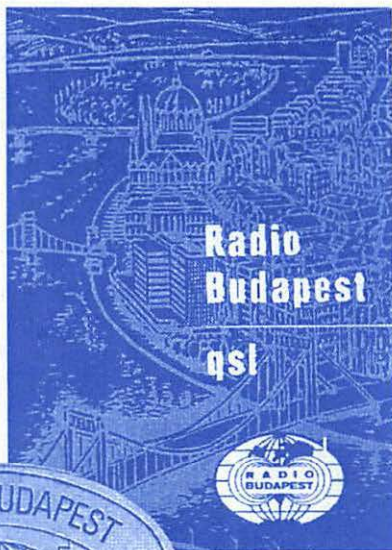


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Richard Cuff & John Figliozzi, co-Festmeisters, have announced that the 28th (!) Annual Winter SWL Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, February 27th - 28th, 2015 at the Doubletree Guest Suites hotel in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The registration form should appear in this issue of *The Journal*. Discounted Fest registration is \$80 including the Saturday night banquet, \$35 without the banquet, for registrations postmarked by January 31st, 2015. The Doubletree is offering a discounted \$104 room rate, including breakfast, for reservations received by January 29th. The forum list is taking shape already, and the Festmeisters will have more information over the next few weeks once speakers are confirmed. Now is a good time to begin making plans to attend the Winter SWL Festival. Watch the pages of *The Journal* for more details as the event gets closer. I look forward to seeing you there on the 27th and 28th of February!

Awards Manager **Gary Neal** informs us of two new awards being issued. The first was to **John C. Cooper** of Lebanon, PA has qualified for the All Voice of America DXer Award. Congratulations to John on his accomplishment. The second is to long time member **John T Arthur AC2NZ** of Belfast, NY who qualified for the World Wide DXer award. Congratulations to JTA on his accomplishment. It is good to see some action with the club's Awards Program.

Club members seem to be enjoying our QSL Grab Bag. Vintage QSLs from the 1960s-1980s are still available with NASWA assembling wonderful grab-bag lots, each containing one dozen old QSLs, available to NASWA members for only \$10 per lot! Yes, that's less than a dollar each for some great old QSLs from the glory days of SWBC QSLing! Our team of elves will try to accommodate tastes, if any are advised, but no promises.

Also, we have quite a pile of USA/Canada/Mexico BCB/MW QSLs. We will put these into lots of 25 for a bargain price of \$10 each lot. Each grab bag lot will be carefully put together and provide a range of countries and formats. No limit - order as many grab bag lots as you'd like! But first come, first served. And when these run out, there will be no more. Remember, each time you buy a lot, you will also be helping NASWA's finances, while obtaining some great old SWBC radio artifacts, which are getting harder to find with every passing day. Send your check to NASWA, c/o Bill Oliver, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA 19057 and mention it is for the QSL Grab Bag.

From **Kari Kivekäs**, Executive Secretary of the European DX Council comes the results of the voting for the 2015 EDXC Conference. As agreed in my earlier message I am happy to announce the results of the voting for EDXC Conference 2015. The results are as follows: Yes: 28 votes; No: 0 votes; Abstention: 66 votes. In spite of the low volume of votes I interpret the results so that the next EDXC Conference can be held in St. Petersburg, Russia in September 2015. You will be informed about the exact time of the conference and the programme contents at a later stage. Thank you everybody who participated in the voting. (OKAY)

A.J. Janitschek of Radio Free Asia (RFA) recently announced the release of the Year of the Ram QSL card. The Year of the Ram begins on February 19, 2015, and ends on February 7, 2016. It is also called the Year of the Goat, or Year of the Sheep. Those born in the Year of the Ram are said to be passive, artistic, sensitive, kind, mild-mannered, and sympathetic. Rams enjoy being part of a group but avoid being the center of attention. The Chinese New Year is celebrated in many countries and by many cultures in

many ways. For example, parades featuring large and vibrantly colored papier-mâché dragons and parties are quite common. Many families set out a tray to provide guests with an assortment of dried fruits and candies for a sweet start to the New Year. Drums are also played, sometimes with red drumsticks, to celebrate the season as a time of renewed hope. No New Year celebration would be complete without firecrackers to ward off evil spirits. Red envelopes (hong bao) with money inside are handed out to children and loved ones too. This is RFA's 56th QSL design and is used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports from January-April 2015. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing

a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at <http://techweb.rfa.org> (follow the QSL REPORTS link). Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl@rfa.org and by mail to: Reception Reports, Radio Free Asia, 2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20036.

The National Radio Club (NRC), the International Radio Club of America (IRCA), the WTFDA and DecaloMania will hold a joint convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana on 10-12 July 2015. It will be hosted by Scott Fybush. More information will be available as Scott works out the details.

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



Musings

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Please e-mail musings to jerrylineback@comcast.net or send to P. O. Box 1220, Grantham, NH 03753. Next deadline is February 24. Thanks to all contributors.

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Not only is it DX season here in eastern Pennsylvania, it's Winter SWL Fest season!

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Hope to see many NASWA members there!

Alan Roe, Teddington, UK

About a year ago, I bought a new radio - the Winradio G31DDC Excalibur. I thought that I would now share a few thoughts on using the radio after a year's experience. This is not a review of the radio itself, and neither is it a tutorial, but rather some thoughts on the way use of an SDR affects the way I listen to shortwave. (There have been comprehensive reviews published in Radio User, WRTH, Monitoring Times, amongst others - all accessible via www.winradio.co.uk <<http://www.winradio.co.uk>>.)

My main radio focus has always been shortwave programme listening, as distinct from pure, hard-core DXing, but I'm by no means averse to a little DXing from time to time. Prior to my visit to Martin Lynch & Sons in Chertsey last December, I had viewed SDR receivers as being primarily for DXers and had considered that the functionality of an SDR was maybe "over-engineered" for my needs for listening to programmes. However, after using the Winradio for a year, I find that the SDR functionality does considerably aid my shortwave listening.

I've never really got on with Shortwave radios requiring direct entry and button tuning – I have always much preferred the ability to turn a dial or knob and tune slowly along the band until I find something. I really thought that this may become a problem with an SDR, but using the band spectrum displays of the supplied software, you can see at a glance where there is any activity and with some practice it becomes easy to home-in on bands and frequencies where you can see activity, and so do not "waste" time tuning across dead bands. A tuning dial would be nice where there is a lot of activity (and you can buy USB tuning knobs for the Perseus and FlexRadio SDRs – although these tuning knobs come in at over £100 and I'm not sure if they will work with the Winradio), however use of a mouse with wheel or trackball has much the same effect of turning the dial.

One nice feature is the ability with a couple of clicks to record a broadcast, and especially the ability to record one broadcast whilst listening and/or recording another (provided that it is within 2MHz). In fact, you can listen to and/or record up to three frequencies within any 2MHz spread, which I have taken advantage of from time to time. Alternatively, there is the ability to record the whole of any 2MHz spread – however whilst I have tried this a couple of times, I find that I don't have the time to go back and analyze that recording to pick out what I would like to listen to. You do need plenty of free disk space to do this as it uses around 1Gb per 1 minute of recording! I do find that the facility for scheduling recordings in the Winradio G31DDC Excalibur software slightly clunky, however I gather that this has been improved in the later G33DDC. By the way, the G33DDC works with a 4MHz spread, which would be more flexible in being able to listen/record to different frequencies at the same time. Odd really: with a traditional radio, one is perfectly happy tuning around listening to one station at a time; get an SDR with the ability to listen to one broadcast whilst simultaneously recording two hers, and one starts thinking that the 2MHz limit is a restriction! However, the G33DDC is twice the price of the G31DDC, so I'm happy with what I have, and I do often listen to one station whilst recording another for later listening.


One very useful addition I have found is the Plug-in "CSV Userlist Browser" from <http://www.df8ry.de/>. There is a memory feature within the G31DDC software which works OK, but the CSV Userlist Browser is much more flexible. With a couple of clicks, the software will obtain the latest EIBI, AOKI, HFCC and DRM.org. I have set these to display in a small window at the bottom of the screen where I can quickly switch from one list to another. What I find really useful is the "tracking" option which will display all stations listed on a particular frequency according to selected data source (EiBi, AOKI, etc). Clicking the "Now" box displays a list of which stations are broadcasting now on the selected frequency. It doesn't replace verifying for yourself what the station is when logging/DXing, but is definitely an aid to finding a station that you want to listen to. A further button will display parallel frequencies, and clicking that entry will retune the G31DDC to that frequency. This is useful as an aid to verifying the station, and from a programme listening viewpoint, it easily allows a quick skip through alternative frequencies to find the one with best reception.

Of course, the SDR does restrict you to being attached to a computer to listen to the radio. This hasn't really been a problem for me over the year, but this is a consideration if you


ever intend to go mobile or suffer power cuts. I use a desktop PC to run my Winradio, but there is no reason not to use a laptop, and you can buy a separate portable power supply unit (but not cheap at over £150).

In summary, do I like my Winradio G31DDC Excalibur? Yes. Do I miss the tuning knob of a traditional radio? Well, yes – a little. Will I return to a “traditional” shortwave radio? No – not for daily listening, although some form of backup radio is required to cater for power cuts, and for travelling or mobile use. I did find it necessary to purchase a second monitor for my computer and run it in a dual/extended monitor configuration with one monitor displaying both the Winradio graphic interface in the top 2/3 of the monitor, with the CSV Userlist Browser in the bottom 1/3, as shown in the attached screenshot, leaving the second monitor free to allow me to attend to mail, browse internet, type reception reports, and what-have-you. I also attach a photo of my listening station.

Finally, I am now exploring options for direct computer log keeping of my radio listening. I would be interested to hear how other members keep logs of their listening. Do members use paper logs or computer software in some form; is every station heard logged every time; how much detail is recorded? I'll write more on this subject next month.

Thanks to our contributors. Please send us your comments for “Musings”. 73, Jerry 

NASWA Facebook Page

Join moderator **Richard Murphy** <richard.murphy@swri.org> at the club's Facebook page which provides members with another way to keep in touch. This group is intended for social interaction between the club members and will not be used to publish loggings, articles, or other materials that would normally appear in The Journal, the NASWA Yahoo group, or the Flashsheet. While the existence of the group is visible to all Facebook users, the online postings are available only to group members and group members must be NASWA members. Comments and suggestions from the membership are welcome. To locate the NASWA Facebook page, simply enter “North American Shortwave Association” into the search box on the top toolbar. If you are into social media, give it a try. 

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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World news via the web

Back in the day, back in our day, decades ago, before widespread use of the Internet, dedicated news consumers, especially in information-denied areas, needed to have a shortwave radio. For the global Anglophone audience, the preferred news provider was BBC World Service. VOA was, in global shortwave coverage and regard for its news product, number two. No other media organizations were in their category.

In the 1980s, CNN International, assisted by the expansion of cable and satellite television, began the migration of global English news audiences from shortwave radio to television. BBC World Service Television followed in the 1990s, later to be named BBC World, then BBC World News. Global English news channels proliferated, especially in this century, to include DW-TV, France 24, NHK World, RT (nee Russia Today), CCTV News, Xinhua's CNC World, Iran's Press TV, Singapore's Channel News Asia, and, of course, Al Jazeera English.

The 1990s also brought widespread adoption of the Internet as a news medium. Many of the news organizations active on television developed accompanying websites. So did newspapers. Eventually, it became less clear if the website, or the television channel, or the newspaper, was the primary conveyor of news and the centerpiece of the new organization's business plan.

Al Jazeera, which started as Arabic, then English, television news channels, "will be focusing more on its digital platform this year to reach many people across the world," said its managing editor Al Anstey, according to a January 15 report in Gulf Times (Doha).

"We will soon launch a new version of our online portal, aljazeera.com, with far

richer and more dynamic content to audiences, especially those who seek stories using smartphones and tablets," he said. We achieved some notable progress in the past 12 months, resulting in month-on-month growth in our digital audiences. Our social following continues to climb, ...

"The new aljazeera.com pages will feature breaking news and extra in-depth material that tells that full story, giving the viewers the background and context.

Anstey said their content such as stories, photos, blogs and programmes will all be accessible online - optimized to fit electronic devices. It can also be easily shared on social media such as Twitter and Facebook. Al-Jazeera currently has more than 5 million followers on Facebook and 2.25 million followers on Twitter.

"The TV set that we all know days past"

"Using a smartphone, the broadcast station's bureaus, correspondents and producers will be able to send contents to the online portal faster. This is a huge opportunity for us to tell stories in many different ways. With a multi-platform engaged community, Al-Jazeera wants to reach more people from across the globe especially the young audiences who often get their information from social media or digital platform. Not necessarily from the TV set that we all know days past," he added.

"Some parts of the world are mobile heavy, some parts are more on desktop which is more traditional," Anstey pointed out. "We have to reach out to all the people who want to see our content, interact with our content at a time and place of their choosing, on a device they want to see us on."

And, so, to the multi-platform we go for our news. But most of the platforms of the multi-platform are interdictable. They can be blocked. More and more countries are finding more and more ways to block Net-borne content.

Belarus can restrict websites, .by or not .by

Belarus, for example. According to the Belapan news agency, "(r)estrictive measures can be equally applied to all news websites accessible in the territory of Belarus, Information Minister Liliya Ananich said [19 January] in Minsk, speaking during an online question-and-answer session hosted by the government's news agency Belta. If improper information is posted on a website that is not registered in the .by domain zone but is subject to the country's media law, measures such as an access restriction and warnings will be applied to the website, Ananich said. 'The media law applies to all media outlets accessible in our country, including print and electronic ones,' she said."

So, in other words, if your website is based in Belarus, they can visit your office and physically shut you down. But if your website is in, say, Poland or the Czech Republic, they can still shut you down by blocking your URL.

Meanwhile, the Turkish newspaper Hurriyet reported on January 24, "amendments to an omnibus bill presented to the parliament on Jan. 23 stipulate that the Prime Minister and his ministers will be able to shut down websites for reasons including 'national security' without a court order. Keeping public order and ensuring security for life and property are listed in the bill as other possible reasons for Turkey's cabinet members to shut down a website. If the bill passes the parliament in its current form after the debate scheduled to start next week, Turkish authorities will have an unprecedented power to control the Internet."

To plug one's ears while stealing a bell

China is another infamous Internet restricter. In the South China Morning Post, January 25, columnist George Chen noted that "many foreigners living or travelling in the mainland ... were surprised to find their long-time trick to skirt online censorship of popular websites through virtual private network (VPN) services could not work anymore. The mainland media quickly confirmed the government decided to upgrade its censorship technology to block all VPN tools except for a few institutional users, who can get a permit from Beijing.

Censorship on the mainland is nothing new to the world. From Beijing's viewpoint, it can help the government block or remove information that it believes is harmful to the development of the socialistic society in the country. But who can define! what information is harmful or not? ...

"The price Beijing will pay for its 'closed-internet' policy will be huge. Many mainland scholars are now limited [in] their research as they can rely mostly on domestic search engines and online research tools where English-language information is limited. Students also find it difficult to stay in touch with foreign universities or employers after Google's e-mail service has been blocked.

Ironically, as Beijing stepped up its push to block VPN services last week, Vice-President Li Yuanchao made a rare comment that he believed he was a victim of 'overseas online rumours'. Indeed, Li has been widely reported overseas for the past few weeks as the next potential target in President Xi Jinping's anti-graft probe.

For Li, does that mean the 'closed-internet' policy can save his reputation? We know a Chinese proverb 'yan er dao ling', which means 'to plug one's ears while stealing a bell'. If Beijing thinks shutting down the internet will make everything look good, it may sound too simple and too naive."

Views expressed are my own. See also voaradialogram.net.



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This month we have a bit of a potpourri – the annual analysis of two principal dxing handbooks by Anker Petersen of the Danish SW Club International, information on NASWA's 2015 Winter SWL Fest being held at the end of this month, and some radio history from Dr. Adrian Peterson.

SHORTWAVE RESEARCH

Bandscan Analysis of Radio Handbooks for 2015

By Anker Petersen, Denmark, December 13, 2014. © DSWCI.

(This article may be fully quoted, if the source is mentioned.)

In early December 2014, I received two radio handbooks describing the B-14 winter schedules, namely the "World Radio TV Handbook 2015" (WRTH) from its publisher Nicholas Hardyman, the United Kingdom, and the "2015 Shortwave Frequency Guide" (SWFG) with "The 2015 Super Frequency List" (SFL) on a CD from Jörg Klingenfuss, Germany. Thus, I immediately could make this comparative analysis. Both annual, printed Handbooks have kept their well-known, but different formats. In their editorials, both publishers are worried about the remarkable reduction in broadcasting on shortwaves over the past year. Both editors have focused on digital development, but have determined DRM to be a big megaflop!

The WRTH 2015 (69th edition) again has 674 pages, like in all years since 2010! The size of the National Radio section has been increased by 2 pages to include more details including web-addresses, while the International Section has been reduced with 4 pages. Again the first 64 pages are in full colour. The WRTH Contributor 2015 is well-known Finn, Mauno Ritola, who tells how he has developed from an ordinary DX-er to become responsible for 92 countries in the WRTH. Then, John Nelson reviews the new receivers like SDR Play, MJF-1046 Preselec-

tor, Tecsun PL-600, CommRadio CR-1a and new HF Noise and Loop Antennas. After that, Dave Porter writes the story about "Woofferton – 70 years on the Air". Then our long time Dutch member Max van Arnhem has a very interesting article about "The Future of DX-ing". Finally I will mention David Foster's "Radio on Lord Howe Island". Then follows the usual content. Read more at www.wrth.com. Price: GBP: 29.95. [Ed. Note: \$29.95 plus shipping from *Universal Radio*.] The B14 WRTH Bargraph Frequency Guide CD GBP: 9.99.

The WRTH also contains LW, MW and some FM and TV information, in contrast to the SWFG. Therefore, I use the WRTH when I DX on the bands mentioned or need more information about the stations, like postal addresses or websites. It is highly appreciated that, like the last seven years, an update free of charge will be published on their website in February 2015 and a full summer edition of the International Section is planned to be available in May 2015.

The SWFG 2015 (19th edition) is also in English. It has 191 pages about SW Broadcasting (20 pages less than in the previous edition), but 171 about Utility stations, thus the same size as in the 2014 edition. The Broadcasting part begins with articles about the "death" of DRM and the steady decline of shortwave broadcasting. It is followed by the comprehensive SW frequency list which, for each frequency, contains a line for each broadcast, practically arranged in time order

within each frequency. That includes exact times, transmitter site, language and target area. The Country section contains the same data listed by Station, but without details like geographical coordinates, addresses, web sites, QSL info, etc. Price unchanged: EUR 40,-. When I scan the SW broadcast bands, I prefer the SWFG with its frequency list with the current schedule and language available at each frequency in time order.

At the same time, Klingenfuss has published the 21st Edition of the Super Frequency List (SFL) on a CD with the same 5,200 Broadcast frequencies and 8,800 Utility frequencies in use as in the SWFG, plus 23,400 formerly active frequencies. Price unchanged: EUR 30,-. More details at www.klingenfuss.org.

Spot-check by band scanning

As stated previously, I scanned through the SW-bands in mid-December 2014 and spot checked 50 broadcast stations at random in time and frequency and identified them 100%, no matter what language, and made a comparative analysis. Half of the stations heard carried domestic broadcasts and half international broadcasts. I then looked in the two new Handbooks, if each particular broadcast heard was mentioned in the Country Section and in the SW frequency list. Each Handbook must contain the five *essential* details: Station name, frequency, scheduled at that exact time, exact language and site of transmitter. A copy of the detailed analysis can be obtained from the author.

Analysis

I consider the five details mentioned above to be *essential* for the DXer during his listening and identification of the transmitter and broadcast. Thus it was checked for each logging, if the 2015 Handbooks have *all* these *essential* details and if they are correct. This is then marked "+" in my detailed analysis. If just one is missing, the column got a "-".

I still consider it *useful*, if the Handbooks also can provide the DX-er with additional information about Geographical Coordinates

for his propagation calculations and Google Earth search, and complete ID in the language heard. Furthermore it is necessary to know current addresses (postal, e-mail and web) and QSL-policy for his reception report writing. For listeners with Broadband internet (ATDL) is it also useful to know, if the station broadcasts live audio on the web. Most of these *useful* details can be found in the WRTH, but they are still missing completely in the SWFG!

Comparison

I then counted how many *essential* details were correct for the 25 international and 25 domestic stations randomly heard. The results were (each figure out of $5 \times 25 = 125$ possible):

	WRTH	SWFG
	Int. Dom.	Int. Dom.
Analysis result	124 122	123 120
Sum (Max. 250)	246 (98,4%)	243 (97,2%)

This year both the WRTH and the SWFG get about the same results as last year and were missing very few *essential* details:

WRTH only has broadcast hours of about 43% of the South American Shortwave stations, whereas SWFG and DSWCI Domestic Broadcasting Survey have for nearly 100%.

SWFG is missing the new Finnish station R Gram ox on 3960, which has been heard regularly since August 2014. SWFG has a few wrong transmitter names, e.g. it continues to name AIR Jeypore on 5040 kHz as AIR Jaipur (a homemade German word?), not to be mistaken with AIR Jaipur on 4910 kHz. I have also stated this error the past four years!!!

Conclusions

Once more, the editors of both Handbooks have done a tremendous work to gather up-to-date broadcasting schedules and other information for the B14 period. The Handbooks are very useful for the DX-er and ordinary shortwave listener and are at a very high accuracy level and can hardly be much better!

SHORTWAVE EVENT INFORMATION

2015 Winter SWL Fest

February 27-28, 2015

Doubletree Suites

Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania

Registration Details on Inside Cover of this month's Journal

2015 Forums Schedule (All times EST)

(Correct as of January 19, 2015. Subject to change. See swlfest.com for updated information.)

Friday, 27 February 2015

Fri. 0830

Radio on the Road 3

Janice Laws

Janice recently returned from Haiti and will have some updated material, and some old classic recordings, along with pictures of her travels and radio listening while there and elsewhere around the world in this third installment of her very popular "Radio on the Road" series.

Fri. 0945

The Year in Pirate Radio

George Zeller

Your host informs that, among the events during this sitting, will be the announcement of the 2015 inductees into the Pirate Radio Hall of Fame and a robust discussion about recent trends in "the only growth area of SW broadcasting". He also vows not to go across the street to the Mexican restaurant before the session as he did last year.

Fri. 1100

Time Travel, Teleportation & Spectrum Hoarding for the Contemporary DXer

Thomas Witherspoon & Mark Fahey

Software-defined radios (SDR) have revolutionized radio monitoring providing DXers with receiving options that were only theoretically possible a few years ago.

Mark has travelled to exotic Pacific and Indian Ocean locations with SDRs to capture the local medium and shortwave spectrum and enable others to experience a listening session in a location to which they may never physically travel. Thomas and Mark will demonstrate and present the recording techniques used and the plans to record spectrum further afield in the coming year.

[N.B.: A library of spectrum files will be available for attendees to copy! Bring your own NTFS formatted USB drive (typically each file is 50GB or greater) and you will experience how the bands sound in China, New Zealand, Tasmania and both very remote and city locations in Australia. They will play on a Windows PC with commercial (but free-of-charge) software.]

Fri. 1330

Coast to Coast - Geographically Enhanced Mediumwave Reception

Bill Whitacre

Things learned from experiencing DXpeditions to Grayland, WA and Lubec, ME over the past 5 years. An overview, not initially technical in nature, but could become so if such questions come up. Sound sample included!

Fri. 1445

Ultralight Mediumwave DXing

Gary Donnelly

It sure helps to have a great antenna farm and an expensive radio that dims the lights in the neighborhood when turned on. But there is a group of DXers who, with small inexpensive radios, are using just the built-in ferrite or telescoping antenna and getting impressive performance. This talk will introduce the attendee to the DXing niche known as Ultralight Radio (ULR) and discuss some amazing reception records obtained with these pocket-sized receivers.

Fri. 1600

Crisis Radio

Michael Pool a/k/a The Radio Professor

This forum will focus on radio as it sounds locally during crises--including recordings and airchecks captured during natural disasters, terrorist attacks, civil unrest, and the like.

They are intriguing as they offer a snapshot of immediate human emotions and opinion, fresh and occasionally naïve, regarding some really serious stuff that the reporters and presenters have really had no time on which to reflect.

Fri. 1900

Radio and Today's Teenagers

Anthony Messina

With cell phones and Internet radio technologies, how do teens think of radio today? From the perspective of an 18 year old, Anthony will discuss how he got into shortwave radio and DX'ng in the age of Internet and smartphones. No, we're not here with the stereotypical "radio is dead!" message. You just might be surprised of what the teens today think about radio, even AM and Shortwave!

Fri. 2015

Kicking It Old School - A Return to Regenerative Receivers

Skip Arey

A radio design at the very roots of RF Technology is experiencing a resurgence. Learn about this classic circuit and how to use it to bring new excitement to your SW listening.

Fri. 2130 - ?

The Annual Spectacular Shortwave Shindig with David Goren!

Including a live, hour-long broadcast over WRMI, Radio Miami International, on 7570 kHz. from 0300-0400 GMT/UTC (Saturday), 2200-2300 EST (Friday) beamed 315 degrees from Okeechobee, Florida.

Saturday, 28 February 2015

Sat. 0830

The View from Europe

Risto Vahakainu

Reporting on the state of the hobby in Europe and in Finland. The impact of SDRs will be noted as will the "Irish church listening" that is now popular in Finland, the decreasing number of European MW stations, the statistics of stations heard in Finland from NA, Asia, Pacific and other continents, along with a look at the fantastic remote DX sites and "shacks" of northern Finland.

Sat. 0945

UFOs, Gliders and Planes, Oh My!

Tom Swisher

UFOs and gliders, planes, trains and automobiles, boats, ships and barges. . . what to monitor with your trusty old scanner when the local cops go digital.

Sat. 1100

Monitoring Dusty War Zones and Tropical Paradises - Being a Broadcast Anthropologist

Mark Fahey

Mark presents a tour of his monitoring station, where 100's of thousands of digital audio and video channels arrive into his home. He can listen to domestic radio or watch the domestic television from most parts of the world. Want to watch breakfast television from Tibet, or maybe the nightly news from Wallis and Futuna - then it's available in perfect studio quality. The presentation also includes visits to remote broadcasters and examples of rare and unedited video sent by journalists that capture the tragedies and joy served up by our planet.

Sat. 1330

The Keeping of Time

Mark Phillips

With the ever-constant transfer of our hobby to digital modes, the keeping of accu-

rate time becomes crucial to preserve both audio quality and network connectivity.

Topics covered will include an explanation of the difference between all the usual time sources and why they are different, why you need an accurate time base in the studio and why broadcasters need accurate time within their broadcast networks.

Sat. 1445

Recognizing Digital HF Signals: Eyes and Ears

Michael Chace-Ortiz

There are hundreds of different digital signals that you can encounter during any scan through the HF bands. While you can spend thousands of dollars on software that might identify a particular mode you are hearing, there's still an awful lot you can do with just your eyes and ears. We'll take an interactive audio-visual tour around shortwave and get acquainted with many different modem signals, Over The Horizon RADARs, ionospheric sounders, ocean sensing systems and various other digital oddities that can be heard today.

SHORTWAVE RADIO HISTORY

Adrian Peterson's Diary

Two transcripts of recent Wavescan radio scripts, compiled for us by Jerry Berg.

The Story of Australian Shortwave Callsigns: VLA

In our program today, we present the first topic in a series on shortwave callsigns in Australia. Each of these callsigns begins with the two letters VL followed by another letter in the English alphabet, in progressive order from A to Z. Here today, as we begin this long sequence of interesting radio information, we present the fascinating story of the callsign VLA.

Back more than one hundred years ago, two wireless stations were under construction in New Zealand. The electrical equipment for these two coastal communication stations was manufactured by the Telefunken company in Germany, and German technicians were performing the installation procedures under the auspices of the Australasian Wireless Company in Sydney, Australia.

The first of these two wireless stations, at least in alphabetic order, was located at the edge of Doubtless Bay, near Awanui, right at the very tip of the North Island of New Zealand. This new wireless station was installed on a 100 acre site; the triangular mild steel antenna tower weighed 60 tons

and it stood at 400 ft. high, resting on a ball and socket joint on a glass insulator; and a 70 horse power motor generated the electricity. Both the receiver and the transmitter were installed in the same building, though in separate rooms.

This new wireless station was activated on March 27, 1913 under the original callsign, NZA, standing for New Zealand station A at Awanui and Auckland. It was taken into regular service at the end of the same year, December 18, and by that time the callsign had been modified from NZA to VLA, due to new international wireless regulations.

In 1924, the electrical equipment at station VLA was changed from spark gap operation to electronic valve or tube operation. Then in 1927 the callsign was again amended, this time from VLA to ZLA, due again to a change in international radio regulations. The station was ultimately closed on February 10, 1930 when its communication service was no longer needed.

And then a few months later, we find the callsign VLA in use on Bruny Island, a small island located near the south east coast of the Australian island state of Tasmania. The island is very rugged and its shape is very irregular, and in reality, it is more like two separated islands joined by a very narrow isthmus. Bruny Island is named in honor of the French explorer Bruni d'Entrecasteaux.

When European explorers first came to the area, the twin islands were inhabited by a small tribe of Tasmanian Aborigines. The landmark Lighthouse, now a tourist attraction, was built in 1838 at the very bottom tip of South Bruny Island, facing Antarctica.

A small communication radio station was installed at the lighthouse in 1930, and the first entry in the log book is dated June 1. Eight years later, the equipment at the radio station was updated with the installation of a pedal wireless transmitter which was powered by a generator attached to a stationary bicycle.

A brief report in an Australian radio maga-

zine, dated in August 1941, gives the callsign for this small communication radio station at the Bruny Island Lighthouse as VLA, and it operated just above the standard mediumwave band, as it was at the time, on 1579 kHz.

During the war, the callsign VLA was unassigned from the small communication radio station on Bruny Island and held in readiness for a powerful 100 kW shortwave transmitter that was under construction for installation at Shepparton in Victoria. Three transmitters at 100 kW each were envisaged for deployment at Shepparton, and the planned allocation of callsigns was VLA, VLC & VLM.

The driver and preliminary stages for the new VLA transmitter were constructed in Australia by AWA and the modulator and final stages were constructed by STC, the Standard Telephones and Cables, both in suburban Sydney. The VLA transmitter, with its two channel input allowing for quick frequency change, was activated on August 13, 1945, and it was taken into scheduled service two days later, August 15.

A postfix number after the callsign, such as VLA3 VLA6 or VLA8, indicated a specific frequency for on air usage. Beginning on June 1, 1951, the usage of the postfix numbers was modified, so that the number itself indicated a particular megahertz band.

In 1961, the VLA transmitter was bifurcated, and with the insertion of additional electronic equipment, a complete new transmitter became available, and it was assigned a new callsign, VLF. The original VLA transmitter was withdrawn from service in 1983.

Also at the end of the same year in which VLA was bifurcated, Radio Australia dropped the usage of official callsigns, and instead the callsign VLA identified a specific program line from the Melbourne studios to the transmitter site at Shepparton. To this day, the identification A or VLA still refers to the specific program line that runs to Shepparton, and not necessarily a specific transmitter.

Radio Australia was a prolific verifier of reception reports and literally thousands of QSL cards under the callsign VLA were posted out to listeners all around the world. During the quarter century when this callsign was in vogue, two different QSL cards were in use, though half a dozen slight variations are known.

The first card was in use from 1946 to 1950 and it depicted a map of Australia in yellow with a stylized antenna; and the second card which was in use during the 1950s, depicted a more detailed map with the famous laughing bird, the Kookaburra. This second card had two major variations, one with the station name, Radio Australia, in yellow and the other with the station name in red. Form letter QSLs were issued for a few years during the 1990s, giving the usage of the line callsign VLA together with the frequency and transmitter location as Shepparton.

Focus on the South Pacific: New Caledonia and its American Radio Station

A French island with a Scottish name in the South Pacific that was discovered by an Englishman, and it was overwhelmed with a temporary American population far larger than its own citizenry. That, was New Caledonia!

This tropical island lies 750 miles off the east coast of Australia; it has a richer biodiversity of birds, animals and vegetation than what the noted English naturalist Charles Darwin discovered in the Galapagos Islands; and it is the locale for a home born population that speaks more than 40 local languages. This French territory of New Caledonia encompasses more than 250 islands, 40 of which are inhabited; and the main island, narrow and long, could be described on a map as looking like a wriggly worm, swimming towards New Zealand.

The original inhabitants of New Caledonia were the Lapita people, who, it is said, arrived from Taiwan two and three thousand years ago. Their culture had developed

an ornate form of pottery that was discovered by two American archaeologists at more than 30 sites in New Caledonia.

Captain James Cook, an explorer with the Royal Navy in England, was the first European to site New Caledonia, and this was on his second voyage to the South Pacific in 1774. He named the island New Caledonia, a Latin name for Scotland, because the terrain he saw reminded him of Scotland. The first French visitor was Jean-Francois de Galaup with the French frigates "Astrolabe" and "Boussole" in 1788.

For more than half a century, there was very little European contact with New Caledonia, but from 1840 onwards, the Europeans developed a greater interest in this island, due to its highly desirable sandalwood, and also mineral mining, in particular nickel. Christian missionaries from England came to New Caledonia in the mid 1800s, and they stated that cannibalism was rampant among the local Kanaka peoples, much of which was involved with ceremonialism.

Under orders from Napoleon 3, Admiral Febvrier Despointes took formal possession of New Caledonia as part of the French empire in the Pacific on September 24, 1853; and Noumea, the capital city, was officially founded on June 25 of the following year, 1854. For the next half century, New Caledonia served as a penal colony for French criminals who were imprisoned there for varying periods of time.

After the fall of France during the European War in June 1940, the General Council in Noumea opted to support the Free French, and the pro-Vichy governor was forced out of office; he retired to French IndoChina.

With co-operation from Australia, New Caledonia became an important allied base during World War 2 and the first convoy of fifteen large American navy ships arrived on March 12, 1942. During the Pacific War, more than one million American service personnel were staged through New Caledonia. At the time, the total population of the island was only a quarter million.

The Americans built up the harbor facilities at Noumea, and they erected 85 steel warehouses to accommodate all of the incoming supplies for their forces in the South Pacific. The medical facilities for the American navy included two hospitals in Noumea, each with a capacity of 2,000 beds. Two airfields were developed, one at Tontouta 35 miles north of Noumea, and the other at Magenta Bay, across the waterway from Noumea.

The first radio broadcasting station on the air in New Caledonia for the benefit of forces personnel was a small unit that was installed in the International Red Cross Building in Noumea. The equipment for this mediumwave station was bought in Australia, and it was launched on September 5, 1943, apparently on 965 kHz.

This informal broadcasting station in Noumea was taken over by American forces personnel and then replaced by an official American station in January of the following year (1944), on the same channel 965 kHz. This station initially identified on air as All Services Radio, ASR, though this title was soon afterwards changed to AES, the American Expeditionary Station, and sometimes the Allied Expeditionary Station.

When official callsigns in the WV and WX series were allocated to the American forces entertainment stations throughout the world, the official callsign for Noumea became WVUS. At this time, all of the American forces stations around the world were identified under the same group nomenclature; AFRS, Armed Forces Radio Service.

Back at that time, three AFRS stations were set up quite simultaneously in the South Pacific; the first two were at Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, with WVUS in Noumea New Caledonia as the third, and this was followed quite quickly by another station located at Espirito Santo in the New Hebrides. However, as was stated, the mediumwave WVUS, in the same Red Cross Building in Noumea, was better equipped than the two other stations located at Guadalcanal and Espirito Santo.

Station WVUS Noumea, with its 1 kW transmitter now on 975 kHz, acted as the main station in what became known as the Mosquito Network, a group of similar isolated stations in various islands of the South Pacific. The programming on each station was normally produced locally or taken off live shortwave broadcasts from the United States. However, in November 1944, a special program produced at WVUS Noumea was picked up off air and relayed live by three other stations in the Mosquito Network: WVUQ Guadalcanal, WVUR Espirito Santo & 12M Auckland in New Zealand.

Radio station WVUS in the Red Cross building in Noumea was closed in November 1945 and the transmitter was flown to Guadalcanal where it was reconditioned and installed for station WVUQ.

However, a new WVUS was inaugurated at the airport at Tontouta, 35 miles north of Noumea in the same month, November 1945. This new station, with different equipment, operated with the same power, 1 kW, and on the same channel, 975 kHz as the previous WVUS. However, this station was now under the control of the United States Air Force and it was no longer a part of the informal Mosquito Network.

This new WVUS was on the air for less than a year and it was closed at the end of the broadcast day, Saturday night June 15 of the following year 1946. However, a weekly Australian radio magazine for November 2, 1946 reported in its radio news column that three AFRS stations in the South Pacific, each previously closed, were heard in New Zealand in late September, including the comparatively new WVUS at the American air force base at Tontouta in New Caledonia.

Radio station WVUS on New Caledonia was often heard with a good signal by international radio monitors in New Zealand and Australia, and at least one QSL is known. The noted Arthur Cushen in New Zealand reported in a book he wrote, *The World in My Ears*, that he received a prepared QSL card from this station during the era of the Pacific War.



Listener's Notebook

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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

ANGOLA 4949.743, *RNA* Mulenvos, Luanda, like on threshold signal tiny at 0155. English interview of US accented lady presenter about find water springs. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 2) 4949.742, Radio Nacional, on 3 Jan at 0320 - a very strong S8-9 signal noted this evening with weak modulation. Female announcer in Portuguese, mention of Radio Nacional. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx Jan 3/TopNews)

ARGENTINA 15345.19, *R. Argentina al Exterior* - General Pacheco. It's been nice to hear RAE coming through at 1124 with the Japanese service to EAs. A mix of topical information, Argentinian pop songs and traditional ballads - pleasant programming. It was a weak signal but easily copied with great clarity on Jan 21. Then the station was noted again later on the same day at 2320 with the Spanish service to Eu, with more Argentinian ballads. This time we heard a fair signal through the summer thunderstorm static. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

AUSTRALIA ABC has announced major cuts to *Radio Australia* shortwave transmissions. From 1 January all overseas relays (via Dhabaya, Kranji and Palau) will end. From 1 January all shortwave transmissions to Asia will cease. From 31 January the Brandon shortwave site will close. From 31 January output from Shepparton will be reduced from six full time transmitters to only three, all operating 24 hours per day with the following schedule:

0900-2100 on 6080 6150 9580

2100-0900 on 15240 15415 17840

(Radio Australia via WRTH/British DX Club)

There had been fears that the ABC might abandon shortwave completely so although output is significantly reduce, RA will retain a welcome presence on SW for the time being and hopefully some of the above frequencies will be audible in Europe. Programming includes relays of ABC National and Triple J. (Dave Kenny/British DX Club)

BANGLADESH 13580, QSL *Bangladesh Betar*. English Programme. Full data QSL card (picture of Shundorbon, Khulna) and very nice letter signed by Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hasan received by post in 92 days for postal report to: Bangladesh Betar, Senior Engineer, Research & Receiving Centre, 121 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh. (Walt Davidson-Uk, BrDXC Communication Jan 2015)

BELARUS *Radio Belarus* was noted on 11730 without terrible audio, Jan.19:

1100-2300 on 11730 Bel/Ru/Pol/Ge/Fr/En/Sp/Ru. Strong signal but low modulation. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

BHUTAN 6035, *BBS*, 1202 on late, past 1200. Nx pgm w/M hosting. Signal abruptly off while they were tiking at 1234:32. Nice to hear this again staying on past Marti sign off w/fair signal. 18 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

BOLIVIA 3310.00, *R. Mosoj Chaski*, Cochabamba; 6/1 2340-0003, 33333, news y mx en Quechua luego px religioso ID "Radio Mosoj Chaski". (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

6024.96, *Red Patria Nueva* Good signal this evening w/usual nx pgm w/many ments of Potosi, San Borja, and Peru. Many long soundbites. Usual ID/promo at 2330 to start an ad/promo block. 2 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

6155.10, *R. Fides*, La Paz; 8/01, 2310-2335, 33333, news ID "La historia de Bolivia ... son 75 años de Radio Fides px el hombre. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer) 6155, R. Fides, 1008 tlc by M and W, pres. nx, w/ment of La Paz. Into beautiful camposino song at 1019. M returned at 1021. // to the webstream which was nearly a minute behind. Very fady signal and distorted audio. A difficult catch. 17 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

BRAZIL 4785.00, *R. Caiari*, Porto Velho, RO; 17/01 1010-1040 33333, mx px Agricultura al día ID "Radio Caiari". (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4845.00, **Cultural Onda Tropicais**, Manaus; 1/01, 2310-0005, 33333. Comentan sobre los sucesos del año 2014 mx himno nacional del Brasil...primera misa del año. No dan ID. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4865.00, **R. Verde Florestas**, Acre; 6/01, 0020-0105, 44444, news px Progreso en el Amazonas px La Voz de Brasil ID "Radio Verde Florestas... escuchar grabación adjunta). (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer) 4865, R. Verdes Florestas Strong signal suddenly on at 1036:08 w/IS already going, followed by full canned ID by M as usual, and into mx. 3 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

4915, **R. Daqui**. Usual canned ID jingle at 2357. Pleasant ZY Ranchera-like song. 0000 promo w/ID at end, then full canned ID anmnt by M at 0001 but plug pulled at 0001:28 when he got to "onda tropicais". Nice signal. Conditions finally seem to be improving. 16-17 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

6040, **RB2**. Still off freq here. 1027 rom. ZY Ranchera-like song, //9725 which was very poor. 1030 canned anmnt then live M and W DJs in PT. A bit fady and good on peaks. 17 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

9695, **R. Rio Mar**. Surprised to find this doing well at 1039. 1049 long list of network stns. 1050-1054 song starting w/jungle birds SFX and "Amazonia" sung by women's chorus and then M vcl. 3 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

9725, **Rádio B2**, Curitiba, PR, 1154-1215, January 10, Brazilian songs, ID. At 1200 ID by male announcement. Telephone call from a listener. Gov't announcements Curitiba Announcement: "Noticias RB2". Local and nacional news read by female Programme: "CANAL ABERTO" Many RB2 announcements. Complete ID, station's jingle. Not listened in 11935. SINPO: 34333. (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina/DXplorer) Rádio RB2, Curitiba, Paranaense, reactivated on 9725 after six years, heard testing at 1401. (Marques via Cássio) Rádio RB2 is the original name of this station which for many years was called Rádio Clube Paranaense, now returning to its original name. (Cássio via DSWCI DX Window/British DX Club) 11935, Rádio RB2, Curitiba, Paranaense verified with a full data from v/s Douglas Proença, Gerente de Rádio, RB2 AM 1430, douglas@radiorb2.com.br. He indicated 6040 is still being adjusted and they expect to have all three frequencies working soon. (Daniel Wylyans-Brazil via PlayDX)

CANADA 6070, **CFRX**. At 0952, like a lcl, as strong as it is during the day. Usual tlk show w/M host interviewing W. 1000 ID for Newstalk 1010, wx, and into nx. 23 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

CHINA 3900, **PBS Hulun Buir** noted from 1031 tune with weak S2 signal and ARO QRM. Tuned w/ LSB for best readability. Recorded to 1441". At 1200 signal had improved to S3. Not a bad signal for 10 KW. SINPO 33433 (ocnl I-2 from ARO QRM), peaking 1230-1330. (Bruce Churchill-CA/DXplorer)

4940, 1525-, **Voice of Strait** Jan 24. Superb reception of Saturday only English language broadcast with story about chopsticks. An interesting program! Sign off announcement at 15:29:30 with piano. Back into Chinese at 15:30, but with English ID as, 'This is the Voice of Taiwan Strait news radio'. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

5050, **Beibu Bay Radio** - Nanning. Vietnamese service with pop/rock music and fast talk at 1105. Fair signal and gets stronger later in the hour, Jan 17. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

CLANDESTINE Shortwave transmissions of **Radio Hilaac** and **Radio Impala** are cancelled. No signal from the beginning of 2015. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Strong reception of **Voice of Khaatumo**, Codka Khaatumo via MBR:

1700-1730 on 17580 ISS Somali Thu at present on Jan.1

1700-1730 on 17580 ISS Somali Tue/Wed/Thu (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Voice of Wilderness - CMI

11860 1300-1400 Kor Sun-1430 PHL
7375 1900-2000 DB Kor Sat-2030 TJK
(Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/WWDXC TopNews)

Free North Korea Radio

9320 1230-1330 TAC Kor
11570 1230-1430 TAC Kor
(Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/WWDXC TopNews)

3480, **V.O. the People**, 1108 tlk by M in KR, then Beethoven mx bridge, and cont. tlk. // to the other freqs. Fair signal and better than usual. 1 Jan. 2015. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

6135, 1436-, **Voice of Freedom** Jan 19 Quite good reception today, with audible North Korean noise jammer in Korean. YL and OM announcers, and frequent modern vocals. Jammer (low rumble) more of a nuisance rather than being very effective. Much better than when I checked on the weekend. Much better towards and after 15:00. Very strong. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

9400, **Radoyoya Denge Kurdistan** clandestine via Pridnestrovsky Radiotelecentr in Moldova full data QSL Sheet received in 3 days for an emailed report to prtc@idknet.com signed by Chief of Station, but signature is unreadable. QSL Sheet features pictures the Antenna Farm at the station. (Robert Ross-Canada/DXplorer)

17580, Jan 15, -1729*, **Vo Khaatumo** (Issoudun) (P) 1702-29* 15 Jan. Mostly long Somali discussion, occ. correspondents' rpts, a few music breaks, what sounds like qira'ut starting @ :27-:29* (off mid-recitation) doing better today. (Dan Sheedy-CA/SWBulletin)

COLOMBIA 5910.06, **R. Alcaraván Radio**, Puerto Lleras, 8/01, 1040-1105, 33333, px religioso mx ID "En la Voz de Tu Conciencia, escuchas música Mexicana ... español.... Pero sobre todo nuestra buena música colombiana..." mx ID "En Alcaraván radio y la Voz de tu conciencia" (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

CONGO (DEM. REP.) 5066.329 **Radio Candip**, Bunia, on 3 Jan at 0420 - female and children talk in French, Soukous song 'Sisina' by Congolese artist Bozi-Boziana followed by monologue by male speaker. Fair S6 signal but slowly fading from what was likely a very nice 0402 sunrise at transmitter enhancement, good modulation. First noted this evening at 0215 w/ threshold audio. (Brandon Jordan-TN, hcdx/TopNews)

CZECH REPUBLIC 3334.8, Dec 31, 1717, **R Bila Hora** with good signal and carrying Czech mx. Seems to transmit only on New Year's Eve each year. (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin) This year they broadcast from a mountain location. Power is ca. 150W. A home-made transmitter constructed by the DJ. There is a 3-member-crew. Address for reports: rbh@email.cz. Reports will be verified by eQSLs. (Karel Honzik via RealDX/SWBulletin)

ECUADOR 6050.00, **R. HCJB**, Quito; 9/01, 1110-1135, 44444, px A través de la biblia advs ID "HCJB

gracias por tu aporte HCJB transmitiendo desde Quito ... patrimonio de la humanidad." (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

ETHIOPIA 6110.003, **Radio Fana**, Addis Ababa, on 3 Jan at 0455 - man in presumed Oromo, Ethiopian pop song, Fana ID at 0458 and more talk. Good to fair. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx Jan 3/TopNews)

GERMANY The **V of Mongolia** relays still continuing beyond 31 December, and heard tonight, (2 January) at 2000 on 3985 via the Kall relay of R 700. (Alan Roe-UK)

The new 10 kW transmitter of **R. Channel 292** is now in continuous service:

0000-2400 on 6070 ROB 010 kW relaying Radio 10 Gold (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

6070, QSL **Channel 292**, via 6070 at Rohrbach, E-mail-QSL in 13 days for e-report to info@channel292.de. (Artur Fernandez Llorella-ESP, hcdx Jan 18) The newest image of 8 June 2014 shows now probably the SW TX antenna installation in the industrial area Rohrbach, where the company by owner R.E. is visible, the antenna length is approx. 76 meters, feed matching point on the center. According to the conditions of broadcasts >10 watts EIRP will be provided on the planning permission by German BNA-FNA. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/WWDXC TopNews) Channel 292 wrote that "our new transmitter finally seems to work with an output of more than 10 kW, and we got a lot of good reports for indoor reception with portable radios and telescopic antennas, as well as reception with car radio, from all over Europe. Please note that you can rent airtime for only 15€ an hour for occasional broadcasts] Reception reports are requested to info@channel292.de. (Channel 292 direct and via MWB) On 6070 - mainly weekends with relays of various stations including Radio Mi Amigo (Spain). (British DX Club)

Channel 292 relays using 10 kW in coming weekends till March 29:

0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Feb.07 Radio Mi Amigo Int
1000-1300 on 6070 Sun Feb. 08 Bluestar Radio
1600-1700 on 6070 Sun Feb 08 Radio Ireland
0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Feb 14 Radio Mi Amigo Int
1000-1100 on 6070 Sat Feb 14 KIM FM Nijmegen.
1100-1200 on 6070 Sat Feb 14 Power Radio Nijmegen

1400-1600 on 6070 Sat Feb 14 Radio Spaceshuttle
 1000-1300 on 6070 Sun Feb 15 Bluestar Radio
 0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Feb 21 Radio Mi Amigo Int
 1000-1100 on 6070 Sat Feb 21 KIM FM Nijmweg.
 1100-1200 on 6070 Sat Feb 21 Power Radio Nijmweg
 1000-1300 on 6070 Sun Feb 22 Bluestar Radio
 0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Feb 28 Radio Mi Amigo Int
 1000-1100 on 6070 Sat Feb 28 KIM FM Nijmweg.
 1100-1200 on 6070 Sat Feb 28 Power Radio Nijmweg
 0900-1000 on 6070 Sun Mar 01 Super Clan Radio
 1000-1300 on 6070 Sun Mar 01 Bluestar Radio
 0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Mar 07 Radio Mi Amigo Int
 1000-1100 on 6070 Sat Mar 07 KIM FM Nijmweg.
 1100-1200 on 6070 Sat Mar 07 Power Radio Nijmweg
 0900-1000 on 6070 Sun Mar 08 Super Clan Radio
 1000-1200 on 6070 Sun Mar 08 Radio Diamond
 0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Mar 14 Radio Mi Amigo Int
 1000-1100 on 6070 Sat Mar 14 KIM FM Nijmweg.
 1100-1200 on 6070 Sat Mar 14 Power Radio Nijmweg
 1600-1800 on 6070 Sat Mar 14 Radio Spaceshuttle
 0900-1000 on 6070 Sun Mar 15 Super Clan Radio
 0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Mar 21 Radio Mi Amigo Int
 0900-1000 on 6070 Sun Mar 22 Super Clan Radio
 0700-1100 on 6070 Sat Mar 28 Radio Mi Amigo Int
 0900-1000 on 6070 Sun Mar 29 Super Clan Radio
 1400-1700 on 6070 Sun Mar 29 Radio Beatspektrum
 (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

GUATEMALA 4055, *Radio Verdad*, Chiquimula, 0550-0615*, 04-01, English, religious comments and songs, identification in various languages, anthem and close down. 14321. (Méndez-Spain/PlayDX)

INDIA 4760.0, Jan 11, 1620, *AIR Port Blair + AIR Leh* (tent.), two carriers separated 3-4 Hz still visible, indicating both Leh and Port Blair. But as the audio is more or less too weak at this time for any audio, it is impossible to tell which is which. In the past AIR Port Blair was noted on 4760.01 and used to sign off at 1700*. The station on the low side signs off at few seconds after 1630*, so most likely that one is AIR Leh. On Jan 12 at 1400 only the station on 4760.0 was audible with weak audio and at 1500 both signals were equally strong. ELWA seems to be off air for the moment, so when I checked my recordings at 2356 on Jan 4, 9 & 11 I noticed that the frequency was free. On Jan 4 the station on 4760.0 was audible with mx at 2356 but a bit weak to get a definitive ID. One reason for the weak signal was that my antenna pointed in the opposite direction at that time. When searching the web I found a good recording of AIR Port Blair which coincidentally also started at 2356. After

60 seconds or so into this recording there is an ID sounding as "Ye Akashvani ka Port Blair Kendra Hai" + mention of the frequencies. When comparing the recordings it turns out that they come from the same station and the ID also can be heard on my recording. Most likely sign on at 2355 as said in WRTH as there was no signal when checked at 2334. AIR Leh uses "R Kashmir" as ID in Ladakhi and in Hindi "Akashvani Leh". (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin)

4800, Hyderabad temporarily off air. Our local station *AIR Hyderabad* is not heard for many days on 4800 in the mornings and night. When I contacted the station, I was told that 4800 is off air due to technical problems and hope that they will be back on that frequency shortly. (Jose Jacob-India VU2JOS, DXIndia Jan 2.TopNews) 4800, AIR - Hyderabad. On air today at 1303 with a long Hindi talk. Then at 1310 a program annct in English, then back to Hindi anncts and Indian ballads. Has been intermittent in its operations of recent times, so it's good to hear it back on air again. Good signal and a little stronger than the co-channel CNR 1, Jan 19. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

4820v, *AIR Kolkata B*, Pachim Banga program came late on air, noted around 0054 on 4819.994 but lesser signal level, compared to odd frequency bcst of Kyrgyz Radio Bishkek on 4819.938 footprint, children's singer chorus at 0043, and open live concert with applause in between breaks at 0128, announced classical lady singer from Russia, on Jan 2nd. 3rd station on this channel accompanied: but strongest signal on exact 4820 is Xizang Mongolian sce of Lhasa Tibet, China at 0047. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/DXplorer)

4990, *AIR Itanagar*, Haunting subcont. mx at 1204, and easy at 1209!! Dead air, and M annct at 1210. Really surprised to get audio on this. 26 Dec. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

5040, *AIR - Jeypore*. At 1240 with a mix of Hindi pop song and anncts and chat. Quite a good signal and got stronger by 1300, Jan 19. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

INDIA (KASHMIR) *Radio Kashmir Leh* 43 years old Shotopa/Leh/25-06-14: Radio Kashmir Leh Ladakh situated at an altitude of approx. 11000 ft (3500 m) above the sea level is one of the highest altitude radio station and completes 43 years of its

service to the region and nation on June 25, 2014. The station was inaugurated in 1971 in extreme conditions and served as a healthy source of information, entertainment and education to the people of Ladakh. Sh. KP Shunglu was the first Station Director and Sh. MS Talwar was the first Station Engineer of AIR Leh. AIR Leh has been a vibrant radio station and has witnessed numerous moments of glory in these years. The station and employees work dedicatedly in severe conditions. The transmitter of All India Radio Leh and residential homes were extensively damaged by the flash floods in Aug. 2010. But the show goes on. AIR Leh has one SW, one 20 KW MW Transmitter with studios for local programming and one FM Transmitter which relays FM Rainbow to connect the population with mainstream. Prasar Bharati Parivar is proud of hundreds of administrative, engineering, programme and news persons who have worked tirelessly to bring the station to this stage and those who are still working at the station and contributing their pie. It's time to congratulate all of them who have been directly or indirectly associated with the station. We invite all our friends to post their comments to appreciate their efforts. (From Facebook/Ladakh-News-Service/June 25 2014/SWBulletin)

INDONESIA 3345, 1440-, *RRI Ternate* Jan 22. First noticed this morning, measured on 3344.861. Initially thought to be a fisherman with phone quality audio, but then realized it was a phone caller talking to the annr. Into lovely Indonesian mx at 14:43. Good reception with a fair bit of static crashes. Nice to see them back. No one else on 90 meters at this time except for North Korea. Signed off at 1500. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

IRAN 7325, 0322-, *Voice of Justice* Jan 21 Excellent reception tonight with ID at 03:23 simply as, 'This is the Voice of Justice'. Incorrect freq are given (11 and 13 MHz), and into Koran. Cochannel CRI from Kashi in Russian is audible cochannel but weakly with deep fades. Interesting program today talking about the rise of neo-Nazism in Europe and Islamophobia. 9710 is also heard, but 31 meters is a bit too high to guarantee good reception. Nonetheless, reception on 9710 which earlier was only fair, is almost as strong as 7325 after 0400. After describing groups in Germany and France, they went on to describe Canada, and official links with the JDL. 7325 went off the air suddenly at 0418, while 9710 continued until the end of the program at 0420. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

KUWAIT *Radio Kuwait* in Arabic General Sce, instead of English on Jan.24:

1800-2100 on 15540 // 6050
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

LIBERIA 6050, down here in NZ I have been thrilled to hear *ELWA* Liberia on 6050 peaking around 0700. (Bryan Clark-New Zealand) 6050, *ELWA* Radio, Monrovia, 0610-0705, 04-01, English, religious comments "Thank you for your support, Inspiration Network", no signal today here in 4760. 24322. (Mendez-Spain/PlayDX) 6050.005, *ELWA*, on 3 Jan at 0540 - back to back long highlife vocals from 0540 tune in continuing until 0608, followed by Christian programming. Definite mention of Liberia, long gospel song followed by a followed by poorly recorded live Church service. As hoped, rapid 0655 sunrise at transmitter enhancement raising the S5-6 signal to a solid S8. Nice clear canned "This is Radio Station E-L-W-A" ID at 0702 then back to back Gospel songs as signal started its slow fade after 0715. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx Jan 3/TopNews)

ELWA has been heard on new 6050 in parallel to its regular 4760 channel. First reported on 1 December by Dave Valko (USA) at 2154 and also confirmed in Germany in parallel at 2345 on 6 December. At this time 6050 is co-channel Tibet but 4760 is clear. (Wolfgang Bueschel BCDX) Reception here is difficult due to extremely weak signals although I have logged both frequencies in parallel around 2345 when conditions permit. There is cochannel interference on 6050 from China and Ecuador. Power is probably only 1 kW. (Dave Kenny/British DX Club)

MADAGASCAR 5010.647, very odd footprint, came late on air after 0210 Dec 2 logged *Radio Madagasikara, R Nasionaly Malagasy*, S-6 flute music, but signal very variable hops up and down by 30 Hertz either side. And checked again at 0315 Jan 2 on 5010.630 variable frequency. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 2)

MALI 5995, *Radio Mali*, Bamako, 0558-0720, 04-01, tuning music, French, identification and comments, "Radio Mali, Bamako", African music, at 0700 Vernacular comments. 23322. (Mendez-Spain/PlayDX)

9635, *Radio Mali*, Bamako, 0818-0832, 04-01, Vernaculars comments. 24322. (Mendez-Spain/PlayDX)

MICRONESIA 4755, *The Cross Radio*, 1207 found this was on late after usual 1200 sign off w/regular rel. mx, then M in EG at 1211 w/spiritual rel. tlk. W anncr at 1214 and then rel. 1217 short rel. feature on change, then back to mx. Went off in mid-song at 1222:33. Getting better to s/off. 21 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

MYANMAR 6029.992, *Thazin R.* OC already on at 2322. Indigenous log drum signature and W anncr, then M vcl song. Into another song at 2332 like you'd hear on Laos. Noted the W anncr again at 2334 retune and immediately into canned anmnt over pleasant Asian instru. mx, probably an intro for the next feature (nx??) w/M tlk after 2335 until R. Marti's OC came on at 2344. Fairly decent. Matched up the indigenous log drumming at s/on with the recording on Interval Signals Online and my previous recording from 7345. A perfect match. Very happy to finally get Myanmar in the evening. Hope Marti continues to stay off. 2 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

NIGERIA 7255.000, *Voice of Nigeria*, Ikorodu, on 2 Jan at 2030 - time pip at 2030 into brief drumming and talk by male in French inter-spaced with occasional High-life vocals, Sir Victor Uwaifo, Cardinal Rex and others. Strong S9 signal lacking sufficient modulation except during music. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx Jan 2/TopNews)

9689.982, *Voice of Nigeria*, Abuja, on 2 Jan at 2004 - monologue by man in presumed Hausa, many mentions of Nigeria. Strong S=8-9+ signal but with poor modulation. This off-frequency transmitter is listed as Abuja in Africalist. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx Jan 2/TopNews)

OMAN 15140, *R. Sultanate of Oman* - Thumrayt. At 1418 in English - traffic report with "heavy traffic on the Beach Road" and weather report of heavy rain washing out some roads! Then into pop/rock bands. News at 1430. Relaying Muscat 94.4 FM, and IDs. Great signal and good listening on Jan 19. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

PAKISTAN Again surprisingly transmissions of *Radio Pakistan* on Jan.4:

0830-1100 on 15700 Urdu on 15690 // frequency 17700 Urdu is not on the air today

1100-1110 on 15700 English on 15690 // frequency 17700 English is not on the air today

1330-1530 on 15725 Urdu // frequency 11530 ISL Urdu is not on the air today. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3260, *NBC Madang*, 1208 end of island song, then immediately into another song starting w/drum-like march and M vcl, then suddenly off at 1210:33. 17 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA)

3385, *NBC East New Britain*, at 1221-1252* on Jan 20. Decent reception; DJ in Tok Pisin/Pidgin with "dedications" show with pop songs; nice musical montage promo for NBC ENB "98 FM," "It's official, we are number one. NBC East New Britain"; sports promo - "Come out to support your rugby team"; IDs with FM & SW frequencies; off in mid song. Another entertaining PNG reception! (Ron Howard-CA-USA, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 20)

3905 *NBC New Ireland*. Jan 18, an outstanding day due to fair reception and extended schedule; from 1227 and subsequent random listening till 1416*. (Ron Howard-CA-USA, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 18) 3905, 1343-, *NBC New Ireland* Jan 24 on with western music at fair/good level, so pretty nondescript. Off at 13:45. Last few minutes had cochannel QRM from hams. Several announcements, but no mention of PNG that I could hear, just light banter. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

PERU 4747.60, *R. Huanta 2000*, Huari; 6/01 0005-0020 44444 advs Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito px Radio Periódico 2000 news ID "Por Radio Huanta 2000". (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4810, *R. Logos* 4810 hrd 1/4 via Perseus site near Edmonton AB. Tuned 1052 with indigenous and praise music, man and woman ancrs in vernacular. Heavy CODAR QRM but signal still quite readable at fair level. This station is part of the Ethnic Radio Network of FM and Shortwave in Peru. (Bruce Churchill-CA/DXplorer)

4939.97, Jan 2, 2326, *R. San Antonio* med "Musica Social". Nice, clear ID. Good strength. This night also very good signals from 4747.56 R Huanta, 4774.89 R Tarma and 4955 R Cultural Amauta. (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin)

4955.00, *R. Cultural Amauta*, Huanta, Ayacucho; 17/01, 1045-1105, 44444, px Religioso en Quechua ID "Escuchar grabación en Quechua" px Firmes y delante mx con mensaje religioso. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer) 4955, R. Cultural Amauta - Huanta. Songs at 1053, ID at 1100 as

"Radio Amauta" (they seem to drop off the "Cultural" bit), then a longish talk by a woman till past 1120. A weak signal but very good to hear it on a night when the summer atmospherics were in a lull, Jan 18. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

4985.50, *R. Voz Cristiana*, Chilca, Huancayo; 11/01, 1115-1150, 44444, px religioso y mx con mensajes religiosos ID "Radio Voz Cristiana" mx. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer) 4985, *R. Voz Cristiana*. Long preaching by W in SP from 2344 to 2353. Into nice rel. Huayno. Canned promo/ID by M at 2357:25. More canned anmnts w/loud prolonged yelling in one. 0000 fanfare and poss. pgm intro by M and W, then into soft rel. vcl by W, and plug pulled at 0001:24. Surprised to find this on and readable. 16-17 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX)

PHILIPPINES 15355, *R. Veritas Asia* - Palauig. I just caught the last minutes of the Filipino service to EAs at 2324, followed by a short English ID and s/off at 2327. Fair signal on Jan 21. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

17820, 0215-, *Radyo Pilipinas* Jan 23 Very good reception on this channel in English. I can hear the other 2 frequencies, but at weaker strength: 15640 and 17700. 'We are Radyo Pilipinas, the voice of the Philippines'. Many IDs noted. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

ROMANIA *Radio Warra Wangeelaa-ti*, Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches of Europe

1500-1530 on 15515 TIG Oromo Sat
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Radio Santec, The Word, Cosmic Wave:

1500-1530 on 15190 TIG English Sun
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

RUSSIA 6990, *Radio Komintern*. New frequency broadcasting. Letter from the radio station: "In the new frequency I moved due to the fact that I got a call to one person, Oleg, Amateur Radio Union of Russia, and said that my radio hams interfere. He advised me to go to a higher frequency of about 7220, but where begins broadcasting range is impossible to drive a wedge. So I decided to go to the frequency range below the radio amateur, I hope telegrapher will not interfere. Sincerely, Sergei." (Alexander Golovihin-Russia/RUS-DX) Reports can be sent to 050353@mail.ru. (via Rumen Pankov/British DX Club)

New frequency for the Communist Party of Russia Radio Comintern:

1420-1500 NF 6989.8 with Russian songs, ex 7200v. The power is only 1 kW. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

RWANDA *Adventist World Radio Cameroon*, Studio Maroua, is a small studio tucked away under the oversight of the North Cameroon Mission of the SDA Church, and is responsible for creating all the Fulfulde language broadcasts transmitted by AWR. Maroua studio programs are typically broadcast via rental xmtrs in Africa and can currently be heard during the B14 period on 17800 at *1930-2000*. Currently being relayed via Kigali, was during the previous period via Meyerton, S Africa. The mail service to Maroua is very spotty, and several airmail letter reports I've sent have all failed to reach them; thank goodness for email, however, as contact has already been made with the very friendly director of the AWR Cameroun studio at Maroua, Pastor Hendjena T. Richard, who appears to be a rather delightful man. The pastor's description of the local studio: "I am so happy to know that our broadcasting is heard even in the center of USA. Thank you for your appreciation for what we are doing here in Maroua Studio. I appreciate also your kind letter. May the Lord bless you. We will send you pictures and every detail about our studio. We have a director of the studio, a technician and other volunteers who work there. Our studio has just a computer, a mixer, microphones and other devices, speakers, etc. to record messages for broadcast. So it is a small studio waiting for a new building because this one we are using is not appropriate and we need also new equipment to broadcast locally in live to cover the North Cameroon Region. What we do now is just to record messages for the AWR." The mailing address is: Pastor Hendjena T. Richard, North Cameroon Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, P.O. Box 45, Maroua, Cameroon. Email: fulya@awr.org. (Ralph Perry-IL)

6055.005, *Radio Rwanda*, Kigali relay site, fair signal in French noted at 0325 on Jan 20. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 20)

SOLOMON ISLANDS 5020, Jan 11, *1900-, *SIBC* also heard here several days. Extended schedule after New Year's Eve. Noted at about 1500 from Jan 2 - Jan 4. Quite good strength but far from the clarity in reception as the recording above from Christoph Ratzer. His very quiet location up in the Alps is outstanding compared to my loca-

tion near the city of Ängelholm. It doesn't help that the distance is 10 km from here! (Thomas Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin) 5020, Jan 17, 1145, SIBC, SLM, very strong, probably all-time high! Pop music. (Arne Nilsson-Sweden/SWBulletin) 5020, SIBC, 1143 found in the clear with Rebelde off. Decent signal too. M DJ taking a phone call. 1145 personal messages. 1147 short upcoming pgm notes, and into Reggae island song. 1151 M DJ returned and more messages/greetings. 1155 C&W song. DJ cut the song short, had a few anmnts, then usual inspirational pgm feature at closing. 1200 canned closing EG ID anmnt by W w/freqs over lively instru. mx, then instru. NA but off at 1201:28 not long after it started. Nice to hear this in the clear again. Rebelde was back on by 1213 recheck, so am happy they stayed off until SIBC closed down. 17 Jan. (Dave Valko-PA/PlayDX) SOMALILAND 7120, Hargeisa never heard any more in past weeks. Sent an e-mail request to Baldur Drobnica DJ6SI, questioned whether it is necessary that the Chinese transmitter engineer has to fly-in from BBEF Beijing tx company to repair the defunct transmitter of Radio Hargeisa. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/WWDXC)

SOUTH AFRICA *Raidiö Teilifis Radio*, Mon-Fri only

5820 1930-2000 MDC Eng Mo-Fr
(Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/WWDXC TopNews)

SPAIN *Radio Exterior de España* resumes shortwave: The new director of RTVE José Antonio Sánchez, announced to a committee of the Spanish parliament on 25 November that REE would soon be back on SW. And indeed, transmissions restarted on 16 December with a regular schedule commencing from 18 December. REE had closed its shortwave services on 15 October, so was only silent for two months. All transmissions are in Spanish and mostly relays of RNE domestic radio. All frequencies from Noblejas. The schedule is:

1500-2300 Saturday and Sunday

1900-2300 Monday to Friday on: 9620 (NAM),
11685 (Af), 11940 (SAM), 12030 (ME/As)
(British DX Club)

SRI LANKA *Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation* sent me an old Ekala QSL card after 28 days for my reception report with 1 IRC. Detailed pamphlet about Trincomalee Transmitting Station was also enclosed. QSL card was issued by Mr. Gamini

Liyanarachchi, Engineer in Charge, Trincomalee Transmitting Station. He is always in Colombo, and goes to Trincomalee once a week. According to him, the management of the station was just completely transferred to Sri Lanka from Germany in October 2014. 2012-2014 was the training period. Reception reports should be sent to his section at: SLBC, Independence Square, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka. E-mail ddge@slbc.lk or slbcproject@yahoo.com. (Takahito Akabayashi-JPN, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 9)

9720, **FEBA Radio** - Trincomalee. English service to SAs at 1330 on Monday Jan 19 (also English scheduled for Sats at this time, and various Asian languages on other days). Fabulous S9 signal with just a touch of transmitter hum in the background. At 1346, it continued with another English program called Journey till ID and s/off at 1417. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

SUDAN Sudan's shortwave transmitter which had been off the air for several months has been reactivated since early December, it is used variously on 7200 and 9505 as follows: *Radio Omdurman*, the domestic service in Arabic, is on 7200 at approx 0215-0430, 1430-1530 and 1930-2100; *Voice of Africa* from Sudan Radio the external service on 9505 is broadcast in various languages at 0600-0900 and 1630-1930. English is usually at 0800-0900 and 1730-1830, French 1630-1730. (Thorsten Hallmann, DX Mix, Dave Kenny-UK/British DX Club)

New Sudanese SW stations? In January, Sudan plans to launch ten shortwave radio stations in Darfur, and ten in South Kordofan. The new radio stations will present programmes in local dialects, to counter broadcasts by Radio Dabanga, in an attempt to reduce its impact on the populations of those regions, especially in Darfur, Information Minister Ahmed Bilal Osman told members of the national parliament on Tuesday. As for South Kordofan, the radio stations will aim to reach the Nuba people living in the rebel-controlled areas, the minister noted. (Radio Dabanga 11 Dec via AP) Possibly FM rather than SW? (Dave Kenny/British DX Club)

Radio Omdurman Sudan:

1430-1530 on 7200 Arabic
1930-2100 on 7200 Arabic
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Evening observations of Sudanese broadcasts on Jan.7 *Voice of Africa*, Sudan Radio:

1630-1730 on 9505 French
1730-1830 on 9505 English
1830-1930 on 9505 Hausa
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

7200, *Sudan Radio*, from Omdurman site, nice solid signal at 0340 on Jan 20 into SDR unit in Germany. Omdurman news in Arabic, but otherwise sounded as most modern western and to African audience adapted program. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 20)

SWEDEN Relays via *Radio Revival* on 3950 and 6065 resumed from 27 Dec at 1200 with programmes from SDXF and Radio Merkurs. The station has two transmitters which are available for relays to Europe on 3950 (5 KW) and 6065 (10 KW). If there are any radio stations interested in relaying via this relay service from the Sala transmitters in Sweden, please contact Ronny at this email address info@rock.x.se. The cost for both channels are 30 Euro per hour. (Tom Taylor) Private licensed SW station which previously carried Radio Nord Revival. Web site is <http://www.radiorevivalsweden.blogspot.co.uk/>. (Mike Barraclough, Dave Kenny, Alan Dean-UK/British DX Club)

Future scheduled relays via Radio Revival on 6065LSB and 3950 kHz include:

Sunday 15 February: 0900-1000 *European Music Radio*

Saturday 28 February: 1200-1300 *Sveriges DX Forbund*, 1300-1500 *Radio Merkurs*. (British DX Club)

Radio Revival testing new frequencies in mid-January from the Sala transmitter site in Sweden. In addition to the usual channels 3950, 5 kW in AM and 6065, 10 kW LSB+carrier we have registered the following frequencies 3970/3980, 5 kW in AM and 6035/9815/9875/11745/11755, 10 kW in LSB+carrier. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

TAJIKISTAN 4765.059, Boy singer group and string sitar like instrumental music from Dushanbe Yangi Yul site in TJK. At 0043 on Jan 2nd. S=9+20dB, one of the strongest signals in 60mb here in Germany at this nighttime propagation path. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 2)

7245, 0209-, *Voice of Tajik* Jan 23 Good reception tonight with central Asian sounding music. At 02:11:30, a YL spoke briefly before returning to the same style music. I thought that it might be

// to 4765, but not so. I suppose that this is the international service, while the 60 m channel is domestic. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

UGANDA 4976, *Radio Uganda*, Kampala, 1910-2115, 03-01, English, comments. English pop music. 24322. (Méndez-Spain/PlayDX) 4975.965, UBC Kampala, on 2 Jan at 2242 - very nice program of lively songs. Male announcer with quick ID and TC at 2259 and right back to the mx, now a blend of highlife. Nice S7-8 signal but down a bit to S6 by 2315 tune out. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx Jan 2/TopNews)

USA 1 January 2015 *KVOH* introduced a new schedule. They now "worldcast" on Mondays to Fridays (US-days) in Sp 1400-2000 on 17775, and additionally in Engl and Sp 0000-0500 (Tu-Sa) on 9975. On weekends, *KVOH* continues to broadcast in English from 0230-0500 (Su Mo) on 9975. The new customers are already known to short waves listeners: Rick Wiles is already on WRMI and Dr. James Planck since 2002 promoted his own short wave station KIMF which did not yet materialize. Planck's International Missions Fellowship was also involved in HRMI Radio Misiones Internacionales which broadcast on short wave for some years beginning in 1996 until maybe 2011. It was irregularly heard, originally 5898, later 5010, and finally 3340. (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener-Germany/WWDXC)

KVOH Voice of Hope from Jan.1:

0000-0100 on 9975 VOH English Tue-Sat, additional 0100-0500 on 9975 VOH Eng/Spa Tue-Sat, additional 0230-0300 on 9975 VOH English Sun World of Radio 0230-0300 on 9975 VOH English Mon Wavescan 0300-0500 on 9975 VOH English Sun/Mon 1400-2000 on 17775 VOH Spanish Mon-Fri (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

VANUATU 3945, hrd 1/4 via Perseus site in Edmonton AB from 0918 tune at fair to good signal lvl improving past 1000. Language in this segment appeared Bislama as did not sound like usual Pidgin. Woman ancr with ID and program anmt (EE) at 1001 then into what sounded like a local church service. (Bruce Churchill-CA/DXplorer) 3945, 1347-, *Radio Vanuatu* Jan 24 Port Vila continues on an extended sked at fair level. (Salmaniw-BC/DXplorer)

VATICAN 15100, *Radio Veritas Asia* via Santa Maria di Galeria, Relay. 2 QSL Cards received for reports sent 2 weeks apart for 2 different receptions. Received in almost 2 months for emailed

reports. Also received were 2 Station Stickers, a Keychain, a Station Sked, and a Station Brochure. (Robert Ross-Canada/DXplorer)

VIETNAM Radio Voice of Vietnam from October 31, 2014:

1700-1730 on 9625
1900-1930 on 7280, 9730
2030-2100 on 7220, 7280, 9550, 9730
2330-0000 on 9840, 12020
0100-0130 on 6175
0230-0300 on 6175
0330-0400 on 6175
1800-1830 on 5955
1000-1030 on 9840, 12020
1100-1130 on 7285
1130-1200 on 9840, 12020
1230-1300 on 9840, 12020
1330-1400 on 9840, 12020
1500-1530 on 7285, 9840, 12,020
1600-1630 on 7280, 9550, 9730
(Direct)

Voice of Vietnam announced in Listener's Letterbox on 31 December that they will be discontinuing the English broadcasts on 7285 at 1100 and 1500 with effect from 1 January 2015. No mention was made as to why, or to whether the other language transmissions between 1030 and 1600 on the Hanoi transmitter on 7285 are also being discontinued. (Alan Roe-UK)

YEMEN 6135, re **Radio Sana'a** in English was back again on shortwave. Yes, no signal today Jan 10, maybe once a month? Checked on various remote SDR net units, all over Europe, Russia, Australia, and Japan. NOTHING heard from Sana'a transmitter on Jan 10th at 1800-1815. Only poor strength Korean transmission outlet, seemingly standby North Korean jamming heard on exact 6135.009 footprint at 1815 on Jan 10, heard in Tokyo, Hiroshima, and Moscow too. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10) On Jan 9 Radio Sana'a in English was back again on shortwave, at 1800-1900 6135*ALH 050 kW after last broadcast on Dec 22 (Ivo Ivanov-BUL, hcdx via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10)


Radio Sana'a in Arabic was back shortwave Jan 13

1438-1500 on 6135 ALH
1500-1545 on 6135 ALH
(DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 20)

ZAMBIA 5915.000, **ZNBC Radio 1**, Lusaka, on 3 Jan at *0240 - Call of the Fish Eagle IS until choral NA at 0250, traditional mx with call and response with mention of Zambia, local pop song with male in vernacular talking over the song. Nice "Zambia National Broadcasting" mention at 0308. Wedged between RRI and WHRI until Romania left 5910 at 0257 leaving the LSB clear for ECSS. (Brandon Jordan-TN-USA, hcdx Jan 3/TopNews)

ZANZIBAR 6014.004, at 0333 on Jan 20 came across signal of **ZBC Zanzibar Tanzania**, East African mx program, but much QRM, hit heavily by adjacent CRI Cerrik-ALB Mandarin service, at 300 kW - 2 x 150 kW - power next door. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 20)

BEHIND THE CURTAIN: I expect to have the work out in March. It's a massive project - 4 volumes each just under 2GB each full of unique information, interaction, audio and video. The work covers North Korean propaganda and popular culture. It will be the most comprehensive guide ever undertaken to the DPRK's mass media including Print Media, Radio, Television, Film and outdoor propaganda. A large amount of the research and content examples were undertaken undercover during my frequent trips into the country. The delay in publishing is for a few reasons, this being the main... Until early 2014 I hadn't talked openly about my project, as the research essentially required me to frequently smuggle into North Korea electronics (radios / television receivers / GPS etc.) all which were illegal to bring into the country. Then I needed to smuggle what I had captured and recorded back out without it being detected. Over 4 years I eventually visited each province of North Korea, my final trip being in October/November 2013. Once I had completed my final in country research I started to talk publicly on the topic. This is where the delay has happened... I have been so busy speaking around the world that the actual project completion has dragged! (Mark Fahey-Australia/ARDXC)

Schedules, news and other information about shortwave broadcasting activity can be send 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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Shortwave pirate broadcasting continued at a very brisk pace once again during the last month. Old-timers in the hobby will find it ironic that pirates are still currently the #1 growth area for shortwave broadcasting DX targets. There will be a formal discussion of that at NASWA's forthcoming annual SWL Fest in Plymouth Meeting, PA on February 27-28, 2015. We should have news next month about what happened at this year's Fest.

Shortwave broadcasting inevitably increases around major North American holidays. With Christmas and New Years over, you ought to make your plans to listen to the increased pirate broadcasting activity that is certain to appear before, during, and after various forthcoming holidays including Valentine's Day and Easter. These are traditional big holidays as defined by pirate broadcasting activity.

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:

Abu Dabhi R. 6290 AM 0004-0054+ 12/6/14 SIO=343. OM ancw w/mostly country mx prgm from this Euro. (Lobdell-MA)

Baltic Sea R. 17905.3 LSB 1436-1440* 12/6/14 SIO=232. Euro w/blues mx prgm & sea gull sounds. (Lobdell-MA)

Bangalore Poacher 6925.2 AM 2224-2227* 12/19/14 poor. Lincolnshire Poacher musical tune. (D'Angelo-PA)

Bangalore Poacher 6925.2 AM 2204-2205* 12/20/14 poor. Lincolnshire Poacher musical tune supplemented with CW and brief OM ancw. (D'Angelo-PA)

Bangalore Poacher 6925 2332 12/28/14 very good. Lincolnshire Poacher musical tune supplemented with CW IDs. (Ross-ON)

Black Arrow Holland 21490 AM 1823-1825* 11/28/14 SIO=343. Euro w/pop mx prgm. (Lobdell-MA)

BZN R. 6952 AM 0055-0124* 12/24/14 strong. NA relay of Dutch Euro w/Christmas prgm and SSTV at close. (Ross-ON)

BZN R. 6952.7 AM 0102-0132* 12/24/14 SIO=343. NA relay of Dutch Euro w/Christmas prgm and SSTV images. (Lobdell-MA)

Captain Morgan. 6924.2 0202-0214 12/21/14 fair to poor. Prgm of Christmas mx. (Taylor-WI)

Captain Morgan Shortwave. 6939.9 AM 0345-0359* 1/1/15 SIO=121. Prgm of classic rock mx. (Lobdell-MA)

Channel Z R. 6925 0042-0114 12/20/14 fair to good. Rock and reggae Christmas mx prgm. (Ross-ON)

Channel Z R. 6925 2230 12/23/14 poor to fair. Prgm of Christmas mx. (Ross-ON)

Channel Z R. 6925 2117-2230 1/1/15 SIO=555. Andy Walker with rock oldies prgm. (Lobdell-MA)

Cool AM 6919.7 AM 0220 12/20/14 fair w/fading. OM w/Christmas mx prgm. (Ross-ON)

Dr. Tim Shortwave 6920 AM 0257 1/1/15 SIO=343. NA relay of German Euro. (Taylor-WI)

Evil Elvis 5770 0133 12/14/14 weak. Old Elvis mx & tlk; SSTV at close. (Taylor-WI)

Happy Hanukkah R. 6951 0243-0257 12/24/14 weak and poor. Holiday prgm of instr & vocal mx. (Taylor-WI)

- KCPR 6950 0134 1/4/15** fair to poor. Prgm of mx and SSTV images. (Taylor-WI)
- Liquid R.** 6925.2 2304 12/13/14 Poor to good. Prgm of dance mx. (Taylor-WI)
- Old Time R.** 3200 AM 2224-2246* 12/7/14 Fading. Relay of very old radio show. (Hauser-OK)
- Old Time R.** 6769.9 0149 12/1/14 Poor; barely audible. Radio drama prgm. (Taylor-WI)
- Old Time R.** 6769.9 0103 12/20/14 Fading. Relay of very old radio comedy prgm. (Taylor-WI)
- Old Time R.** 6769.9 0107 12/27/14 very poor. Little copy of old time radio relay. (Hauser-OK)
- Old Time R.** 6770 0124 1/4/15 fair with fading. Old time comedy radio program relay. (Taylor-WI)
- Pesky Party R.** 6250 LSB 0150 12/7/14 Good. Mx prgm w/OM IDs. (Taylor-WI)
- Pesky Party R.** 6250 LSB 0225-0254 12/7/14 Good. Mx prgm w/OM IDs, LSB, "the fishiest of all modes" ancd. (Hauser-OK)
- Pirate R. Boston** 6945 2200-2230* 12/21/14 SIO=454. Charlie Loudenboomer w/ Christmas prgm. (Lobdell-MA)
- Pirate R. Boston** 6950 2330-2334* 12/25/14 very good. Prgm of Christmas mx. (Ross-ON)
- R. Casablanca** 6945 0118 12/8/14 Very good. Prgm of old time mx. (Ross-ON)
- R. Casablanca** 6945 2319-0102 12/7/14 Armchair copy. Prgm of old WW II mx. (Taylor-WI)
- R. Casablanca** 6940 0220-0340 12/25/14 SIO=444. Prgm of mx from Casablanca movie. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Casablanca** 6940 2334-2343 12/25/14 very good. Prgm of very old pop mx. (Ross-ON)
- R. Free ADD** 6925 0157 1/1/15 Good. Dance mx prgm. (Taylor-WI)
- R. Free ADD** 6925 0320-0407 1/1/15 SIO=454. Prgm of rock mx w/guest IDs by Dick Weed of R. Free Whatever. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6925 2327-2330* 11/16/14 Good. Dick Weed w/rock mx prgm. (D'Angelo-PA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6945 0115-0157+ 11/30/14 SIO=454. Dick Weed and Stavin w/rock mx prgm. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6875 AM 2133-2141 12/6/14 SIO=454. Rerun of old start of WW II prgm. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Free Whatever** 6950 AM 2240-2336 12/21/14 SIO=454. Rock oldies prgm. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Ga Ga** 6769.9 0102-0114 12/6/14 Fair-Poor. Prgm of rock mx and OM/YL sketches. (Taylor-WI)
- R. Ga Ga** 6925 0222-0226 12/14/14 Fair w/ fading. Prgm of mx and comedy. (Ross-ON)
- R. Ga Ga** 6925 0001-0133 12/28/14 Fair. Prgm of classic rock mx; QSL received. (Ross-ON)
- R. Jingle Bells** 6950 AM 0202-0315 12/22/14 fair. Prgm of Christmas mx in EE and GG. (Taylor-WI)
- R. Jingle Bells** 6945 AM 0057 12/26/14 poor to fair. Prgm of Christmas mx; QSL arrived later saying NA relay of Euro by R. Free Whatever. (Ross-ON)
- R. Jingle Bells** 6945 AM 0248-0348 12/26/14 good. Prgm of Christmas mx in EE and GG. (Taylor-WI)
- R. Jingle Bells** 6945 AM 0045-0055 12/26/14 SIO=333. Prgm of Christmas mx in EE and GG. (Lobdell-MA)
- R. Magic** 15700 AM 1651-1700 12/7/14 SIO=131. Relay of a Laser Hot Hits prgm. (Lobdell-MA)
- Sluwe Vos** 21455 AM 1313-1340 12/6/14 SIO=343. ID translates as "Sly Fox." Dutch pirate w/OM ancr and country mx prgm. (Lobdell-MA)

- Snowball R.** 6940 0019-0039* 12/24/14 Good. Prgm of Christmas mx. (Ross-ON)
- Snowball R.** 6940 0021-0039* 12/24/14 SIO=454. Prgm of Christmas mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- The Crystal Ship** 6925 AM 0050-0219* 12/5/14 SIO=444. Classic rock mx prgm mixed w/Monty Python sketches. (Lobdell-MA)
- The Crystal Ship** 6925 AM 0206 12/3/14 Good. Rock tune by Boston. (Taylor-WI)
- The Crystal Ship** 6950.7 0034-0109 12/22/14 Good. Prgm of rock and pop oldies. (Taylor-WI)
- The Crystal Ship** 6850.5 AM 0048-0051 12/26/14 very good. Prgm of rock mx by The Doors. (Ross-ON)
- The Crystal Ship** 6850 AM 0028-0050 12/26/14 SIO=333. John Poet w/tell tale heart narration. (Lobdell-MA)
- XLR8** 6280 2306-2313 12/6/14 Fair. One rock song hrd. (Taylor-WI)
- XLR8** 6950 0228-0111 12/4/14 SIO=232. Prgm of unusual instr mx w/OM ancr. (Lobdell-MA)
- Whiskey Redneck R.** 6940.1 0136 12/1/14 Good. Country mx prgm w/OM ancr. (Taylor-WI)
- Whiskey Redneck R.** 6940 0140-0220* 12/1/14 SIO=343. Rock & country mx prgm w/OM ancr. (Lobdell-MA)
- WHYP** 6880 AM 2353-0106 12/13-14/14 Very Good. James Brownyard w/prgm of rock mx w/old George Zeller MT convention anmt at close. (Taylor-WI)
- WHYP** 6880 AM 0019-0050+ 12/14/14 SIO=444. James Brownyard memorial stn w/prgm of rock and Christmas mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- WHYP** 3440 0308 1/1/15 SIO=444. Prgm of rock mx. (Cooper-PA)
- WHYP** 6880 0026-0034+ 1/1/15 SIO=555. Prgm of classic rock mx & a phone call from Martin Peck. (Lobdell-MA)
- WMFQ** 6885.6 AM 2337-0015 12/20/14 SIO=444. Where's my QSL stn w/prgm of rock oldies mx. (D'Angelo-PA)
- WMFQ** 6885.6 AM 2337-0015 12/20/14 SIO=444. Where's my QSL stn w/prgm of rock oldies mx. (D'Angelo-PA)
- Wolverine R.** 6950 0215 12/21/14 Good. Prgm of mx w/SSTV at close. (Taylor-WI)
- Wolverine R.** 6940 0145-0152 12/25/14 SIO=444. Prgm of blues mx. (Hauser-OK)
- World of Radio Parody** 6900 AM 2216-2258 12/26/14 SIO=343. Parody of Glenn Hauser's World of Radio program. (Lobdell-MA)
- WRRI, Random R.** 6228 LSB 2237-2346 11/29/14 SIO=343. OM ancr w/prgm of Stan Kenton big band mx. (Lobdell-MA)
- X-FM** 6975 AM 0108 12/13/14 Very Good. Redhat w/mx request live prgm. (Taylor-WI)
- X-FM** 6975 AM 0306-0357 12/13/14 SIO=343. OM w/rock mx prgm. (Lobdell-MA)
- YHWH** 6280 AM 0330-0410* 12/7/14 Poor. Tlk abt Babylonian scrolls and Old Testament stuff. SIO=132. (Lobdell-MA)
- YHWH** 6280 AM 0300 12/7/14 Poor. Hrd s/ on mx. (Taylor-WI)
- YHWH** 15705 AM 1513-1557* 12/1/14 Good w/deep fades. Usual discussion of Old Testament. Ancd 200 watts de the Mojave Desert. (Hauser-OK)
- YHWH** 6280 AM 0609 12/15/14 Fair. Religious prgm. (Hauser-OK) 


QSL Report

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GREETINGS TO LISTENERS
Q. S. L. CARD
SRI LANKA BROADCASTING
CORPORATION
COLOMBO 7, SRI LANKA

Confirming your reception
reports of our transmission
on frequency 11965
KHZ in the 95
Meters Band at 11965 Meters.
GMT on 01.10.2011

Thank you for your report.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Director General (Engineering)
Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation

POST CARD



AUSTRALIA: Reach Beyond Australia 12115 The station verified my email rpt. w/ a f/d PDF attachment from Shelley Martin, Listeners Correspondence in only 1 day w/ a PDF broadcast schedule as part of the response. (D'Angelo-PA).

ENGLAND: KBS World Radio 9760 via **Woofferton** p/d "Photograph of two dancers of an ancient Korean court dance called Cheoyongmu" cd. in 52 ds. for an email rpt. (Roe-UK).

EURO PIRATE: Radio Geronimo
* **Shortwave** 9335 email QSL

in jpg format in 2 ds. for a rpt. to: geronimoshortwave@hotmail.com
The design features a photograph of the "Mojoman Sculpture" a metal-work sculpture on display at the Crown and Anchor in Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, England. (Roe-UK)

FRANCE: Radio Taiwan International 3965 via **Issoudun** f/d "Photograph of the Shihmen Reservoir at Sunset" cd. in 28 ds. for a postal rpt.(Roe)

We are pleased to verify your report on the reception of Deutsche Welle.

DEUTSCHE WELLE

Date 04.05.2011
Time 0200-0300 UTC
Frequency 17820 KHZ
Station Cypress Creek

DL 270 Bonn Germany

LUFPOST

Your report has been checked with our schedules and found to be correct.

Kind regards,
Customer Service


Mr
Richard A. d'Angelo
2216 Burkley Drive
WYOMISSING, PA 19610
USA

STATION NOTES: Armed Forces Radio and Television Service 4319 via **Diego Garcia** Addr: Officer in Charge, Defense Media Center, 23755 Z Street, BLDG 2730, Riverside, CA USA 92518-2017 v/s C.A. Harris, MCC-USN. Email: QSL@dodmedia.osd.mil **HD210A** 3810 v/s **Jorge Cardenas Amores**, Capitan de Fragata. Addr: Instituto Oceanografico de la Armada del Ecuador, Estacion **HD210A**, Avenida 25 de Julio via **Puerto Maritimo**, Base Naval Sur, Guayaquil, Ecuador. **Radio Oriental** 4781 via **Tena** v/s **Luis Enrique Espin** and **Diana Espin Velin**. Addr **Radio Oriental**, Avenida **Jumandy** 536, Casilla 260, **Tena**, Napo, Ecuador. ...via **PLAY DX...Sam**.

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Dear RICHARD A D'ANGELO
This is to verify your report dated 13 DECEMBER 2010
on our ENGLISH language broadcast
on a frequency of 9526 kHz,
from 17.01 to 17.01 GMT/UTC

Thank you for listening our programs.

Yours sincerely,


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SW 15150 kHz
SW 11785 kHz

Verification
www.vqi.or.id

GERMANY (East): NDR 6040 via **Nauen** f/d QSL card from Hamburg in 9 ds. for an email rpt to: technik@ndr.de This was for their German Special Christmas eve broadcast of "Grub an Bord" (Roe-UK).

GERMANY (West): HCJB 7365 via **Weenermoor** The station ver-

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75 mts.

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Nov. 21, 2007. 21:47-21:59

ified my email rpt. w/ a f/d "Mountains Psalm 90" cd. in 24 ds. The QSL was posted from Quito. The form ltr. indicated that in order to receive a QSL cd. they require \$1.75 rp. from the U.S. and \$2.75 for the rest of the world. They do accept email rpt. at: deutsch@andenstimme.org (D'Angelo-PA).

KASHMIR (India): All India

Radio 4950 via Srinagar f/d "AIR" cd. in 2 wks. for a taped rpt. and \$3.00 (Smith-MA).

NEW ZEALAND: Radio New Zealand International

9765 f/d email QSL in 13 ds. for an on-line rpt. (Roe-UK).

ROMANIA: Radio City Cars 7290 via the Italian Radio Relay Service in 3

* ds. for a rpt. to: citymorecars@yahoo.ca The PDF includes details of some of the songs played in the program together w/ a photograph of a 1960 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia. (Roe-UK).

SOUTH AFRICA: NHK World Radio Japan 11800 via Meyerton f/d "The Famous

Bumper Crop Train of Fukushima Prefecture" cd. in 29 ds. for a postal rpt. (Roe-UK).

STATION NOTES: Radio Marabu 6210 Email: info@radiomarabubu.de Radio

Nora 6240 Email: radionora@hotmail.com CBC Northern Quebec Service - Maamuitau 9625 Addr: CBC Radio Canada Nord, P.O. Box 6000, Montreal Quebec 43C 3A8 Canada Email: maamuitau@cbc.ca Italcable 10000

Email: info@associazioneitalcable.it Trans World Radio 6105 via Nau- uen v/s Walter Brodowsky Rhein Main Radio Club 6180 v/s H. Schulz. and 11900 v/s H. Gabler via Sitkunal Japan Short wave Club 7340 via Voice of Russia v/s K. Iwasa. Radio Rossii 7215 and 9480 v/s A. Shadyurov Trans World Radio India 11685 v/s F. Abraham Radio Northern Star 5895 v/s S. Martinsen. RTE Radio 17500 via Meyerton v/s B. Pope Radio Canada International 9880 via China v/s B. Westenhaver. Voice of Mongolia 12085 v/s E. Zorigt...via Play DX...Sam.

SWEDEN: Radio Nord Revival 9295 USB f/d cd. in 126 ds. for a postal

* report w/ return postage. Addr: Vita Huset, 17995 Svartjo, Sweden v/s Ronny Forslund. The face side of the QSL features a reproduction of an old Radio Nord QSL for 198 meters / 1512 kc. (Roe-UK).

USA: Radio Ukraine International 11580 via WRMI Radio Miami International at Okeechobee f/d "Cat-le Watering at the WRMI Building" cd. in 37 ds. for \$1.00 v/s Jeff White. (Wilkins-MO).

DVR: 0066915 ROI

Richard A.
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USA

QSL Verification
We confirm your reception report!

Date: 18.10.2008
Time: 1310 - 1406 UTC
Frequency: 13730 kHz
HOSBRUNN/AT
Wyomissing/US

Vienna, 21.10.2008
VO

Dear Richard A. D'Angelo,

Thank you very much for your interest in Radio Austria 1 International (ROI).

Please find enclosed our programme and frequency information leaflets with information on how you can listen to us via short wave, medium wave, satellite, cable and the Internet.

Your criticisms and comments are important to us. We look forward to receiving your mail!

Best wishes

RADIO AUSTRIA 1 INTERNATIONAL
Ö1 Service
Listeners' relations department

Dear friend,
Thank you for letting us know that you received our transmission.

We confirm that you heard us on:

Date 16/04/03
Time 1927-1943 UTC
Frequency 17680 kHz
Transmitter CHILE

We really appreciate your interest and look forward to hearing from you again. More information about us can be found at:
<http://www.christian-vision.org>

Radio Voz Cristiana & Radio Christian Voice
International Broadcasting West Broadway, Broomfield, Colorado

Scott Barbour

God Bless

Yes!

USA: PCJ Radio International via Global 24 via WRMI Radio Miami International at Okeechobee 9395 English program "The Happy Station" email QSL ltr. in 13 ds. for an email rpt. to: pcjgsl@pcjmedia.com The QSL was from Victor Goonetilleke and featured a photograph of the Trincomalee transmitter site in Sri Lanka. (Roe-UK).
USA (Pirate): S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald Radio 6923.5 The station verified my email rpt. in 363 ds. The v/s was Ernest McSorley, Captain, who apologized for the delay in responding noted: "Email service

from a sunken freighter lying 500 feet below the frigid waves of Lake Superior can be slow and sometimes irregular" (D'Angelo-PA)...Did the Captain really send you this QSL?...Sam.

USA: Global 24 Radio 9395 via WRMI Radio Miami International c/d "Inaugural Broadcast 2014" cd. in 48 ds. for \$1.00. (Wilkins-MO).

STATION NOTES: Sudan Radio Service 13720

Email: srs@edc.org **Radio New Zealand International** 9655 Addr: P.O. Box 123, Wellington, New Zealand. **Voice of Korea** 7570 Addr: Emisiones Espanol, Pyongyang, Republica Popular y Democratica Corea...of course this address is for reception of their Spanish language transmissions...Sam. **British Broadcasting Corporation** 6195 via **A'Seela (Oman)** Addr: VT Merlin Communications at Aseela, BBC Relay Station, P.O. Box 40, Al Ashkarah, PC 442, Oman. v/s Afrah Al Orimi Email: vpsaeela@yahoo.com. **Radio Pakistan** 9670 via **Islamabad** v/s Muhammad Sajid Qureshi, Senior Broadcast Engineer. Addr: Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation, Frequency Management Cell 303, Peshawar Road, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. ...via PLAY DX...Sam.

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P.O. 11312 541 18 THESSALONIKI - GREECE

Kypria, Kipri Mrs. Mr.
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Επιβεβαιώνει οριστικό ή αμφίβολο για το Ραδιοσταθμό Έλθου Μακεδονίας με τα παρακάτω στοιχεία: We confirm your reception report for Radio Station of Macedonia with the following characteristics:

Frequency/Frequency 9395 Date / Time 21.9.2002 Hystory/Date 18/9/2002

Επιβεβαιώνει για την αποστολή σας για το πρόγραμμα με τα παρακάτω στοιχεία: Thank you for your report and we will be pleased to hear from you again.
Με τις καλύτερες ευχές και την ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΑ. With best wishes from Greece.

Με εκτίμηση Yours Sincerely
J. Tsouli
TATIANA TSOULI

AIR MAIL PAR AVION

TO Mr. Richard D'Angelo

CONFIRMS RPT OK ON

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DATE 27-Oct-04
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BBC Far Eastern Relay Station, Kranji, Singapore


Explanation: Sorry about no QSL Column last month. It was mailed out on Tuesday and arrived later on Saturday after Bill took it to the printer. Christmas was on Thursday. I guess two day PRIORITY MAIL takes 4 days during the holiday season. Better luck next time

Sam
31921

Contributors' Page

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IS THE 10th OF THE MONTH

The following members sent in contributions:

- Rick BARTON**, El Mirage, AZ R8, HQ-200, HQ-120X, SP-600, HQ-140X, outdoor wires, slinky
- Bob BROSELL**, WI NRD-545, Eton E1, Sony ICF SW 77
- John COOPER**, Lebanon, PA WR-G33DDC, SDR-IQ, Sat 750, PL-660, ALA1530+, SWL sloper
- Rich D'ANGELO**, Wyomissing, PA RX340, R8B, Alpha Delta DX Sloper
- John & Sandra DAVIS**, Columbus, OH R-390 & 391As, Mackay 5050A, WJ HF-1000A, 42' Windom, 16' end fed
- Jim EVANS**, Germantown, TN R75, RX340, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, 90' lw, ALA100M
- Glenn HAUSER**, Enid, OK FRG-7, DX-398/ATS-909, YB400, ICF SW-07
- Bill KURRASCH**, New York, NY Icom 746 Transceiver & Random Long Wire
- Ralph PERRY**, Wheaton, IL R8B, NRD-545, E1, 355' bi-dir LW
- Pamela PRODAN**, Wilton, ME YachtBoy 400PE
- Alan ROE**, Teddington, UK Winradio G31 Excalibur, 17m long wire
- Mark TAYLOR**, Madison, WI Winradio g313e, E1, Sat 800, Flextenna, EWE, Eavesdropper
- David TURNICK**, Sinking Spring, PA RX340, WinRadio, Alpha Delta DX sloper, 49m dipole
- Robert WILKNER**, Pompano Beach, FL 535D, R8, IC746Pro 


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Tropical Band Loggings

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- 2485 **AUSTRALIA VL8K** Katherine 1155-1214 M & W ancr in EE; deep fades; 12/22. (Wilkner-FL)
- 2850 **NORTH KOREA KCBS** Pyongyang 1240 Monologue w/ emotional sounding W in KK; fair; 1/2. (Barton-AZ)
- 3185 **USA WWRB** Manchester 0430 WWRB w/ Brother Scare already; I had avoided checking since withdrawing World of Radio from this time & stn due to its inability to play back the file reliably; & unable to get a response from Dave Frantz; I nevertheless feel indebted to him for carrying WOR for several years, & before that on his previous stn WGTG, when cassette tapes had to be delivered & that was not very reliable either; 1/16. (Hauser-OK)
- 3240 **SWAZILAND TWR** Manzini 0319 Vcl mx & African lang talk; poor signal; TWR in Shona scheduled until 0325, after which I hear nothing, tho Ndaui is supposed to follow at 0325-0340 daily; maybe there was just a long pause between langs; 1/3. (Hauser-OK)
- 3310 **BOLIVIA R. Mosoj Chaski** Cochabamba 0000-0010 W ancr & mx; ID at 0012; good; 1/18. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3320 **SOUTH AFRICA R. Sondergrense** 0013-0020 M ancr in Afrikaans; strong sig; 1/17. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3364.87 **BRAZIL R. Cultura** Araraquara 0000-0014 M ancr in PP; decent sig; 1/17. (Wilkner - FL)
- 3375.1 **BRAZIL R. Municipal** São Gabriel da Cachoeira 1010-1030 M ancr w/ PP mx & talk; rather weak; 12/30. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3925 **JAPAN R. Nikkei 1** Tokyo-Nagara 1220-1255 Ancr in JJ; 1/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3965 **FRANCE R. Taiwan Int** Issoudun 1800 EE; Time Traveller w/ review of stories covered in 2014; Jade Bells & Bamboo Pipes w/ mx from Taiwan's National Chinese Orchestra; good; 12/31. (Roe-UK)
- 3985 **GERMANY V. of Mongolia** Kall 2010 EE; Interview w/ a banker, then song "Land of Make Believe"; fair; 1/2. (Roe-UK)
- 4055 **GUATEMALA R. Verdad** Chiquimula 0408 Relg mx in SS w/ M ancr between selections; f-p; 1/2. (Cooper-PA) 0522-0524 Relg talk by M ancr in SS; moderate sig strength w/ some noise & fading; 1/4. (Evans-TN) 0433 M ancr in SS w/ (P) sermon; 0440 still speaking; poor; 1/10 & 16. (Cooper-PA) 1041-1045 Distorted, over modulated sig w/ children signing in SS; 1/15. (Wilkner-FL)

- 4451.1 **BOLIVIA R. Santa Ana** Santa Ana de Yacuma 2340-2350 Prg in SS; weak; 12/22. (Wilkner-FL) 2320-2335 M anc in SS; weak; seems to s/off before 0000 daily; never logged this during 0900-1130; 1/15. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4699.9 **BOLIVIA R. San Miguel** Riberalta 0955-1012 M anc w/ “.nuevo en la..entonces..horas..”; noted daily 0930+ & 2300+ w/ difficult sig; 1/15. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4716.65 **BOLIVIA R. Yura** Yura 2330-0010 The one noted here; 1/3. (Wilkner-FL) 1000-1045 M anc w/ mx; fair; 1/15. (Wilkner-FL) 4717 0130 V. poor w/ mx; no doubt R. Yura, as Bob Wilkner rpted reactivated lately at least sporadically; 1/4. (Hauser-OK)
- 4747.5 **PERU R. Huanta 2000** Huanta 1037 M anc ment. several departamentos in Peru; brief W at 1039 & back to M at 1040; 1/15. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4750 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar** Shavar 1214-1220 SC mx followed by M anc in Bangla; surprisingly good sig strength w/ some flutter; Indian regional carriers also heard this morning; 1/5. (Evans-TN) 1335 V. poor sig w/ S. Asian vcl/instrumental mx; implying it's Bangladesh Betar; as RRI is still silent since May 15, 2014 per <http://rri.jpj.org/dat/html/2014-05.html>; the only other possibility on 4750 is China; 1/18. (Hauser-OK)
- 4765 **CUBA R. Progreso** 0222 Back on after a silent period; first returned Jan 13 per Ron Howard when I was not monitoring: “Hi Glenn, Jan 13 heard R. Progreso back on 4765 at 0228, w/ Progreso having the primary/strong audio, but also heard secondary audio underneath (weak), which also seemed to be in SS; 0229 ID & TC.”; not hearing any secondary audio now, but it is somewhat distorted, which was not the case before the crash; still no 3365 yet from RHC; 1/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 4775 **SWAZILAND TWR** Manzini 0340-0345 IS & ID by M anc in EE; repeated until the 0342 opening of sked Lomwe lang prg; M anc w/ talk; weak to moderate sig w/ heavy fading; 1/8. (Evans-TN)
- 4800 **CHINA CNR-1** Geermu 1320 M anc in CC; poor; 1/14. (Brossell-WI)
- 4805 **BRAZIL R. Difusora do Amazonas** Manaus 0017-0025 M anc in PP, albeit weak sig, as usual; regular sig 1000 & 2300+ but difficult; 1/17. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4810 **INDIA AIR Mumbai** 1312-1314 (P); Hindi mx; threshold lvl; barely keeping above the noise;; 1/5. (Evans-TN)
- 4810 **PERU R. Logos** Chazuta 1010-1053 Flauta Andina; rustic OS vocal; 1/2. (Wilkner-FL) 0955-1030 Beautiful flauta andina at 1000 & M preacher at 1030; v. strong sig; 1/15. (Wilkner - FL)
- 4815 **BRAZIL R. Difusora Londrina** 2300 Melodic vclist; ID then mx bridge at 2309 into orchestral mx; 12/22. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4820 **TIBET PBS Xizang** Lhasa 1138-1141 M & W anc in CC w/ an occasional few bars of mx; weak w/ CODAR, but only minor fading; also heard on 4920 at this time in Tibetan; 1/8. (Evans-TN)
- 4835 **AUSTRALIA VLBA** Alice Springs 1300-1317 Nx bulletin; country mx; fair; 12/29 & 1/10. (Brossell-WI) 1313 M & W anc in EE; Weak w/ fading; 1/5. (Evans-TN)
- 4840 **USA WWCN** Nashville 1205-1258 “World Wide Country Radio”; Elvis, Freddy Fender & more; good; 1/10. (Prodan-ME)
- 4870 **INDONESIA-PAPUA RRI** Wamena 1330 M anc in (P) Indo; poor; 1/17. (Brossell-WI)
- 4875 **BRAZIL R. Difusora Roraima** Boa Vista 0200-0212 Brazpop vcls; strong; 1/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4885 **BRAZIL R. Clube do Para** Belem 0415-05545 (T); M anc between mx selections; poor; 1/2 & 16. (Cooper-PA)
- 4920 **INDIA AIR Chennai** 1255 W anc in listed Tamil; f-p; 12/30. (Brossell-WI) 1308 W anc in Hindi; Weak but relatively steady; second station heard weakly below it probably Lhasa, but this morning Indian regionals dominating; 1/5. (Evans-TN) 1313 W anc in listed Tamil; f-p; 1/13. (Brossell-WI)
- 4939.9 **PERU R. San Antonio de Atalaya** Ucayal 2335 M anc “en las palabras.Santa Cruz’cinch”; Vclist from 2339-2348; new song 2359; 0000 M anc “atencion”; more mx to 0010; 1/17. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4940 **CHINA V. of the Strait** Fuzhou 1328 M anc in CC; f-p; 12/31. (Brossell-WI) 1316 M & W anc conversing in CC f-p; 1/14. (Brossell-WI)
- 4955 **PERU R. Cultural Amauta** Huanta 1043-1110 Instrumental mx thru ToH w/ no ID; 1/15. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4985.5 **PERU R. Voz Cristiana** Huancayo 1120-1130 F/out; first time in lcl Peru morning; 1/2. (Wilkner-FL) 2330-2345 M en espanol; sig be murdered by RTTY on 4985; using 1.1 filter in USB on the 746Pro; 1/15. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5025 **CUBA R. Rebelde** Havana 0430 Two M anc in discussion; fair; 12/23. (Cooper-PA) 0550 SS; Lively Cuban mx; seemingly in the party mood for New Year; f-p; 1/1. (Roe-UK) 0424 LA style mx & M anc; good; 1/2. (Cooper-PA) 0000-0045 All mx; including nice long version of Guantanamo; f-g; 12/15. (Prodan-ME) 0223 M anc w/ ID & EE mx; 0227 M anc in SS; fair; 1/18. (Cooper-PA)
- 5040 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0522 RHC in EE; // 6000, 6060, 6100 & 6165; 5040 is supposed to stay in SS until 0600, then EE, per own sked; but this isn't the first time we hear EE on it also before 0600; seems Arnie's new 90m outlet, 3365? didn't make it to air in 2014; 1/1. (Hauser-OK)

- 5050 **USA WWRB** Manchester 0125 Bro. Scare, while 3185 is off; sometime in the next few hours, BS switches to 3185, often before 0500, for the rest of the night; 12/27. (Hauser-OK)
- 5085 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 0619 Country mx; v. good but MUF is down so that 5830 WTWW-1 is poor as are neighbors 5890 & 5935 WWCR; 1/4. (Hauser-OK) 0646 WTWW-2 w/ gospel mx, "Rock of Ages" --- this has been on a lot lately, but not always; 1/15 at 0636 replaced by open carrier/dead air except hum; Wake up, Ted; 1/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 5110 **USA WBCQ** Monticello 0401 CUSB; World of Radio 1752 monitoring; confirmed on webcast of Area 51 via WBCQ; 12/22. (Hauser-OK) 5109.68 0205 Unusually good sig rather than JBA here; bluegrass mx; 0206 Allan Weiner addresses "Ladies & Gentlemen", a trademark of his, referring to 7415, so an old, old, playback; NBC chimes & melange of other sounds; 1/11. (Hauser-OK)
- 5850 **USA WRMI** Okeechobee 0715 Brother Scare is still here via WRMI, after TruNews finishes at 0700; now 5850 is good, much better than via //5890-WWCR; WRMI has the skip zone advantage, at this later hour w/ half-as-far WWCR overskipping, if propagating anywhere; latest WRMI sked shows BS on *only* 5 freqs in the 07-10 UT period, the others being 7570, 9955, 11580 & 15770; 1/6. (Hauser-OK)
- 5865 **FRANCE R. Algerienne** Issoudun 0415-0433 Holy Qur'an prg w/ M chanting; fair; 1/2 & 10. (Cooper-PA) 0611 RTA in Qur'an; fair sig; I don't think I've been hearing this after 0600, so sked change as of January?; 1/2. (Hauser-OK)
- 5875 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC** Ascension 0555 W anc & M re mx & videos; mx clips w/ M anc & talk over; fair; 1/16. (Cooper-PA)
- 5875 **THAILAND R. Thailand** Udon Thani 1116 (P); M anc in listed Khmer w/ talk & mx bit; fair; 1/3. (Taylor-WI)
- 5885 **KUWAIT RFE/RL** Kabd 2005 RR; Jazz Time w/ Dmitry Savitsky; mx by Duke Ellington, Little Richard & Janice Joplin, amongst others; good; 12/28. (Roe-UK) 

5901-3000 kHz

International Band Loggings

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- 5915 **ZAMBIA Radio Zambia** Lusaka, 0358-0402. Talk in Lozi (per schedule) by a man. Traditional music at 0359. Announcements by a woman at 0400, then continuation of music. Weak to moderate signal with fading, improving over time. 1/8/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 5940 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Tiganesti, 12/24, 1800. English. DRM. Nx; Commentary, Society Today (Education). Occasional dropouts early, very frequent after 1830 making reception unusable. 16dB/4. (Roe-UK)
- 5940 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** (via Shepparton) 1/4, 1510. M presenter with program on Dr. Who, Good with flutter. (Barton-AZ)
- 5950 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** 1/7, 1330. String of pop tunes; no DJ. Still steady after 1500 with W presenter and no newscast. (Barton-AZ)
- 5955 **AUSTRIA Voice of Vietnam** Moosbrunn, 12/31, 1800. English. News and Listener's letterbox. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 5980 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** Emirler, 12/31, 2135. Turkish. The VoT Turkish program is in full swing playing some very nice Turkish tunes - a mix of ballads and more up-tempo tunes. The frequency is scheduled off at 2200, but remains on-air until 2206UT - ie into New Year in Turkey. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 6020 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Galbeni, 12/26, 0410. English. Christmas traditions in Romania to start the program, and Christmas music to end the program. //7340 also heard with some reception conditions. 55433. (Roe-UK)
- 6020 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** (RRI), 4:29 to 4:35 with an ID at 4:29, SINFO=5,5,5,3,4, I heard about how the National Museum in Bucharest is now set up with the Internet so people anywhere around the world can search their archives for documents, pictures, and so on, 1/4. (Davis-OH)
- 6030 **UNITED STATES Radio Marti** Greenville, 01/01, 0620. Spanish. Pop music with woman presenter. A lot of noise interference. 25332. (Roe-UK)
- 6040 **GERMANY Norddeutscher Rundfunk** Nauen, 2227-2300* Dec 24, annual traditional NDR Grass an Bord Christmas program for the fleet with various talks, short Christmas music features, IDs and closed with Silent Night. Poor reception this year with prior years being fair or better at times. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 6040 **GERMANY NDR** Groß and Bord Nauen, 12/24, 2215. German. Annual NDR Groß a Bord for German mariners at sea with some carols and call-outs to mariners on various ships. Also some talk about MS Hamburg delivering Christmas trees. 45433. (Roe-UK)
- 6045 **AUSTRIA Adventist World Radio (AWR)** 4:36 to 4:40 with an English ID at 4:37 and then into French, SINFO=4, 5,4,3,4, I then heard a man and woman sing in French, (Davis-OH)
- 6065 **SWEDEN FRS Holland** Sala, 12/28, 1530. English. FRS Goes DX with Peter Verbruggen Mostly free radio news. 35433. (Roe-UK)
- 6070 **CANADA CFRX** 15:16 to 15:23 with many IDs for the parent station CFRB as News Talk 1010, two men discussed the increase in the federal government's interest rates and thus those for the Canadians, (Davis-OH)
- 6100 **SERBIA Int'l Radio Serbia** Bijeljina, 12/27, 2050. Serbian. YL talk and varied music (eg traditional and pop//rock mx). German at 2100 except sats when Serbian tx continues from 2030. 44444. (Roe-UK)
- 6100 **SERBIA Int'l Radio Serbia** Bijeljina, 12/31, 2135. French/English. Some nice Serbian ballads up to the top of the hour and straight into their English service with a program about the history of bars in Serbia, with musical inserts: 55333. (Roe-UK)
- 6110 **ETHIOPIA Radio Fana** Addis Ababa, 0443-0450. Talk in Amharic by a woman. Horn of Africa music at 0445. Weak to moderate signal strength with fading. 1/5/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 6155 **AUSTRIA Radio Austria Int'l** Moosbrunn, 01/01, 0605. German. Classical music by Bach, etc. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 6160 **CANADA CKZN** St Johns, Nfld 2105-40+ "Cross Country Checkup," with Rex Murphy; calls & guests about topic Canadian "person of the year"; 2300 "World this Weekend"; 2330 "C'est La Vie;" guests pick best French music in Canada 2014; fair-good, excellent by news at 0000 12/28-29 (Prodan,ME)
- 6348 **CLANDESTINE Echo of Hope** Jan 1 at 1518, poor-fair signal in Korean talk, and // 6003 poor, i.e. Echo of Hope, clandestine to North Korea. No jamming audible but may still be there. Aires (Hauser-OK)
- 6600 **CLANDESTINE Voice of the People** Jan 1 at 1518, more Korean with poor signal, which is Voice of the People, another clandestine from south to north. But nothing on // 6518 which we used to hear and is still in current Aoki, EBi and WRTH 2015 Aires (Hauser-OK)
- 6600 **KOREA (ROK) Voice of the People** Goyang, Gyeonggi-do, 1209-1214. Talk in Korean by a woman. Weak signal with some fading, but no problem from jammer. Parallel 4557. 1/8/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 6885 **UNITED STATES PIRATE WMFQ** 2337-0015 Dec 20, multiple IDs by man announce rand a few with group men with "Where's My F***in' QSL" after call letters. Played Midnight at the Oasis, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds and other pop tunes. Good signal. Re-check at 0020 and gone. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 **UNITED STATES PIRATE Bangalore Poacher** 2224-2227* Dec 19, familiar Lincolnshire Poacher musical tune heard as station left the air. HF Underground says this is the station. Poor signal. Noted again, 2204-2205* Dec 20 with cw, quick talk by a man announcer and familiar Lincolnshire Poacher musical tune. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7200 **SUDAN Radio** Al Aitahab 0328-0334. Sudanese music. Talk in Arabic by a woman over/around music after 0330. Weak to moderate signal with fading and heavy ARO interference. 1/8/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 7285 **ALBANIA China Radio Int'l** Cerrik, 12/31, 2108. English. China Drive Roundtable talking about New Year's Eve traditions in China, compared with the West. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 7285 **ALBANIA China Radio International** Cerrik, 2157-2200* Jan 4, end of English - Chinese language lesson program with ID at closedown during chatter followed by carrier termination. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7315 **CLANDESTINE Radio Dabanga** Santa Maria da Galeria, 0444-0458* Dec 20, man with long talk in Arabic language followed by local music at 0452 with ID and closedown announcements after the music. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7325 **IRAN Voice of Justice** 4:17 to 4:19 with an ID at 4:17, SINFO=4, 5,5,3,4, I tuned in just in time for a male announcer to say, "Goodbye from Tehran (Davis-OH)
- 7340 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Galbeni, 01/03, 0410. English. Several features including Truly Romanian with New Year party songs. 55343. (Roe-UK)
- 7425 **ALBANIA Radio Tirana** tentative, 2:40 (approximately) to 2:59 with no under-standable ID, SINFO=2,5,2,3,2, there was quite a number of noise bursts, I heard parts of several news items including the deficit and the GNP, and then some music. (Davis-OH)
- 7445 **ASCENSION ISLAND British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** 5:25 to 5:30 with an ID at 5:30, I heard part of an interview with a woman who stood her ground against (Davis-OH)

- 7455 **UNITED STATES Radio Ukraine Int'l** USB mode, 00:39 to 00:49 with an ID at 00:48, SINFO=4,2,5,4,2, the overall merit was reduced, because a utility station was destroying their signal, I heard a discussion about the Snow Queen iPad application, (Davis-OH)
- 7490 **UNITED STATES WBCQ** 2200-2300 "Marion's Attic" with Marion Webster and Christina; recordings from the years 1916-1922, including "Keep Cool - the Country's Saving Fuel"; letter from Alabama re shows 550 & 551; 2245 contact information "this is show #552"; good 12/14; 2157-2200 sta ID & fanfare repeated every 15 seconds; 2200 Marion's Attic Christmas Show (show #584, so these are reruns); good 12/21; (Prodan,ME)
- 7530 **TAIWAN Voice of Hope** Tamsui District, 2255-2300*. Suab Xaa Moo Zoo (Voice of Hope). Slow Southeast Asian music. Announcements in Hmong by a man at 2259. End of transmission at 2300. Weak but readable signal with moderate fading. 1/11/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 7585 **SRI LANKA Radio Farda** Iranawila, 12/23, 2235. Farsi. Bands quite tonight, so settle here for a while for some music. Middle Eastern music, a vintage recording of cha-cha-cha music then onto western pop. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 8989 **NICARAGUA El Buen Pescador** 2319-2325. Male preacher with talk in Spanish. Appeared conversational at times. Broadcasting to / talking with fishermen. Very weak signal with minimal fading. 1/8/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 9395 **UNITED STATES WRMI** Miami "Global 24 Radio" 0210-227 "The Fringe Radio Show" out of Salt Lake city; ghosts, bigfoot sightings, etc, with guest; at abt 0220 interrupted by several minutes of ads, incl SW program guide, Universal Radio, Connector Zone; good 12/7 (Prodan,ME)
- 9400 **FRANCE Denge Kurdistan** Issoudun, 12/29, 1910. Kurdish. Kurdish songs. Noise level increasing - 1925: 45343. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 9400 **MOLDOVA Denge Kurdistan** Grigoriopol, 12/23, 1431. Kurdish. Several nice Kurdish songs, then OM talk and more music. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 9420 **GREECE ERTOpen** Avlis, 01/03, 0505. Greek. Greek pop and varied songs with male announcer. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 9420 **GREECE Helliniki Radiophonia** (ERA5), tentative, 1:48 to 2:01 with no understandable ID, SINFO=3, 5,5,4,4, I heard some Greek music and a man and woman in a discussion, I used Short-Wave. Info and the Kindle Fire to help me verify the station's information (Davis-OH)
- 9445 **INDIA All India Radio** Bengaluru, 2147-2220 Dec 19, Hindi vocal music selections until 2200 ID and English language news program. Commentary at 2210 about Pakistan. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9445 **INDIA All India Radio** Bengaluru, 12/29, 2120. English. Faithfully Yours, followed by Moods (Film Music on theme of "Separation "). 55433. (Roe-UK)
- 9445 **INDIA All India Radio** Bengaluru, 2138-2204 Jan 4, pre-recorded discussion program about Christianity until 2156 ID and Hindi vocal selection. At 2200 man announcer with English news. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9540 **FRANCE Radio France Int'l** Issoudun, 2026-2030* Dec 20, popular music followed by a woman announcer in Hausa language with ID and closedown announcements. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9550 **ENGLAND IBRA Radio** 1813+ Arabic; web addresses, m speaking slowly; fair 12/12 (Prodan,ME)
- 9570 **ALBANIA China Radio Int'l** (CRI) 1:48 to 1:55 with an ID at 1:53, SINFO= 5, 4,5,4,4, I heard more news about the damage hackers have done to Sony Pictures' profits (Davis-OH)
- 9575 **MOROCCO Medi 1** Nador, 12/31, 2230. French. Western pop/dance music with YL presenter; News in French at 2300, and continues with French pop songs. 45544. (Roe-UK)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** English 1420-45+ "Saturday Night Country," with Catherine Britt; playing selections from performers at CMAA (Country Music Assoc Awards) Show; fair-good 1/10 (Prodan,ME)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** Shepparton, tentative, 15:44 to 16:00, no ID, my reference is Short-Wave.Info, I heard an interview of an Australian rock singer who finally made it big, SINFO=3,5,4,4,4, (Davis-OH)
- 9585 **LITHUANIA Rhein Main Radio Club** Sitkunai (tentative), 2213-2245 Dec 27, could make out occasional words but hard to get a hand on program content. Definitely English and heard a woman talking about Caribbean cruise and word "shortwave" also noted. Presumed this special rebroadcast. Quite poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9595 **JAPAN Radio Nikkei** Dec 31 at 1457, there's no NHK to be heard, as their New Year's celebration has long since vanished from SW, so I settle on R. Nikkei where it's almost local 2015y. Fair signal with pop music, 1459 ID "kochirawa Radio Nikkei desu" and sign-off citing JOZ- calls, 1500 dead air, no observance of the New Year whatsoever. Did hear a time signal but probably bleeding from China on 9605. Aires (Hauser-OK)
- 9595 **INDIA All India Radio** 1620-50 f speaking Russian "... nasha programa (our program)"; 1625 music & vocal; 1630-42 f ann, ref Putin, Crimea; 1647 postal address in English for All India Radio, then back to Russian; fair-good but increasing background QRM after 1635 12/12(Prodan,ME)

- 9620 **SPAIN Radio Exterior de Espana** Noblejas, 2225-2305* Dec 24, woman announcer with Spanish language talk hosting Christmas program, time pips at 2259 followed by ID, several announcements and many minutes of IS before carrier terminated. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9625 **JAPAN Radio Japan** 1/6, 1000. S/on, news. Not heard well here in recent weeks, VG rx this morning. (Barton-AZ)
- 9625 **JAPAN Radio Japan** 1/6, 1000. S/on, news. Not heard well here in recent weeks, VG rx this morning. (Barton-AZ)
- 9655 **ALASKA KNLS** 1/4, 1700. Opening in Russian. Unusually Good. (Barton-AZ)
- 9730 **MYANMAR Myanmar Radio**, tentative, 2:16 to 2:30 with no understandable ID, my reference is Short-Wave.Info, a Burmese dialect, SINFO=3.5.3, 3, 3, I heard a man and then a woman sing, and then a conversation until 2:30(Davis-OH)
- 9765 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** Rangitaiki, 12/24, 0820. English. Pacific Music (with no announcements) until 0830, then pacific Regional news, with items about Solomon's Islands, Cook Islands, Fiji island group, Papua New Guinea - just don't get to hear this from any other source. 25322. (Roe-UK)
- 9765 **GERMANY NHK** Nauen 1710-1757 Japanese; EZ listening orchestral music; m announcer; 1754 1960s pop song in English; poor with interference QRM 12/12 (Prodan,ME)
- 9770 **GERMANY Radio Ashna** 1651-1728 Afghan; f speaking, ref Boko Haran, then about 1 min (Afghan) music then program announcements & musical interludes; 1758 on tel w/m; 1702 music again; 1728 off in mid-song; fair-poor 12/12 (Prodan,ME)
- 9810 **ENGLAND BBC** 1730-59 Pashto? Main ann f, occas m ann; some dramatizations, brief music; 1756 music under speaking, then animated f ann & kids' voices; 1758 f & m singing - off at 1759 without ID; poor-fair 12/12 (Prodan,ME)
- 9810 **INDIA - GOA All India Radio** Panaji, 1234-1237. Hindi pop music. Good signal strength with flutter, the strongest this site has been heard here in years. 1/5/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 9835 **MALAYSIA RTM Sarawak FM** Kajang, 1240-1243. Ballad music with a quick announcement in Malaysian by man. Rather poor signal, fading badly at times. 1/5/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 9855 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Australia** English; 2218-24+ talking about ferry disaster in Adriatic; heavy rain in Queensland & New South Wales; fair-poor 12/28 (Prodan, ME)
- 9870 **INDIA All India Radio** 1/4, 1710. Indian music with drums, female vocal. VG. (Barton-AZ)
- 9965 **PALAU Radio Australia** Koror, 12/27, 1345. English. Saturday Night Country including ABC News at 1400UT and then a country version of songs "Auld Lang Syne" and "New Year's Day". 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 9965 **EGYPT Radio Cairo** Abis, 01/03, 0340. English/Arabic. History feature in English, then back to scheduled Arabic with music and talk by OM. My guess is a feature for advanced learners of English within the Arabic language service. Strong carrier, but low and muffled audio. 25432. (Roe-UK)
- 9975 **PALAU Furusato no Kaze** (pres) Koror, 01/02, 1620. Japanese. Asian or Japanese music with talk by female. At 1629 WHRI ID and promo for Prayer-line before TX off at 1630. 25332. (Roe-UK)
- 11520 **UNITED STATES EWTN/WEWN** Birmingham, 12/24, 0900. English. Carols from around the world, then Family Theatre Classic Radio with a charming dramatized story titled "Star of Wonder" first broadcast 26 Dec 1951. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 11605 **SOUTH AFRICA Radio France Int'l** Meyerton, 0502-0543 Dec 20, man and woman with news in French language followed by ID and news features. Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11650 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** Shepparton, 2023-2104 Dec 24, weak at tune in but slowly getting better with "fair" reception by tune out. 2053 ID followed by vocal selection with ABC News at 2100 in English. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11670 **INDIA All India Radio** Bengaluru, 2102-2123 Dec 24, woman announcer with news in English, ID for General Overseas Service, commentary at 2205 into Hindi music program at 2110. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11670 **INDIA All India Radio** (AIR) 21:00 to 21:08 with an ID at 21:05, SINFO=3,5,4,4,4, this was a sign of a good DX window to Asia, I heard about how all Indians in Libya were being taken out of the country, because of the dangers now there, the country is coming apart(Davis-OH)
- 11680 **KOREA (DPR) Korean Central Broadcasting Station** Kanggye, 2332-2342. Classical, formal sounding, ballad music featuring a female vocalist. No announcements. Moderate signal with flutter. 1/9/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 11695 **UZBEKISTAN Radio Japan** Tashkent, 12/31, 1410. English. News followed by Japan Hit Tunes Special 2014, including music by girl group AB48, boy-band Arashi and a Japanese version of Theme from Frozen. 45333. (Roe-UK)
- 11725 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** Rangitaiki, 0554-0613 Dec 20, man announcer with program previews mentioning Music and Your Requests after the. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 11725 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** tentative -based on the information found on Short-Wave. Info, 5:07 to 5:31, with no ID, a woman interviewed a man about his research on the intelligence of crows, (Davis-OH)
- 11735 **TANZANIA Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation** tentative, 18:19 to 18:27 with no understandable ID, Swahili, SINFO=2, 5,3,4,2, the signal's overall merit was graded down
- 11735 **TANZANIA Radio Tanzania Zanzibar**, Dole, 1959-2009. Local music. Announcements by a woman in Swahili. One minute of talk by a man at 2000, a minute of music, then talk (possibly news). Music resumed at 2007. Good signal with fading. 1/5/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 11780 **BRAZIL RN da Brasilia** 2140-58+ Portuguese; pop music; ID at 2145; good, some fades 12/28 (Prodan, ME)
- 11785 **ALBANIA China Radio Int'l** Cerrik, 12/28, 0800. English. Global Chines Music with pop count-down of Top 20. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 11800 **SOUTH AFRICA Radio Japan** Meyerton, 12/27, 1800. English. News. The Reading Room reading two stories "Once upon a Home upon a Home" and "A Blank Sheet of Paper". 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 11810 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC** English 1941+ same program as on 15400; poor 12/18; 1945 program on theft of Stradivarius violin in Milwaukee; off at 2100; good 12/28 (Prodan, ME)
- 11840 **BOTSWANA Voice of America** Moepeng Hill, 1936-1951 Dec 24, French program with male announcer talking, several IDs, news features. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11855 **BRAZIL Radio Apercida** 2203-2226 Jan 4, male announcer with Portuguese language talk followed by group singing. More talks and vocal selections until ID at 2225 followed by a long religious talk. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11875 **OMAN BBC** Al Seela, 2046-2059* Dec 20, man and woman announcer with talk in Arabic language. Light instrumental music at 2057 followed by a woman announcer with ID and closedown announcements. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11900 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FEBC** Dec 31 at 1443, Urdu program closing with Pakistani addresses, 1444 BaBcoCk IS and off 1445*. Surprisingly good signal considering it's FEBC via UAE, 250 kW aimed 60 degrees at 1400-1445 daily per HFCC (Hauser-OK)
- 11900 **GERMANY Voice of America** Nauen, 12/23, 1630. English. South Sudan in Focus. Appeal for the two warring parties to make peace. Later: talk about ebola and talk about the number of journalists killed in Africa. Ends with a reggae song. Strong reception initially (55444), but deteriorates later. 25332. (Roe-UK)
- 11940 **SPAIN Radio Exterior de Espana** Noblejas, 12/31, 2000. . Party Music with male presenter; (Tom Jones, the Fortunes, Dusty Springfield, Gilbert O'Sullivan and lots more). 45433. (Roe-UK)
- 11940 **SPAIN Radio Exterior de Espana** 1835-1935 Spanish; song; 1839 m talk, musical breaks but mostly m & f talking 1859 ID as REE, then tones & "Radio Nacional de Espagne"; then news & headlines until 1906; 1931 hyper m ann, snippet of song in English ("I don't care") & sports scores to 1933, then Bruce Springsteen snippet and a call-in program; very good 12/27 (Prodan, ME)
- 11945 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** Wed Dec 31 at 0631, RA `Religion and Ethics Report` visits Buenos Aires (Hauser-OK)
- 11985 **FRANCE Radio Algerienne** 1848-1929 f Arabic; 1851 choral singing, talk & chanting to about 1906 then 2 m discussion in French to 1914, then Arabic; chanting ~1925-28 fair-good 12/27 (Prodan,ME)
- 11995 **FRANCE Radio France Int'l** 1920-30+ French m & f talking, occas musical breaks; current affairs/news: Washington, Ebola, Obama, la Chine, la Francophonie, Afrique; Algeria; good 12/27 (Prodan, ME)
- 12025 **GERMANY Radio Liberty** Biblis, 01/03, 1015. Russian. Vintage music and speech. Program "Over the Barriers", features archive music and interviews. 45433. (Roe-UK)
- 12035 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** Emürür, 12/28, 1334. English. News and Press review; Turkey from Fortress to Fortress: Diyarbakir castle, then music selection. 45433. (Roe-UK)
- 12070 **PHILIPPINES FEBC** Iba, 12/23, 2255. Chinese. IS and Ann repeating every 20 seconds or so until 2300 sign-on by OM, then into tk by YL. 45433. (Roe-UK)
- 12085 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** Shepparton, 12/24, 1220. English. Late Night Live (with Olivera Simic talking about life during and after the Bosnian war). 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 12095 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC** 13-January EE 2338 UTC 35333. Excessive atmospheric noise made comprehensive listening difficult. Fair to poor. (Kurrasch-NY)
- 12115 **AUSTRALIA Reach beyond Australia** Kununurra, 12/23, 1457. English. Modern carol, then Hope for the Heart with June Hunt discussing different names for Jesus. Great signal here today. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 12115 **MADAGASCAR Radio Dialogue** Talata Volonondry, 12/23, 1600. Vernacs/English. Transmission fakes-in with man in studio already taking phone calls in VV and EE. Burst of a reggae version of "I Got You Babe" (originally Sonny and Cher) between two calls. Strong signal today. 45444. (Roe-UK)

- 12850 **NORTH KOREA Korean Broadcasting** 1/2, 1240. Monologue with emotional sounding W in KK. Fair. (Barton-AZ)
- 13089 **UNITED STATES U.S. Coast Guard Master Station** NMN at Chesapeake, Virginia, USB mode, 16:16 to 16:25 with the ID at 16:25, SINFO=2,5,4,3,2, with Gulf of Mexico weather for later this week and a note about some frequencies being closed down later on this (Davis-OH)
- 13590 **SAO TOME Voice of America (VOA)**, 19:52 to 19:59 with an ID at 19:59, SINFO= 3, 5,4,3,3, I heard a male announcer talk about the last battle of the Civil War, (Davis-OH)
- 13725 **THAILAND BBC** 0:46 to 0:59 with an ID at 0:55, I heard the Science Action program. They told about making houses in Asia out of recycled plastic melted into bricks, it is much stronger than the dirt walls, (Davis-OH)
- 13760 **NORTH KOREA Voice of Korea** Kujang, 12/23, 0835. Russian. Lively orchestral music and later Military/marching style orchestral music followed by talk by man and woman. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 13800 **GERMANY Radio Farda** Lampertheim, 12/31, 1315. Farsi. OM talk over music; Farsi Pop song. 55433. (Roe-UK)
- 13810 **FRANCE Radio Taiwan Int'l** 16:20 to 16:25, with an ID at 16:25, SINFO= 2,5,2,4,2, two women noted that the queen of Taiwanese R&R will be releasing a new CD next Monday. (Davis-OH)
- 15105 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC** Hausa 1932- 41; discussion on terrorism in Nigeria; freq references to "Boko Haram" "Nigeria" "BBC"; m & f commentators with numerous others being called on; at one point heard in English "we know the situation is dramatic"; v good, some hum 12/18 (Prodan,ME)
- 15105 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC** French 1806-15 m & f discussing problem of terrorism; fair w/buzz 12/19 (Prodan, ME)
- 15140 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman** English 1358-1406+ music, then promos and talk station ID as 90.4 FM; at 1406 "welcome a special guest from the technology project center"; poor 12/23 (Prodan,ME)
- 15180 **VATICAN Voice of America** Santa Maria di Galeria, 01/02, 1635. English. South Sudan in Focus with talk about forthcoming elections. 35433. (Roe-UK)
- 15205 **CHINA China Radio Int'l** Kashi French 1320-50+ f speaking; quotes in Chinese; Chinese lesson towards end; poor 12/20 (Prodan, ME)
- 15230 **CUBA Radio Habana Cuba** Spanish 1324- music & m Ann; fair 12/19; ~1357 lively music; good 12/20 (Prodan, ME)
- 15235 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa** Meyerton, 01/02, 1600. English. Unscheduled airing of a New Year's edition of Rhythms of Africa, presumably whilst Africa Digest is on a seasonal break. Great African music. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 15235 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa** English; 1740-1800 disc about S African economy & China trade; 1750 S African concern about bird flu in UK; 1752 sports; 1757 f ann "this is Africa Digest;" then m ann headlines and addresses; 1758 music; 1800 sta ID in Afrikans? Then news in unknown language until cut off at 1802 - heard "Obama," "European Union:" fair-good 12/11 (Prodan, ME)
- 15275 **RWANDA Deutsche Welle** Hausa 1816-20 m & f talk; heard "Nigeria" multiple times; telephone calls; fair- 12/19 (Prodan-ME)
- 15285 **GERMANY Athmeeya Yatra Radio** Nauen Tibetan? 1325-45 f speaking, m after 1330 1342 Indian sounding song (f) & contact info; 1345 f ann, Indian music, then m ann; fair 12/20 Prodan-ME)
- 15300 **FRANCE Radio France Int'l** French; 1819-25+ f & m disc current affairs; translations of comments from other languages; EU economic issues, relations with Russia, Ukraine, Crimea, Putin; energy; good 12/19 Prodan-ME)
- 15350 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** Emirler, 12/28, 0705. Turkish. Lively, up-tempo, Turkish music with YL presenter until 0730 then OM talk. //15480. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 15360 **SRI LANKA AWR** 16:26 to 16:37 with an ID at 16:30, SINFO=2, 5,5,4,3, at 16:30 the English language service began with a song, there was also a male and female announcer (Davis-OH)
- 15400 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC** English 1941-59 oil prices & OPEC; 1944 "you are listening to the BBC World Service"; European Court rules obesity is a disability; at 1955 part of Churchill's address to the House of Commons "this was their finest hour" accompanying story of sale of Churchill memorabilia at Sotheby's; fair+ 12/18 1903-11 news; religious conversions in India; "Focus on Africa" segment on Ebola & elections in Liberia; fair-poor 12/21; (Prodan-ME)
- 15400 **VATICAN Radio Tamazuj** tentative, 15:09 to 15:34, no understandable ID, because I do not speak South Sudanese Arabic, SINFO=2, 5,4,3,2, the overall merit of the signal was reduced, (Davis-OH)
- 15460 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Galbeni, 12/27, 1206. English. Various programs ending with Truly Romanian program featuring old traditional Christmas songs. 55433. (Roe-UK)
- 15505 **MALI China Radio Int'l** Bamako II, 2248-2250. Talk in Chinese by a man and a woman. Moderate signal strength with low audio. 1/4/2015 (Evans - TN)

- 15505 **BANGLADESH Radio Bangladesh Betar** Dhakah, 1401-1406. Talk in Urdu by a man. A few bars of flute music at 1402 followed by more talk. Weak signal with flutter. 1/12/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA Voice of America** Mopeng Hill, 12/31, 1500. English. Border Crossings live, taking requests from listeners and playing music by Katy Perry, Ed Sheeran, One Direction, and Bob Marley amongst others. Also has a chat with departing host of Country Hits USA, Mary Morningstar. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 15580 **VATICAN Voice of America** Santa Maria de Galeria, 12/30, 2000. English. African Beat starting off with music from Uganda, Ghana, Dem Rep of Congo. Strong signal today. TX switch at 2100 to Greenville - virtually inaudible here. 45444. (Roe-UK) 17490
- 15580 **UNITED STATES Voice of America** English; 2100-2159 bluegrass music, signoff at 2159; good 12/14 (Prodan-ME)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA Voice of America** English; 1945-55 part of Learning English program on Battle of Gettysburg; very good 12/18 (Prodan-ME)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA Voice of America** 18:57 to 19:00 with an ID at 18:59, SINFO=2, 5,5,4,3, there was an editorial about how the Republican Party now has control of both the House and the Senate (Davis-OH)
- 15610 **UNITED STATES Wewn** Dec 31 at 1524, Wewn with big echo, long path of 39 Megameters vs short path of one; sounds like could be M. Angélica herself (Hauser-OK)
- 15755 **UZBEKISTAN TWR India** Tashkent, 1317-1319. Talk by a man in Dogri (per schedule) including what sounded like an ID. Good signal with some fading. 1/5/2015 (Evans - TN)
- 15825 **UNITED STATES WWCR**, Dec 31 at 1523, gospel hunter talking with big echo from WWCR, so long/short path again. (Hauser-OK)
- 17665 **BOTSWANA Voice of America** Portuguese 1825-28 f speaking, off suddenly in mid-sentence; fair 12/19 (Prodan-ME)
- 17780 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC World Service** 1757-1759* Dec 20, woman announcer with program previews, ID and closedown prior to carrier termination. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 17790 **UNITED STATES Radio Africa** Okeechobee, 12/24, 1501. English. Christmas carol; New Series starting today: "The Big If" - all about the word "If" in the Bible. 25322. (Roe-UK)
- 17790 **UNITED STATES Radio Africa** Okeechobee, 01/01, 1615. English. Christ Gospel Broadcast with Reverend Nelson and his Choir and talk about Luke ch.12. ID for "Radio Africa Network". 35322. (Roe-UK)
- 17790 **UNITED STATES WRMI** Miami English 1829 m giving address for "Radio Africa" in Lagos; 1830+ f ann introducing Brother Melvin Hunt & giving email & address in NYC; poor 12/19 (Prodan-ME)
- 17800 **RWANDA Deutsche Welle** Kigali, 12/28, 0738. English. Inside Europe: including talk about pop-singing Nun from The Voice. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 17800 **BOTSWANA Deutsche Welle** Hausa 1832-40+ m speaking, with drums; sounds like narrating a story with sound effects, horses, other voices; loud, some static 12/19 Prodan-ME)
- 21520 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Tiganesti, 12/28, 1200. English. Listener's letterbox, including a look back to the Listener's Day question: "How radio has affected your life". Signal deteriorated after 1230, but initially excellent at. 55555. (Roe-UK)



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< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, December 28, 2014 -- France capitulated to the Nazis on June 17, 1940, and the next day, on the BBC, a little-known General Charles de Gaulle, who had fled to England a few days earlier, made his famous appeal to his countrymen to fight on. France has issued many stamps honoring General de Gaulle, and a variety of covers and cards have recognized the June 18 broadcast. Under "DX History/Philately" we have posted a file containing some of these. -- The governments in exile of a number of European countries were headquartered in London, and were allotted time on the BBC to address their peoples in their own languages. Six weeks after the de Gaulle broadcast, the Dutch created Radio Oranje, a daily 20-minute BBC program which became an important point of contact with the people of occupied Holland. In 1993 the Netherlands issued two postage stamps commemorating Radio Oranje. Also under "DX History/Philately" we have posted a file containing a number of covers and cards bearing these Radio Oranje stamps. The first two items in the file we had posted earlier by themselves. The first is a letter issued by Radio Netherlands at the time the stamps were issued. The letter, which is on a reprint of the original Radio Oranje letterhead, contains more information about the station. The second item in the file is a first day cover which bears the Radio Oranje stamps and also a "Radio-Oranje" stamping that was made with a rubber stamp that was used by the station when it operated from London. -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we are off to Christmas Island with two stories from Adrian Peterson: "Christmas Island Adventure-1: The Early Years" (Wavescan N303, December 14, 2014), and "Christmas Island Adventure-2: The Radio Broadcasting Scene" (Wavescan N304, December 21, 2014).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, January 4, 2015 -- We visit the Philippines this time. In "DX History/Stations" we have posted a file containing three items from FEBC: a postcard, probably circa 1956, showing DZAS station personalities; a copy of the FEBC Overseas Program Schedule for June-August 1962 (note "Hints for Good Listening" on the last page); and a copy of the FEBC newsletter *The Signal*, issue of November-December 1963. Under "DX History/Philately," you will find a recent Philippine first-day cover commemorating 75 years of DZRH news. And under "Specialized Resources," Adrian Peterson presents his latest historical entry: "The Philippine Radio Story-8: Press Wireless Returns to the Air" (Wavescan N305, December 28, 2014).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, January 11, 2015 -- The Iceland State Broadcast Service was founded in 1930, and several years later its programs started appearing on shortwave, 9060 and 12240 kHz. Under "DX History/Stations" we have posted a pamphlet about the ISBS, "Broadcast in Iceland," which was published circa 1938-39. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we have posted two new writeups from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "Focus on the South Pacific: New Caledonia and its American Radio Station," and "The Story of Australian Shortwave Callsigns: VI.A" (both Wavescan N306, January 4, 2015).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, January 18, 2015 -- Not shortwave, but one of the well-known early broadcast band stations was WOR, Newark, New Jersey, which was owned and operated by the even better-known Bamberger's department store. Under "DX History/Stations" we have posted an interesting little booklet from 1923 which will tell you about both the station and the store. -- And Adrian Peterson takes us back to the Philippines, with more on Press Wireless. Look for "The Philippine Radio Story: Press Wireless Returns to the Philippines-2" (Wavescan N307, January 11, 2015), and in the same issue of Wavescan, "The World's Smallest Radio Station." Find both under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan."

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, January 25, 2015 -- Radio Moscow, whose signal once blanketed the shortwave bands, is now but a memory. Under "DX History/Stations" we have posted a promotional booklet issued by the late Radio Moscow, apparently circa 1956 (judging from the postmarks shown on the inside back cover). -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," Adrian Peterson favors us with two new entries: "Focus on the South Pacific: French Radio in the South Pacific--New Caledonia-2," and "Underwater Radio" (both Wavescan N308, January 18, 2015).

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