<https://mybroadband.co.za/news/broadcasting/310295-sabc-total-blackout-warning.html?source=newsletter>

The SABC is facing a serious financial crisis which forced it to make a difficult decision at the end of May – pay salaries or pay municipal bills. This is according to a Sunday Times report, which said the state broadcaster opted to pay salaries, meaning it now owes the City of Johannesburg more than R13.5 million.

This decision did not solve its financial problems, and SABC board chair Bongumusa Makhathini told the Sunday Times that the broadcaster is not sure if it will be able to pay salaries this month. Apart from its municipal bills, the SABC owes Sentech R317 million and MultiChoice division SuperSport R208 million.

Total blackout warning

Due to its financial problems, the SABC has also stopped maintaining its infrastructure and Makhathini warned that a communication blackout is imminent. This followed a similar warning by SABC CEO Madoda Mxakwe who said in May that the public broadcaster was in danger of experiencing a total broadcasting blackout due to its crippling debt and lack of relief funding.

Mxakwe said the SABC is not able to pay its creditors and while the company's application for a R6.8-billion bailout was approved, the funds have not yet arrived. This means that if it is unable to secure sufficient funding, the SABC will be forced to cut its national broadcast due to the inability to continue operations. "We never had a blackout before, but if the funding doesn't come soon the possibility of a blackout is imminent," Mxakwe said.

No serious cost-cutting

To cut costs and make itself sustainable, the SABC previously planned to retrench up to 981 permanent employees and 1,200 of its 2,400 freelancers. However, political pressure forced the broadcaster to abandon the mass retrenchment process it outlined late last year.

This decision followed a number of engagements between the SABC, its employees, and various stakeholders. The SABC acknowledged that it needs to review its increase in costs and conduct a thorough skills audit. The outcome of this audit, the SABC said, will provide it with a more defined structure and plan for the future.

"This will ensure that the SABC meets its strategic objective of operating optimally and competitively in a digitised environment, said the SABC.

(via Tim Gaynor, NSW, WOR iog via DXLD)

RADIO FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL

Hi All, I just saw this on the WRMI Facebook page: Alan Gale. "New program in wrmi from Friday, June 14th

RADIO FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL is being reactivated, although the new RFPI is not related to the old one in Costa Rica. We will emit in Short Wave on WRMI on frequencies of 15770 kHz on Friday at 2000-2100 UT for the Maghreb, 9395 kHz on Saturday at 2000-2100 hours Eastern Time in North America (0000-0100 UT Sunday), and on 6070 kHz in Europe and on our website <http://www.rfpi.eu>

You'll be able to listen to our podcast shows on i-tunes, youtube podcasting platforms and on our facebook page.

The broadcasts will be structured around 45-50 minute conferences on subjects that are related to peace, humanism, human rights, sustainable development

The goal is not to impose a reality but to provide food for thought so that everyone can walk in respect, listening, sharing in order to build peace together. Well, if it is unrelated to RFPI CR, this is not a "reactivation". We were expecting this to start the week before, Friday June 7 at 2000 on 15770 when the air was dead instead.

Contrary to the above, Ivo Ivanov says these RFPI are monthly:

2000-2100 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu French 2nd Fri

1900-2000 on 6070 ROB 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu French 2nd Sat

0000-0100 on 9395 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm French 2nd SunM

USA

WBCQ The new super power station on 9330kHz. UT Sat June 22 tune-in WBCQ at 0011 and listen for rest of hour to `Allan & Angela Weiner Worldwide` or some variant as discussed.

Appears to be a new live show, all about the SuperStation with a constant stream of callers, and constant hum on the signal which is apparently coming from the phone line. We glean more information about all this, summarizing:

Now running full 500 kW, as it will be when launched as the client insists on not one watt less than 500,000. General testing sked is 4 pm – 7 am (EDT = 20-11 UT), while the antenna crew works on it the remaining 9 hours in the daytime. Maybe on air less this weekend while checking out circuit breakers, etc.

Everything has to be ready for the **World's Last Chance ministries launch**, now set for Monday July 8, which will be broadcasting to Middle East, Europe, USA and Canada [this implies the latest HFCC registration in Arabic and English only, rather than the imaginary worldwide multi-language schedule originally publicized].

Despite the super-power, there is very little RF blanking in the local area, he says. Audio processor is a \$14K Omnia 11, for good sound; lo-fi audio is not good for listenability.

Transmitter is DRM capable but --- Allan is interrupted by caller Freddy to explain what that is, before AW can finish, and does not get back to it, but seemed he was about to say they would not be running DRM? At 0024, AW finally mentions that this is 21 June, YOOL 2019, so indeed a new live show. (But not the next time it may go out.)

The Continental transmitter is made in USA, believe it or not, Dallas TX. They use top-notch components. Very complex water cooling requires constant attention; shift schedules are being set up. Power bill will be in the high(?) 5-figures per month.

AW's note to staff: put VORW on some of the test broadcasts. Also going to simulcast Amateur Radio Roundtable Tuesday night (with 5130). Reading e-mail and prayer, running over until finished at 0106, back to music.

Another AWWW hour plays at 0200, and yet another old one at 0400. In between didn't pay much attention but at 0339 noted that zappahead Larry Will was in charge, apparently live, soliciting e-mail reports

(Via Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST June 21 22)



BROADCAST NEWS

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WHAT'S UP WITH RADIO IN THE COOK ISLANDS & SAMOA?

NEW ZEALAND National Radio **639** Alexandra has been off air for months. It appears the FM outlet has upped power or has a repeater or has relocated as it is audible now over a much wider area through the Maniototo, up to the beginning of the Pig Route. (Steven Greenyer via DX Dialog 5Jun19)

World TV, operators behind Chinese Voice **936** AM in Auckland, have picked up the AM licence at Horokiwi (Wellington) for **1566** kHz for \$26,664 in an MOED frequency auction. Maximum EIRP 42.0dbw - 16kw. (Steven Greenyer via DX Dialog 5Jun19)

ALASKA

1020 KVNT Eagle River granted STA, U1 2kw day & night due transmitter damage.

ALGERIA Chaîne 3 Algeria on **252** LW is back on air since 21 May. (Adam Birchenal via MediumWave.info)

CANADA

- 770 CHQR AB Calgary – Slogan to “Global News Radio.” (Shaun Axelrod NRC)
- 870 CKIR BC Invermere – Slogan to “106.3 EZ Rock,” adds // CKGR-106.3. (FCC)
- 890 CJDC Dawson Creek BC now identifies as Pure Country 890. (Dan Sys IRCA)
- 1070 CBUU Clinton BC - The CBC has until June 23 2020 to get this AM to FM “Radio One” conversion on the air at 98.9 with 50 watts. (Dan Sys IRCA)
- 1210 VOAR St John’s NL The Seventh Day Adventist Church has until June 27 2020 to get this AM to FM Christian conversion on the air at 96.7 w/100kw. (Dan Sys IRCA)
- 1260 CKHJ Fredericton, NB now has the slogan “Pure Country” (Dan Sys IRCA)
- 1270 CJCB Sydney NS granted reduction in night power from 10kw to 1.35kw. Day power will remain 10,000 watts. (Dan Sys IRCA)
- 1450 CHOU QC Montréal – Slogan to “Radio Middle East” // FM 104.5. (Shaun Axelrod NRC)
- 1570 CJLV QC Laval – Slogan to “AM 1570.” (Shaun Axelrod NRC)

CARIBBEAN UPDATE While there are still many Spanish speaking AM stations on air in the Caribbean - from Cuba, Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic; there is a decline in English and French speaking stations in Eastern Caribbean.

Here a list of silent stations:

Anguilla: 690 kHz and 1610 kHz The Caribbean Beacon are off air. 1610 kHz is close to empty, but during nights CHHV Voces Latinas from Canada can be heard. On 690 kHz W Radio from Colombia is audible.

Guadeloupe: 640 kHz is off air. Instead, you can hear Radio Progreso from Cuba and Fox Sports Radio from USA.

Martinique: 1310 kHz is off air [since 2018? as not mentioned in WRTH 2019/ed]. The

frequency is a myriad of different weak stations, of which at least one transmitter is off frequency, 1309.8 kHz maybe.

St.Kitts & Nevis: 820 kHz Son Power Radio [and ex Radio Paradise], which was expected back on air in the beginning of 2019, still not reactivated. The frequency seems empty during night. Two very weak stations, possible from Cuba and USA, can be picked up.

US Virgin Islands: WUVI 1090 kHz and WIGT 1690 kHz are still silent. On 1090 can now be heard Unión Radio Noticias from Venezuela and Caracol from Colombia. On 1690 kHz WPTX is dominant.

The current status is, that there are no French speaking stations left in the Eastern Caribbean. Regarding English speaking stations in that region, the following are active:

780 kHz: ZBVI, British Virgin Islands	860 kHz: VON Radio, St.Kitts & Nevis
900 kHz: "FM 94.7", Barbados	970 kHz: WSTX, US Virgin Islands
1000 kHz: WVWI, US Virgin Islands	1160 kHz: Caribbean Radio Lighthouse
1300 kHz: The Voice of St.Maarten	1340 kHz: WSTA, US Virgin Islands
1400 kHz: Harbour Light, Grenada	1620 kHz: WDHP "103.5 The Reef", USVI

(Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Deshaies, Guadeloupe using a Tecsun PL-880 and 30 m longwire, May 29th until June 4th 2019 via MediumWave.info)

COOK ISLANDS Further to last month's column, Cook Islands radio ham Bob Walker (E51BQ) commented on 5 June: "I can confirm the Matavera Mast is still being used on **630** kHz there is no sign of activity around the mast and nothing in the local news about the mast coming down or closing down of the AM service Parliament is being transmitted on it today The Takitimu School which is beneath the mast has been evacuated and the children have been sent to 3 other locations. The mast is very corroded and I would say quite dangerous in its present state the Parafill stays are fine and in good order. The mast was a gift from New Zealand in 1965 when the Cook Islands became self-governing. (When) I arrived in 1970 the transmitter was a 10KW Marconi said to be only one of only 2 of that model in the southern hemisphere so it was a bit of an orphan and very expensive to replace parts. At that time it was on 600Khz Around the late 70s it was changed to 630KHZ I did the change it was just a simple matter of changing the crystal. There is a standby transmitter at Black Rock on the NW side of the island where the golf course is but it is loaded into a very poor antenna, a good Marconi T antenna could be set up there quite easily with some of the existing unused masts and a good ground plane is already in existence". (via Chris Rogers)

Then a staff member at Radio Cook Islands responded to Chris' enquiries about the future of 630 AM as follows: "Kia Orana Chris. Thank you for contacting us. We honestly don't know. We are not really part of the decision making for this - the Government and the network operator Bluesky made the decision without our consideration. There was supposed to be a 5 week period from when they moved the school children out to when they take it down. But they don't actually have a plan of how to take it down. The mast is 108 meters; the biggest crane on the island can only go up to 50 meters. I understand that they will be strengthening the mast sections in the middle where it has rusted before they send someone up to dismantle it. Problem is that it has been raining quite a bit since the kids were moved out so it's quite risky to work on the mast. I also don't think we have professional riggers on the island. One of the big problems is that the Government and Bluesky have not done much maintenance to the mast since it was last maintained in the early 1990s. So it has deteriorated. Our service reach is going to be compromised quite a bit when they do dismantle the AM mast. Bluesky seem to be keen to get rid of the AM service. There is a backup AM transmitter at Blackrock (20-30m mast) and I have asked if we can keep the service going via that transmitter - they have said no. We are currently doing a survey of our reach into the 13/15 inhabited islands of the Cook Islands on their radio usage patterns, but I am still waiting for that information

from the staff.” (via Chris Rogers 6 June)

The next chapter in this saga appeared in the 8 June edition of the Cook Islands News, under the headline “Cook Islands Investment Corporation will next week announce its plan to safely dismantle the rusty 107m structure.” A smiling grandmother patiently waits for Takitumu primary school to end its day. Not at the school, but across the busy main road at the Holy Spirit Revival church in Matavera. “It has been disruptive now that the kids have been relocated to several locations in the community,” she says. She drives her older grandchild to the Revival Hall in Matavera where the senior students are based; the youngest has to be taken to Titikaveka preschool which is a fair way away. It’s costing more on her fuel bill each week. “But, the kids’ safety is important and we have to do what we have to do, the teachers are great and we are trying to work out an easier way to transport the little ones to Titikaveka and make it easier for the parents,” she says. “I hope our government asked the New Zealand deputy prime minister Winston Peters for help to send the New Zealand Army here and take the mast down – it’s been done before.” She’s right. The eye-catching 350 foot (107 metre) landmark has been kept erect by the intervention of Army engineers – but this time, there’s little more they can do. The Cook Islands Investment Corporation has confirmed to Cook Islands News that after decades of service, the Matavera AM Radio Mast has reached the end of its life. The government-owned mast was erected as an AM radio transmitter, with \$43,000 of New Zealand aid money – a lot in those days. It was first built in 1965, then rebuilt almost from scratch by a local team of engineers in 1989. It was intended to transmit news of national importance and interest, locally and to the outer islands. Bob Walker, one of the few active ham radio operators in the Cook Islands, arrived in Rarotonga in 1970 to work as the government telecommunications technician. His job was to maintain radio contact with the other 15 islands using two-circuit transmitters and a 50 baud telegraph. Back then, the Cook Islands Post office looked after the transmitter and the antenna. In the late 1970’s the original frequency was 600 kilohertz, Walker changed the frequency himself to 630 kilohertz using a ‘crystal’ sent from New Zealand. “It was easy enough to do, it was only a tiny wee change, we put in the new crystal that determines the frequency, that was it,” he says. Now, Walker is retired, spending a couple of hours every day on his ham radio, communicating with operators around the world – not necessarily talking to people, but exchanging messages. His ham radio set up of tuners, monitors and amplifiers is tidy and well-organised. Low-volume screeching FT8 tones emanate from his speakers – like when you’re trying to tune in to a radio station. His own antenna outside his home is impressive, standing at 40 feet high. But he’s concerned the loss of the Matavera radio mast might affect the people of the Pa Enua, as they will have no AM radio transmissions. There is a standby transmitter at Blackrock where government could put up an antenna, and Walker believes it’s worth doing to keep the AM transmissions going. “With the AM transmitter if something goes wrong, we can fix it, it’s here.” Alternatively, Bluesky could pick up Radio Cook Islands from the internet into a small FM transmitter – but if there were internet interruptions, then communications with the outer islands could be in danger. The alternative – a change to an FM frequency – would affect those in the Northern and Southern group islands beyond the reach of FM radio. The Northern Cook Islands is a separate radio country to us, he says, and that’s why many ham radio enthusiasts from overseas travel to the island of Manihiki, spending weeks at a time there. Authorities say with the rollout of FM transmitters and the ability to live stream events like Parliament and the international dance contest, the mast is no longer needed – and when one gets up close, it becomes apparent that the once proud edifice has fallen into disrepair. There is rust up and down the length of it; the guy ropes are so frayed that one is holding on barely by a thread. Education Secretary Danielle Cochrane has ordered Takitumu school’s temporary relocation while the mast’s owners talk with affected stakeholders like Bluesky Cook Islands and Infrastructure

Cook Islands. They must ensure that when the mast comes down, the outer islands are still served with the public information and communications needed to keep them safe. The Corporation has been working with external engineering companies and local agencies to assess the condition of the mast and, says general manager Tamarii Tutangata, to determine the most appropriate process to dismantle it. Wear and tear has resulted in corrosion in the mid-section, he admits. "Corrosion is normal as a result of the effects of sea spray around 20 meters above sea level. The top and bottom sections of the mast are in good condition." Their priority will be to dismantle it safely, and causing minimal danger and disruption to those in the surrounding area. (Story by Melina Etches, Cook Islands News 8Jun19)

After 30 years of service, the 100m high Matavera AM Radio Mast has reached its term and CIIC has been working with external engineering companies and local agencies to assess the condition of the mast and determine the most appropriate process to dismantle it with minimal disruption to those in the surrounding area. The Mast is a government owned asset that was erected in 1989 by a local team of engineers as an AM radio transmitter mast. It was funded with the help of NZ Aid costing \$43k. The purpose of the mast was to enable radio transmission of national importance and interest locally and to the Pa Enea. A media release by CIIC says the rollout of FM transmitters and the ability to live stream events of national importance, the mast is no longer a requirement and alternative avenues of broadcasting are now in place. The release says wear and tear over the years has resulted in some corrosion as a result of sea spray around 20m above sea level, in parts of the mid-section, however the top and bottom sections of the mast are in good condition. As a precautionary measure, Apii Takitumu under the direction of Secretary of Education, Danielle Cochrane, temporarily relocated the teachers and students to other locations to ensure continuity of learning while the team at CIIC engage with relevant agencies including Bluesky Cook Islands and ICI to assist with the dismantling. The release says that process is still under consideration and a decision is expected to be made towards the end of next week on the way forward to dismantle the mast. Safety is the priority while key stakeholders consider the safe options to dismantle the mast. When work is due to commence on the site, the area will be cordoned off to prevent access. Residents in the area will be advised of the working plan and will be provided with timeframes of work commencement and completion. Sporting codes will also be advised on the closure of the Matavera field until such time work is completed. Once a decision is reached on the dismantling process, further notices will be issued to the public. (Radio Cook Islands website 11Jun19)

ECUADOR Back on 11 and 12 February I first noted a lively Latin format station which I suspect might be a Peruvian on 1489.44 causing a heterodyne whistle against 1490 stations. On 15 February I was able to follow the station from sign on around 0830 till past 0922 UTC. Initially the frequency was measured at 1489.47 but gradually drifted down to 1489.457 at 0922 UTC. As is my custom with Latin American mysteries, I shared my log with members of the RealDX online group which includes some of the world's foremost DX experts, but without success.





Photos received from La Nueva 1490 in Quito Ecuador

In May I was again hearing the station with improved signal levels as our winter period favouring Latin signals approached. Swedish DX ace Henrik Klemetz who is renowned for solving many Latin American DX mysteries got onto my case and determined that the station was first heard in early January on frequencies between 1489.35 and 1489.46 and reported to the Arctic Radio Club 'MV Eko' bulletin 59-13 by Swedish DX colleagues Fredrik Douren and Lars Simm as being new broadcaster Radio Pasión La Nueva in Quito. From my recordings Henrik was able to identify the programme heard after 0900 UTC as "Feliz Amanecer" and he then made contact with the programme host and arranged for our receptions to be acknowledged on air on 7 June. I was able to partly hear La Nueva on air during this call at 0930 UTC, but also recorded the station's web stream at lanueva1490.com. Currently Henrik is pursuing a written QSL for us. (BC)



GRENADA Harbour Light of the Windwards **1400** has a new transmitter. Harbour Light is a non-profit, non-commercial, Christian radio facility located at Tarleton Point on the north-eastern slope of Carriacou. We are presently using a 100% solid state Nautel XR-12 AM transmitter. Our audio processor is a CRL system with the NRSC pre-emphasis. The antenna is a quarter-wave, series-fed, monopole 55 meters in height with an above-ground tuned radial (raised radial) ground system that uses only 4 wires 55 meters in length perpendicular to each other and raised 5 meters above the ground for our frequency of 1400 Khz. The computer models show that it is as good or slightly better than the conventional ground system with 120 radials buried in a circle around the tower. Our tests have proved this also. The beauty of this system is its ease of installation, maintenance and low cost. We use a

standard “tee” matched ATU (antenna tuning unit) for matching the tower to the transmitter. We went on the air on 1 December 1991. Our present schedule for our AM broadcast is: 5:00 AM to midnight (local time) 08:00 UTC to 04:00 UTC. Our primary coverage (0.5mv/m) area includes a 300 km (250 mi) radius. We’ve received signal reports from all the Islands in our coverage area, South America, and Europe. Our FM transmitters are 250 watt Crown, which are on 24 hours daily (94.5, 92.3 MHz), and cover primarily Grenada, Carriacou & the Grenadines. Our programmes are primarily Bible preaching and teaching in nature, however, we have science programmes, drama programmes, programmes on the family and home, daily classical music programmes, weather, and world news from the BBC. We were the only radio station in Grenada to remain on the air during Hurricanes Ivan & Emily on September 7, 2004 and July 16, 2005. For more than 27 years, we used a Nautel ND5 5kw solid state transmitter - pictured in the gallery below - with the control rack on the left. It was installed new in October of 1991 and was in operation until April 27, 2019. It operated nearly flawlessly for ten years before we had our first real trouble. On April 27, 2019, we installed a slightly used Nautel XR-12 which we purchased from the former government station in Grenada. Our engineer converted it to our operating frequency and re-commissioned it at 5kw for our AM service. Since this transmitter is capable of 10kw, we are considering increasing power sometime in the future, Lord willing.” (<http://www.harbourlightradio.org/page25.html> via Dr Hansjoerg Biener via Glenn Hauser’s DXLD) [Probably my most wanted DX target! BC]



HAWAII KHRA Honolulu on **1460** has had its license cancelled by the FCC; having been silent since June 1, 2017. (via NRC)

MÉXICO At midnight Sunday 2 June Mexicali radio stations XECL [990] and XED [1050] will cease operations after 81 and 72 years of broadcasting. The reason for the closure of the two Radiorama (Pergom) Mexicali AM stations is unclear. XECL and XED were the third and fourth stations on the air in Mexicali, going on the air in 1938 and 1947. They were not historically together (XECL was with XEZF and XED with XESU and XEHG), but a Radiorama cluster split essentially traded XECL for XEHG. (Raymie Humbert, AZ, WTFDA Forum via Glenn Hauser’s DXLD)

MOLDOVA Vesti FM. In Russian broadcasts 24 hours on **1413** kHz with 500 kW from Mayak (Transnistria). Broadcast direction: Ukraine and Crimea. Web: <<http://radiovesti.ru>> E-mail: <info -at- radiovesti.ru> From “Broadcasting in Russian” Handbook #26, Sankt-Petersburg, Russia. (Anatoly Klepov-RUS, RUSdx #1033 via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews June 16)

PUERTO RICO (Updates from NRC DX News)

- 600 WYEL Mayagüez granted STA extension, U1 1250/1250.
- 1160 WBQN Barceloneta-Manatí granted STA extension, U1 1250/1250.
- 1240 WALO Humacao granted STA extension, U1 1kw/5kw due Dom. Rep. QRM.

SAMOA In August 2018 Australia’s Foreign Minister Julie Bishop announced a grant of \$4.1 million to fund a replacement transmission mast for 2AP (**540 AM**). The old 120 metre mast

was demolished on 8 September and shortly after NZ company Kordia began installation of a temporary 57 metre mast for 2AP that was intended to serve the broadcaster until construction of the permanent replacement 80 metre mast could begin after the cyclone season. The new mast was scheduled to be fully built by September 2019.

In the Samoa Observer newspaper on 28 May 2019 there is reference to Radio 2AP is back on air after 4 months, and that it has switched to the FM channel. "A soft launch was held last Wednesday to celebrate the milestone for the workers and the local radio station. Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Afamasaga Rico Tupai, said the radio station will strive to have a broader audience and move beyond their traditional listeners such as the elderly. "We want to have a broader audience because what we had before were just elders who listen to our radio which is good too but we aim to have more people listening to our radio station so we saw a solution and we took it," he said. "This was through the rebuilding and upgrading of this pole. The pole is obviously years old and it has come to the point where it is dangerous for the people around it so we decided that it needs to be rebuilt and upgraded." Now that they have stepped into the FM channel that is famous around Samoa, Afamasaga said it is also another goal of the Government to move with the times and upgrade their systems. "We all know that the FM Channel is the one that the youth and many other people mostly listen to, so that is why the Government has decided that with the upgrading, it would be better to switch to FM for a broader target," he said. He added the funding assistance is from Australia and the project started around the end of last year. In his speech, Project Manager Chris Shrodea from Australia said they were excited to help the Government reach a broader audience. "We saw a solution and we took advantage and we're very proud to present Radio 2AP to the nation of Samoa through FM," he said. (Samoa Observer 28 May 2019) [One could read into this that FM has replaced AM, but I presume that is not the case. BC]

USA (items from NRC's "DX News" magazine)

- 610 WIOD Miami FL granted STA extension, U4 10/10kw due Cuban QRM.
- 720 KDWN Las Vegas NV applies for CP for U2 25000/7000, diplexed with KXST-1140 at 3616-04/115-02-44.
- 780 WBBM Chicago IL CP for U1 35000/42000, new site (41-56-03/88-04-22) is on the air.
- 950 KFSA Fort Smith AR went silent on May 26, due flooding.
- 1020 KCKN Roswell NM silent on June 11, 2018; back on the air with STA 1000/1000 on May 19.
- 1090 KBOZ Bozeman MT granted STA, U1 580/580, due transmitter problems.
- 1130 KSDO San Diego CA slogan now Radio Inspiration ex Radio Nueva Vida..
- 1230 KEZF Murray UT call change to KJJC on May 20. Format to TLK (ex-SPT); slogan to "The Place-Common Sense Talk Radio.". (Mike Riordan)
- 1240 KNRY Monterey CA adds // K240EV-95.9. (FCC)
- 1240 KEZY San Bernardino CA slogan to Radio Inspiration ex-Radio Nueva Vida..
- 1250 KWSU Pullman WA slogan to "Northwest Public Broadcasting."
- 1250 KHIL Willcox AZ went silent May 10; back on the air June 2.
- 1270 KTFI Twin Falls ID new slogan Salt & Light Radio. (FCC)
- 1310 KAHL San Antonio TX went silent June 2, due transmitter failure.
- 1320 KWHN Fort Smith AR granted STA, U1 1000/1000, 30m LW at licensed site, due flooding.
- 1400 KSRR Provo UT silent since June 8, 2018; back on the air with STA on June 5. Format now Religion.
- 1440 KEYS Corpus Christi TX granted STA extension, U1 1000/69 as in CP.

- 1450 KFSD Escondido CA went silent June 1, due financial issues.
- 1450 KEZJ Twin Falls ID slogan to Radio Católica Sal y Luz. (FCC)
- 1450 KHHW Altus OK slogan to "The Legend."
- 1480 WVOI Marco Island FL applies for STA extension, U1 250/250.
- 1480 KYOS Merced CA CP for U1 4300/75, new site (37-17-31/120-26-03) is on air.
- 1490 KCID Caldwell ID slogan is Radio Católica Sal y Luz. (FCC)
- 1490 KWOK Aberdeen WA CP for U1 1000/1000 is on the air.
- 1490 KTEL Walla Walla WA CP for new site (46-01-25/118-21-17) is on the air.
- 1510 KSPA Ontario CA applies for CP for U4 10000/6000, replacing previous CP for the same which has expired.
- 1510 KGA Spokane WA has CP with U2 50000/6000 (ch 45000), now seeks to amend CP to U1 50000/540 (ch 45000).
- 1510 KGA Spokane WA applies for STA extension, U3 14000/14000, night pattern 24 hours.
- 1550 KGMZ San Francisco CA format to LGBTQ:TLK/CHR (ex-SPT); slogan to "Channel Q" delete // KGMZ-FM-95.7.
- 1550 KKOY Vancouver WA applies for STA extension, U2 8000/8000.
- 1590 KVTM Ventura CA granted STA with parameters at variance following FM diplexing.
- 1590 KLFE Seattle WA granted STA w/parameters at variance, KKOL-1300 triplex.
- 1590 WAKR Akron OH adds // W228EL-93.5. (FCC)

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

- 1230 KEZF Murray, UT has new callsign KJJC, relaunched with conservative talk format. Website: www.am1230kjjc.com/ (Mike Sanburn CA)
- 1250 KHIL Willcox AZ reactivated with Country format.
- 1260 WQOF Washington, DC new call ex WSPZ, new format Relevant Radio with religious teaching.
- 1300 KKOL Seattle, WA has returned to the air – format not known.
- 1360 WFLW Monticello, KY format now classic country, slogan: "WFLW 95.7 FM"
- 1390 KLTX Long Beach CA correct SS slogan is Radio Inspiracion. Was previously Radio Nueva Vida along with KSDO San Diego 1130 and KEZY San Bernardino 1240. Website is: www.radioinspiracion.com. (Mike Sanburn CA)
- 1400 KWNA Winnemucca, NV callsign has changed to KWXA.
- 1400 WNOO Chattanooga, TN is now silent.

GOODBYE TO ESPN DEPORTES NETWORK

ESPN is ending its ESPN Deportes Radio network on September 8. Some of the ESPN Deportes Radio programming will shift to podcast delivery including "Jorge Ramos y Su Banda" and "Raza Deportiva". The company will produce 10 additional Spanish language podcasts as well. Sports Business Daily adds that the move will lead to layoffs for 10 full-time and 25 part-time employees as ESPN closes its Coral Gables FL offices. While down in affiliates from a few years ago, the shutdown will leave affiliates such as Lotus Broadcasting's 1330 KWKW Los Angeles and 1460 KENO Las Vegas, Actualidad 990AM's 990 WMYM Miami, Entravision's 710 KBMB Phoenix and 1090 KMXA Denver, Multicultural's 1680 WTTM Philadelphia, and Liberman's 1540 KZMP Dallas seeking new programming. ESPN owned 1050 WEPN New York will switch back to the English language national ESPN Radio feed. (Radio Insight via NRC)

X-BAND REPORT

- 1650 CJRS Montréal QC had callsign change to CKZW in May. (NRC) Station has been

- 1650 CINA Mississauga ON changed format to South Asian, ex French variety. (Shaun Axelrod NRC)
- 1680 KGED Fresno CA change of slogan to "News Talk." (NRC)
- 1700 WRCR Ramapo, NY reactivated with adult contemporary format. (IRCA)

Good news from the top of the AM dial: WRCR from Ramapo, New York, on **1700 AM**, is back on the air. The power is very low, so it is a nice challenge for any DXer across the Atlantic. Here's some info from an email QSL that I just received: "Hi Mika - I QSL, you heard WRCR! Of course, your antenna and receiver did all the work. As you probably know, expanded band stations are limited to 1 kW output at night. Since you heard us, we migrated to a different antenna site, so currently, with our temporary authorization, we operate at 2.5 kW day and only 250 Watts at night. I have also been licensed on Amateur radio service for many decades as KD2KI and have worked DX on 160 m band, near 1850 kHz, not far from my commercial license for 1700 kHz, so it's no surprise to me to hear about an opening to Northern Europe. And about me, I came to US in 1977, from former Yugoslavia, as a young doctor. I am now 67 years old and still working full-time at a hospital and running the radio station after work. Radio has been my love since the age of 15, my first on-air broadcast was in 1968. Thank you for your report! Alexander Medakovich MD, President WRCR Radio, Alexander Broadcasting, Inc., 144 Ramapo Road Suite 10 Garnerville, NY 10923. Website: <http://WRCR.com> (Mika Makelainen via "DXing.info" Facebook page)



KINGS OF THE KILOCYCLES

BARRY HARTLEY Mairangi Bay has listened to the League SDR on a couple of nights but conditions in the wee small hours were not favourable. He notes that the online list of RNZ frequencies now only lists Alexandra as on FM, so MW 639 has definitely gone, opening up another DX opportunity for us. [Thanks Barry, BC]

MIKE SMITH Opunake Is recovering from surgery and looking forward to some DX therapy.

While in hospital he had a visit from a senior DXer and the conversation turned to whether Mike's recent Facebook responses from ZP1 Paraguay and 4ZR 1476 qualified as QSLs. His esteemed visitor's view was that they would, so Mike is more than happy to increase his QSL total by 2 and Verified Countries by 1! *[I would agree Mike- getting a full data QSL card from a foreign domestic broadcaster is most unlikely nowadays but the various new communications channels opened up by the World Wide Web do provide easier and quicker opportunities for interaction between DX enthusiasts and broadcasters. Similarly, I have been debating with myself over whether an on-air acknowledgement for Ecuador 1490 could count as a QSL. Swedish DXers say yes, but still consider a written confirmation as the desired preference. BC]*

TONY KING Greytown sends in some welcome trail items and comments on his latest purchase for the DX shack – a second Sony Voice Recorder with 30-hour recording capacity, picked up on TradeMe. This model has the benefit of allowing playback to be slowed or sped up, and bass or treble clipped. *[Thanks for the trail contribution Tony – reminded me of the old days when we compared logs over the fence! I have 2 Sony IC recorders in the shack but lack the discipline to review recordings promptly! My SDR/computer set up can potentially handle 300 hours. BC]*

BRYAN CLARK Mangawhai (but typing this in Hong Kong) has an on-air confirmation of his reception of new Ecuadorian station Pasi3n La Nueva on 1490. See above for details. I recorded 840 during a planned outage by WHAS mid-June. Still to review all the recordings but so far have picked out an Argentinian station in the mix.

'WADESTOWN REUNION' MEDIUM WAVE TRAIL

Thanks to our 2 contributors:

TK Tony King, Greytown listening on a Tecsun PL380 with EWE's E and SE
BCM Bryan Clark Mangawhai using WinRadio G33DDC SDR and AOR7030+ with EWEs to NE, East & SE.

890	0838	CUBA Radio Progresso w/soft Latin ballads format 8/6. BCM
1010	0557	PERU Radio Cielo, Lima M/F discussion, Andean flute mx. Over KFAB talk at 0612 21/6 TK
1110	0607	PERU Radio Feliz, Lima with Andean flute mx over poss Argentina (Ciudad) TK 21/6
1180	0515	USA Radio Marti VG with SS commentary for Cuba 12/6 TK
1270	0852	HAWAII KNDI Honolulu w/ Pacific Island melodies 8/6. BCM
1270a	0850	ECUADOR Radio Universal Guayaquil on measured 1270.09hetting 1270 8/6. BCM
1420	0550	UNID LATIN w/lively rhythms, SS anncts mentioning AM regularly hrd before KKEW dominates freq, eg 3/6. Suspect Mexican. BCM
1490a	0829	ECUADOR Pasion la Nueva, Quito confirmed as my mystery catch in last month's trail. Regular opening at 0829:30 nightly in early June, on freqs wandering between 1489.504 and 1489.432. Lively Latin rhythms, idents as "La Nueva 14-90" and promos for early morning prgm 'Feliz Amanecer'. BCM
1590	0855	UNID USA w/instrumental music on 1599.994, muffled anncts, into "Coast to Coast AM" at 0906 3/6. BCM
1600	0659	USA UNID talk format running across the hour, not "C to C-AM" in mix, 3/6. Freq measured at 1599.988. BCM
1710a	0828	ARGENTINA Selva AM w/folk songs & SS talk, poor due noisy atmospherics 8/6 on signature split freq 1709.891. BCM

NORTH AMERICAN X BAND AT-A-GLANCE 07/2019 (thanks to Tony King)

1610	XEUACH	Chapingo	MX	Radio Chapingo
	Carib.Beacon	Anguilla		EE religious. The late Dr Gene Scott /Mrs Scott
	CHHA	Toronto	ON	SS 'Radio Voces Latina' Fq ID in SS & EE
	CHRN	Montreal	QU	South Asian Format. Radio Humsafar
1620	KSMH	W. Sacramento	CA	Rel. 'IHR (Immaculate Heart Radio) Sacramento".
	R Rebelde	Radio Rebelde	CU	(6 Tx) SS .Distinctive 5 note chime on hour. Sync echo.
	WNRP	Gulf Breeze	FL	News/Talk Fox News "News Radio 1620"
	WDND	South Bend	IN	Licence cancelled April 2019
	KOZN	Bellevue	NE	Fox Sport "The Zone"
	WTAW	College Station	Bryan TX	'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM
	WDHP	St Croix	USVI	Talk.
	KYIZ	Renton	WA	Urban contemporary //KRIZ " Z Twins"
1630	WRDW	Augusta	GA	Silent. Seeking new tx site 4/2019
	KCJJ	Iowa City	IA	News-talk-AC " The Mighty 16-30 KCJJ"
	KKGM	Ft Worth/Dallas	TX	'Modern gospel music 1630 KKGM' IRN News
1640	KRND	Fox Farm	WY	SS 'regional mexican' ID "La jota La Mexicana"
	KDIA	Vallejo	CA	Talk/religious/life issues
	WTNI	Biloxi	MS	ESPN Sport. "1640 WTNI Biloxi 'The Champ"
	KZLS	Enid	OK	News/Talk
	KDZR	Lake Oswego	OR	Conservative Talk "Talk 1640"
	KBJA	Sandy	UT	'K-Talk KBJA'
	WSJP	Sussex	WI	Rel. Catholic. " Relevant Radio 1640 AM"
1650	KFSW	Fort Smith	AR	Contemporary Christian
	KFOX	Torrance	CA	Radio Seoul. Korean/ EE ID on hour
	KBJD	Denver	CO	SS Rel. Radio Luz
	KCNZ	Cedar Falls	IA	"The Sports Station" 1650 The Fan
	CKZW	Montreal	QU	Evangelical Christian in FF x CJRS
	CINA	Mississauga	ON	South Asian Format.
	KSVE	El Paso	TX	SS Sports/Talk ESPN. "ESPN Desportes 1650"
	WHKT	Portsmouth	VA	GOS/rel 'Praise' slogan.
1660	KBRE	Merced	CA	AOR (Album Oriented Rock)
	WCNZ	Marco Is	FL	Relevant Radio
	KWOD	Kansas City	KS	Sport/Talk " 'The Score'
	WQLR	Kalamazoo	MI	Fox Sports. "Kalamazoo 1660, The Fan"
	WBCN	Charlotte	NC	Classical Rock
	KQWB	West Fargo	ND	Fox Sports
	WWRU	Jersey City	NJ	Korean Gospel
	WGIT	Canóvanas	PR	'Faro de Santidad' SS Religious
	KRZI	Waco	TX	'KRZI ESPN Central Texas'
1670	KHPY	Moreno Valley	CA	SS religious . ESNE radio.
	KQMS	Redding	CA	"News Talk Airs C2C/Fox
	WMGE	Dry Branch,	GA	"Fox Sport Radio 1670 Georgia"
	CJEU	Gatineau	QU	Community/Children's "Radio Oxygène 1670"
	WOZN	Madison	WI	" CBS Sports Radio "The Zone"
1680	KGED	Fresno	CA	News/talk ID slogan ""AM 1680 The Answer"
	WOKB	Winter Garden	FL	Rel/ UC gospel 'Inspiration Radio'
	KRJO	Monroe	LA	"Classic Hits 1680 "LA105"
	WPRR	Ada	MI	Talk. Public Reality Radio
	WTTM	Lindenwold	NJ	ESPN Desporte
	KNTS	Seattle	WA	SS rel.EE ID 00:10 after hr Radio Luz.
1690	KFSG	Roseville	CA	ID slogan ""AM 1680 The Answer"
	KDMT	Arvada	CO	Rel/ UC gospel 'Inspiration Radio'
	WMLB	Atlanta	GA	"Classic Hits 1680 "LA105"
	WVON	Berwyn	IL	Talk
	WPTX	Lexington Park	MD	Adult standards
	CHTO	Toronto	ON	Multilingual. Greek
	CJLO	Montreal	QU	Campus community station.
	WIGT	Charlotte Amalie	USVI	News/talk. Nets NPR 100w.(05/19)
1700	WEUP	Huntsville	AL	Contemp Gos. 'Huntsvilles Heritage Station'
	WJCC	North Miami Bch	FL	World ethnic.' Radio Mega 1700.'
	KBGG	Des Moines	IA	Sport 'The Champ.'
	XEPE	Tecate BCN	MX	SS relaying XESDD 1030 @ 01/19
	WRCR	Ramapo	NY	On air 250w 05/19
	KKLF	Richardson-Dallas-Ft	TX	Worth TX Tejano/Conjunto SS/EE 'Banda 13'
	KVNS	Brownsville	TX	Fox Sports Radio

TV/FM NEWS & DX

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Firstly from Brian Withers, Napier

16 June 2019

90MHz Concert FM Invercargill very weak fading in & out during evening mixed at times with Hits New Plymouth.

Auction 17, Licences for AM & FM sound broadcasting

Auction 17, for 5 spectrum licences, was conducted as an online auction via the Trade Me website on 3-10 April 2019.

Licence Transmit Location	Frequency (kHz or mHz)	Reserve Price (incl. GST)	Final Price (incl. GST)	Winning Bidder	Licence No.
Mt Hutt (Ashburton)	105.3 mHz (FM)	\$1,451	\$7,000	Brian FM Ltd	265075
Lyttelton (Chch)	104.5 mHz (FM)	\$3,252	\$10,000	MediaWorks Radio Ltd	265076
Lower Rataroa (Waikato)	104.4 mHz (FM)	\$9,541	\$70,750	MediaWorks Radio Ltd	265682
Rataroa (Waikato)	94.0 mHz (FM)	\$20,312	\$70,000	Radio Coromandel Ltd	265683
Horokiwi (Wellington)	1566 kHz (AM)	\$26,664	\$26,664	World TV Ltd	265684

(Radio Spectrum Management, www.rsm.govt.nz)

KORDIA TV launches



The leading transmission provider Kordia is officially launching a new channel on Freeview on Saturday 1 June 2019.

Kordia is transmitting its new channel, Kordia TV, in all UHF (or DTT) coverage areas.

Kordia TV specialises in events coverage.

It's a new way of opening up broadcast TV and creating a platform for many of the movers and shakers in New Zealand who want to get their event / message out there.

With TV being the best medium for long-term brand building and reaching 3.3 million kiwis in

an average week, being able to tap into broadcast TV is pretty powerful. If you want to take your content or event to a large audience, you can get in touch with Kordia to “rent” the channel on a short- or long-term basis. Kordia TV is now transmitting on channel 200 throughout all UHF / DTT coverage areas. (Freeview Forum, 31 May 2019, freeviewforum.co.nz)

Samoa Radio 2AP reaches milestone using FM band

Samoa’s government radio station will soon operate on the FM Band for the first time. The station, 2AP, has been broadcasting on the AM Band for more than six decades. Australia’s Pacific Media Assistance Scheme is helping 2AP on to FM by building a new transmitter mast for the station. Samoa’s Minister of Communication and Information technology, Afamasaga Rico Tupa’i, said the new mast and the FM Band will be officially launched at the end of next month. “For government developments, government information to get out in terms of what people need to know, and how our people can benefit from it. It’s jus another station that whatever transmission and broadcasts we get out of here, will be the same thing on AM and the same thing on FM, same information.” Afamasaga Rico Tupa’i said radio 2AP will soon be able to reach a wider audience in neighbouring American Samoa, Tokelau, and Niue. He said that while the FM launch would mean a few additions to 2AP in terms of equipment, there would be no addition in terms of staff. (RNZ, 10 June 2019, www.rnz.co.nz)

FCC Settles with Pirate Broadcaster

After filing a civil action and seeking an injunction to stop a church-related pirate radio station from operating in Massachusetts, the US Attorney’s Office has reached a settlement with the station’s operators and Christian Praise International Church. Oburoni (operator) and the church admitted that they had operated an FM broadcast station without a license. According to a consent decree filed and subject to court approval, they agree not to do so in the future. They also agreed to surrender all of their broadcasting equipment. According to the signed consent decree, Vasco Oburoni and Christian Praise International Church admitted that they operated a radio broadcast station on 97.1 MHz, without an FCC license and previously had operated an unlicensed radio station on 102.3 MHz. The FCC had issued multiple warnings and issued a Forfeiture Order in the amount of \$15,000 against Oburoni. The FCC said Oburoni agreed to a payment plan but later began broadcasting again without a license on a different frequency. (Item from WIA News, 23 June 2019)

MediaWorks Media Alert - GfK Commercial Radio Survey Results S2/2019

OVERALL LISTENERSHIP INCREASES

- MediaWorks listenership has increased by 12,600 listeners from April 2019 now reaching 2,391,000 listeners nationwide - more than 467,000 listeners ahead of its closest competitor
- The Edge (630,400), The Breeze (569,900) and More FM (567,500) are the three most listened-to music stations in the country (in that order), with each network increasing their cumulative audience by more than 20,000 listeners

MORE FM IS THE TOP MUSIC BREAKFAST SHOW, THE BREEZE IS NZ'S MOST POPULAR MUSIC STATION

- More FM has the leading music show at Breakfast time, with the network increasing its total breakfast listenership by 16,900. The Breeze and The Rock follow with the second and third most popular music shows in the country
- The Breeze is New Zealand's most popular music station outright with 8.6% share nationwide

MEDIAWORKS HAS TOP FIVE AFTERNOON DRIVE MUSIC SHOWS

- The Breeze's Robert Scott maintains his title as king of music drive time, followed by The Edge Afternoon's multi-award winning trio Jono, Ben and Sharyn who at 3pm today commence their attempt to set a new Guinness World Record for the most number of radio interviews recorded in 24 hours. Following The Edge, More FM Drive with Jase, Jay-Jay and Flynn is in third, followed by The Rock's Jay and Dunc and The Sound's Robert Taylor

GEORGE FM INCREASES SHARE IN 21ST YEAR

- Celebrating its 21st birthday this year with an event in July, George FM has gained 21,100 listeners nationally
- In Auckland, the station has almost doubled its share to 4.2% and has a cumulative audience of 93,500 - an increase of 16,400 listeners

MAGIC IS NEW ZEALAND'S THIRD BIGGEST STATION

- The Magic brand has maintained its debut position as NZ's third biggest station overall with 8% share
- Magic has taken over the Tauranga airwaves during the day with Music and Talk the morning and afternoon shows of choice. The 9am-12pm timeslot, hosted by Peter 'the King of Tauranga' Williams (Talk) and Mark Smith (Music) has 15,200 listeners, 2,500 ahead of its nearest competitor
- In Auckland, Magic's share grew to 5.8% with the breakfast (6am-9am) lineup increasing its share in the market by 0.7% to 6.1%

MEDIAWORKS REMAINS HOME OF THE COMMERCIALLY IMPORTANT 25-54 AUDIENCE

- MediaWorks continues to be the home of the commercially important 25-54 demographic with the top four music stations nationwide by share with The Rock, The Breeze, More FM and The Sound

ROVA GOES FROM STRENGTH-TO-STRENGTHThe all-new rova is available now via the Apple App Store and Google Play stores with more content than ever before. Users can enjoy 20 new Music stations, radio show catch-up and original podcasts. Rova continues its success gaining a further 28,000 downloads since April 2019, recording 470,000 total app downloads to date. The number of unique monthly users has also increased to 133,000, an increase of 12,000 users per month.

Of the results, Leon Wratt, MediaWorks Radio Group Content Director, who on Monday celebrates 25 years at the company, says: "This is another strong performance from our MediaWorks radio brands to mark the halfway point of 2019. I am thrilled to have the top music Breakfast show and the top five afternoon Drive music shows in the country, this is an exceptional achievement and shows the depth and breadth of our presenters. To grow our listenership even further is the icing on the cake."

(MediaWorks, 27 June 2019, www.mediaworks.co.nz)

NZME – Radio Survey Results June 2019

"Relentless focus" on connecting with listeners fuels "sensational" NZME commercial radio results.

As a growing number of Kiwis choose to listen to Newstalk ZB and ZM, New Zealand's largest multi-media company, New Zealand Media and Entertainment (NZME), has paid tribute to the radio hosts listeners are flocking to.

In the latest results of the GfK independent commercial radio survey, NZME's Newstalk ZB grew its dominance of the commercial radio networks. Its multi-award-winning hosts Mike Hosking and Marcus Lush are streets ahead of their competition.

While in music, ZM is another big NZME winner. ZM has won the fierce battle to be the number one station for Kiwi 18 – 34-year-olds. ZM's breakfast hosts Fletch, Vaughan and Megan also topped the charts to be the number one breakfast show with 18-34 year olds.

The fantastic ratings result complements the nine awards ZM picked up at the NZ Radio Awards last week, including Station of the Year and Best Music Breakfast Show.

"To deliver such amazing survey results after our on-air teams lead the way at the New Zealand Radio Awards last week, is incredibly pleasing," said NZME's Group Director of Entertainment Dean Buchanan.

"Not only do ZM's Fletch, Vaughan and Megan have the best Breakfast Show in New Zealand, they have won over more than 20,000 new listeners in three months, that's quite simply a brilliant result. NZME and our Partner stations now dominate the Auckland radio market, and nationwide more than 2 million Kiwis tune in every week." said Mr Buchanan.

NZME's Head of Commercial Matt Headland said: "There are so many more examples of results we're incredibly proud of today. This is a brilliant time to be a part of the NZME story, to showcase NZME's talent and share those stories with our clients."

"It's great to see some super-charged growth in our 25 – 54 audiences too, with every NZME network growing in popularity with these listeners. It's an incredible result for all of our people including those behind the scenes supporting our on-air teams to deliver shows our audiences are loving," said Mr Headland. "Combine these radio audiences with our digital capability and growing print readership you can see what a powerful proposition NZME is for our clients".

NZME Managing Editor Shayne Currie is pleased with the new Newstalk ZB listeners who've become loyal ones. "Thousands of New Zealanders have turned to Newstalk ZB during recent big stories, they've stayed with the network and now they're being joined by even more listeners. ZB is now number one in its Early Edition, Breakfast, Drive, Nights, Overnights and Weekends across New Zealand. That's a sensational place to be."

NZME CEO Michael Boggs attributes the radio audience growth to a relentless focus on having the best hosts on the right brands building meaningful and lasting connections with listeners.

"We've put new shows in place with hosts like Kerre McIvor and Heather du Plessis Allan soon to be joined by Simon Barnett and Phil Gifford on Newstalk ZB. Tracey Donaldson's joined Mix. Mike Puru and Anika Moa have teamed up with Stacey Morrison on Hits drive, Laura McGoldrick's joined Hits Breakfast, Mel Homer and Jason Tikao (JT) on Coast and Darryl-Mathew Suasua and Astley Nathan (Daz and Ast) on Flava. They've all joined an incredibly classy group of extremely talented and highly professional broadcasters, many who were recognised at the radio awards recently. It's no wonder their hard work is being recognised by our most important judges – our listeners," said Mr Boggs.

"I'm also delighted with the growth of NZME's streaming service iHeart Radio. iHeart now boasts just over 878,000 registered users. In May it clocked up a massive 3.4 million listening hours," said Mr Boggs.

"These commercial survey results also give the radio industry plenty to celebrate. Nearly 3.4 million New Zealanders, that's nearly 80% of us, listen to commercial radio each week and they're listening on average for 17 hours a week. Radio is delivering incredibly engaged audiences for advertisers all around New Zealand," said Mr Boggs.

(NZME, 27 June 2019, advertising.nzme.co.nz)

UTILITIES

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A little light on contributors this month the cool weather must be keeping everyone away from their receivers. This past month I have been making good use of the Northland SDR though one evening I had a problem when I forgot that the password had been changed because someone had made it public.

FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION

5505	0532	IRELAND Shannon volmet female with met reports 0533 UTC Luxembourg met report 0535 UTC "This is Shannon volmet fair 18/06 ABD**
6604	0550	CANADA Gander Male "this Gander Radio" met reports 0551"St John report" good 18/06 ABD**
6676	1940	THAILAND Bangkok volmet aero met reports, 1942 UTC met report for Bangkok fair 17/06 ABD**
6676	1950	SINGAPORE volmet aero met reports 1954 UTC "Broadcast ends Singapore radio out" fair to good ABD**
6676	1955	INDIA Mumbai volmet (Tent) aero met reports poor to fair 17/06 ABD**
6676	2000	AUSTRALIA Brisbane "All stations Australian volmet" aero met reports good 1002 UTC "Australian volmet out" 17/06 ABD**
6679	1945	HONG KONG volmet aero reports poor 17/06 ABD**
6693	1917	RUSSIA Samara volmet woman in RR fair 24/06 ABD**
7850	0515	CANADA CHU time station pips ID good 11/06 ABD**

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The following Utility frequencies have been reported over the last twelve months. All frequencies heard in New Zealand either from member's home or on a Dxpedition. Also a number heard using the Northland SDR.

FREQ UTC STATION

2965	1541	THAILAND Bangkok volmet
3413	C	IRELAND Shannon Volmet
3485	0922	CANADA Gander volmet
5450	C	UNITED KINGDOM London RAF Volmet
5505	C	IRELAND Shannon Volmet
5616	A	ATC frequency Gander heard
5643	A	ATC frequency San Francisco, Auckland Nandi heard
5673	0816	CHINA Beijing volmet, Shannon volmet 0903 UTC
6230	1835	AUSTRALIA VMW sea conditions
6507	0903	AUSTRALIA VMC marine weather
6604	0827	CANADA Gander volmet
6676		AUSTRALIA Brisbane volmet, Bangkok volmet 0911 UTC
6679	0917	HONG KONG volmet, JAPAN Tokyo 1010 UTC, AUCKLAND 0850 UTC

6754 C CANADA Trenton aviation weather
 6765.1 1925 THAILAND Bangkok Meteorological Radio
 8022 0810 AUSTRALIA VKS 737 National 4WD Radio Network Base station receives calls from members mainly advising their location.
 8176 2130 AUSTRALIA VMC coastal weather
 8502 0934 USA USCG transmitting sea weather conditions
 8743 1830 THAILAND Bangkok Meteorological Radio
 8764 0930 USA USCG transmitting sea weather conditions, heard also at 0430
 8806 0905 CHINA XSG R Shanghai transmission in Chinese
 8828 0947 HONG KONG Volmet aviation weather. Heard also at 2016 UTC NEW ZEALAND Auckland volmet 1851 UTC also at 2120 UTC
 8843 0856 Unknown station calling Mike Foxtrot
 8867 A ATC frequency, Auckland, Nandi, Brisbane heard
 8891 A ATC frequency Gander heard
 8903 A ATC frequency Manila, Tokyo heard
 8918 A ATC frequency Trinidad, Piarco, Bali heard
 8942 A ATC frequency Philippines heard
 8957 0845 IRELAND Shannon volmet
 9032 A Aircraft heard on this frequency
 11282 A ATC frequency San Francisco heard
 11300 A ATC frequency Mogadishu heard
 11387 1045 THAILAND Bangkok Volmet, SINGAPORE 0820 UTC volmet, AUSTRALIA volmet 0900 UTC, INDIA Bombay 0955 UTC
 13261 A ATC frequency Brisbane, Auckland, San Francisco heard
 13270 0351 CANADA Gander volmet
 13306 A ATC frequency Brisbane, Mauritius heard
 16528 0845 AUSTRALIA VMW

C = Continuous

A = At anytime

ATC = Air Traffic Control

V O L M E T I		
GANDER	V F G	RADIO
<p>Mr. Brandon Jordan: this will verify your reception of Gander Radio VOLMET broadcast on 3,485 kHz from 0820z until 0830z on April 30, 2014.</p> <p>Transmitter Power: <i>3 Kw</i> Antenna Type: <i>Horizontal wire</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ SIGNATURE</p>		

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four inset views of the station in different years; (4) KTNT, Muscatine, postmarked in 1929; (5) WAAC, located in Hotel Savrey, Des Moines; (6) the tall, on-the-roof towers of WHO, Des Moines; and (7) WMT, Montrose Hotel, Cedar Rapids. Second, there is a file with two "invitation to listen" postcards, one from KRNT, Des Moines, inviting listeners to tune in to the "America's Town Meeting of the Air" program in 1945, the other from KXEL, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, inviting listeners to tune in to the "Victory Hour." Third, there is a file with two postcard views of KFXD, Nampa, Idaho. And finally, there is a photo of the KFXD transmitter site, with a postcard view inset. (see below)



BRANCH NEWS

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

The next Beach Babble will be on **Wednesday, 31st July, 12.45pm**

Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay, Wellington

Join Dene and others to talk about what's what in the world of DX.





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, June 2, 2019 -- About 25 years ago, a postcard turned up depicting the "Government Wireless Station" in Stanley, the Falkland Islands. Seeking more information, we sent it down to the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station to see if they could provide some more specific information. Under "DX History/Stations," we have posted the card and the FIBS reply, together with two sets of Falkland Islands "radio communications" postage stamps, one of which is on a 1962 Falklands first day cover. The first North American logging of FIBS shortwave, then on 3958 kc., was in July 1958, and was accomplished by ace DXer John Beaver of Canon City, Colorado. Loggings by others, including Don Jensen, followed, but the whole affair was deemed "impossible" by some die hards. It played out in the pages of the NNRC Bulletin from August 1958 to February 1961, and you can read it all (and see DNJ's Falklands QSL) here. -- And Adrian Peterson has supplied this new entry under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan": "The Shortwave Station in England that Refused to Die: The Woofferton Story - 2" (Wavescan N535, May 26, 2019)

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, June 9, 2019 -- Under "DX History/Philately," we have posted two postal covers from England featuring Trevor Baylis, inventor of the BayGen Freeplay wind-up radio. One, dated 1999, features a picture of Baylis with a couple of his radios, and his signature. The other is a "commemorative coin" cover, issued and postmarked in 2001 on the centenary of Marconi's historic transatlantic transmission. The Marconi story is told on the back. The cover also bears Canadian postage and postmark, plus a two pound British coin, and Baylis's signature, and an insert about him. On the Freeplay, here is a summary of the receiver from the 1997 Passport to World Band Radio (reproduced with permission). < <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com/Philately/1997-PWBR-pp-106-107.pdf>> For Larry Magne's full review of the receiver, see the October 1996 issue of Monitoring Times (pg. 94) at AmericanRadioHistory.com < <https://www.americanradiohistory.com/Monitoring-Times.htm>> And for still more, search for "BayGen" in the Media Network Vintage Vault < <http://jonathanmarks.libsyn.com/webpage/category/Media%20Network%20Archives>>

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, June 16, 2019 -- Colin Miller in Ontario has sent us another piece of South African broadcasting history, a booklet, "Broadcasting Centre-Johannesburg," which was published circa 1980. It is posted in "DX History/Stations," along with a set of SENTECH QSLs, which were issued some 15 years later for various broadcasts from Meyerton.

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, June 23, 2019 -- It's back to Iowa this time (also Idaho), with some "new" postcards under "Specialized Resources/Radio Postcards." First we have posted a file containing postcard views of these Iowa stations: (1) ABC affiliate KBUR in Burlington; (2) & (3) two postcards from KICD, Spencer, the second one displaying Continued on page 39