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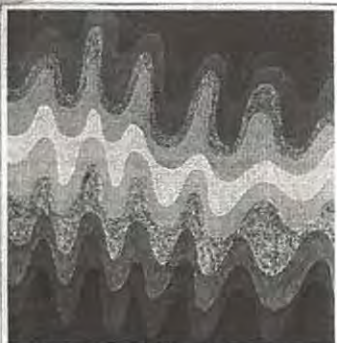
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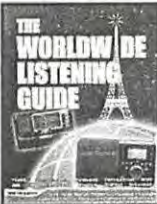
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This month **John Herkimer** has prepared a cover for one of the more well-liked shortwave broadcast stations that use to be well heard in North America. Radio Sweden was one of the more popular stations with listeners putting in a good signal much of the time and terrific programming too. The excellent Sweden Calling DXers program was one of the top news and information features for shortwave listeners in its day. Several of their excellent QSL designs and a pennant are among the items featured on the cover this month. Any members have Radio Sweden stories to share? Why not send a Musing with your memories of the station to **Jerry Lineback**?

Radio Free Asia (RFA) recently announced its 21st anniversary QSL. Bringing free press to closed societies, RFA's first broadcast was in Mandarin on September 29, 1996 at 2100 UTC. This redefines RFA's QSL designs incorporating one graphic into four separate QSL cards and giving listeners options submitting reception reports. You will receive ¼ of the design for one reception report, or get the full sheet when sending them at least four reception reports. This is RFA's 65th QSL design and is used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports from September through December 2017. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at <http://techweb.rfa.org> (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DXers, but also from its general listening audience. Reception reports are also accepted by email at qsl@rfa.org and by mail to: Reception Reports, Radio Free Asia, 2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20036.

I have always thought of September as the beginning of a new DX season for shortwave radio listening activity. With summer static


and the summer holiday vacation season behind us and with more darkness on the horizon, it is time to get behind the dials of our communications receivers once again. Please don't forget to report what you are hearing to our *Log Report* columns and the club's weekly electronic *Flashsheet*. As QSL returns arrive, make sure you send that information to the *QSL Report* column. Hear and interesting program on shortwave? Make sure other members know either through *Easy Listening* or the *Musings* columns. It is the contributions of our members that make *The Journal* a valuable tool to enhance shortwave listening activity.

Here is a reminder to pick up your free copy of the *World Radio Television Handbook* (WRTH) A17 International broadcasting schedules file. The PDF file is 75 pages long and contains the broadcast schedules of nearly 200 International and Clandestine/Target broadcasters. The file is free to download and can be used as a standalone item, but it is best utilized in conjunction with the printed WRTH. Go to <http://www.wrth.com> and follow the links for the A17 pdf download.

The European DX Council held its annual convention in Tampere, Finland on 18-20 August. It was organized by the Finnish DX Association. **Risto Vähäkainu**, well-known to Winter SWL Festival attendees, indicated that the organizers were anticipating a crowd of between 120-150 radio hobbyists with at least 30 registrations from abroad. The event was billed as "this meeting will most probably be the last big DX and shortwave meeting in Europe". We hope to have further details as they are released over the next few months.

Finally, with the new DX season just getting underway, now would be a good time to pick up the free download of the 19th edition of *Domestic Band Survey* (DBS) edited by **Anker Petersen** which available for downloading at www.dswci.org. This year became the first year that the DBS was offered free of charge to all those shortwave radio listeners interested in the tropical bands and domestic stations. Also, the monthly Tropical Bands

Monitors can also be found here, free of charge! These are excellent hobby resources and the price can't be beat! When I head to French Creek State Park for a DXpedition, the DBS is the first reference material that I pack. It is highly recommended.

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

Musings

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On Saturday, August, 20, 2017, 31 DXers of various band and programming interests got together at Tim Noonan's house in Oak Creek, Wisconsin for the 24th annual Madison/Milwaukee Radio Get Together. NASWA was represented by Bob Brossell, Tim Noonan, Bill Tilford, Bill Dvorak, and me. There were 2 presentations. The first was a follow up from last years very fine presentation by Chris Kadiec. Inspired by his time in South Korea and our request for his presentation at last years GTG, Chris presented on his Seoul AM Radio Listening Guide website <http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/seoul/>. Check out his documentary on Soul Radio after dark. The second presentation was by Joe Oleg on Hamsphere (<http://www.hamsphere.com/>). The shortwave corner was well represented by knowledgeable and loquacious DXers. Talk ranged widely as we are known to do. A good meal at Sunrise Family Restaurant in South Milwaukee along with door prizes mostly from Universal Radio then a bit more talk at Tim's house ended the evening. Overall it was another very enjoyable radio get together. If you can, plan on attending the 25th Madison/Milwaukee Radio Get Together planned in Madison at Lake Farm County Park on August 18, 2018.

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I had the pleasure of attending the 24th Annual Madison/Milwaukee Get Together, a gathering of radio aficionados from all bands, which was hosted this year by Tim and Jill at their home in Oak Creek, WI (near Milwaukee) with supper at the Sunrise Restaurant. As usual, a good time with 31 people in attendance. Universal Radio and Scott Fybush graciously supplied some gifts for the annual drawing. Next year the 25th Annual Madison-Milwaukee GTG will be in Madison on August 18, so mark your calendars now - since it is the 25th anniversary it is likely to be something special.

Jerry Lineback, Paradise, CA

In regard to Rich's call for comments on HCJB, the station was one of the first shortwave stations I listened to as a kid in Garnett, Kansas. When my parents upgraded the Family Radio in 1948, the old Grunow 4-bander console was moved to my room with about 50 feet of wire to the garage for an antenna. My memory says that HCJB had English programs directed to children, perhaps on Saturday mornings. One thing I remember was a character called Sparky the Gremlin who had a "Magic Twanger." What it was all about, I don't remember. This would have been about 1950, give or take a couple of years. In Unity and Friendship-JAL.

Please support Musings by contributing your thoughts. Thanks to our contributors. 73 de JAL.

Easy Listening

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A new (to me) "Shortwave"
Podcast Aggregator – [http://
www.radioben.co.uk/3](http://www.radioben.co.uk/3)

Would you like an easy way to get the daily English language programs from, say, All India Radio, RAE Argentina, Radio Ukraine International, Radio Nepal, Kol Israel, Voice of Turkey, Radio Tirana, and more than 20 other broadcasters? Check out this site; they offer a 24/7 stream of English language programming, along with "home-built" podcast feeds for 25 of these broadcasters.

The live stream is offered with an embedded web player (which starts automatically when you tune in), and direct stream links are shown to enable you to use your favorite streaming software or to set up your own timer recording for those broadcasters (such as Radio Tirana or REE) that are only offered in the live stream.

When I see the Radioben site I think of WRN – the World Radio Network – and how their website *ought* to be set up to facilitate listening across multiple platforms – with Radioben offering RSS-formatted podcast feeds, you could use pretty much *any* Internet-connected device – from an Internet radio to a smartphone – to listen. And, helpfully, the website shows only one time zone – UTC – which makes it easy for us "world time" savvy listeners to know when to tune in.

This site, as of now, is certainly a time-saver: I don't have to go fetch the various programs myself, someone has already done the legwork! Hopefully they'll keep the site up to date, given how radio station websites can often be programmed poorly. So far this is definitely a keeper.

BBC programming ideas

Radio 4: From Our Home Correspondent – One of my favorite BBC World Service programs from the 1980s was **Network UK** – it was a thrice-weekly program that focused on features and stories from the UK, versus the usual global remit that the BBC has long maintained. **From Our Home Correspondent** is both a separate program, airing monthly, with correspondent reflections on UK-based stories, and also a monthly edition of the long-loved Radio 4 version of **From Our Own Correspondent** ("FOOC") program. The July edition had an enjoyable mix of topics: the paradox of poverty and prosperity in the neighborhood of Grenfell Tower; the culture of Jersey, one of the channel islands, and the decline of greyhound racing, among other topics. As of right now – there is no September program listed in the future schedule – but historically the program has been produced around the 20th of each month, airing Saturdays 1030 UTC, adjusted one hour forward as of the autumnal time change in local British time.

Radio 4: Reflections with Peter Hennessy – Hennessy is an historian, and he interviews senior British politicians to reflect on their lives and times, years after the immediacy of their service has passed. Recently, former PM Tony Blair was interviewed, as was Nigel Lawson – he was Chancellor of the Exchequer during Margaret Thatcher's reign as PM. I always enjoy historical perspectives so I am hopeful for this one.. If you like live radio, tune in Saturdays 0800 and 2130 (until the time change...). The program is available on-demand in the BBC's iPlayer app, but is not available as a podcast.

World Service: Witness – Speaking of history, this is not a new program, it's been around since 2010 (perhaps earlier), but given its short length, it lends itself to "binge listening" if you don't want to

chore of one-at-a time listening. If I recall, *Witness* replaced *The World Today* in the World Service lineup; *The World Today* was a weekday 9-minute current affairs program focusing on a single issue. *Witness* excels as a first-person narrative; the program's mission is "The Story of Our Times Told by the People Who Were There." Recent subjects include medicine in World War I, the discovery of Botox, and the Frankfurt Auschwitz trials. Listening live? Airs 0350 UTC weekdays. All episodes – dating back to November 2010 – can be downloaded.

World Service: 50 Things that Made the Modern Economy – host Tim Harford has been telling the story of how a particular invention or idea has shaped our world - and what it teaches us about how the modern economy works. The 50th episode will air in October; the World Service has created a feedback event looking for the 51st thing that's made the modern economy; the World Service will present a two-part episode on the item listeners have voted as the 51st thing in November. Here's where you come in: Suggestions for the 51st Thing can be sent to 51things@bbc.com or by messaging the World Service on their Facebook page or via Twitter @BBCWorldService from now until 12 noon GMT on September 8th. Example "things" have included paper money, plastic, leaded gasoline, barbed wire, and tax havens. The series is offered via podcast, on-demand (iPlayer) and live; live online airings are 0250 and 1950 Saturdays, plus 0350 Mondays.

CBC's Summer Season

Here are some items from the CBC's current Summer Season – focusing on programs airing on the domestic **Radio One** service. Even though most of these may have ended by the time you get your *Journal*, you may still find some episodes available. Beware – sometimes CBC programs are only available on-demand for four weeks; beyond that you may have to pay for older episodes.

On Drugs – Each week host Geoff Turner looks at drugs through the lens of history,

pop culture and personal experience. He talks about how drugs enrich, ruin take and save human life. Host Geoff Turner joined CBC in 2010. In a previous life, he worked as a special effects technician, designing and building stunts and effects for films such as *X-Men 2* and *The Fantastic Four*. Recent episodes include "Drugs for fun – Why do we feel bad about feeling good?" and "City on drugs; the dark pull of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside".

Seat at the Table – is a weekly talk show where hosts and longtime friends Martine St-Victor and Isabelle Racicot bring you honest conversations with guests shaping pop culture. Isabelle and Martine are Francophones, raised in a bilingual Canada, with a finger on a global pulse. Airs Saturdays beginning 1400 UTC in Atlantic Canada; also Mondays 1730 UTC; each succeeding time zone west airs the program one hour later.

Sleepover – Sleepover takes listeners inside an unusual social encounter, where three complete strangers agree to meet in different places—from a highrise condo to an island yurt—for an evening, night, and morning together. In each episode, with Sook-Yin's guidance, one stranger takes the spotlight and presents a problem from their life. The other two offer advice and bring up related experiences from their own unique perspectives. Airs live Tuesdays 2230 onwards, plus Fridays 1430 onwards.

Radio Prague – Still on the air...

Here's their current programming schedule:

Each day's program starts with a brief bulletin of news from the Czech Republic to keep you up-to-date on events in or relating to the country. On weekdays this is followed by **Current Affairs** – a magazine offering an in-depth coverage of political, economic, social, cultural and sports events in the Czech Republic. The rest of the show is reserved for the following regular features:

Mondays: One on One – an informal interview show, where you have the chance

to meet some of the most interesting figures in Czech life today.; **Sport News** - Radio Prague brings you the latest news in Czech sports.

Tuesdays: **In Focus** - Events and issues shaping contemporary Czech society.

Wednesdays: **Marketplace** - news, reports and interviews from the world of Czech business and beyond.

Thursdays: **Panorama** - our weekly foray into all things Czech; from cultural and artistic trends to social phenomena.

Fridays: **Business News** - a weekly round-up of business and technology news from the Czech Republic; **The Arts** - reports on the rich cultural life of a country in the heart of Europe.

Saturdays: A rotating series of programs: **Czech Books** - a feature looking at Czech writing today; **Czech Life** - our series where you learn about different aspects of day-to-day life in the Czech Republic; **Czech History** - remarkable people and events in Czech history; **My Prague** - In My Prague an interesting resident of the Czech capital takes us to places in the city to which they have a particular connection.

Sundays: **Sunday Music Show** - a weekly half-hour music program featuring all manner of different styles and genres, from classical to alternative rock to hip hop, each time with a different host.

Radio Prague shut down its domestic shortwave transmitter in 2011, but Radio Miami International (WRMI) airs Radio Prague Mondays-Saturdays 1200 UTC; Sundays and Mondays 0300 UTC, all on 9955 kHz. Website: <http://radio.cz> .

Listening software / technology updates

World Radio Network - the URL for the North American service is <http://shoutcast.wrn.org:8000/> , as of August 22nd. The URL for the English service to Europe is <http://shoutcast.wrn.org:8026/> .

1 Radio News - This is an Android app created by shortwave enthusiast Steven Clift to collect many global news radio sources under one app. These include hourly news updates - available on-demand - from broadcasters such as UK Sky News, EuroNews radio, France's RFI, the BBC World Service and more. Mr. Clift has also collected live stream links for global broadcasters such as Korea's KBS World, the BBC World Service, Radio New Zealand National, Ireland's RTE Radio 1, and South Africa's SAFM. A sprinkling of commercial news-programmed stations are also included, including Chicago's WBBM and Toronto's CFTR.

Both free and paid (\$2.99) versions of the app exist; the pro version features many more stations, and the app clearly is geared to an audience that knows shortwave, which is neat. Available in the Google Play store for Android; Steve has been working on an iOS version but that isn't yet available.

A nice article on Clift's work appeared in *Radio Magazine's* online blog, <http://www.radiomagonline.com/blogentry/1322>. I know he's been looking for feedback in some of the online forums that are programming focused, such as *Internetradio* and *swprograms*. Disclaimer: I'm the moderator of those two groups. Contact me for URLs if you need them.

If you're introducing someone to shortwave-style programming and want to give them a taste of what was, **1 Radio News** is a great way to start.

That's all I have time and space for...here's to good listening!

73 DE Richard



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BBG CEO: Our target is not 50-plus men

I receive the print edition of *Multichannel News*. I usually look at for about five minutes, then toss it in the recycling bin. Nothing wrong with this trade magazine, but it focuses on the revenue side of commercial television. And I'm not especially interested in that aspect of mass media.

Nevertheless, *Multichannel News* suddenly came in very handy. On July 31 it featured a long interview with John Lansing, CEO of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. As I type this, I need to leave in a couple of hours for a two-week road trip, and I haven't packed yet. And, so, here are generous dollops of the interview:

MCN: BBG is not a U.S. government controlled outlet, correct?

JL: It's not, but that is a really good question and I'm glad you asked it. We are an independent agency of the federal government and by law there is a firewall that prohibits the government from interfering with the independence of any of our journalists or networks.

That firewall not only exists, but it has been my experience over two years that it is fully respected. I have never had anything come up that was even approaching related to government interference in our editorial independence.

MCN: There has been some concern outside of BBG, and some inside it, that the Trump administration could use BBG as a propaganda arm. It is not a farfetched concern in the world in which we find ourselves. Can you further assuage any concerns?

JL: I can only tell you my experience with this administration, and that is, as with all agencies of the federal government when there is a new administration, they assigned in our case two individuals for transition purposes and, on the first day they came aboard in January, I sat down and explained to them the sanctity of the firewall and I was very impressed with their understanding. They were willing not only to abide by it, but actively support it in their communications back to the White House.

So, they became advocates for the firewall. And there was never any pushback from the White House. So, notwithstanding how it might seem and what some reporters around town may have assumed, and I would be the first one to raise my hand, there has not been any attempt by the administration to put any spin of any kind on our editorial decisions.

MCN: We assume that you would not only raise your hand, but perhaps ball your fist, if that were the case?

JL: Yes, that's my job. It's not a hard thing to explain to you, because you get it, but it has been pretty well understood when we have explained it at the State Department and the White House that the credibility of our information is really what makes it effective and useful.

If people in, say, Cuba or North Korea or China or Venezuela or the Philippines, you name it, believe that what they are hearing from Voice of America, or Radio Free Europe in the Ukraine, or Radio Free Asia in Southeast Asia, or in the Middle East, is tainted and non-credible, then it really would have no meaning or purpose and be ineffective.

MCN: What are some of the BBG's big current initiatives?

JL: Most significant is we launched a Russian- language cable network in Eastern Europe on the Russian periphery that is doing very well. A top priority of most everyone you meet on the Hill is, "what are you doing in response to Russian misinformation" and that is staying in our lane and doing objective journalism. It is the first substan

MCN: Are there any parts of the world you are particularly focused on?

JL: We are expanding in many areas, including the Philippines and the Middle East, of course Venezuela. Cuba continues to be a great concern of ours notwithstanding the rapprochement. Certainly North Korea right now is a key focus. We do our very best to stay in tune with U.S. foreign policy. We understand what parts of the world most need our resources.

MCN: But you are not promoting that foreign policy, correct?

JL: No. The analogy that I would use is that at a newspaper or TV network or station, you have beats that are important to your audiences. You're on the D.C. beat, or someone is on the transportation beat. So, these organizations make judgments about where to put their resources based on the particular outcomes they hope to have and we did the same thing.tial initiative in that regard and has gained a lot of support for us....

MCN: What impact does the "fake news" tag this administration keeps sticking on journalists have on your ability to maintain that credibility on the world stage?

JL: That is a fair question. I think different people and audiences hear that term and

react differently. I think it is an oxymoron. There is no such thing as credible news that could be fake, and I think that credible news and information is easily discernible based on the quality of the reporting and the writing. I think in certain sectors and audiences it may resonate and call into question any publication, but I don't know how big that receptive audience is.


MCN: Talk a little about technology. We are thinking about the aerostat used to get a TV Marti signal to Cuba, which at one point broke free and was shot down by a jet fighter as a precaution and, if memory serves, recovered by fishermen, which sounds a little like the Keystone Cops meets Rube Goldberg.

JL: My No. 1 priority coming in here two years ago was to drastically evolve all of BBG to a much more digital-first posture. And that is true with all of the services, VOA, RFE/RL. We understand now that we have a target audience just like we do in the private-sector media. And of course I come from Scripps, where targeting the audience is really the art of the business model.

And now we understand that our target is not necessarily 50-plus men listening to radio, but it's 15-to-25-year-old future leaders, young people getting the bulk of information off digital, social, mobile platforms. So, that has been our very, very aggressive push all across the BBG for the last few years.

Kim: So there you have it. We NASWA members are not the target audience for the BBG.

Entire interview: <http://www.multichannel.com/making-america-s-voice-heard-around-globe/414309>

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Arctic Radar To Probe 'Space Weather'

By Jonathan Amos, BBC Science Correspondent

23 August 2017

The UK is to contribute to a sophisticated new radar system in the Arctic to study "space weather".

This phenomenon describes the effects on Earth's wider environment as it is constantly bombarded by particles and magnetic energy from the Sun.

The impacts can damage satellites and even disrupt electricity grids.

The radar, to be built across Norway, Sweden and Finland by the European Incoherent Scatter Association (EISCAT), should come online in 2021.

The international organization already operates radar facilities in the far north, but the new technology is regarded as a big step forward in capability.

"This is the next generation," said Dr Andrew Kavanagh, a EISCAT member scientist working with the British Antarctic Survey (BAS).

"The system will look like a flat field of antennas, much like some of the big radio astronomy telescopes such as LOFAR and SKA. We will be able to do a lot more with this new system - looking at large parts of the sky simultaneously. A 3D view of the sky."

Britain is paying £4-6m of the £63m total cost. The participation will give the nation's researchers working in the field of solar-terrestrial physics access to the radar data when it becomes available.

The Sun perpetually billows clouds of magnetic energy and plasma (a gas of electrically charged particles) in all directions. But often great eruptions of this emission are directed straight at Earth.

When these interact with our planet's own magnetic field and atmosphere, they set off all manner of disturbances.

The Aurora Borealis is one such consequence, as particles are accelerated downwards to collide with air molecules to produce colourful curtains of light in high-latitude skies.

But there are more concerning interactions that can lead to upsets in spacecraft electronics, drop-outs in radio communications, and surges in power networks on the ground.

There is even some evidence that the magnetic disturbance from solar storms can confuse the "biological compass" whales use to navigate the oceans resulting in their stranding.

The concerns have led the UK government to put space weather on the National Risk Register.

A London Economics analysis earlier this year found that losing access to the GPS satellite-navigation service for a period of five days would cost the British economy more than £5bn.

The new radar system will be set up at Skibotn in Norway, near Kiruna in Sweden, and near Kaaresuvanto in Finland.

Skibotn will have a transmitter and receiver array, while the two other locations will have receiver arrays.

The technology will enable scientists to probe in detail the ionosphere - the region of the Earth's upper-atmosphere that ranges from about 70km to 1,000km in altitude.

It will sample the electron concentration and temperature, and the ion temperature and velocity at various heights along the radar beam direction.

Dr. Kavanagh explained: "We will have digital beam-forming and steering, which means in practice that we can generate multiple beams looking in multiple directions, so that we can cover a volume of the sky rather than just look at what we like to call a pencil beam."

Some of the interactions can stimulate currents that then heat the high atmosphere. This is a particular interest for some UK scientists.

The heating can alter the density of air molecules at altitudes where low-orbiting satellites move. This perturbs their trajectory ever so slightly. And by the same token, it also changes the path of redundant hardware, or "space junk", speeding up or slowing down the time it takes for this material to fall back to Earth.

Prof Duncan Wingham is chief executive of the Natural Environment Research Council (Nerc), which holds the UK membership of EISCAT.

He said: "EISCAT_3D will give us a 3D picture of interactions between space weather and our upper atmosphere with a detail we've not seen before, giving us answers to questions researchers have about the impacts of space weather on the upper atmosphere.

"We need this information to reduce the risks posed by space weather on our communications systems, satellites and power grids, which we all rely on."

The British Antarctic Survey does much of its space weather research at the other end of the globe, at its polar bases Rothera and Halley.

The latter was recently evacuated because of developing cracks in the ice platform on which it sits. This meant Halley's space weather instruments had to be turned off, breaking their data contribution to the forecasting models produced by scientists.

Dr. Kavanagh said BAS hoped to get this equipment back up and running soon, adding that there was a plan for the future which would allow instruments to be operated remotely should Halley have to shut down again.

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Researchers To Conduct Unique Study With Ham Radios During Solar Eclipse

WLS Chicago

By Phil Schwarz

August 19, 2017

Monday's [August 21 - ed.] total eclipse will be a historic even that will stretch from coast to coast, but some Chicago researchers are using the event to do some unique research.

During the two minutes and 40 seconds of totality, the sun's outer layer will be visible and can be looked at with the naked eye.

At the University of Chicago, Professor emeritus Jonathan Rosner is working with a nationwide network of ham radio operators during the eclipse.

"To study the differences in radio propagation during the eclipse, and this happens not only during the path of totality but

several hundreds of miles to one side or the other of it," Rosner said.

Hundreds of ham operators will be participating in the research.

AM radio signals can be heard from great distances at night and part of Rosner's study is to see how pronounced this actual effect is during the eclipse.

Rosner conducted a similar study in Europe during an eclipse back in 1999.

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Big Ben: Why Has Westminster's Great Bell Been Silenced - And For How Long?

By Leon Watson, Kate McCann, senior political correspondent and Helena Horton

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Big Ben's bong has been silenced as part of a controversial renovation plan that will stop it ringing out for up to four years.

Hundreds of MPs and parliamentary workers gathered to listen as the Great Bell chimed noon before being halted to allow work to begin

Labour MP Stephen Pound told The Telegraph: "It is a frightening world ...this [Big Ben] represents stability and continuity.

"It is a great sadness and very frustrating, it shows a poverty of imagination because nobody has actually worked out how in the 21st-Century we can emulate David Davis's Brexit plan and have our cake and eat it.

"It means a lot to me, in many ways we are in danger of losing something we don't realise in value at the moment and it'll be too late at 12 today."

He added that the bell is unlikely to start ringing again in four years time and called for "a recording or something that can be played that doesn't damage the ears of the workforce but allows that bong to ring out across the city."

Mr. Pound, who was joined in the courtyard of Parliament by MPs including Labour's Jess Phillips, Rupa Huq and Mary Glendon as well as Tory Peter Bone, said he was "bloody amazed" by the turnout of people who gathered to hear the final bong.

Wiping away a tear the MP said his sadness was not "synthetic", adding that it was "real".

Andrea Jenkyns was devastated she couldn't be there, tweeting: "I will miss this iconic bong! Sad I couldn't be there to witness this but glad my team sent me the video."

Some MPs were more cynical about the occasion. Jess Phillips tweeted: "I'm in parliament today, I strongly suspect I'll see no bell mourning".

Luke Pollard was not excited by the occasion, tweeting: "The Big Ben dong will return. Wish those MPs who are causing such a fuss were equally vocal about food banks, the GP crisis and harsh cuts".

Prime Minister Theresa May was not in the crowd, saying she was working in her constituency. However, she appeared to disapprove of the silencing of the bell.

Parliament bowed to pressure last week when it announced it would review the plans, which will silence the bell for the longest period in its 157-year history, after Prime Minister Theresa May joined an MPs' outcry against the move.

Under health and safety rules, the 13-ton bell was taken out of action to protect the hearing of construction workers on site.

But after coming under intense pressure, officials have announced that the plan for Big Ben to remain silent until 2021 may undergo a rethink.

For whom will the bell stop tolling?

It is an official Parliamentary body, the Lords and the Commons Commissions, that has ordered the bongs to be silenced.

The commissions says while extensive repairs are carried out on Westminster, workers' hearing would be put at "serious risk" if the bell continued chiming.

They warned that those using the 100-metre-high scaffolding around the tower could also be startled by the 118-decibel bongs.

The renovation includes the installation of a lift and repairs to the clock's hands, mechanism and pendulum. It was expected to cost £29 million but MPs have raised concerns that the cost could soar to £60 million.

Steve Jaggs, keeper of the Great Clock, said: "This essential programme of works will safeguard the clock on a long-term basis, as well as protecting and preserving its home, the Elizabeth Tower.

"Members of the public are welcome to mark this important moment by gathering in Parliament Square to hear Big Ben's final bongs until they return in 2021."

Did it get a ringing endorsement?

No. It did not.

The Commission rubber-stamped the building work after it was approved by three separate parliamentary bodies in the autumn of 2015. But, crucially, MPs were not told that the repair work meant shutting down Big Ben for four years.

It will be the longest period Big Ben has been silenced in its 157-year history and will begin after noon on Monday August 21.

The 13.7-tonne Great Bell was last stopped for maintenance in 2007 and before that was halted for two years in 1983 for refurbishment, but has been stopped on a number of other occasions since it first sounded in 1859.

Sounds like they dropped a clanger

Yes, it does.

The backlash was immediate. Theresa May, the Prime Minister, publicly expressed her dismay at the plans while Brexit Secretary David Davis said stopping the chimes was "mad".

He dismissed health and safety concerns linked to the clock tower's restoration and urged the estate's authorities to "just get on with it".

The move was also labelled "entirely bonkers" by Conservative MP James Gray who sat on the administration committee which first approved the work.

Liberal Democrat Tom Brake contacted Ian Ailles, House of Commons director general, calling for the review of the plans to be carried out.

Who were the ringleaders?

As well as the above, John Glen, a Minister at the Department for Culture, joined a growing chorus of fellow MPs by insisting it was wrong that the famous bongs of Big Ben would not be heard for the next four years.

Party colleagues Jacob Rees-Mogg, Peter Bone and Andrew Bridgen also added their voices to the campaign to keep Big Ben bonging.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, meanwhile, struck a different chord. He said silenc-

ing the bell was “not a national disaster or catastrophe”.

How did that chime with the authorities?

Following the backlash, they put out a fresh statement insisting workers on the 100 metre high scaffolding around the tower could also be startled by the 118 decibel bong. And they dismissed suggestions the chimes could be restored during the hours that work is not being carried out as the process takes about half a day to complete.

The statement said: “It would not be practical or a good use of public money to start and stop the bells each day. In addition, as we cannot fully predict the times that staff will be working on this project, it would be impossible to reconnect the bells on a regular basis.”

Will there be an a-peat?

As soon as the announcement was made Liberal Democrat Tom Brake contacted Ian Ailles, House of Commons director general, calling for the review of the plans to be

carried out.

Mrs. May has also urged Speaker John Bercow to find a way to ensure Big Ben continues to ring out during the renovation of the Elizabeth Tower.

And after coming under intense pressure, officials eventually announced that the plan for Big Ben to remain silent until 2021 is now under review.

A Commons spokesperson said: “When Parliament returns, in light of concerns expressed by a number of MPs, the House of Commons Commission will consider the length of time that the bells will fall silent.

“Of course, any discussion will focus on undertaking the work efficiently, protecting the health and safety of those involved, and seeking to ensure resumption of normal service as soon as is practicable given those requirements.

“The bells [will] cease[d] to ring, as planned, following the chimes at noon on Monday 21 August.”

So, we will see.

KGEI: A Forgotten WWII Radio Story

By Jim Clifford, The Daily Journal
San Mateo, CA
Aug 14, 2017

Sometimes history is hidden in plain sight or site — as is the case of a blockhouse-shaped building located, appropriately, on Radio Road in the Redwood Shores area of Redwood City.

There is no plaque to remind the few visitors to the area that the two-story building played an important role in World War II: It housed the transmitter for shortwave radio station **KGEI**, which was the only voice from home for GIs fighting from island to island in the Pacific.

Among other accomplishments, the station broadcast Gen. Douglas MacArthur’s “I have returned” speech that fulfilled his promise to return with victorious American troops to the Philippines, occupied by Japanese forces since 1942.

Today, the building of about 7,000 square feet is owned by Silicon Valley Clean Water, the wastewater plant operated jointly by Redwood City, San Carlos and Belmont. The plant is adjacent to the KGEI building, which itself is right next to a much larger transmitter building used by **KNBR**. Ground was broken in late 1940 for the **KGEI** structure made of reinforced 3-foot thick concrete walls designed to withstand bombing.

"We are now using it for our construction management activities," said Dan Child, the manager of Silicon Valley Clean Water, which bought the building from the Fully Alive Church. The church remodeled the structure to seat a congregation of up to 70 people. One report said a wooden plank was used to camouflage the original bas-relief **KGEI**, the call letters for General Electric International.

In 1942, The New York Times wrote a story headlined "KGEI Tells Them." Nothing, the newspaper reported, stirs the hearts of soldiers and sailors as much as hearing the introduction to the station's programs: "This is the United States of America."

The listening soldiers included Army Capt. Steve Mellnik who was captured in the fall of Corregidor, an island fortress in Manila Bay. He recalled in his book, "Philippine Diary," that he depended on **KGEI** for war news, learning with "dismay as Japanese forces spread across the Pacific." Mellnik escaped and survived to become a general.

"News of friendly troop movement puzzled us," Mellnik recalled in the book published in 1969. "A commentator boasted that hundreds of ships were en route to the Far East. We cheered. But almost casually the

commentator added that the armada's destination was Australia." The cheers turned to groans.

Australia became MacArthur's rallying point. He eventually made three speeches there in which he vowed to return. The general's famous "I have returned" speech came in October of 1944 when he fulfilled his promise. The words were first broadcast from a Navy ship off the Philippines and later spread by **KGEI** throughout Asia.

After the war, General Electric sold the station to the **Far East Broadcasting Company** which then sold it to the church in 2001.

Former **Far East Broadcasting Company** president Jim Bowman said he often visited Manila and would come across Filipinos "who listened to **KGEI** to keep their hopes alive during the Japanese occupation."

The building still stands, not far from a section of the Bay Trail used by hikers and bike riders who pass by an almost unknown part of the past. The transmitter, however, is no more. Far East Broadcasting gave the transmitter to a radio ministry in Liberia where it was destroyed by rebel forces in the late 1990s.

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Universal Radio Is Moving

From the web site [www.universal-radio.com]

In the coming months Universal Radio will move its operations to a more efficient location here in the Columbus, Ohio area where we can continue to serve our loyal customers.

This will be the fourth location change since Universal was founded in 1942.

We look forward to many more years of serving the amateur and short wave com-

munities which Universal Radio has done for 75 years.

The new location (below) is a 30 minute drive from the current location.

Universal Radio Inc.

651-B Lakeview Plaza Blvd.

Worthington, OH 43085

Moving date: Mid-October, 2017

Australian Senate Rejects Bill To Restore ABC Shortwave

Radio NZ

11 August 2017

Australia's senate has rejected proposed legislation to restore the international radio service of the country's public broadcaster.

The bill would have required the ABC to restore its shortwave transmission services which the broadcaster ended in January this year.

This move was described in the bill as having deprived communities in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and other parts of the Pacific of access to reliable emergency broadcasting.

Submitters of the bill questioned the ABC's assertions that very few listeners accessed Radio Australia's shortwave service.

Concerns of the submitters included perceived neglect of remote communities in the Pacific, and the loss of capacity for emergency warning broadcasts.

They also appealed to Australia's own regional interests, warning of the potential loss of an avenue for diplomacy and "soft power" in the Pacific.

But the senate committee concluded that the measures proposed in the bill were not an appropriate way to address the concerns raised about the end of the shortwave services.

However the committee's decision came with some dissenting reports.

In one of them, Senator Nick Xenophon described the decision to shut down ABC shortwave as a significant foreign policy failure.

"The board cannot really be blamed for this oversight; foreign policy is a responsibility of the whole of government," he said.

"In allowing the ABC Board to shut down ABC shortwave, the government has failed."

BBC World Service Launches £289 Million Expansion With Services In New Languages

The service aims to deliver BBC News in 40 new languages.

21 August 2017

BT News

The BBC World Service will extend its reach across the world as it launches new services in 12 languages such as Amharic, Afaan Oromo and Tigrinya from next month.

The service aims to target areas such as Ethiopia and Eritrea as part of the £289 million expansion, its biggest since the 1940s.

The expansion will continue to roll out further services, including Korean, throughout the year with a view to deliver BBC News in more than 40 languages.

Plans begin on Monday [21 August -ed] with the launch of a new digital service in Pidgin, a language spoken by more than 75 million people across Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana and Equatorial Guinea.

Describing the wider project as a "new chapter" for the BBC, the broadcaster's

director general, Lord Tony Hall, said: "The BBC World Service is one of the UK's most important cultural exports.

"In a world of anxieties about 'fake news', where media freedom is being curtailed rather than expanded, the role of an independent, impartial news provider is more important than ever.

"The new services we're launching will reach some of the most under-served audiences in the world."

Commenting on the new Pidgin service, which will feature six daily editions of BBC Minute, World Service director Francesca Unsworth said: "For more than 80 years the BBC World Service has brought trusted news to people across the globe.

"I'm delighted that millions in West and

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then East Africa will be able to access the BBC in the languages they speak."

She added: "The BBC World Service expansion will also bring benefits to audiences in the UK. Having more journalists on the ground will enrich our international reporting, bringing news from areas which are often under-reported."

The Pidgin service will grow in November to include two daily news video bulletins and will be followed by two further West Africa services, in Yoruba and Igbo, next year.

The upcoming services in Amharic, Afaan Oromo and Tigrinya will be supplemented later in the year with shortwave radio services made up of 15-minute current affairs programmes followed by five-minute Learning English programmes on weekdays.

New Owner For 'Practical Wireless' And 'RadioUser' Magazines

Southgate ARC (UK)

Reported by Mike Terry through DXLD

August 17, 2017

Roger Hall & Steve Hunt have made the following announcement on the PW Publishing website:

We are very pleased to announce that *Practical Wireless* and *RadioUser* magazines have been bought by Warners Group Publications, a Lincolnshire-based multi-million-pound turnover publishing company that specialises in producing magazines, websites and events for niche hobbies.

They believe that both *Practical Wireless* and *RadioUser* are an ideal fit with their business and have assured us they plan to use their publishing expertise and size to help develop both titles, giving them an assured long-term future.

Both Steve and I are aware that we were only the most recent custodians of two historic titles, *Practical Wireless* dating from 1932 and the *RadioUser* with its roots in *Short Wave Magazine* from 1937.

That's why, when we decided to retire after being in publishing for almost 40 years, first with IPC and then with PW Publishing, we felt it was important to find a reputable company with the expertise and resources to make sure they will continue to be published for many years to come. In Warners, we believe we have found just such a company and both PW and RU will continue to be the country's best-selling radio magazines.

Over the next few weeks we will be handing over all aspect of our business to Warners and they will be publishing both titles from the October issues onwards.

The new Publisher will be Rob McDonnell

(robm@warnersgroup.co.uk) and the new Group Advertising Manager will be Claire Ingram (clairem@warnersgroup.co.uk).

Our existing Editors, Don Field and Georg Wiessala, will remain with their respective magazines. In addition, I will be staying on in a consultancy role to help with the transition and to assist Warners going forwards.

We'd both like to thank all of you for the support you've given us and the magazines in the past; it's been an interesting few decades.

For the next three months, Webscribe will continue to administer subscriptions, to assure a seamless handover, and new contact details will be forthcoming in due course.

Roger Hall & Steve Hunt

PW Publishing Limited

<http://www.pwpublishing.ltd.uk>

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.

Listener's Notebook

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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

ANGOLA 4949.74, R. Nacional de Angola. Thanks to Wolfie for his surprisingly "stronger signal" report of July 30. I listened in on Aug 2 and indeed found stronger than usual signal, even though it was up against the normally heavy summertime QRN (static); 0501-0531; was able to make out several clear IDs, which is always an indication of decent reception. Luanda sunrise was at 0521. (Ron Howard-CA)

ANTARCTICA 15476, LRA 36 QSL letter and card. LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, received e-mail from the station with a Thank you letter and a card, in a PFD file, for a reception report send via e-mail to the Station on 01 March 2017, address: lra36@hotmial.com. (Manuel Mendez-ESP, hcdx Aug 15/TopNews)

ARMENIA Reception of FEBA Radio via BaBcoCk Yerevan on July 30:

1730-1800 on 7510 ERV Silte, fair to good
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Radio MiAmigo International via Shortwaservice Yerevan on July 30

1700-1900 on 11845 ERV English/German/Dutch,
weak/fair
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Trans World Radio India via Yerevan on August 2:

1245-1445 on 9910 ERV various Indian langs, eff.
from August 13

1245-1300 on 12055 ERV Maithili Mon-Fri
1415-1445 on 12055 ERV Sindhi Mon-Fri
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

AUSTRALIA 5055, the future 4KZ - While daily monitoring for the activation of this low powered station, am finding more and more USB chatter in Spanish. Seems I may have some QRM to contend with whenever 4KZ starts up. At 1234, on Aug 2. (Ron Howard-CA) An update on progress with 4KZ shortwave, proposed for 5055: Hi Craig, We have had

to source a few inexpensive parts from overseas. They should be here soon. Unfortunately, new low power SW transmitters are rare in our part of the world. A new 1kW SW tx is \$38k Hopefully by this time next week. The antenna works fine. (Al Kirton, 4KZ, 30/7/17/ARDXC)

Reception of Reach Beyond Australia in English on August 6:

1300-1430 on 9720 KNX Daily, fair/good signal
1430-1445 on 15340 KNX Sun/Tue/Thu, very weak
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

AUSTRIA Good signal of Oesterreichischer Rundfunk, August 5:

0500-0620 on 6155 MOS German Mon-Fri
0500-0610 on 6155 MOS German Sat/Sun
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

HCJB Voice of The Andes via MBR Moosbrunn, August 5:

1530-1602 on 13800 MOS Russian Sat
1602-1630 on 13800 MOS Chechen Sat
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

BANGLADESH Reception of Radio Bangladesh Betar, August 2

1315-1345 on 9455 DKA Nepali
1400-1430 on 15505 DKA Urdu
1515-1545 on 15505 DKA Hindi
1600-1630 on 7250 DKA Arabic
1630-1730 on 7250 DKA Bangla
1745-1900 on 13580 DKA English
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

15505, 12/8, 1540, Bangladesh Betar - Dhaka, Hindi mx suff. (Pavanelor-Italy/PlayDX)

BHUTAN 6035, BBS, 1231-1236*, July 30. In vernacular, with phone-in program; OM chatting with young girls (no singing today); best in USB to get away from strong CNR1 on 6030, which was playing loud music today; PBS Yunnan (China) already off the air here. (Ron Howard-CA) 6035, BBS, 1201-1219*, July 31. Heard after PBS Yunnan (China)

went off the air at 1201*; monologue in vernacular; 1214 usual brief break for indigenous instrumental music; suddenly off. Thanks very much to feedback from Gautam Kumar Sharma (GK), in Abhayapuri (Assam), India, who heard BBS on July 29, about 1220. Also, heard that day by Ed Kusalik (Canada), 1201-1229*, after PBS Yunnan had gone off the air. GK and I agree that BBS is now fairly regularly running past 1200 (after PBS Yunnan is off the air), which is very good news. My local sunrise today was at 1313 UT, while sunset at Thimphu, was at 1250. (Ron Howard-CA) 6035, BBS. Aug 9, a very good day here! Heard PBS Yunnan cut off at 1205*, leaving BBS 1205-1248*; various amounts of adjacent QRM; 1205-1221 with the usual monologue in vernacular; at 1214, 1216 & 1218 normal brief break for indigenous instrumental music; 1221-1230 indigenous singing and music; 1230-1248* with two announcers chatting in vernacular. My local sunrise today was at 1320, while sunset at Thimphu, was at 1244. (Ron Howard-CA)

Todorov lz1ax@mail.bg, Ventislav Georgiev, Technical Manager, SpaceLine Ltd. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/TopNews)

Additional transmission of VORW Radio Int'l via SPL Secretbrod:

1600-1700 on 9400 SCB English Sun eff. from August 13 (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

CHINA. A number of you commented on the return to air of the Xizang PBS Lhasa transmitters on 4820, 4905 & 4920 after two months off for maintenance. (British DX Club)

China National Radio-17 reactivate it's a long time inactive QRG 11630:

2355-1805 on 11630 LIN Kazakh
1015-1600 on 11630 KBD Ar/HQ
1427-1457 on 11630 SMG Urdu
1600-1700 on 11630 LAM Tibetan
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

4790, CNR1, 1239, July 30. This program jamming already on the air, in anticipation of BBC Uzbek (Tajikistan) signing on at *1300; // CNR1 on 6125. (Ron Howard-CA)

5050, Beibu Bay Radio. It was back in Sept. 2016, that during the 1300-1400 time period they changed from being in Chinese, over to Vietnamese, but Aug 3, at 1340 was clearly back again in Chinese; ID in English - "Beibu Bay Radio"; 1400 time pips; time given in Chinese and English ("Beijing time is now 10 PM."); "Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio" ID in English; briefly in English with "B R Evening News" intro; into news in Vietnamese. Have not heard AIR Aizawl (India) here for a while now. So, is 1300-1400 now completely back to Chinese? Is the former brief English segment still at about 1320? New schedule? Needs more monitoring! (Ron Howard-CA) 5050, Beibu Bay Radio, 1300-1400, Aug 4. Yes, they have reverted to their pre-Sept. 2016 schedule; mostly in Chinese, but now with no brief English segment. They continue with the previous format of having a brief Thai language segment, today heard 1331+, otherwise in Chinese. (Ron Howard-CA)

6035, on Aug 1, noted PBS Yunnan till it cut off about 1208, with non-stop easy-listening filler music. No Bhutan heard here today unlike yester-

BOLIVIA 3310, Mosoj Chaski, 1010, fair with talk and local music. 4 August. (David Sharp-Australia/Mosquito Coast DX News ~ DXSF)

BOTSWANA Voice of America via Selebi-Phikwe on August 22:

1400-1500 on 15595 Kurdish, fair
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

BRAZIL 5939.9, Voz Missionaria Camboriú, 0400 Aug 5, religious talk local music. (Giroletti-Italy/PlayDX)

9515, Radio Marumby, no data empty mail (only logo appears!) in 130 days. E-mail: marumby@terra.com.br. (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli-ITALY).

11735, 26.07.17, 1952-2012, R. Transmundial, Santa Maria, PP: NX, sport NX, ID, Rlgs TK and songs. 33433. (Manuel Méndez-Spain/DX Fanzine)

BULGARIA New time and new frequency of End Times Coming ETC Radio Ex-Catholics For Christ:

1805-1859 on 11590 SCB English
1900-1930 NF 11590 SCB English, x 9400 1801-1831
1931-2035 on 11590 SCB English
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

SPC-NURTS Sofia Kostinbrod Bulgaria relay site, QSL via Spaceline Ltd., Sofia Bulgaria. CEO Dimitar

day BBS 1219*. Aug 2, with PBS Yunnan going off at 1200*, after being in Chinese, with EZL song. No BBS today after PBS went off. So, BBS is only on after 1200 erratically! (Ron Howard-CA)

6200, Voice of Jinling. This is a very cosmopolitan station! For over a month now, just after sign on, have been hearing nice traditional French songs (very entertaining!). Aug 4, at 1238 & 1247 with French songs, otherwise in Chinese, with what sounded like many commercial announcements; very light QRM from Xizang PBS (Tibet, via Lhasa), also on frequency. (Ron Howard-CA)

CLANDESTINE Frequency changes of Shiokaze Sea Breeze/Furusato no and Kaze Shiokaze Sea Breeze

1300-1400 NF 5965 YAM, ex 7215 as follows

1300-1330 Chinese Mon; Japanese Tue/Sat;
Korean Wed/Fri/Sun; English Thu

1330-1400 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese
Tue/Sun; English Thu

1600-1700 NF 6165 YAM, ex 6090 as follows

1600-1630 Chinese Mon; Japanese Tue/Sat;
Korean Wed/Fri/Sun; English Thu

1630-1700 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese Tue/
Sun; English Thu

Furusato no Kaze

1405-1435 NF 7295 YAM Japanese Daily, ex 6165
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Voice of Oromo Liberation via MBR Nauen, August
20:

1700-1730 on 15420 NAU Afan Oromo Wed
1730-1800 on 15420 NAU Amharic Wed. Trans-
mission is jammed by Ethiopia with white
noise digital jamming.
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Radio ERGO via BaBcoCk Al-Dhabayya
on August 3:

1200-1300 on 17845 DHA Somali, very weak signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok via BaBcoCk Tashkent
on August 3:

1130-1200 on 17860 TAC Khmer Thu/Sun, very weak
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Radio Que Me via WHRI T8WH Angel
3 on August 4:

1200-1230 on 9930 HBN Vietnamese Fri, weak/fair
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Dimtse Radio Erena via BaBcoCk SPL Secterbrod,
August 22:

1700-1730 on 11965 SCB Tigrinya Mon-Fri

1730-1800 on 11965 SCB Arabic Mon-Fri

1700-1800 on 11965 SCB Tigrinya Sat

1700-1800 on 11965 SCB Arabic Sun

(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via TDF Issoudun,
August 21:

1600-1630 on 17870 ISS Somali Mon/Fri via
Alyx&Yeyi. Transmission is jammed by Ethiopia
with strong white noise digital jamming. (DX Mix-
Bulgaria)

Radio Itahuka via MBR Talata-Volonondry on
August 12:

1800-1900 on 15420 MDC Kirundi Sat, weak
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Radio Voice of Independent Oromiya via TDF Issou-
dun, August 6:

1600-1630 on 17850 ISS Oromo Sun via BRB
Alyx&Yeyi. Transmission is jammed by
Ethiopia with strong white noise digital
jamming.
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Radio Ranginkaman/Radio Rainbow via BaBcoCk
Grigoriopol, August 7

1600-1630 on 7575 KCH Persian Mon/Fri, good signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Eye Radio via Alyx&Yeyi TDF Issoudun
on August 19:

1600-1900 on 17730 ISS Arabic/English
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Radio Al-Mukhtar via MBR Issoudun
on August 22:

1500-1558 on 15205 ISS Arabic Tue, fair to good

Transmitter change of Radio Dandal Kura Int via BaBcoCk from August 8:

0700-0800 on 13810 DHA Kanuri, very weak
0700-0800 on 13810 WOF Kanuri, cancelled
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

RPA Radio Publique Africaine via TDF Issoudun on August 19:

1800-1858 on 15480 ISS Kirundi/French, good
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Denge Kurdistan

0230-0500 on 7350 ISS Kurdish
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Echo of Hope

0600-2400 on 3985 HWA Korean
0600-2400 on 4885 SEO Korean
0600-2400 on 5995 HWA Korean, alt.6003
0600-2400 on 6250 SEO Korean, alt.6248
0600-2400 on 6350 HWA Korean
0600-2400 on 9100 SEO Korean
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok

1130-1200 on 17860 TAC Khmer Thu/Sun
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Radio ERGO

1200-1300 on 17845 DHA Somali
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

National Unity Radio

1200-1500 on 11550 DB Korean
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Shiokaze Sea Breeze

1300-1400 on 5965 YAM Chinese Mon
1300-1400 on 5965 YAM Japanese Tue
1300-1400 on 5965 YAM Korean Wed
1300-1400 on 5965 YAM English Thu
1300-1400 on 5965 YAM Korean Fri
1300-1400 on 5965 YAM Japanese Sat
1300-1400 on 5965 YAM Korean Sun
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

BRB Radio Sagalee Qeerroo Bilisummaa via TDF Issoudun, August 22:

1630-1658 on 17840 ISS Oromo Tue/Thu/Fri via Alyx&Yeyi. Transmission is jammed by Ethiopia with very strong white noise digital jamming. (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Republic of Yemen Radio, August 21:

0300-0900 on 11860 JED Arabic
0900-1800 on 11860 unknown tx Arabic
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

New unregistered frequency for Voice of Freedom:

0300-0800 NF 6045 HWA Korean, ex 6135
0900-1500 NF 6045 HWA Korean, ex 6135
1600-2000 NF 6045 HWA Korean, ex 6135
2100-0200 NF 6045 HWA Korean, ex 6135. Alternative frequencies 5920&6020 registered, 5940 unregistered.
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok via BaBcoCk Tashkent on August 24:

1130-1200 on 17860 TAC Khmer Thu/Sun, fair/good
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Radio ERGO via BaBcoCk Al-Dhabayya, August 24:

1200-1300 on 17845 DHA Somali, fair/good signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

17845, Radio Ergo, via Dhabbaya, No data message via Facebook Messenger in 273 days. E-mail address: info@radioergo.org. (Roberto Pavanella-Italy/DX Fanzine)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA (FERNANDO POO) A few days ago a reactivated station was found on 6250. It turned out to be Radio Malabo in Equatorial Guinea. It is believed that the transmitter has been repaired by a Chinese team. Maybe that team also check old transmitters in some other African countries. (Shortwave Bulletin) 6250, Malabo reactivated July 26 after 6+ years. 6250.000 kHz precise on-fq at 0650 on July 27. Heard in remote SDR units Detroit-MI and Florida, S=5-6 signal across the Atlantic Ocean this morning. The skillful clever China engineers of BBFF Beijing are again on repair and maintenance tour, like formerly

in Zanzibar-Tanzania, Ethiopia, Mali and other African countries, or Thazin Radio, Pyin U Lwin Myanmar. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 27) The station has since been widely reported evenings on 6250 with excellent reception. Look out for lively African music with talk in Spanish. The station identifies as Radio Nacional de Guinea Equatorial or Radio Malabo and had not been heard on shortwave since 2011. Since these initial tests may have reverted to an earlier sign, the WRTH lists the SW schedule as 0530-1830. Not to be confused with sister station Radio Bata on 5005. (British DX Club)

FRANCE For many year's already from TDF Issoudun bcast center are operating two faulty transmitters which are foisting upon on different clients. Together with fundamental sound (speech, mx) there are non-stopping sounds which are like (similar as) the noise from tractors or maybe like frog sounds. I wrote that to Mr. Puetz, to TDF but they are mailing, lurking without any answer. By the way the idea of Kaj Ludwig for satellite relay defect is not right because for the example the transmission of NHK Radio Japan Tokyo at 0800-1000 on 15290 is without "tractor, also at 0500-0600 RTA Algiers on 7295 is with "tractor" and on 9535 at same time without etc. So, the effect on NHK 11945 and RTI on 11955 at 1700-1800 is existing without any satellite problem. (Rumen Pankov-Bulgaria, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 15) 11955, I checked the TDF Issoudun relay outlet of Radio Taiwan International in Russian language today Aug 16 at 17-18, and stated throughout an accompanied tractor audio sound signal, visible on SDR unit screen in plus/minus 770 to 1150 Hertz range. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 16)

ENGLAND BBC World Service begins language expansion. The BBC World Service is launching in 12 new languages: Afan Oromo, Amharic, Gujarati, Igbo, Korean, Marathi, Pidgin, Punjabi, Serbian, Telugu, Tigrinya and Yoruba. The Korean service is set to launch from this autumn. The Amharic, Afan Oromo, Tigrinya services will launch online and on a dedicated Facebook page next month (September). This will be followed later in the year on shortwave. (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

FEBA Radio, Radio Sama via BaBcoCk Woofferton on August 5:

1730-1900 on 15510 WOF Tigre/Fur/Arabic, good (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Radio Liberty via BaBcoCk Woofferton on August 21:

1400-1600 on 15255 WOF Turkmen, good (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

ERITREA New frequencies of VOBME 1 and VOBME 2 Dimtsi Hafash on August 18:

1400-1830 NF 7181.6 ASM Tigrinya VOBME 1, ex 7175.0
1400-1830 NF 7140.0 ASM Amharic VOBME 2, ex 7150.0
1800-1830 NF 7181.6 ASM Arabic VOBME 1, ex 7175.0 (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

ETHIOPIA Shortwave schedule of Radio Deegaanka Soomaalida Itoobiya (DDSI), the official station of the Ethiopian Somali Regional State:

0400-0510 on 5940 unknown tx Ethiopian Somali
1300-1500 on 5940 unknown tx Ethiopian Somali
1810-2000 on 5940 unknown tx Ethiopian Somali (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Radio France International on August 22:

0600-0700 on 11905 ISS English, good signal (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Radio Taiwan International via TDF Issoudun on August 17:

1700-1758 on 11955 ISS Russian (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

GERMANY New shortwave station about to commence broadcasting from Lower Saxony. New legal European Shortwave Radio Service which will commence test transmissions from Winsen. This station is fully licenced and is not a pirate. Full details will be announced by the station operators shortly prior to the launch of full programming. The signal will be audible throughout most of Benelux/UK/Ireland. Test period: August 1-October 28. Test transmissions details:

1000-1200 on 6160 English Mon-Sat
1200-1400 on 3975 English Mon-Sat
1400-1600 on 6160 English Mon-Sat
1600-1800 on 3975 English Mon-Sat
1800-2000 on 6160 English Mon-Sat
2000-2200 on 3975 English Mon-Sat

Further info will follow soon. Contact/reports/ audio/comments can be sent either to: 3975@shortwaveradio.de and 6160@shortwaveradio.de; and <http://shortwaveradio.de/>. (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

The latest HFCC schedule shows the schedule for the new German transmitter as:

3975 1200 1400 WIS 234567
3975 1600 1800 WIS 234567
3975 2000 2200 WIS 234567
6160 1000 1200 WIS 234567
6160 1400 1600 WIS 234567
6160 1800 2000 WIS 234567

The HFCC zip file does not include an updated SITE.TXT file to give details on the site "WIS". However, the schedule for the Frequency Management Organization shows the site as "Winsen" and the coordinates as 52N40-009E46. Plug those numbers into Google Earth and you get a site quite a distance from the Winsen which is at 53N22-010E13, SSE of Hamburg. But down near 52N40-009E46, to the east a bit, is a town "Winsen an der Aller". So, which "Winsen" is it? I'm guessing the latter, at least until I get a reply to my email to the station. (Dan Ferguson-SC)

New SW station about to commence broadcasting I have just recorded some test transmission announcements for a brand new legal shortwave radio station which will commence test transmissions on 1 August. This station is fully licensed and is not a pirate. Full details will be announced by the station operators shortly prior to the launch of full programming. The signal should be audible throughout most of north western Europe and the UK/Ireland. Test transmission details:

6160 / Monday to Saturday / 10:00-12:00 / 14:00-16:00 / 18:00-20:00

3975 / Monday to Saturday / 12:00-14:00 / 16:00-18:00 / 20:00-22:00

Test-period: 1 August to 29 October 2017

Reception reports are welcome to 3975@shortwaveradio.de or 6160@shortwaveradio.de. (Shaun Geraghty 28 July/British DX Club) Mark Stafford posted on Facebook on 21 July that he had done some test transmission voiceovers for the station. (Mike Barraclough 28 July/British DX Club)

6160 Update. I just saw the following message on the Shortwaveradio.de website: Breaking News August 13, 2017: First antenna tests have taken place on 6160 and the fitting of the appliances to the transmitting room is well under way. Thank you for the all the encouraging reports received for our tests on this channel. We will keep you posted on further developments on this website. Remember: We are on a test phase at the moment, 3975 will be switched on soon. (Alan Gale-UK via BrDXC-UK ng Aug 14)

Updated summer A-17 SW schedule of DWD Deutscher Wetterdienst is:

0600-0630 on 6180 PIN German in AM mode
1200-1230 on 6180 PIN German in AM mode
1600-1630 on 6180 PIN German in AM mode
2000-2015 on 6180 PIN German in AM mode
2015-2030 on 6180 PIN German in AM mode
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of VOA Deewa Radio via Lamperheim, August 22:

1300-1500 on 15490 LAM Pashto, strong to weak
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

GUAM KTRW reaches its 40th anniversary of broadcasting on 5 September this year. I don't think that we will be doing any special broadcasts, but we do have 40th anniversary QSL cards designed. The printed cards should arrive soon. Please let your dx club members know in case they want to collect this special event card. If we do any special broadcasts, I will let you know. It would likely be a DRM transmission." (WRTH Facebook via Mauno Ritola-Finland)

Select Adventist World Radio schedule from Agat until October 28, 2017:

1000-1100 on 11750 15210 15430 15450 17655
Mandarin

1030-1100 on 15500 Mongolian

1100-1130 on 12090 Russian

1130-1200 on 15500 Javanese

1130-1200 on 15500 Sundanese

1200-1230 on 9800 12105 15170 Mandarin

1200-1230 on 9800 12105 15170 Min Nan Chinese

1200-1300 on 9610 Korean

1230-1300 on 9475 12105 15170 Mandarin

1230-1300 on 9475 12105 15170 Cantonese

1300-1400 on 9475 Mandarin

1330-1400 on 15185 Indonesian
1400-1500 on 9900 Mandarin
2000-2030 on 9760 Russian
2100-2200 on 11750 Mandarin
2200-2300 on 15215 15685 Mandarin
2300-2400 on 15685 17520 Mandarin
(John Miller-GA)

GUINEA 9650, Radio Guinea booming in at 2230, Aug 8. Afro pops show and then into news. Absolutely armchair level, wonderful listening. (Ralph Perry-IL) Nice here, Ralph, 2245--tnx. Mali-5995 is even better! (John Herkimer-NY) Good signal from Guinea. Did not hear Mali at 2300. (Mike Nikolich-IL)

INDIA Two new SW transmitters for AIR All India Radio expects to commission two new shortwave solid state digital transmitters, of 100 kW power each for dissemination of content across the border for Afghanistan- Pakistan region by the end of August 2017, announced Union Minister Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday. Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Naidu, said that the transmitters will be installed in Delhi. (India Blooms 6 July via Mike Terry/British DX Club) All India Radio would be commissioning of two new Shortwave Solid State digital transmitters of 100 kW power each for the dissemination of content across the border for Afghanistan- Pakistan region by the end of August 2017. The transmitters shall be installed in Delhi. (ARDXC)

Unscheduled transmission of All India Radio on 11560, July 30

1530-1546 on 11560 BGL English, unscheduled
px, after

1315-1530 on 11560 BGL Dari/Pashto, as scheduled A-17
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

4970, AIR Shillong, 1313, July 30. Ending the usual Sunday show "County Roads," with C&W song (Juice Newton - "Angel of the Morning"); DJ in English; almost fair; 1315 into Hindi. (Ron Howard-CA) 4970, AIR Shillong, 1230-1235, Aug 7. News/sports/stock market report in English; // AIR Chennai (4920), with both OTH radar and PBS Xizang QRM, and // AIR Jeypore (5040); all semi-readable; was not // 4810, AIR Bhopal (Ron Howard-CA) 4970, AIR Shillong, 1306, Aug 9. Noted a surprising bad rap (or hip hop?) song, filled with very strong language of mostly swear words. Surely, they could have picked

a better song! DJ in English; 1315 promo in Hindi for "headline"; usual local ID in English and into a discussion in English. (Ron Howard-CA)

INDONESIA Reception of Voice of Indonesia, July 31

1301-1401 on 9526v JAK English, fair
1501-1601 on 9526v JAK Dutch, good signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Voice of Indonesia on "new" frequency 9525 kHz, August 2

1300-1400 NF 9525v JAK English, weak to fair, ex 9526v
1500-1600 NF 9525v JAK Dutch, fair/good signal,
ex 9526v
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

3325, Pro 1 RRI Palangkaraya, 1139, Aug 5, with NBC Bougainville clearly off the air at this time. Almost fair reception at 1232, with audio feed of the Jakarta news in Bahasa Indonesia, with item about the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) meeting being held today in Manila; short sound bite in English of Philippines Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano's ASEAN speech - "We now enjoy peace, security and stability in the region. More importantly . . ."; ending the news at 1234, by playing the patriotic/national song "Dirgahayu Indonesiaku"; ID for "Pro Satu RRI Palangkaraya." (Ron Howard-CA) 9524.95 (ex 9525.95), Voice of Indonesia, back on the former frequency on Aug 2, in Chinese at 1138; in Japanese at 1226; at 1315, ID & frequencies in English; "Today in History," "Focus"; close to being readable, but not quite. Aug 3, still on 9524.95. (Ron Howard-CA)

JAPAN Radio Japan NHK World via Ibaragi-Koga-Yamata, August 21:

1900-2100 on 6010 YAM Japanese, good
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

KOREA (SOUTH) Maintenance notice of KBS World Radio. The reception condition of broadcasts toward South America will temporarily be affected, due to maintenance work at Kimje Transmission Station. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you in advance for your patience. Period: from July 7, 2017 to November 30, 2017. 0100-0300 9580 KIM 250 kW Japanese/English KBS World Radio. (Ivo Ivanov-BUL, hcdx via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 20) The reception condition

of our broadcast toward South America will temporarily be affected due to maintenance work at Kimje Transmission Station. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you in advance for your patience. **Period:** July 7, 2017 – November 30, 2017; **Affected Service:** 02:00-03:00 broadcast on 9580. (KBS World Radio Website)

With the beginning of A17 season on March 26, KBS WORLD Radio English Service will broadcast at 1400-1600 on 9880 instead of 7125. We hope the new frequency will better serve our listeners in the target area. (KBS World Radio Website)

Additional 2 frequencies of KBS World Radio registered on August 16:

1400-1600 NF 9785/9835 KIM English to be replaced 9880 (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

6045, new frequency for Voice of Freedom (presumed), on Aug 21, noted strong reception (not jammed), with programming that certainly was consistent with VOF; 1001 and subsequent monitoring till 1304. Segments with announcers chatting, dramatic monologues, pop songs, dramatizations, etc. Today (Aug 22) VOF, as I noted yesterday, clearly not on 6135, 5920, 5940 nor on 6020. Thanks to Amano and Hiroyuki Komatsubara for their confirmation of this new frequency. (Ron Howard-CA)

6135, Voice of Freedom (ex 5920). Aug 4, still heard here with the usual white noise jamming, but today VOF with about the best ever reception at 1021 and subsequent checking till 1237. (Ron Howard-CA)

6350, on August 1, found Echo of Hope - VOH, on channel with a third program, different from all the others; heard at 0949 and subsequent checking through 1218; clearly not // to any of the other VOH frequencies. 6350, at 1000, with "V O H" ID and not // to the others; mostly monologues and some pop music. 3985 // 5995 // 9100, at 1003 with the usual news in Korean; 1010 news item about "Beijing"; 1015 normal ID jingle and "V O H" ID. Unable to hear 6250 through jamming. 4885, at 1003 with the usual bell/gong rung slowly three times and intro to the regular "Radio Broadcasting Guide" program in Korean. Only 4885 and 9100 heard with no jamming. Thanks very much to Hiroyuki Komatsubara (Japan), for confirming my observations today. "Echo of Hope - VOH 6350, third program started since Aug 01, 2017 Not parallel to other frequencies.

(not // 3985, 5995, 4885, 6250, 9100)" As always, I greatly appreciate Hiroyuki-san's feedback! (Ron Howard-CA)

KUWAIT MOI Radio Kuwait on 15540 kHz in AM and DRM on July 28:

1600-1800 on 15540 KBD Urdu in AM mode, 1800-2100 on 15540 KBD English DRM mode (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

MADAGASCAR Reception of World Christian Broadcast/Madagascar World Voice, August 1

1800-1900 on 9570 MWV Russian tx#1 KNLS, New Life Station
1800-1900 on 17640 MWV English tx#2 African Pathways Radio
1900-2000 on 11945 MWV Arabic tx#1 Radio Feda Radio Feda
1900-2000 on 9820 MWV Russian tx#2 KNLS, New Life Station (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

5009.93, Radio Malagasy, 1853, nice vocals getting thru but difficult copy with soft-spoken announcer. 4 August. (David Sharp-Australia/Mosquito Coast DX News ~ DXSF)

MALI 5995 phenomenal signal out of Bamako at 2340 tune in on Aug 4. Couple OM in lang discussion and then interludes of live African stringed music. Amazing strength, perfect armchair signal except for summer static. (Ralph Perry-IL) Radio Mali improves SW modulation After years of broadcasting on SW with extremely low modulation making it almost inaudible, Radio Mali has been observed since late July with much improved modulation on its SW transmitter. (observations by Jordan Heyburn WRTH FB/British DX Club) Radio Mali's SW schedule is:

0555-0800 on 5995
0800-1800 on 9635
1800-0100 on 5995.
Best chance to hear Radio Mali in the UK is late evenings on 5995. (British DX Club)

MOLDOVA Trans World Radio Africa via BaBcoCK Grogriopol, August 22:

1800-1845 on 9940 KCH Tigrinya Mon-Thu
1815-1845 on 9940 KCH Tigrinya Fri
1800-1830 on 9940 KCH Tigre Sat

1800-1830 on 9940 KCH Kunama Sun
1830-1900 on 9940 KCH Tigrinya Sun
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

MONGOLIA Reactivated 4895. Mongolian Radio 2 (presumed), at 1246 on Aug 10 and again Aug 11 at 1131, through subsequent checking till 1350; heard only an open carrier; unable to detect any modulation/audio at my QTH. Thanks to feedback from Dave Valko and Hiroyuki Komatsubara-Japan, who were also hearing this, but they had faint audio that indicated Mongolia and not India. Mongolia not on their other frequency of 4830; while 7260 is now being reported with a het from a third station, which might also be Mongolia (plus China & Vanuatu). Needs more monitoring! (Ron Howard-CA-USA, DXplorer via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 11)

MYANMAR 5985, Myanmar Radio, on Aug 7, tuned in at 1215, to hear the Monday edition of the English language lesson ("Say It In English") already in progress; program will be repeated on Wed.; dialogue between "Mr. Harris" and "Tom," who wants Tom to take the morning 7:00 train to Manchester; "The meeting is very important. Don't miss the train"; Tom works for a company that "makes some of the finest clocks and watches in the world," but he is "never on time for anything"; he missed the train and then rushes to take a taxi to the airport to catch the 8:00 plane to Manchester; 1227 end of "Say It in English"; fairly readable, but background noise almost like low level white noise jamming. My local sunrise was at 1318, whereas Yangon sunset was at 1204. (Ron Howard-CA)

NEW ZEALAND Frequency change of Radio New Zealand International from July 28:

0459-0658 NF 9630# RAN English to All Pacific
AM mode, ex 9700
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

NIGERIA 7255, Voice of Nigeria, 0720, French, hilife, talk by a woman, fair. 5 August. (David Sharp-Australia/Mosquito Coast DX News ~ DXSF)

OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman was back on short-wave, August 7

1400-1500 on 15140 THU Arabic
1500-1600 on 15140 THU English
1600-2200 on 15140 THU Arabic
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Updated summer A-17 shortwave schedule of Radio Sultanate of Oman:

0000-0200 on 9500 THU Arabic
0200-0300 on 9540 THU Arabic
0300-0400 on 9540 THU English
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3260, NBC Madang 1218-1237, July 30. With election results in Pidgin; extended broadcast here unlike NBC Bougainville on 3325, which was off the air by 1135. Good strength open carrier still heard at 1326, but by then with no modulation/audio. (Ron Howard-CA) 3260, NBC Madang. Aug 4, running longer than 3325; pop song (Little River Band - "Cool Changes"); on-air phone calls in Pidgin; 1224* cut off. Since the end of the election results, note Madang has had a good number of these call-in shows, which I assume are callers commenting on the recent election. Not nearly as strong as NBC Bougainville (3325). (Ron Howard-CA)

3275, NBC Southern Highlands, on August 4, not heard. (Ron Howard-CA)

3365, NBC Milne Bay[non-log], on August 4, continues silent. (Ron Howard-CA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (BOUGAINVILLE) 3325, NBC Bougainville, Aug 9, with normal format of DJ in Pidgin playing pop songs till suddenly off at 1146*, at which time had only a faint open carrier below threshold level from RRI Palangkaraya. (Ron Howard-CA)

PERÚ 4747.19, Huanta 2000, 1129, noted as big het against nominal, copy in LSB. Very sporadic, not heard day prior. 5 August. (David Sharp-Australia/Mosquito Coast DX News ~ DXSF)

4774.92, Radio Tarma (?), 1135, JBA with talk by man, couldn't pull an ID. 5 August. (David Sharp-Australia/Mosquito Coast DX News ~ DXSF)

4810, Radio Logos, 1003-1009 pleasant instru. mx, 1004 abt a 20 second SP ID/promo by M between songs starting w/ "R. Logos...". Hammered by the UTE on 4812 and CODAR, and surprised I got the ID. (Dave Valko-PA, 30 July)

6173.94, R. Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, 0101 24 Aug, very, very tentative logging of this station. Hearing brief fragments of music and occasional announcements.

Static level very high killing just about anything. Cannot verify language or even musical style. Audio becoming more steady by 0115 but still too much band noise to really get anything positive. This is the only station that I can think of that might fit at this time. @ 0119 caught definite OM in Spanish w/brief high spirited announcement. (Stephen Wood-MA)

PHILIPPINES Reception of Radio Teos via FEBC on August 17:

1500-1600 on 11650 BOC Russian, fair (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

RUSSIA 4996, RWM, good with pips at 1955. 4 August. (David Sharp-Australia/Mosquito Coast DX News ~ DXSF)

7295, Seems the reactivation of Sakha on this frequency was short-lived. I haven't noted it in about 4 or 5 days. (Dave Valko-PA, 31 July) Thanks to a tip from Mauno Ritola, on July 24, found 7295 silent, with no Radio Sakha at all, at 1021, 1125 and 1152; while on 7345 heard Russia 1045-1051. Since July 18, had been hearing 7295 daily. (Ron Howard-CA)

7345, Radio Sakha, via Yakutsk, 1255-1325, on Aug 7. Surprisingly strong signal, but mixing with CRI; 1300 IS (Jew's harp - khomus) and time pips; 1300-1325 unusual format that I have never heard before after ToH; non-stop traditional indigenous songs. 7295 remains silent, after being recently briefly reactivated. (Ron Howard-CA)

SOLOMON ISLANDS 9545, heard back on the air, been off for a long time or not been able to hear it, here on the sunny coast. Time 5 hours, good signal. (Paul Thwaites, QLD, Alinco DX-R8E/T, long wire antenna)

SOMALIA Radio Warsan FM (presumed) broadcasting in vernaculars on 7750 in AM was heard on 4 July around 1735 with emotional talks; discussions, march at 1800 followed by nx, talks, song; cl/down at 1834. Another similar station operating on 7700 AM was confirmed on 28 June with Vernacular talks until 1738, followed by only carrier and close/down at 1758. (Rumen Pankov BC-DX/British DX Club)

7325, Somaliland Voice - the Voice of Democracy - will present the latest news on Somaliland and a variety of programs. The Somaliland Broadcasting Association is a new radio station based in Somalil-

and and broadcasting to the Horn of Africa every night from 10:00 PM to 10:30 PM, or 1900-1930. Listeners are invited to contact the station at info@somalilandvoice.co.uk. You can go directly to the news and programs on the Internet at www.somalilandvoice.co.uk. (Ron Howard-CA) Obviously, renting time from somewhere. The frequency appears to be clear from 1900 when the BBC Singapore signs off until 2000 when CRI Urumqi opens. (RAD)

Reception of Voice of the People of Somaliland, August 25

1900-1930 on 7325 unknown BaBcoCk tx Somali, fair to good (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

SOUTH AFRICA VOA South Sudan in Focus via BaBcoCk Meyerton, August 21:

1630-1700 on 11985 MEY English Mon-Fri, fair (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

SRI LANKA Select Adventist World Radio schedule from Trincomalee until October 28, 2017:

0000-0030 on 11655 Burmese
0000-0100 11925 Mandarin
0030-0100 on 11655 Karen
0100-0130 on 15630 Min Nan Chinese
0130-0200 on 15630 17650 Cantonese
1200-1230 on 15400 Mon
1230-1300 on 15430 Meitei
1300-1330 on 15255 Bangla
1330-1400 on 15255 Kokborok
1600-1630 on 11975 15360 English
1630-1700 on 15360 Sindhi
2200-2230 on 7445 English (Sun, Tue Thurs)
2230-2300 on 7445 Indonesian (John Miller-GA)

SUDAN 7205.002, Radio Omdurman local music at S=9 signal level. 0515 on Aug 11. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/DXplorer) 7200, R Omdurman - Al-Aitahab, 0430 Aug 12, local in Arabic. (Giroletti-Italy/PlayDX)

SWAZILAND Trans World Radio Africa via Manzini on August 7:

1905-1935 on 9940 MAN Lingala
1935-1950 on 9940 MAN French (DX Mix-Bulgaria)

TAIWAN Test transmissions of Radio Taiwan International in German in AM mode & DRM mode. AM mode August 25-27; September 1-3/29/30; October 1/3 and DRM mode October 4/10:

1800-1900 on 9680 TSH German
1800-1900 on 12030 TSH German
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

TAJIKISTAN Select Adventist World Radio schedule from Dushanbe until October 28, 2017:

1300-1330 on 15430 Dzongkha
(John Miller-GA)

THAILAND 9390, 28.07.17, 2008-2015*, R. Thailand, via Udon Thani, GG: NX. At 2013 IS, Annmt in EE about the previous PX in GG, MX then S/OFF. 55444. (Antonello Napolitano-Italy/DX Fanzine).

TURKEY Voice of Turkey in English for A-17:

0300-0400 on 6165, 9515
1230-1330 on 15450
1630-1730 on 15520
1830-1930 on 9785
2030-2130 on 9620
2200-2300 on 9830
(Station Direct)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Trans World Radio Africa via BaBcoCk Al-Dhabayya damaged tx, August 3:

1300-1315 on 17680 DHA Afar Thu-Sun, good plus strong hum
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of FEBA Radio via BaBcoCk Al-Dhabayya on August 4

1200-1230 on 15215.1 DHA Tibetan, fair signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

USA Radio Africa Network consists of Radio East Africa, Radio Africa and Radio Africa #2. Letters and reception reports may be sent via e-mail to RadioAfrica@panambc.com (postal mail to name of program, c/c Pan American Broadcasting, 7011 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 250, Pleasanton, CA 94566-3253:

Radio Africa at 1600-2100 Monday through Friday on 21525, 13 meters

Radio East Africa at 1600-2100 Saturday and Sunday and 2100-2300 on 21525, 13 meters
Radio Africa #2 at 1400-1600 on 21525, 13 meters.
(John Miller-GA)

25000, WWV. Despite not having any luck on checks on previous numerous days 1400-1900, have been hearing this the last 2 days in the 2300-0100 time-period. According to the NIST website, is 2 kw experimental reactivation on this freq. Usual format aired plus they've been giving this announcement at 16 min. past the hour: "Beginning the 7th of July 2017 at 2042, the 25-megahertz broadcast is on a turnstile antenna with circular polarization and will remain in this configuration until after the eclipse on the 21st of August 2017. Signal reports are requested and appreciated. Listener reception reports may be e-mailed to wvw@nist.gov, or mailed to Radio Station WWV, 2000 East County Road 58, Ft. Collins, CO 80524". Audible on the (20-200 degrees) Delta loop but not the Wellbrook ALA1530S. Seems to be peaking here just after 2300 and is always very fady, many times fading out completely, but also peaking fairly well at times. (Dave Valko-PA, 29 July)

VATICAN Radio Japan NHK World via Santa Maria di Galeria, July 27:

1927-1930 on 9710 SMG Urdu, unscheduled in A17
1930-2000 on 9710 SMG English, powerful signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Very good signal of Vatican Radio on August 1:

2000-2030 on 7360 SMG English
2000-2030 on 9670 SMG English
2030-2115 on 7360 SMG French
2030-2115 on 9670 SMG French
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Vatican Radio in various languages on August 2:

1530-1600 on 11935 SMG Arabic
1530-1600 on 15595 SMG Arabic
1550-1610 on 11715 SMG Armenian
1550-1610 on 15370 SMG Armenian
1610-1640 on 11715 SMG Russian
1610-1640 on 15370 SMG Russian
1640-1700 on 11715 SMG Ukrainian
1640-1700 on 15370 SMG Ukrainian
1700-1720 on 11715 SMG Belarussian
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Radio Veritas Asia via SM di Galeria, August 3:

1430-1457 on 11630 SMG Urdu, very strong
1500-1552 on 15620 SMG Filipino, weak
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Radio Japan NHK World via SM di Galeria, August 7:

1930-2000 on 9710 SMG English, strong
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

VOA Afia Darfur via Santa Maria di Galeria on August 7:

1900-1930 on 9775 SMG Arabic, strong signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Voice of America via SM di Galeria, August 8:

1300-1400 on 17530 SMG Somali, powerful signal
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

VOA "South Sudan in Focus" via SM di Galeria on August 9:

1630-1700 on 15180 SMG English Mon-Fri, strong
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Reception of Vatican Radio, Liturgy on August 11:

1130-1200 on 15595 SMG English Fri
1130-1200 on 17590 SMG English Fri

Drastic cuts of Vatican Radio via SM di Galeria from August 1
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

0040-0100 on 11730 SMG Hindi
0100-0120 on 11730 SMG Tamil
0120-0140 on 11730 SMG Malayalam
0210-0230 on 6185 SMG Armenian
0210-0230 on 7270 SMG Armenian
0300-0330 on 7360 SMG English
0330-0345 on 7360 SMG Swahili Sun
0330-0400 on 7360 SMG Swahili Mon-Sat
0345-0400 on 7360 SMG Somali Sun
0400-0430 on 9645 SMG Arabic
0400-0430 on 11715 SMG Arabic
0530-0600 on 9660 SMG Portuguese
0600-0630 on 11625 SMG French
0600-0630 on 13765 SMG French
0630-0700 on 11625 SMG English
0630-0700 on 13765 SMG English
0645-0705 on 9645 SMG Arabic Mon-Sat

0645-0705 on 11740 SMG Arabic Mon-Sat
0945-1030 on 15570 SMG Angelus Sun
0945-1030 on 17520 SMG Angelus Sun
0945-1030 on 17590 SMG Angelus Sun
1200-1220 on 17520 SMG Italian
1200-1220 on 17590 SMG Italian
2040-2100 on 6070 SMG Arabic
2040-2100 on 7275 SMG Arabic
2040-2100 on 9700 SMG Arabic
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)


ZAMBIA New shortwave schedule of KVOH Voice of Hope Africa Lusaka eff. from July 31:

0500-0800 on 9680 LUS English Mon-Fri tx#1, new additional
0500-0800 on 11680 LUS English Mon-Fri tx#2, new additional
1600-1900 on 4965 LUS English Mon-Fri tx#1, ex 1630-2200UT
1600-1900 on 6065 LUS English Mon-Fri tx#2, ex 1630-2200UT
1200-1700 on 9680 LUS English Sat/Sun tx#1, unchanged time
1200-1700 on 13680 LUS English Sat/Sun tx#2, unchanged time
1700-1730 on 9680 LUS English Sunday tx#1, new additional
1700-1730 on 13680 LUS English Sunday tx#2, new additional
(DX Mix-Bulgaria)

Voice of Hope - Africa has the following new schedule:

0500-0800 9860 Mon-Fri
0500-0800 11680 Mon-Fri
1200-1700 9680 Sat-Sun
1200-1700 13680 Sat-Sun
1700-1730 9680 Sun
1600-1900 4965 Mon-Fri
1600-1900 6065 Mon-Fri
(Mauno Ritola WRTH Facebook 31 July/British DX Club)

ZANZIBAR 11735, 1757-1815, 28-07-17, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corp., Dole, Swahili/EE: TK. At 1801 into EE with ID and NX. At 1813, back into Swahili. 34333. (Manuel Méndez-Spain/DX Fanzine)

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

Pirate Radio Report

George Zeller • 3492 West 123rd Street • Cleveland, OH 44111 • georgez@nacs.net

Shortwave pirate broadcasting continued at a very brisk pace once again during the past month. Pirate broadcasting inevitably increases around major North American holidays. The next major pirate holiday will be on Labor Day weekend, early in September, prior to September 4.

One upside is that the forthcoming end of summer is certain to lower summertime static levels on the shortwave bands.

Pirate busts by the FCC during the past month were mainly concentrated in the New York City metro area and in Florida as usual. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Albo Investments LLC for operating a pirate on 88.7 MHz from an address on Wiley St. in Hollywood, FL, without identifying an alleged individual operator of the station. The FCC issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to American College Express LLC for operating a pirate on 88.7 MHz from an address on Rodman St. in Hollywood, FL, without identifying an alleged individual operator of the station, and without making it clear whether the two Hollywood notices are related. The FCC issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to Frances V. Chapman for operating a pirate on 88.7 MHz from a residential property on Carver St. in Lake Worth, FL. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Ernest J. Nardi of Brooklyn, NY for operating a pirate on 103.1 MHz from his residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Jean Carries of Overland Park, FL for operating a pirate on 90.1 MHz from his residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Michael Palache for operating a pirate on 94.7 MHz from a residence in West Palm Beach, FL, with a resident of the property identifying Palache as the station operator. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Reginald C. and Genevieve Brooks for operating a pirate on 89.5 MHz from a residence in Miami Gardens, FL. The FCC issued a Notice

of Unlicensed Operation to Venette Innocent for operating a pirate on 98.5 MHz from a residence in Pompano Beach, FL, and it is unclear if she pleaded Innocent. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Stewart Kantor of San Jose, CA for operating a Full Spectrum Cobalt Plus transmitter that interferes with Verizon cell phone signals. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Joseph Alside Baguidy of Oakland Park, FL for operating a pirate on 99.5 and 100.3 MHz from a rented residence in Oakland Park, FL. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Audrian White of North Lauderdale, FL for operating a pirate on 101.1 MHz from a residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Jemima Jean Lucas of Miami, FL for operating a pirate on 98.1 MHz from a residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Jean Amilcar of West Palm Beach, FL for operating a pirate on 107.3 MHz from a residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Roger Bailey of North Lauderdale, FL for operating a pirate on 100.1 MHz from a residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Anso Alezy of Irvington, NJ for operating a pirate on 88.1 MHz from his residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Lawrence Mason of East Orange, NJ for operating a pirate on 107.9 MHz. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Kevin and Allison of Mishawaka, IN for operating a pirate on 93.9 MHz from their residence. The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to Gilberto and Jamie Cerrato of Sherwood, AR for operating a pirate on 97.9 MHz. None of this month's busts were for shortwave pirates, and the FCC provided no station IDs for any of the busted FM pirates.

William T. Hassig of IL forwards the interesting item that the national TMZ network briefly covered the monthly barrage of FCC FM pirate busts.

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.

Amphetamine R. 6950 0114 8/1/17 good. Prgm of rock mx w/SSTV digital image at close. (Taylor-WI)

Captain Morgan 6950 0053 8/6/17 poor to fair. Prgm of blues mx. (Taylor-WI)

Chairman of the Board R. 6940 0231 7/16/17 good. Prgm of Frank Sinatra mx. (Taylor-WI)

Clever Name R. 6940 0114 7/17/17 good. Prgm of rock mx. (Taylor-WI)

Dr. Detroit 6965 0126 8/6/17 poor to fair. Prgm of rock mx. (Taylor-WI)

KIPM 6925 0234-0252 8/5/17 fair. Old Alan Maxwell prgm ancd as a relay via Pee Wee R. (Taylor-WI)

KUNT 6995 0113 8/1/17 good. Prgm of rock mx. (Taylor-WI)

R. Enterbaken 6950 0120 7/23/17 S9. Prgm of rock mx resurrecting an old Europirate ID. (Hauser-OK)

Pee Wee R. 6925 0152-0226* 7/23/17 fair. Prgm of rock mx w/digital SSTV image at close. (Taylor-WI)

Pee Wee R. 6925 0152-0226* 7/23/17 fair. Prgm of rock mx w/discussion of Rice Krispies. (Hauser-OK)

Pee Wee R. 6925 0057 8/1/17 fair. Six consecutive beer can SSTV images. (Taylor-WI)

R. Enterbaken 6950 0112 7/23/17 fair. Prgm of rock mx by a rock artist who committed suicide. (Taylor-WI)

R. Enterbaken 6950 0120 7/23/17 S9. Prgm of rock mx resurrecting an old Europirate ID. (Hauser-OK)

R. Free Whatever 6950 0052 7/21/17 fair. Prgm of rock mx w/usual ancrs Dick Weed and Stavin. (Taylor-WI)

R. Free Whatever 6945 0056 8/1/17 fair. Prgm of rock mx w/ Dick Weed and Stavin. (Taylor-WI)

Skippy R. 6925 0013 7/23/17 fair. Prgm of rock mx w/CW IDs. (Taylor-WI)

Wild 100 6950 0322 7/16/17 fair. Prgm of mainly instr rock mx. (Taylor-WI)

Wolverine R. 6950 0111-0115 7/30/17 S8-S9. Prgm of rock mx. (Hauser-OK)

NASWA Yahoo Group

Join moderator **Dan Ferguson**, the club's Yahoo Group, and other club members to discuss reception of shortwave radio broadcasts, program content, propagation, reception conditions, loggings, hot news and information as well as radio equipment and accessories and any topics related to shortwave radio in general. Please keep in mind that loggings, QSL news, schedule changes should also be reported to the appropriate column editor of the Journal for publication. This forum is a supplement to, not a replacement of, The Journal. Subscribe by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NASWA/>. Any club members wishing to participate in the NASWA Yahoo Group, moderated by Dan Ferguson (k4voa@zerobeat.org), but not interested in registering direct with Yahoo should contact Dan direct by e-mail for further information. Dan can manually add you to the group.



QSL Report

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SABING VISTA IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES



FEBEC RADIO INTERNATIONAL "THE SOUND ALTERNATIVE"

ASCENSION ISLAND: British Broadcasting Corporation Atlantic Relay Station 9915, 11810 and 12095 via Babcock International f/d ltr. in nearly 2 1/2 yrs v/s Luceena Leo-Franas, Communications Engineer. Addr: BBC World Service, Audience Relations Team, 1st Floor Brock House, 19 Langham Street, London W1A 1AA, England. I had affixed UK stamps on my SASE that I sent them not realizing that the country had been issuing their own postage stamps since 1922! One of the wonderful tidbits you

pick up as a shortwave listener. (Dodt Jr. - VA)..Bob Dodt is a retired "jarhead". He began DXing in the early 60s and by 1966 he passed his novice exam. Serving Uncle Sam gave him some great opportunities to operate and DX from some exotic locations. You and I are kind of

STATION NOTES: Radio Senado 5990 WEB: www.senado.gov.br/radio/ondascurtas.asp Email: ondascurtas@senado.gov.br Addr: Praca dos Tres Poderes s/n, Anexo II, Bloco B, Terreo, CEP 70165-900 Brasilia, DF, Brasil.



February 2, 2009

RICHARD A. D'ANGELO
2216 Burkey Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Richard,

Greetings from FEBEC Philippines! We are glad to received your email last January 27, 2009. Thank you so much, and our apology for replying late.

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBEC) is a non-stock, non-profit corporation with the mission of bringing "Christ to the world by radio". Presently, we have six transmitters broadcasting over 50 hours per day in about 60 languages and dialects in Asian countries.


The program you listened too was our "Lu Mien Broadcast" from Thailand, which aired from 22:30 - 23:00 UTC - BSW4 Transmitter.

We are enclosing a QSL Card for your reception report.

God bless you.

Very truly yours,

FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY (PHILS.), INC.


MESCHIE MARCOS
Staff, Overseas Service Broadcast
FEBEC Philippines

v/s Alexandre Campos.
Radio Bulgaria 13600
via Plovdiv Email: spanish@bng.bg (for Spanish reports)
Radio-diffusion du Burkina
5030 v/s Mr. Pascal Goba, Chef des Programmes Email: nadowo2002@yahoo.fr
Radio Byelorussia 7360 v/s Mrs. Larisa Suarez. WEB: www.tvr.by/eng Addr: 4 Krasnaya Street, Minsk, Belarus 220807... via PLAY DX...Sam.

operating along the same lines. I started DXing early in 1958 and DXed in Vietnam for all of 1970! I loved every second of it...Sam.

INDIA: All India Radio
9445 (AM) and 7550(DRM) QSL cd. in 213 ds. The QSL features two Buddhist Monks. (Roe-UK). Alan, the USPO really chewed up your report.

A: Mr. Samuel Barto,

You report to the Station (HIFA) is correct.

DE FECHA:

Transmisor Contel 5KW - 1600 KC - Ant. Vertical } Onda Larga
Transmisor " 3KW - 4825 KC - " " } Onda Corta
Transmisor " 5KW - 1330 KC - " " } Onda Larga en Moca, R. D.
Transmisor " 1KW - Stereo Santa Domingo, R. D.

Emisora Cultural de las Fuerzas Armadas
Secretaría de Estado de las Fuerzas Armadas
Santa Domingo, R. D.

I know you had a second report but I couldn't make anything out from it. If you want, please submit it again for next month...Sam.

MOLDOVA: Trans World Radio Africa 9900 via Grigoriopol 9900 The station verified my email report w/ a n/d electronic reply from Dilip Sequeira (dilips@twrindia.org) or (dseg@me.com), Media Director, TWR India - Delhi in one day thanking me "for being a faithful listener to SW radio programs". Dilip indicated that "The Radio Company that works in over languages in India and makes over 100 hours of content in a week. We are celebrating our 40th year this year as we started w/ 5 languages in India and today have grown. He also mentioned that the QSL card came from the Guam transmission center. (D'Angelo-PA)

Radio For Peace International

Global
Community
Radio



Costa Rica
Centroamérica

Radio Paz Internacional

@bibkevoice.org **Eternal Good News Radio** 11875 via Juelich v/s George Bryan, Speaker. **Gospel for Asia** 15495 WEB: www.gfa.org Addr: 1800 Golden Trail Court, Carrollton, TX 75010. **Lutheran World Federation** 9655 Addr: Media Broadcasts, Josef Lammerting Allee B-10, DE-50923, Köln, Germany. v/s Michael Puetz. Email: QSL-Shortwave@media-broadcast.com You may also use v/s Mr. Jukka Latva-Hakuni, Media Consultant. via PLAY DX...Sam.

STATION NOTES: Bible Voice Broadcasting 9460 Addr: P.O. Box 425, Station "E", Toronto, ON M6H 4E3, Canada. Email: mail

SRI LANKA: Adventist World Radio via The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation n/d "AWR Logo" cd. in @ 1 mo. (Miner-GA).

ROMANIA: Radio Romania International 7375 and 9730 via Tiganesti The station verified my email report w/ a brief email reply confirming my reception indicating a "corresponding QSL card" will be on its way in 13 ds. from the English Service Team. (D'Angelo-PA)



Radiotelevisión Dominicana 1 5 12

Av. Dr. Teófilo Florentino No. 8 - Santo Domingo, República Dominicana - P.O. BOX 908 - Tel: 069-2120 hasta el 069-2124 - CABLE: RATDO
TELEAX 3460236

Santo Domingo, D.R.
Octubre 1, 1975


Señor
Samuel L. Barto
245 CHERRY AVE.
APT. J-11
Watertown, Conn. 06795
Estados Unidos.

Distinguido amigo:

Cosplacidos acusamos recibo de su apreciado mensaje de recepción acerca de nuestras emisiones de radio por la frecuencia internacional de 9505 KHz, banda de 31 metros.

Apreciaremos sus futuras informaciones acerca de esta onda amiga de Radiotelevisión Dominicana, la cual cuenta con oyentes en todas las latitudes?

Atentamente,


R. A. Font Bernard
Secretario de Estado
Director General de RTVD

SOUTH AFRICA

WITH COMPLIMENTS QSL

SABC

SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION,
P.O. BOX 8606, JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA

Our Station Paradys

Head by you on 41.13 Meters 7.295 MC

AI 0595-066 HAT on 9th Sept, 1960

Phon: _____ For Chief Engineer

USA: VORW Radio International 9395
via Okeechobee The station verified my email report w/ a f/d PDF attachment in 8 days from John (VORW Radio) with basic information about the station's operations. VORW Radio International is the official External Service of TheReportOfTheWeek, whose mission is to provide an enjoyable light entertainment program over the airwaves. Programs consist of a

short lecture at the beginning, followed by a selection of music, exclusively comprised of listener requested songs. Programs have been continuously on the air since December 22, 2016 though they have been on shortwave sporadically since January of 2015. The program is a listener funded initiative, financial support can be sent to them via Paypal at "rwobserver@gmail.com". (D'Angelo-PA)...Good deal of information about this operation...Sam.

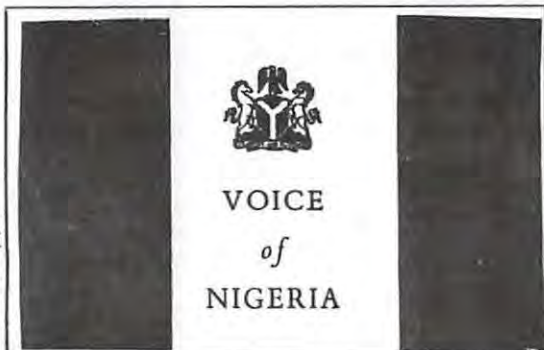
Some verie interesting QSLs this month. The best thing about all this is that besides the regular QSL Column contributors we have some new blood. First time reporters are verie welcome...Sam.

STATION NOTES: Radio 39 Dover

Street 9515 via Italian Radio Relay Service Email: doverstreet@tiscali.co.uk
Radio Hargeisa 7145 Email: radiohargeisa@live.com

Addr: Radio Hargeisa, c/o Konsularische Vertretung of the Republic of Somaliland, Zedernweg 6, DE-50127 Bergheim, Germany. Radio Scotland International 6940 Email: radioscotland@hotmail.com Fiji Clandestine Radio Station 11565 Addr: 9 Florence Terrace, Rose water, Adelaide 5014, Australia Email: fiji democracy@hotmail.com Sonnet Radio Europe 6309 Email: sonnetradio@hotmail.com Time Radio 6210 Email: timeradio.shortwave@gmail.com Tower

Radio 6200 Email: radiotower@home.nl
Wizard Radio 6296 Email: wizardshortwave@gmail.com...
via PLAY DX...Sam.



IN THE NAME OF GOD
Verification Of Reception Report

Q.S.L

No: 1

Dear: Samuel Barto

This is to officially confirm your reception of the voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Date	UTC		SW		MW	
	From	To	M	Freq	M	Freq
<u>16-Feb-2014</u>	<u>057</u>	<u>0507</u>		<u>9895</u>		

Thank you for listening to the English program of the voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Tune in again & keep in touch.

Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting
Add: Vah-e asr Ave...Jame Jam St., PO BOX 19395-6767 Tehran- Iran

Scoreboard

Gary R. Neal • P.O. Box 1 • Cockeysville, MD 21030-0001 • grneal@earthlink.net


This month we are highlighting our members' totals from Asia. Ranking is based upon Asian Countries Verified. This is your chance to show everyone how well you are doing. The next deadline is February 15th for the March 2018 issue of the Journal. The spotlight will be on Europe.

Name, State	Total		Asia		Best Asian QSL
	C/H	C/V	C/H	C/V	
Don Jensen, WI	256	256	73	73	RKPDT2 Sumbawa (Indonesia-Nusa Tenggara)
Edward Kusalik, ALB	250	249	73	72	Maldives, 4754
Marlin Field, MI	246	246	70	70	RRI, Serui, Irian Jaya (500 w.)
Jerry Berg, MA	244	244	70	70	Em. De Radiodifusao de Timor
Dan Henderson, MD	235	191	73	70	R. Voice of Justice
Steven R. Lare, MI	239	226	71	67	Bhutan (10 Kw),
Harold Cones, VA	234	232	65	64	BBCS Bhutan
Rich D'Angelo, PA	225	223	63	61	R. Afghanistan
Chris Lobdell, MA	229	225	61	60	Bhutan 5030
Sheryl Paszkiewicz, WI	225	219	64	59	Myanmar
Wendel Craighead, KS	235	223	64	58	Giai Phong Radio, Vietnam (South)
George Maroti, NY	208	202	59	58	Bhutan
Ron Howard, CA	212	200	61	56	Azad Kashmir
Stephen Price, PA	198	183	61	56	DPRK & Burma
Paul Buer, FL	219	208	56	53	The Voice of Peace (400 w.)
Christos Rigas, IL	217	198	60	53	R. Bahrain
Jim Evans, TN	213	203	57	51	R. Bangladesh
Bill Smith, MA	186	177	50	49	RRI-Makassar
Stephen Leite, MA	210	197	48	48	Campuchea Peoples Republic
Allan R. Loudell, DE	192	167	53	46	Goa
Ross Comeau, MA	193	172	49	45	VO Meteorology
James R. Renfrew, NY	189	161	49	42	Cambodia
George L. Glotzbach, MN	154	136	46	38	V. of Mongolia
Mark Humenyk, ON	169	148	47	36	Kol Israel
Gary R. Neal, MD	137	127	38	36	Voice of Hope, Lebanon
Jerry Johnston, KY	210	141	56	33	AIR-Andaman Islands
Scott R. Barbour, NH	168	115	49	29	AFN Diego Garcia
Paul Brouillette, IL	148	121	32	27	BPM-China
Joe Kremer, OH	153	104	32	25	Pyongyang
Dan Srebnick, NJ	156	121	35	24	Pyongyang
Edward G. Stroh, IL	135	104	30	23	V. of Vietnam
Scott C. Newman, IN	148	113	33	22	V. of Mongolia
Richard Bradley, MA	145	130	23	21	Korea, Dem. Peoples Rep.
Jilly Dybka, TN	145	108	36	20	R. Pyongyang
Doug Tilley, WA	117	89	22	15	Kol Israel
Richard E. Lawrenson, RI	145	129	14	14	V. of Mongolia
Gary W. Froemming, AZ	184	44	49	7	BSF Time Station (Taiwan)
James W. Young, CA	252	237			
Alex Vranes, Jr. WV	226	216			
Jerry Klinck, NY	220	202			
Dan Robinson, MD	230	196			
Bob Raymond, NH	175	151			
David Turnick, PA	144	129			
Larry Colton, FL	154	125			
John Mosman, WI	120	120			
Ken McCartney, OH	125	73			
Jerry Ervine, TX	110	60			

Contributors' Page

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IS THE 10th OF THE MONTH

The following members sent in contributions:

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| Ed CICHOREK , Somerset, NJ | IC-R-75, SW-8, ICF-2010, Eavesdropper |
| Rich D'ANGELO , Wyomissing, PA | RX340, R8B, E1, E5, DXSloper, Mini-Windom, FL3, ANCA |
| Dan FERGUSON , SC | no equipment listed |
| Glenn HAUSER , Enid, OK | FRG-7, DX-398/ATS-909, YB400, ICF SW-07 |
| John HERKIMER , Caledonia, NY | NRD535 (Kiwa), etón E1-XM, 100' longwire |
| John MILLER , Ochlocknee, GA | no equipment listed |
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| Andy ROBINS , Kalamazoo, MI | Icom IC-R75, active whip, Tecsun PL-880 & PL-660,
45' PAR EF-SWL |
| Alan ROE , Teddington, UK | Winradio G31 Excalibur,, ELAD FDM-S2 17m long wire |
| Ronald SIVES , South Plainfield, NJ | Eton field radio and 66' SWL dipole |
| David TURNICK , Sinking Spring, PA | RX340, WinRadio G31DDC, Alpha Delta DX sloper,
49m dipole |
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- 3320 **SOUTH AFRICA** *Radio Sonder Grense* - Meyerton, 0352-0417 Aug 2, pop vocals followed by a man announcer talking in Afrikaans language. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 3985 **GERMANY** *Radio Slovakia Int'l* Kall, 07/17, 1900. English. News and Slovakia Today (devoted to bio-medicine and medical research in Slovakia). 55333. (Roe-UK)
- 4875 **BRAZIL** *Radio Difusora Roraima* Portuguese 0116-0153 music; poor+ 8/6 (Prodan-ME)
- 4885 **BRAZIL** *Radio Clube do Pará* Portuguese 0115...0210 m very echo-y (numbers at 0152); fair+ 8/6 (Prodan-ME)
- 4925 **BRAZIL** *Radio Educacao Rural* - Tefé, 0210-0251* Aug 3, several men speaking in the Portuguese language with occasional short instrumental music segments and brief announcements. Another man announcer with closing ID and announcements; no anthem. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5025 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde* Spanish 0155-0210 music, m ann at 0159; faint 8/6 (Prodan-ME)
- 5040 **CUBA** *Radio Havana Cuba* Bauta, 08/06, 0515. English. Breakthrough; The Jazz Place with the music of jazz pianist Art Tatum. 43433. (Roe-UK)
- 5125 **PUERTO RICO** *Arecibo*, 2125-2138 Jul 30 and 0105-0130 Jul 31, noted early with poor signal but later with excellent carrier strength with tones. Interesting stuff. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5920 **UNITED STATES** *WHRI* Cypress Creek, 08/04, 0100. English. Christian religious music until 0130 then "Live from Studio B" (Christian religious music recorded live in the studio). 45433. (Roe-UK)
- 5950 **ETHIOPIA** *Voice of Tigray Revolution* Addis Ababa, 08/04, 0256. Vernacular. Transmitter on at 0256Tx with HoA music. Short announcement by a man at 0300 then continued with HoA music until faded out at 0330. 25332. (Roe-UK)
- 5950 **ETHIOPIA** *Voice of Tigray Revolution*. Addis Ababa; 8/9 0255 with their beautiful IS but suffered from a loud het caused by Radio Pio XXI's carrier still being on the air; fair-good (Robins-MI)
- 5952 **BOLIVIA** *Radio Pio XII*, Siglo Viente; 8/9 0229 "Colonel Bogey March" sign-off tune followed by usual harp theme, but the carrier remained on for well over half-an-hour more; poor (Robins-MI)

- 5990 **CUBA China Radio Int'l** Quivican, 08/04, 0000. Spanish/English. Sign-on and talk in SS, with music from 0050. At 0100 - continued beyond normal sign-off time with The Beijing Hour until transmitter abrupt off at 0137UT. 15331. (Roe-UK)
- 5990 **CUBA China Radio Int'l**, Quivican; 8/7 2302 English news by man but really under modulated; good carrier level (Robins-MI)
- 5995 **MALI Radio Mali**, Bamako; 8/7 2238 barest snatches of audio, probably not making it through my local RFI cloud because there is audio on various European SDRs; poor and hammered by Cuba 6000 after 2300 (Robins-MI)
- 6005 **GERMANY Radio Tirana** Kall, 07/19, 1900. English. Albania and the EU Integration process: (Talk about organized crime and Albanians taking part in their democratic right to vote) followed by Albanian Hits. 35322. (Roe-UK)
- 6020 **ALBANIA China Radio Int'l** Cerrik, 08/04, 0000. English. Language Café (Deep Pockets; Lame Duck; Make-over) and My China Story (Import/Export of pets). 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 6050 **ECUADOR HCJB**, 0030-0035, 7-15, Flute music then chanting in listed Waorani language. Man in language at 0033 then more music. Poor (Cichorek-NJ)
- 6050 **ECUADOR HCJB**, 2328-2331, 7-26-17. Flute music and woman with ID at 2330. Man talking in listed Quechua language. Poor. (Cichorek-NJ)
- 6050 **CHINA PBS Xizang** Lhasa, 08/03, 2040. Chinese. Western pop ballads (such as "Everything I do, I do for you" and "Take my breath away". 25332. (Roe-UK)
- 6060 **BRAZIL Radio Tupi**, 2333-2337, 7-26-17. Man and woman on Portuguese man with "radio tupi" at 2336, female vocals. Poor. (Cichorek-NJ)
- 6070 **CANADA CFRX**, Toronto, 2339-2340, 7-26-17. Woman in English talking about various ways to cook chicken. Poor (Cichorek-NJ)
- 6070 **GERMANY from the Isle of Music** Rohrbach, 07/25, 1905. English/Spanish. Cuban music program including an interview with Oriente López. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 6070 **GERMANY Radio Ohne Namen** Rohrbach, 07/28, 1806. German. Usual selection of 30's German big band songs. eQSL received in 20 minutes. 45333. (Roe-UK)
- 6090 **ETHIOPIA Radio Amhara (pres)** Addis Ababa, 07/11, 2005. Amharic. HoA music; talk (presumed to be news) read by a man at 2030UT (which would be TOH in Ethiopia), then more HoA music. 25332. (Roe-UK)
- 6110 **ETHIOPIA Radio Fana**, Addis Ababa; 8/9 0254 distinctive IS; fair-good (Robins-MI)
- 6115 **UNITED STATES WWCN** Nashville, TN 2257 religious: "we are born of the spirit but the flesh remains unchanged;" good 7/8 (Prodan-ME)
- 6130 **CHINA PBS Xizang** Lhasa, 07/28, 2140. Tibetan. Tibetan singing and drumming. Weak reception also heard on 6025, 4920 and 4905kHz. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 6130 **SWAZILAND TWR Africa** Manzini, 07/14, 1925. Portuguese. Hymn; long talk by a man. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 6134 **BOLIVIA CP30 Radio Santa Cruz**; 8/9 0102 starting to fade in using the Tecsun PL-880 on the back deck with the 45' PAR EF-SWL wire; ID by woman 0104 into a loong string of ads and other announcements. (Robins-MI)
- 6145 **CUBA Radio Habana Cuba** English 0158-0224 "welcome to the English language broadcast with Ed Newman;" "this day in History;" news; fair 7/13 (Prodan-ME)
- 6145 **UK KBS World Radio** Woofferton, 07/19, 1935. French. Aux sources de la musique coréenne (with what seems to be a stage play with words sung without music other than an occasional drum beat. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 6155 **AUSTRIA Radio Austria Int'l** Moosbrunn, 07/17, 0530. German. Morning classical music program presented by a male and starting with a piece for cello followed by a piece for cello and orchestra. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 6160 **GERMANY New Shortwave Station Test** Lower Saxony, 08/02, 1920. English. Club/dance music with test transmission IDs. 25332. (Roe-UK)
- 6175 **ALBANIA China Radio Intl** 2254-2300 m singer, f ann, m singing in accented English; f ann with frequencies over Chinese music; at 2300 "esta esta Radio Nacional de China;" fair+ 7/8 (Prodan-ME)
- 6185 **MEXICO Radio Educacion**, 0039-0047, 7-15, Spanish pop vocals, ID by woman at 0047, fair to poor. (Cichorek-NJ)
- 6185 **MEXICO XEPPM Radio Educación** Spanish 0157- 0240 lively Mexican music; m ann at 0201 then more music; overridden by Vatican broadcast from ~0210 to 0230; then m speaking over some music; poor-fair, faint 7/29; fair at 0110 8/6 (Prodan-ME)
- 6185 **VATICAN CITY Vatican Radio** ~0210-0230 Armenian m speaker, occas f speaker; good (some Mexican music faintly in background) 7/29 (Prodan-ME)
- 6185 **MEXICO XEPPM-Radio Educacion**, Ciudad de Mexico; 8/8 0115 nice campesino music but had gone to equally great improv jazz piano by 0145; good (Robins-MI)

- 6195 **SINGAPORE BBC** 2303-08 English BBC news f ann then m ann with report about Qatar situation; poor-fair 7/8 (Prodan-ME)
- 6205 **IRELAND Coast FM**; 8/9 0326 pop/rock music playing hide-and-peek with my atrocious noise floor; it's fairly rare to pull in Euro pirates here on the "Third Coast"; very poor (Robins-MI)
- 6250 **EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Fernando Poo)**. **Radio Nacional** - Malabo, 0005-0034 Jul 28 and subsequent evenings, lively Afro pops music and occasionally some Spanish language talk. Nice to see this station reactivated. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6250 **EQUATORIAL GUINEA Radio Malabo (pres)** Malabo, 07/28, 2055. Spanish. African music just about audible and some general chat and more music including some western pops (such as Michael Jackson). 15321. (Roe-UK)
- 7120 **SOMALILAND Radio Hargeisa**; 8/9 0330 carrier on followed quickly by this station's distinctive style Quran; low modulation and CW QRM from AA4WA calling CQ; poor-fair (Robins MI)
- 7205 **SUDAN Radio Sudan**, Al-Aitahab; 8/9 0237 Quran but very weak audio; fair-good carrier level (Robins-MI)
- 7255 **NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria**, Aug 16 at 0611 check, VON is back on in Hausa, after AWOL 24 hours earlier (Hauser-OK)
- 7280 **VIETNAM V of Vietnam** Hanoi, 07/16, 1900. English. News and The Sunday Show (about Fengshui in architecture). 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 7285 **ALBANIA Radio China Int'l**, 2049-2055, 7-27-17. Man & woman in English, program regarding Chinese labor used in the early days of the USA's railroad system.. Fair to poor. (Cichorek-NJ)
- 7295 **FRANCE Radio Algerienne** - Issoudun, 0432-0458* Aug 6, man announcer taking in the Arabic language with some Middle Eastern vocals. Off mid-song. Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7315 **VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam**, 0000-0019, 7-27-17. ID, Anthem and ID in English by man and woman. News, reception reports. SIO444. (Cichorek-NJ)
- 7315 **UNITED STATES Voice of Vietnam** via WHRI, 0000-0003, 7-27-17. ID and anthem followed by news in English. Also read reception letters. SIO444 (Cichorek-NJ)
- 7325 **SINGAPORE BBC** Kranji, 07/17, 1850. Pashto. Talk by OM and sign-off announcements. 45333. (Roe-UK)
- 7350 **OPPOSITION Denge Kurdistan** via Issoudun (or Kishinev, take your pick); 8/9 0241 non-stop Kurdish music, mostly upbeat; very good (Robins-MI)
- 7385 **UNITED STATES WHRI** 7/29 0315-0330___Christian pop music in EE, station ID, some ads, then back to music before switching over to Spanish at 0330. 55555 (Sives, NJ).
- 7425 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** - Rangitiki, 1119-1137 Jul 30, some sort of music program hosted by a woman announcer with English language talks. Fair signal but noisy conditions and fading. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7445 **MADAGASCAR BBC WS** Talata Volonondry, 07/17, 1810. English. World News followed by The Newsroom //15400 via Ascension. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 7490 **UNITED STATES WBCQ** 7/29 0340-0400___An odd assortment of music, ranging from an unknown heavy metal piece, to a low key selection of "Cast Your Fate to The Wind. Quite eclectic! 43333 (Sives, NJ).
- 7490 **UNITED STATES WBCQ** Monticello, ME 2202-15+ Alan Wiener with "Shortwave Saturday Night. excellent 8/5 (Prodan-ME)
- 7495 **FRANCE Radio Algerienne**-Chaîne 1, Issoudun; 8/8 2224 Quran with much ACI from WBCQ 7490; poor-fair (Robins-MI)
- 7505 **UNITED STATES WRNO**, Classic Radio Theater, 0239-0258, 7-10-17. News program of 6-10-1950 read by male followed by a sci-fi radio play from 1950. News items at 0255 and broadcast ended at 0258. SIO444. (Cichorek_NJ)
- 9400 **BULGARIA Mighty KBC** Sofia, 07/29, 1515. English. The Giant Jukebox (including police "Roxanne" and a digital transmission at 1530UT. 35322. (Roe-UK)
- 9420 **GREECE Voice of Greece** Avlis, 07/19, 1905. Greek. Recording of live concert (rock music). 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 9420 **GREECE ERT**, August 15 at 0143, ERT is playing song in English, "Moon River", not positive if original by Andy Williams, but nice, S9 to S9+20, 0145 Greek announcement and instrumental theme from a Western movie. (Hauser-OK)
- 9420 **GREECE Voice of Greece** at 0257 8/11. ID, oldie & Greek music. 505. (Miller-PA)
- 9440 **UNITED KINGDOM BBC WS** at 0307 8/11. News Day program. 434 (Miller-PA)
- 9445 **INDIA All India Radio GOS** via Bengaluru; 8/6 2130 "Welcome to Studio One" interview with India's 2014 Nobel laureate; barely audible here in Michigan during lousy propagation but armchair copy via a SDR in Germany (Andy Robins-MI)
- 9445 **INDIA All India Radio** w/Indian classical music 1751; I checked back 1807 and heard an English news bulletin. Good signals 07.25.17 a month ago this was barely audible. (Widner-PA)
- 9530 **ASCENSION ISLAND HCJB Radio Akhbar Murfritha**; 8/7 2212 talk by man in vernacular (Pulaar listed); off at 2230 recheck, 2215 sign off listed; poor-fair (Robins-MI)

- 9570 **MADAGASCAR MWV New Life** Mahajanga, 07/17, 1830. Russian. Hymn "Hallelujah" and a Christian rock/pop song, with talk by a man. 45333. (Roe-UK)
- 9610 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Tiganesti, 07/10, 2045. English. The History Show (Romania's Treasure in Tismana) and Think Greener (Upcycling). 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 9620 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** at 0530 8/6. Roots Program 'Legends of the Bear'. 42224 (Miller-PA)
- 9630 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** at 0608 8/10. WX Forecast and Check Point Program. 434. (Miller-PA)
- 9650 **GUINEA Radio Guinee**, Conakry; 8/6 2137 usual "hi-life" music with French announcements by M; fair and actually better heard in Michigan than on some SDRs in Europe at this time (Andy Robins-MI)
- 9655 **FRANCE Radio Algerienne-Chaine 1**, Issoudun; 8/8 2134 Quran, then Arabic announcements by woman into music; fair-good and no QRM from Conakry 9650, which went off early (Robins-MI)
- 9665 **BRAZIL Radio Voz Missionária** Aug 17 at 0554, Radio Voz Missionária has almost achieved a full kHz of offness, S7 signal in Brazuqueuse gospel huxter, much better signal than the others, JBA carriers circa 9674.97, 9725+, 9819 (Hauser-OK)
- 9680 **KUWAIT Radio Free Asia** - Umm al-Rimam, 0141-0158* Jul 11, woman announcer talking in listed Tibetan language. Mix of instrumental music and talks until closedown by a man and woman at 0157. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9685 **AUSTRALIA T-Reach Beyond Australia** at 1130 8/6. Relg music and talk on foods for a healthy heart. (Miller-PA)
- 9760 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Galbeni, 07/28, 2224. English. Roots (talking about the Summer Solstice and preparing for winter); Truly Romanian. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 9800 **EGYPT Radio Cairo**, Abis; 8/7 2216 open carrier only during scheduled English service; noted with weak modulation 8/8 2110; very good carrier level (Robins-MI)
- 9830 **TURKEY V o Turkey** Emirler, 07/14, 2200. English. News; Turkey & EU Relations (talking about diplomacy and Cyprus); followed by World of Sport and Turkish songs. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 9830 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey**, Emirler; 8/7 2217 man with talk on the Kurdish situation from Ankara's point of view, ending with the question, "Why is the U.S. democracy killing people?" into weekly segment "Legends of Anatolia"; very good and no RTTY for a change (Robins-MI)
- 9870 **SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA**, Riyadh; 8/7 2219 nominated Arabic discussion between a man and woman in studio and another guy on the phone; very good (Robins-MI)
- 9900 **SINGAPORE BBC WS** Kranji, 07/16, 1630. English. Repeat of Sportsworld program first broadcast on 23 June (a Lionel Messi special celebrating his 30th birthday). 45434. (Roe-UK)
- 9915 **UNITED KINGDOM BBC**. 2017-2023, 7-27-17. In English, discussion of Pakistani politics, ID at 2020 and into news with North Korean missile launch lead story. SI0333. (Cichorek-NJ)
- 9935 **GREECE Voice of Greece** - Avis. 2105-2127 Jul 31, Program of Greek vocals hosted by a man announcer with Greek language talk. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9940 **MOLDOVA TWR Africa** Grigoriopol. 07/29, 1825. Tigre (listed). Gentle African song, announcement by a man, more music than the TWR Interval signal and transmitter off at 1830. 45344. (Roe-UK)
- 9975 **ARMENIA RTL Radio Luxembourg** Gavar, 08/06, 1920. German. RTL R Luxembourg German service 60th anniversary special with talk, congratulation messages (occasionally in English) and a selection of oldies music. (Roe-UK)
- 11530 **UNITED STATES Radio Taiwan Int'l** Okeechobee, 07/12, 0000. Spanish. News read by a woman, followed by other reports read by a man and a woman. 45433. (Roe-UK)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES WRMI** 2343-2355_AUG 5; apparent rebroadcast of a station from Australia or live relay, not sure which. Featured a segment called Famous Quotes from Famous People (Yoko Ono), as well as mx by The Monkees and Enya. 43343 (Sives- NJ)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES WRMI** Okeechobee, FL 2225-2331 Spanish Radio Argentina al Exterior - discussion with personnel of the various Radio Nacional stations in Argentina; at 2300 English station ID then to Glenn Hauser with World of Radio #1889, recorded August 1; at 2330 Hobart Radio Int'l; very good 8/5 (Prodan-ME)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES FG Radio**, Cyprus Okeechobee, 07/11, 2300. English. Travel news from the Travel portal on the FG Website. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES Jazz from the Left** Okeechobee, 07/25, 2000. English. Mellow jazz music introduced by Raoul. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES PCJ Radio Int'l** Okeechobee, 07/12, 0100. English. Happy Station Show with a 1972 R Netherlands Play for Radio: At The Kings Pleasure. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES Radio Slovakia Int'l** Okeechobee, 07/12, 0030. English. News; Slovakia Today (with items portable plastic medical testing strips and South Sudan). 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES Radio Ukraine Int'l** Okeechobee, 07/11, 2330. English. News and Ukrainian Perspective; the Reading Lounge ("Fatal Eggs" by Bulgakov). 55444. (Roe-UK)

- 11580 **UNITED STATES RAE Argentina** Okeechobee, 07/11, 2200. Italian. News headlines read by a woman, and then a program of Argentinian music. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 11580 **UNITED STATES WRMI** Okeechobee, 07/28, 2300. English. Viva Miami (letters with Jeff White). 45333. (Roe-UK)
- 11600 **CLANDESTINE Denge Kurdistan** – Grigoriopol, 2004-2052 Jul 31, Several men and woman in a lively discussion in the Kurdish language. At 2029, some instrumental music followed by a man announcer with talk. Fair signal. Re-check at 2104 but station gone. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11610 **MADAGASCAR World Christian Broadcasting**, Mahajanga; 8/7 2155-2159 sign-off Chinese with light music; very good (Robins-MI)
- 11620 **INDIA [and non-]. All India Radio**, August 15 at 0133, S Asian music at S1-S3, as special Independence Day broadcast from AIR is imminent. O. Hauser-OK)
- 11670 **CUBA Radio Habana Cuba** 2333-2359 Spanish; Cuban jazz & other Cuban music; after 2350 talk; very good 8/5 (Prodan-ME)
- 11670 **INDIA All India Radio** Bengaluru, 07/13, 0259. Dari (as listed). News; Indian vocal song. 15421. (Roe-UK)
- 11700 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l**, Tiganesti; 8/7 2319 Spanish talk by man mentioning Iglesia de Bessarabia //11880, which was not as strong; very good (Robins-MI)
- 11725 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l**, Rangataiki; 8/9 0300 sign-on with the old Bluebird IS followed by a man in Maori giving a rollcall of Pacific islands (Hawaii, Raiatea, et al very good (Robins-MI)
- 11730 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** – Santa Maria de Galeria, 0126-0139* Jul 11, male vocal selection followed by a woman announcer talking with two men in listed Malayalam language. Flute music at 0138 followed by Vatican's IS. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11735 **ZANZIBAR ZBC** was clear with no interference, music heard 1757 to 1800 when time pips heard on the hour, time check followed by an ID for the Zanzibar Broadcasting Service, then an English news bulletin, all read by an YL. 07.25.17 (Widner-PA)
- 11735 **BRAZIL Radio Transmundial (Tent)** looking for an early Zanzibar but this one was different. This station fading in and out 1753, lang sounded like Portuguese but it wouldn't stay around long enough. (Widner-PA)
- 11760 **CUBA Radio Habana Cuba** Bauta, 07/11, 2300. Spanish. Cuban instrumental music at TOH, then talk by a man and a woman. Later Cuban music with talk by woman presenter. //11670 and 11840 (both weaker). 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 11775 **ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon**, 2026-2030, 7-29-17. Female with sermon, religious vocals at 2028 with casual ID and phone number. SIO444. (Cichorek-NJ)
- 11790 **MADAGASCAR World Christian Broadcasting/Radio Feda**, Mahajanga; 8/7 2204 man and woman with talk in Arabic; very good (Robins-MI)
- 11810 **KOREA, SOUTH KBS World Radio** 11810, 07/11, 2200. English. News; Seoul Calling. Signal faded out shortly after 2230UT. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 11810 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Tiganesti, 07/17, 1730. English. You're Music - music hits program, followed by Listener's Letterbox. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 11820 **SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA** Riyadh; 8/7 2205 Arabic Holy Quran service //11915, which was weaker, as usual; very good level with significant slop from Brother Stair WRMI 11825, as usual (Robins-MI)
- 11855 **BRAZIL Radio Aparecida**; 8/7 2323 lively music with accordion and vocals to 2325 when a Portuguese ID my man for "Radio Nacional," so presumably the required "Voz do Brasil" relay; poor-fair with fading (Robins-MI)
- 11865 **IRAN VOIRI**, Zahedan; 8/9 0321 weak and fluttery with distinctive Iranian classical music of the kind performed by Kayhan Kalhor; Arabic service listed; poor (Robins-MI)
- 11880 **CUBA Radio Habana Cuba** Bauta, 07/11, 2331. English. International news; Dxers Unlimited (with Arnie Coro including talk about sunspots. 25432. (Roe-UK)
- 11905 **SRI LANKA SLBC**, Trincomalee; 8/8 0113 carrier already on, modulation 0115 but after the usual time pips; Hindi announcements by woman into subcontinental pop music; fair with flutter (Robins-MI)
- 11915 **SAUDI ARABIA Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** – Riyadh, 2206-2227 Jul 10, man with recitations followed by some talk in the Arabic language by a man announcer. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11930 **UNITED STATES Radio Marti** Greenville, 07/11, 2300. Spanish. News read by a man and reports with talk and interviews by men recorded outside somewhere - later there was some talk about Miami. 55433. (Roe-UK)
- 11945 **FRANCE NHK Radio Japan** Issoudun, 07/09, 1810. Japanese. Weak signal, but old western-style ballads heard. 25432. (Roe-UK)

- 11965 **CLANDESTINE Radio Erena** - Kostinbrod, 1704-1800* Jul 13, long time between loggings of this one with woman announcer speaking in listed Tigrinya language followed by a man and woman talking Poor to fair signal but very deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11975 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Galbeni, 07/09, 1800. Romanian. Song, then into a sport program replacing usual Zi-le D-Alead-Ale Noastre. 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 11995 **FRANCE Radio France Int'l** - Issoudun, 1913-1926 Aug 1, French pop vocals followed by a discussion by a man and woman announcers in the French language including nice station ID. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 12015 **UNID** _2325-2335_AUG 5; auto scan stopped at this one: singing in presumed Indian dialect, judging by the style of singing and inflection. This changed over to OM/YL discussion. Poor. (Sives- NJ)
- 12015 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman** - Thumrait, 0008-0035 Aug 3, man announce with Arabic language talks followed by recitations. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 12045 **OMAN Radio. Sultanate of Oman**, 2358-0001, 8-10-17. Man in Arabic with dramatic reading and sound of birds in background. 0000, no ID and call to prayer. SIO444 (Cichorek-NJ)
- 13640 **INDIA All India Radio** Bengaluru, 07/24, 1915. Arabic. Dramatic film music with OM presenter. 45333. (Roe-UK)
- 13770 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** 13770, 07/15, 1100. English. Truly Romanian; DX Mailbag and Through the Looking Glass (about Romanian sites on the UNESCO World Heritage list). 55555. (Roe-UK)
- 13840 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** Pacific, Rangaitiki; 8/6 2148 quick ID by woman into an eclectic music program; fair level but obscured by local RFI, which is very bad in this band at my home (Andy Robins-MI)
- 15130 **ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l** Galbeni, 07/15, 1310. Romanian. Program "Verba Manent" with some traditional/folk songs sung live in studio. 55444. (Roe-UK)
- 15140 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman** - Thumrait, 1652-1725 Aug 2, pop vocals program hosted by a man announcer with English language talks, IDs ("Radio Sultanate of Oman ... 90.4 ...") and announcements. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15190 **BRAZIL Rádio Inconfidência**, Aug 16 at 2012, JBA carrier, presumed Rádio Inconfidência, which JRX in Brasil reported activated as of Aug 13, not heard since June 5, on "15190", but it's always been off-frequency, now more so than before (Hauser-OK)
- 15290 **FRANCE Deutsche Welle** Issoudun, 07/26, 1650. English. Educational radio drama Crime Fighters, ep4 of "The Radical Journey" investigating the death of a suicide bomber. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 15355 **GUAM KSDA Adventist World Radio**; 8/7 2325 religious music with a lot of alleluias to 2327 when ID by woman with call letters, one IS stanza and off; poor-fair with flutter but one of the very few signals on 19 meters at this hour (Robins-MI)
- 15400 **ASCENSION ISLAND BBC** 1801-23 "BBC Newsreel" estimated 8.3B tons plastic made since 1950s, only 9% recycled; smoking & tobacco use; Burma human trafficking; BBC pay equity issues; fair-good 7/19 (Prodan-ME)
- 15400 **ASCENSION BBC WS** Ascension, 07/17, 1810. English. The Newsroom (including report of a baboon causing a power outage in South Africa). 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 15430 **SRI LANKA Deutsche Welle**, Aug 16 at 1342, M&W talk in Farsi? at S8-S4 with flutter as if transpolar: yes, Aoki shows Deutsche Welle, 250 kW, 335 degrees via Trincomalee, 1330-1400 in Dari (Hauser-OK)
- 15445 **GERMANY NHK Radio Japan** Nauen, 07/19, 1805. Japanese. Popular Japanese standards and easy-listening songs. 45333. (Roe-UK)
- 15475 **MADAGASCAR BBC WS**, Talata Volonondry 07/15, 1320. English. Special broadcast providing live coverage of Wimbledon ladies singles final. 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 15505 **BANGLADESH BB** August 15 at 1358:48.5 again like yesterday BB mis-timesignal ends more than a minute early on VP signal (Hauser-OK)
- 15520 **SPAIN REE** Spain Noblejas, 08/05, 2025. Spanish. Music & chat then live commentary of World Athletics Championships from London with Usain Bolt competing. 45444. (Roe-UK)
- 15540 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** Sulaibyah, 07/14, 1855. English. Today in History; Pop song; Stories from the Holy Qu'ran "The Story of the Construction of the first house of worship at Mecca". 22dB. (Roe-UK)
- 15550 **VATICAN Radio Dabanga** SM di Galeria, 07/09, 1603. Arabic. African/Arabic music; Talk by OM (in studio) with YL on phone (running past normal schedule). 35333. (Roe-UK)
- 15570 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** - Santa Maria de Galeria, 1605-1630* Aug 2, man announcer speaking in the Swahili language with numerous mentions of "Christo". Short vocals selection and more religious talk. IS at closedown. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

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< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, July 30, 2017 -- You may be old enough to remember S. S. Kresge's, but you probably weren't around when they had a radio department that sold tubes, batteries, parts, speakers, and the Pilot "Super-Wasp" receiver in kit form. For their 1929 radio catalog, look under "DX History/Equipment & Advertising." -- Under "Specialized Resources/Active Inactive SWBC Countries" we have added a recent calculation of active-inactive countries based on the Swedish DX Federation/EDXC list. This list was prepared by Lennart Weirell of Vasteras, Sweden. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," Adrian Peterson fills us in on "The Radio Scene on an Almost Canadian Island in the Caribbean" (Wavescan N439, July 23, 2017).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, August 6, 2017 -- Under "DX History/Stations" we have posted several items in a mini-tribute to Radio Universidad de Costa Rica. One looks to be a regular RUCR envelope (note the inclusion of the shortwave channel on the bottom front, but not the back), with two stamps commemorating the writing of the lyrics to the Costa Rican national anthem by Jose Maria Zeledon, and a cancellation commemorating the 55th anniversary of the station. The date of the cancellation appears to be written as "14:22 Julio, 2004," which I believe was the celebratory period, July 14-22. The station came on the air on November 29, 1949. There are some online references to the station's history < <http://radios.ucr.ac.cr/radio-universidad-de-costa-rica-67-anos-de-radio> > and also to the 2004 celebration < <https://semanariouniversidad.com/cultura/radio-universidad-55-aos-de-hacer-historia/> > You will have to rely on your Spanish for the full story, which is contained in "Historia de Radio-- Radioemisoras de la Universidad de Costa Rica," published in 2014 < http://www.ontheshortwaves.com/Universidad/Historia_de_Radio-2014.pdf > Also posted: a recording of their shortwave channel, 6105 kHz., made on June 6, 1998, at 0604 UTC s/off; and a 1978 QSL belonging to the late John D. Tuchscherer. -- Domestic Broadcasting Survey Editor Anker Petersen has been tracking the status of tropical band broadcasting for many years. Under "Specialized Resources/Active-Inactive SWBC Countries" we have added a file containing his findings on the status of tropical band broadcasting, specifically, the status of tropical band broadcasting in 2017 vs. 1973, 1985, 1997 and 2009, and the status of tropical band broadcasting each year from 2000 to 2017. Thanks, Anker.

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, August 13, 2017 -- In "DX History/QSLs & Other Station Memorabilia," we remember the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. It should ring a bell with students of the early American broadcast band scene, for it was the first home of Zenith station WJAZ, which had developed out of the famous Chicago Radio Laboratory ("Mathews and Hassel") amateur station 9ZM in 1922. It was for promotional purposes that the hotel offered a home to WJAZ, which operated initially on the common broadcast band channel of 360 meters, moving to 448 meters (670 kc.) in 1923. The station left the hotel after a year, changed its call letters to WGN and sold WJAZ to the hotel, which changed the call letters to WEBH. (WJAZ lived on in other incarnations.) The story is memorialized in two QSLs that we have posted in "The CPRV Gallery." One, from WJAZ, verifies reception reported in a letter to the station dated May 16, 1923 (the day after the move to 670 kc.). Of perhaps greater interest is a brochure about the station, and the hotel, which we have posted with the QSL. It gives the wavelength as 448 meters, so it dates from the same period as the letter. The other QSL is a great-looking folder (with EKKO stamp) from WEBH, together with a nicely-illustrated promotional brochure from the station. WEBH, which called itself the Voice of the Great Lakes, was on the air from the hotel for about four years. Newspapers played a big role in both stations, the *Chicago Tribune* at WJAZ, the *Chicago Evening Post* at WEBH. The hotel closed in 1967 and was demolished in 1970-71. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," Adrian Peterson tells us about "Artificial Languages on Radio" (Wavescan N440, July 30, 2017), and "The Radio Scene on a Small Island With a Large Volcano-1 [Montserrat]" (Wavescan N441, August 6, 2017).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, August 20, 2017 -- Italy's main shortwave broadcaster, RAI, left shortwave in 2007. Its ancestor station, EIAR, was a strong presence in its day, including an "American Hour" in 1935. Under "DX History/Stations" we have posted their published schedule for that December of that year, together with a "season's greeting" postcard that they sent to listeners in 1938. -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," Adrian Peterson brings us the second installment of the story of artificial languages: "Artificial Languages on Radio: Esperanto" (Wavescan N442, August 13, 2017).

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