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
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NASWAN **Bob Raymond**, NE1I, of DXtreme Software announced that DXtreme Software™ has released a new version of its popular logging program for radio monitoring enthusiasts: DXtreme Reception Log — Advanced Edition™ Version 9.0. Like other logging programs, DXtreme Reception Log lets listeners and DXers log the stations they've heard. New Features include a Social Media Posting; a Direct Print SWL and Address Labels; and Direct Tune. The Advanced Functions include a Schedule Checker™ — Lets users import schedules from the Aoki, EiBi, and FCC AM web sites and display schedule data according to the filter criteria specified; a Last Log Entries Grid; Reception Reports — Users can create customized paper and e-mail reception reports. Plus club report entries for reporting catches to clubs and magazines; Rig Control; Multimedia Features — Reception Log has an embedded Audio facility that lets users create and maintain an audio archive of stations heard. Plus it has an integrated QSL Imaging™ facility that lets users scan and display the QSL cards they receive from postal mail and display the electronic QSLs they receive over the Internet; Performance Reporting; Support for Monitoring Amateur Radio operators; and Documentation. DXtreme Reception Log runs in 32- and 64-bit versions of Microsoft Windows® 8.1, 8, 7, Vista®, and XP. It retails for \$89.95 USD worldwide for electronic distribution. Pricing for CD versions and upgrading users is available on the Web site. All prices include lifetime product support by Internet e-mail. For more information visit www.dxtreme.com. Contact Bob Raymond at bobraymond@dxtreme.com for more information.

Anker Petersen the DBS combines the old Tropical Band Survey (2300 kHz through 5700 kHz) with a survey of domestic stations on the international bands above 5700 kHz broadcasting to a domestic audience. The DBS-16 is based upon monitoring by the DSWCI's members, official sources, DX bulletins and A14 schedules. But about 70 domestic shortwave stations frequencies have left the bands, so this DBS-16 is thinner resulting in a reduction in the price. All purchasers of DBS-16 will get a username and password to the monthly updates on the club's website. The 20 pages A-4 size DBS-16 is available by e-mail as a PDF (about 350 kB) with a limited number printed copies also available. You can order direct from DSWCI, c/o Bent Nielsen, Egekrogen 14, DK 3500 Vaerloese, Denmark. The e-Mail edition costs: USD 6.00 or EUR 4,00 or IRC 2 while the printed edition costs: USD 12.00 or EUR 8,00 or IRC 4. There should be a review of the DBS-16 in this month's *Shortwave Center*.

Through www.wdxc.com *BC-DX TopNews* we learn that a *New Summer 2014 International Shortwave Broadcast Guide* is now available as eBook via Amazon for US\$ 5.15 published by Teak Publishing Company (P.O. Box 297, Brass-town NC 28902, USA). The Summer 2014 International Shortwave Broadcast Guide by **Gayle Van Horn**, W4GVH, is a 24-hour station/frequency guide to all the stations currently broadcasting on shortwave radio. This shortwave resource is the only publication that offers a by-hour schedule that includes all language services, frequencies and world target areas for each broadcast station. This electronic e-book is now being published twice a year to correspond with station seasonal time and frequency changes.

The Danish Shortwave Club International has just released its 16th edition of the *Domestic Band Survey* (DBS-16). Edited by

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 June 25. Thanks to all contributors.

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I received a nice calendar from Radio Kuwait earlier this week. It was similar in style to prior calendars that they have sent before. A little late perhaps but something that can be useful over the last eight months of the calendar year. I am always curious as to how stations make decisions of what promotional material to send out to listeners and when. Clearly, a calendar is more useful if received before the year starts rather than a 1/3 through the year. There was no note in the envelope so the only way of knowing where it came from was to look at the envelope.

Another busy month logging in the QSL returns. KBS World Radio - Woofferton verified an electronic report with a full data "The Top 60 Selections of 'KBS World Radio and I' 1953-2013" online photo competition card in celebration of its 60th anniversary. A couple of interesting pirates are next. First is Channel Z Radio verified an electronic report with a full data "Keep Calm" QSL #266 from Commando indicating 25 watts using 6150.5 kHz. "My latest experiment was to try broadcasting in the middle of the international 49 meter band, in the hopes of surprising some casual listeners, or DXers just tuning around. It's good to know that you could hear me. You heard one of the special "Before They Were Famous" programs from guest DJ Andy Walker. I was very lucky to have Andy do these shows for Channel Z Radio, as he has been in semi-retirement the past three years, with only occasional guest appearances on Crazy Wave Radio in Germany, and now for the third time on Channel Z Radio. "Before They Were Famous-Part 4" has already been recorded, and will air sometime very soon ... Channel Z has been on the air since November 2004, and started because of my interest in building homemade shortwave transmitters. To date, Channel Z has been heard in 30 states, Canada, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Newfoundland, Norway, Poland and Venezuela; all on homebrewed transmitters. This time I was using my favorite transmitter, the Commando, designed by Dave Martin of WNKR. The Commando does 25 watts carrier on 43 meters with a 14 VDC supply. The antenna was a horizontal dipole, cut for 6200 kHz, and was approximately 15 meters above ground." The second pirate is The Crystal Ship verified an electronic report to tcsshortwave@gmail.com with a full data "70s Jukebox" PDF attachment from v/s John Poet who also sent along a copy of the playlist from the show.

Now back to regular shortwave broadcasters with the BBC - Mahé (BBC Indian Ocean Relay Station) verifying a postal reception report with a frequency only letter Word document reply from v/s Jose Tambara, Senior Engineer at Babcock International Group PLC (jose.tambara@babcock.sc). In his letter Jose notes, "We have two Marconi 250kW B6132 transmitters using Pulse Width Modulation. Antenna systems are six Marconi 4 band arrays strung across four towers. We broadcast real time programs received from London via satellite. Please note that the BBC Indian Ocean Relay Station in Seychelles will cease all operations as from end of March 2014." Radio Taiwan International - Paochung verified a postal report with a full data (including site) MRT, the Symbol of Progress card with a copy of the English program schedule and RTI English Service Frequencies & Broadcast Times. Finally, WWV responded to an electronic report with an electronic reply in 1 day for their experimental broadcast at 25 MHz. The reply promised of a more formal QSL response eventually due to the high number of QSL requests.

Thanks to our contributors. 73, Jerry.



Easy Listening

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Radio Romania International: Still talking to us!

NASWAN Bob Fraser sent along information on Radio Romania International (RRI) to Rich D'Angelo that Rich then forwarded on for inclusion in *Easy Listening*:

Radio Romania International broadcasts home and world news, reports and commentaries in its daily Radio Newsreel, programmes and features on current affairs and developments in Romania and, of course, music.

Our programs include regulars such as:

Pro Memoria, Think Greener Your Music (a selection of pop & rock music) on Monday.

Business Club on Tuesday

Society Today, Visit Romania, Romanian Musicians on Wednesday.

Traveler's Guide, The Skylark (traditional music), and **Guests on RRI** on Thursday.

The Future Starts Today/Terra in the 21st Century (once a month), **Truly Romanian, On Point about Romania** on Friday.

The week in Review, Worlds of Culture, RRI Encyclopedia, Roots on Saturday.

Inside Romania, All That Jazz on Sunday.

We also recommend from the English Section editors' own productions:

People and Places, New Names on the Cover (bimonthly) on Monday.

Living Romania on Tuesday

Pick of the Week (a selection of cultural events), **Partners in a Changing World** on Wednesday.

Listeners Letterbox on Thursday

Through the Looking Glass on Friday.

DX Mailbag on Saturday.

Romanian without Tears and Sunday Studio (bimonthly) on Sunday.

RRI also included a request that "...Even if you only tune to our programs occasionally, please drop a line and tell us more about yourself and your hobbies. Don't hesitate to send your remarks and suggestions about our broadcasts to help us draw a pattern of listener interest and decide on future programming..."

RRI's contact information: Radio Romania International, 60-62 General Berthelot Street, P.O. Box 111, Bucharest, ROMANIA; e-mail eng@rri.ro

There's also a contact form you can fill out at the RRI website, <http://www.rri.ro>.

That's advice worthy of any broadcaster — especially one like RRO that still uses shortwave to reach a North American audience. Those of us who value shortwave should loudly communicate our enthusiasm for shortwave — and why it remains for us — to RRI and other broadcasters. Broadcasters that have given up on shortwave said that listeners made their decision easier because they stopped communicating about the programming; we in the USA have been mentioned historically as showing a great decline in contacting these stations. They use listener correspondence in lieu of direct audience research since audience research would be prohibitively expensive for them.

If you have a telephone plan — either mobile or land line — that includes a bucket of unused minutes each month, or if you have an unlimited-minute plan, you can also listen to RRI via your phone — just dial (1) 716-274-2526. After a few seconds' wait, the most recent English language broadcast will magically come through your earpiece. This is another

example of the *AudioNow* service that has enabled broadcasters to use mobile phone technology to reach areas where mobile technology is relevant.

It looks like RRI has recently upgraded their website, as well...content has been rearranged, and it's quicker to get to audio on demand if that's your preferred way to listen.

Speaking of AudioNow...

I've mentioned them before...other international broadcasters use their services, including some English language broadcasters. AudioNow pretty much relies on the broadcasters themselves to publicize the availability of the service to their audiences; they don't list all their broadcast partners on their own website.

Some of their partners include the BBC World Service in English ([1] 712-432-5335), UN Radio ([1] 712-432-9910), and the PBS TV audio for *NewsHour* (712-432-6610).

BBC Radio 4: The Shipping Forecast

Thomas Witherspoon, whom many NASWANS and Winter SWL Fest participants know for his radio-related charity, *Ears To Our World*, wrote an interesting item recently for his SWLing blog about the *Shipping Forecast* on **BBC Radio 4**:

When I lived in the UK, I would often fall asleep and/or wake up to the Shipping Forecast: a BBC Radio broadcast of weather reports and forecasts for the seas around the coasts of the British Isles.

Though I had, of course, no real need of the Forecast, on many occasions it lured me like the voice of a hypnotic siren (especially, I must admit, when read by a woman). When I moved back to the US in 2003, I missed hearing the Forecast on the radio, but thankfully one can listen to it at Radio 4 online. Although the online stream lacks the delectable sonic texture of long wave

radio, the Forecast still has the power can still reel in its listeners.

Last December, I followed a brilliant series on NPR which highlighted the BBC Shipping Forecast. I intended to publish it here on the SWLing Post at the time, but somehow lost it in the shuffle of a busy travel season. Fortunately, NPR has archived audio from the series online. I love their introduction:

"It is a bizarre nightly ritual that is deeply embedded in the British way of life.

You switch off the TV, lock up the house, slip into bed, turn on your radio, and begin to listen to a mantra, delivered by a soothing, soporific voice.

"Viking, North Utsire, South Utsire, Forties, Cromarty, Forth, Tyne, Dogger" says the voice.

You are aware — vaguely — that these delicious words are names, and that those names refer to big blocks of sea around your island nation, stretching all the way up to Iceland and down to North Africa.

The BBC's beloved Shipping Forecast bulletin covers 31 sea areas, the names of which have inspired poets, artists and singers and become embedded into the national psyche.

Your mind begins to swoop across the landscape, sleepily checking the shorelines, from the gray waters of the English Channel to the steely turbulence of the Atlantic.

Somewhere, deep in your memory, stir echoes of British history — of invasions from across the sea by Vikings, Romans and Normans; of battles with Napoleon's galleons and Hitler's U-boats.

Finally, as the BBC's Shipping Forecast bulletin draws to a close, you nod off, complacent in the knowledge that whatever storms are blasting away on the oceans out there, you're in your pajamas, sensibly tucked up at home..."

As you may remember, the **BBC World Service** had a program for years called

The Seven Seas, a weekly look at maritime issues that morphed into a more generic transportation-related program called *On The Move*. Alas, that, too, is long gone from the World Service schedule.

If you want to sample the tradition that is the Shipping Forecast, just visit the BBC website (<http://www.bbc.co.uk>) and type *shipping forecast* into the search box at the top of the page.

Speaking of which, The SWLing.com website should be on your short list...

By the way, folks occasionally contact NASWA leadership and ask about website recommendations to further their enjoyment of the hobby. Thomas Witherspoon's *SWLing.com* website should be on your short list for regular visits. You'll find a blog (*The SWLing Post*) with receiver reviews, new receiver news, audio that Thomas and others have recorded off the air (including the audio from the 2014 Winter SWL Fest), suggestions for other shortwave-related web resources, and news and issues related to broadcasters.

In addition to the blog, there's a whole lot of reference information, a how-to guide you can share with someone who is new to the hobby, and other information that can add

to your enjoyment of the hobby regardless of your acumen or experience.


Thomas has formatted the information into a logically organized and easily accessible treasure trove of information. You can tell from the care put into the project that Thomas is a great fan of shortwave radio, and is among those of us who advocate for shortwave as an important platform to reach those parts of the world on the wrong side of the "digital divide".

You can find out more about the *Ears to Our World* charity via the *About* tab on the website, or visit its own page at <http://www.earstoourworld.org/>.

The Winter SWL Fest has contributed a portion of the Silent Auction proceeds from the fest to *Ears To Our World* for several years, now, and many Fest participants support the charity on their own.

So consider this your first exhortation to join us for the 2015 Winter SWL Fest; It's a lead-pipe cinch that Thomas will join us again in 2015, and you can learn more about *Ears To Our World* from Thomas in person!

Again – the website is <http://swling.com>.

That's all for this month – 73 DE Richard 

NASWA Flashsheet

Are you getting the latest hot information about what is happening on the shortwave bands? If you have not signed up for the club's electronic *Flashsheet* service, you are missing out on timely news and information about the DX scene that will enhance your shortwave listening pleasure. If you are a current member of the club and want to receive the electronic Flashsheet just drop **Rich D'Angelo** (rdangelo3@aol.com) a note with your e-mail address, location and membership expiration date from your mailing label. You can participate by sending your latest logs to the electronic *Flashsheet* edited by **Mark Taylor**, markokpik@gmail.com. The club's electronic *Flashsheet* helps members stay on top of the action with breaking shortwave news and information. The electronic newsletter is an excellent supplement to the monthly *Journal* for the timely dissemination of DX loggings and breaking news.

International Broadcasting

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The Audience Elimination Act of 2014

On April 30, the House Foreign Affairs Committee approved, with bipartisan support, the United States International Communications Reform Act of 2014. It would change the structure of U.S. international broadcasting, including the Voice of America, which would be given the perpendicular mission of "providing accurate and objective, and comprehensive news and related programming that is consistent with and promotes the broadcast foreign policies of the United States." The bill would also limit VOA to reporting U.S. and general world news, but not news about its target countries. It would be supervised by the board of a new International Communications Agency.

A new Freedom News Network would merge Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, and the Arabic language Alhurra TV and Radio Sawa. Freedom News Network would "provide uncensored local and regional news" (i.e., about the target and nearby countries) while also "promoting equality and the rights of the individual." It would be under the authority of its own board, that would confer with the board of the International Communications Agency.

It's all too complicated. And, as a plan for U.S. international communication, the bill combines what should be separate, and separates what should be combined. It combines journalism and public diplomacy, which are distinct activities: the latter (appropriately) spins while the former tries to unspin the spin. The bill also separates news of the target countries from world and U.S. news, forcing upon the audience the inconvenience of accessing two U.S. entities to get all the news.

News should not be combined with promotion, no matter how noble the cause promoted. Audiences seek media from abroad to get news that is more comprehensive and

trustworthy than the "news" they get from their state-controlled domestic media. Credibility is the key, so there can be no whiff of an agenda in successful international broadcasting.

The United States should advocate for its policies, for freedom, and against its adversaries, but that is the role of public diplomacy already performed by the State Department. Public diplomacy could complement U.S. international broadcasting in all of its 61 languages. This would allow U.S. international broadcasting, as a news organization, to stick to the news.

The need for a firewall

To achieve credibility, U.S. international broadcasting (which now includes the Internet as well as radio and television) must demonstrate its independence. For public broadcasting organizations throughout the world, there is no way to establish independence other than selection of their senior managements by a multi-partisan board rather than directly by the government. The Broadcasting Board of Governors, which now supervises all of the entities of U.S. international broadcasting, has been generally adequate in this "firewall" function. There has been much less government kibitzing in its news output since the Board was created.

The new International Communications Agency specified in the legislation appears to be the opposite of a firewall. It is charged with ensuring that U.S. international broadcasting efforts "be conducted in accordance with the highest professional standards of broadcast journalism while remaining consistent with and supportive of the broad foreign policy objectives of the United States."

Why should the U.S. government fund an international broadcasting effort if it can't adjust its content and require it to promote as well as report? 1) A well informed audi-

ence is bolstered against the misinformation of dictators, terrorists, and other global miscreants, and better equipped to make up their own minds about current events. 2) The audience will appreciate that the United States is providing the information service that it needs. 3) If audiences do not agree with U.S. policies, they will at least understand why the United States adopted those policies. 4) Credibility is the most important factor in attracting an audience. That is, if the intended audience is located beyond Capitol Hill.

“Simply reporting news.”

On May 9, Rep. Matt Salmon (AZ-05) announced his fifth Shrink Our Spending (SOS) bill in a series of bills to be introduced over the next few months to cut wasteful and duplicative spending. Upon introduction of a bill to eliminate federal funding for the Voice of America (VOA), Salmon released the following statement:


“For my fifth SOS bill, I introduced legislation to eliminate federal funding for VOA. While originally commissioned to provide a ‘clear and effective presentation of the policies of the United States’, the VOA has veered from its original mission and has, sadly, become another duplicative, federal program. Rather than working to fulfill its original mission, VOA has fallen into the rut of merely mimicking other news outlets by simply reporting news. Unbiased news reporting is important in countries where freedom of the press is limited. Because of this, the United States already funds organizations tasked with disseminating unfiltered news to regions of the world that lack a free press. While a worthy cause, it is not one VOA was primarily tasked to do.

“Furthermore, Cold War relics, such as VOA, have been rendered obsolete with the rise of the Internet and social media, especially in closed countries which have connected our world in ways we could have never imagined. With the success of social media and other U.S. taxpayer-funded broadcasting programs, it makes fiscal sense to eliminate this superfluous federally funded entity.”

The “organizations tasked with disseminating unfiltered news to regions of the world that lack a free press” are Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, Alhurra and Radio Sawa. The International Communications Reform Act also favors the “surrogate” Radio Free stations over VOA, which would be turned into a public diplomacy outlet.

The Internet and social media have not rendered VOA obsolete because there is no other news organization — I’m talking about *real news* — that is available in 45 languages. If the U.S. private sector can monetize a global news service in 45 languages, then by all means shut down VOA and save the taxpayers the expense.

If a reorganization of U.S. international broadcasting is to be market based rather than centrally planned, then it will provide objective, balanced, comprehensive, credible news that includes coverage of the audience’s own country (the surrogates’ mission) as well as the rest of the world and the United States (VOA’s mission), all from the convenience of one media outlet.

Views expressed above are my own. More international broadcasting news at www.kimandrewelliott.com. See also voaradiogram.net. 

Contribute!

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[As we enter the summer season, the word "crisis" applies not only to several well-known global hotspots, but once again to shortwave radio and two other well respected international broadcaster. Hence, the appeal that appears at the front of this month's SWC and the New York Times article at its end.]

PUBLICATION REVIEW:

Domestic Broadcasting Survey

Domestic Broadcasting Survey
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Reviewed by Richard A. D'Angelo

There are numerous providers of free radio broadcasting information on the Internet today. Although the "free" price is reasonable, these publications tend to be lacking in terms of the quality, consistency and reliability of information particularly in the areas of tropical band and domestic band station listening. The latest Domestic Broadcasting Survey, 16th Edition ("DBS" or "DBS-16"), which was once again edited by Denmark's world-renowned DX'er Anker Petersen, is one resource that provides an accurate DX reference for the tropical band and domestic band shortwave listening enthusiast each year. Published in April by the Danish Shortwave Club International ("DSWCI"), the DBS continues to be the top annual publication devoted to tropical and domestic band shortwave broadcasting stations. Along with its monthly updated graphical companion, the Tropical Band Monitor (TBM), the combination of these two DX references continues to be unbeatable in quality, timeliness and value to the serious shortwave listener. The DSWCI offers the DBS in electronic form (pdf-format), which provides for a substantial reduction in price over the paper version increasing its value and speed of delivery. For traditionalists, the paper version of the DBS is available. Either way you will be receiving and using an important DX resource produced by an

international array of top notch DX'ers that will prove its worth to you time after time. The DBS and TBM references are usually the first items I pack on each of the French Creek DXpeditions.

As in past years, a copy of the Press Release can be found on the DSWCI website at www.dswci.org. By clicking on the Domestic Band Survey, you will see the color front page of a two man Calypso steel band in Philipsburg, Sint Maarten, the Caribbean performing on the streets. The photo, which was taken by Editor Petersen during his world travels, and a sample listings from this year's DBS along with reviews from last year's edition all can be found at that location. Anker's annual colorful cover photographs for the DBS continues to provide the local flavor associated with a domestic shortwave listening market.

The DSWCI is now fifty-seven years old. It has a worldwide membership of experienced shortwave listeners scattered in 32 different countries all over the globe. Anker draws upon the knowledge and skills of the DSWCI's international array of top-flight DX'ers to produce this unique and extremely valuable hobby resource. But about 70 domestic shortwave stations frequencies have left the bands, so DBS-16 is thinner than past editions. In order to make the DBS reliable, the club's own monitors around the world checked the 570 station shortwave frequencies - down from 640 stations the previous year - on the air throughout the period April 2013 - March 2014. In addition to the club's extensive monitoring activity,

the new survey is also based upon many official sources and DX bulletins with A14 schedules included when available. Over the years, the DSWCI has published some of the best non-commercial hobby references available to the shortwave listener. The electronic and print editions of DBS-16 continue in this grand tradition. It is an essential reference for serious shortwave listeners and DXers.

This is the sixteenth year that the DSWCI has incorporated its invaluable tropical band survey into a broader national survey that includes all domestic shortwave broadcasting. The old Tropical Band Survey (TBS) portion of this publication, which has been tops in the field of shortwave broadcast lists for many years, is in its 42nd year. Because most of the club's members devote the majority of their DXing time to domestic broadcasting stations on the tropical and international shortwave bands, many years ago the DSWCI decided to expand the traditional tropical band survey to include stations broadcasting to a domestic audience on the international shortwave bands. Consequently, the DSWCI now publishes a superb, comprehensive reference of domestic shortwave broadcasting throughout the shortwave spectrum. The DBS-16 covers all active stations broadcasting to a domestic audience between the frequencies of 2,300 kHz to 30,000 kHz, including clandestine stations. Part 1 is the 42nd edition of Tropical Band Survey covering all active broadcasting stations in the 2300 to 5700 kHz range including clandestine stations. Part 2 covers the domestic stations on the international bands above 5700 kHz broadcasting to a domestic radio audience. Part 3 contains deleted frequencies between 2 and 30 MHz, which have not been reported heard during the last five years, but may reappear at some future point in time. Unfortunately, this latter section is growing at a faster rate these days.

As in past years, a valuable, unique feature of the DBS-16 is the right hand column called Last Log. This column features the last month, and year prior to the March 31, 2014 deadline, when a particular station was reported by a DXer somewhere in the

world. This gives the listener a reasonable indication of the audibility of the shortwave broadcasting station. As part of the updating process, most frequencies that have not been heard in the last year have been deleted from the list and moved to a section at the end of the survey, Part 3 as discussed above. This updating procedure keeps the DBS current and very user friendly. My own personal monitoring and checking confirms that the 2014 edition of the Domestic Broadcasting Survey continues the tradition of providing very accurate and extremely useful information for the serious shortwave DXer. Consequently, the DBS is an extremely valuable addition to any shortwave listener's DX shack where published radio resources are necessary in pursuit of elusive DX station catches. My copy of the Domestic Band Survey sits on my desk in the shack along with its companion, the Tropical Band Monitor, next to my communications receivers at all times.

To assure reliability, each of the 570 station frequencies has been checked by the club's extensive collection of worldwide shortwave monitoring experts since the last publication through the March closing date. Stations confirmed as being active is marked with an "A" (regular), or "B" (irregular), or "C" (sporadic) in the list. A "D" means the stations is likely inactive. This simple coding system provides valuable information when tuning the bands while trying to get a handle on rare, exotic shortwave DX catches. As a result of extensive monitoring, most of the frequencies already have been confirmed as being active in 2014.

The previously mentioned Tropical Bands Monitor feature was added in 2005 as a monthly updater to the DBS. Its introduction provided a readily available electronic update of broadcasting stations below 5700 kHz using a color-coded graphical presentation format. It has been a big success making the DBS/TBM combination an extremely valuable tool for shortwave monitoring activity. This website based feature, which is updated each month, helps to keep the DBS-16 current. All buyers of DBS-16 get a username and password to the monthly updates on the tropical bands

published as "Tropical Bands Monitor" on the club's website. At www.dswci.org/tbm you can follow the activity of each station during 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 with their collection of annual Tropical Band Monitors. I download the latest version each month, it is usually available 3 or 4 days after the close of the previous month, and use it as a ready guide to what is being heard around the world on the domestic shortwave frequencies. This service alone is worth more than the price of the DBS itself. I can't over-emphasize the value the TBM adds to the DBS. Together they form an indispensable package of DX reference sources that are updated each month. DSWCI members also receive periodic updates issued in the Shortwave News bulletin published by the club and through its electronic DX Window bi-weekly newsletter (a service similar to our own weekly electronic Flashsheet). These extra services keep the domestic band survey accurate, up-to-date and essential tools in chasing elusive shortwave DX catches. Details about becoming a DSWCI member are available at the club website. The electronic, pdf-format, club membership option substantially reduces the cost of being a member by reducing the printing and postage costs. Because of the club's strong DX culture and its array of international DXers, membership in the DSWCI is well worth the annual dues.

The Domestic Broadcasting Survey and Tropical Band Monitor are high quality shortwave broadcast DX resources made available at a very reasonable price. The combination of high quality and low price make the DBS and TBM unbeatable in today's global resource reference marketplace. If you listen to domestic broadcasters, the DBS-16, along with the monthly updates through the TBM, is a "must have" addition to the radio shack's hobby literature resource bundle needed while tuning the shortwave bands. As I mentioned before, these are the first resources I pack when attending French Creek DXpeditions. I can't imagine DXing the shortwave bands without a copy of the Domestic Band Survey and the latest graphical update of the Tropical Band Monitor at my side. The combination

of highly accurate data in an easy to use format makes them extremely valuable hobby resources.

How easy is the Domestic Broadcasting Survey to use? Simple, the DBS-16 is very straightforward and easy to use. The first column provides the reception code, A, B, or C as previously described. The second column lists the frequency. The third column provides the station transmitter output. The fourth column designates the broadcasting country utilizing the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) country code abbreviations. For those not familiar with these abbreviations, a complete list of ITU country codes is given on page 3 of the DBS. The fifth column provides the station name and/or call letters and location. The next column provides transmission times and other useful information about the station such as operating schedules during Ramadan for Middle East and Indonesian stations. Other useful features for easy station identification are the parallel frequencies and station ID information. The final column is the Last Log feature previously described. Also, the survey includes a listing of Indonesian provinces and special districts, which is extremely useful for DXers with an interest in that part of shortwave broadcasting world. See the sample extracts from the DBS at the end of this review.

The 20-page A-4 size Domestic Broadcasting Survey is available in electronic form in PDF format of about 350 kB at a reduced price this year. The price reduction reflects decreased activity on the shortwave bands resulting in a smaller survey. The electronic DBS-16 is available via e-mail for just US\$6.00, EUR 4, or 2 International Reply Coupons (IRCs). The print edition is available for only US\$12.00, EUR 8, or 4 IRCs. The DBS-16 can be ordered direct from the club treasurer at the following address:

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The 2014 edition of the Domestic Broadcasting Survey continues the long-standing, excellent tradition of being a very useful and reliable DX'ing resource that should be in the radio shack of every serious shortwave radio monitor. I use the DBS on a regular basis while tuning the shortwave bands from home. Though some

enjoy operating a computer while tuning the bands, I print out a hardcopy to use thereby eliminating an electronic device from the radio shack while listening. During French Creek DXpeditions, my copy of the domestic Broadcasting Survey is in constant use! The pdf-format DBS is incredibly inexpensive (especially with this year's reduced price structure), extremely useful and an indispensable DX reference tool. The monthly update to the Tropical Band Monitor keeps the information current. At only US\$6.00, the electronic Domestic Broadcasting Survey continues to be the "best buy" of any hobby resource on the market today. Add the Tropical Band Monitor as a bonus and you have the superior package of shortwave DX resource tools. You must have the new DBS, which is an outstanding piece of DX hobby research. This is a "must have" for every DX radio shack and I can highly recommend its purchase so order a copy to enhance your shortwave DXing listening sessions.

Radio Australia Appeals For Listener Help

As a long-term member of ABC staff I am writing to you now because of a new and urgent threat to Radio Australia. As I am sure you know Radio Australia is a vital service in the Pacific Islands reporting on and covering issues that no other media outlet covers. It has huge audience ratings but is often forgotten in Australia because it is not heard here. The cuts to Australia Network are now set to affect Radio Australia as well. In tough times, radio is an inexpensive and effective way of maintaining our expertise so that we are ready to rise like a phoenix when the political environment improves. It is also able to report on more issues, in more depth and more quickly than TV and therefore is an important source for and method of keeping our online offering as rich and varied as possible.

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Background:

ABC management is looking at how to cope with the budget cuts resulting from the cancellation of the Australia Network contract. This doesn't just affect Australia Network but may result in substantial cuts to Radio Australia as the ABC tries to use some of the money it still has for radio to keep some TV programs, contracts in Asia, the mobile and online services connected with Australia Network going too. The scale of the cut is huge - 60 per cent of our budget has been lost (\$21 of \$35 million a year). This is for broadcasts to a geographic area ranging French Polynesia in the east to India in the west and FSM and China in the north.

(Jemima Garrett, Pacific Economic and Business reporter, ABC Radio Australia)

60% cut in funding, not by the government directly, but by ABC management!

Please take a few moments to write to the Managing Director of the ABC in support of the staff of Radio Australia, who are facing a

(Mal Hewitt - President, Friends of the ABC NSW via Craig Seager-Australia/ARDXC)

RADIO HISTORY:

Adrian Peterson's Diary

The Voice of the Eastern Caribbean on Shortwave: The Barbados Story

The island of Barbados is located on the eastern edge of the Caribbean and the western edge of the Atlantic, some 300 miles north of Venezuela in South America. Barbados is a small island, just 21 miles long and 14 miles wide, with a mostly undulating landscape though there is one hilly area rising to a height of just 1120 ft.

The capital city of Barbados is Bridgetown, which is located on the west coast towards the bottom of the island. The total population of the island is around 1/3 million residents.

Barbados is a very popular tourist destination with many places of interest for the foreign visitor, including an underground cave system with internal waterfalls, two tropical forests for nature lovers, and crystal clear waters along the white and pink sand beaches. Or perhaps you can take an hour long underwater cruise aboard the tourist submarine Atlantis, and visit one of the many shipwrecks scattered around the edge of the island.

The warm winter weather on tropical Barbados has a special appeal making it a delightful vacation destination for those who live in the snow covered northern areas of Europe and North America. Each year, 1/2 million tourists visit the island by plane and by boat for their on-island vacation; and another 1/2 million make a one day sightseeing and shopping visit during a cruise ship stop over.

The earliest settlers on Barbados came over from mainland South America anywhere up

to 2,000 years ago. They called the island in their Arawak language: Ichirouganaim, meaning the red island with teeth, that is, the surrounding reefs.

It is said that the Spanish called the island Barbados, in reference to the fact that the islanders wore beards. However, a subsequent suggestion is that the name refers to the Bearded Fig Tree that grows on the island.

The island of Barbados was discovered by the Spanish, visited by the Portuguese, and in 1624 claimed by the British. The first settlers from England arrived on the ship Orange Blossom three years later, in 1627. Barbados was granted independence within the British Commonwealth of Nations on November 30, 1966.

It was in 1912 that an Anglo-French company announced plans to establish a wireless station on Barbados, but soon afterwards they withdrew their offer. Then, during the following year, the Marconi company in England announced their plans to establish a wireless station on the island, though likewise, this project was never implemented either.

Thus it was that a group of local wireless enthusiasts took the matter in hand and they constructed their own wireless station and installed it at St. Ann's Fort. This station was made up of a spark transmitter and a crystal receiver and it adopted the internationally recognized call sign VPO. It is understood that V was a prefix for

Barbados, and PO stood for Post Office as in the system in use in England. With this primitive equipment, operators were able to communicate in Morse Code with ships up to 100 miles out at sea.

In the early 1920s, a new wireless station was installed adjacent to the Dover Beach cable station and it was constructed by the American RCA company according to British Post office specifications. This new communication station was inaugurated on December 1, 1924, under the same original callsign VPO.

Then in 1943, a complete new radio communication station was constructed at Bearded Hall, in the center of the island to the south. The electronic equipment for this new station in Barbados was assembled at the Marconi factory in England and originally planned for installation in Singapore, as a replacement for equipment that was lost when a ship was sunk by enemy action in 1940.

However, with the change in the fortunes of war in Asia, the new consignment of electronic equipment destined for Singapore was diverted to Barbados instead. The large new station at Bearded Hall on Barbados, together with its transmitter hall and several towers and sets of antennas, was inaugurated in the early part of the year 1944, still under the same callsign VPO.

However five years later (1949), a new callsign was allocated for this Barbadian station and VPO became ZNX. Then, at the time of independence in 1966, another callsign was allocated for this station and ZNX became 8PO.

During the following year, a mobile radio station was flown into Barbados for use as a news gathering facility in any possible areas of nearby emergency.

The first radio program service that was installed on Barbados was a Rediffusion system, or cable radio as we would call it today, that was introduced in 1935. The first subscriber was connected on April 2, and all programming was on relay via

shortwave reception from the BBC London and commercially operated stations in the United States and Canada.

Five hours of daily programming was available on telephone lines from the distribution point of Radio Distribution (Barbados) Ltd. in Trafalgar Street. A local production studio was installed in 1947, and in 1951 the system was bought by the Rediffusion Service Ltd. of London in England.

Some eleven years later, this cable radio service was transferred into its own facilities in a new building on Riverside Road. Then in 1979, the system was bought by the Nation Corporation of Barbados. Cable radio on Barbados came to an end on November 30, 1997, and by this time, radio (and TV also) had supplanted the usefulness of this older system.

Mediumwave radio broadcasting was introduced into Barbados on December 15, 1963 with the inauguration of the government owned Radio Barbados, with 10 kW on the split channel 785 kHz. The station announcement during this era stated: This is Radio Barbados, the Voice of the Eastern Caribbean, 785 on your radio dial. Sometimes though the channel was announced as 790.

The transmitter and antenna tower were installed together with the Cable & Wireless communication station ZNX at Bearded Hall. Around eight years after its inauguration, the radiating channel for this mediumwave station was changed from 785 to 900 kHz.

A second mediumwave station began service in Barbados on May 1, 1981 under the slogan The Voice of Barbados. This station, also at 10 kW, took over the previous channel of the government station, 790 kHz, and it was operated by the previously mentioned cable radio system.

Shortwave radio broadcasting on Barbados began in 1935 when amateur radio operator Thomas Archer carried live descriptions of major sporting events on behalf of the Barbados Radio Association over his station

VP6YB. These occasional and intermittent program broadcasts were last noted in the United States in December 1939.

However, soon afterwards the shortwave communication station operated by Cable & Wireless, VPO, introduced a daily half hour news bulletin which was heard at a good level on 3950 kHz. This station also relayed occasional special news events to the BBC London on 11475 kHz. In addition, occasional commentaries on major sports events were broadcast for reception and relay by other radio broadcasting stations throughout neighboring areas of the Caribbean.

These occasional and special events were heard quite widely over station VPO and also under the subsequent callsign ZNX. Many reception reports were received from listeners in North America, Europe, New Zealand and Australia.

It would be presumed that the sporting commentaries and other news items, together with occasional music and announcements, were presented on shortwave in co-operation with the cable radio system, local newspapers, and the government radio station with the slogan: The Voice of the Eastern Caribbean.

Back towards the end of last century, several religious organizations approached Cable & Wireless, enquiring regarding the possibility of using shortwave 8PO as a relay station for their programming. However, nothing came of these ventures.

Cable & Wireless was noted as a good verifier of transmissions from their station under all three consecutive callsigns; VPO, ZNX & 8PO. Letters were used to verify programming under the callsign VPO. Under the subsequent callsign ZNX, QSL cards were initially in the style of duplicated cards; and then in the mid-1960s, a printed QSL card with a yellow ornamental bar was introduced.

Shortwave Broadcasting on Barbados

1935-1940 - Nightly broadcasts from amateur VP6YB, 3700 or 4200 kHz

1940-1944 - Nightly 1/2 hour news bulletins on shortwave, 3950 kHz, VPO at The Reef

1944-1949 - Occasional special event broadcasts on shortwave, VPO at Boarded Hall

1949-1965 - Occasional special event broadcasts on shortwave, ZNX at Boarded Hall

SHORTWAVE BROADCAST NEWS: 3 Items

1. BBC World Service Increases Broadcasts to Thailand

26 May 2014. As authorities in Thailand take key national and international channels off air in the country, BBC World Service has increased its shortwave English-language radio broadcasts to Thailand, to continue the delivery of its independent news and analysis to audiences there.

From 01:00 GMT on Monday 26 May, BBC World Service expanded its availability via shortwave to Thailand by adding ten hours of broadcasts to its daily shortwave schedule (all times GMT):

01:00-03:00 on 11600 kHz

03:00-05:00 on 7370 kHz

05:00-11:00 on 11700 kHz

Acting Director, BBC World Service Group, Liliane Landor says: "In times of national crisis, there is an acute need for accurate, trusted and impartial news. This is why, with our international TV news channel off the air in Thailand, we have increased BBC World Service radio broadcasts in the country."

The above transmissions add to BBC World Service's six hours of shortwave broadcasts at peak times for Thailand.

[BBCWS Press Release]

2. International Radio for Disaster Relief Analog Shortwave Test Broadcasts

The HFCC's International Radio for Disaster Relief project is still on track for a major test of international shortwave broadcasters on June 5 & 6. The HFCC states that the test will focus on CIRAF Zone 54, Indonesia. HFCC Tentative scheduling during Jakarta Media Summit June 5 & 6, 2014.

0200 - 0230 UTC	Radio Australia Shepparton Australia	21840 kHz
0230 - 0530	BBC Nakhon Thailand	15650
0500 - 0530	Radio Vatican Santa Maria Vatican	21840
0530 - 0600	SLBC Trincomalee Sri Lanka	15650
0730 - 0800	MGLOB Talata Madagascar	21840 250 kW
0800 - 0830	VOA Thailand or Philippines	15650 or 21840 TBA
0830 - 0900	VOA Thailand or Philippines	15650 or 21840 TBA
0830 - 0900	NHK-WRN Medorm Palau	15650
0900 - 0930	VOA Thailand or Philippines	TBA
0930 - 1000	VOA Thailand or Philippines	TBA
1030 - 1100	CRI Beijing China	21840
1100 - 1130	KTWR Merizo Guam	15650
TBA	FEBC Manila Philippines	TBA

[From AWR Wavescan No. 275 courtesy of Dr. Adrian M Peterson, via Dave Kenny-UK/British DX Club.]

3. Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) to participate with a special broadcast in the International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR) Trial on June 5th and 6th.

The Emergency Warning Features (EWF) of the DRM system will be featured in a special broadcast included in the IRDR Trial to coincide with the Media Summit on Climate Change to be held June 4th - 6th 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The aim of the trial - special programs carried by twelve important broadcasters-- is to demonstrate that shortwave broadcasting has a unique value for affected populations and that the existing framework of global shortwave coordination can be employed for disaster risk purposes.

Special clear channels have been selected for the IRDR Trial and there will be transmissions from a number of different broadcasters and sites between 0200 and 1130 UTC each day of the Media Summit. The DRM Consortium have produced a 30 minute long program explaining the benefits of the

DRM EWF which can be heard on the BBC/Babcock transmissions on 15650 kHz at 03:00 - 03:30, 04:00 - 04:30 and 05:00 - 05:30 UTC on both the 5th and 6th of June.

The special DRM radio program explains what the inbuilt emergency functionality of DRM is and how alarm signals generated by the authorities can override running programs and carry the emergency message instantly to large numbers of people.

The DRM special broadcast will be an inviting introduction to the DRM presentation and demonstration to be given by Alexander Zink, Vice-Chair of the DRM Consortium (and Senior Business Development Manager, Fraunhofer IIS, Germany) on June 6th in the morning, at the Media Summit on Climate. "During emergencies and times of crisis, most of the services fail", says Ruxandra Obreja, DRM Consortium Chairman,

"radio is the last line of communication and the obvious solution for bringing information to the people. We are very excited to have our first radio broadcast on the in-built emergency disaster functionality of DRM during such an important event like the one in Jakarta."

For those interested in the DRM special broadcast this will be made available very soon on: www.drm.org

[DRM Consortium Press Release]

SHORTWAVE IN THE MAINSTREAM PRESS:

House Measure to Change Voice of America's Mission Is Drawing Intense Debate

The New York Times

By Ron Nixon

May 20, 2014

WASHINGTON — A bill to overhaul Voice of America has prompted an intense debate among supporters of the legislation who say it will better enable the broadcast news service to counter Russian disinformation and opponents who say it will turn the service into an American propaganda tool.

The legislation, which recently passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee with bipartisan support, would make changes to the mission of the government-financed Voice of America that its sponsors say would more clearly define its role in support of the United States. Specifically, the bill revises the language of Voice of America's mission to explicitly state that the outlet has a role in supporting American "public diplomacy" and the policies of the government.

The full House is expected to take up the bill as early as this summer. The Senate is working on a similar bill.

Representative Ed Royce, the California Republican who is chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said the legislation was essential in the face of negative and inaccurate information increasingly disseminated about the United States abroad. "While countries like Russia have

been working 24/7 on their information campaigns, V.O.A. has abandoned its mission to effectively promote the policies of the U.S. even though its charter is clear in this regard," Mr. Royce said.

But the bill, the latest in a decades-old debate in foreign policy circles about the role of Voice of America, has prompted a backlash from journalists, many of whom work at the news service once run by Edward R. Murrow and who pride themselves on the organization's independence.

"The only thing V.O.A. has left is its reputation, built over decades, as a credible news organization," said one veteran journalist at the service who asked not to be identified criticizing the legislation. "Changing our focus from straight news to policy promotion will undercut any efforts to keep or build our audience."

Founded in 1942 as a part of the Office of War Information, Voice of America started with a mission to counter Nazi and Japanese propaganda. During the Cold War, it became part of the State Department and then the United States Information Agency and focused on countering Communist propaganda in East Germany and other Soviet-backed countries. Since 1999, V.O.A. has been overseen by the Broadcasting Board of Governors, an autonomous federal agency.

The legislation not only tweaks the mission of Voice of America, but would also reduce

the Board of Governors to an advisory role and create a full-time chief executive to run the agency day to day. The legislation is in response to longtime frustration from members of both parties with the Board of Governors, which has been accused for years of mismanagement and of failing to provide a direction for the broadcast service. Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton once called the board dysfunctional.

Mr. Royce said the bill would not turn the broadcast service into a government messaging tool because it provided safeguards to keep the government from dictating content.

Walter Isaacson, a former chairman of the Board of Governors as well as a former chairman and chief executive of CNN, said that the legislation was a response to changing times and that Voice of America should have a dual mission to clearly present American policy as well as provide objective news.

"Russia has returned to its old Pravda-like disinformation tactics, China and the Arab nations are creating sophisticated new broadcasts, and Twitter and social networks are changing the game," Mr. Isaacson said. "We need to respect Edward R. Murrow's legacy while realizing that even he would be changing with the new technologies and threats."

James K. Glassman, another former board chairman, said he agreed with the move to tweak the mission of Voice of America. "It's supposed to be this journalism organization and at the same time support U.S. foreign policy," Mr. Glassman said. "This comes into conflict all the time, and I believe Congress is right to address it."

But D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, a former member of the Board of Governors, called the legislation problematic because, he said, it would fundamentally change the way the service operated.

"The V.O.A. has a pure journalistic mission and it always has," Mr. Hirschberg said. "It doesn't do messaging or propaganda.

Any legislation that alters the journalistic mission would be unfortunate."

Inside Voice of America, the legislation has created widespread fear among staff members who have long considered themselves professional journalists rather than spokesmen for government policy. During a recent staff meeting, journalists angrily voiced their concerns to managers. One journalist said the broadcast network could see a mass exodus if the legislation passed.

Dan Robinson, who worked at the service for more than two decades before retiring this year, said the legislation would create additional problems if passed into law: It could endanger the lives of journalists and broadcasters who work abroad.


"So do foreign governments now start seeing journalists from V.O.A. as agents of U.S. policy rather than as journalists?" he said. "That's a real concern."

But Helle C. Dale, a senior fellow for public diplomacy at the Heritage Foundation, who supports changes to overhaul Voice of America and other international broadcasting, said such claims were absurd.

"It's not like people don't already know," she said. "It's completely funded by the U.S. government, and it's called the Voice of America. How does this legislation change this reality?"

In addition to Voice of America, the federal government runs Radio Free Europe, Radio Free Asia and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks. Under the legislation, those broadcast outlets would be reorganized into a single organization called the Freedom News Network.

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Listener's Notebook

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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

ALASKA KNLS *International* (Rlg) Summer Schedule 2014

Chinese

0900-1000 daily 9655

1100-1200 daily 9610

1300-1400 daily 9910

1400-1500 daily 7355

English

1000-1100 daily 9655

1200-1300 daily 7355

1500-1600 daily 9920

Russian

0800-0900 daily 9655

1600-1800 daily 9655

(WRTH International Update)

The U.S. Air Force gave official notice to Congress Wednesday that it intends to dismantle the \$300 million High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program in Gakona this summer. (Christoph Ratzler-AUT OE2CRM, A-DX May 16/TopNews)

ALBANIA Summer A-14 shortwave schedule of *Radio Tirana*:

0130-0200 on 9845 SHI English Tue-Sun

0700-0900 on 7390 SHI Albanian

1700-1730 on 7465 SHI Italian Mon-Sat

1730-1800 on 7465 SHI French Mon-Sat

1931-2000 on 7465 SHI German Mon-Sat

2000-2030 on 7465 SHI English Mon-Sat

2300-2400 on 9850 SHI Albanian

(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

ANTARCTICA 15476, **LRA36**: This comment posted yesterday Apr 22. So sked 1830-2130. Personnel: Lucas and Hernán (operators), Sofia & Roman (Production), Sandra Mazzieri & Lorena Ahumada (Hosts). The program is named "Esperanza al Mundo". Telephone Nr. +0810 222 0770, INTERNOS 316 - 216. More... they announce Internet audio coming soon. (Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky-Uruguay/DXplorer) Sign-off was at (or near) 2139 -they were

still playing nice instrumental music at 2130 to about 2134 at a good S3 level... (Bruce Churchill-CA/DXplorer) E-mail address for QSLing LRA36 R Nac Arcángel San Gabriel is lra36@hotmail.com. Also via private message in their FB page "Esperanza San Gabriel". (Santiago San Gil, Venezuela via Horacio Nigro-Uruguay, Apr 28) 15476, LRA36, Base Esperanza. Latin music at 2005z. Fair signal, but fully readable for 20 mins, 21/4. (Jansson-Sweden/ARDXC) 15476, LRA36 R Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 1942, May 23, female host mentioned temperature: " -11,2°C, siendo las 16.42 horas. Esta es LRA36... ", called an Argentine amateur who mentioned the importance of the SW and the large percentage listening to radio transmissions. Excellent signal 4544(3)4. (López-Chile/DX Window)

Radio Nacional Arcangelo San Gabriel (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014

1830-2130 mtwtf.. 15476 Spanish, Irregular. (WRTH International Update)

ARMENIA 4810, *V o Armenia*, Yerevan-Gavar. In Arabic at 1901. Strong on a clear channel. 20/4 (Jansson-Sweden/ARDXC) 22/4 at 1614 IS, NA, ID in Greek "Iphonitis Armenia" (= Voice of Armenia) and nx in Greek (Pankov-Bulgaria/ARDXC)

AUSTRALIA A14 schedule for *HCJB Australia* in English. The schedule notes that "HCJB Australia will soon be changing its name - stay tuned".

0100-0115 sm....s 17760 (Spotlight)

0730-0830 Daily 15490

1115-1130 ..t..f. 11700 (Spotlight)

1130-1145 sm....s 11700 (Spotlight)

1330-1400f. 11595 (Hindi/English)

1405-1530 Daily 15450

(British DX Club)

3210, *Vintage FM*, Sydney. Good with 50's and 60's pops at 1952, 9/4 (Adams-Australia/ARDXC) Relay programme of 50's and 60's music with Vintage FM ID's promotions and adverts fair level after sunset! 0700 12/4 before than very poor to inaudible. (Wright-Australia/ARDXC) Email from Craig

(owner of the station on 3210) today (Apr 30) indicates power now at 300 watts, so not as much as I thought. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin) Yes Vintage FM is on the air 3210 reports to willmo@vintagefm.com.au. Reports very welcome! If you don't have the internet, mail your report to me (John Wright, 29 Milford Road, Peakhurst, NSW 2210, Australia) and I will send it to Vintage FM and if a reply received will send it back to you. Ian Baxter and Craig Allen have got together and produced a great email QSL! (John Wright-Australia/ARDXC) 3210, May 25, 1218, Vintage FM relay on May 25 with amazing reception. Started to hear music by 1218, with signal improving by my local sunrise (1254); a first for me - able to hear several IDs; "You are listening to Vintage FM" and "The Vintage day, brought to you by . . ."; played "Dance with a Dolly with a Hole in Her Stocking" and many other songs of that era; of course a lot of QRN/static, but the music cut through the noise fairly well; fading down after 1330. A most enjoyable listening experience and outstanding for such a low powered station! (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

1600-1630 daily 7250 Arabic
1630-1730 daily 7250 Bengali
1745-1900 daily 13580 English ARUS (BLR)
1915-2000 daily 13580 Bengali
(WRTH International Update)

BELARUS *Belaruskje Radyo* (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014 in Belarusian:

0400-0700 daily 11930
1500-1700 daily 7255
1500-2100 daily 6080
(WRTH International Update)

Summer A-14 shortwave transmissions from Belarus:

Belarussian Radio 1 (including relay ***Radio Stalitz, Radio Grodno***)

0400-0700 11930 Belarussian
1500-1700 7255 Belarussian
1500-2100 6080 Belarussian

AUSTRIA *Radio Ö1 International* (ORF) (Pub) Summer Schedule 2014 in German:

0500-0615 daily 6155mos
(WRTH International Update)

6155, **ORF** / ORS Moosbrunn, nx in German at 0501, S=8 -81dBm, low temperature of 3 to 12 cC temp, heavy rain and snowfall in Austria and southern Tyrolia from 1000 m ASL level. 0500-0615 scheduled. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 15)

AZERBAIJAN 9677. 6, ***Ictimai R***, Stepanakert, 0905-0959, Mo May 05, local programme. (Ivanov in Patreshko village/DX Window)

BAHRAIN *Radio Bahrain* (Gov.) Summer Schedule 2014 in Arabic:

0000-2400 daily 9745, Key: AM/U H3E mode
(WRTH International Update)

BANGLADESH *Bangladesh Betar* (Pub) Summer Schedule 2014:

1230-1300 daily 15105 English
1315-1345 daily 9455 Nepali
1400-1430 daily 15505 Urdu
1515-1545 daily 15505 Hindi

Radio Belarus Minsk

1100-1400 11730 Belarussian
1400-1600 11730 Russian
1600-1800 11730 Polish
1705-1800 7255 Polish
1800-1940 7255 German
1800-1940 11730 German
1940-2000 7255 German Tue/Wed/Fri
1940-2000 11730 German Tue/Wed/Fri
1940-2000 7255 French Sat-Mon/Thu
1940-2000 11730 French Sat-Mon/Thu
2000-2020 7255 Spanish Sat-Mon/Thu
2000-2020 11730 Spanish Sat-Mon/Thu
2000-2020 7255 English Tue/Wed/Fri
2000-2020 11730 English Tue/Wed/Fri
2020-2200 7255 English
2020-2200 11730 English
2200-2300 7255 Russian
2200-2300 11730 Russian
(RUSdx April 20/TopNews)

BOLIVIA 5952.5, ***Radio Pio XII***, Siglo XX, 5952.5
Email with partial datatext, IRC sent in past snail mail rpt, after many f/ups, the last Email sent to : felitorremi @ hotmail.com V/s : Felix Miranda Tórrez (Executive Director Radio Pio XII) - total time 6 years and five months!!! (Gian Luigi Naj-Italy/PlayDX)

BOSNIA From the several days no signal of *International Radio Serbia* probably due to floods in Serbia and other Balkans countries. International Radio Serbia was back on 6100 kHz from May 19:

1730-1800 on 6100 Italian Mon-Fri
1800-1830 on 6100 Russian
1830-1900 on 6100 English
1900-1930 on 6100 Spanish
1930-2000 on 6100 Serbian Sun-Fri
1930-2030 on 6100 Serbian Sat
2000-2030 on 6100 German Sun-Fri
2030-2100 on 6100 French
2100-2130 on 6100 English
2130-2200 on 6100 Serbian Fri
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

6100, IR Serbia via Bijeljina Bosnia beasting site, in Russian at S=9+45dB level at -30dBm powerhouse. At 1825, political commentary, Serbian male pop mx singer. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, BC-DX TopNews May 13)

BRAZIL 2380, *Radio Educadora* de Limeira-SP 08:55 sinpo 25122 Om/cxs Sobre centro de lazer? 14/05. (Daniel Wyllyans-Brazil/PlayDX)

4914.97 and 4915.00, 0045-0120, 03/05, *R Daqui*, Goiânia, GO and *R Difusora* Macapá, Macapá, AP. Both heard with Portuguese ann and musical programmes - and heterodyne. 32232. (Anker Petersen-Denmark/PlayDX)

4915, *Radio Daqui* Goiania-GO, 2308 sinpo 55555 "essa e a radio Daqui". OM/mx aline barros. 13/05. (Daniel Wyllyans-Brazil/PlayDX)

4915, *Radio Difusora* de Macapa-AP, 0822 sinpo 35333 OM/cxs sobre "Cursos tecnicos como fazer" 14/05. (Daniel Wyllyans-Brazil/PlayDX)

5035.00, 0055-0105, 03/05, *R Aparecida*, Aparecida, SP. Portuguese talk, 0100 orchestra music with weak heterodyne possibly from R Educação Rural, Coari, AM 24232. //6135 (31321). (Anker Petersen-Denmark/PlayDX)

5970.010, *ZYE523 Rádio Itatiaia*, Belo Horizonte, MG BRA. Station QSL card, signed by Fabiana Souza, plus stickers. Received in 73 days for program details and recording to itatiaia@itatiaia.com.br. Station website: www.itatiaia.com.br/. Station address: Radio Itatiaia, Rua Itatiaia 117, Bonfim, Belo Horizonte MG 31210-170 Brasil. (Info TNX

Kurt Enders-Germany/hcdx, Dario Monferini-Italy, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 18)

CHINA Summer A-14 unregistered frequencies of *China Radio International*:

0201-0257 on 17505 KUN Tamil
0701-0757 on 17875 KUN Cantonese
0831-0927 on 15115 KUN Indonesian
0831-0927 on 17705 KUN Indonesian
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Voice of Guangxi Beibu Wan, Beibu Bay Radio (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014:

1000-1100 daily 5050, 9820 Chinese
1100-1130 mtwtf.. 5050, 9820 Thai
1100-1130ss 5050, 9820 Vietnamese
1130-1600 daily 5050, 9820 Vietnamese
2300-0100 mtwtf.. 5050, 9820 Vietnamese
2300-0200ss 5050, 9820 Chinese
(WRTH International Update)

Yunnan People's Broadcasting Station - The Voice of Shangri-La (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014:

1000-1100 daily 6035 Vietnamese
1100-1200 daily 6035 Chinese
1200-1300 daily 6035 Vietnamese
1300-1400 daily 6035 Chinese
1400-1500 daily SEA 6035 Vietnamese
(WRTH International Update)

China Radio International English to North America beginning March 30, 2014:

0000-0200 on 6020 9570
0100-0200 on 9580
0300-0400 on 9690 9790
1300-1400 on 9570
1400-1600 on 13740
2300-2400 on 5990
(Bob Fraser-ME)

CLANDESTINE New frequency of *Radio Free Sarawak* from May 20:

1100-1145 NF 15430 PUG Iban Mon-Sat, ex 15460
1145-1230 NF 15420 PUG Iban Mon-Sat, ex 15460
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

No signal of *BBN Radio Berekah Broadcasting Network* on Apr.18-20

1900-1930 on 15155-15180 ISS Amharic, scheduled Fri-Sun
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Additional frequencies of **R. Tamazuj/R. Dabanga** from July 1

Radio Tamazuj

0400-0430 on 7205 MDC Sudanese Arabic from July 1

0400-0430 on 11650 SMG Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

0400-0430 on 15550 DHA Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

1500-1530 on 11805 MDC Sudanese Arabic from July 1

1500-1530 on 15150 MDC Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

1500-1530 on 15550 SMG Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

Radio Dabanga

0430-0600 on 11650 SMG Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

0430-0600 on 15550 DHA Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

0500-0530 on 15150 MDC Sudanese Arabic from July 1

1530-1630 on 15150 MDC Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

1530-1630 on 15550 SMG Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency change of **Dimtse Radio Erena** in Oromo from May 23

1700-1730 on 11560 SOF, ex 11560
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

New time and frequency change of **North Korea Reform Radio**:

1430-1530 NF 9300 TAC Korean, ex 1500-1600 on 9380
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency change of **Voice of Martyrs (Freedom)** from May 22:

1600-1730 NF 7525 TAC Korean, ex 7510
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

CMN Khmer Radio Summer Schedule 2014:

2300-2330 .t.t..s 9940dsb Khmer
(WRTH International Update)

Frequency change of **CMN Khmer Radio**:

2300-2330 on 9940 DB Khmer Sun/Tue/Thu till May 4

2300-2330 NF 9945 DB Khmer Sun/Tue/Thu from May 6
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok Summer Schedule 2014:

1130-1200 daily 17860dsb Khmer
(WRTH International Update)

Radio Ndeke Luka Summer Schedule 2014:

1700-1730 daily 17500wof Sango
(WRTH International Update) Transmissions of Radio Ndeke Luka in Sango are cancelled deleted from HFCC database. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Sedaye Radio-ye Mehr Iran probably from May 23:

1630-1700 NF 15670 ISS Farsi Mon/Fri, ex 15680
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

6135, **Voice of Freedom**. Will attempt to summarize what is now known about this station, based upon my own observations and the valuable input from Sei-ichi Hasegawa, Mauno Ritola, Hiroshi, S. Aoki, Bill Harms and several online sources. Voice of Freedom is a clandestine operated by the Republic of Korea's Defense Ministry which is new to SW (in past years was on FM) and established to provide propaganda broadcasts into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Seems that portions broadcast are made up of VOF programs and other portions are perhaps KBS programming. ID and helpful comments from Bill Harms after listening to a recording made by S. Aoki: "Isang-eulo Jayuui Sori Bangsong-eul machigesseubnida. ... Jayuui Sori Bangsong-eun ... danpa "(This is a liberal transliteration.) It roughly translates as "and now the Voice of Freedom broadcast comes to a close. The Voice of Freedom Broadcast.... on (Shortwave)" The word "Danpa" is indistinct. The sentence in between the rest were wiped out by interference. I occasionally heard them in Seoul on 103.1 MHz when we lived there. I had understood that they had stopped

broadcasting on FM and were using loudspeakers along the DMZ. But that was several years ago. If I remember right, they played the Voice of Freedom program for three or four hours per day, and regular KBS programming the rest of the day, but my memory is fading." Thanks Bill! Additional info: A 2011 article: <http://www.strategypage.com/dls/articles/The-Air-War-Over-North-Korea--10-19-2011.asp>. A 2010 article: <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2010/05/201052534421773321.html>. Schedule now at Aoki database. I welcome any additional comments, observations or corrections to the above info. Appreciate any additional feedback! (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin) Was broadcasting previously on FM daily at 0300-0500, 0900-1400, 1500-2000 and 2100-2400. (WRTH via Anker Petersen-Denmark/DX Window)

9945, **CMN Cambodia Media Network R**, via Dushanbe, from May 06 on this new frequency in Khmer, ex 9940 heard at 2300-2324, Su May. (Ivanov in Patreshko village/DX Window)

Open Radio for North Korea, one of the handful of private radio stations that targets North Korea, has reportedly ended broadcasts to the country. The Seoul-based station is understood to have suspended shortwave broadcasting at the end of March after a grant from the U.S. government used to pay for the transmissions apparently ended. In common with the other private stations that target the DPRK, Open Radio bought time on transmitters located in the region. It broadcast two shortwave transmissions a day via Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. The station had to put up with constant jamming from North Korean authorities. U.S. government funding data shows the Open Radio project received at least \$300,000 in 2009 and \$148,500 in 2011 in grants from the Department of State. (North Korea Tech web site/British DX Club)

'Radio VOP operations legal'- Netherlands Envoy: Harare, May 9, 2014 - Privately-owned radio station **Voice of the People** (VOP) broadcasting into Zimbabwe was doing so legally according to Dutch law, the Netherlands envoy said yesterday. Gera Snelle, Netherlands Ambassador to Zimbabwe, told journalists yesterday after paying a courtesy call on Information, Media and Broadcasting Services minister Jonathan Moyo, who has said VOP was not allowed to broadcast into the southern African country without a licence from the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ) — that as long as the radio station was legal under Dutch law, there should not be

a problem. VOP's programmes in Shona and Ndebele, are broadcast on the short wave from 7 to 8 pm. from a transmitter in Madagascar operated by the Dutch public radio station, Radio Netherlands. "As long as they abide by the standards set by Dutch law with regard to media, which means that they have to refrain from inciting hatred and calling for violence, when they abide by those laws, they can get a broadcasting permit and they are free to operate," Sneller said. She said if the stations chose to broadcast to Germany, Luxembourg or Zimbabwe, they were doing so legally according to Dutch laws. She noted that freedom of expression and the media were extremely important to the Netherlands. Moyo said it was surprising that during the liberation struggle the Netherlands supported Zimbabwe but did not offer any assistance in setting up a radio station to support the liberation fighters' cause against colonial domination. "However, now that the country is independent and is enjoying being a sovereign nation, they assist radio stations that according to Zimbabwean law are pirate and all about regime change propaganda," Moyo said. VOP has had fierce run-ins with the Harare administration over the past decade, with its equipment seized and its journalists arrested. It was ordered to stop broadcasting from Zimbabwe after its studio in Milton Park, Harare, was destroyed in a mysterious August 2002 blast. (Radio Voice of the People website)

COLOMBIA Little change in postal address to **Alcaravan Radio** and **LV de tu Conciencia**. Recently the Colombian postal service (Red 4-72) closed many offices where were located the "Apartados" (P.O. Box) and moves others; now the complete address to send reception reports is: Alcaravan Radio (or as appropriate) La Voz de tu Conciencia, c/o Rafael Rodríguez R., Apartado No. 67751, (oficina Red 4-72 Unicentro), Bogotá D.C. - Colombia. Please spread this information. Reception reports via e-mail continue without problems in this e-mail rafaelcoldx@yahoo.com. Thanks. (Rafael Rodríguez R., QSL Manager, Colombia/DXplorer)

CONGO 6115, May 13 at -1828*, **Radio Congo**, ID by female at 1825, more announcements, short piece of music, then off. The same pattern as yesterday, often noted as missing the weeks before. Also May 20. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, BC-DX TopNews)

COSTA RICA Future of Cariari site still unknown: According to an unofficial source-expected a government decision of newly elected President Luis

Guillermo Solis, to decide what they will do with transmitters and antennas from decommissioned Spanish broadcasts Tico territory. Apparently the Sinart National Broadcast System, its budget has dwindled to take the initiative to take care of that issuer center located in Cariari, which by its geographical location would be assured of radial coverage of the Americas and of distant continents. These are, again, unofficial information, because until the sun today, nothing else is known about what will happen in the future. Ideally Costaricense the new Government will take care of that initiative, through an agreement with the Spanish Government, if there is already a pre-subscribed and can transmit programs to raise awareness of the culture and the reality of this beautiful country. Squander that opportunity would be priceless, considering that at this time no station broadcasting from the Central American country to the world, via shortwave broadcasting. Back was the memory of the famous Clock Radio from San Jose, World Radio and Radio Lira Advenista International from Alajuela, Radio Casino of Puerto Limon, TILRL Radio News Continent and many more for years allowed us to know this part of the world. Sun rose, God will become a reality and the new government of Costa Rica surprise us with good news! Meanwhile, as the Ticos, Pura Vida! Say. Dawn and see! (Santiago San Gil G., Venezuela in Cadena DX page in F_B, quoting from <<http://www.sinart.go.cr/>> and translating Spanish into English, via Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky-Uruguay/DXplorer)

CROATIA *Voice of Croatia* (Glas Hrvatske): Inactive at time of publication. (WRTH International Update)

ECUADOR 6050, *HCJB La Voz del Andes*, Quito, unid lang and Sp, nice Latin AM mx, at 0426, S=8 or -80dBm signal into Alberta-CAN province. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 15) 6050.00, R. HCJB, Quito; at 2306-2332 on Apr 29; ID on passing: "A través de HCJB", prgm: "Segmento de noticias" w/ nx, ID: "Imagina un mundo de amigos y queriendo escuchar HCJB..." followed by another prgm named: "Alegre Atardecer" w/ modern mx in SP. Then prgm in Shuar language: "Estimados oyentes a partir de estos momentos iniciamos la programación para la región Shuar (Shuars are an ethnic group in Ecuador & Perú. In Ecuador they live in Napo, Pastaza, Morona, Santiago, Zamora, Chinchipe, Sucumbios, Orellana provinces and on the Coast in Esmeraldas province (in the canton of Quinindé) and in the Guayas province. They're the

most numerous people with approximately 110.000 individuals. Who among veteran DXers didn't enjoy on 3279.5 kHz with Radio La Voz del Napo, from Tena who had a dedicated programming for them. 55555. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

EGYPT 15535.088, *Radio Cairo* Arabic service to Sahel and Western Africa registered at 13-16 from Abis site on odd frequency and totally distorted audio, and spurious portion on lower side from 15521 to 15535, and also 8 kHz wide on upper side to 15543. Heard at 1345 May 14. S=7 -87dBm sidelobe signal into southern Germany. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 14)

16 May checked for R. Cairo, and found programming at normal times and so unaffected by change to DST. i.e.: French on 9410 at 2015 tune-in and (re-checking later) off around 2110. English signing-on at 2115 on 9895. Both transmissions suffering from usual atrocious audio. At around 2125 was a short feature called (I think) "Guess the Answer", but intelligibility was so poor that perhaps "Guess the Question" would have been more appropriate. It's such a shame - R Cairo has a great range of programmes, but it's just impossible to follow them. (Alan Roe-UK)

ETHIOPIA 6030 R. *Oromiya*, Addis Ababa. Noted from 1850 to past 1910, with some great Eaf music programming. Clear ID at 1906 as "Radio Oromiya". Breathe a while since I have heard this one! Good signal in the clear on 10/4. (Wagner-Australia/ARDXC) Local music at 1805. Not very strong but fully readable on a clear channel. 29/4. (Jansson-Sweden/ARDXC)

6090, *Amhara State Station*, friendly e-mail letter V/s: Chalacew Achamyelhe (Head of Amhara Radio Station) Reply in 10 days, Info WEB: www.amma.gov.et; Email: moges100@yahoo.com. (Gian Luigi Naj, Asti, Italy/PlayDX)

7236.923 ... 7236.993, Hefty wandering signal from *Gedja Jawe* Ethiopia noted on May 12th and 13 again, 1530, after break of some weeks now. Very odd signal wandered approx. 70 Hertz up and down. Scheduled broadcast at 0300-2100, - I guess. Radio Ethiopia, Voice of Democratic Alliance, and Voice of Peace & Democracy scheduled here. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 13) 7237.1, R. Ethiopia, Geja Jawa. A weak signal and sandwiched between CRI 7235 and PBS 7240, and creating one almighty het with 7235. Noted with

a long local ballad and French anncts at 1730. Difficult listening on 10/4 (Wagner-Australia/ARDXC) 21/4 at 0400 and on 7237.3 on 16/4 at 1801 with "Dimtsi...Ertran..." or Voice of Democratic Eritrea in VE. On 7237.3 from 1600 was in EE and fr 1700 in FF with Radio Ethiopia px. (Pankov-Bulgaria/ARDXC)

Radio Ethiopia (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014 (variable freq and irregular ops):

1200-1300 daily 7235, 9560 Somali
1300-1400 daily 7235 9560 Afar
1400-1500 daily 7235, 9560, Arabic
1600-1700 daily 7235, 9560 English
1700-1800 daily 7235, 9560 French
(WRTH International Update)

FRANCE Radio France International schedule:

0400-0500 French I-9790 M-9790 I-13685
0430-0500 Swahili M-7340
0500-0600 French M-11605 I-11700 I-13695
0530-0600 Swahili M-9835 M-11790
0600-0630 Hausa I-13750 I-15340
0600-0700 French M-11605 I-15300
0600-0900 French M-15170
0700-0730 Hausa I-13685 I-15315
0700-0800 French I-21580
0700-0900 French I-17850
0800-0900 French I-21580
1130-1200 French I-15640
1200-1300 French M-17660
1200-1600 French I-17620
1300-1700 French I-21690
1300-2000 French I-15300
1430-1500 Farsi I-15360 I-17850
1500-1600 Russian I-13630 I-15215
1500-1600 Swahili M-15360 M-15410
1500-1600 Vietnamese I-13700 I-15630 I-17810
1600-1700 Hausa I-17615
1700-1730 Portuguese M-9755 M-9910
1700-1800 Farsi I-13620
1700-1800 French I-17620
1700-2000 French M-9800 I-15300 I-17850
1800-1900 French I-11995
1800-1900 Russian I-11795 I-13620
1800-2000 French I-21690
1900-1930 Portuguese M-5950
1900-2000 French I-9790 I-11995
2000-2200 French I-7205 I-9790 I-11995
Sites: (I) Issoudun, France, (M) Meyerton, South Africa (Conexion Digital/ARDXC)

5910, **NHK Radio Japan** in Japanese, 3-5 from TDF Issoudun France relay site, S=9+10dB or -70dBm strength in remote unit on Alberta Canada. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 15)

GERMANY The Swedish DX Federation is continuing monthly broadcasts on SW via **Hamburger Lokradio** on 7265 at 1100 on 19 April, 17 May and 14 June. The programmes are mainly in Swedish and hosted by Ronny Forslund. Short announcements in English and German will also be included. Reception reports can be sent to SDXF, Box 1097, 405 23 Goeteborg, Sweden. For QSL please enclose some form of return postage. (Tom Taylor via BC-DX/British DX Club)

Updated summer A-14 schedule of **Transport Radio** in Dutch

0800-1000 on 6095 NAU Mon/Wed/Fri, ex Mon-Fri
0800-1100 on 6095 NAU Tue/Thu is not active!!
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

I am writing to inform you that the European information radio **Echo of Europe** (EOE) will start its shortwave broadcasts as of Tuesday, May 20, 2014. We broadcast in French to Europe on 7315 from the transmitter Nauen center in Germany (Media Broadcast) Tuesday and Friday from 1830 to 1845. Frequency: 7315; Time: 1830-1845; Location: Nauen; Language: French. Radio Echo of Europe, 09 rue de Sebastopol, B.P. 21531, 31015 Toulouse Cedex 6, France. Website www.echoofeurope.eu & e-mail simon.marty@echoofeurope.eu. (Simon Marty - Echo of Europe. via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 17) On the web: Programs Echo of Europe are also available on our website at the address: <http://bretagne5.fr>. (Roger Roger-D, A-DX May 18)

New transmission via MBR - **Echo of Europe** in English/French

1830-1845 on 7315 NAU Tue/Fri.
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

GREECE ERA has been increasingly erratic on SW in recent weeks but was observed on 24 April around 0300 UTC on 9420 and 15630 kHz with traditional Greek music and around 0900 on 28 April on 9420 and 11645 with "Ert Open" ID, in parallel with the ERA radio feed at ertopen.com - so the SW transmitters are still being operated by the rebel staff. (Dave Kenny-UK/British DX Club)

GUATEMALA 4054.98 *R. Verdad*, Chiquimula; at 0948-1035 on May 5; rlg prgm: Bible stories for kids "Historias Biblicas para niños" in SP, San Mateo 16:01 (St. Mathew 16:01), followed by continuous rlg mx in EG, ID in EG. 22222. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

INDIA Summer A-14 shortwave schedule of *All India Radio*:

AIR Vividh Bharati

0030-0430 on 9870 BGL Hindi
0900-1200 on 6100 DEL Hindi DRM
0900-1200 on 9870 BGL Hindi
1230-1730 on 9870 BGL Hindi
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

AIR National Channel

1315-0045 on 9425 DEL Hindi
1315-0045 on 9470 ALG Hindi
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

4800.00, 0035-0045, 03/05, *AIR Hyderabad*. English news from Delhi, 0040 Indian songs 25242. China had already faded out here due to early sunrise. (Anker Petersen-Denmark/PlayDX)

5010.00, 0050-0100, 03/05, *AIR Thiruvananthapuram*. Malayalam ann and songs. 35232. (Anker Petersen-Denmark/PlayDX)

INDIA'S BROADCAST CHIEF CALLS FOR "MINDLESS" DRM PLAN TO BE DROPPED IN FAVOUR OF FM:

4 March 2014 - New Delhi: You will soon be able to catch your favourite regional radio programmes on FM radio with maximising of the existing technology and junking of the "mindless" and "silly" plan of introducing digital radio, says Prasar Bharati chief Jawhar Sircar. Sircar, the CEO of India's public broadcaster that runs All India Radio and Doordarshan, said plans are afoot to place FM towers parallel to MW towers to achieve "simulcast" or simultaneously broadcast programmes which are run on Medium Wave on the Frequency Modulation towers. "Simulcast is the new technology. If I put in an FM tower parallel to an MW tower, we can have simultaneously casting," Sircar said in an interview. "With this, you will be able to hear programmes from primary channels, say Kolkata 'A' or 'B' on FM," said the top bureaucrat, known to have had run-ins with the information and broadcasting ministry over the running of the

autonomous public service broadcaster. Funds for this venture will come from leasing out the 50-odd centres where SW or Short Wave receiving transmitters stand, and also "closing down DRM" or digital radio mondiale and "putting the money in FM", he said. SW has no takers anymore and the 50 transmitters or receiving centres are standing on prime land located in 50 major towns across India, which could be leased out to government departments. It will earn "enough money to fund the entire exercise", the top official said. On digital radio, Sircar said the government has already spent a lot of money on digital radio needlessly. "A lot of money has been pushed into DRM, and we have around 100 DRM transmitters. But the DRM radio receivers cost Rs5,000, so who will buy them? So, all the silly targets being made within Prasar Bharati or even in the ministry would require a re-examination before we push any target," he said. "There are markets and there are issues in which you can't go in for long term views. The long term view was (to go in for) DRM. I think it is silly." The decision to go in for digital radio was taken six-eight years ago. "But nobody studied to see (the cost of receivers). Then it was Rs10,000 and now it is Rs5,000. No Indian can afford it," he said, adding that the move for digital radio was akin to "mindlessly" aping World Space radio, a premium satellite radio network that went defunct in 2009. "World Space radio with less (cost of receivers) could not survive... why put mindless pressure? "We will close down DRM, and put that money into FM," he said. The money, around Rs20 crore for each DRM phase, could be used to purchase the equipment for simulcasting of FM and MW at around Rs.80 lakh per tower. "If I can save Rs20 crore, I can put 20 FM systems," the CEO said. (<http://thepeninsulaqatar.com> via Alan Pennington-UK/British DX Club)

INDONESIA *Voice of Indonesia* (VOI) (Pub) Summer Schedule 2014 (irregular):

1000-1100 daily 9526 English
1100-1200 daily 9526 Chinese
1200-1300 daily 9526 Japanese
1300-1400 daily 9526 English
1400-1500 daily 9526 Indonesian
1500-1600 daily 9526 Chinese
1600-1700 daily 9526 Arabic
1700-1800 daily 9526 Spanish
1800-1900 daily 9526 German
1900-2000 daily 9526 English
2000-2100 daily 9526 French
(WRTH International Update)

KYRGYZSTAN Shortwave Relay Service (Rlg) Summer Schedule 2014 (irregular):

1500-1800 daily 5130 Persian. Transmission times depend on airtime bookings. (WRTH International Update)

LAOS Lao National Radio (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014:

1330-1400 daily 6130 Thai
1400-1430 daily 6130 English
1430-1500 daily 6130 French
1530-1600 daily 6130 Khmer
1500-1530 daily 6130 Vietnamese
(WRTH International Update)

6129.988, **Lao National Radio** Vientiane noted at 1530, scheduled -1600. S=9+20dB or -55dBm strength. 918 MW replaced - and to be moved soon from Vientiane suburb to the wider countryside, - IS NOT YET ON AIR again. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 9)

MADAGASCAR It looks like *World Christian Broadcasting* (KNLS) has gotten Madagascar government approval to ship their SW xmtr to their installation-in-progress in Madagascar. This is reported in the "Ask WWCRC covers NASB 2014" item (May 24, 2014) at <<http://www.drmna.info/>> It's at 2:00 in. (Jerry Berg-MA/DXplorer)

MONGOLIA Only 2 broadcasts of *Voice of Mongolia* (in Japanese) are on SW:

1030-1100 on 12085 U-B
1500-1530 on 12105 U-B
All other language programs are not broadcasted anymore on shortwave. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

MOROCCO (SPANISH) Radio Méditerranée Internationale (Comm) Summer Schedule 2014:

0000-2400 daily 9575 Arabic/French
(WRTH International Update)

MYANMAR 5985.000, **Myanmar Radio** Rangoon heard properly loud and clear Friday May 9th on even frequency at 1500, location SDR unit in eastern Thailand. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 9) 5985.00, Myanmar R, Naypyidaw, 1146-1224, May 09, 10 and 12, found on exact frequency with much better reception via this newer transmitter than via the older off frequency

one. (Howard-CA/DX Window) 5985, Myanmar Radio, f/d QSL card via registered mail after F/up. V/s: Director Radio BC. Myanmar Radio TV, after F/up Reply 1 year. Myanmar Radio & Television, 426 Pyay Road, Kamayut-11041, Myanmar. Info WEB: www.mrtv.gov.mm. (Gian Luigi Naj-Italy/PlayDX)

9730.0, 1108, **Myanmar Radio**, May 14, starting with the Wednesday edition of ABC/ Radio Australia's "Lesson 19 - At the Festival," at 1108; repeat of Mondays show; off at 1145, running past their normal 1130 sign off. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

NEW ZEALAND Frequency changes of **Radio New Zealand International** in DRM mode:

1551-1750 NF 5975 RAN 25kW 35deg Cook Isl/ Samoa/Niue/Tonga, ex 7330 \\ 9700 AM

1951-2050 NF15720 RAN 25kW 35deg Cook Isl/ Samoa/Niue/Tonga, ex 11690 \\11725 AM

(Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 15)

NIGERIA 6089.85, **R Nigeria**, Kaduna, 2155-2210, May 12, heard with QRM from 6089.95, R Bandeirantes, São Paulo, SP, and 6090.00, CNR2 Business R, Golmud. (Bueschel-Germany/DX Window)

Nigeria: Mobile Rises Sharply While Radio Dominates for News: WASHINGTON (May 15, 2014) — While a vast divide remains between "media rich" and "media poor" Nigerians, household mobile ownership has surpassed that of radio and TV in Nigeria, and the use of Internet is trending upward, according to new findings on Nigerian media consumption habits presented today by the Broadcasting Board of Governors. The data, which comes from a national media survey conducted by Gallup in early 2014, shows that 87% of Nigerian adults have a mobile phone in their household. Personal mobile phone ownership has grown across all demographics, including women, Hausa speakers, and older Nigerians. Home Internet access also increased sharply—nearly tripling from 7.5% in 2012 to 22.9% in 2014. This growth is directly linked to the continued spread of mobile technology, as 95.7% of weekly Internet users say they accessed the Web using a mobile device. However, the spike in new Internet users consists largely of men and those in the 15-24 age bracket. While use of new technologies is on the rise, radio remains the dominant news platform in Nigeria, with 77.4% overall and more than seven in 10 across all major demo-

graphic groups saying they listen to the radio for news at least weekly. "Hausa speakers are still the most avid radio listeners, but trail behind on other platforms," said Sonja Gloeckle, research analyst at the International Broadcasting Bureau. Nigerians are active consumers of news, with two-thirds (66.6%) saying they access news at least once a day. At the same time, Gallup World Poll data from July 2013 found a sharp decline in perceptions of media freedom in Nigeria, particularly in the north. Dan Foy, consultant at Gallup, explained that perceptions of a functional democracy were low in Nigeria. "Just 18% of Nigerians have confidence in their country's elections," he said, "and only 30.4% have confidence in the government that those elections produce." (BBG Website via Radio World Newsbytes)

Observations of *Voice of Nigeria* on Sat May 24. Low modulation, different languages, instead of scheduled and much more:

0500-0700 on 15120 English
0700-0800 on 15120 French
1600-1630 on 11770 Swahili
1630-1700 on 9690 Yoruba
1700-1730 on 9690 Igbo
1730-1800 on 15120 Arabic
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

OMAN *Radio Sultanate of Oman* (Pub) Summer Schedule 2014:

1400-1500 daily 15140 English
1500-2200 daily 15140 Arabic
2200-0200 daily 15355 Arabic
0200-0300 daily 13600 Arabic
0300-0400 daily 13600 English
0400-1000 daily 13600 Arabic
(WRTH International Update)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3325, May 7, -1216*, *NBC Bougainville*, 1202-1216*. This had not been heard by me in a long time! Mixing with and slightly better than RRI Palangkaraya. NBC with DJ in Tok Pisin/Pidgin and playing pop songs (no news segment), while RRI was all talk with the Jakarta news. Great to hear this one again, thanks to Dave Valko! (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

3385, May 4, -1201* *NBC East New Britain*, 1201* May 4, 5 and 6. Always going off the air via a timer; very nice to find them back again and is by far the strongest PNG being currently heard. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

PERÚ *Radio Mix*, Urubamba, was heard on Radio Chaski's SW frequency of 5980 on April 20 around midnight. An audio clip was sent to me by Mike Shcherbakov. The phone number, web address and postal address of the station were given on the air along with Andean cumbias and ads for establishments in Urubamba, one them for solar panels with further info available at the Radio Mix studios. Pedro F. Arrunátegui in Lima noted Radio Mix again on April 22 at 1114. Programming with relays of Radio Red Integridad and Radio Trans Mundial is now reportedly back to normal. Radio Mix seems to be a new name and format for previous Radio Fortaleza and Radio Stereo Sur, also listed on 96.3 FM. One will have to ask the studio operator for an explanation. Did he listen to the new Radio Mix while inadvertently feeding their audio into the Chaski SW transmitter at the same time? (Henrik Klemetz-Sweden/DXplorer)

4824.48, *R. La Voz de la Selva*, Iquitos; at 1047-1105 on May 1, mx w/ TC: "Son las 5 de la mañana con 51 minutos; buenos días, que no nos gane la hora", advs "Comercial Putumayo", anmt: "Ya viene LVS noticias", ID: "LVS presenta: el ángelus", ID "Tu eres La Voz de la Selva en LVS noticia", "Pedro Paredes en la producción y Carlos Paredes". NOTE: For moments, they announce their stn name as "LVS" instead of the full "La Voz de la Selva" name. 22222. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4835.00, *R. Ondas del Sur Oriente*, Quillabamba; at 1130-1155 on May 18; folk mx, ID: "Ondas del Sur Oriente y su poderosa señal", prgm: "La Hora Folclórica", folk mx, ads in bilingual px (Sp & Quechua). ID in Sp: "Usted está escuchando Ondas del Sur Oriente la poderosa". 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4955.00, *R. Cultural Amauta*, Huanta; at 2310-2340 on Apr 27; folk mx, advs in Sp & Quechua, ID: "Por Radio Cultural Amauta", more folk mx in Quechua. 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

5459.95, *R. Bolívar*, Bolivar; at 2340-0047 on May 13, folk mx, ID: "Más potente, más nitida, Bolívar... señal ganadora"... Greetings to lsnsrs in Bolivar City: "Un saludo a nuestros amigos de la ciudad de Bolívar". More folk mx, ID: "Radio Bolívar, totalmente satelital", ID on passing: "A través de Radio Bolívar". 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

5980.00, *Radio Mix*, Urubamba / *Radio Chaski*, Cusco, at 1050-1125 on Apr 22, Radio Chaski didn't

s/on at 1100, but at 1114, which allowed me to hear what OM Henrik Klemetz has pointed as an observation (see below) on Apr 20. 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

Radio Mix, Urubamba, Cuzco, at 1050-1114 on Apr 22; mx, ID: "Tus fines de semana ya no serán, porque Radio Mix presenta "Discoteca Mix Radio" con los mejores disc-jockeys", advs, ID: "Ahora Radio Mix para el mundo. Ingresar a nuestra página oficial: www.radiomixtepone.com, Radio Mix te pone conectado al mundo", ID: "96.3 el número que no toca lo mismo, somos Radio Mix 96.3". Then, at 1115 Radio Chasqui finally s/on and lost the stn, (PSE, listen to the following enclosed recording at this URL: <https://es-es.facebook.com/radiomix96.3>), 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

Radio Chaski, Urubamba, Cusco, at 1115-1125 on Apr 22; folk mx w/ huayno in Quechua, ID: "Por Radio Chaski en cadena con Radio Integridad..." mx, ID: "Radio Chasqui, con Radio Trans Mundial, presenta..." rlg prgm. 44444. Comments by Henrik Klemetz-Sweden (translated): "Radio Mix, Urubamba, was heard on the frequency of Radio Chaski, 5980, on April 20 near midnight. An audio clip was sent to me by Mike Scherbakov. The tel nr., website and postal addr was given on air along with cumbia music and Andean comercial announcements for companies in Urubamba, one of the regarding solar panels with more info available on them in Radio Mix studios. Pedro F. Arrunátegui, in Lima, heard Radio Mix again on Apr 22, at 1114. Programming consisted of relays of Radio Red Integridad and Radio Trans Mundial. Radio Mix seems to be a new name and format of former Radio Fortaleza anterior, andc Radio Stereo Sur, on 96.3 FM. We should ask the studio operator to get an explanation. Is the new Radio Mix being heard at the same time they inadvertently feed their audio files over Chaski's SW xmtr (Henrik Klemetz-Sweden). (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

PHILIPPINES Recent letter from **FEBC** states that all mail should be sent to the following address: FEBC, PO Box 14205, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 16051, Philippines. (Alan Dean-UK/British DX Club)

RUSSIA *Voice of Russia* ceased all broadcasts on shortwave and medium wave from 1 April, ending 85 years of international broadcasting from Moscow on SW. Transmissions continue online and via a small number of local relays overseas, including

DAB in London. The A14 schedule listed last month lasted just two days, 30-31 March before the transmitters were switched off. Two Russian broadcasters continue on SW, Radio MTUCI and Adygey Radio: Adygey Radio, Maycop, is now observed on its regular summer frequency 7325 via Armavir (Krasnodar) at 1700-1800 on Mondays and Fridays and 1800-1900 on Sundays. Programming is in Adygeyan, Arabic, Turkish and possibly also news in Kurdish. (Observations by Rumen Pankov since 31 March; also registered in HFCC with above schedule). Radio MTUCI from Moscow Technical University continues to broadcast Fridays on 25900 and is heard with a good signal across much of Europe most weeks from approx 1300-1600. (British DX Club)

VoR May Return to Shortwave in Future: Russia's National Security Council creates new body for funding Voice of Russia's LW/MW/SW broadcasts <http://t.co/0e6LRrIH0t> via Twitter @SWLingDotCom. Link is in Russian, but I was able to read a rude translation via the Goggle translator. (Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky-Uruguay/DXplorer)

7325, The only SW station from the Russian Federation seems to be **R Maykop** of Adygey Republic heard 16-23 Apr via Krasnodar, Armavir Tbiliskaya transmitter site, on Fr 1700-1800 and Su 1800-1900 in Adygeyan, and Mo 1700-1800 in Adygeyan, Arabic, Turkish (and some items also translated in Kurdish). <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adygea>. (Pankov-Bulgaria/DX Window) 1089 MW QSL card. On the front side Photo radiotelebashni and the inscription Krasnodar Krayevoy Broadcasting Center. Russian radio and television. Krasnodar region. KRTPTS. "Dear Anatoly thanks for your letter and a report on the hearing of a radio station that broadcasts of pos. Oktyabrsky, Tbilisi district of Krasnodar region. Program "Vesti FM". Date 01.04.2014 year. Broadcast time 2100-2200. Frequency of 1089. PB-681 transmitter. 1200 kW. Antenna ARRTZ. Circular pattern. Best wishes, good luck and Aether! The return address on the envelope: KRTPTS, ul. Radio 3-A, 350038 Krasnodar, Russia. (Victor RU6AX in RUS-DX, Apr 27/DX Window) Also heard at 1800, Su May 04, Adygeyan. (Ivanov in Patreshko village/DX Window)

RWANDA 6055, **R. Rwanda**, Kigali. Pretty scratchy audio quality with an interview program at 2030. Haven't heard it sounding this bad before! However, it was a strong signal on 4/4. (Wagner-Australia) Local dialect at 2058, fair on 26/4 (Adams-Australia) Heard at 2051, 23/4, with a Rwandan song or

chant with acoustic accompaniment. Then a vernacular discussion with mention of Rwanda then more chanting until s/off at 2101. (Allen-Australia/ARDXC)

SAUDI ARABIA 15119.997, **BSKSA** Riyadh in Bengali at same time 14-15. No VoNigeria signal co-ch. 15434.994, Strong 100 Hertz BUZZ fence spoilt, visible of BSKSA Riyadh's outlet, political talk of probably General 1st radio program, no HQ prayer program at 1550. Registered 1450-1800. S=9+15dB or -56dBm in southern Germany. But spoilt also by two spurious signals each side. Broadband buzzy scratchy signal 15415 to 15455, and smaller also - two minor 3 kHz wide each side at 15404 and at 15461. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 14)

SINGAPORE BBC World Service announced that it has increased its shortwave English-language radio broadcasts to Thailand. With authorities in the country taking key national and international channels off air, the BBC World Service says it will continue the delivery of its independent news and analysis to audiences there. Effective 1 a.m. GMT on Monday 26 May, the broadcaster expanded its availability via shortwave to the Southeast Asian country by adding 10 hours of broadcasts to its daily shortwave schedule. These include 1 to 3 a.m. GMT on 11600 kHz; 3 to 5 a.m. GMT on 7370 kHz; and 5 to 11 a.m. GMT on 11700 kHz. The new transmissions add to BBC World Service's six hours of shortwave broadcasts at peak times for Thailand. "In times of national crisis, there is an acute need for accurate, trusted and impartial news," said Acting Director, BBC World Service Group, Liliane Landor. "This is why, with our international TV news channel off the air in Thailand, we have increased BBC World Service radio broadcasts in the country." (Radio World Newsbytes)

SOLOMON ISLANDS SIBS Honaira now off 9545 where it was a great signal and programming to listen to in our early evenings, back on 5020 with the usual fair at best signal. (John Wright-Australia/ARDXC)

SOUTH AFRICA Frequency change of **BBC** from April 23:

0400-0500 NF 7360 MEY English, ex 7355 to avoid Romania on 7350.

(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Additional frequency of **BBC World Service** from May 5:

0600-0700 on 3255 MEY English (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

RTÉ still has its English shortwave broadcast in the A14 season, though it doesn't seem to be listed in the HFCC schedules. Broadcast is on 5820 (weekdays only re the WRN Africa schedule) from 1930-2000 UTC, presumably via Meyerton, South Africa. As it's a relay of WRN Africa you also get a WRN ID and maybe a snippet of the preceding WRN programme (Radio Slovakia Int). Fair clear reception here in Caversham this evening (SIO 354). (Alan Pennington-UK/British DX Club)

SRI LANKA Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (Pub) Summer Schedule 2014:

0110-0130 daily 11905 Bengali
0130-0330 daily 11905 Hindi
1115-1130 daily 9720 Hindi
1130-1145 daily 9720 Malayalam
1145-1200 daily 9720 Hindi
1200-1215 daily Tamil
1630-1830 mtw..s. 11750 Sinhala (WRTH International Update)

SUDAN Voice of Africa - Sudan Radio (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014:

0600-0700 daily 9505 French
0700-0800 daily 9505 Swahili
0800-0900 daily 9505 English
1630-1730 daily 9505 French
1730-1830 daily 9505 English
1830-1930 daily 9505 Hausa (WRTH International Update)

9505, **Voice of Africa**, E-mail to: bakhito2bb@yahoo.com. Directeur Assistant Voice of Africa, French Section. E-mail letter reply in 3 days. Info WEB: www.voiceofafricaradio.com. (Gian Luigi Naj-Italy/Playdx)

SURINAME 4989.990, **Radio Apintie**, Suriname, just on very, very weak threshold level at 0830 UT, S=4 -100dBm, even when switched OFF AGC by hand, couldn't understand mx or spoken content. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 14)

TAIWAN In 1967, the government drew up a plan to install shortwave broadcasting equipment in

order to extend radio broadcasts into China and to meet US global strategic requirements. In 1969, under the "Dingyuan Project", Huwei Township in Yunlin was chosen as the site for a new substation. The project took three years and was completed in March, 1972. Broadcasts officially began on May 20 of the same year, offering coverage of Northern China, Central China, South Korea, Russia and India. The Huwei substation sent its last signal at the end of 2013. Thinking back on its past, among the trees and flowers of the delightful station grounds, the station staff could not help but feel a sense of loss and sadness at parting. Yet they continued to go about their work with the usual vigour and sense of duty. Future programs would be transmitted by state-of-the-art digital transmitters and high-gain antennae that would improve efficiency and listening quality. RTI 2014 Huwei TXions apparently ended at end of A13 period. (Ian Baxter-AUS per RTI; SW TXsite May 16)

1830-1930 on 9785
2030-2130 on 7205
2200-2300 on 9830

French
1730-1830 on 7360
1930-2030 on 7360 9635

Spanish
0100-0200 on 9770 9870
1630-1730 on 11930
(Bob Fraser-ME)

UGANDA 4976, *UBC*, Kampala. American pop at 1805. Good signal but a noisy frequency 15/4. (Jansson-Sweden/ARDXC*) 22/4 at 1750 with rlg talks and nx in EE from 1800, tiny signal. (Pankov-Bulgaria/ARDXC) 4975.97, R. Kampala. At 2020 with a sort of "township jive" style of Rap music. I'm not a big rap for Rap, but this was quite groovy. Heavily accented and rapid-fire English anncts made it quite difficult to understand the announcer. Lots of shouting and excitement - sounded like one of the old Saturday night party shows that the African stations used to run about 30 years ago, but now with more contemporary dance styles! Fair to poor signal on May 24. (Rob Wagner VK3BVW-Australia/ARDXC) 4976, UBC R, Kampala, 0318, May 02, English, Lady voice DJ and song big hit in 80s "Big In Japan" of group Alphaville, at 0323 lady said "It's 23 past 6 hours", 25342. (Pankov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

TAJIKISTAN 4765.04, *Tajik R 1*, Yangiyul, 0008-0040, May 01 and 03, Tajik romantic sentences from man and woman with string music, 45243. It had nearly faded out at 0120. (Ivanov in Patreshko village and Anker Petersen-Denmark/DX Window)

THAILAND R Thailand WS. Saturday 24 May at 1900 on 9390. Programming is back to near-normal with today's date given ahead of the news "National news - brought to you by Bangkok Airways ..." and lead item "The NPLMC have issued 21 orders ... including the imposition of a nationwide curfew" and reference to the order that "all TV and Radio Stations have been taken off the air and have been instructed to air content of Army-run Channel 5 TV instead". Later during economic news "the bank of Thailand reports that there has been no panic in the Thai foreign exchange market after the Military Junta seized power". Broadcast however included other world news, world sport news and a number of tourism promos and an advert for an International hotel chain. I guess that the new military leaders are keen to re-assure foreign investors and tourists that it's "business-as-usual" in Thailand despite the coup. (Alan Roe-UK)

TURKEY Voice of Turkey schedule for March 30, 2014 - October 26, 2014:

English
0300-0400 on 6165 9515
1230-1330 on 15450
1630-1730 on 15520

UKRAINE R. Dniprovskia Hvylyia was noted on Fri, May 2 + Sat/Sun as scheduled:

0600-0800 on 11980.1 ZPR 0.3 kW Ukrainian CUSB, ex 0700-0830

(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

11980.086, A small 300 watt hobby station of the Ukrainian technicians on FM&TV tower at Zaporizhia heard regularly, but with different signal strength each day. Noted at 0620 on May 9th just above threshold. Dniprovskia Khvylyia Zaporizhia contained female voice announcing followed by Russian? Soft singer "You loub you" - "I love you", S=6 at -88dBm and suffered heavily by adjacent RTA ISS HQ prayer on 11985 even. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 9) Nothing from Radio Dnieper Wave, only Ukrainian Radio in Ukrainian was observed on 4 May 2014 *0600-0800* on 11980, better on 11980.2USB. For the all seasons before RDH was heard only in

the last 3-4 minutes of each hour - the other 56-57 minutes were with UR1 programme always. (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria for RUS DX PLUS bulletin 11 May 2014/PlayDX)

URUGUAY 6076.54, *CX118 Radio La Voz de Artigas*, Artigas, 2015-2045, May 23, Spanish, Romantic songs, local advs: "...el primer hipermercado de frutas y verduras de Artigas informa....", Announcement and identification as: "a la manera de La Voz de Artigas...", SINPO: 44232. (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina)

USA WMLK - Assemblies of Yaweh has been off the air for several years due to ongoing problems with getting the transmitter to work. The station's web site was updated in November 2013 to say that work is still progressing slowly, but many problems have been revealed. The station is still hoping to get back on the air. See WMLK Update-New at www.wmlkradio.net. (British DX Club)

Updated summer A-14 schedule of **WINB** effective May 4

1130-1400 9265 English Sun
1400-1615 9265 English Sat/Sun
1615-2045 9265 English Daily
2045-2100 9265 Eng/Spa Mon-Fri
2045-2100 9265 English Sat/Sun
2100-2230 9265 English Daily
2230-2300 9265 Spanish Mon
2230-2300 9265 English Tue-Sun
2300-2400 9265 English Daily
0000-0200 9265 English Daily
0200-0230 9265 English Tue-Sun
Wrong (winter) UT times <<http://www.winb.com>>
Sched. by Time (Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via [wwdxc BC-DX](mailto:wwdxc@bc-dx.com) TopNews May 14)

VANUATU 7259.967, English program of *Radio Vanuatu*, VST Port Vila, heard like speech to the crowd interspersed by local south sea music, around 0930 May 6th, weak S=5-6 at -91dBm strength in remote SDR unit down under in Australia. NOT \\
3945, but heard instead 3945.000 R Nikkei2 S=4 in Australia at -92dBm, \\
latter much stronger 6115. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, [wwdxc BC-DX](mailto:wwdxc@bc-dx.com) TopNews May 6) 7260, May 14, 0944, R. Vanuatu, 0944, May 14. Semi-clear reception; several monologues; 1002 ID for "Radio Vanuatu, the Voice ..."; drums and conch shell before the start of the news

in vernacular with many sound bites; hard to say when the news ended; 1026 musical fanfare into speech; poor with QRM gaining on them by 1030. (Ron Howard-CA/SWBulletin)

YEMEN Republic of Yemen Radio (Gov) Summer Schedule 2014:

0500-1500 daily 6135 Arabic
1800-1900 daily 6135 English
(WRTH International Update)


Unscheduled broadcast of *Radio Sanaa* in Arabic was noted on May 24:

1900-1915 on 6135
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

ZANZIBAR Broadcasting Corporation (Pub) Summer Schedule 2014 in Swahili:

0300-0600 daily 6015
1500-2100 daily 11735
(WRTH International Update)

ZIMBABWE Voice of Zimbabwe (4828/999 kHz kHz) off the air Gweru, 23 April: The ZBC board has expressed dismay over the failure by the national broadcaster and Transmedia to solve transmission challenges that have bedeviled Voice of Zimbabwe (VOZ) in Gweru since October last year. The Gweru-based VOZ shortwave radio station has not been transmitting any signal since October last year, following the breakdown of transmitters. ZBC board members, who toured the facilities in Gweru, expressed concern over the state of affairs at the VOZ, saying the breakdown in transmission is as bad as shutting down a whole station without following due process. VOZ was established to counter alternative short wave radio stations like Radio VOP, VOA's Studio 7 and SWRadio Africa which sprung up in order to counter the ZBC monopoly and its Zanu (PF) propaganda. (www.radiovop.com 24 April via Alan Pennington/British DX Club)

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 

Pirate Radio Report

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Pirate radio shortwave broadcasting without a license is against the law in all countries. In the USA, the enforcement of that provision is delegated to the FCC. Recently, most busts of pirate radio stations by the FCC were of stations broadcasting in the FM broadcast band, not shortwave. The most recent one of those notices of apparent liability from the FCC was issued on April 17 by the New York FCC office. In this case the FCC charged Nissim Lazari of Brooklyn of broadcasting on 97.5 MHz on FM. Virtually every month there are several enforcement actions against FM broadcast band pirates, with SWBC busts more infrequent than they used to be. But, all shortwave pirate broadcasters must be aware that they are subject to potential enforcement actions, despite the infrequent activity against shortwave pirates by the FCC lately that has made pirate broadcasting the biggest growth area in shortwave broadcasting.

The most unusual recent bust by the FCC went to a licensed medium wave station, WVCB on 1410 kHz in Shallotte, North Carolina, not to a pirate. The FCC issued a notice of apparent liability to station owner Rhonda Worrell on December 13, for *failing* to make a broadcast. The FCC alleges that the station's emergency broadcast network equipment failed to conduct required tests of the system, and that the system was not working properly. There's a new angle; the FCC busting a station for not broadcasting!

The surest way for a pirate to attract FCC attention is for the pirate to generate genuine harmful interference to licensed broadcast stations. This actually happened on February 6 when the FCC alleges that David M. Adams of Syracuse, NY broadcast his paging signal from the licensed WNMX489 in Syracuse on 157.74 MHz with a strong spurious signal also emitted on 156.8 MHz. That spurious signal was interfering with US Coast Guard operations on that 156.8 MHz channel, and thus Adams received his notice of apparent liability.

The only bust officially announced so far in 2014 of a pirate radio station that even comes close to the border of a shortwave broadcaster went to Leonid Lytvynchuck of Everett, WA on January 17 for operating a pirate on 1710 kHz, just above the expanded USA medium wave broadcast band. The Seattle office of the FCC failed to include any program details in their official notice of apparent liability, so they apparently are not out to get a QSL for the broadcast.

Your pirate DX news and logs for this column are always welcome. Feel free to send them in so that others can follow trends on how and where others are hearing unscheduled and ever-changing pirate radio operations on shortwave. Pirate radio broadcasting on shortwave continues at a very brisk pace; mode is USB unless noted:

Abbott & Costello Relay 6880v 0312-0430 5/24/14 poor. Relay of a very old "Abbott & Costello" old time radio show w/ad for Camel cigarettes. (Taylor-WI) (Lobdell-MA)

Blue Ocean R. 6925 AM 0249 5/11/14 poor. ID into prgm of blues mx. (Taylor-WI)

Captain Morgan 6925 0228 5/24/14 poor. Prgm of mx. (Taylor-WI)

Channel Z R. 6150 AM 0127-0133+ SIO=343 5/3/14. Prgm of mx & sketches from Andy Walker. (Lobdell- MA)

Channel Z R. 6925 AM 0230-0338 SIO=454 5/6/14. Repeat of Andy Walker "before they were famous" show. (Lobdell-MA)

Dennis Day Relay 6913 0338-0415 5/21/14. Among the many old time radio shows relayed lately was this one, along with some Murder at Midnight and The Man who Died Yesterday material. (D'Angelo-PA)

Indy Car R. 11985 AM 2058 5/10/14. Testing on WHRI freq well in advance of actual Indianapolis 500 race. Pirate or unregistered test? (Hauser-OK)

- MAC Shortwave** 6950.4 AM 0006-0108 4/27/14 fair to good. Jimmy Stewart w/ prgm of swing mx & live TCs. (Taylor-WI) (Hauser-OK)
- MAC Shortwave** 6950.4 AM 2234-2324* 5/4/14 SIO=454. Jimmy Stewart w/prgm of swing mx & TCs. Ultra Man and USA NA at close. (Lobdell-MA)
- MAC Shortwave** 6940.4 AM 0030-0037* 5/25/14 fair to good. Prgm of big band mx w/USA NA at close. (D'Angelo-PA) (Taylor-WI)
- 1920s R. Network** 6930 0116-0155 5/5/14 good. This was the only even tentative ID logged this month of the various Old Time R. show relays. (Lobdell-MA)
- 1920s R. Network** 13560.7 AM 0520 4/18/14 fair in CODAR. Detailed research by Glenn Hauser finds that this prgm originates at Public R. WHRO on 90.3 MHz in Virginia Beach, VA, with the ID of the various pirate relays unknown. (Hauser-OK)
- Northwoods R.** 6930 0116-0155 5/18/14 poor. Mx at poor level, ID via HF Underground. (Hauser-OK)
- Premier R.-Ireland** 6930 2359-0021+ 5/10-11/14 SIO=333. Euro w/prgm of rock mx & greetings to Ukraine DXer. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Cinco de Mayo** 6925 5/2/14 SIO=444. Holiday pirate reappears w/prgm of Mexican mx & SS/EE IDs. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Cinco de Mayo** 6930 5/5/14 SIO=444. Repeat of 5/2 bcst. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Ga Ga** 6925 5/2/14 poor. Prgm of rock & pop mx. (Taylor-WI)
- R. Galifrey Intergalactic** 6935 0106-0126 5/15/14 SIO=343. Euro w/spacey mx & OM ID at close. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Experience Holland** 6240 AM 2302-0019 5/9-10/14 SIO=232. Euro w/rock mx prgm and OM EE/Dutch IDs. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Flying Dutchman Holland** 6240 AM 2330-2358* 5/10/14 SIO=232. Euro w/rock mx prgm and OM EE/Dutch IDs. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6930 0216-0257* 4/21/14 SIO=343. Dick Weed and Stavín w/prgm of rock mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6925 0101-0118+ 4/27/14 weak. Prgm of vocal mx. (Hauser-OK)
- R. Free Whatever** 6930 0209-0230+ 5/1/14 SIO=131. Prgm of WW II mx & nx abt Pearl Harbor bombing. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6930 0038 5/5/14 fair. Dick Weed w/prgm of rock mx. (Taylor-WI)
- R. Free Whatever** 6945 0235-0238* 5/5/14 fair. Dick Weed w/prgm of rock mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6940 0009-0109* 5/7/14 SIO=343. Dick Weed w/prgm of rock mx. Unsuccessfully attempted QSO at close. (Lobdell-MA) (Taylor-WI) (Hauser-OK)
- R. Free Whatever** 6935 0239-0324* 5/18/14 SIO=454. Dick Weed and Stavín w/another prgm of rock mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. True North** 6940 AM 0404-0415+ 4/27/14 SIO=222. Relay of Artem from Moscow prgm of world mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. True North** 6940 AM 0308 5/10/14 SIO=222. Only hrd weak mx; ID de FRN. (Taylor-WI)
- Rave on R.** 6925 0147-0151 5/8/14 SIO=121. OM ID into SSTV digital image. (Lobdell-MA)
- Renegade R.** 6935 0205 5/25/14 fair. Prgm of tlk and rock mx. (Taylor-WI)
- The Life of Riley Relay** 6772.7 AM 1501-1542 SIO=232. 5/18/14. Relay of the ancient "Life of Riley" old time radio show. (Lobdell-MA) (Taylor-WI)
- The Crystal Ship** 6876 0131 5/5/14 fair. Prgm of classic rock mx. (Taylor-WI)

- The Crystal Ship** 6876 AM 0128-0235+ 5/12/14 poor. Prgm of rock mx. (Hauser-OK)
- The Crystal Ship** 6876 0215 5/22/14. Prgm of rock mx from The Poet. (Taylor-WI) (Hauser-OK) (D'Angelo- PA)
- TRX Holland** 6925 AM 2118-2228* 5/3/14 SIO=333. Euro w/prgm of blues mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- Undercover R.** 6925 2348 4/26/14 good. Dr. Benway w/prgm of rock and t-shirt offer. (Taylor-WI)
- Undercover R.** 6925 0208 5/4/14 good. Dr. Benway w/another prgm of rock and t-shirt offer. (Taylor-WI)
- Undercover R.** 6925 0255-0400+ 5/4/14 good. Dr. Benway w/ rock mx prgm; dialog w/listeners; sold 20 t-shirts during the show. (Taylor-WI)
- Undercover R.** 6925 0125 5/5/14 fair. Dr. Benway w/discussion. (Taylor-WI)
- Whiskey Redneck R.** 6925.2 0149-0245* 5/3/14 good. Prgm of country, folk, & rock mx. (Taylor-WI)
- Wolverine R.** 6945 0114-0141+ 4/27/14 very good. Prgm of big band mx and also "crazy titled songs." (Taylor-WI) (Hauser-OK)
- Wolverine R.** 6950 0133-0200+ 5/18/14 strong level. Prgm of dance mx. (Hauser-OK)
- XLR8** 6835 0110-0125 5/8/14 SIO=232. Prgm of classic rock mx w/The Band, Kinks, etc. (Lobdell- MA)
- XLR8** 6835 0110-0125 5/14/14 SIO=232. Prgm of classic rock mx w/The Band, Kinks, etc. (Lobdell- MA)
- XLR8** 6835 0149 5/24/14 good. Prgm of Rolling Stones rock mx. (Taylor-WI)
- YHWH** 11800 AM 0113 fair w/deep fades 4/23/14. OM w/ tlk re Yahweh being the one true God. Another unusual freq for them. (Hauser-OK)
- YHWH** 9775 0105* poor 0127-0141 4/27/14. Usual OM w/religious tlk citing Ezekiel. (Hauser-OK)
- YHWH** 7400 AM 0242-0255+ 5/2/14. Ancd relay; inaudible in Ohio. (Commander Bunny-Parts Unknown) (Zeller-OH)
- YHWH** 11725 AM 0113-0116+ fair w/fades 5/7/14. Usual OM w/religious tlk on another new freq. (Hauser-OK)
- YHWH** 14350 0040 fair 5/19/14. Religious pirate w/weird mx & preaching from book of Ezekiel. (Taylor-WI)
- YHWH** 9800 AM 0127 poor to very poor 5/22/14. Usual OM w/religious tlk. (Hauser-OK)
- YHWH** 7330 0402 very poor 5/22/14. Tnx Ron Howard tip. (Hauser-OK)

NASWA Flashsheet

Are you getting the latest hot information about what is happening on the shortwave bands? If you have not signed up for the club's electronic *Flashsheet* service, you are missing out on timely news and information about the DX scene that will enhance your shortwave listening pleasure. If you are a current member of the club and want to receive the electronic Flashsheet just drop **Rich D'Angelo** (rdangelo3@aol.com) a note with your e-mail address, location and membership expiration date from your mailing label. You can participate by sending your latest logs to the electronic *Flashsheet* edited by **Mark Taylor**, markokpik@gmail.com. The club's electronic *Flashsheet* helps members stay on top of the action with breaking shortwave news and information. The electronic newsletter is an excellent supplement to the monthly *Journal* for the timely dissemination of DX loggings and breaking news.

QSL Report

Sam Barto • 78 Blakeman Road • Thomaston, CT 06787



BRASIL: Radio Cultura Araraquara 3365 The station replied to a postal report containing \$2.00 w/ a 6x5x2 inch package containing seemingly everything in the studio except no QSL. The package contained a station tee shirt, 5 station stickers, 3 pens, station "Logo" plastic bag, 12 CD's and a DVD. I am hoping my QSL arrives separately one of these days. Hi! I had to sign for the package which would have been returned

ed to Brasil if not picked up in 3 days. The notice at my house said "Final Notice" despite this being my first notice. Since I am still working, it required a special trip on my part to the post office during business hours. The postal clerk agreed that

STATION NOTES: Radio Oriental 4781 Jumandy 536, Casilla 260, Tena, JPJ Lima 3360 v/s Jesus Parraga

Addr: Avenida Ecuador. **Radio Jimenez**, Director Gerente. Email: dr_parraga@hotmail.com **Radio Merlin International** 6220 Email: radiomerlin@blueyonder.co.uk **Radio Bravo Sierra** 6425 Email: bravosierra@hotmail.com **Radio Tarma** 4775 v/s Mario Monteverde, Gerente General. Email: gerenciageneral@groupmonteverde.com **Radio Senado** 5990 Email: ondascurtas@senado.gov **Radio Belarus - Belarussian Channel 1** 6040 v/s Anton Vasivkevich Email: radio1@tvr.by ...Via Play DX...sam.



RADIO
ACCIDENT

the package would have been shipped back to Brasil if not claimed in the 3 day period. Is it any wonder that in a service business the USPO scores a black eye after baack eye these days? (D'Angelo-PA)... Rick I mailed a reception report to an AM station at 26 Chestnut Street. It was returned to me. The station was actually at 24 Chestnut Street. I guess the postal carrier couldn't moves his eyes an inch or so in



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To: *Richard A. D'Angelo*

We are pleased to confirm your reception report of our programs. It has been checked and found to be correct.

Date: *June 12, 2005* on 11555 kHz. at: 1300 UTC

We appreciate your interest and hope you will continue to enjoy our programs and tell other about us, including the Vietnamese in your areas. For more information about our efforts to the cause of restoring democracy and human rights in Vietnam, please frequently visit our web sites.

Again we thank you for your kind concern and support.

Sincerely Yours,

Trinh Thyga Anh



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either direction to see exactly where the station was located. Its probably not permitted by the union contract...Sam...I may of gotten the size of the package wrong. Sorry.

PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF

KOREA: Voice of Korea 11735

The station verified w/ a f/d "Some of the Changjon Street built in Pyongyang" cd. in 77 ds. They also sent along an English program schedule, 2014 calendar copy of November 9, 2013 edition of the Pyongyang Times and a station pennant. (D'Angelo-PA).

PHILIPPINES: Voice of America 11860 via **Tinang** The station came through with a half-hearted attempt at a verification of an email report w/ a frequency only "Assignments editors discuss the latest story developments in the VOA newsroom in Washington, D.C." card in 18 ds. The card arrived in an oversized envelope with nothing else inside the package. The "Date" was given as "10/27/13 - 03/29/14" and the "Time" was given as "2300-2400". The "Site" line was left blank. Verification standards at the VOA really have taken a big tumble in

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Radio Habana Cuba 5040 Email: inforhceenet.cu v/s Arnie Coro, QSL Manager. **Bhutan Broadcasting Service 6035** via **Thimpu** v/s Mr. Kaka Tshering, General Manager. Email: radio@BBS.com.bt...via PLAY DX...Sam.

recent years. (D'Angelo-PA).

TAIWAN: Radio Taiwan International 7445 via **Paochung** The station verified my email rpt. w/ a f/d (including the site) "MRT, the symbol of progress" cd. in 52 ds. w/ a copy of the English program schedule. (D'Angelo-PA).. No problems with this station reply. I can't believe North Korea replied better than the VOA...we'll maybe I can...Sam



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Monrovia, 27 July 2005

Thank you for your interest in STAR radio Liberia and thank you for your reception report.

Perhaps you'd like to know a little more about us. STAR radio was first launched in July 1997 as an independent radio station disseminating news and information about Liberia. It quickly ran into trouble with the government of the day and it was closed down on the orders of President Charles Taylor 15th March 2000.

When Taylor was forced out of office in August 11, 2003, the political climate changed and 3rd November the Chairman of the new interim government, Gyude Bryant announced that Star could re-open.

On May 25th Star was re-launched on FM and on July 12th on short wave. We now broadcast for 17 hours a day on FM and 3 hours each day on short wave. We have news on the hour and every half hour and a wide of feature programs from sport to farming, from medical advice to discussions in Liberian English. We also broadcast in Liberia's 17 local languages.

The impact of the new Star on Liberian society has been dramatic with hundreds of callers expressing their appreciation. Already we have a large audience on FM in areas surrounding Monrovia and a growing following on short wave.

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ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

To: P. Clark A. D'Angelo (USA)

We are pleased to verify
your reception of our station.



Freq. (kHz) 7.385

Power -

Transmitter Location
WKMI Miami Florida

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Seventh-day Adventist radio work, this QSL features the first Adventist radio station, KFGZ, which began broadcasting on 360 meters, 833 kHz, on April 29, 1923 from a studio on the campus of Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), Michigan USA. In 1925 the call sign was changed to WEMC. (Top photo: original KFGZ equipment; bottom: WEMC building.) *AWAS QSL #1, 1993*

USA (Pirates): Radio Blah, Blah Blah 6950 AM via PRB Relay Service The station verified my email report to: radioblahblah@outlook.com w/ a f/d email reply "Communication the creative force behind all things. Use it well. Use it for good" The reply took ds. v/s Andre. In a separate email he mentions that Netherland is his home. (D'Angelo-PA). **WHYP Shortwave** 6925 The station verified my email report w/ a f/d email reply attachment "John Arthur" photo from the 2002 Winter SWL Fest in one day. This was a special 18 watt test transmission from James Bronyard who noted: "The RF was emanating from a Heathkit DX-40, feeding an 18 watt carrier to an Inverted V Antenna located 175 feet down at the end of some cheap RG-58 coax. The antenna apex is at 38 feet

Radio Exterior de España

STATION NOTES: **Radio Wilskracht** 1665 WEB: www.am-forum.nl **Radio Zodiac** 6390 Email: radiozodiac@hotmail.com **Shoreline Radio** 9290 / 15065 Email: shorelineradio@hotmail.com **Radio Black arrow** 15090 Email: radioblackarrow@hotmail.com **Radio Black Power** 6395 Email: radioblackpower@hotmail.com **Radio Batavia** 3930 Email: radiobatavia@hotmail.com **Radio Borderhunter** 6205 / 6210 Email: borderhuntermail.com **Radio Brandaris International** 6300 Email: brandaris.radio@hotmail.com **Radio Caroline International / Radio Rainbow** 6319 Email: carolineradio@hotmail.com -or- radiorainbow@hotmail.com v/s Jan Vraag **Radio Dutchwing** 6386 Email: radio@dutchwing.nl v/s G. Tabak, **Radio Face de Blatte** 6515 Email: radio/rfb@gmail.com **Radio FSM** 6325 Email: fsm@goatse.be **Radio Galaxy International** 1512 Email: radiogalaxy@quicknet.nl...via PLAY DX...Sam.

above the ground. (D'Angelo-PA).

VIETNAM: Voice of Vietnam 9635 via **Son Tay** The station verified my email report w/ a postal reply f/d "Che Tao Commune Mu Cang Chai" cd. in 56 ds. w/ a note indicating they could not send an email reply to my rpt. hoping their problem would soon be fixed. (D'Angelo-PA).



Kununurra in the far northwest of Australia.

HCJB Australia where we broadcast "The Voice of the Great South Land"

We wish to thank you for your reception report and hereby acknowledge it with this verification.

Well this ends this months D'Angelo report for the QSL Column. Just kidding. Get those reports in because I know you're out there. Best of DXing

To: Scott R. Barbour Jr.

Date	Time/UTC	Frequency kHz
16 January 2004	0920 - 0940	11750

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The following members sent in contributions:

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| Rich BARTON , El Mirage, AZ | HQ-200, HQ-120X, SP-600, R8, PL-660, random w |
| Bob BROSELL , WI | NRD-545, Eton E1, Sony ICF SW 77 |
| Rich D'ANGELO , Wyomissing, PA | RX340, Alpha Delta DX Sloper |
| John & Sandra DAVIS , Columbus, OH | R-390 & 391As, Mackay 5050A, WJ HF-1000A |
| Jim EVANS , Germantown, TN | RX340, R75, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, 90' lw, 100m loop |
| Elliot FEINBERG , Brooklyn, NY | Sangean ATS-909, Tecsun PL-660, indoor whip |
| Robert FRASER , Belfast, ME | Eton Mini 300, whip antenna |
| Glenn HAUSER , Enid, OK | FRG-7, DX-398/ATS-909, YB400, ICF SW-07 |
| William McGUIRE , Cheverly, MD | DX-380 |
| Mike NIKOLICH , Lake Barrington, IL | NRD-515, Perseus, TS450AT, ALA1530AL-2, AD Sloper |
| Pamela PRODAN , Wilton, ME | YachtBoy 400PE |
| Alan ROE , Teddington, UK | Winradio G31 Excalibur, 17m long wire |
| Mark TAYLOR , Madison, WI | Perseus, Winradio g313e, E1, Sat 800, 40m dipole |
| Dave TURNICK , Sinking Spring, PA | RX340, WinRadio, Alpha Delta DX sloper, 49m dipole |
| Robert WILKNER , Cedar Key, FL | NRD-545, 535D, R8, IC746Pro, E1, Sat 800, Flex EWE |

73 and Good DX to all - Steve Handler




Tropical Band Loggings

2000-5900 kHz

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- 3310 **BOLIVIA R. Mosoj Chaski** Cochabamba 0116 (P); V. weak mix of audios here, presumably R. Mosoj Chaski & one of my lcls; yes, a match w/ 960 KGWA, but not w/ 1390 KCRC; (2 x 960 + 1390 = 3310); neither of the lcls playing mx I was also hearing on 3310; 4/20. (Hauser-OK)
2335 W ancr in Quecha into mx; ancr back at 2338; 2340 more mx; flauta andina w/ M vclist; 2344 W ancr alternating w/ mx & ancments to 0028; 4/22 & 23. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3320 **SOUTH AFRICA R. Sondergrense** Meyerton 0135 Poor sig w/ Afrikaans talk; this is commonly heard & I don't bother to log it, but here once for the record; it is at quite a distance for 90m, 100 kW westward from Meyerton; 5/9. (Hauser-OK)
- 3364.84 **BRAZIL R. Cultura** Araraquara 2333 F/in: 2341 vclist in PP followed by 2346 Joplin'esque singer, sounded similar to Janis; 2350 brief M Dj over mx; same M breaking in at 2352 & 2358 then blues like vcl; 0002 into pop/rock mx; 0027 alto W vclist w/ fading sig; 4/22 & 23. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3375.1 **BRAZIL R. Municipal** São Gabriel da Cachoeira 0935 M ancr in PP; 0940 mx; fair w/ some fading & QRN; 4/24. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3925 **JAPAN R. Nikkei** Tokyo-Nagara 1215 Instrumental mx; M & W ancns in JJ; good; 5/8. (Barton-AZ)
- 4055 **GUATEMALA R. Verdad** Chiquimula 1110 Old school gospel mx; M & W ancns in EE; good; 5/8. (Barton-AZ)
- 4451.1 **BOLIVIA R. Santa Ana** Santa Ana de Yacuma 2336-2346 (T); Noted here in SS; no possible ID; 4/19. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4699.9 **BOLIVIA R. San Miguel** Riberalta 0900-0910 Mx & usual weak sig; again 1025 mx; still weak; noted 1000 & 2330 every day for last week; 4/24. (Wilkner-FL)

- 4709S **CUBA R. Progreso** 0055 Extremely distorted SS giving a website; no specific carrier freq, but somewhere around 4708-4709; much too strong to be anything from S. America & quickly matched to R. Progreso-4765 as a parasitic spur about 56 kHz below & yes, matched by another one roughly as strong circa 4821; I had also noticed the blob around 4710 a night or two before, but weaker then & unid.; 4/26. (Hauser-OK)
- 4716.65 **BOLIVIA R. Yura** Yura 0020-0025 Lively vcl; sometimes silent 1000-1100 recently; 4/26. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4765 **CUBA R. Progreso** 0110-0115 SS; M anc & long version of "On Broadway" in EE; other songs in SS; poor; 4/13. (Prodan-ME) 0155 R. Progreso audio breakup & crackle during drummin' & strummin'; also undermodulated & w/ "running water" ute audible underneath; 5/7. (Hauser-OK)
- 4810 **PERU R. Logos** 1000-1020 Usual good sig mixing mx & relg; 4/24. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4875 **BRAZIL R. Difusora Roraima** Boa Vista 0338 PP; Song in EE "Please forgive me"; 0356 ID; 0341 mx in PP & EE; 0357 march/anthem & off at 0358; loud, but a little distorted & increasing static after 0350 4/17. (Prodan-ME) 0213 (P); Brazilian pop mx; fair; 4/23. (Taylor-WI)
- 4885 **BRAZIL R. Clube de Pará** Belém 0340-50 PP; Animated M anc through ToH; 0404-0408 IDs & freq repeated over mx; ID again 0423; loud, a little echo & some bubble interference; 4/17. (Prodan-ME)
- 4940 **CHINA V. of the Strait** Fuzhou 1111-1134 Talks in CC; f-p; 4/17 & 23. (Brossell-WI)
- 4949.78v **ANGOLA R. Nacional** Mulenvos 0102 Off-freq carrier detectable most evenings is a bit stronger, w/ some talk & a Luso rather than Brazilian accent, as expected from RNA; 0104 mx; still more talk at 0131, yet v. poor; 5/6. (Hauser-OK)
- 4990 **SURINAME R. Apintie** Paramaribo 0907 Pop rock vcl; 0912 M in Dutch to 0920; 4/24. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4985.5 **PERU R. Voz Cristiana** Huancayo 0025-0033 Noted here in SS w/ major interference by RTTY on 4985; narrow filter 1.2k USB needed; 4/24. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5025 **CUBA R. Rebelde** Havana 0410 Pop song; 0414 M anc w/ ID; good; 4/17. (Prodan-ME) R. Rebelde is off; 5040 RHC is on; at 0615 both are on, plus The Cuban Four on 49m; at 1114, 5025 is on; 4/23. (Hauser-OK)
- 5040 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0413 "This is Radio Havana Cuba" multiple times in multiple langs; loud; 4/17. (Prodan-ME) 0043 For the third(?) day, RHC still hasn't fixed the big hum on this freq; now in FF; also some distortion-- at 0543, RHC is on & no hum noted now, while 5025 Rebelde is off & w/ it the leapfrogs, which I am pleased to note so many others are hearing on 5010 & 5055; 4/19. (Hauser-OK)
- 5085 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 1346; Also 5830: WTWW night freqs are still on instead of 9930 & 9475, but not 12105; same at 1414, despite nominal *1300 switchover time; not checked again until 1612, when 9475, 9930 & 12105 are all on; probably from much earlier but still starting late; 4/14. (Hauser-OK) 0305 I notice that Ted Randall's Sunday-night country mx request show is still running on WTWW-2; unknown what times it starts and stops, but Bro. Scare will surely resume before long; nothing on WTWW-3, 12105 this time; 5/5. (Hauser-OK)
- 5110v **USA WBCQ** Monticello 0104 CUSB; Another "Allan Weiner Worldwide" rerun has started; despite WBCQ still failing to show any activity on this freq on weekdays; 4/15. (Hauser-OK) 0300 World of Radio 1717 monitoring; confirmed on Area 51 webcast & barely audible also on WBCQ; this low ch. will be more & more subject to summer storm noise lvls for months to come; needs more power, or a big fat harmonic, hi; 4/21. (Hauser-OK) 5109.74 CUSB 0149 Check during AWWW; measuring off-freqs; after re-calibration w/ WWV 5000.000, the DX-398 finds WBCQ approximately here (meaning the final digit is iffy); early in the hour, Allan was preaching about Easter; so maybe a recent show unless from 2013y; 5/6. (Hauser-OK)
- 5730 **UNIDENTIFIED** 0513 Big open carrier; some fading; could be a b/cast txmitter; 4/20. (Hauser-OK)
- 5830 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 0401 World of Radio 1718 monitoring; airing on WTWW-1: bigsig dumped off the air for a sesquiminute just as I was saying "This is ---"; why does this keep happening?; off again at 0409 for another sesquiminute, & *again* at 0418-0421; back for a few seconds, & off **again later in 0421. *0422+ on again to conclusion; 4/27. (Hauser-OK) 1308 WTWW-1 is still on night freq w/ SFAW; by 1401 next check it's on day's 9475 & nothing from WTWW-2 or -3; 5/11. (Hauser-OK)
- 5850 **USA WRMI** Okeechobee 0002-0025 EE relg prg w/ "the most powerful voice in radio" as their host was described; right leaning nx prg & features over a new, to me, WRMI outlet; re-checked freq & another relg prg was dominating channel at good vl; fair; 4/22. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5875 **THAILAND R. Thailand** Udon Thani 1119 Talks in listed Khmer; good; 4/17. (Brossell-WI) 

International Band Loggings


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- 6010 **BRAZIL R. Inconfidência** May 11 at 0103, Brazuguese mentioning saudade, até meia-noite. Poor signal but in the clear, no hets and no carriers from Colombia or México. So it's R. Inconfidência, while their // achieves only a JBA carrier on 15190+, both slightly on the hi side. At 0133 however, there is enough signal on 15190.1 or so to make a // modulation match, not that there was any doubt (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 6020 **ALBANIA China Radio International (CRI)** 1:29 to 1:36 with an ID at 1:30, SINFO=4,5, 4,4,4, I heard a very brief history of Chinese broadcasting, how they started in a cave and then went forward from there with various sound bites, interesting. 4/26/2014. (Davis-OH)
- 6055 **SPAIN RFE** 0000 UTC 4/16 in EE. Good. (McGuire-MD)
- 6080 **BOTSWANA Voice of America** Moepeng Hill, 1903-1916 May 1, woman announcer with English language news, several IDs followed by International Edition with various African news stories. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-Santorini, Greece)
- 6090 **ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon** May 10 at 0107, is back on with usual VG signal propagating DGS/PMS, after missing last night. Its absences are never predictable nor prolonged (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 6090 **BRAZIL R. Bandeirantes** May 11 at 0106, it's my lucky night for Brazilians, as Anguilla is off again; jazzed up "Workin' on the Railroad" tune, 0106 full ID for R. Bandeirantes, São Paulo, with all their ZY- calls and frequencies. Slightly on the lo side. 11925 is also audible at 0144 but with the usual big het, presumably IBB Kuwait to Afghanistan at 0030-0230, because Brasil is off-frequency, just like it also is on the third SW channel, 9645.3v, not checked tonight (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 6130 **SWAZILAND Trans World Radio Africa** Manzini, 1910-1930 May 1, group tribal singing followed by a man with a religious talk in local language. Change in language at 1920 to Portuguese. (D'Angelo-Santorini, Greece)
- 6150 **AUSTRALIA ABC** solid signal (SIO 444) at 1110 UTC with special EG bulletins about Tropical Cyclone ITA — a Category 4 storm located in Northern Queensland near Cooktown. Continuous coverage, including weather reports and live updates from listeners. I was listening to Radio Havana last night and they featured a special report on torrential rains and mudslides in the Patagonia region of Argentina. I guess the USA isn't the only country having crazy weather these days (it was 75 degrees Apr 11, we had a massive hail storm the next day and 2 inches of snow the following Monday; golf on Thursday!) (NIKOLICH, IL 4/11)
- 6155 **IRAN Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran** 1905-1922 May 1, program of Middle Eastern vocals hosted by a man with talks in Arabic language. Very good signal. (D'Angelo-Santorini, Greece)
- 6165 **CUBA RHC** May 10 at 0107, is on tonight in English // 6000, the latter very under modulated. 6100, May 10 at 0534, now this one is very under modulated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 6180 **BRAZIL RNA** May 10 at 0107, is back on with VG signal after missing a few nights. Still on and OK at 0533, but at 0527 check of // 11780 found that at VG strength with music, but modulation a bit rough to go with unstable wobbling carrier as detected with BFO. Here we go again? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 7350 **ROMANIA Radio Romania International (RRI)** 3:41 to 3:47 with an ID at 3:45, SINFO=4,5,5,4,4, I heard about some wild animals that have become extinct in Romania, the 1000A and the 42' Windom antenna. 4/22 (Davis-OH)
- 7350 **CHINA RCI** in EE 4/26 at 0000 UTC Fair (McGuire-MD)
- 9175 **USA Voice of Vietnam (WHRI)** 3:46 to 3:59 with an ID at 3:58, SINFO=4,5, 5,5,5, I heard about the clean-up of a river in Ho Chi Minh City (instead of Hanoi), I provided this logging just in case someone wants data on Vietnam. 4/30. (Davis-OH)
- 9320 **PHILIPPINES VOA** Tinang, 2216-2219. Talk in Cambodian by two men. Weak signal with fading. 4/26/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 9445 **INDIA AIR** 2135-2146 w Faithfully Yours, featuring listeners letters, fair signal, QRM from Radio Havana on 11670 4/21/14 (Feinberg-NY)
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- 9485 **ALBANIA R. Tirana** May 10 at 0120, R. Tirana IS again on early, good signal; 0132 news items concern a political hunger strike, trade or aid from Germany; valuable gifts sought for Tony Blair (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)


- 9515 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey (VOT)** 3:38 to 3:47 with an ID at 3:44, SINFO=4,5,5,3,4, I heard a mellow song, and then the "Question of the Month," but since I did not know the answer, I did not write it down, the 5050A and back to the 42' Windom antenna. 4/26. (Davis-OH)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA ABC** 12:34 to 12:42 with an ABC news ID at 12:37, SINFO=3,5,5,3,4, the announcer told about a message from Russia to militia in the Ukraine, shoot to kill, the 5050A, and the 637' long wire antenna. 4/16. (Davis-OH)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA R. Australia** 0910 in English. News item on a yacht race controversy.4/11 454 FRASER-ME
- 9690 **SPAIN CRI** 3:49 to 3:55 with an ID at 3:54, SINFO=5,5,5,4,5, I heard a discussion by a man and two women about Twitter and the competition to it by another new Internet service provider (which I never heard of), the 5050A and the 42' Windom antenna. 4/26. (Davis-OH)
- 9700 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand National** 12:06 to 12:17 with an ID at 12:15, SINFO=2,5,4,4,3, search operators are now using a submarine to look for the wreckage from flight 370. 4/15. (Davis-OH)
- 9700 **NEW ZEALAND RNZI** in English. 0900 News read by a woman, upcoming, programs into weather.4/11 454 FRASER-ME
- 9720 **CHINA CRI-Urumqi**, 1512-1526 Apr 29, man announcer with English news and news features, several IDs. Very good signal. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece)
- 9730 **MYANMAR Myanmar Radio** 9730, 1120-1130:30*, decent signal with pop mx and some very interesting Burmese mx, sign off with quick burst of xylophone or indigenous local version of instrument, final announcements by YL before carrier was cut at 1130:30, thanks to Ralph Perry for tip (Nikolich IL 4/22)
- 9730 **MYANMAR Myanmar Radio**, 9730, 1120-1130:30*, decent signal with pop mx and some very interesting Burmese mx, sign off with quick burst of xylophone or indigenous local version of instrument, final announcements by YL before carrier was cut at 1130:30, thanks to Ralph Perry for tip (Nikolich IL 4/22)
- 9750 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 1524-1536 Apr 29, recitations followed by Arabic language talk by a woman announcer. Nothing listed seemed to fit but Wolfgang Bueschel helped identify this as a long standing Radio Kuwait broadcast from 1100 until 1600 closedown. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece)
- 9765 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey Emirler**, 1526-1535 Apr 29, instrumental music followed by a woman announcer with talk in Farsi language. Good signal. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece)
- 9795 **INDIA (Goa) All India Radio** Panaji, 0002-0045* Apr 23, tune in to news in English read by a woman announcer. Around 0015 local Indian music programming which continued until close-down and carrier termination. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9855 **SRI LANKA Voice of America (VOA)** 00:00 to 00:01, with an ID at 00:00, SINFO=2, 5,5,4,3, and "...then the news from Washington..." .. 5/7. (Davis-OH)
- 9855 **UAE Radio Australia** tentative, 23:47 to 23:58, somehow I missed the ID, SINFO=2,3,4,3,3, I heard a male announcer interview a singer named Kendra, she was plugging her new album, and then weather around Asia.. 5/6. (Davis-OH)
- 9900 **GUAM Adventist World Radio** via Agnat, 1450-1459* May 1, Mandarin language program with talks followed by ID and postal address at end of program. Instrumental music before a man announcer in English with ID mentioning educational program with announcer Gregg Scott "thanking you for joining us". Carrier cut. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece)
- 9925 **GERMANY The Mighty KBC** via Nauen,9925, 0145-0200*, melting the airwaves with Uncle Eric playing "Dirty Water," promo for listener contest and listener shout-outs, off promptly at 0200, SIO 454 (Nikolich IL 5/4)
- 9925 **NETHERLANDS [non] Mighty KBC** May 11 at 0131, Mighty KBC with Radiogram from VOA's Kim Elliott; heavy selective fading here, so wonder if that detracts from the images. 0132 back to Uncle Eric for more of his music and DJ style until 0148-0152, Kraig Krist's "Forgotten Song", this week "Sunrise" from November 2003 by group Simply Red (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9955 **TAIWAN [non] PCJ Radio International** UT Sat May 10 at 0110, PCJ Radio International (Media Network+?) via WRMI, discussion of international broadcasting including someone with a British accent, but too much jamming to follow it; tnx a lot, Arnie! See also CYPRUS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 10000 **ITALY Italcable-Viareggio** 1845-1905 May 1, time signals over instrumental m some sort of pulse before 5 more pips followed by a long pip on the minute and a male with words in Italian. At 1900 there was some CW after the long pip. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-Santorini, Greece)
- 11510 **MOLDOVA Radyoya Denge** Kurdistane, tentative, from 13:46 to 14:00 with no understandable IDs, Kurdish, SINFO=2,5,3,4,3, Sandra found the name on this broadcast at short-wave info, I heard a lot of music with flutes and singing.. 4/23. (Davis-OH)

- 11560 **CLANDESTINE (Sudan) Radio Miraya** via Grigoriopol, *0300-0411 Apr 22, opened with regional vocals until a man announcer with English ID mentioning news was coming up. More vocals with Arabic announcements at 0326. At 0400 a man with ID, several jingles and slogans before more music (this time rap songs) began. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11560 **MOLDOVA (Clandestine) Radio Miraya** via Grigoriopol, 11560, 0320-0410, booming in with program to South Sudan, wonderful combo of Afro, rap, hip-hop and reggae, numerous IDs, including EG promo at 0359 for news about South Sudan, very cool radio station, per Rich D'Angelo tip (Nikolich, IL 4/29)
- 11665 **MALAYSIA Wai FM** May 8 at 1226, fair signal with song, 1227 announcements sound Indo/Malay, think I heard Wai FM mentioned, as this relay back to Sarawak remains active unlike 9835 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11685 **IRAN VOIRI** Kamalabad, 2207-2212. A few seconds of Iranian music followed by talk in Bosnian by a man. Switched to another man at 2211 with talk about Ukraine and Russia. Moderate signal strength with a small amount of fading. 4/26/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 11710 **ARGENTINA Radiofusion Argentina Al Exterior (RAE)** 2:03 to 2:21 with an ID at 2:21, the SINFO ranged from 3,4,2,3,2 to 3,5,4,3,3, I heard a nice guitar song, but through a lot of atmospheric noise and then a weather report, 4/26. (Davis-OH)
- 11710 **NORTH KOREA R. Pyongyang** 13:56 to 13:57 with a „. Good bye from Pyongyang...” at 13:57, SINFO=2,4,5,3,3, at tune in I heard a male announcer noted English broadcast times, frequencies, and target areas., 4/16. (Davis-OH)
- 11710 **EGYPT R. Cairo** May 11 at 0119, R. Cairo with VG signal level, but distorted and suppressed modulation; "Radio Cairo presenta --- [algo] América Latina" with tango theme; slightly on the hi side and without any Argentina het on weekend, which tangos a lot better. This time 11710 sounds about as awful as // 12070; // 9315 is much weaker but clearer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11735 **ZANZIBAR ZBC** 2040-2105, big signal today (SIO 343) and glad to see this one's back. I was getting worried. Usual selection of indigenous music (I love the Hindu influences!) and OM with ZBC ID at 2059, transmission continued past normal 2100 s/off, not sure why (NIKOLICH, IL 4/15)
- 11740 **SINGAPORE Radio Japan** 12:06 to 12:15 with an ID at 12:15, SINFO=2,5,2,3,2, I heard the latest data on the number of deaths aboard the South Korean ship full of children, a. 5/5. (Davis-OH)
- 11770 **NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria** Ikorodu, 2105-2115. Talk by a man. Sounded like Hausa (as listed by Eibi), not Arabic (per Aoki schedule). Quick bridge of local music at 2112, then more talk. Music at 2114. Moderate signal strength with low audio and some high side interference from Anguilla. 4/26/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 11810 **ASCENSION ISLANDS British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** 20:56 to 20:59 with an ID at 20:59, there was information about partisan newspapers in the last century and how this is coming back full circle., 5/4. (Davis-OH)
- 11810 **SOUTH KOREA KBS World Radio** 21:58 to 22:03 with an ID tape at 21:58, SINFO=3, 5,4,3,3, North Korea had a "live fire" drill close to the South Korean border, very provocative, (me - they wanted to make the South Koreans fire back and start a war), 5/4. (Davis-OH)
- 11810 **SOUTH KOREA KBS** in English. 2300 North Korea earns more sanctions for nuclear threat. 4/11 454 FRASER-ME
- 11810 **KOREA (ROK) KBS World Radio** Kimjae, 2202-2207. Talk in English by a woman (presumed news). Weak signal with flutter. Signal strength improved slightly over time. 4/26/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 11840 **CUBA R Havana Cuba** 2000 4/7 in PP. Good (McGuire-MD)
- 11905 **SRI LANKA Sri Lanka BC** 11905, in English and Hindi with great subcontinent mx 0150-0210 (Nikolich IL 5/3)
- 11905 **SRI LANKA SLBC** 0115-0135 Hindi Svce w s/on, ID, mx, fair to poor signal, faded out by 0140 5/5/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 11905 **SRI LANKA SLBC** May 10 at 0114, open carrier, poor with flutter; 0114:48 music starts, 0115:17.5, 2+1 mistimesignal ends; and since it's Saturday, opening must be in Bangla, not Hindi, per Jose Jacob (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11905 **SRI LANKA SLBC** 0115-0135 Hindi Svce w s/on, ID, mx, fair to poor signal, faded out by 0140 5/5/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 11915 **BRAZIL R. Gaúcha** May 11 at 0143, fair signal, no het from Brazilian in the clear, unexpected timesignal to 0145:05, torch song by YL in Brazuguese though it could have been in English. So R. Gaúcha, Porto Alegre, one of the more unusual ones here on 25m. Also audible: 11925v stronger with het; 11855v, 11765v, and of course 11780. 11815 RBC has not been heard for several weeks, nor the other ones listed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- 11920 **GERMANY HCJB** via Nauen, 0042-0045* Apr 22, man announcer with Portuguese talk, announcements, ID and closedown prior to light instrumental music until the carrier was terminated. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11945 **ROMANIA RRI** Tigali, in English. 2205 News by a woman. 4/10 453 //9790 - 453. Beamed to Japan FRASER-ME
- 11950 **JAPAN [non] UNID** May 10 at 2059, French announcement with frequencies, including 11950, but no ID caught, poor with flutter, OC a bit past 2100 until off*. HFCC shows it's NHK at 2030-2100, 250 kW, 305 degrees from MADAGASCAR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11985 **INDIA AIR** May 9 at 0113, tail of AIR Sinhala service is very poor here with music, but seems same as on // 11740 which is much stronger, unusually. Sites are Delhi-Khampur, and Goa respectively (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 11985 **INDIA AIR** May 11 at 0101, no signal from AIR Sinhala service, via Delhi-Khampur, not even a carrier, while // 11740 via GOA is poorly audible, so suspect 11985 is really off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 12005 **ENGLAND Voice of Vietnam** Woofferton, 0108-0127* Apr 23, man announcer with English language news followed by ID at 0110 and light music. More talk features including discussion on President Obama's trip to Asia. Program closed with several music selection but no formal closedown. The carrier was terminated mid-song. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 13650 **IRAN Voice of Justice** 3:58 to 4:20 with an ID at 4:19, SINFO=3,5,5,3,4, I heard a long, detailed discussion of the US and Russia's intentions for the Ukraine. They called the Europeans "NAZIS" and the Russians, "Soviets." They noted the Russians supporting militia groups and one person expected Russia to take all of the eastern Ukraine in the next few weeks. . 4/26. (Davis-OH)
- 13710 **INDIA General Overseas Service of All India Radio (AIR)** 13:30 to 13:32 with an ID at 13:30, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2, the overall rating was graded down, because of the weak signal, a station on the same frequency drifted up at 13:21, but it was covered by AIR at 13:30, a woman gave broadcasts times, frequencies, and targets and then I tuned out,. 5/5. (Davis-OH)
- 13765 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** 20:22 to 20:27 with an ID at 20:26, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2, I heard an interview with someone talking about the fighting in South Sudan between the troops of the president and the rebels under the former vice president. He said the civil war was not a genocide, yet, but it was coming closer.. 4/30. (Davis-OH)
- 15090 **KUWAIT Radio Ashna** 1505-1523 May 1, man announcer with news in Dari language with English language audio clips. Good signal. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece)
- 15090 **KUWAIT Radio Azadi (Radio Free Afghanistan)** VOA, tentative, 13:03 to 13:07, no recognizable IDs, Dari, Sandra found the broadcaster's data at short-wave info., SINFO=3,2, 5,4,2, the signal sounded as if it was being jammed (but by who?), the Internet was researched by Sandra,. 4/15. (Davis-OH)
- 15120 **SAUDI ARABIA Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** 1421-1453* May 1, man announcer with Arabic language talks, Middle Eastern songs with news at 1430 by a woman announcer. Carrier cut suddenly at 1453 after a vocal selection. Fair. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece)
- 15120 **NIGERIA VON** 0453-0505 drums, s/on, news faded out by 0505, poor signal 4/17/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 15140 **INDIA AIR GOS** 1030-1050, EG, OM w/thoughtful analysis of Good Friday, including full scripture — almost thought this was a religious broadcaster until I caught the ID, into news about Ukraine at 1050, SIO 343 (NIKOLICH, IL 4/18)
- 15140 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman** 1410-1505 May 1, English program with continuous rock music selections until Big Ben type bells, ID, TC ("the time now is 6 - 30 PM...") and news at 1430 by a woman announcer. Several IDs from 90.4 FM. Arabic program from 1500. Very good signal. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece)
- 15155 **IVORY COAST [non] Radio Mondiale Adventiste** May 10 at 2054, nice classical music with flutes, but just filler until 2055, Radio Mondiale Adventiste, La Voix de l'Espérance outro in French, with address in Côte d'Ivoire; fair with flutter. HFCC shows 2030-2100 daily, 300 kW, 210 degrees via Moosbrunn, AUSTRIA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15180 **VATICAN VOA Santa Maria di Galeria** 16:26 16:35 with an ID at 16:33, SINFO=2,5,2,4,2, this signal grew a little stronger with time, I heard part of the South Sudan in Focus program, the announcer told about sanctions being applied to two rebel leaders and the need for a negotiated settlement between the warring parties,. 5/7. (Davis-OH)
- 15245 **CHINA CRI** 15:37 to 15:49 with a soft ID at 15:41, SINFO=2,5,3,4,2, I heard, but mostly ignored the sports information except for the info about the Boston Marathon,. 4/22. (Davis-OH)
- 15275 **GERMANY DW** African Svc in Hausa 4/28 at 1800. Good.
- 15285 **SRI LANKA BBC** 11:31 to 11:39 with an ID at 11:32, SINFO=4,4,4,3,4, I heard an interview with two BBC announcers from Nigeria, they discussed all of the terrible events happening in their country, for examples the 100 plus girls taken from a school by Muslim terrorists and a bomb explosion at a bus stop,. 4/10. (Davis-OH)

- 15330 **VATICAN Radio Veritas Santa Maria di Galeria** 11:39 to 11:59 with an ID at 11:43 and a Thailand address instead of the one in the Philippines, I heard Christian music, but one woman sung off key. . 4/18. (Davis-OH)
- 15385 **SPAIN REE** Friday May 9 at 1858, surprised to hear the IS, very poorly, 1900 talk but so weak not sure of language, then music. HFCC is the worst source for REE skeds, A-14 claiming that 15385 is available only at 1400-1700 Mon-Sat.
- 15450 **AUSTRALIA HCJB Australia** 14:36 to 14:58 with a tentative ID at 14:58, the QTH was verified by Sandra at shortwaveschedules.com, SINFO=2,5,2,2,2, a man taught about encouraging one another 4/23. (Davis-OH)
- 15485 **FRANCE Radio Taiwan International** 16:04 to 16:12 with an ID at 16:10, SINFO=2, 5,2,4,2, the announcer said they were going to discuss weddings and that was when I tuned out.. 5/7. (Davis-OH)
- 15505 **MALI China Radio International** Bamako II (presumed), 2250-2300*. Usual strong carrier with virtually nonexistent audio. Could occasionally make out music and a few words of talk in Chinese by a man and a woman. First time this year any audio could be heard. 4/21/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 15505 **BANGLADESH BB** May 9 at 1359, BB IS is JBA, and just enough to detect the mistimesignal ending at 1359:48. Why do I keep reporting this, and SLBC's at 0115? Because it's a travesty to be transmitting inaccurate timesignals. I also occasionally mention stations with accurate timesignals, like Spain and Turkey (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15540 **KUWAIT RK** 1815-1850 w religious story, ID, nx and pop mx, good signal 4/29/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 15540 **KUWAIT RK** 1815-1850 w religious story, ID, nx and pop mx, good signal 4/29/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 15575 **SOUTH KOREA KBS WR** 1315-1330 w discussion of the Ferry Disaster, fair signal w flutter 5/2/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 15575 **SOUTH KOREA KBS** in English. 1315 Mostly on the ferry disaster. 554 4/17 FRASER-ME had a slight flutter 15575 kHz at 1730 UTC.
- 15580 **BOTSWANA VOA** 19:31 to 19:42 with an ID at 19:39, SINFO=2,5,4,3,3, I heard about an argument in a Virginia courtroom concerning the usage of the terms "Sea of Japan" vs. the "East Sea." To settle the issue, the governor of Virginia signed a law requiring both names be used in all new text books.. 4/30. (Davis-OH)
- 15580 **USA VOA** 20000 in EE. Good. (McGuire-MD)
- 15630 **GREECE JBA** May 8 at 0518, Avlis is JBA with talk // 9420 which is only poor now. Nothing on 7450 or 7475 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15720 **NEW ZEALAND RNZ** 0405-0430, w weather report and talk on area economy, fair signal 4/24/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 17500 **ENGLAND Radio Ndeke Luka** Woofferton, 1703-1706. Talk in Sengo (per schedule) by a man, occasionally joined briefly by a second man. Poor signal with minor fading. 4/18/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 17630 **MALI CRI** 14:46 to 14:54 with an ID at 14:54, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2, the "overall" rating was lowered, because of the weaker signal, I heard a discussion about the increase in the fee for drinking water in China, so they could have cleaner water.. 4/21. (Davis-OH)
- 25000 **Unidentified Time Station** 1400-1421 Apr 29, time pips but not much else; no voice announcements heard. Re-check at 1430 but signal was gone. Presumably not WWV so maybe MIKES Espoo, Finland? Poor with very deep fades. (D'Angelo-Mykonos, Greece) 

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< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, April 27, 2013 -- We have posted two more groups of Canadian mediumwave QSLs under "CPRV/The CPRV Gallery/Broadcast Band/North America/Canada." These are from Quebec and Ontario. From Quebec, they are (1932-1980): CHEF, Granby; CHGB, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere (1953); CHLN, Trois-Rivieres (1962); CHLT, Sherbrooke (1946 and 1962); CHRC, Quebec; CHCY, Montreal (1932); CJAD, Montreal (1971); CJBR, Rimouski (1938); CJFP, Riviere-du-Loup (1961 and 1980); CKCH, Hull (1938); CKCV, Quebec (1940); CKSM, Quebec (1962); CKVL, Montreal (1961); and CRCS, Chicoutimi (1933). -- From Ontario, they are (1927-1978): 10BP, Wingham (1933); 10BQ, Brantford (1932); CFBR, Brockville (1945); CFCA, Toronto; CFCH, North Bay (1964); CFCA, Chatham (1960); CFGM, Toronto; CFOR, Orillia (1947); CFOS, Owen Sound (1975); CFPL, London (1933); CFRA, Ottawa (1960); CFRB, Toronto (1929 and 1960); CHEX, Peterborough (1942 and 1966); CHML, Hamilton (1961); CHNR, Simcoe (1978); CHOY, Pembroke (1961); CHSC, St. Catharines (1970); CHUM, Toronto (1964); CJCS, Stratford (1963); CJIC, Sault Ste. Marie (1962); CKCL, Toronto (1927); CKCR, Kitchener (1933); CKGW, Toronto (1932); CKLW, Windsor (1937 and 1942); CKNX, Wingham (1956); CKOC, Hamilton; CKOY, Ottawa (1962); CKPC, Preston (1933); CKTB, St. Catharines (1965); CKWS, Kingston (1969); CPYR, Toronto (1932); and CRCT, Toronto (1935). -- Also this week, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," these two new stories from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "Tribute to Shortwave WYFR-9: On the Air With WNYW, Radio New York Worldwide," and "Unusual QSL Cards: Metal, Wood and Plastic" (both Wavescan 269, April 20, 2014).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, May 4, 2014 -- We complete our postings of Canadian BCB QSLs under "CPRV/The CPRV Gallery/Broadcast Band/North America/Canada" with two files, one from eastern Canada, one from central and western Canada. From the east we have these QSLs from the years 1931-1996: from Newfoundland, CJON, St. John's (1962); CKCM, St. John's (1980); VOCM, St. John's (1961); VONF, St. John's (1933); and VOUS, U.S. Naval Station, Argentina (1961); from New Brunswick, CBA, Moncton (1996); CFBC, Saint John (1980); CHSJ, Saint John (1946 and 1973); CJCJ, Woodstock (1987); and CKCW, Moncton (1960); and from Nova Scotia, CBI, Sydney (1976); CHNS, Halifax (1934 and 1961); CJI.S, Yarmouth (1936); CKBW, Bridgewater (1954 and 1972); CKCL, Truro; and VAS, Glace Bay (1931). From central and western areas we have, for the years 1926-1994: from Alberta, CFAC, Calgary (1936 and 1965); CFGP, Grande Prairie (1965); CJCA, Edmonton (using a VE9AI shortwave card in 1949, and another card from 1964); CKRD, Red Deer (1966); and CKYL, Peace River (1965); from British Columbia, CFCT, Victoria (1935); CFJC, Kamloops (1943); CJVB, Vancouver (1987); CKDA, Victoria (1963); CKMO, Vancouver (1930 and 1934); CKNW, New Westminster (1958); CKOK, Penticton; CKOV, Kelowna (1936); CKQR-Castlegar/CKGF-Grand Forks (1994); CKWX, Vancouver (1934); and CNRV, Vancouver (1926); and from Manitoba, CFAM, Altona (1968 and 1977); CJRC, Winnipeg (1934); CKDM, Dauphin (1965); and CKY, Winnipeg (1939). -- And from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson, this new "Wavescan" entry (N270, April 27, 2014) under "Specialized Resources": "Focus on Asia - Philippine Radio History-8: The Japanese Era."

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, May 11, 2014 -- DXing dropped off sharply during World War II. Some major clubs closed up shop, and the rest were just getting by. One club that started during the war was the Victory Radio Club. It was formed in 1942 by the editors and reporters of *Radio Index (RADEX)*, a popular DX magazine which had ceased publishing that year. The club was headquartered at first in Worcester, Massachusetts (Ray LaRocque), later in Latrobe, Pennsylvania (Art Hankins). It covered mainly the standard broadcast and the shortwave broadcast bands, and it published a bulletin--at first called *Victory News*, later just *DX*--and, in the earlier days, a *YRC Flash Sheet*. Members participation fell off, however, and the club was absorbed into the Universal Radio DX Club in 1946. Under "DX History/Clubs & Publications" we have posted several issues of the club's bulletin: December 5, 1942; November 5, 1945; February 4, 1946; and July 1, 1946. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," more DX history from Adrian Peterson, this time "BBC Central Mediterranean Relay Station Malta" (Wavescan N271, May 4, 2014).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, May 18, 2014 -- This time, under "CPRV/The CPRV Gallery," at the bottom of the shortwave broadcast section, we have posted another file (No. 4) containing Scandinavian club QSLs. These are QSLs issued by Scandinavian clubs (usually Swedish) for special programs broadcast for the individual clubs by stations such as (in this group) OTC (Belgian Congo), HCJB, Radio Ankara, Radio Australia, ORU (Belgium), WRUL, IBRA Radio, and RTF (France). Most of the Scandinavian club cards were issued in the mid- to late-1950s or the early 1960s. However, the first three cards in this file are from 1945 and the fourth is from 1949, and the last card in the group is from 1988. These are good-looking cards, and were prepared long before computers made it easy to print up a batch of QSLs. -- Under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we have posted two new shortwave history reports from Dr. Adrian Peterson: "Tribute to Shortwave WYFR-10: International Relay Services," and "Surprising Information: Radio Broadcasting in the Islands of Antarctica" (both Wavescan N272, May 11, 2014). We have also added to Wavescan N260, February 16, 2014, Adrian's entry, "Australian Radio History."

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