

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Våren har kommit till Skåne och överallt ser man nu bönderna ute på fälten. Längst nere i södra Skåne är man redan klar med allt vårbruk.

HEP har råkat ut för en bondes nit och en hel helg har fått läggas till antennarbete. Meningslöst kan tyckas, men HEP vänder det till något positivt.

Så se det som en möjlighet att prova ut nya antenner när inte längre möjligheten att sätta upp antenner på längden finns. I mitt fall slutade det med att radion knappt längre är igång överhuvudtaget!

I övrigt går det på sparlåga på KV. Inte många bidrag som flyter in numera. Som synes så är det en liten men tapper skara som står för bidragen. En längre stund på konventet får väl ägnas åt att diskutera KV-lyssningens framtid. Trots det så kan man hitta en del aktivitet ute bland DX-are och radioamatörer som ni kan finna under övriga nyheter.

Passa även på att anmäla er till konventet. Skulle faktiskt vara riktigt trevligt att se några nya ansikten där detta år....

Keep on

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SWB hot stuff: <http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/> (på denna sajt ligger alltid senaste SWB).
SWB member information: <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/member.htm>
Jubileumstidskriften: <http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/> (html- + pdf-version).

QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Konvent, 8-9 maj å Kanebergstugan Halmstad

Vi börjar 15.00 den 8:e. Bra övernattningsmöjligheter finns i Kanebergstugan. Du behöver bara ta med lakan, örngott och filt. Toaletter och duschar finns tillgängligt. För er som vill ha hotellrum så kan detta ordnas ca 1 mil från Kanebergstugan. Utöver sedvanligt program gäller följande tider:

Lördag

15.00 Välkomstfika
19.00 Gemensam middag
22.30 Nattmacka

Söndag

08.30 Frukost, därefter förflyttar vi oss till golfrestaurangen i Marbäck
12.00 Lunch på restaurangen

Anmälan görs till Leif, 035-446 20 eller per e-mail: leif.blomqvist@halmstad.mail.telia.com, senast 2 maj 2004. Pris per person c:a 340:- för er som ligger över i Kanebergstugan. För er som bor på hotell, blir kostnaden utöver hotellrummet 270:-. **Välkomna önskar Leif och Ivonne.**

Christer Brunström: QSL: **Kyrgyz Radio 4010** epost från Meerim Orozobekova. Det har tagit många år och rapporter att få svar från denna station. Dessutom är det ett nytt land och det var länge sedan sist. **International Radio of Serbia & Montenegro 6100** special-QSL + standar (sändaren ligger väl i Bosnien). **Radio Verdad 4052.5** med stort standar med fransar och allt samt diverse trycksaker. QSL kom tidigare i år. **Radio Japan via Gabon** flera QSL-kort samt en mycket praktisk TIME DIFFERENCE CARD som kan användas för att avgöra tiden i olika tidszoner. Man får den säkert gratis från Radio Japan.

Hermod Pedersen: Påskhelgen har till del ägnats åt antennarbete, eftersom grannbonden lyckats med skogsavverkning på ängarna med vad jag trodde var ovanligt få träd. Dessa är nu betydligt färre, inte minst där jag tidigare hade med möda utvalda fästpunkter för min fina andinska bäver. "Hade" är nyckelordet i sammanhanget).

Nedanstående loggningar är således mest ett resultat av test av EWE antenn jämfört med nydragen beverage. De betydligt fler hörigheterna på MV har tagits bort, men det visar det sig att EWE-antennerna faktiskt mer än väl lever upp till sitt rykte även på kortvåg, så effekterna av trädkövligen kan på sikt visa sig överkomlig.

Tore B Vik: QSL fra **R. Dif. Pocos de Caldas - 4945 kHz** - e.post.

Jan Edh: Påskens DX-ande inskränkte sig till påskdagsnatten. Med halvtörda förhållanden och dessutom för första gången på mycket länge ett _protonskutt_ blev väl utfallet ungefär det förväntade. Det vill säga alls inte bra, men ett par för mig nya afrikaner var ju kul... Mellanvågen på natten/morgonen var däremot heltrist. Vibracion och stundtals Cristal gick som tåget på 1470, några Venezuela (men kient) på ytterligare frekvenser och troligen PR på 1480. På KV gick några av de vanligaste peruanerna hyggligt.

QSL: Radio Galkayo 6980. Email. V/s Sam Voron (som svarade från Sidney Airport medan han väntade på en flight...) 3 timmar och Ahmed Haji-Jama, webmaster 5 timmar.

16/4: Fick just ett ytterligare mail från Sam Voron med litet ytterligare info om Radio Galkayo just nu med mera och som väl kan vara av intresse för SWB:s läsare: "Hello Jan, This is a follow up to the e-mail report I sent you. I am now in Galkayo, Somalia and am very pleased to inform you that when you heard radio Galkayo on 6.980 MHz the power out put was not 800 Watts it was 15 Watts! We are still on 15 Watts until I can repair the Amplifier. So congratulations on hearing the short wave AM broadcasts at so small a power out put. I will be setting up a new FM station here, repairing Radio Galkayo and starting a ham radio training course. Regards, Sam Voron VK2BVS Radio ham volunteer."

18/4: Fredagsnatten (15-16/4) blev en tämligen trist tillställning ute i Fredriksfors (ungefär lika som natten innan när Ronny Forslund var ute där själv). Klenta signaler, mycket brus och inte en enda station värd att rapportera. Litet märkligt i sammanhanget var att det som gick hade ungefär samma signalstyrka oavsett om vi lyssnade på prärieantennen eller en La Plata... Och några av de bästa (det betyder inte bra) spansktalande signalerna strax före soluppgången gick på frekvenser där det inte precis alltid hörs något: 1360, 1550 och 1570 (den senare religiös, Amanecer?). I övrigt var det egentligen bara 1470 och 1660 som gick bra...

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

2310	11.4	1815	ABC och // med 2325 och 2485 som alla gick med QSA 3 så här pass tidigt. Ibland har någon i trion haft egna program (eller om det är från någon annan kanal) men nu hade alla samma. JE
3235	11.4	2125	Radio Guarujá Paulista (//5045 som gick starkare) ovanligt bra och ovanligt tidigt, gav löften för natten som inte uppfylldes. <i>_Moonlight Serenade_</i> i sambatakt bl a. QSA 2-3. JE
3344,8	11.4	2030	RRI Ternate med lokala nyheter. QSA 2-3 JE
3375,1	12.4	0105-0130	Radio San Antonio , Peru, Chicha music en längre stund, annonsering på quechua, sedan nån sorts religiöst 0128, därefter snabbt allt sämre signal. /HeP
3905	11.4	2025	RRI Merauke (tent) med <i>_västerländskliknande_</i> musik. Mycket språk. Tycks ju för det mesta vara inaktiv numer? QSA 2. JE
3926,87	11.4	2057	Pirat (holländsk) . Sade Radio Tropik(?) ibland, Radio Korak International ibland. Anrop också på tyska och engelska. Ville ha rapporter via SMS. QSA 4 och splattrade alldeles bort försöken att höra Nikkei 3925. JE
4000,12	11.4	2107	RRI Kendari (tent) med muslimsk morgonbön. QSA 3 JE
4386	9.4	0400	R. Imperio med sitt vanliga px TBV
4605	11.4	2045	RRI Serui med musik. QSA 3 JE
4749,997	16.4	1500	R Peace "This is R Peace" dessförinnan religiöst px blandat på engelska och afrikansk dialekt. SA
4750	11.4	1735	Radio Peace oväntat bra. Religiöst prat med hälsoinriktning och litet sång på afrikanskt språk. Stängde 17.47 efter anrop på engelska. Provade på morgonen också, men då fanns ingen signal. QSA 3 JE
4784,88	12.4	0035	Radio Difusora Roraima , Boa Vista, rel.px 3-4 GAL
4790	11.4	2100	RRI FakFak med indonesisk pop. QSA 3-4 JE
4799,8	17.4	0130	Radio Buenas Nuevas med predikan. QSA 2 JE/RFK
4826,4	12.4	0245	Radio Sicuani var en av några (vanliga) peruaner.Telefonprogram där man började önska <i>_buenas noches_</i> , så jag nappade på den kroken... QSA 3. JE
4832	17.4	0140	Radio Litoral med religiösa sånger. QSA 2 JE/RFK
4845,2	17.4	0200	Radio Cultura . Ondas Tropicais Non stop musik, bra styrka (bästa på bandet, QSA 3-4) men usel modulation. JE/RFK
4855,9	12.4	0000-0020	La Hora , tent, Peru, mest snack, svag fladdrig signal, det mesta svårtytt -- störstjöv av reklamer 0013 -- ungefärligt lika bra på EWE. /HeP
4874,6	11.4	2110	RRI Sorong med kvinnlig presentatör och religiös (kristen) musik. (Däremot hörs inget av Wamena 4870 numer) QSA 2-3 JE
4895	12.4	0100	Radio Novo Tempo , Cambo Grande (heter den tydligen nu, fd Radio IPB-AM). Stillsamt kristet program med mest musik och <i>_Novo Tempo_</i> mellan vart och vartannat stycke. Ibland blev det grötigt på frekvensen med en station till, troligen Baré. QSA 3. JE
4903,98	12.4	0030	Radio San Miguel , Riberalta, BOL, noticias S 3 GAL
5010	23.3	2330	R. Cristal Internacional , Sto.Dgo. tillbaka med vanlig mx fra den kanten TBV
5014,6	11.4	0230	R. Altura er det vel som dro seg opp mot QSA4 TBV
5580	10.4	2305	R. San Jose - premier for denne sesongen TBV
5997	10.4	0013	R. Melodia tilbake på denne frekvensen TBV
6010,24	18.4	0010	Radio Inconfidencia , B. Horizonte, mx px 2-3 GAL
6035	9.4	0215	LV de Guaviare med ID og nyheter TBV 4485 10.4 2250 R.Frecuencia god frem til s/off 0305 TBV
6105,5	10.4	2250	R. Panamericana med påskepx og kanonstyrke TBV
6134,77	17.4	2353	Radio Santa Cruz , S. ta Cruz, "la Poderosa" ,Ids 4 GAL
6134,8	12.4	0040-0045	Radio Santa Cruz , Bolivia, ID a la "Santa Cruz, la primera", hårt klämd av brassen (Aparecida) litet högre upp. /HeP
6173	11.4	0045	R. Tawantinsuyo - sport og prat TBV
6173,85	12.4	0035-0040	Radio Tawantinsuyo , Peru, andinsk musik, flutter fading, saludos /HeP
6193	11.4	0050	R. Cusco med nydelig lokal mx TBV
6980	11.4	1732	Radio Galkayo stängde med hymn. QSA 2 JE
6960	11.4	1735	Radio Shabele mycket bra med nyheter och annat. QSA 3-4 JE
12084.82	13.4	1000	Voice of Mongolia svagt med EE. CB
15295	13.4	0813	Voice of Malaysia ovanligt starkt med "Golden Oldies" - trevligt! 3-4 CB



BM i Ecuador – Bandscan KV-89, 18/4 2004

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Hej alla SWB-are!

Hoppas bara några "enstaka" är arga på mig för att jag hänger ut inspelningar av LA-stationer på min hemsida. Men det är ju så himla kul! Har aldrig haft så trevligt som DXare som just nu, även om, som det verkar, all min energi som DXare går till detta. En helt annan dimension öppnar sig när jag har möjlighet att presentera mina loggningar via audioclips. Om det inte känns allt för skrämmande så lyssna gärna på nedanstående stationer här: <http://www.malm-ecuador.com>

För övrigt är Avenida La Prensa fullständigt hopplös just nu då man frenetiskt bygger om allt för att senare ha dom stora eldrivna Trolebussarna passerande från Norr till Söder och tvärtom. Dom får en egen autostrada mitt i den breda La Prensa. Fullt med 3x3 meter breda, 3-4 meter djupa hål överallt och som vanligt rycker man bara på axlarna när man försynt frågar om man inte kan täcka över hålen. Livsfarligt och helt otänkbart hemma i Sverige.

Kolla in på TV "Miss Universum" juni månad, har en känsla av att allt "bra" som görs i Quito är till för alla TV-kameror, eller är jag kanske stygg när jag tänker så?

2190.00 HCMG2 R. Guayaquil, Guayaquil (Ecuador) 45kb Som inspelning är det ganska dåligt men loggningen av Radio Guayaquil på 2190 kHz är ganska bra och ID ar 100%. Harmonic från 730 kHz.

4933.00 R. Familiar Cristiana, Vereda La Puerta (Colombia?) 74kb 1100 UTC 03/2004. Nu fick jag äntligen en bra inspelning av QTH som är Vereda La Puerta, så nu är jag överens med HK, som redan efter min första, dåliga, inspelning av Familiar Cristiana trodde detta var QTH. Detta uppfattar jag från min inspelning: "Estamos transmitiendo desde aquí de la Vereda La Puerta a través de su Radio Familiar Cristiana.....". Stationen fortsätter att höras men med ganska dålig hörbarhet och det återstår att placera "Vereda La Puerta" lite närmare. Men spännande är det!

4939.66 R. Amazonas, Puerto Ayacucho (Venezuela) 125kb 04/2004. Detta är Venezuelas enda kvarvarande station på tropikbanden, jag börjar snart gråta. Táchira kommer möjligen tillbaka men just nu inaktiv. Amazonas är oftast mycket svagt modulerad men fick denna gång en riktigt fin inspelning.

5055.02 Radio Difusora, Cáceres (Brazil) 124 kB 04/2004. Förmodligen QTH Cáceres skrev jag först efter att ha uppfattat "Difusora"-IDs. Snabbt kom svaret från Rogildo Aragão, Brasilien vilket bekräftar min "teori". Rogildo Aragão: "Es realmente R.Difusora de Cáceres, estado de Mato Grosso, Brasil. Puedes escuchar en tu grabación la palabra PANTANAL, es una región pantanosa que empieza en Cáceres y baja hasta Corumbá. Aquí en las mañanas esta ultimamente entrando com buen señal y exactamente este programa que escuchaste".

6035.02 LV del Guaviare, San José de Guaviare (Colombia) 150kb 04/2004. Stationen brukar driva 2-3 Hz men är mycket säker, alltid aktiv och som det verkar för det mesta lokalt.

6047.15 R. Santa Rosa, Lima (Peru) 99kb 04/2004. Tror stationen har varit borta ganska länge men ligger stabilt på sin "nya" splitfrekvens.

6956.90 R. LV del Campesino, Huarmaca (Peru) 120kb/2004. Henrik är vaken och uppfattade en nyhet på min inspelning. Henrik Klemetz: "Radio La Voz del Campesino says their address is Calle Bolognesi 135, in Huarmaca. So the address in WRTH 2004 must be considered as out of date".

Also this station has been uploaded recently:

4530.00 HK793 Radio Versalles, Versalles (Colombia) 95kb 04/2004. Fine catch, the station has just 250 W. Harmonic from 1510 kHz.



Saludos Cordiales desde "La Mitad del Mundo"! (When using my information give credit to: Bjorn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SWB América Latina)

Stationsnyheter

BOLIVIA. 4763.18v, Radio Chicha, Tocla, Potosí, 2150-2200, Abril 11. Español. Música latina. Identificación completa por OM e YL: Usted... Radio Chicha, desde Tocla, en el departamento de Potosí, transmitiendo en 4760 kilociclos, onda corta y 100.5 MHz, frecuencia modulada", 24332 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

BRAZIL. 4895, R. IPB Novo Tempo, Campo Grande, MS, 0850-0920, Apr 03. New name!!! Portuguese religious talk by two males and Christian music, ann: "Novo Tempo, Novo Tempo". Talk about a biblic course: "Encontro com a vida". Ann and ID at 0917: "...na Rádio IPB Novo Tempo..."; other ann.: "a programação do todos os sábados do Rádio Novo Tempo...". Speaker give a phone number and a web on Internet. TC, 34333 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, DSWCI DX Window April 7 via DXLD)

EASTER ISLAND. I received interesting QSL's last week. Navigation Beacon "IPA" Easter Island, Pacific Ocean (280 kHz)(full data pre- pared card) Onwards to bigger and better ones (Bob Combs, New Mexico, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Easter Island is good. For those who may not know, IPA is a Longwave, Long Range Aero Beacon, running 3000 Watts on 280 kHz. Located at the airport on Easter Island, on a good winter's evening (or Spring and Fall it's sometimes better) it can be heard all over North America. I got a prepared letter (one you write and they sign and stamp) as well as a nice personal letter from them for a reception on 24 Nov 2000 and 8 Dec 2000. Manuel Quinteros Rodríguez, "Jefe Aeropuerto Mataverí" also sent a sheet showing the various nav aids and their frequencies at the airport. Incidentally, in Spanish Easter Island is called "Isla de Pascua" and is property of Chile. Some very nice stamps on the envelope too! (73 from the "Beaconers Lair" Phil, KO6BB Atchley, via DXLD)

ECUADOR. Very up-to-date information about stations in Ecuador: http://www.miagencia.net/paginas_web/medios/guayas_am.htm 8/Abr/2004 20:46 Saludos Cordiales desde "La Mitad del Mundo"! (Björn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST) That particular page lists AM stations in Guayás province (gh, DXLD)

MALAYSIA 4895, RTM Kuching-Stapok, 1345-1557* Apr. 5. I followed this one for over two hours, just to see how long the signal would linger in the 60mb from my location. RTM was at a steady, good level past 1515 when it degraded to fair all the way to an abrupt sign-off at 1557*, which is 2 hours 20 min. past my local sunrise. Programming was mostly a variety-type show hosted by a female announcer (presumed Iban lang.) who took phone calls and played Asian pop tunes; there were occasional mentions of Malaysia. The plug was pulled at 1557* at the end of a song, without announcements. The open carrier disappeared a minute later. Thanks to Wilkins & Schulze for tips on this reactivated frequency. (Guy Atkins-WA)

NAMIBIA. Both 6060.00 and 6174.95 are on 24h but rather irregular lately. Both frequencies noted off on several occasions in past few weeks, mainly 6060. When only one frequency used, it is always 6174.95 (Vaclav Korinek, RSA, Mar 30, DSWCI DX Window April 7 via DXLD)

NORTH KOREA, 6067.79, Voice of Korea, 1100-1125 Noted a carrier on this freq prior to 1100 thinking it might be Jayapura, but at 1100 broadcasting started with NA followed by Korean comments by a woman. Some music, but mainly comments heard. Later a man joined in. Signal was threshold during the entire period. (Chuck Bolland, April 7, 2004 via HCDX)

PARAGUAY. 9736.9, R. Nacional del Paraguay, Asunción; *0802-, good on 3/21. Sign-on with music ``Pajaro Campana`` and opening ID ``El ta'er de los recuerdos de alpa, ... identificados con el .. de la cultura musical del Paraguay, anuncia .. de los ... del día de ZP1, ZPA1 y ZPD1 Radio Nacional del Paraguay, emisora oficial del estado paraguayo en sus frecuencias 920 kHz amplitud modulada, 9735 kc banda de 31 metros onda corta internacional y 95.1 MHz frecuencia modulada estéreo. En su programación independiente desde Blas Garay 241 entre Yegros e Iturbe, estudios centrales de la emisora ... de Asunción, capital de la República del Paraguay. A iniciar de jornada ... democráticos y ... de la paraguayidad ayudamos a nuestros oyentes el mejor de los ...`` Distorted audio (Takeshi SEJIMO, Radio Nuevo Mundo via Hideki WATANABE, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PERU. Radio Melodía, Arequipa, have returned from 5907 to their old frequency of 5997 kHz; in the morning with religious program and music in the night with live sport transmission. Remember that in DX LISTENING DIGEST 4-066, was reported a fútbol program under Chile; I guess this is the listening. R. V. of People, Seoul, Corea, transmitting in this frequency but in a new time. 73 desde Durazno Uruguay (Alfredo Locatelli, Webmaster de "El EsKuch@" <http://www.qsl.net/cx1no> April 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voz Cristiana is scheduled on 5995, but not until later in the night. Which frequency and what time do you mean for Korea? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Övriga radionyheter

DDS-4, ACCESSORY TO ALL DRAKE LOVERS (via rec.radio.shortwave)

Hello guys, only 1 minute of your time.....thanks! I have the pleasure to introduce this accessory to all DRAKE lovers: DDS-4. It is a modern DDS VFO with nice features and full plug and play. You can see this toy and others at:

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Thanks again for your attention and sorry for near OT msg. (73 de IK3VIG, Beppe)



From their web-site: *Welcome to the WoodBoxRadio website, where you will find unique ham radio accessories. We are ham radio operators, enthusiasts and homebrewers of equipment. All was born from a great idea of Giuliano, I0CG, and his great experience with hardware and software. Vintage designs are dear to us...do you remember the Collins, Drake, and Hallicrafters radios? Yes, our designs evoke the '60s and '70s. We offer you: electronic kits, assembled kits, cabinets, front panels and complete projects that are assembled and tested.*

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Price: DDS-4 assembled and tested (12 V ver.) US\$ 410,00 EURO 330,00



WONDER IF ANYONE ON THIS LIST STILL HAS ONE OF THESE! (via Mike Terry, rec.radio.shortwave)

ARRL - Hartford,CT,USA ... The signs were there: a Knight-Kit Span Master shortwave radio for Christmas in 1962, followed by a pair of Knight-Kit walkie talkies the following year and a ... Take a look at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2004/04/15/1/?nc=1>

TV, THE NEW SHORTWAVE? Radio Netherlands. (via Mike Terry, rec.radio.shortwave)

... this diversification into TV should be proceeding apace at the very time when we are on the brink of a new era of digital broadcasting on shortwave - or are we ... <http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/tv040415.html>. Analysis by Andy Sennitt, 15 April 2004

It is a very good analysis and I agree with Andy.

Actually ShortWave s facing what happened to radio in the 50-ties when TV came up and radio had to find an answer to that. As a result Music Radio (top 40 radio) emerged, and certainly now in most parts of the world people use television as their main information source. In international broadcasting I see a parallel, and the question is what answer will Short wave radio give, if any. SW content now is quite a lot of news and propaganda, not to mention the vast amount of religious broadcasters, including the state controlled Koran stations. What lacks in SW is entertainment, but given the uncountable number of music/entertainment based stations on FM in most countries, is there still a role for Short Wave.

As for me I could do with some more pop-music from the 50 60 and 70ties, hardly available on AM/FM. The audience group of SW is 40+ and dominantly male, so some uptempo top 40 muzic from the past (not just the major hits as played by the Gold stations) could be an alternative. That would make me to hit the SW button! (Ruud Poeze, via rec.radio.shortwave)



HALLICRAFTERS SX-115 AMATEUR RECEIVER now on e-bay

(rec.radio.shortwave)

This is the CROWN JEWEL of my collection and if I don't sell it I won't be unhappy and will hold it as an investment and a treat to myself. I am told that recently one of these sold for over \$6000 and you can bet it wasn't nicer than this receiver. This top quality, rare, triple conversion receiver is without comparison. It was the finest receiver Hallicrafters (or possibly anyone) ever made. For sure it is the most beautiful receiver made. This receiver literally does not have a scratch on it. The letters are crisp and bright white and the cabinet and face plate look brand new. I bought this from another ham who used it as his regular receiver, but when it arrived I decided it was too nice to put in my ham shack where it might get scratched. I keep it in my bedroom on a dresser and use it to listen when I am not operating. I can easily

cut out QRM from stations nearby in frequency without affecting the audio quality. It has a separate WWV band for SWLing international broadcasts. It covers the HF ham bands. I would not trade this receiver for any other I have ever seen on Ebay. You should pick this up in person and are welcome to come and view it before bidding. The unit will be triple boxed but once shipped I can't guarantee it. The unit is heavier and larger than most receivers. Your total shipping cost will be \$60.00 for triple boxing and shipping plus \$10.00 for insurance but pickup would be best. Payment by cashiers check or money order or call me direct at 225 757 0607 and I will take Mastercard or visa over the phone for immediate shipment. Because of reported attempted unauthorized accesses to my paypal account I WILL NOT ACCEPT PAYPAL AS PAYMENT. 73 K9IHJ

En koll på E-bay den 17/4 så är priset just nu uppe i 2750 US\$!!

Who on earth would pay that price for a limited frequency ham band only receiver ? AND the seller carefully hides the fact that it is a limited freq receiver and NOT full frequency. (John Plimmer, Montagu, Western Cape Province, South Africa)

FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENT ON R-75

Hi Scott, I saw your comment in DXLD about adjustment of the R-75's frequency. Below is some info that was posted on the R-75 Yahoo group recently, reminding folks about the L2 adjustment. This is a variable inductor (tuning coil) on the main board that will fine-tune the frequency display. You'll want to make this adjustment after the receiver is fully warmed up... a 1/2 hour ought to be sufficient. Hope this helps! (Guy Atkins via Scott Barbour, DXLD)

Subject: [icomr75] L2 Adjustment: Does it Balance USB/LSB?

What it does, if you tune into a strong AM station and then switch to SSB, on some radios the pitch will be off by a few Hz. Mine was off about 20 Hz. What you want to do is turn L2 in very small amounts so that there is no difference between AM and SSB (either USB or LSB).

Make sure you use the right tool. It should be made of plastic not metal and should fit the oblong hole in the can. DO NOT feel tempted to use a metallic screw driver for two reasons:

1. It can cause the ferrite core to break and then you are in really big trouble.
2. It will cause a the inductance of the coil to change as you insert and remove the screwdriver (Stan Crook, icomr75 yahoo group via Guy Atkins via Scott Barbour, DXLD)

Thank you both for the info. For the record I heard Radio Santa Rosa on the much mentioned frequency of 6047.14 over Easter weekend, so I assume this is more a case of my selective hearing than an uncalibrated frequency read-out.

Using the .xx kHz option on my frequency display appears to be a bit of a "black art" to me. I still intend to zero-beat my receiver, for good measure, later today. 73, (Scott R Barbour Jr, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

K9AY experimenting

Another enjoyable DXped at Don Momans QTH, SW signals were below the average, Nigel Pimblett and Mickey Delmage logged some great MW stations, Nigel had several Australian MW hets and some audio. I managed to hear a few TIS signals, Custer's Last Stand TIS-Montana on 1610 and a Washington Department of Highways TIS on 1610, both 10 watts! We had the opportunity to do some experimenting with K9AY wire lengths, many of you know the excellent performance of this antenna on MW and lower Tropical Bands. Our dimensions were not the standard ones, we used 64 and 96', both not the recommended 3' 3 3/8" (1m) above ground, ours approximately 1' (.304m). Don found that not grounding using a ground rod did not effect the performance one way or the other, the use of radials may or may not! Using both the homebrewed George Maroti version and two Wellbrook units. Believe what you have heard about this antenna, buy or build your own, just get one! The antenna itself is dirt simple to cut, requiring only one support (one K9AY was suspended from a inclined rope off a tower), one insulator (at the apex) and with the small footprint of this antenna you can have a compact, highly portable antenna that rivals and/or exceeds the performance of 1000'+ beverage antennas. Follow the tried and tested dimensions of the K9AY and you WILL be very pleased with the performance of this great antenna! Thanks to Guy Atkins, John Bryant, Andy Ikin, George Maroti, Don Nelsen and Walter Salmaniw for all your help in getting us hooked on the K9AY. (73. Joe Talbot, VA6JW, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. via HCDX)

Racal versus a modded ICOM R-75

I was using both the Racal and the modded ICOM R-75, flipping back and forth between them for "A-B" tests. I use John Bryant's nifty audio switching network (see http://www.dxing.info/equipment/audio_switch.dx for the circuit).

Thanks for reminding me about the comparison review I proposed for the R75 Yahoo group. I've already modified the Racal a bit, so it's been "hotrodded" too. I'll try to get to that soon, as the differences in the receivers are becoming more apparent.

Roanwell headphones, eh? Boy, you have a good memory! I'd even forgotten I'd owned that model. At the time it was the best set of 'phones I'd ever encountered for voice reproduction. I've been through some other headsets since then, including David Clark and Avcomm aviation models. The set I keep coming back to, however, is the Sennheiser HD-525 headphones I own. They are extremely comfortable and have a crispness and accuracy of reproduction I haven't encountered in lesser models. If you can find a set they usually go for around \$50-60 on Ebay. I like to use them along with a Timewave DSP audio filter when I desire a narrow voice frequency range for DX. Otherwise, "wide open" they sound great on clear signals, for fidelity. I also have a fairly good Radio Shack scanner-type

headset that I've fitted with gell-filled earpads for comfort and noise supression.

The Racals are pretty common on the surplus market now, and I don't think they are being sought after by collectors, so the prices remain decent. Try to snag one that has been refurbished by the Racial guru, Gary Wingerd.

(73, Guy Atkins via rec.radio.shortwave)

A DXER'S TECHNICAL GUIDE

The fourth edition of A DXer's Technical Guide is now available from the IRCA Bookstore. In its nearly 200 pages you will learn about the principles underlying the design of successful receivers, antennas and receiving accessories, find reviews of the best commercially available DXing equipment in different price ranges, as well as detailed instructions for building one's own antennas and other DXing aids. Although it focuses on the technical backdrop to medium wave DXing, it will also be of interest to serious shortwave listeners and low band radio amateurs.

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Nice photos from Soviet and Russian radio history

Some nice photos from Soviet and Russian radio history can be found on the website of Khabarovsk's "Far Eastern Broadcasting Company" (GTRK Dalnevostochnaya) at <http://www.dvtrk.ru/FotoDVTRK/foto.html> It is in Russian, so here are the descriptions of the photos from top to bottom:

- 1) The broadcasting house in Khabarovsk.
- 2) The broadcasting house in (the suburb of) Khabarovsk-2.
- 3) Audio engineer and composer Dmitri Golland.
- 4) Veterans of Khabarovsk radio: journalists Naum Ajzman and Ivan Nikitin; announcer Leniana Malova.
- 5) The staff of Khabarovsk radio in 1976.
- 6) Khabarovsk radio's sport reporter Vitali Likhovolov.
- 7) Journalist Leonid Stroykov prepares material for a broadcast about indigenous peoples on River Amur.
- 8) Interview with the President. On the mike - Khabarovsk radio's commentator Yekaterina Serikova.
- 9) Working in the studios: director Ludmila Ustinova, commentators Linel Krendel and Oleg Kopytov, sound engineer Larissa Dolgopolova.
- 10) Konstantin Simonov and editor Nikolaj Kolodin in 1967.
- 11) Senior speakers (anchormen) Valeri Eryomin and Bella Popovich.
- 12) The first speaker of Khabarovsk radio, Mikhail Filippovich Tebnev.
- 13) Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, among journalists in 1967. The tallest in the middle is Khabarovsk radio's correspondent Yuri Golubtsov.
- 14) Live broadcast from the First-of-May marches in 1958. On the mike - actress Maria Protassova, from left to right stand announcers Mikhail Tebnev and Dmitri Sugrobkin.
- 15) Sound engineer Ella Stepanova on the controls; she still works today...
- 16) and 17) Director of Khabarovsk radio, Vladimir Vitalevich Shvedchenko.

The link in the bottom leads to a photo gallery about a recent summit of far-eastern GTRKs in Khabarovsk. (Best 73, Eike Bierwirth 04317 Leipzig, DL via HCDX)

PILOT RADIO COMPANY, LONG ISLAND CITY (via rec.radio.shortwave)

by Ron Marzlock, Chronicle Historian, April 15, 2004

In 1925 the original Pilot Radio Company was formed by Isidor Goldberg who sold radio supply kits and parts. In 1927 he introduced the WASP short wave radio, Three years later they were producing the factory wired "Midget." The Depression hit the company hard and they went into bankruptcy in 1933. In 1934 he reopened the Pilot Radio Company at 37-06 36th Street, in Long Island City. Goldberg also opened a branch in London, England in 1936.

The factories in New York and London were shut down to consumers in 1942 for WWII production. It re-opened in 1946 and sold the first FM tuners, television, in 1947 and hi-fi in 1948. In 1949 Emerson Radio bought a large share in the company.

By the 1950s, production to consumer market sets ceased.

In 1962, Isadore Goldberg, the founder passed away. In 1963, the company was bought out by Emerson entirely. It moved out of Long Island City to Yonkers and was dissolved the next year.

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Pilot Radio Company, 36th Street, Long Island City—July 1942.