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This month is Winter SWL Festival month. I look forward to seeing many of our members once again in Plymouth Meeting for the 27th annual NASWA Winter SWL Festival at the Doubletree Guest Suites Philadelphia West, in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania on 14-15 March 2014. Last minute registrations are possible but there will be an "up" charge to accommodate the higher costs involved. Nevertheless, this is the major radio gathering in North America so join co-Festmeisters **Rich Cuff** and **John Figliozzi** and the usual gang of folks in Plymouth Meeting.

Publisher **Bill Oliver** informs us that postage rates are on the rise once again. Consequently, the overseas membership rate has increased from \$50.00 to \$52.00. The domestic and Canadian rates will stay the same for now.

The Danish Shortwave Club International's (DSWCI) Board of Directors has decided that the club's next Annual General Meeting will be held in at the home of its Chairman, **Anker Petersen**, Udbyvej 11, DK 2740 Skovlunde, west of Copenhagen, on Saturday June 14, 2014, from 1400 till about 1700 local time. More information will be released in the coming weeks or you can contact Anker for additional details at: anker.petersen@mail.dk.

The DSWCI has also announced the results of 4th International DX Contest "The Grand Tour Across All Continents 2013" with **Patrick Robi**, Austria in first followed by **Rumen Pankov**, Bulgaria, **Dmitry Mezin**, Russia, **Alexander Beryozkin**, Russia and **Anker Petersen**, Denmark. Four of our club members participated: **Bill Patalon** (15th), **Richard Bradley** (19th), **John C. Cooper** (27th) and **Ed Insinger** (31st). Nice work guys!

Radio Free Asia announces its 52nd QSL card. This latest design commemorates the 2014 Winter Olympiad in Sochi, Russia

which will be held February 7-23, 2014. The Games always bring people together from around the world in peace and harmony to respect universal moral principles. This new design shows an adaptation of Radio Free Asia's Olympic pin, as created by RFA's Brian Powell, originally used for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. This latest version adds a sable cap to the panda design. This QSL design is used to confirm all valid reception reports from January 1 - March 31, 2014. RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help the station evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at <http://techweb.rfa.org> (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DXers, but also from its general listening audience. Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl@rfa.org and by mail to: Reception Reports, Radio Free Asia, 2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20036. Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker.

The club's updated version of the Country List and Awards Program booklet is available from our website. It includes the current home address for **Gary Neal**, our Awards Program Chairman. He invites all interested members to submit their awards applications to him. With the correct address, the response time is excellent! Here is Gary's current address to use for awards: Gary Neal, Awards Chairman, P. O. Box 1, Cockeysville, MD 21030-0001.

Here is a reminder that the European DX Council will be holding its annual Conference on 19-22 September 2014 in the Nice area of France organized by DSWCI-member **Christian Ghibaudo**. Instead of having the

Unity and Friendship

conference in the expensive location of Nice only, the organizers would like to have it in two places which has become a recent practice. The first part of the conference is planned to be held in Tende, a small village approximately 80 km northeast from Nice. Tende can quite easily be reached by train from Nice. By having the conference

in Tende the costs and conference package fees lower will be lower. More information to follow in the coming months.

That's it for this month. Enjoy this month's edition of *The Journal*; it's another good one.



Musings

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Please e-mail musings to jerrylineback@comcast.net or send to P. O. Box 1220, Grantham, NH 03753. Next deadline is February 19. Thanks to all contributors.

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I am trying to help complete the collections of NASWA bulletins, World Radio Handbook and Passport to World Band Radio in the holdings of the Library of American Broadcasting (LAB), Univ. of Maryland (which is also home to the QSL collection of the Committee to Preserve Radio Verifications). The LAB already has many copies of all three items, and between those, some duplicates that I have been saving up, and some additional issues that have already been donated by several SWLs, we are down to looking for a small number of specific things, most of which are in the "scarce" category. Here is what we need:

- 1 NASWA bulletins: We need all the bulletins before 1972. We have all the later issues.
- 2 WRTH: We still need 1947-1952, 1955, 1957, and also 2013.
- 3 PWBR: We need only one: 1984, which was the first issue (it was known then as Radio Database International, and this first issue was marked "Special Ed.: Tropical Bands Survey").

If any NASWA member has any of these items that they would like to donate to the LAB archives, please contact me at jsberg@rcn.com. Many thanks.

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A very healthy lot of QSLs to report this month. Oromo Voice Radio verified an electronic report with an electronic reply in about an hour from v/s Fekadu Megersa to the info@oromovoice.org e-address. The target audience is the Oromia, Ethiopian region. Fekadu mentioned that he did not know where the transmission was broadcast from although he indicated from other monitors he thought perhaps Issoudun, France. Nevertheless, he promised to check. A couple of holiday specials through Media Broadcast. "Gruss an Bord" of NDR verified an electronic report with an electronic reply and PDF attachment for Issoudun and Nauen from v/s Walter Brodowsky, Head of Short-wave, Senior Expert Sales at Media Broadcast. Hit Parade Radio verified an electronic report with a full data electronic eQSL "Counting them down until we get to the #1 Song!" reply from v/s Dale Doorman with the QSL indicating it was "The reactivated Hit Parade Radio". Radio VR (Voice of Russia) - Yangi verified an electronic report with an electronic reply from Elena Oasipova in the Letters Department indicating a QSL card will be sent to me by regular mail. Finally, KVOH The Voice of Hope verified a test transmission electronic report with a full data Map Card from v/s Ray Robinson, Operations Manager.

Two from Colombia with Alcaravan Radio verifying an electronic report with a full data eQSL from v/s Russell Martin Stendal, Director and Rafael Rodriguez R., QSL Manager from rafaelcoldx@yahoo.com and the same from La Voz de tu Conciencia with a full data eQSL from v/s Russell Martin Stendal, Director and Rafael Rodriguez R., QSL Manager. The reactivation ELWA Radio verified an electronic report with a simple e-mail reply from v/s Moses Nyantee who noted, "We are broadcasting on a 1 kilo watt shortwave transmitter from Monrovia, Liberia. We are on from 05:30 to 10:00 am and 17:00 - 24:00". FEBC Radio International verified an electronic report with an electronic reply from Owen who mentions "this broadcast came from Bocaue, on transmitter BSW2 - a Continental 418 model, 100KW transmitter, and the antenna is a TCI 611 curtain antenna. I look forward to hearing from you again. SWL is a great hobby. I am an Amateur Radio operator myself, and for 18 years, operated as KHOEX when I lived in Saipan, and worked on KFBS - FEBC's SW station." Pirate station Hard Tack Radio verified an electronic report with a full data PDF attachment of General Burnside, U.S. Army. Radio City ("The Station of the Cars") via IRRS, Tiganesti, verified an electronic report with a full data 1953 Lincoln-Mercury Toast of the Town car featuring Ed Sullivan behind the wheel in four hours including a separate photo of a 1966 Chrysler New Yorker. The reply mentioned I was getting their new QSL letter which is updated every month with a different car and information about the music played on the program. My unknown verie signer mentioned: "Unfortunately the staff in Romania is back to the old habit of switching off too early in order to change antenna before the top of the hour." ... "We have another idea of what site in Romania is used but actual location is not given by IRRS. They only say 'East of Milan'." ... "As you might guess we collect records and most of the music played in our shows are from original vinyl records. During sunny days during the summer we also enjoy a trip in our 1966 Chrysler New Yorker. So we are quite nostalgic but at the same time use a lot of computer stuff like monitoring using a SDR receiver. Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation - Ekala verified an electronic report with a nice looking full data "SLBC Transmitting Station" eQSL (#216) card from Victor Goonetilleke for SLBC Dep. Dir. Eng. In the e-mail but also indicting from the Director of Audience Research on the eQSL. Victor indicated a postal QSL card would be in the next day's mail. Thanks to Victor for the terrific SLBC reply! Finally, PCJ Radio International via WRMI-Okeechobee verified an electronic report with a full data Keith Perron (PCJ Radio International) & Tan Lam Soon (BBC Far East Relay Station Singapore) standing in front of the transmitter's eQSL card #492 from v/s Victor Goonetilleke.

73, Rich

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I am the original owner of Sony shortwave radios ICF-2003 and ICF-2010 purchased in the 1980s which need repair. FYI, the radios were sent to the Sony Laredo Repair Center in 2012, which Center was unable to repair them; and they are still in need of an able technician who is both familiar with these models and has parts if needed.

My hope in writing to all of you is that perhaps among you and/or your Association there exists someone who can repair them. I absolutely love shortwave, am unwilling to part with these radios, and am determined to restore them to functional use.

Your assistance is sought and I very much welcome your reply. Thank you.

Yours truly, Arthur

Thanks to our contributors. 73, Jerry.



Listening Review

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Hello and welcome to Listening Review for March. I've been presenting this column now for a year already (how time flies!) and I'd love to hear from you: what you like or dislike about the column and what else you would like to see covered. Of course, any comments on programs that you have heard are especially welcomed.

Follow Up

I'll start with a quick follow-up on a couple of programs mentioned last time (in January).

First, regrettably, **R Rossii** has now ended its shortwave broadcasts, and has joined the ranks of on-line only. I'll miss R Rossii on-air, and will have to add it to my increasing list of web-broadcasts to tune into.

And talking of webcasts, **Radio Bulgaria** which I also mentioned last time has, since 13 January, scaled back its daily offerings. They do have a brand new website, which I have to say looks great, but unfortunately the daily webcast is reduced from about an hour to about 30 minutes each day, although some extended features can be found on the website which do not form part of the daily webcast. The archive of Daily Webcasts can be located by clicking on the "Listen" link at the bottom of a Daily Webcast page. The website is still "work-in-progress", so this may become clearer in future. Also, you will need to use Internet Explorer or Google Chrome in order to skip forwards/backwards through a broadcast in the audio player – the controls do not currently work in Mozilla Firefox.

Radio Australia

Radio Australia was coming in very strong throughout the afternoon on Saturday 18 January on 12085. I joined the station for the last 15 minutes of **Saturday Night Country** – which is a four-hour program

from ABC Local – and tonight had the theme of "Cheating songs". The program was hosted by country music star Catherine Britt (sitting in for Felicity Urquardt on maternity leave), and who seemed to me to be doing a great job in presenting the show. However, songs with verses such as:

"... if you're gonna cheat on me, don't cheat in our home town"

"... Jolene, I'm begging of you don't take my man"

"...You asked was I alone / Then I admitted it was true / I've found a new friend / I'm sleeping with the blues"

are not the most cheery of lyrics, and not really my thing; 15 minutes was probably long enough for me, but I know that Country Music has a huge following and I suspect that in the 10pm-2am Saturday night slot in Australia it has quite a large following..

Then into **ABC Local News** at 1500 with the lead news that:

"... the Rural Fire Service has issued an emergency warning for a fire [...] currently 2500 hectares in size [...] and is out of control [...] residents are told to leave NOW"

Quite dramatic, and the news report had that sense urgency and immediacy that you can often get from local radio.

At 1505 came **Hindsight**, a **Radio National** history program. Today featuring two items – first was an intriguing story about Alfred Russel Wallace, a contemporary of Charles Darwin who independently proposed his own theories of natural selection. Alfred Russel Wallace journeyed through the Malay Archipelago in the 1850's and noted that the fauna in the Indonesian archipelago was divided into two distinct parts and identified the faunal divide now termed the

China Radio International

Wallace Line. This story was told through the eyes of Australian artist John Wolseley who traced the journey 150 years later, with comment by Wolseley himself, and readings from Wallace's writings.

This feature was followed by a story which complemented the Wallace story, and was about two of Australia's most skilled natural history artists — Harriet and Helena Scott awarded honorary membership to the NSW Entomological Society in 1868 Similar to the previous item, use was made of readings from the sister's writings.

In DXLD 13-35, August 28, 2013, Harold Frodge noted a

"totally weird English docudrama about a princess who walked around with her legs apart and a man who thought his rear end was made of glass, complete with dramatic music inserts. (I am not making this up.)"

Glenn Hauser identified it as a Hindsight feature on "The Glass Piano", (and still available on the Hindsight page):

"...23 year old Princess Alexandra Amelie of Bavaria (1826-1875) was observed walking awkwardly sideways down the corridors of her family palace [... and who...] when questioned by her worried royal parents, she announced that she had swallowed a glass grand piano. The Glass Piano examines this bizarre tale, combining speculation about the Princess's thoughts and actions with historical records of melancholia and mental delusion."

This is definitely a series worth an hour of anyone's time with some fascinating stories, and all the above, along with a large archive of other past programs are available on the Hindsight program pages at <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/hindsight/>.

I've been missing *Listener's Garden* recently on **China Radio Int**. Early January I found this announcement at the end of *Listener's Garden* for the weekend of 14/15 December 2013.

"B: Before we conclude today's show, here's a little announcement.

A: *Listeners' Garden* is a long-time program of China Radio International and has been on the air for many years. But I'm afraid that today's show will be the last episode, which means that *Listeners' Garden* will no longer exist from now on. It will be replaced by some other new and fascinating shows on CRI. We hope you keep listening and enjoy the programs.

B: It's hard to say goodbye to a show that is so popular among the listeners. But, we still welcome our listeners' to write to CRI any time you like.

A: That's right! As we have done on *Listeners' Garden*, listeners' letters will be answered and read on air on other related programs regularly. So you can still hear your own letters read on air here at CRI.

B: That's right. And we would also like to thank our listeners' for tuning in to *Listeners' Garden* over the past years and writing to us with great comments and feedbacks about our programs. It's been great to be with you and read your letters.

A: Before we end today's show, let's enjoy a song sung by a group of children in China in both Chinese and English. It's *Auld Lang Syne*.

B: With that, we come to the end of this edition of *Listeners' Garden*. We hope you enjoyed it."

Keith Perron, now of PCJ/Happy Station fame who one time worked at CRI, commented in Glenn Hauser's dxld Yahoo Group:

"I'm not surprised it ended. In 2004 there was talk about ending the show at CRI. The reason was, when they looked over a one-year period they found it was the same people that wrote in over and over and over. Also within CRI, if someone was asked to produce the show, it was seen as a demotion. No one really wanted to do it. I remember discussion I had with the then head of the English Service Li Ping. I told her the problem was the show was too scripted and was dull. I worked with Stuart Parkins, a Brit who was there at the time, and we did a pilot on a new exciting version of the show. Everyone who heard it said it was much better than Listeners Garden, but the censors and the leadership at CRI didn't understand it, so it never went to air. The script was written by someone in the letters department, and when I say scripted, everything was. What you hear on air is exactly what you see on paper. The show needed to be off the cuff and improvised."

Never-the-less, I'm sorry to see the end of Listener's Garden — I always found it a relaxed and informative program. Also, I must say that it seems rather illogical to me "to say goodbye to a show that is so popular among the listeners." I wrote to CRI to tell them, but I'm sure that it'll make no difference.

Of course, the big problem for all "Listener Response" programs on all stations these days is the relative lack of response. Too often, it's the same people writing in. However, I wouldn't want to discourage anyone from writing in to Listener Response programs, preferably with some comment — no matter how short — about a program that they heard. It must help give encouragement to the presenters, and maybe — just maybe — help to delay the relentless trend of stations abandoning shortwave.

R Romania International

Each Sunday at 1900-2000UT on 5990 and 7430kHz, repeated Monday at 0100-0200UT on 5910 and 7340kHz is traditional Romanian music. You'll find the same music that you'll hear for 10 minutes or so in their English program *The Skylark*, however this program runs for a full hour. It is presented in Romanian, and some weeks there is a studio guest, but even so, at least half the show is still music, so a lack of understanding of the language is not a barrier to enjoying this program. It's called "*Zi-le D-Alead-Ale Noastre!*" According to a reply recently received from the RRI English section, this title roughly translates as "*Play some good old traditional Romanian tunes!*" Highly recommended.

Voice of Vietnam

I was browsing the **V of Vietnam** web pages recently and I saw a reference to an item in their *Saturday Report* program of 11 January headlined "*The custom of 'buttock flapping' of Mong ethnic people*". Well, I couldn't resist the hook, and browsed via the Daily archive of programs at <http://vovworld.vn/en-US/Programs-of-the-week/435.vov> to the broadcast of that date.

The *Saturday Report* program often includes short items relating to cultural or traditional activities in Vietnam, and is highly recommended. So, I'm sure you're also, like me, eager to know what is "buttock flapping". It seems that it's a newly revived tradition of the H'Mong people and is only observed during the Spring Festival at the start of the New Year.

"The action is considered a declaration of love between a boy and a girl have fallen for each other. According to the tradition, the couple has to smack each other's behind 9 times to make the romance official. Holding his girlfriend's hand, Mong boy Mi Say said: "I arrived at the spring festival at dawn to join in the fun activities and seek friends. My girlfriend lives

in another commune and it's not easy for us to meet each other often. She is a good girl and I want to marry her. Today she accepted my love and our wedding will take place with the help of a matchmaker."

For Mong people, this custom is not just for fun. It's a very special and unique cultural tradition. Boys and girls often know each other in advance. They just use this custom to declare their love out loud."

If they "...often know each other in advance" then that must mean that it's not a requirement to know your intended in advance - so, do you just walk up a smack them 9 times? I guess a smack on the rear in return means you're on, whereas a smack around the face in return means you've made a terrible mistake!

A great item from VoV!

V of Turkey

The **Voice of Turkey** has revamped its program line-up for 2014, as follows from: <http://www.trtenglish.com/trtworld/en/newsDetail.aspx?HaberKodu=e4cb83ce-e083-4839-92f2-3a5164cda1ab>:

Sundays:

- **Notes From Eurasia** (political, economic and cultural developments in the Middle East, Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia).
- **Harem first term of 2014**, (recounts truths about the sphere of women and their enclosed quarters in Ottoman Sultan's household).
- **Turkey From Fortress to Fortress** second term of 2014, (historical fortresses in Turkey)

Mondays:

- **Turkey's Educational Portfolio** (educational activities in Turkey)

- **Health, Tourism and Turkey** (promoting services offered as part of medical tourism in Turkey).

Tuesdays:

- **Turks and the European History** (how European and Turkish history are connected and how great the impact of the Turks on Europe was).
- **Heading Towards Turkey** (an "archive program" about the least visited spots and sites, unbeknownst to many tourists)

Wednesdays:

- **Turkey in a Nutshell** (Turkey's historical, cultural and touristic assets)

Thursdays:

- **The European Union** (Turkey's past and present relations with the European Union)
- **Turkey's Legendary Figures** (an "archive program" (about the lives and work of legendary personas in Turkish history, and their influences on our lives).

Fridays:

- **Turkey and World Agenda** (Turkey, international relations, Turkish foreign policy and political analyses from socio-economic and cultural perspectives)
- **The Turkish Album** (current, social, cultural and scientific developments as well as significant achievements of Turkish people around the world)

Saturdays:

- **Letter Box** (once every two weeks), alternating with...
- **DX Corner** (once every two weeks, with the latest from the world of radio)

That's all for this month. I'll be back in May, so until then 73 and good listening - Alan



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One supposes it shouldn't be "big news" anymore since we are used to these, what have become, cyclical announcements from the BBC World Service that—once again—it is cutting back on its shortwave output. Nonetheless, the signal event this time is worthy of mention; and that is, funding for the WS from 2014 is coming from the license fee that underwrites the rest of the BBC's output instead of from the Foreign Office. Can one assume cause and effect in this latest cutback? That and other issues might be worthy of some Musings by club members. You are cordially invited to send yours to Jerry Lineback by the 19th of this month for inclusion in April's Journal.

STATION NEWS – BBC WORLD SERVICE

BBC World Service to reduce shortwave transmissions as part of savings drive.

From THE GUARDIAN 2/19/14

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Peter Horrocks, director of global news, says £15m must be saved to fund new investments over the next three years.

The **BBC World Service** will further reduce its shortwave transmissions next year as part of a £15m savings drive which staff have been warned will be a "real stretch".

The money will be used to invest in new TV and digital services, part of a programme called Invest to Innovate.

An extra £6.5m is being pumped into the World Service's budget this year, alongside an extra £1.5m of savings, helping to create 130 jobs. New initiatives include a global version of Radio 1's Newsbeat.

But the BBC's director of global news, Peter Horrocks, said further savings would be required in the future.

Horrocks told staff on Tuesday: "There will be a respite on editorial job cuts, for a year, but we will need significant further editorial and organisational savings in subsequent years.

"We need to save at least £15m to fund new investments across the World Service in the next three years. We have already identified about half that saving. So we need to find at least £8m extra ... that is going to be a real stretch."

Horrocks said changes would include more multilingual reporting, with staff filing for their own language service and in English, as well as a further reduction in shortwave transmissions.

He said the World Service would also have to integrate further with the main BBC News operation.

Horrocks also announced that the BBC's global news division, which includes its world news TV channel, would be renamed "World Service Group ... a sort of World Service-plus" and the World Service board would be axed with the change in its funding.

The new round of cuts comes after the World Service had to find £41m of savings after its budget was cut in the government's comprehensive spending review three years ago, leading to the loss of about 550 jobs.

It closed five language services, stopped radio broadcasts in seven languages, cut back on shortwave and medium-wave transmissions and axed a number of World Service English programmes.

The World Service is to be funded directly from the BBC licence fee, along with **BBC Monitoring**, rather than a Foreign Office direct grant, from 1 April. This switch was agreed between the BBC and the government as part of the 2010 licence fee settlement.

[Some comments filed by readers, including one from Jonathan Marks, bears reprinting-ed.]

Allibaba - For a very long time the BBC World Service on Shortwave and Medium Wave was one of my three most favourite programmes, besides Deutschlandfunk and Bayern 2 (I live in Bavaria, Germany). I can receive BBC World TV but this is absolutely no replacement for the radio program - just like Jonathan Marks wrote above. As an international broadcaster himself he knows what he is writing about. Even the Internet live stream is no replacement. I have a smartphone but reception requires UMTS which I often have no access to - for

example while driving my car. 648 kHz worked quite well while it was dark. BBC World Service should be funded by the Foreign Office, not by the British radio fee. It would be money very well spent - even without "tips for tourists" as the German service of the BBC WS offered ages ago. Perhaps the British government will change its mind after it has cut off the continent by leaving the EU. Otherwise I could then easily forget that GB exists at all.

jonathanmarks2- I wish that World Service radio had a wider range of programmes than simply news, news, and more news. It could cherry pick some brilliant analysis programmes from Radio 4, and then do its own version of File on 4. There are gems on WS, like Click! but listeners in the UK would never really know. Let TV do rolling news. Radio is much better at analysis, going deeper than where cameras fear to tread. It can be anonymous! At the moment, parts of the WS schedule sounds like a broken TV (Newsday is my switch off moment). I have enormous respect for the talent in World Service. But the vision has to be broader than television. Their competition is not from other broadcasters like VOA, RFI or Deutsche Welle. It's from BuzzFeed, Google, and the Huffington Post.

Excerpts from: Peter Horrocks: Invest to Innovate - speech to staff

Global perspective in a digital world

2/18/14

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/speeches/2014/ws-peterhorrocks-staff-speech.html>

Global Perspective in a Digital World

"Our total estimated weekly audience is now a quarter of a billion. The **World Service** alone has an audience of 192m around the globe.

"Figures show that all the hard work to get our language sites into responsive design is paying dividends for our audience. We have seen significant increases in traffic after each launch. Seventeen language websites - including all African sites are now responsive, that's when their layout is automatically adjusted to the screen size and connectivity of the user's mobile phone.

"It was just a week ago that for the first time ever, visitors to World Service online broke the 50m monthly visitors mark.

"But we have also established a remarkable presence in the UK on the BBC's domestic output. World Service English has an audi-

ence of more than 1.4m in the UK- which takes us up to 2 million including the overnight audiences on other networks. It has also developed a strong relationship with BBC Radio 4 working jointly on global projects. A recent example was Today's live presentation from Nigeria for the MINT season which was done in collaboration with Newsday.

"Joining the Licence Fee makes contributing to and benefiting from the wider BBC News Group much easier. We have already taken advantage of the BBC's new technology in Broadcasting House. Under licence fee funding lots of FCO accounting rules fall away, which will make it much easier to share content across News. BBC Monitoring's contribution to the wider BBC has massively increased since their move to the Licence Fee. They now work more closely with the whole of news to share their unrivalled insight into media around the world, and Monitoring's *News from Elsewhere* on the online Magazine is just one great example."

World Service English

"Radio remains vital. It is our largest total platform by a long way. In spite of the impact of cuts on WS English, its audience has increased over the last three years period to 43m. WS English remains by far the biggest BBC radio network in terms of audience size.

"WS English has been revamped since its move to Broadcasting House in 2012. Its daily news and current affairs output has changed a great deal to include new programmes such as *The Newsroom* and *Business Matters*.

"A lot of WS English output is becoming multiplatform. The new programme, *Outside Source*, was launched on BBC World News yesterday following its successful introduction on radio a few months ago. As a graphics geek I loved seeing the programme go out last night and joining in with the team's discussion about how this fluid interactive style can be pushed further.

"A brilliant example of pioneering and collaborative journalism is *BBC Trending*, which is on WS English with a blog on the online Magazine page and regular live slots on **BBC World News**. It works closely with Language Services and **BBC Monitoring** to spot and report topics that are trending on social media around the world. We'll develop that concept further, for example with the Indian elections and the World Cup."

The Invest to Innovate plan

"The BBC's aim is for us to be the most trusted news provider in the world, while helping the BBC to reach the ambition of a total audience of 500 million people by 2022, the BBC's centenary.

"So how will we do that? Last week Tony Hall confirmed that the **World Service** budget from April 1 will be £245 million. That's £6.5 million more than it received in this last year of Foreign Office funding. By making extra savings in the financial year starting in April we actually have £8m to invest.

"This step up in funding in the next year is a deliberate decision by the BBC Executive and Trust to help repair some of the damage of the FCO cuts. The BBC will expect us to deliver a matching step up in creative and audience performance. I should be clear that **BBC World Service** is also expected to continue to find more efficient ways of working-saving money is not optional. I will say more on that in a minute.

"But in this coming financial year, we do have extra money to invest and I want to give you the details of the Invest to Innovate plan.

Radio innovation

"Let me start with radio. If the World Service is the foundation of the entire BBC, as the Director-General wrote last week, then radio is the bedrock on which those foundations have been built.

"And it is as important to our future as it has been to our past. So, we'll put investment into the Partner Production Hub that World Service English has pioneered so successfully – helping us to target World Service English content at specific partner stations and their audiences. More of our future listening is going to come to us through partners, so we need to invest more in this area.

"We will reach out to younger audiences who may not have traditionally listened to our network. A team of journalists from four different language services, African English, Swahili, Urdu and Pashto/Dari, is currently working on pilots with the working title of Global Newsbeat – creating radio bulletins with a style and agenda that appeals to young listeners, along with a digital offer that will engage them. This will allow us to build partnerships with a wider range of radio stations, and to introduce a new generation to the BBC.

"We'll also put more money into helping *Witness*, the epitome of a thoughtful and original World Service radio programme, turn itself into a multimedia, multilingual brand. It will deliver the many of its interviews in video, for TV and online and also for languages – Persian is already running the pilot video programmes.

"And I'm keen that our brilliant audio is delivered more cleverly to audiences on new platforms. The **BBC iPlayer** radio app will launch internationally later this year, with **World Service** radio at its heart. And my eye was caught by an article recently that wondered why audio doesn't 'go viral', as they say, as easily as pictures or words. I am putting aside some money for innovation in audio distribution. The Global Future project will be holding sessions to hear your ideas for innovative distribution of audio."

STATION NEWS – RADIO AUSTRALIA

ABC Boss Lynley Marshall Defends Overseas Broadcasting

From THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD
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The chief for the ABC broadcasting into the Asia Pacific insists the taxpayer funded network has a growing audience with better programs on the way - despite reports the service is for the chop in the May budget.

ABC International boss Lynley Marshall stoutly defended overseas broadcasts as a way of promoting Australia, saying the spread of social media and mobile devices in Asia has vastly extended the potential audience.

She told a Melbourne audience on Monday evening the service had more than 1 million supporters on its Facebook page for learning the English language.

"Imagine if we converted just 10 per cent of that number to come and study in Australia," Ms. Marshall said, adding the ABC had struck partnerships with local websites to extent its reach.

"So when people comment on our services and say we've only got a tiny audience, or only expats, it is because they are not understanding the strategy."

But she conceded the troubled Australia Network television channel, run by the ABC on a government contract, has been guilty of presenting a "hodgepodge" of programs.

The goal of the network is to promote Australia's image in the region, in a manner similar to the BBC World Service or the US Voice of America.

Commercial programs, such as Home and Away, are broadcast alongside ABC News bul-

letins and football matches but the programming has been panned as dull and repetitive.

Ms. Marshall said despite some media reports, the Foreign Affairs department was positive about a new strategy hammered out for the network in July and the ABC was "hopeful and confident" there would be time to demonstrate results.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop's office had assured the ABC no decision had yet been taken on the future for the Australia Network, Ms. Marshall said.

A report in The Australian newspaper this month stated the Abbott government intended to scrap the service, unhappy with the cost and programming.

Former foreign minister Alexander Downer has also been a vocal critical of Australia Network, which presents a mix of news, sport, lifestyle and light entertainment programs to more than 40 countries.

Ms. Marshall said in a speech to the Australian Institute of International Affairs on Monday that improving the content of a television station took time, and commissioning and producing fresh programs had been held up during a protracted battle for the rights to run Australia Network.

STATION NEWS - VOA

BBG Expands Collaboration with Leading International Media

Press Release

12/5/13

Paris, France - Representatives of leading government-supported international media organizations known collectively as the DG7 agreed to expand collaboration on research - both into technologies and about audiences - and to reduce costs where possible on shortwave and satellite transmissions.

The Gillard government put the service out to tender in 2011 but was heavily criticised for intervening in the process after an independent panel recommended Australia Network be awarded to Sky News.

The ABC was then awarded permanent rights to run the network.

Ms. Marshall said the embassies from each of the countries where Australia Network is presented had been involved in the drawing up the new strategy.

The ABC has been criticised by Coalition figures for broadcasting stories on Australia Network that have caused government embarrassment, including details of leaked documents revealing Australia spying in Indonesia.

But Ms. Marshall said why there was a "natural tension" inherent in international broadcasting, a free and independent media was a cornerstone of any democracy and a value Australia cherished.

She said the 3.3 billion mobile subscribers in Asia offered an enormous potential audience and other nations, including China, had boosting their international offerings.

She said a trial of a service targeting expatriate Australians was being run in Hong Kong.

Officials from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), Deutsche Welle, France Médias Monde, Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK) and Radio Netherlands Worldwide assembled in Paris on Dec. 2-3. Board members Michael Meehan and Matt Armstrong attended from the BBG.

"We can tackle challenges that cross international boundaries with greater success

working as a group," observed BBG Governor Meehan. "Importantly, our tech teams will gather in Bonn in January 2014 to dig into this cost-saving effort."

Following the DG7 meeting, the group held a second round of discussions on Dec. 4 on information freedom and collaboration on Internet anti-censorship programs as a follow-up to its May 2013 meeting held in Brussels.

"I am pleased with the increasing collaboration on Internet circumvention programs and the pledges to increase efficiencies and effectiveness in areas of shared interest, including the use of shortwave broadcasting," said BBG Governor Armstrong.

RADIO HISTORY

Cuban Numbers Stations

From THE MIAMI HERALD 2/17/14

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Even if you're not a Cuban spy, you too can receive secret messages sent by Havana to its spooks in Miami, Washington and around the world.

Every week, one short wave radio station in Cuba broadcasts 97 messages coded in fax-like tones. A computer program easily available to the public changes the tones into numbers, and the Cuban spies then decode the numbers into words.

A second Cuban spy station transmits 16 messages per week in the dots and dashes of the 175-year-old Morse code – secret messages to Havana spies who may be older or less technologically savvy.

Sixteen years after the arrests in Miami of five Cuban spies who got their secret orders by short wave transmissions, Havana is still using a system that fell out of favor in the cloak-and-dagger world with the end of the Cold War.

There are many more modern and efficient ways of communicating secrets by using sat-

"As information freedom continues to be attacked in the more than 100 countries we serve, the BBG must work creatively and cooperatively with these valuable partners, who all have very complimentary missions, to achieve our shared goals."

In November, the DG7 called upon the UN Security Council to stand up against media suppression and urge governments to bring to justice those who harm journalists and media workers.

For any media questions concerning agency activities during the lapse in appropriations, please contact Letitia King at 202-203-4400 or lking@bbg.gov.

ellites, burst transmissions, one-time emails and other means, said Chris Simmons, a retired Pentagon counter-intelligence officer who specialized on Cuban affairs.

"But these Cuban transmissions may be for old spies, dinosaurs who have been listening to (short wave) for so long, long term agents, that they are comfortable with it and don't want or need a change," Simmons added.

The busiest Cuban station these days, and the only spy station in the world that uses the fax-like tones, has been baptized as HM01 by amateur eavesdroppers who run Web pages like Spooks List, Spynumbers, ShortwaveSchedule and Enigma2000.

It transmits 11 to 14 messages per day, a total of 96 per week, on the same schedule each week but using a dozen different short wave frequencies, said Chris Smolinski, 41, a Maryland software engineer who monitors the spy stations as a hobby.

Each message almost always has 150 five-digit groups, so that eavesdroppers cannot measure the true length of the text. And some of the 10-minute transmissions are phonies, designed to mask the real number of spies receiving them.

Anyone can hook up a radio receiver to a computer, where the DIGTRX program – widely used by ham radio aficionados to send and receive lengthy texts, turns the tones into numbers. Spies then use secret computer programs to turn numbers into text.

“HM01 is an ideal system because you don’t have to teach any to anybody. The computer does all the work,” said Smolinski.

For the less computer-savvy spooks there’s the M08a station, which broadcasts 16 messages in Morse code, developed for the telegraph in 1836, on a set weekly schedule and on many of the same frequencies as Hm01.

Smolinski says Morse code indeed is easier to understand in difficult atmospheric conditions than voice transmissions. Simmons, who played a key role in the 2001 arrest of Pentagon analyst and Cuban spy Ana Belen Montes, said “it’s probably an old-spy thing.”

Walter Kendall Myers, 76, a retired State Department official, and his wife Gwendolyn, both convicted in 2009 of spying for Cuba for nearly 30 years, received their messages from Havana in the Morse code that Myers learned in the U.S. military.

The Cuban broadcasts are transmitted from different locations on the island and, although there’s no way of determining how many real spooks are listening, they can provide hints to the spies’ general locations.

The frequencies and footpaths of the most active Cuban spy station in the 1990s indicated it was transmitting mostly to two areas: Florida, home to the five Havana spies convicted in a 2001 trial; and a footpath that started in North Carolina, — home of the 82nd Airborne and several Special Forces units — and covered Washington and New York, monitors said.

During the heyday of the Cold War in the 1970s there were scores of short wave spy stations, known as “numbers stations” because they used blocks of numbers to broadcast coded messages, although some used music or tones, said Smolinski.

The United States ran several of the stations, and so did the Soviet Union, East Germany, Britain, Israel, France and China. But many went off the air with the end of the Cold War and the arrival of new technology and today Cuba, Russia, Vietnam and North Korea are the main users of the coded short-wave stations, Smolinski said.

Cuba’s most famous numbers station, known as “Atención” because of the opening line of the deadpan female voice in Spanish that started its transmissions, went off the air just late last year, Smolinski.

The five spies convicted in Miami typed the numbers into a secret decryption program on their home computers to read the texts. The FBI surreptitiously broke into their homes, copied the program and was reading their messages long before their arrests in 1998.

Montes, a Defense Intelligence Agency expert on Cuba, received her marching orders from Atención on its Tuesday and Thursday evening broadcasts. She pleaded guilty to spying for Cuba in 2002 and is serving a 25-year sentence.

The lack of any accent in the voice of the Atención station was explained in December by Jorge García Vázquez, a Cuban in Berlin who has been researching the links between Havana and the STASI, the former East Germany intelligence service.

A Jan. 10 1977 letter in the STASI archives shows Cuban intelligence Maj. Eddy Herrera had requested the equipment for a numbers station, preloaded with the Spanish words for one through zero, Attention, Goodbye and Final, Garcia Vasquez reported.

Smolinski says he laughs when he talks about the Atención station because it was infamous as one of the worst-run spy stations in the spook world. Its transmissions often started late, its signal drifted across frequencies and a buzz would make the messages unintelligible, he said.

The station once mistakenly broadcast part of a regular Radio Havana program, a no-no

for a spy station trying to conceal its country's identity, Smolinski said. In another broadcast, a rooster could be clearly heard in the background.

"I guess most things there don't run very well," he chuckled.

CONFERENCE NEWS

The 2014 Winter SWL Fest

Registration details including cost, location, etc. can be obtained at the back of this month's issue. The heart of the Fest, apart from the opportunity to just sit back, relax and talk radio with like-minded friends, is the Forums presented by SWLs and DXers like you. The detailed schedule appears below. Among the demonstrations in the Exhibit Room will be none other than NASWA and VOA's own Kim Elliott with the VOA Radiogram program.

This year's grand prize is a CommRadio CR-1 shortwave receiver.

There also will be a live one-hour shortwave broadcast originating from the Fest's Friday night Shortwave Shindig and WRMI beginning at 0200 GMT on 7570 kHz.

The event has moved to mid-month this year, so why not come and join us for a great weekend of radio and Unity and Friendship!

2014 WINTER SWL FEST PROGRAM (Subject to change.)

(All Times EDT. All Forum Sessions and The Shortwave Shindig in Walnut A/B unless otherwise indicated.)

Thursday 13 March

1900 Presidential Suite Hospitality Room Opens (or perhaps eFarlier)

2100 Registration Table Opens (in Hospitality Room)

2400 Hospitality Room Closes (earlier or later depending on use)

Friday 14 March

0815 Exhibit Room Opens; Registration Table Opens (in Exhibit Room)

0900 FORUM 1 - Internet 2.0 - Rob de Santos

The landscape in Internet radio is changing. There are more services than ever (Pandora, Spotify, Rdio, TuneIn, iHeartRadio, AccuRadio, 50,000+ streams, etc). The full arrival of Internet in the car is upon us and another slew of services are due to launch in 2014. What are the plusses and minuses? Who will survive and who won't? For international listeners, will the Internet platform supplant shortwave entirely?

1030 FORUM 2 - Radio's Future - Sheldon Harvey - (Chestnut A)

There is one. There really is! But what is it to be? And how will shortwave fare? How do we preserve as much of what we love as possible? And how to embrace the future? Lots of questions, but Sheldon will lead a discussion searching for some answers.

1030 FORUM 3 - Scannerpalooza 2014 - Tom Swisher

Continuing on last year's theme of Scanning 101, this time Tom covers Trunking Basics, with an emphasis on digital systems and especially P25 Phase II systems, which are starting to pop up. [Careful, it sounds like they're recruiting. You've been warned. (ed.)]

1130 Lunch Break (on your own)

Registration Table Closes

Hospitality Room Opens

- 1315 Registration Table Reopens
Hospitality Room Closes
- 1315 FORUM 4 - Pirate Radio Year in Review - George Zeller
(It's a secret, but I bet Snowden knows.)
- 1445 FORUM 5 - Archiving Shortwave Broadcasts - Thomas Witherspoon - (Chestnut A)
A follow up to 2010's Archiving Radio: Documenting the Present, Preserving the Past session that explored the art and history of capturing the sounds of the medium and shortwave bands. Topics include an assessment of where things are when it comes to establishing a permanent home for medium & shortwave audio recordings.
- 1445 FORUM 6 - Ionosounders 101 - Tracy Wood
This session looks at real-time propagation tools that can help DXers do their job!
While researching 2012's CODAR talk, Tracy came across some ionosounder websites and found lots of fascinating parallels. Just like the CODAR folks, there are custom-hardware manufacturers, real-networked-observation webpages and supporting research groups. This session also discusses ham-related protocols such as WSPR for those who want to play "mad propagation scientist."
- 1600 Registration Table Closes for the Day
- 1615 FORUM 7 - North Korea: Behind the Curtain I - Mark Fahey
Australian Mark Fahey has travelled all the way to Plymouth Meeting to describe his travels within North Korea. Over four successive trips to each province of the country, he has "carried surreptitiously" equipment in and out of the country enabling the monitoring and recording of hundreds of hours of domestic radio and television broadcasting. These presentations—in two parts today and tomorrow—feature Mark's analysis of North Korean society and media, audio and video examples of North Korean propaganda broadcasting, as well as photographs of the media infrastructure used by the North Korean regime as the prime instrument of control over the population.
- 1730 Dinner Break (On Your Own)
Exhibit Room Closes
Hospitality Room Opens
- 1900 Exhibit Room Reopens
Swap Meet
- 1945 FORUM 8 — Ham Radio Tools for SWLs - Skip Arey
Ham radio has a ton of propagation supports systems such as beacons, advanced audio processing--even WSPR is being used to follow HF patterns. Uncle Skip surveys the best bets for DXers.
- 2100 THE SHORTWAVE SHINDIG - 11th Annual Edition - David Goren
The Shortwave Shindig channels the art, history and culture of shortwave radio through archival sound, live musical performance and a poem or two. Many special guests, both live and remote, are on the card. BYOC (bring your own cowbell) and BYOR (bring your own rooster) for a historic reenactment of Radio Botswana's Interval Signal.
- !2200 Live Broadcast from the Fest and The Shortwave Shindig on WRMI!!! (to 2300 EDT. That's 0300-0400 GMT/UTC Saturday!)

- 7570 kHz, 100kW directed to North America from Okeechobee, Florida (USA) - Further Info Forthcoming.
- 2400 Exhibit Room Closes
- Hospitality Room Closes (Later if Still in Use)
- Saturday 14 March**
- 0830 Registration Table Opens
- Exhibit Room Opens
- 0900 FORUM 9 - Whatever Happened to Digital Radio? - Mark Phillips
- Have you ever wondered how your car's GPS knows about the local traffic conditions? Or how that FM radio you won in last year's raffle knows what song is playing? There's a huge amount of digital radio out there that is both obvious and not so obvious.
- We'll recap various digital radio/TV (not Internet) methods. Look at its successes (and failures!) and look at various ways we can improve our data capture. (Subtitles will be available on BBC CeeFAX page 888.... just kidding.)
- 1000 Registration Table Closes
- SILENT AUCTION Begins (Chestnut A)
- 1030 FORUM 10 - Loop Antennas III - Jef Eichner
- Finishing up Jef's small loop series started two years ago, he covers practical aspects of loop building, including designs, construction tips, modifications, uses, tricks, and in general how to get the most from your loop buck. This one will be light on theory and heavy on "doing". If you've seen the first two you won't be bored; but if you haven't, you won't be lost.
- 1130 Hospitality Room Opens
- 1200 LUNCHEON — including In Memoriam by Sheldon Harvey and short talks on World Christian Broadcasting's shortwave transmitter projects by Paul Ladd of WWCR and AM radio's future by Allan Loudell of WDEL radio in Dover, Delaware.
- (Those not holding luncheon tickets are cordially invited to rejoin the group after the luncheon at 1245 to take part in after lunch activities.)
- 1330 FORUM 11 - Remote Receivers - Bruce Churchill
- Learn how best to use remote receivers like Global Tuners and Perseus Worldwide Network to enhance the remaining joys of our hobby.
- 1500 FORUM 12 - North Korea: Behind the Curtain II - Mark Fahey
- Yesterday's presentation continues. (See FORUM 7.)
- 1630 SILENT AUCTION Ends (Please promptly collect your winnings and pay your bids.)
- 1730 Cocktail Half-Hour (This is the "formal" part. Many of you will have already started or will take this into several hours anyway.)
- 1800 BANQUET - Guest Speaker to be announced.
- (Those not holding banquet tickets are cordially invited to rejoin the group after dinner around 2000 or so to take part in after dinner activities.)
- 2100 LE GRANDE RAFFLE (The management promises to try and do this in record time... record least time, that is...)
- 2400 PANCHO'S "MIDNIGHT RIDE" (if one were to know...)



Listener's Notebook

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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

AUSTRIA 5910, very striking interval signal of **TWR** via ORS Moosbrunn, started already at 0641, S=9+10dB, into Polish language morning service, latter also on 2nd channel // 7300 too, at S=9+20dB level. A little stronger is ORF1 Vienna news and culture programm service via ORS Moosbrunn on 6155, logged at 0648 Jan 20 with S=9+30dB. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 20)

AUSTRALIA 3210 is back on air with 100 watts NVIS from Razorback NSW, Feb 18. (Craig Allen-Australia/ARDXC YG) Phil Ireland (Bathurst) sent me a text earlier to say he is hearing it well, including on his portable PL880 in the house. Now I've finished work for the evening, I'm also receiving it S8 on the Racal 6790, very readable. "Vintage FM" IDs, but mostly continuous oldies. Feb 18. (Craig Seager-Australia/ARDXC YG) I should have said that Phil logged it at 0810 with continuous 50s rock and roll on his Alinco DX R8T and G5RV. Another Phil (Brennan) in Darwin is hearing it vaguely, not strong enough to ID. All Feb 18. (Craig Seager-Australia/ARDXC YG)

AZERBAIJAN *Voice of Justice*

1400-1435 on 9677.45 Azeri on Friday, Feb.7

Full schedule is:

0600-0635 on 9677.45 Azeri Wed/Sat

1400-1435 on 9677.45 Azeri Tue/Fri
(DX RE Mix News)

Voice of Talyshistan

1200-1300 on 9677.45 Talysh on Saturday, Feb.8

Full schedule is:

0900-1957 on 9677.45 Talysh Mon-Sat

1200-1257 on 9677.45 Talysh Mon-Sat
1500-1557 on 9677.45 Talysh Mon-Sat
(DX RE Mix News)

Ictimai Radio

1300-1403 on 9677.45 Azeri on Saturday, Feb.8

1100-1157 on 9677.30 Azeri on Sunday, Feb.9
(DX RE Mix News)

BOLIVIA 3310, **R. Mosoj Chaski** does respond to reports, albeit slowly. It's been a while since I received a QSL letter from them - 17 August 2004. The letter signer was Ann Matthews, Director, and the letter was in English. The letterhead shows the following address and e-mail: Calle Abaroa No. 254, Casilla 4493, Cochabamba, Bolivia. Chaski@bo.ne. (Bruce W. Churchill-CA/DXplorer)

5952.40, **R Pio XII**, Siglo XX, 2329-0005, Feb 10, music program in Quechua, advs: Politécnico Agropecuario Simón Bolívar, news in Quechua and Spanish in chain with R Arco Iris, music, advs: Universidad Nacional Siglo XII, ID: "Pio XII, la radio que hace pueblo...Pio XII", frequency drift from 5952.50, 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DX Window)

6025.00, **R Patria Nueva**, La Paz, 2345-0010, Feb 12, program Noticiero Bolivia Informa about the system of Patria Nueva news, on shift between Spanish and Quechua, ID: "Faltan 10 minutos para las 8 de la noche en Patria Nueva", ID: "Un mensaje de solidaridad de Patria Nueva". Musical slogan attached from the first time I heard it, very nice, listen to slogan " Es Patria Nueva, desde Bolivia por la unidad e integración, informaciones, gran compañía, tu escucharas, es Patria Nueva contigo esta ...". 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DX Window)

BRAZIL 4875.086, **R Dif Roraima**, Boa Vista RR. Brazilian National Anthem heard 0400-0404 Feb 9. And afterwards txion close-down! (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 9)

10000, **Time Signal Station Observatorio Nacional**, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 0740-0830, Jan 19, time signals, female voice ann each 10 seconds: "Observatorio Nacional, 4 horas, 47 minutos, 30 segundos", 34433. (Méndez-Spain/DX Window)

11783.215, Re 11780v wanders up frequency a lot. Today Jan 27 at 0710 **RNB** noted on much odd 11783.215 kHz, and hit heavily CRI English from Cerrik Albania relay on 11785.0. \\ RNB on 6180.004

in 49mb. 11783v S=8 in California post, S=7 in Queensland. 6180v S=9 in California post, poor S=5 just above threshold on sunset in Queensland. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany/DXplorer) RNB was on air again this Jan 31 morning at 0800. In the last days was somewhat irregular on SW service. This morning heard with very, very beautiful music. The 25mb tx wanders still around 3 kHz higher on 11783.205 and disturbs CRI Cerrik Albania relay there. // RNB but even stronger in the 49MB on 6180.005 kHz channel. Neat statement given, one 'also' understands "Bom Dia Amazonia" at exact 0700. Similarly good music is also often played the case on R Brasil Central at 11815.293, listened today at 0758 Jan 31. Radio Aparecida well appearance on all three SW channels at 0749, 6134.958, 9629.781, and 11854.921. 6059.784 was the RSDA sermon frequ in 49mb, under threshold at 0724. And also on 6119.990, 9565.072, and 11764.753. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 31) 11780, formerly on odd 11783v last week - has been reported on EVEN frequency again on Febr 4th around 2000. Is back on even 11780.000, weak signal at 1130 Febr 5. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 5)

BULGARIA Frequency and time changes of *Bible Voice Broadcasting*

1630-1830 NF15750 Farsi, ex 9990 from Jan.16
1630-1830 NF11600 Farsi, ex15750 from Jan.18
1530-1730 11600 Farsi, ex1630-1830, Jan. 22
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews)

CANADA 6070, *CFRX* Toronto at 0730 Feb 12 on 6069.964, and at 19 weak signals at Edmonton-Alberta, KY, NY, Rochester. S=6 with AGC off, no NR, no AVG. Police report on victims given at 1900, interview about aid credit, to pay 30.000 dollar medicine bill ... footprint seems little less approx. 6069.959 kHz. And on Feb 13 at 1040 on exact 6069.961. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb. 12/13)

CANARY ISLANDS *Horizon FM* Tenerife starts shortwave broadcasts on 5780: Horizon FM Tenerife has started broadcasting on shortwave on 5780, 75 watts at the moment, short English announcement on their website. More at <http://maresmedx.blogspot.co.uk/2014/02/qs-horizon-fm.html>. Plans a power increase to 1 kw within the next three weeks. The station was reported to have already a good signal in central Europe. (British DX Club via

Jerry Berg-MA) Continuous EG Pop mx right now at 2113 on 5780, via online Utwente websdr. Let's wait for an ID... BTW... nice to have this online also in the smartphone (Firefox browser users only). Ads are in English. Jingle... and more mx. (Horacio Nigro-Uruguay/DXplorer) Yes its 5780, quite strong here in the UK right now (2125), it is currently station Atlantis FM, Tenerife, is parallel the audio feed at www.atlantis.fm. (Dave Kenney-UK/DXplorer) Hearing a Blondie tune at 2127 I wonder if it's them? (Chris Lobbell-MA/DXplorer) Don't understand why in English if it is from Canary Is. (Horacio Nigro-Uruguay/DXplorer) Clear "Atlantis FM" ID hrd at 2150. Seems to be subject to deliberate QRM by variable carrier and briefly notes of anthem now over them at 2152 on fq. (Horacio Nigro-Uruguay/DXplorer) Also heard well here in Denmark with SINPO 35243 mostly with British pop music, but at 2201-03 National and international news, followed by an adv. and more pop music. At 2156-59 two U.K. national hymns were dominating the pop songs! It seems to have closed just before 2300. (Anker Petersen-Denmark/DXplorer) Most of the channels on shortwave are now so empty, so you can listen to small powered PIRATE station from Ireland - not Spain - in 50 mb now. Shortwave broadcasting is already so far degenerated into insignificance? (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany/DXplorer) Horizon FM 5780 reply with email in 1 day V/s: Andy (mornings DJ), Email: studio@horizon.fm. (Roberto Pavanello-Italy/PlayDX) The transmitter is located in Ireland. Plans are for the utilisation of 1 kW transmitter, so do monitorate the 5780 channel for more exciting programs from the Canaries Isles with relay based in Ireland. www.media922.es (Andrew Yeates Media Group), www.atlantis.fm (just great songs for Tenerife), www.horizon.fm (the Canaries hottest station). Up to date news concerning the 5780 kHz relay reported by Norbert Reiner from Germany, the program listened the nights 15 & 16 February was coming from Horizon FM located in Canary Isle, following night the program relay has been from Atlantis FM also located in Canary Isle. BUT the transmitter for both relays was located in Ireland, this explain the good reception reported in Germany, Catalunya & Italy. (Dario Monferini-Italy/PlayDX)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Sectarian and political violence in the Central African Republic has created an unstable situation. The Broadcasting Board of Governors has responded by increasing the efforts of the *VOA's* French-to-Africa Service. A transmitter in the capital city, Bangui, is broad-

casting "Le Monde Aujourd'hui" and a release says that VOA is increasing the number of news bulletins it will broadcast daily. In addition, VOA is working with regional NGOs and American aid agencies to produce PSAs on food distribution, vaccination programs and other relief services. A release also said that the BBG's Office of Digital Design and Innovation is "enhancing its text messaging and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) services to the region. It has also developed a Symbian-based mobile app, featuring multimedia news, photo, text and video content. Symbian is one of the top four operating systems in the region and will be key to reaching this audience." (Radio World News Bytes)

CHINA New schedule of *Voice of Jinling* in Chinese from 20 January:

1230-1600 on 5860-Nanjing (ex. 1430-1700)
(DX Mix News/British DX Club)

5860, *Voice of Jinling*, Nanjing, from Jan 20: 1230-1600, ex 1430-1700. Stable signal in Sofia on Jan 30 around 1530 till 1600*. (Ivanov-Bulgaria, Jan 30/DX Window)

15665, Russian sce of CRI Kashgar 0400-0557 UT, heard on signing off annmt 0556, 18 kHz wide signal, well ahead of co-channel RFA Agincan Point Saipan relay Chinese sce. (Wolfgang Büschel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19)

CLANDESTINE *La Voz del CID* history ... About anti-Cuban station that was installed in Guatemala City: Dear amigo Michael, Just read the discussion about a now defunct station in the TopNews Bulletin, and could not resist to tell the amazing story that follows. Some time when the US sponsored anti-Cuban station known as *La Voz del CID* was still on the air, a team of Radio Rebelde's sports commentators and an engineer from the station traveled to Guatemala City to broadcast a sports event that was going to take place in that Central American nation. They went early to the stadium and installed the solid state portable audio mixer with its two commentators positions, hooked it up to the two phone lines that connected to the local phone company in order to send the audio signals to Cuba on one 4 wire circuit and with the other two wire circuit keep in touch with the Radio Rebelde Master Control in Havana. But they could not make that hookup that had worked very well at many different locations to operate properly. They complained on the two wire direct line to Havana that there was a very loud audio signal in Span-

ish that leaked through without the possibility of removing that audio at all. They placed the telephone mouthpiece next to the local monitor at the mixer board and it was then that we realized that the audio was the infamous "program" from *La Voz del CID*. We asked the engineer to look around the stadium for towers or masts with an antenna hanging between the two and a ladder type open wire transmission line coming down from the center of the antenna... Sure enough, from the top row of the grand stand of the stadium they could see the two steel masts that supported the antenna of the short wave station used by *La Voz del CID*, the cause of the interference to the audio mixer board. The highly capable engineer always carried in his tools kit and accessories ferrite ring cores (toroid's) so he proceeded to place them at the proper places (microphone input, telephone lines input and output and the headsets of the commentators ... in order to remove the RF coming into the equipment from the nearby short wave station. So, they were able to broadcast the sports event and the Cuban audience was very happy with the transmissions... Of course that it was very interesting to learn, first hand, that the "clandestine" station was located not far from the center of Guatemala City, operating under the protection of the government of that country at the time. 73 and DX, Your amigo in sunny La Habana Cuba, Arnaldo (Arnie) Coro, Host of Dxers Unlimited radio hobby show, Radio Havana Cuba. (Prof. Arnaldo Coro Antich-Cuba, via Michael Bethge-Germany wwdxc Jan 18)

15420, *Radio Free Sarawak*, per Aoki via Palauig-Zambales (Philippines), at 1214-1230* on Feb 10. Fair-good reception with nice ID. Unusual propagation here! Feb 8, tuned in at 1134 to their usual phone conversations. Mostly fair to start with, but went downhill. By 1205 was completely lost. Feb 9 checked 1130-1145 to find not even a whisper from RFS. (Ron Howard-CA/TopNews, Feb 11)

17870, *R Inyabutatu*, via Issoudun (250 kW / 130 degrees) Sa 1600-1700 Kinyarawanda to East Africa from Jan 18, ex 15310. (Ivanov-Bulgaria, Jan 27/DX Window)

17870 *R. Xoriyo* - Kostinbrod. Noted for the Friday service at 1607 with a long talk in Somali, a short burst of music then an ID (sounding like "Radio Xoriya ... Ogadeniya") at 1619 and into more talks. There appeared to be some light noise jamming on the freq but this didn't really bother the signal at this location on Jan 24. Scheduled for Mon and Fri only. Don't confuse with *R. Inyabutatu*, which

is scheduled for Sat only on this freq/time. (Rob Wagner-Australia VK3BVW, ARDXC mailing Jan 27/TopNews)

Radio Inyabutatu, new time and frequency

1600-1700 NF17870 ISS Kinyarawanda Sat from Jan.18
1700-1800 15310 ISS Kinyarawanda Sat till Jan. 11
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX
TopNews Jan 27)

Radio Medrek/Radio Forum, probably former Voice of the Forum of Eritreans

1800-1900 11720 ISS Arabic Sat, new from Jan.25.
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX
TopNews Jan 27)

Radio Shorouq (Radio Sunrise) to Eritrea - transmissions cancelled from 15 Jan. Was 1600-1700 Mon-Wed on 11610 via Bulgaria in Arabic. (DX Re Mix/British DX Club)

Frequency changes of **Shiokaze Sea Breeze** from Jan 27

1330-1430 NF5910 YAM, ex5985 Japanese Mon/
Wed/Thu
1330-1430 NF5910 YAM, ex5985 Chinese/Korean
Tue
1330-1430 NF5910 YAM, ex5985 English Fri
1330-1430 NF5910 YAM, ex5985 Korean/Japanese
Sat
1330-1430 NF5910 YAM, ex5985 Japanese/Korean
Sun
1600-1700 NF5975 YAM, ex5910 Japanese Mon/
Wed/Thu
1600-1700 NF5975 YAM, ex5910 Chinese/Korean
Tue
1600-1700 NF5975 YAM, ex5910 English Fri
1600-1700 NF5975 YAM, ex5910 Korean/Japanese
Sat
1600-1700 NF5975 YAM, ex5910 Japanese/Korean
Sun
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX
TopNews Febr 2)

New UNIDentified broadcast via BABCOCK effective from Feb. 3:

1700-1730 17500 DHA African lang. with French words. Mentioned Bangui, the capital of Central African Republic. Weak signal. Any ideas? (BUL swldxbulgaria website Feb. 5/TopNews)

Democratic Voice of Burma, revised complete daily schedule in Burmese:

1430-1530 on 6225dsb
2330-0030 on 7510erv
(WRTH Update)

Radio Impala (new entry): W: radioimpala.com; E: info@radioimpala.com. Daily in Kinyarwanda/Kirundi language to Rwanda at 1700-1800 on 17540mdc. (WRTH Update) Hrd in Wyomissing with English IDs - RAD.

La Voz de la Resistencia (new entry, back from WRTH 2012) in Spanish to Colombia daily:

1400-1445 on 6215 USB
1900-1945 on 6215 USB
(WRTH Update)

Additional frequency of **Voice of Martyrs** in Korean from February 6

1600-1730 ADD 7525 secret / hidden site, SINPO
35433 in Sofia
1600-1730 on 7515, SINPO 34433 in Sofia.
(DX RE Mix News)

The following two transmissions of **NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave** via Radiocom already are jammed with broadband DRM like white noise:

Radio Xoriyo

1500-1530 on 15515 TIG Somali Fri

Radio Warra Wangeelaa-ti

1500-1530 on 15515 TIG Oromo Sat
(DX MIX News)

COLOMBIA 5910.062, Alcavaran R from CLM, S=8 signal, full station ID at 0455 Feb 11, nice Latin AM mx like Mexican... Underneath on 5910 even frequency, NHK R Japan World interval signal from Sitkunai-LTU, Russian start at 0500. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 11)

CONGO, DEM REP. 5066.337, Bunia COD, still on air at 1955 on Jan 25. Ja, 5005.0 on air, Bata so gerade an der Grasnarbe, aber Candip sehr schoenes Signal heute Abend Jan 26 auf 5066.337, und Kampala Uganda auch viel staerker als die letzten Abende auf 4975.974. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 25/26) Radio Candip 5066, 2106 Jan 26, 0=2 Radio Candip mit SINPO 24332

auf 5066.330. Musikprogramm, ID angesagt 2106. Ist noch aktiv (see Eibi list S/off 2005). (Sven Dibbert-Midsund-NOR, A-DX Jan 26)

CUBA Message from Arnie about *Radio Progreso* Tropical 60 meter band station. Dear amigo Wolfie: Radio Progreso's successful test from October to December of 2013 using 4765 frequency registered to Cuba at the ITU with 50 kW omnidirectional and high take off angle antenna was completed on the last day of December and starting January 1 2014 it is now a permanent daily service 7 days a week. Under study now is the possibility of extending the on the air time starting at 2300, so that the broadcast will be from 2300 to 0500. As regards to reports received and QSL verification, the station will issue a QSL card soon, and in the meantime listeners who report correctly the transmissions will receive a QSL letter. Please note that the postal mailing address for the 60 meters Tropical Band reports is: Radio Progreso, Atte: Transmision Banda Tropical, P. O. Box 3042, Codigo postal 10300, La Habana, Cuba. In the meantime I will continue to relay the e-mail messages sent via Radio Havana Cuba's inforhc@enet.cu to Radio Progreso's Chief Engineer Ing. Jose Antonio Fuentes Beltran that is going to be the person in charge of verifying and signing the QSL letters now and QSL cards when they come from the printer. At this moment Cuba has on the air three short wave services Radio Havana Cuba in eight languages using frequencies on the 60, 49, 31, 25, 22, 19, and 16 meters bands. Radio Rebelde on 5025 60 meters band. Radio Progreso on 4765 60 meters band. 73 and DX Prof. Arnaldo Coro Antich (AKA Arnie Coro on the air) Advisor / Senior Consultant to the Director General Radio Habana Cuba. (Via Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 29)

ECUADOR I have received a letter from Colin Lowther, chief executive of *HCJB-UK* dated 27 January, stating that "after more than 80 years as HCJB, we are changing our name to Reach Beyond". This mirrors a similar announcement from HCJB Global headquarters which is now called Reach Beyond. The footer of the letter actually says "Reach Beyond is the working name of HCJB-UK Ltd - a registered charity". Reach Beyond's SW outlet in Ecuador on 6050 also known as Voz Andes will presumably retain its Ecuadorean callsign HCJB. (Dave Kenny/British DX Club)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA 5005, *RDF de Guinea Ecuatorial*, Bata, 2015-2027, Feb 08 and 14, animated vernacular chat with music clips, 35333. (Bell-South Africa and Giroletti-Italy/DX Window) Also heard at 2245, Feb 15, better than usual this evening with S6 signal. (Nilsson-Sweden/DX Window)

GERMANY *Radio Öömrang* from Amrum Island, German North Frisian Islands: Many thanks for your kind email. We would like to confirm that Radio Öömrang also will broadcast their annual transmission on 15215 by using the same time slot 1600-1659 as last year (Friday, February 21). As always, reception reports are most welcome (QSL-Shortwave@media-broadcast.com). Best regards. (Walter Brodowsky, Head of Short-wave, Senior Expert Sales)

GREECE Former ERT - Elliniki Radiofonia Tileóراس now new EDT - Elliniki Dimóσια Tileóراس. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 25)

INDIA 4990, Feb 2, 0027, *AIR Itanagar* with morning px. Official sign on is 0020. S6 signal. (SWBulletin)

INDIA (GOA) 11740 *All India Radio*:

1315-1415 NF11740 PAN Dari, ex 11670
1415-1530 NF11740 PAN Pashto, ex 11670
1530-1545 NF11740 PAN English news, ex 11670, irregular
(Ivo Observer-BUL, DXIndia Jan 29)

INDONESIA 4749.95, Feb 11, 1240, *RRI Makassar*. For about ten months now they have not carried the Kang Guru Indonesia (KGI) programs in English, until today (Feb 11). (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

4869.916, *RRI Wamera*, noted orchestra music till 1335 on Feb 13. S=8 strength observed on Queensland-AUS remote SDR unit post. Followed by long lasting talk of females in Indonesian. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 13)

9526, *Voice of Indonesia*. Spanish programme. Non detailed QSL card and sticker in 116 days for online report at <http://en.voi.co.id/contact-us/reception-report>. (Rafa Martinez-Catalunya/PlayDX) 9525.891, VoIndonesia's French service from

Cimanggis tx center logged at S=8 level around 2044 UT Febr 1. Played nice guitar mx of South Sea pacific sound ... (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 1)

9680.047, **RRI** Jakarta Cimanggis with Indo home sce relay at S=8 level, male announcer of like literature reading. At 0053 Jan 26. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 26)

IRELAND 6295, *Reflections Europe* eQSL in 2 days. E-mail report sent to: r.e@ndirect.co.uk; V/s: Trevor (Christian Ghibaudo-France/PlayDX)

ISRAEL *Galei Tzahal*: Transmissions on shortwave have ceased. (WRTH Update)

KOREA (NORTH) English program schedule of *Voice of Korea*:

0400-0500 on 7220, 9445, 9730
0400-0500 on 15180, 11735, 13760
0500-0600 on 13650, 15105
0600-0700 on 7220, 9445, 9730
1000-1100 on 6185, 9850
1000-1100 on 6170, 9435
1300-1400 on 7570, 12015
1300-1400 on 11710, 9435
1500-1600 on 7570, 12015
1500-1600 on 11710, 9435
1600-1700 on 9890, 11645
1800-1900 on 7570, 12015
1900-2000 on 9890, 11635
1900-2000 on 7210, 11910
2100-2200 on 7570, 12015
(Station Direct)

KOREA (SOUTH) English Service of *KBS World Radio*:

0800-0900 on 9570
1100-1130 on 9760 (DRM, Saturday)
1230-1330 on 6095
1300-1400 on 9570, 15575
1400-1500 on 9640
1600-1700 on 9515, 9640
1800-1900 on 7275
2200-2300 on 11810
0200-0300 on 9580, 9690
(Station Direct)

KUWAIT *Kuwait Radio* frequency schedule for the period B-2013 (27/10/2013-3-/03/2014):

0200-0900 on 5960 Arabic
0500-0900 on 15515 Arabic
0800-1000 on 7250 Persian
0930-1600 on 11630 Holy Quran
0945-1730 on 21540 Arabic
1000-1200 on 21580 Philippine program
1100-1600 on 9750 Arabic
1600-1800 on 15540 Urdu
1600-2100 on 6050 Arabic
1700-2000 on 13650 Arabic
1800-2100 on 15540 English
2000-0000 on 17550 Arabic
(Station Direct)

Inactive frequencies of Radio Kuwait on Feb.17:

1600-1800 on 15540 Urdu
1600-2100 on 6050 Arabic General Service
1800-2100 on 15540 English
2000-2400 on 17550 Arabic General Service
(DX MIX News)

More inactive frequencies of Radio Kuwait on Feb.18:

0800-1000 on 7250 Persian
1000-1200 on 21580 Tagalog
1030-1600 on 9750 Arabic General Service
(DX MIX News)

LAOS 6129.986, Once again I hear *Lao National Radio* from Vientiane around 1358 on Feb 13, on remote SDR unit in Queensland Australia. Heard this type of mx locally during touristic trip from Nong Khai in 1972 during Vietnam-US war clash time ... long ago ... extended station ID in English at 1400, given both MW and SW 6130 frequency channel. Excellent studio and tx modulation noted so far! S=9+10dB at 1405. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 13)

LIBERIA 4760, *ELWA Radio*: We are broadcasting on a 1 kilo watt shortwave transmitter from Monrovia, Liberia. We are on from 05:30 to 10:00 am and 17:00 - 24:00. Thank you for listening to our short wave. (Moses Nyantee-Liberia)

MALAYSIA *RTM Malaysia* from Sarawak heard on two frequencies, 11665 which relays Wai FM with nice music programmes and then 9835 which has just returned to broadcasting, it is relaying Sarawak FM and has different programming to Wai but still some excellent music! Reception on 9835 from 1945

today was providing very good reception playing pop songs but having audio problems, cutting in and out intermittently, station ID announcement at 1957 as Sarawak FM, Radio Malaysia then back to playing some nice music. 11665 not on at this time, I think it begins transmitting from 2100 with Wai FM. (Michael Stevenson-Australia WRTH Facebook 17 Jan/British DX Club)

MONGOLIA *Voice of Mongolia* is not active at present on shortwave. I did checking in the last few days from Feb.4-9. No signal from several remote SDR in Asia and Australia (DX RE Mix News) However, on Feb 17 at 1040, the Voice of Mongolia on 12085 was back with Japanese programme, 35343. (Petersen-Denmark/DX Window)

MYANMAR 5985.836, *Myanmar Radio* Rangoon at 1138 Feb 7, S=9+10dB in QL-AUS, nice girl singer song. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 7) 5985.0, Myanmar Radio Rangoon use the "other" TX unit today Feb 13, noted at 1350 UT on even 5985.0 channel. Male announcer reads endless in Burmese sounding language. Some splatter of 51 mb OTHR spurs of 5796 to 5881 range. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 13)

7200.095 Rangoon too S=9+10dB in QL-AUS, and two accompanied spur signals 14.240 away, on 7185.855 and 7214.335, latter here S=9+5dB strength. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 7)

Additional broadcast of *Myanmar Radio* on Feb.17:

1630-1700 on 5985.85 maybe English or Burmese. Unconfirmed language, due to a strong QRM from CRI in Swahili on nominal 5985. (DX RE Mix News)

NEW ZEALAND *Radio New Zealand International* in AM mode was noted on Feb.16:

0759-1058 on 9765 as scheduled
1059-1258 NF 9765, instead of 13840
1259-1458 NF 9765, instead of 5950
1459-1550 on 5950 as scheduled
(DX RE Mix News)

NIGERIA 6089.856, Feb. 2nd also in 06-07 slot *Kaduna* weak signal, co-channel Bandeirantes Brazil on 6089.949, and Caribbean Anguilla female sermon on 6090 even. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 2)

15120, *Voice of Nigeria*, Abuja, QSL Card and brochure in 431 days for English report with MP3 re-sent in April 2013 to: voixdunigeria@yahoo.fr. (Luca Botto Fiora-Italy/PlayDX) 15120, Voice of Nigeria in English instead of 9690. Voice of Nigeria in English was observed on Febr 6 from 0900 on 15120 IKO 250 kW 007 deg to NoAF, instead of 9690. Good signal strength, but very distorted audio and modulation. (BUL swldxbulgaria website Febr 5/TopNews)

Frequency change of *Voice of Nigeria* in English, noted on Feb.5-9

0900-1000 NF 15120 IKO, ex 9690. But no signal Feb.9 on 15120 0500-0700/0800-0900 English, 0700-0800 French. (DX RE Mix News)

PERÚ 4939.98, *R San Antonio*, Atalaya, Ucayali, 0235-0310, advs: Aviso del Consejo Provincial de Atalaya, tropical and modern music, constantly give the time signal, but did not give the ID, religious program, 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DX Window)

5024.92, Feb 1, 2340, *R Quillabamba* with decent signal before R Rebelde signs on. At 0026 Rebelde is very strong. (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin)

5460, Feb 14, 0020, *Radio Bolívar* Cd. Bolivar. 0020 to 0039 possible reactivation.....first time noted this season Music in deep fades. Confirmed as Radio Bolívar by Pedro F. Arrunátegui, Lima Peru, Thanks 14 February. (Wilkner-FL/SWBulletin) Also heard in Peru at 0010-0105, Feb 14, ID: "Buenas noche, el gerente de Radio Bolívar", program "Saludos" with messages, ID: "Buenas noches, Radio Bolívar", announced that they are testing equipment, ID: "Radio Bolívar Imparable", listen to telephone no. 976991597, ID: "Radio Bolívar insuperable", 33333. (Thanks R. Wilkner). But not heard at 1055-1115, Feb 15. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DX Window)

PRIDNESTROVIE (MOLDAVIAN S.S.R.) WRTH 2014 does list *TWR India* on 7545 between 0030-0130. Only the site has changed, as Irkutsk/Angarsk Russia was closed, HFCC gives it as SMF Mykolaiv Ukraine. (Mauno Ritola-FIN, DXplorer Jan 24) 7545 empty channel at 0100 tonight, Jan 25. SMF Mykolaiev Luch bc site in Ukraine ceased Aug 31, 2012 for ever. SMF Simferopol - ITU short call. TX location is really 252 kilometers distance westwards at Mykolaiv Luch Ukraine location, veiled location at ITU tx site list, some 40 years ago by

USSR communist government. ITU keeps this older short calls - kept for compatibility reasons. SMF was mentioned last in WRTH 2012 under Ukraine country. But also 11620 SMF appears again in A-14 registration, under UKR RUI RRT. Business partner of TWR in former USSR states is RAM FM0 i.e. radioagency.ru but business partner of KCH veiled Grigoriopol Maiaac MDA location is VOR, or WRN. After Angarsk ceased B-13 TWR 7545 seemingly appears real from GRI Grigoriopol-MDA site. In A-13 seemingly this broadcast 0030-0130 is back to Tashkent Uzbekistan on tentat. 11600? (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 24/25)

ROMANIA *European Music Radio* will relay via 7290 Romania in the months to come. We will be on 7290 sometime after October this year. All the best. (Tom Taylor-Germany, EMR contact details: studio@emr.org.uk, www.emr.org.uk)

RUSSIA 9996, *RWM* Moscow, QSL card in 90 days, no return postage. QTH: Russian State and Frequency Service - Institute of Metrology for Time and Space (IMVP) - GP "Vniftri" - Moscow Region - Mendeleev 141570. Sent CD MP3. (Luca Botto Fiora-Italy/PlayDX)

Radio Rossi: Transmissions on shortwave have ceased. (WRTH Update)

Na Volne Tatarstan (Tatarstan Dulkynda: Transmissions of this domestic broadcast on shortwave have ceased. (WRTH Update)

Voice of Russia, Letter from the radio station: "From January 1, 2014 Italian department of" Voice of Russia "went on the internet broadcasting and our listeners (and radio amateurs) in Italy, who are accustomed to getting cards QSL, confirming their reports about listening to assure that it can continue regardless of whether the essential broadcasting or Internet broadcasts. We are ready to send our listeners and electronic cards, and paper. As for QSL, it is not planned new releases. Italian edition of "Voice of Russia". (Editor/RUS-DX)

SAUDI ARABIA *BSKSA* Riyadh's daily English service towards West Africa OFF air on shortwave in 2014?

15250 1000-1230 English

But still WOODEN registrations in summer 2014 season, rather wishful thinking? The new Jeddah

transmitter and antennas are finished since 2 years, but at all not even in use on shortwave yet. And the old 10 x 500 kW chunks in Riyadh will also be renewed by new latest technique. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 4)

SEYCHELLES *BBC* Mahe relay final bcst on March 29, 2014:

15530 BBC 1100-1130 1234567 Somali
15595 BBC 1130-1500 Sat only Somali
17690 BBC 1400-1500 1234567 Somali
17745 BBC 1130-1230 Sat only Somali
(Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23)

SOLOMON ISLANDS 9545.000, *SIBC* Honiara heard on SDR remote unit in Queensland Australia at 0602. Report of public library for students, followed by "Song of the Hour" category. S=8-9 fair signal on Feb 11. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 11) 9545, *SIBC* - Voice of the Nation, monitoring from 0720 to 1002, Feb 7. Fair-good; usual format; long segment with "service messages"; many items about the new biometric voter registration system to be used for the upcoming elections; very nice local programming. Honiara sunset at 0748. "Eligible voters are advised to continue to listen to radio and check all forms of media outlets for update information about the whole process and its requirements that will enable you to successfully register". (Ron Howard-CA, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 11) 9545, Feb 13, 0757, *SIBC* - Voice of the Nation, 0757-0950. I know I am in a rut with this station, but it seems a shame not to enjoy it as much as possible when I have such good reception and they have such excellent local programming. Schedule of international flights; news in Pijin; speech before parliament; "service messages"; "bible reading"; "Derek Prince Legacy Radio" religious program; "Solomon Islands National University" program. Very readable! "S-IB-C is the voice of the voiceless, the marginalized, the powerless, the invisible and the unreachable. Information is power, so share your story with us and it will change the life of another person, community and a nation. S-I-B-C, Radio Happy Isles, Voice of the Nation." Sports promo - football/soccer Telekom S-League games this weekend at Lawson Tama Stadium, with Solomon Warriors vs Malaita Kings, etc. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

SRI LANKA Reception at 0115-0300 in Hindi with some sponsored religious EE. 11905 is from Trincomalee 125 kW beamed at 350 degrees. This service gets in to both North and South America pretty decently. Also 1115-1215 in South Indian languages on 9720. 1630-1835 on 11750 Sinhala with some English and Tamil announcements for Sri Lankans overseas including Italy. 125 kW but not daily, depending on sponsors for the show, usually commercial banks inviting workers to bank with them, answering their questions. (Victor Goonetilleke-Sri Lanka/DXplorer)

SURINAME 4989.99t, Feb 2, 0200, R Apintie (tent.) now the one on 4990. No trace of AIR Itanagar at this time. Apintie is normally always very weak here. (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin) Comment from Wolfgang Büschel in DXplorer: Radio Apintie from Paramaribo in Dutch, in our European morning very tiny signal UNDER THRESHOLD, no chance, measured always 4989.989 kHz footprint. 0655 UT Feb 2. 4990v, Radio Apintie from Paramaribo in Dutch, in our European morning very tiny signal UNDER THRESHOLD, no chance to get it, measured always 4989.989 footprint, today at 0655 Feb 2. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, DXplorer / wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 2)

TAJIKISTAN 7245, *V. of Tajik* hrd on 1/31 from Perseus site in Edmonton AB at armchair lvl from 0157 tune with open carrier. SINPO 45534 with a slight hi-pitched xmtr hum in backgnd but otherwise very good audio w/ polar flutter. Still going past 0300 w/ decent signal. On 1/31 hrd from home QTH from 0208 tune at lower sig strength (SINPO 25533) but actually improving to peak around 0300-0315 at S3. Still going at 0330, but in a fade. Best I have hrd this external svc in many yrs. Pgms were a mixture of vy interesting Tajik vocal & inst music and various man and woman announcers with perhaps news and other feature commentary. (Bruce Churchill-CA/DXplorer)

TUNISIA No shortwave transmissions from *RTT Sfax* in Tunisia anymore AT PRESENT this Febr 5. Noted RTT International in French at 2100 Febr 4, via satellite via Kathrein UFS932. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 4/5)

UAE Frequency change of *FEBA Radio* via Al Dhabaya:

0200-0215 NF7315 Urdu, ex7320

0215-0230 NF7315 Urdu Sun, ex7320

0215-0230 NF7315 Baluchi Mon-Wed, ex7320

0215-0230 NF7315 Sindhi Thu-Sat, ex7320

(DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 2)

UKRAINE 11980, *R Dniprovskia Khvylya*, Zaporizhia, 0810, Su Feb 02, Ukraine 1 broadcast of the concert in Kiev. Better reception mode USB. Interference from other radio stations were not observed, but noisy clutter. (Yegorov in RUS-DX # 753/DX Window)

URUGUAY 6125, *RNU* (Radiodifusión Nacional del Uruguay ex-SODRE) CXA 4, relaying CX26 1050 Radio Uruguay, reported to be reactivated with 250 W. Sked has not definitely confirmed but would be 0900-0300. (Source DX Club del Uruguay, its memorial wall in FB via Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Jan 23/DXplorer) Latest info confirms sked as 24h every day for the period the new replacement 4x813 set of tubes that allowed the reactivation remain operational from now on. BTW, the stn has already been hrd by DXer Arnaldo Slaen in BA, Argentina. (Horacio Nigro-Uruguay, Jan 24/DXplorer)

6125, *Radiodifusión Nacional Sodre*, transmitting to CX 26 Radio Uruguay, Montevideo, 20:42-21:02, January 24, Spanish language, Report from the Dirección Nacional de Meteorología; governmental announcements, complete identification with the list of relay stations in FM in different cities such as Colonia, Bella Unión, Artigas, Salto, Paysandu and Mercedes. News. "Informe Nacional Tercera Edición" at 2050. With news about Argentina and Uruguay. Identificación as: "Las emisoras de Radiodifusión Nacional del Uruguay.....vuelven a sus respectivas programaciones.....Radio Uruguay, 1050 AM...." Other ID as: "Somos Radio Uruguay, 1050 AM.....Radiodifusión Nacional del Uruguay". SINPO 44433. Thanks DXer Horacio Nigro for the tip! Log in the rural town of Fatima, located 61 kms from Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires with a Sony ICF2010 and EWE antenna. (Arnaldo Slaen-Argentina/DXplorer)

USA Overcome Ministry expands SW Bro Stair has embarked on a further expansion of his already extensive shortwave airtime. He has added multiple transmitter hours via World Harvest Radio, both on WHRI Cypress Creek South Carolina (-wh) and T8WH Palau (-pw). I heard him saying on 11 January that he is "now on over 20 shortwave transmitters 24 hours a day". (Dave Kenney-UK/British DX Club)

Updated winter B-13 schedule of **WINB**:

0000-0300 on 9265 English Daily
0300-0330 on 9265 English Sat-Thu
1215-1300 on 9265 English Sun
1300-1500 on 13570 English Sun
1500-1715 on 13570 English Sat/Sun
1715-2145 on 13570 English Daily
2145-2200 on 13570 Eng/Spa Mon-Fri
2145-2200 on 13570 English Sat/Sun
2200-2330 on 9265 English Daily
2330-2400 on 9265 English Tue-Sun
2330-2400 on 9265 Spanish Mon

Note: From March 1, 2014 WINB will broadcast the entire schedule on 9265. (DX RE Mix News)


VATICAN Radio Veritas Asia is being heard with excellent strength daily at 1500 in Filipino on 15320. (Allen Dean-UK/British DX Club) 15320 is relay from a Vatican Radio transmitter. (ed/British DX Club)

YEMEN Radio Yemen on frequency 6135. I have heard this Middle East station and wish to share the tip with you. Irregular catch now in English normally only in Arabic. Yemen Radio, Sanaa 6135 at 1830 till 1900. In English with international music then discussion on antiques of Yemen, news again 1857. "This is Radio Yemen from Sanaa". Little music then sign off at 1900. SIO 444. 30 Jan 2014. (Costa Constantinides-CYP, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews) Republic of Yemen Radio in English daily from 1800-1900 to Middle East on 6135. (WRTH Update)

THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS REORGANIZING. The BBG manages U.S. overseas broadcasting like VOA and Radio Marti. The BBG says it's established an interim management for its International Broadcast Bureau that appoints three executives to manage daily operations and helps pave the way for a future chief executive officer. Readers will recall Congress recently held hearings on the future of the BBG and witnesses who used to lead the body split between being for or against putting it back under the auspices of the USAID. The BBG is struggling to reduce duplication among the broadcasters and focus more of its

resources away from Cold War sites like Europe to reach current areas of conflict in the Middle East. Under the interim management structure, André Mendes becomes director of Global Operations, Robert Bole is now director of Global Strategy and Suzie Carroll becomes director of Global Communications. Mendes, Bole and Carroll will provide oversight and direction to Voice of America and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, as well as the other offices of the federal agency until a CEO is hired. BBG Board Chair Jeffrey Shell said the move prepares the IBB for reform. The board, meanwhile, has set up a committee to look for a CEO. Mendes has directed the IBB's Office of Technology, Services and Innovation for the past four years. Previously, he was Chief Technology Integration Officer for the Public Broadcasting Service, where he was responsible for both IT and broadcast engineering during a \$1.8 billion transition to digital television. Robert Bole joined the BBG in 2011 as Director of Innovation to lead the agency's use of technology to improve storytelling, news delivery and crisis response. Previously, Bole was vice president of Digital Media Strategies at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, where he helped lead the creation of a unified digital distribution platform. Suzie Carroll has been with the BBG since 2012. As BBG Executive Director, she is the principal liaison for the chairman and members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors and manages implementation of board priorities. Before being tapped by the board, she was the agency's Congressional Coordinator. (Radio World Newsbytes)

WRTH 2014 B13 UPDATES: The WRTH Publisher, Nickolas Hardyman, recently announced that they have uploaded a PDF of updates to the B13 schedules in the International section of WRTH 2014. Visit www.wrth.com to download the file from Latest PDF Updates. (Nicholas Hardyman)

Schedules, news and other information about short-wave broadcasting activity can be sent to Richard A D'Angelo, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610 or via e-mail to rdangelo3@aol.com (please indicate in the subject that your contribution is for Listeners Notebook). Thanks! 73, Rich 

Glenn Hauser's *World of Radio* schedule can be found at

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

Pirate Radio Report

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Greetings and welcome to the will winter ever end March edition of the pirate report.

The last thirty days has been great for pirate radio with good activity. By the logs it appears that Radio Free Whatever gets the nod for the most frequent broadcasts. However Undercover Radio gets the gold medal for the most reports for a single broadcast. On the HFU he had a log count near 35 reports. Another high lite of the month was a relay of a special commemorative show from WEAK Radio marking the 3rd anniversary of THE visit.

After reading this some of you will be traveling to Plymouth Meeting for the 2014 Winterfest where fun will be had by all. I see that the venerable George Zeller once again will be hosting the Pirate Radio Forum where I am sure he will be his usual entertaining self. I look forward to attending this year. So, I will see everyone there!

And now to the much appreciated logs.

Cat Radio, 6.925, 0207, 2/9/14. Rock, 0210 ID and e mail, surf type music, w/ ID's, "dragon man shall rule over earth", another surf guitar song, 0833 off after song. Fair. (Taylor-WI)

Boom Box Radio, 6872.7, 2333-2349, Jan 26. ID by a woman between songs but later noted a man announcer in English with program of loud music you would normally hear on a boom box. Good. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)

Captain Morgan Shortwave, 6.925, 0341-0356*, 02-09-14. SIO:444. IDs, Songs by T-Bear & The Dukes of Rhythm, Repeal. Off at 0356 after ID. (Lobdell-MA)

Captain Morgan, 6.925, 0229, 2/5/14. Rock, Twilight Zone theme, Chicago style blues, off 0238. Fair. (Taylor-WI)

CYOT, 6.960.8, 2/15/14. Animal sounds (clucking?), "Oh Canada" or parody, "This is

rock, CYOT Radio Service," indistinct talk, drumming, big band music. Talk was difficult to decipher. Good signal strength. (Taylor-WI)

Echo One, 6.955, 0225 - 0243, 2/6/14. Mellow Ballad, ID, 60's style girl band, program of varied music and ID's, "Hail to the Queen", 0243 off. Good. (Taylor-WI)

Everybody Knows, 6.925, at 0125, on 31 Jan. Pirate radio station playing music and DJ talking. Male speaker did ID as Station Everybody Knows. Fair (Cooper, PA)

Hard Tack Radio, 6.930U, 2256-2300*, Jan 27. program devoted to the Civil War period 1861-1865 with music and talk. Nice closing ID with hardtachradio@gmail.com address for reports. Very good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)

Left Lane Radio, 6.930U, 2312-1228*, Jan 27. man announcer with phonetics for ID announcing 6925 but on 6930. Played tunes by Bob Dylan and the Turtles. Gave e-mail address as leftlaneradio@gmail.com. Very good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)

Radio Free Whatever, 6.925, 0214-0312*, 02-14-14. SIO: 555. "QRM" themed show with armchair copy from start to finish! Chatter by Dick Weed and Stephen mentioning Brother Stair. Metal tunes by Fastway, Megadeath, Testament. (Lobdell-MA)

Radio Free Whatever, QRM Metal Show , 6.924, at 0035, on 9 Feb. DJ Dickweed and company talking about Brother Stair and all the air time he can afford. The DJ's dedicated the next Heavy metal song to him "When Heaven Comes Down!" DJs did a station/program ID before song played as the QRM Metal Show. Good. (Cooper, PA)

Radio Free Whatever, 6.925U, 2134-2305*, 02-02-14. SIO:555. Great signal with sign on with Russian NA, ID, t-shirt plug. Songs by Ladyhawke, Group Love. Signal held up throughout the show. (Lobdell-MA)

- Radio Free Whatever**, 6.925, 0042, 2/9/14. Music, 0046 ID sequence and announcements, song by Anthrax, Dick Weed with music list and talk - "QRN show," more talk, "Until next time ... Whatever." 0053 off. (Taylor-WI)
- Radio Free Whatever**, 6.925U, 0056, 2/9/14. Olympics theme, Dick Weed and Steven with ID, talk about the RFW T shirts & announcing this is the QRN show - repeat of show on AM immediately before? Good. (Taylor-WI)
- Radio Free Whatever**, 6.925, 2240, 2/2/14. Rock, Dick Weed and Steven talking about the Superbowl and Packers not getting there, ID. Fair. (Taylor-WI)
- Radio Free Whatever**, 6.925, 0355, 2/3/14. Soviet NA, Dick Weed and Steven with ID and talk, reminder to get RFW T shirt for new transmitter (or vodka). Good. (Taylor-WI)
- Radio Free Whatever**, 6.925, 0107, 2/16/14. Talking about T shirt fund raiser being extended, ID, into program of rock and ID's with talk. Good. (Taylor-WI)
- Radio Ga Ga**, 6.925U, 1348-1426*, 02-01-14. SIO: 121. Weak with rock tunes, heard "I Walk The Line" by J. Cash at 1420. Off at 1426 after ID from Zipper Lake. (Lobdell-MA)
- Radio Jihad**, 6.910, 2136-2157*, 01-30-14. SIO: 232. Arab music, ID's as "Radio Jihad - Your terror station". Transmitter troubles at end. Assume this is a parody. (Lobdell-MA)
- Rave on Radio**, 6.925, 2303, 2/8/14. Series of 5 SSTV broadcasts (I guess there were a few earlier that I missed.) Map of Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei, "Wake the f*** up!," "This has been a PSA from Rave on Radio." All legible. (Taylor-WI)
- 6925 USB PIRATE-NA. **Radio Ronin SW**, 0243-0245*, 01-26-14. SIO: 333. Just caught tail end of show with Donovan's "Hurdy Gurdy Man", station ID and salute to our military. (Lobdell-MA)
- Radio Ronin Shortwave**, 6.925, 0044-0109, Jan 27. Rock music hosted by a male announcer with ID at 0053. Good signal and first time heard in a long while. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- Radio Ronin SW**, 6.925, 0045-0111*, 01-27-14. SIO: 333. Henry Sheppard playing "Blues Deluxe" by Joe Bonamassa, station ID, morse code. Off at 0111 "until next time". (Lobdell-MA)
- Radio True North/RTN**, 6.955, 0319-0330+, 02-09-14. SIO: 121. Dance type tunes. just even with the noise floor. (Lobdell-MA)
- Radio True North/RTN**, 6.925, 0300-0339*, 02-03-14. SIO: 232. Cool AM Relay by RTN. Pop tunes, frequent IDs. RTN ID at QRT. (Lobdell-MA)
- Radio True North**, 6955.4, 0250, 2/9/14. Listening to slowly increasing signal until rock slowly came up and at 0302 ID and some talk. Poor to fair. (Taylor-WI)
- Radio Free Whatever**, 6930, 0032-0118*, Jan 28. DJ Dick Weed hosting old time radio program originally from 1943 with much discussion about the second world war and music from that time period. DJ Weed returned at end of program for close down. Fair to good signal with some deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- The Crystal Ship/TCS Relay Network**, 6.925, 2320-0037*, 01-27/28-14. SIO: 343. John Poet with his "War Is Not The Answer" war protest tunes show with artists such as Buffalo Springfield, Country Joe & The Fish, Billy Joel, Pete Seeger, Moody Blues, Pink Floyd, Rush, John Lennon. Well done!
- WEAK Radio**, 6.925U, 2238, 2/15/14. Pto-mainie café ad, g mail address, rock, ID, more rock on to program of punk / indie music, fake ads and ID's. Good. (Taylor-WI)
- Whisky Radio Radio**, 6.930U, 0112-0143*, Jan 27. man announcer hosting program of music with fake early sign off around 0120 but seemed to come back on with more talks and tune saying he was taking requests at 1-800-norequests. Poor signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)

WHYP, 6.925, at 2213, on 8 Feb. Station playing rock music. At 2214 DJ came on and stated he was switching transmitters to compare signals. Station went off the air for about a minute and then came on very strong at 2216 with a Vaudeville type song playing. DJ came on at 2220 and did station ID. He also stated he could hear an improvement with the other transmitter. Good. (Cooper, PA)

Wolverine Radio, 6.950U, 0106, 2/9/14. 2, 30's songs, "sunny side of the street," ID, another "street" song; 0205 SSTV (street scene with "Wolverine Radio") on with program of - "street" themed songs. Great signal. (Taylor-WI)

Wolverine Radio ID, 6.925U, Feb 9 at 0120, a third pirate is now active with jazzy vocal from the 40s? "Chestnut Street"; 0122 and more music. Good signal, as usual better than the others on the band at the time. Still on and another ID at 0148 (Hauser, OK)

Wolverine Radio, 6.925U, 0202-0215*, Feb 15. Man announcer with "Wolverine Radio" ID at 0206 surrounded by a bunch of Valentine's Day lyric musical selections. Off suddenly. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)

Wolverine Radio, 6.930U, 0033, 2/15/14. Montage of love songs - 1 line from each, 0042 ID, 3 versions of "My funny valentine," ID, 3 Valentine themed songs, ID, etc. Good. (Taylor-WI)

Wolverine Radio, 6.940U, 0157-0230+, 01-26-14. .SIO: 343. Playing songs with the word "school" and "run" in the titles of songs. Quick "Wolverine Radio" IDs, no contact, no QSLs but does transmit SSTV images. (Lobdell-MA)

WRR - Whiskey Redneck Radio, 6933.4, 2353, 2/15/14. Rock, ID, talk about taking a fall off a bike, ID, "back to the music" and a program of rock and talk with ID's. Fair. Back on at 2357 with 1 song, dead air. 0059 Ranchero music, 0004 ID and talk to metal music. Still fair. Either still on or on again by 0220 with Spanish rap, 0143 ID and talk, then apparently off for the evening. (Taylor-WI)

XFM, 6.925, 0135-0324+, 01-31-14. SIO: 444/121. Red Hat playing cover tunes of rock hits by artists such as Seether, 311, The Killers, Ska Daddyz, Animal Ant Farm, Five Finger Death Punch. IDs, talking about music. Revisiting tunes and discovering they were not the masterpieces we thought they were when we were teens, etc. nice show. (Lobdell-MA)

X-FM, 6.925, 0253 - 0516, 2/16/14. Song about AM radio, ID, TC, talked about thunder storms off E. coast and Valentine's day being a commercial holiday, playing love songs, started one. Into program of love songs, talk, shout outs and ID's at breaks, last break, mellow instrumental, "Music to the power of X", 0516 off. Great signal! (Taylor-WI)

XL88, 6.925U, 2318-2349*, 02-10-14. SIO: 333. Rock tunes, quick IDs, heard "Flyswatter" by The Eels. Good SSB audio. (Lobdell-MA)

XL88, 6.930U, 0103-0118+, 02-01-14. SIO: 333. Tuned in to "Mystic Man" by Peter Tosh, then heard tunes by John Foxx and The Specials. Quick ID at 0118. (Lobdell-MA)

73's and I'll see you at the Fest!



Contribute!

Send your loggings and QSL information off to our Distributing Editor, **Steve Handler** (Address: Steve Handler, 113 McHenry Rd #178, Buffalo Grove IL 60089-1796). He will forward them to the appropriate editor. Remember, Steve also distributes QSL report information and totals for the **Scoreboard** column. He can also be reached through the Internet at: handlersmail-naswa@yahoo.com.

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Nous avons le plaisir de confirmer votre rapport d'écoute du 12-18-1978 de 5 h 23 GMT à 5 h 51 sur une ou plusieurs des longueurs d'ondes ou fréquences suivantes :

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 RADIO-BUEA : 2070 KHZ - 6005 KHZ.

of KRS World Radio and marks the 60th Anniversary of the station. I also rcvd. a few station stickers and a couple of weeks later a very nice KRS World Radio Desk Calendar featuring "Vibrant Scenes from Korea". (Roe-UK).

FRANCE: "Grass an Bord" NDR
 * 9435 The station verified my email rpt. w/ an email reply in 13 ds. from Walter Brodowski, Head of Short-wave, Senior Expert Sales at Media Broadcast. (D'Angelo-PA).

STATION NOTES: Radio 9 de Julho 9819.4 v/s Padre Jose Renato Ferreira, Director. Addr: Rua Manoel de Arzao 85, Freguesia do O', Sao Paulo CEP-02730-030, Brasil. **RWM Russian Time Signal Station** 9996 Email: logp@irk.ru Addr: Institute of Meteorology for Time and Space (IMPV), Moscow Region, Mendeleev, RU-141570, Russia. **VWV** 16528 v/s Navin Chand and Email: n.chandran@bom.gov.au **Radio Thunderbird** 5835 Addr: SRS Germany, Postfach 101145, DE-99801 Eisenbach, Germany. **Voz Missionaria** 5940 Addr: Rua Joaquim Nunes 244 Centro Camboriu, SC CEP-88340-000, Brasil. v/s Pastor Luiz Carlos Machado, Director. **Radio New Zealand International** 5950 v/s Adrian Sainsbury, Frequency Manager. **Radio Nacional Amazonas** 6180 v/s Mrs. Luciana Couto, Coordenadora Relacoes Internacionais. Addr: Caixa Postal 070.747, Brasilia CEP-70359-970, Brasil. **Radio Thailand** 7205 Email: manager_thailand@tha.ibb.gov.via PLAY DX



GERMANY (East): "Grass an Bord" of NDR 6040 via **Nauen** same as the above info from France. (D'Angelo-PA).

LITHUANIA: Radio Waves International 5990 via **Sitkunai** QSL sheet rcvd. in 14 ds. for an email rpt. to: rwaves@free.fr. The QSL is for their 30th anniversary broadcast and is numbered 30-46. I also rcvd. a sample of their RWI Newsletter. (Roe-UK).

ROMANIA: Radio City
 * 7290 via **Italian Radio Relay Service** Email QSL rcvd. in 15 min. for a rpt. to: citymorecars@yahoo.ca. The QSL features a car in Taiwan that is actually a Mazda mini-bus that has been re-modelled into what looks like a VW. (Roe).

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QSL LISTENER'S REPORT
 DATE 12/1/78.....

We have the pleasure to confirm the exactitude of your listener's report of 11-11-78 on 604 at 21:10 GMT on the frequency of 4.750 khz of which we overwhelmingly thank you.

ADDRESS: RADIO CAMEROON BERTOUA,
 P.O.Box 22 Bertoua,
 United Republic of Cameroon.
 Tel: 24.10.45

Morning & Evening : 4.750khz on 63m
 Afternoon : 7.165khz on 41m

Ann: Ici Bertoua, station provinciale de la Radiodiffusion de la République Unie du Cameroun.

This is Bertoua, Our provincial station of Radio Cameroon, Int.Signal: Flute and drums.

TAJIKISTAN: Radio Voice of Russia 12075 via **Yanqi** The station verified my email rpt. w/ an email reply from Elena Oasipova, Letters Department in 2 days. She indicated that a QSL will be sent to me via regular mail. (D'Angelo-PA).

USA: KVOH The Voice of Hope 17775 the station verified their test transmission w/ a f/d "Map" cd. in 8 ds. from v/s Ray Robinson, Operations Manager. (D'Angelo-PA). **Radio Africa Network** 17790 via **WRMI** QSL arrived in 10 ds. for an online rpt. to: radiopan am.com The station included a ltr. which says, firstly and incorrectly, that I heard the Radio Africa Network from Equatorial Guinea, and secondly and also incorrectly, that I heard Radio East Africa. Has anyone ever heard a Radio East Africa ID

STATION NOTES: Radio Taiwan International 3965 Addr: PO Box 24-38 Taipei, Taiwan. **Voice of Kuanghua** 9745 Addr: P.O. Box 1700, Taipei 10099, Taiwan. **Deutsche Welle** 9380 via **Dushanbe** Email: info@dw-world.de

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250 kW

Antenna:
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Email address:
Dae@vii.com.au

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7th May 2002

Dear richard,

Thank you for your reception report as detailed -

Date 15th/05/02
Frequency 13685
Time 1021-1053

kHz
UTC

We are happy to confirm our transmission as noted in your reception report.

Please check out our website for more information.

Thank you for your interest.

Regards



Mr Richard Daniel
Business Services Manager

6924.5 The station verified my email report w/ an email reply in one day from Tony, aka The Doctor, aka Doctor Who. He noted that their

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QSL for Self & Barbara JR

We are pleased to certify your reception of STAR radio, Liberia

Date: 21-23 03 UTC
Time: 11:05:14Z
Frequency: 13685.412
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any time in recent years? (Roe-UK). **WHRI World Harvest Radio** 17510 QSL cd. in 126 ds. for an online rpt. The QSL marks the 25th anniversary of WHRI in 2010 (Roe-UK).

USA (Pirates): MAC Shortwave Radio

RFE/RL, Vinohradska 159a, 100 00 Praha 10, Czech Republic...via PLAY DX...Sam.

main computer is down so eQSLs and the standard QSLs do not exist at the moment. He said to keep bugging them during a future broadcast and hopefully they will be able to issue a QSL. (D'Angelo-PA).

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Kracker Radio 6900 The station verified an electronic report w/ a "Santa crashing his sled into an alien space ship" and a "Happy Holidays from Radio Jamba International" cd. in one day. (D'Angelo-PA). **Boom Box Radio 6930** The station verified an electronic rpt. w/ a f/d laminated card from v/s DJ LT (The "Light Torch") in 7 days indicating 40 watts output w/ a Johnson Ranger transmitter. They also sent along a

a very nice cover letter. This was a replacement for an earlier reply that my wife tossed into the trash as junk mail! Thanks DJ LT! (D'Angelo-PA)... That's cruel and unusual punishment and grounds for divorce. I know a few good attorneys...Sam.

St.: Samuel L. Barto




TGW RADIO NACIONAL, se complace por este medio en confirmar su reporte de recepción en la frecuencia de
6180 KHz, del día. ---

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Muy agradecidos por su reporte reciba un saludo del
«Pala de los Hermanos Kuhnauers»
BOULEVARD...

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LA VOZ DE UN PUEBLO EN MARCHA
1110 KHZ HND L. LANGA 4920 KHZ ONDA CORTA
BANDA 60 METROS
Apertado 20 11 Programa, Yato, Honduras, C. A.

HRPL:HRP13

16 de Marzo 1973

Estimado Samuel L. Barto :

Muy atentamente le estoy dando contestación a su carta recibida el 15 de Marzo 1973 y agradeciendole los informes que nos da de nuestra emisora.


El fin que Radio Progreso se propone es contribuir a satisfacer las necesidades educacionales, culturales, y religiosas de la amplia región que sirve.

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Acusamos su reporte de fecha 11 de Abril 1973 de nuestra poderosa onda corta desde las 04:15 horas G. M. T. / Hora Local hasta las 04:33 horas G. M. T. Hora Local.



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Hit Parage Radio 6924.4 The station verified my electronic report w/ a f/d eQSL "Counting them down until we get to the #1 song" reply in 4 days from v/s Dale Doorman. The QSL indicated it was "The reactivated Hit Parade Radio". (D'Angelo-PA) **Indira Calling 6875** f/d photo sheet by email in 1 day from Vijay Nehru. Email is: indiracalling@gmail.com. Do not confuse this station w/ Partial India Radio! (Lobdell-MA) **My New Underpants 6950** f/d "Underpants Man" cd. in 3 wks. from Rox 1, Belfast, NY 14711. Also rcvd.WBNY stickers, etc. (Lobdell-MA).

Pretty good QSL Column this month. Thanks everyone for reporting. No correct answer to my question last month. I give it one more month. 73's...Sam

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RX340, Alpha Delta DX Sloper
R-390 & 391As, Mackay 5050A, WJ HF-1000A
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RX340, R75, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, 90' lw, 100m loop
HF150
Eton Mini 300, whip antenna
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FRG-7, DX-398/ATS-909, YB400, ICF SW-07
YachtBoy 400PE
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RX340, WinRadio, Alpha Delta DX sloper
NRD-545, 535D, R8. IC746Pro, E1, Sat 800, Flex EWE

The switch from the B-13 to the A-14 season will take place later this month so be prepared for the change in frequencies.

73 and Good DX to all- Steve Handler



2000-5900 kHz

Tropical Band Loggings

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- 2325 **AUSTRALIA VL8T** Tennant Creek 1115-1127 W ancr interviewing M; couple of vcl selections sandwiched around an ABC ID & phone number ito get in touchi; fair but //2485 VL8K Katherine was poor; 1/28. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 3185 **USA WWRB** Manchester 0056 WWRB finally back w/ TOM's alarming theme mx; while 3215 WWRB is in mx fill, "As Time Goes By", but now presumably for unsold time as often heard on this channel rather than an outage; 1/25. (Hauser-OK)
- 3200 **SWAZILAND TWR** Manzini 0310 (P); M ancr in listed N'deble; apparently preaching; fair; 2/6. (Taylor-WI)
- 3215 **USA WWCR** Nashville 0634 No more Bro. Stair here; WWCR-1 instead filling w/ "Worldwide Country"; somebody yodeling, then introducing a Buck Owens tune; while non-yodeling BS remains on 3185 WWRB; 2/4. (Hauser-OK)
- 3240 **SWAZILAND TWR** Manzini 0311 (P); Two M ancres in discussion in listed Shona; fair; 2/6. (Taylor-WI) 0330-0340* Childrens choir; 0332 M ancr in listed Ndau; 0335 mx; 0338 s/off ancments & mx bits followed by the stn going off the air at 0340; f-p; 2/8. (Cooper-PA)
- 3310 **BOLIVIA R. Mosoj Chaski** Cochabamba 2330-2344 W ancr w/ talk & rustic vcls; poor; 1/27. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX) 0930 M ancr in Quecha; again noted at 1020 w/ mx; 1/31. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3320 **NORTH KOREA Pyongyang BS** Pyongyang 0400 M & W ancres in discussion; 0408 mx bit & more talk followed by M vcl; poor; 2/8. (Cooper-PA)
- 3320 **SOUTH AFRICA R. Sondergrense** Meyerton 0316 (P); Prg of contemporary mx w/ M ancr in Afrikaans; fair; 2/6. (Taylor-WI)
- 3325 **INDONESIA-KALIMANTAN RRI Palangkaraya** 1352 Poor carrier, trace of modulation; (P) RRI Palangkaraya rather than PNG; & very poor carrier on 3345-(P) RRI Ternate; Atsunori Ishida

- shows both are quite active lately; 1/24. (Hauser-OK) 1323-1328 (P); Talk in Indo by W anc heard on a very weak sig; barely above noise lvl w/ fading; much better than usual Indo reception conditions today w/ Makassar strong on 4749.96; no PNG carriers heard; 1/25. (Evans-TN)
- 3345 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa** Meyerton 0310 (P); W anc in EE w/ only a few words coming through; poor; 2/6. (Taylor-WI)
- 3375.1 **BRAZIL R. Municipal** São Gabriel da Cachoeira 1020-1025 M anc w/ PP mx & talk; 1/31. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3905 **PNG-NEW IRELAND R. New Ireland** Kavieng 1331-1338 (P); Audio heard for the second time this month on the weak carrier sometimes observed on 3905; sounded like pop &/or C&W mx occasionally peaking above the noise w/ a few words by M anc at times; very weak sig w/ fading & ARO interference; definitely there, but very marginal; 1/24. (Evans-TN)
- 3912 **SOUTH KOREA V. of the People** Kyonggi-do 1331-1338 M anc in KK heard beneath the jammer; weak w/ fading; 1/24. (Evans-TN)
- 3925 **JAPAN R. Nikkei 1** Tokyo-Nagara 1213-1224 M anc w/ brief JJ talks hosting mx prg; fair but //6055 was poor; 1/27. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX) 1223 M anc in JJ; poor; 2/8. (Figliozzi-FL)
- 3945 **JAPAN R. Nikkei 2** Tokyo-Nagara 1217-1228 Pop mx prg w/ M anc in JJ; poor w/ heavy amateur radio operators causing QRM; 1/27. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 3955 **UNITED KINGDOM KBS World Radio** Woofferton 2221-2230* EE svc w/ pop mx prg; nice ID at closedown; closed w/ final vcl which was cut midway through song; p-f; 1/26. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 4055 **GUATEMALA R. Verdad** Chiquimula 1208-1215 M anc in SS; f-g; have heard them many times over the years which is amazing considering the very low power, 650-700w, of their txmitter; 1/23. (Handler-IL) 1129 (P); M anc in JJ over mellow mx; f-g; 2/1. (Taylor-WI) 0414-0544 M preacher w/ EE relg talk over organ mx; 0548 W vcls; f-g; 2/2 & 8. (Cooper-PA)
- 4450 **SOUTH KOREA V. of the People** Kyonggi-do 2216-2237 W anc w/ very long talk in KK; poor; fair on //6600; 1/26. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 4699.9 **BOLIVIA R. San Miguel** Riberalta 0940 "amigos de ..." M anc in rapid SS into bass driven mx; M vcl at 1013; 1/31. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4750 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar** Shavar 1243-1259 (P); Bangladesh mixing w/ Makassar at similar lvl w/ a slight freq separation; M & W anc followed by SC mx; talk 1251-1252, then more mx; good peak during mx 1258-1259; y as yet unidentified lcl noise machine kicked in just before 1300; poor to moderate sig w/ fading; could not ID the lang (English/Bangla per schedule), but definitely SC mx, sometimes mixing w/ Indo ballads from Makassar; 1/22. (Evans-TN) 1310 Talk in listed Bengali; poor; 2/7. (Brossell-WI)
- 4750 **CHINA PBS Qinghai** Xining 1206 (T); Jumble of sigs at first t/in; on re-tune at 1234 Western-sounding pop mx; 1241 M & W anc then recorded ads/promos; deduced PBS Qinghai due to directional sig, pop mx, which is not generally heard on CNR or Bangladesh; but RRI Makassar still possible though it has been irregular & has 20kW vs 50kW for PBS; 2/8. (Figliozzi-FL)
- 4750 **INDONESIA-SULAWESI RRI Makassar** 1555 Soft spoken M anc in Indo; lcl pop mx; fair but starting to fade; 2/14. (Delmage-AB)
- 4760 **LIBERIA ELWA Radio** Monrovia 2339-0000* (P); M anc hosting mx prg; sig was quite poor in noisy conditions making understanding talk segments difficult; appeared to close w/ choral anthem; 1/27. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX) 2337-0000* Choral mx & EE relg ballads w/ brief anc in EE between selections; soft spoken M anc w/ s/off ancment & ID at 2358 followed by NA; fair in ECCS-USB; 1/30. (Barbour-NH) 2259-2312 Non-stop relg mx w/ no ID at ToH; fair; 2/14. (Delmage-AB)
- 4754.92 **BRAZIL R. Imaculada Conceicao** Campo Grande 2312-2335 Weak audio at t/in w/ various PP anc & mx bits; improving by 2320; even better by 2330; (T) jingle ID at 2334 to the tune of "Happy Birthday to You"; more anc talk; fair in ECCS-LSB; 1/30. (Barbour-NH)
- 4765 **CUBA R. Progreso** 0134-0258* Mx; M anc w/ talk, but w/ so much reverb unintelligible; 0137 M anc between mx selection; e-mail for Radio Progreso at 0200; (P) nx & wx; ad string; more mx & IDs until suddenly off at 0258; p-g; 1/19. (Prodan-ME) 0318 LA mx; M anc w/ ID & iHabana Cubai; more mx at 0320; good; 2/2. (Cooper-PA)
- 4775 **PERU R. Tarma** Tarma 2306-2334 M & W anc in SS followed by rustic OA vcls; more talk by M anc between musical selections w/ periodic IDs; fair; 1/26. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 4780 **DJIBOUTI RTD** Atta 0354-0415 HoA mx selections thru ToH; brief M anc in AA at 0415 & right back to mx; good w/ occ. ALE burst; best here in quite some time; 1/31. (Barbour-NH) 0322 M anc in AA; HoA-type song at 0326 w/ a W vcl; 0330 M anc; v. weak sig, S-5 to S-6 on meter w/ high QRM lvl; very poor; 2/2. (Cooper-PA)
- 4789.9 **PERU R. Visión** Chiclayo 1100-1113 M anc in SS but distorted sig w/ distinct hum; difficult copy; 1/31. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4800 **CHINA CNR-1** Geermu 1218-1232 W anc in CC; soon into drama w/ numerous children speaking, dramatic mx, etc.; poor w/ CODAR; 1/27. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)

- 4805 **BRAZIL R. Difusora do Amazonas** Manaus 0957 Noted during band scan w/ M anc in PP; 1016 sig still strong; 1/21. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4810 **PERU R. Logos** Chazuta 1120-1127 (P); Noted in passing w/ rustic OA vcls; M anc w/ SS talk; poor reception due to heavy CODAR interference; 1/27. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX) 1110-1115 Vclist ments de El Senor, into flauta Andina; good; 1/30. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4824,49 **PERU LV de la Selva** Iquitos 1057-1105 Vclist mixing w/ CODAR but much improved sig; several ments de "Madre de Dios" into instrumental mx; 1/30. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4835 **AUSTRALIA VL&A** Alice Springs 1330 World nx; f-g; 1/21. (Brossell-WI)
- 4835 **PERU R. Ondas de Sur Oriente** Quillabamba 1112-1123 (P); OA vcls hosted by W anc in SS; v. poor w/ very heavy splatter via 4840-WWCR making this badly squeezed; 1/28. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 4840 **INDIA AIR Mumbai** 0022-0038 (P); Format of Hindi mx w/ brief anc between selections; W anc w/ (P) nx at 0030; M anc comments at 0035 & right back to W; fair w/ increasing noise by t/out; 1/29. (Barbour-NH)
- 4840 **USA WWCR** Nashville 1213 "World Wide Country Radio"; 1215 contact info; Bill Monroe & the Bluegrass Boys, Carter Family & others; f-g; 1/9. (Prodan-ME)
- 4850 **CHINA Xinjiang PBS** Urumqui 1305 M anc in listed Kazakh; f-p; 1/22. (Brossell-WI)
- 4885 **BRAZIL R. Clube de Para** Belem 0321 M anc in emphatic tones; 0323 ID followed by various ancrs; loud sig but v. "fuzzy"; 1/14. (Prodan-ME)
- 4920 **TIBET PBS Xijang** Lhasa 1158 M anc in listed Tibetan; anthem; ID at ToH by W anc; not //4820; 2/8. (Figliozi-FL)
- 4930 **BOTSWANIA VOA** Moepeing Hill 0410 W anc in EE re \$25K being spent; lot of QRN at this time & barely readable; poor; 2/2. (Cooper-PA) 0428 W anc w/ talk re Syrian chem weapons; 0429 brief mx interlude followed by ID; fair; 2/8. (Cooper-PA)
- 4940 **CHINA V. of the Strait** Fuzhou 1214-1242 W & M ancrs in CC; mx fanfare at 1218 followed by several ancrments before nx continued; mx noted at 1236 as the sig began to f/down; f-g; 1/28. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX) 1321 CC talk; this highly-variable sig was poor today; 1/28. (Brossell-WI) 1310 Talks in CC; fair; 2/6. (Brossell-WI) 1154 W vcl; W anc in CC; fair; 2/8. (Figliozi-FL)
- 4940 **SÃO TOME VOA** Pinheira 2050 Mx; 2054 M & W ancrs in EE; 2055 VOA ID; mx until ID at 2059 s/off; poor; 1/25. (Cooper-PA)
- 4955 **PERU R. Cultural Amauta** Huanta 1110 Locatura en español; pleasant voice w/ strong sig; 1/30. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4960 **SÃO TOME VOA** Pinheira 0423 M ancrs in EE discussion re difference between bad dreams & nightmares; also the effects stress may have on sleep patterns; poor; 2/2. (Cooper-PA)
- 4976 **UGANDA UBC Radio** Kampala 2133-2252 Nx magazine feature in EE followed by UBC Radio ID & M anc hosting mx prg; DJ anc mentioned shortwave during one of his long talks between musical selections; poor; 1/27. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 4990 **SURINAME R. Apintie** Paramaribo 0659-0711 Various mx selections: pop, dance, salsa w/ brief anc in listed Dutch & 0701 & 0708; f-g in ECCS-USB; 1/31. (Barbour-NH) 0930-0947 (T); M anc into mx at 0940; sig fair w/ fades; W anc at 0947 in (P) Dutch; 1/31. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5025 **CUBA R. Rebelde** Havana 0015 Woody Woodpecker song in traditional Cuban mx instrumentation!; 0019 "Dance of the Hours"; off suddenly at 0023 for 3 minutes & back in middle of ancrment; mx continued in similar style; ID at 0130; f-g; 1/18. (Prodan-ME) 0117 Two M ancrs in SS; one kept stating Puerto Rico & Europa; almost sounded like they were talking about a soccer game; good; 1/25. (Cooper-PA) 0657 R. Rebelde is off again, while 5040 & all the 6 MHz RHC EE freqs are still running; Rebelde was on earlier in the evening as usual now; 1/25. (Hauser-OK) 0031 ID & M anc in SS; mx interlude & into what sounded like a nx rpt; good; 2/1. (Cooper-PA)
- 5040 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0301 M & W anc in SS w/ nx; loud & clear; //6060; 1/19. (Prodan-ME)
- 5050 **CHINA Beibu Bay Radio** Nanning 1211 (T); Mx; too weak to confirm Vietnamese, which is sked at this time; 2/8. (Figliozi-FL)
- 5085 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 0029 World of Radio 1705 monitoring: confirmed at 0029:21 via WTWW-2; 1/26. (Hauser-OK)
- 5110v **USA WBCQ** Monticello 0241 CUSB; Still Bro. Stair-ing here; (P) for the last time on this freq w/ reversion to certain hours on 7490 & 15420 only, the rest of February; 2/1. (Hauser-OK) 0158 WBCQ IS & ID loop is playing so must be just about to s/on; 0200 opening an "Allan Weiner Worldwide" playback w/ "William Tell Overture" theme & his usual sermon; 2/9. (Hauser-OK)
- 5830 **USA WTTW** Lebanon 0500:54 On WTTW-1; good but not super sig & some fading; 2/9. (Hauser-OK)
- 5860 **CHINA V. of Jinting** Nanning 1310 (P); W anc in CC over traditional CC mx; fair; 2/6. (Taylor-WI)
- 5860 **SRI LANKA R. Farda** Iranawila 2321-2330 Mx; M & W ancrs in listed Farsi; pips at BoH into M anc; fair; 1/19. (Handler-IL)
- 5865 **FRANCE R. Algerienne Chaine** Issodun 0425 Solo M vclist w/ several lines answered by a chorus of M in the same tone; not quite chanting; 0430 M ancrs w/ mx bit; 0431 W anc in (P) AA; good; 2/2. (Cooper-PA)

International Band Loggings

5901-30000 kHz

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
- 5900 **RUSSIA VOR**, Vladivostok. 1250 w/W in CC. Poor. 2/8 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 5935 **IRAN Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran** - Sirjan, 2103-2120* Jan 26, Albanian language program with a woman announcer with extensive talks and some music. ID at closedown. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 5950 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand International**, 13:08 to 13:36 with an ID at 13:34, SINFO=2,5,4,3,3, 1/4. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 5950 **ETHIOPIA Voice of Tigray Revolution** - Mekele, *0256-0324 Jan 27, familiar flute-like IS Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6005 **ASCENSION ISLANDS BBC World Service**, 0515-0544 Jan 12, News, sports and other news-related features with BBC ID at 0530 followed by more news related features. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6010 **BRAZIL presumed R. Inconfidencia Belo Horizonte** 0905-0920 Jan 13 PP; M announcer w/ what sounded like a call-in prg; ads/promos at 0913; poor-fair in ECCS-LSB. (Barbour-NH)
- 6055 **RWANDA Radio Rwanda**, 0335-0404 Jan 28, non-stop African vocal selections with man noted with French talk joined by a woman announcer. Apparent news at 0400 but doing quite badly and squeezed by Havana on 6,060 kHz. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6055 **SPAIN REF** 0025+ in English, blues song by Son House "Don't you mind if someone grins in your face" perf by guest from Belgium? Interview - talk about dobro, Son House & Robert Johnson; (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 6055 **JAPAN R. Nikkei 1**, Nagara 1255 w/M&W in lively conversation in JJ. (3925 fade out by this time.) Fair. 2/8 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 6070 **KOREA (North) Voice of Korea** - Pyongyang, 1100-1113 Jan 28, choral marching band music Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6080 **BRAZIL presumed R. Marumby Curitiba** 0834-0848 Jan 13 PP; Announcer w/ talk; ad string; mx w/ announcer between selections; poor, but improving, under QRN floor in ECCS-USB. (Barbour-NH)
- 6100 **BOSNIA International Radio of Serbia** - Bijeljina, *2158-2230* Jan 7, IS followed by opening of English service with woman announcer giving ID followed by news Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6100 **BOSNIA International Radio of Serbia** - Bijeljina, *2100-2217 Jan 26, IS followed by opening of German language program. French program commenced at 2130 and English followed at 2200. Fair to good but somewhat muffled audio. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6110 **ETHIOPIA Radio Fana** - Addis Poor to fair signal. . (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6130 **LAOS Lao National Radio**, Vientiane, 1234-1310. Initially heard two signals of poor quality (Laos and PBS Xizang, Tibet) mixing with talk and music. . Tibet remained mostly constant at poor strength and was also heard on parallel 6110. Another result of enhanced conditions this week. 1/12/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 6135 **BRAZIL R. Aparecida** 0855-0900 Jan 13 PP; Mx/ads at t/in; passing ment. "Aparecida"; pips at ToH then battling for dominance w/ presumed R. Santa Cruz-Bolivia *0900 s/on; fair-poor. (Barbour-NH)
- 6155 **INDIA All India Radio** - Aligarh, 0126-0211 Jan 28, chanting until man announcer with Urdu talk, ID followed by music fanfare and the news at 0130. Fair signal with some fading. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6160 **NEWFOUNDLAND CBC** ~2240-2300 Cross-Country Checkup, disc of Canada's military mission in Afghanistan; good 1/29 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 6165 **IRAN Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran** - Kamalabad, *2020-2043 Jan 26, opening music followed by a woman announcer with ID and announcements in Spanish language followed by Quran recitation. Music fanfare at 2030 followed by news. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6180 **BRAZIL Radio Nacional da Amazonia**, 8:31 to 9:00 with an ID at 8:59, in Portuguese, SINFO=2,5,5,4,3., 12/23. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 6240 **CHINA/TAIWAN CNR-1** 1310-1318 in Mandarin with male and female 9-14 (Handler-IL)
- 6240 **TAIWAN Sound of Hope R. Int.**, Paochung 1303 in CC battling mainland jamming. Poor. 2/8 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 6250 **KOREA, DPR Echo of Unification**, Pyongyang. 1305. W spkg in KK. Tuned in LSB, noise jamming on USB. Poor. 2/8 (Figliozzi, FL)

- 6827 **PIRATE (No. Am.) Boom Box Radio**, 2333-2349 Jan 26, ID by a woman between songs but later noted a man announcer in English with program of loud music you would normally hear on a boom box. Good. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6925 **AM PIRATE (No. Am.) Radio Ronin Shortwave**, 0044-0109 Jan 27, rock music hosted by a male announcer with ID at 0053. Good signal and first time heard in a long while. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6930 **PIRATE (No. Am.) Whisky Radio**, 0112-0143* Jan 27, man announcer hosting program of music with fake early sign off around 0120 but seemed to come back on with more talks and tune saying he was taking requests at 1-800-norequests. Poor signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6930 **PIRATE (No. Am.) Hard Tack Radio**, 2256-2300* Jan 27, program devoted to the Civil War period 1861-1865 with music and talk. Nice closing ID Very good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6930 **PIRATE (No. Am.) Left Lane Radio**, 2312-1228* Jan 27, man announcer with phonetics for ID announcing 6925 but on 6930. Played tunes by Bob Dylan and the Turtles. Very good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 6930 **PIRATE (No. Am.) Radio Free Whatever**, 0032-0118* Jan 28, DJ Dick Weed hosting old time radio program originally from 1943 with much discussion about the second world war and music from that time period. DJ Weed returned at end of program for close down. Fair to good signal with some deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 7120 **SOMALILAND Radio Hargeisa**, Hargeisa, 0426-0433. Horn of Africa music. Talk in Somali by a man at 0430. Music resumed at 0432. Moderate signal strength with some fading. 2/1/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 7120 **SOMALI Radio Hargeisa**, *0330-0407 Feb 5, man with recitations followed by another man announcer with Somali language talk. Woman announcer followed by some Horn of Africa music. ID and news at 0400. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7215 **CHINA China Radio International (CRI)**, 10:41 to 10:55 with an ID at 10:54, SINFO=4,5,5,3,4, I heard a report by a male and a female announcer about smugglers. 12/23. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 7235 **PHILIPPINES Voice of America - Tinang**, 1304-1322 Jan 28, man and woman announcers with talk in the Korean language service. Brief musical interlude at 1315 followed by talk by another man. Fair to good signal but heavy amateur QRM marred reception. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 7240 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey - Emirler**, 0413-0453* Feb 5, English program with features, Question of the Month hosted by a woman announcer, popular music vocals. . Fair with //9655 fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7255 **BELARUS Belaruskaye Radio 1**, Minsk / Kalodzicy, 0434-0438. Talk in Belarusian by a woman. Poor to moderate signal with fading and lots of noise. 2/1/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 7290 **ROMANIA IRRS Shortwave - Tiganesti**, 1917-1930* Jan 11, Man announcer with IRRS ID at 1930 including mention of writing for QSL. Poor to fair but steadily improving. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7290 **ROMANIA Echo de l'Europe - Tiganesti**, *1930-2000* Jan 11, IRRS brokered program opened with man announcer with ID and opening announcements in French. Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7310 **ROMANIA Radio Romania International**, USB mode, 21:38 to 21:46 with an ID at 21:44, SINFO=4,5,5,4,4, . 12/23. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 7315 **VATICAN Radio Dabanga**, 4:59 to 5:01 with an ID at 5:00, Arabic Sudanese, SINFO=2,5,4,3,3 12/27. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 7340 **INDIA AIR Mumbai 1313 w/subcont. vocals**. Poor. 2/8 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 7360 **VATICAN Vatican Radio**, 5:08 to 5:26 with an ID at 5:26, SINFO=2,5,4,3,3. 12/27. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 7445 **TAIWAN Radio Taiwan International - Paochung**, 1136-1159* Jan 27, nice program of local vocals hosted by a woman announcer in English. . Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 7465 **ALBANIA Radio Tirana**, USB mode, 21:19 to 21:24 with an ID at 21:20, SINFO=2,5,5,3,2, . 12/23. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 7470 **MONGOLIA Radio Free Asia**, Ulan Bator, 1349-1355. Talk in Tibetan by a man and occasionally by a woman. Weak to moderate signal strength with some fading,.) 1/24/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 7545 **UNKNOWN LOCATON Trans World Radio**, 0054-0130* Jan 27, man announcer with talk in Hindi language,. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9315 **CHINA/THAILAND Voice** 01-30-14. (Handler-IL)
- 9350 **TAJIKISTAN Radio Free Asia**, Dushambe-Yangiyu, 1320-1334. Talk by a man in Tibetan. Joined by a second man at 1331. Weak to moderate signal, just audible under the jammer (Evans - TN)
- 9350 **TAJIKISTAN/CHINA Radio Free Asia** via Dushanbe and CNR-1. 1332 Also heard RFA at 1259-1301 with English announcement "This is Radio Free Asia the following program is in Tibetan." and then into Tibetan. 01-31-14 (Handler-IL)
- 9390 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** *1230-1235. Carrier heard starting at 1158 GMT And sign on at 1230.. Missing from today's sign on was their normal daily announcement "This is Radio Thailand English language service Good signal. 01/30/14. (Handler-IL)

- 9390 **THAILAND Radio Thailand**, 1233-1252 Jan 27, man and woman announcer team in English with global news program Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9395 **ARMENIA Voice of Russia (VOR)**, 22:05 to 22:20 with an ID at 22:20, SINFO=5,5,4,3,4, 12/23. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9400 **PHILIPPINES FEBC** via Iba 1252-1257 Mandarin language program male presenter speaking. Poor signal. 01/31/14 (Handler-IL)
- 9405 **PHILIPPINES FEBC**, tentative, 23:20 to 23:30., 12/26. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9410 **CHINA CNR-5** Beijing 1126-1135 Jan 14 CC; recorded speech of very animated M speaker; studio announcer at 1129 w/ ballad thru BoH; ID over mx at 1132; W announcer w/ (P) nx; good. (Barbour-NH)
- 9430 **PHILIPPINES Far East Broadcasting Company**, 1243-1304 Jan 27, Mandarin language program with talks and vocals selections. ID at 1259 and address by a man and woman. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9435 **NORTH KOREA Voice of Korea** 1334-1342 at tune in, instrumental music that perhaps some might described as "Patriotic". Fair dropping at times to poor. 01/29/14 (Handler-IL)
- 9435 **KOREA (North) Voice of Korea**. Fair to good with some fading. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9435 **CHINA CHI**, site unknown. at 1610 UTG, in English News items read by a man into China Drive, all news. 1/28 (Frazer, Belfast, ME)
- 9505 **OMAN British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)**, 17:31 to 17:41 with an ID at 17:41, SINFO=3,5,3,3,3., 12/16. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9505 **SUDAN Voice of Africa** - Radio Sudan - Al-Aitahab, 1759-1835 Jan 27, English service with plenty of. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9526 **INDONESIA Voice of Indonesia** - Cimanggis, 2047-2100* Jan 26, French program with talk. Poor to fair but steadily improving. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9535 **THAILAND Radio Thailand World Service**, 20:37 through 20:44 with an ID at 20:40, SINFO=4,5,5,3,4. 12/23. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9535 **THAILAND Radio Thailand**, *2030-2045* Jan 27, morning English news program. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9545 **PHILIPPINES Voice of America** - Tinang, *2158-2203 Jan 26, Yankee Doodle tuning signal with man announcer giving English ID. Poor prior to China opening and impossible after. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9555 **SAUDI ARABIA Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, 2043-2122 Jan 7, Arabic language Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9555 **SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA** 1824-1832 male presenter in Arabic some musical bridges until 1830. 01-31-13 (Handler-IL)
- 9560 **RUSSIA Radio Voice of Russia** (Radio VR), USB to cut noise, 10:20 to 11:02, with an ID 11:01, SINFO=3,5,2,3,3 1/4. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9560 **RUSSIA RVOR**, Novosibisk, central Siberia, 13:16 to 13:29 with an ID at 13:25, SINFO=3,5,4,3,3, (Davis-OH)
- 9620 **SPAIN REE** Spain 0310+ Spanish, 2 m disc; 0318 st ID; good & clear; 1/23(Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 9629 **BRAZIL Radio Aparecida** - Aparecida, 2252-2312 Jan 26, vocals until 2300 ID and long preacher like talk by a man announcer in the Portuguese language. Vocal by a female singer at 2310. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9635 **ENGLAND Radio Ibrahim (IBRA)** via Woofferton tuned in at 1918 to man speaking in Arabic. Fair-good signal. 01-29-14 (Handler-IL)
- 9650 **ROMANIA** 0319 f ann in Spanish, futbol scores; 0324 prog abt Romania; a bit fuzzy with static waves; 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 9660 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** 0325 "... the winner will receive a trip to America" contest; 0327 "this is the African service of Vatican Radio, then musical tones until sign off at 0330; after 0330 f ann in dif lang (Swahili?) good 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 9690 **SPAIN CRI**, 3:42 to 3:51 with an ID at 3:43, SINFO=2,5,4,4,3., 12/27. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9690 **CHINA CRI** out of Noblejas 0330+ promos for dif shows: "every day on every corner a different story" "Front Line" "Postcard without taking a trip" Africa "Life up Close" news to "35 past the hour"; loud and clear 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 9730 **MYANMAR Myanmar Radio**, 1115-1132* Jan 27, continuous local music program with a woman announcer in presumed Bamar language ending program. Brief instrumental music, woman with news which was terminated abruptly. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9740 **SINGAPORE BBC**, 11:47 to 11:55 with an ID at 11:48, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2., 1/10. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9775 **OPPOSITION Radio Free Chosun** (Targeting North Korea via the Palauig, Philippines) 1355. Good signal. 01-27-14 (Handler-IL)

- 9775 **KOREA NORTH [non] R. Free Chosun**, Feb 18 at 1344, R. Free Chosun via transmitter of R. Veritas Asia, Palauig.. Good signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9780 **ROMANIA RRI** via Tiganesti 1818-1824 1818 Male and female presenters in English Fair peaking to good signal. 01-31-14. (Handler-IL)\
- 9800 **PHILIPPINES Voice of America (VOA)**, 18:57 to 19:00 with IDs at 19:58 and 19:00, SINFO=3,5,4,3,3 1/8. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9805 **KOREA (South) KBS World Radio** - Gimje, 2224-2302 Jan 26, Indonesian language program. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 9835 **MALAYSIA Sarawak FM**, Feb 18 at 1347, Malay talk in a noisy venue, fair signal, which is better than usual. That would be Sarawak FM relay back to Borneo, which is totally in Malay per WRTH 2014. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9855 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Australia**, 23:21 to 23:59 with a good ID at 23:59, SINFO=4,5,2,2,3., 1/1. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 9940 **CLANDESTINE (Sudan) Radio Miraya** - Kishinev, 0410-0536 Feb 8, continuous music program with some rap tunes and some more local music Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9955 **USA WMRI 0339+** f ann Spanish; news reports; loud & clear 1/23(Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 9955 **USA R Prague** Sat Feb 22 at 1323, interesting feature about a piano-maker. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9960 **PALAU Furusato no Kaze** 1449-1500 tuned in to song in progress at 1449 Good signal with adjacent channel QRM from WRMI on 9955 kHz. 01/30/14 (Handler-IL)
- 9965 **PALAU Radio Australia** tuned in at 1351 to RA's English language program Fair signal occasionally dropping to poor. 01-29-14 (Handler-IL)
- 9975 **GUAM KTWR**, Feb 18 at 1437, hymn in some language, then Chinese YL announcement repeatedly mentioning TWR and KTWR in web addresses (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11510 **FRANCE Denge Kuridistane**, tentative, 17:54 to 17:59, no ID, but based on an Internet listing, Kurdish, SINFO=2,5,4,3,3
- 11640 **TAIWAN/CHINA Radio Taiwan International** in Mandarin with music 01-31-14. (Handler-IL)
- 11660 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** (Shepparton), 19:44 to 20:06 with an ID at 19: 12/25. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 11665 **MALAYSIA RTM Wai FM** - Kajang, 1153-1216 Jan 28, male vocal selection Poor. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 11670 **INDIA General Overseas Service of All India Radio (AIR)**, 18:34 to 18:45 with an ID at 18:44,). 12/24. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 11670 **INDIA All India Radio** - Bengaluru, 2004-2032 Jan 21, man announcer with news in Hindi language. Woman announcer with ID followed by another man with a commentary. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11670 **CUBA RHC 0350** Spanish f ann, fast; then m ann & other reports; fair 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11700 **AUSTRALIA HCJB Kununurra 1157-1215*** Jan 15; M announcer in listed Rawang w/ relig talk; ballad at 1209; brief W announcer at 1212 w/ wind instruments; ID announcement in EE & off at 1215; fair at best in ECCS-LSB. (Barbour-NH)
- 11710 **ARGENTINA RAE 0353** French; song (f); 0357 f ann; 0359 "Bonsoir" then "Radio Argentina al Exterior" by both m & f ann; after 0400 in Chinese; v faint 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11725 **NEW ZEALAND RNZI**, Feb 22 at 0650, looking for lullabies, I settle on the good signal from RNZI, during "Saturday Night With Peter Fry" from RNZ National. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11740 **SINGAPORE Radio Japan**, 11:58 to 12:01 with an ID at 12:00, SINFO=2,5,2, 3,2. 1/10. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 11740 **GOA-INDIA AIR** via Panaji 1354-1359 Very Good signal. 01-31-14 (Handler-IL)
- 11750 **SOUTH AFRICA Adventist World Radio** - Meyerton, 1937-1953 Jan 26, man announcer with religious talk in listed Igbo language followed by group singing. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 11750 **SOUTH AFRICA RFI** via S Africa French: m ann news; reception poor with QRM 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11760 **CUBA RHC 0405** Spanish; m ann news about Hosni Mubarak; then m & f alt; loud & clear 1/23(Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11765 **BRAZIL Radio Deus e Amor** 0407 m & f ann; port; fair with QRM & squawk 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11780 **BRAZIL RN da Amazonia** Brasilia 2250+ music; good/fair 1/19; 0407 lively music; good 1/23 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11800 **RWANDA Deutsche Welle** (Voice of Germany, DW), 20:29 to 20: 56 with an ID at 20:30, SINFO=2,5,4,3,2. 12/17. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 11800 **RWANDA Deutsche Welle** Rwanda 2150+ English "Inside Europe"; off at 2200; good 1/19 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)


- 11815 **TURKEY VOT** ~1635-1656 f ann between songs; toward end middle east music then m ann giving frequencies and web site; off at 1656 per schedreception fair then fading 1/19(Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11825 **USA WRMI** 1659 "send us your reception report ... info@WRMI.net," then "overcomerministry.org"; good rec 1/19 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11860 **PHILIPPINES Voice of America** - Tinang, 2347-2359* Jan 26, VOA News Now with items about Sochi security concerns and protests in the Ukraine. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 11880 **USA PCJ Happy Station**, 1356-1430* Jan 12, cut. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11880 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 1530 on in middle of same program begun on 12065 (Hippie Trail); not very clear or loud 1/24 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 11895 **THAILAND BBC** - Nakhon Sawan, 1223-1233 Jan 27, man in English talking about restaurants in China with a woman announcer hosting feature. IDs at 1228 followed by program previews. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 11905 **SRI LANKA Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation**, 0146-0230+ Jan 27, woman announcer hosting Hindi language program with several nice IDs and plenty of Hindi vocals. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 12019 **VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam** - Son Tay, 2346-2357* Jan 26, woman announcer hosting the English Service program with IDs, news feature items and some music. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 12065 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 1507-1528 f ann "welcome to Hindsight ... Asia Overland - Adventures on the Hippie Trail" cut off suddenly at 1528; fair, improving 1/24 (prog continued on 11880 at 1530) (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 12095 **SEYCHELLES BBC**, 17:11 to 17:23 with an ID at 17:23, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2, 1/8. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 12095 **SEYCHELLES BBC** World Service - Mahé, 1756-1959* Jan 7, news feature with ID and promos at 1758, (D'Angelo-PA)
- 12095 **SEYCHELLES BBC** Seychelles 1845+ English f interviewing former 2 times S Afr tennis champion; talking about effect of the heat in Australia; fair to good 1/19; same program clearer on 15400 Ascension, fainter on 15420 Seychelles (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 13570 **USA WINB** Red Lion 1457 carrier silence only then on loud & clear at 1458 for end of show loud & clear 1/24 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 13625 **CHINA CRI** Kashi 1454 English "Roundtable" disc of songs and the "syrupy crap promoted here in China"; ID "English service of China Radio Intl ... Kashi"; good 1/24 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 13650 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 1739-1744 with singing by a male in Arabic. Good signal. 01/27/14 (Handler-IL)
- 13670 **ALBANIA CRI** out of Albania 1450 f singer, English musical; then f & m ann in French; poor - faint with static 1/24 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 13710 **INDIA AIR** India 1448 Indian music; v faint 1/24 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 13725 **THAILAND BBC**, 00:49 to 1:00, with an ID at 00:59, SINFO=5,4,4,3,4, . 12/16. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 13725 **FRANCE NHK** Japan out of Issodun, France 1445 f ann (Farsi?) & short songs; poor-echo 1/24 (Prodan, Wilton, ME)
- 13745 **THAILAND Radio Thailand**, *0000-0046 Jan 27, man and woman announcers hosting the "live" English. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 13765 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** 1942-2003 with a man reading the Rosary in Latin and a group responsively reading after each verse. Excellent signal // 11625 also with an excellent signal. 01/31/14 (Handler-IL)
- 15105 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar**, *1227-1259* Jan 27, IS followed by time pips, woman announcer. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 15140 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman**, 1430-1506 Jan 27, English service with news (news headlines followed by news in detail) with several IDs. . Very good signal. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 15140 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman**, 14:22 to 14:32 with an ID at 14:29, SINFO=2,5,4,3,2 the programming was a relay from a FM station on 90.4 mHz., (Davis-OH)
- 15205 **SAUDI ARABIA Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, 1615-1729 Jan 7, Holy Quran program with recitations and some Arabic language talks. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15215 **GERMANY VOA** , Feb 21 at *1559 strong open carrier after very weak signal earlier, presumably VOA English via Thailand. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15235 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa**, 17:43 to 17:56 with an ID at 17:56, SINFO=3, 5,3,3,3, 12/16. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 15380 **OPPOSITION ESAT Radio** (Targeting Ethiopia via Kosinbroad /Sofia, Bulgaria) 1731-1737 male speaking in Amharic and then talking to another male speaking Poor signal. 01/27/14 (Handler-IL)


- 15380 **CLANDESTINE (Ethiopia) ESAT** – Kostinbrod (?), 1716-1758* Jan 27, man announcer interviewing another man Fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 15400 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC**, 19:42 to 19:57 with an ID at 19:51, SINFO=2,5,4,3,3, 12/16. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 15420 **SEYCHELLES BBC** – Mahé, *2000-2017 Jan 21, opening English program with ID followed by a man announcer with the news. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15485 **FRANCE Radio Taiwan International**, 16:04 to 16:10 with an ID at 16:08, SINFO=2,5,3,3, 1/7. (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 15505 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar**, 1410-1429* Jan 27, nice program of local Bangladesh music and vocals hosted by a woman announcer with talks in Urdu language and IDs Fair. (D'Angelo-PA/FCDX)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA Voice of America (VOA)**, 19:30 to 19:36 with an ID at 19:30, SINFO=2,5,4,3,2 1/5. . (John and Sandra Davis, Columbus OH)
- 15725 **PAKISTAN Radio Pakistan**, Islamabad, 1340-1346. Traditional vocal music with a short announcement in Urdu by a man at 1342. Weak to moderate signal strength with minor fading (Evans - TN)
- 15755 **UZBEKISTAN TWR India**, Tashkent, 1341-1346. Talk in Hindi by a man Moderate signal strength with minimal fading. 1/24/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 17500 **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC [non] R. Ndeke Luka**, Feb 20 at 1726 check, very poor carrier and some modulation audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 17540 **CLANDESTINE (Rwanda) Radio Mara** – Talata-Volonondry, 1720-1655* Jan 7, a lot of musical selection with some brief talk in listed Kinyarwanda language. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 17540 **MADAGASCAR Radio Mara**, clandestine, 17:24 to 17:33 and 17:45 to 17:46 with an ID at 17:46. (Davis-OH)
- 17790 **EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non] R. Africa Network**, Feb 21 at *1450, WRMI seems to have just come on air with carrier, and R. Africa Network under modulation by 1452. Don't know whether momentary interruption, or not on air at all from scheduled *1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 21630 **SPAIN REE**, Friday Feb 21 at 1445, REE is back here instead of 21640 which it had been using for a couple weeks. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 

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