

# SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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*Så har då konventet avverkats under trevlig samvaro som alltid. En hel del intressanta ting dyker alltid upp i samband med konventet.*

*Stig Adolfsson berättade om design riktlinjer för en ny MV mottagare som bygger på helt nya principer och som kan detektera AM signaler som ligger i brusets och som inte kan uppfattas på konventionella mottagare. Mycket intressant!*

*Bengt Dalhammar berättade om sin tripp till Svalbard och resa med båt runt större delen av ö-gruppen. Vilken fantastisk naturupplevelse detta måste ha varit.*

*I övrigt blev det en hel del diskussioner under lördagen om SWB - relaterade ting. Bl a var en hel del väldigt undrande till varför en del medlemmar aldrig bidrar överhuvudtaget. Ja, det är ju en väldigt berättigad fråga och som jag inte kunde svara på....*

*I övrigt har den senaste veckan här nere präglats av det danska kronprinsbröllopet med en hel veckas festande inför denna begivenhet.*

**Keep on ....**

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## SWB-info

SWB online på HCDX: <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb>

Dateline Bogotá: <http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/Dateline.htm>

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.

Serge Myluk in Lviv. region Ukraine sends his loggings but unfortunately too late for last issue..  
Receiver: SONY ICF-SW77 Antenna : LongWire 27m.

**Anders Hultqvist:** Det var länge sedan jag hörde av mig. Lyssningen ligger i stort sett nere fortfarande, även om jag börjar bli lite sugen på att komma igång när jag studerar den spännande Winradio G313i. Vi får se vad som händer på den fronten vad det lider. Jag för f.n. en intern diskussion med mig själv om detta... Beträffande dina tankar om en sammanslagning av ARC/SWB, så är jag inte negativ till den lösningen. (Kul att se din signatur igen, hoppas du också nu köper en G313i! /red)

**Lars Erik Svensson:** Vi som var på konvent i Kanebergstugan hade en trevlig helg. Bra väder dessutom men det brukar vara kutym vid sådana celebra tillfällen. Mina svåra frågor var väl enda smolken.... osv, men det fanns ju priser att glädja sig åt.

DX:ingen går på sparlåga men kollar nästan varje dag, resultat lika med noll så några tips har jag inte. På 3306 går en afrikan 0400 UTC, är väl Zimbabwe? Har väl inte varit gång här stadigt. QSL kommer inte var dag men två svar på samma rapport från **Rádio Difusora Roraima 4875**, brev och vykort, det ena som rek. med frimärksgodis. Ha det så bra!

**Jan Edh:** hoppas att det var ett trevligt konvent. Tyvärr har jag ingenting att bidra med till loggen den här gången. Det har inte riktigt stämt med tiden de senaste veckorna, och jag har väl inte varit så där väldigt motiverad heller. Däremot dök det upp ett väldigt överraskande QSL fredagen den 14/5 från en station som jag trodde vi skulle få sortera in bland de för alltid svarta: **Radio Santa Monica E.I.R.L. (Productora Musical Flower), Cusco 4965**. Brev. V/s Walter S Farfán Flower, Gerente General. Kortvågskvanten finns ej i brevhuvudet (1370 och 93,9). Rapport från mars i fjol, för cirka ett år sedan kom ett mail om att QSL skulle vara på gång inom en vecka. 14/5 kom det (äntligen) via Carlos Gamarra Moscoso...

**Björn Fransson:** Hej! Om jag riktigt anstränger mig, så får jag i alla fall ihop några tips att delge alla SWB-are. Inte ett enda QSL har dykt upp sedan senast! Jag hoppas att det kommer en rapport från konventet, som kan förgylla tillvaron för oss som inte kunde vara med!

### Noteringar från ett ARC/SWB-konvent.

Ett stående inlägg vid de välarrangerade konventen är det vackra vädret, det är svårt att minnas något annat. Årets begivenhet för de många av oss som sitter och lyssnar på egen hand, den här gången den 8 och 9 maj i Kanebergsstugan utanför Halmstad med en avslutande lunch på restaurangen till Bäckavattnets Golfbana i Marbäck. Vid en rikligt tilltagen fikastund infann sig ett antal deltagare efter hand: TL, CB, RA, TN, LES, LSD, BD, RÅM, RÅ med äkta hälft, TF, OA, DO, LV och sist men inte minst SA. Samt inte minst arrangörerna IE och LB, den senare fortsätter att förbättras vad gäller hälsan vilket är glädjande att se. LB förmedlade hälsningar från några medlemmar som inte kunde vara med av olika orsaker. Hälsningar kommit från bl a JE, BE, HM, WA och THE. Sedan konstaterade vi, som sist, att vi saknade ett antal medlemmar som borde ha varit med och som det varit trevligt att träffa.

Mötet försiggick traditionsenligt med bra och soligt väder och med en god atmosfär i stugan. Likaså traditionsenligt var den första punkten på programmet, frågesporten. Den leddes förtjänstfullt av förra årets vinnare LES. Minst ringrostig och därmed arrangör av nästa års frågesport blev LSD till publikens jubel. God tvåa blev RÅ med OA, CB och DO på platserna efter. Vi övriga fick konstatera att är man inte hyggligt aktiv är det inte lätt att hänga med.

Därefter övergick mötet till en diskussion om SWB där läget är gott men bidrag från fler medlemmar är naturligtvis önskvärda. Framtiden för DX-ingen på kortvåg är tveksam, fler stationer försvinner än som kommer till. På sikt kan det bli någon form av samordning med EKOT, medlemmarna är till stor del gemensamma. TN, som fortsätter ett tag till som redaktör för SWB, avtackades för det gångna året, som också var en förnämlig prestation av honom.

Ett förmöte inför morgondagens årsmöte med ARC avverkades snabbt, oförändrad medlemsavgift och oförändrad konventsplats var medlemmarnas inställning. Därefter presenterade SA konceptet till en ny mottagare för MW. Den finns än så länge bara på idéstadiet men går den att realisera lär det bli någonting

långt utöver vad vi är vana vid. Tid för produktionen och kostnader är än så länge okända. Det låter spännande. Efter en god middag, den här gången mer svensk, köttgräta, redovisade BD några intryck från en ej så radioaktiv men dock turistiskt intressant resa i somras från Svalbard. Tyvärr kunde medtaget bildspel inte visas på grund av saknad teknisk utrustning men det kanske kan ordnas till nästa gång.

Under natten testade några medlemmar etern med hyggligt resultat, konvent sammanfaller sällan med toppkondis men resultatet av mödorna får beskådas i respektive bulletin. Efter frukosten följde årsmötet i ARC, som avverkades i god ordning. Mötet inleddes med en tyst minut för vår mångårige gode vän TK som lämnade oss i höstas. De vanliga punkterna avverkades snabbt och styrelsen fick ansvarsfrihet. Förslaget utgivningsschema godkändes och kommer i EKOT. LB omvaldes som ordförande och TL som sekreterare. Till den lediga posten som ledamot efter TK valdes IE för ett år tills nästa ordinarie val. En längre diskussion utspann sig om möjligheterna att övergå till internetpublicering av EKOT, bl a med ledning av SWB's erfarenheter. Synpunkter för och emot framfördes och resultatet blev att styrelsen fick i uppdrag att utreda saken. Nästa konvent bestämdes preliminärt till den 23/24 april 2005 på Kaneberget. Konventet avslutades med sedvanligt stort tack till arrangörerna LB och IE för ett trevligt och lyckat konvent och en god lunch. Vi återkommer gärna nästa gång. Vid pennan BD.

*(Bengt! Tack för ett fylligt reportage. För alla er som aldrig syns på något konvent – det är faktiskt riktigt trevligt att träffas och få möjlighet att prata om diverse ting i lugn och ro. Dessutom ett mycket varmt tack från alla i ARC och SWB till LB och IE för ett som vanligt välarrangerat konvent. /red)*

## LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3235.06	12.5	0410	<b>Radio Guaruja Paulista</b> , pop music and ids like " Radio Guaruja AM" , 2-3 GAL
3249.7	24.4	0350	<b>Oid</b> med rlg px fra Billy Graham med postadresse i Costa Rica det er vel Luz y Vida - sterk TBV
3249.7	12.5	0400	<b>tent Luz y Vida</b> , Honduras, religious OM talks, 2 GAL
3279.5	12.5	0350	<b>LV del Napo/ R.Maria</b> , local music px, 2 GAL
4428	25.4	0000	<b>Oid LA</b> med andinsk mx TBV
4461	25.4	0200	<b>R. Nor Andina</b> , Celendin - god frem til s/off 0400 TBV
4485	24.4	2330	<b>R.Frecuencia VH</b> , Celendin med fin kvalitet utover natten - den andre stasjonen fra Celendin denne helgen. TBV
4604.96	11.5	2056	<b>RRI Serui</b> , indonesian traditional mx, 2-3 GAL
4790	24.4	0115	<b>R. Atlantida</b> kjører rlg. px TBV
4796,7	2.4	0040-	<b>Radio Mallku, Bolivia</b> . 3 . Local music, in 0100 - news in Spanish , ID "Radio Mallku ... La Voz de los Ayllus ..." . MYL
4797	24.4	2340	<b>R. Malku</b> - sterk denne kvelden TBV
4874.6	13.5	2118	<b>RRI Sorong</b> , OM long commentary, 3-4 GAL
4903	2.4	0015-	<b>Radio SanMiguel, Riberalta, Bolivia</b> . 3. Local news and music, Id in Sp : "..Radio San Miguel..." MYL
4985	2.4	0110-	<b>Radio Brasil Central, Brasil</b> . 4. Very strong, no QRM and QRN , news and Europe football news , //11815 - 45544. MYL
5030	24.4	-0320	<b>Her er det vel Radio Los Andes</b> som jeg hørte med katolsk messe - brukbar kvalitet - ab s/off TBV
5460	24.4	0130	<b>R.LV Bolivia</b> - svak TBV
5952,6	1.4	2315-	<b>Radio PioDoce, Bolivia</b> . 3. Px in Spanish, Bolivian music, commentary, ID , QRM from Chinese stn on 5950 . MYL
6015	9.5	0900	<b>Christian Sciece Herald</b> med ett program på tyska från tysk sändare. Dagens tema: Wissenschaft und Gesundheit". S 3-4 (bara!). BEFF
6055	9.5	1530	<b>Bible Christian Association</b> heter något som sänder på polska här via Tyskland. Pratade i alla fall om "Fata Morgana" i det i övrigt obegripliga snacket. Lät som en polsk översättning av någon religiös förkunnare på engelska i bakgrunden. S 3. BEFF
6134	25.4	0010	<b>R. Santa Cruz</b> - nyheter og sport - kanonsterk TBV
6193	24.4	0050	<b>R. Cusco</b> kjører andinsk mx TBV
6214	25.4	0115	<b>R. Balaurte</b> med PP px TBV
6230	14.5	1355	<b>OID</b> religiös med kristen musik. Sannolikt <b>Trans World Radio</b> , eftersom jag tyckte mig känna igen klockspelet i tidsignalen, som avslutade programmet kl 1400. Tyskt ID med adresser i Tyskland, Schweiz och Österrike tyder på det också. Sändare? S 2-3. BEFF
7250	5.5	1840	<b>Vatikanradion</b> med Brevlådan. Här ingick det DX-inslag som jag själv producerar sedan många år samt en intervju med BEFF! CB
9720	3.5	0500	<b>Radio Victoria</b> med lång version av Perus nationalsång. 2 CB
11725	7.5	2128	<b>Radio Novas de Paz</b> , Curitiba drog hela det stora ID-et. S 3-4. BEFF
11765.1	7.5	2120	<b>Radio Universo/Radio Tupi</b> , Curitiba med ett evinnerligt religiöst pratande. Jag blev aldrig klok på vilken av stationerna som sände eller om de är samma? S 3-4 BEFF
15120	7.5	0329	<b>Voice of the Philippines</b> avslutade sitt program på engelska. 3-4 CB
15230	4.5	2002	<b>Radio Nacional de Venezuela</b> via Cuba startar med sin signal några minuter efter heltimmen. Sedan följer en lång uppräknig av tider och frekvenser. 15230 är t.ex. avsedd för Buenos Aires. Sedan följde ett inslag om Semana Santa i Venezuela. Ovanligt stark denna kväll. 2-3 CB
15500	6.5	1745	<b>OID</b> sändning från Mellanöstern med lokal musik och annonseringar med telefonnummer på olika språk. Denna kväll ganska god mottagning i USB. 2 CB
15500	13.5	1740	<b>Radio Maulumati</b> eller vad det nu kan heta egentligen är en sorts Information Radio om hur man ska lyckas snärja alla terrorister i området kring Kuwait-Irak-Afghanistan. Pratar pushto och spelar musik från området. Uppe i S 2-3 ibland, men oftast sämre. BEFF
15675	9.5	0425	<b>Voice of Liberty</b> , Eritrea via Samara spelade musik från Afrikas horn och pratade väldigt mycket dessemellan. S 2-4 och bättre mot slutet. C/s 0500. BEFF

Hello to all, once again we had a nice time on our traditional spring DX-camp from May 5th to May 9th. Location: 45km north east of Nuremberg, southern Germany. Antennas: Beverage antennas in several directions, FD-4. Some highlights: **4810 XERTA**, México: difficult to receive in Europe. **4815 R El Buen Pastor**, EQA: extremely rarely audible in Germany. **5005.8 R LTC**, Perú: good audio clip on my website. . **6134.8 R Santa Cruz**, BOL: good audio clip on my website: <http://home.arcor.de/mschnitzer/> (that's all, vy 73, Michael Schnitzer, Germany. via HCDX)



## BM i Ecuador – Bandscan KV-90, 16/5 2004

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You are very welcome to listen to my recordings at <http://www.malm-ecuador.com> The following stations have been uploaded during the last 14 days:

**4763.16 unID LA/SS**, could be Radio Television Chicha, Tocla, Nor-Chichas (Bolivia) 86kb 1100 UTC 05/2004.

**4799.79 R. Buenas Nuevas**, San Sebastián (Guatemala) 118kb 1100 UTC 5/2004.

**5014.64 Radio Altura**, Cerro de Pasco (Peru) 136kb 1055 UTC 05/2004.

Amigos DXistas! On the HCDX mailinglist has Andree Bollin from Denmark (I think) an unID LA station on 5014.67 kHz. Andree Bollin: "JHi, nearly all mornings till 3.15utc close down I listen to a station from LA. I never get an ID from this station. Frequency is 5014.67 var. Any help would be nice. 73 abo".

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*Bjorn Malm: The station is Radio Altura and has a fantastic program in the mornings between 1000 – 1100 UTC with Peruvian music, every morning from a special part of Peru. The recording is from this Thursday morning with music from the "Puno"-area, It is difficult to get an ID, I listened one hour without any ID. 6/May/2004*

**5699.76 Radio Frecuencia**, San Ignacio (Peru) 145kb 0140 UTC 05/2004. Reactivated, has been off air 2 years waiting for a licence. The DJ(=owner?) says they now will transmit on a regular basis on shortwave and mediumwave. The station also needs a DJ/locutor. One hour with non-stop peruvian music, the DJ talked just 2 times. 10/May/2004 21:26

**5954.98 unID religious station** 0120 UTC 121kb 05/2004. Last night between 0120 - 0200 UTC I listened to a religious station with good signal on 5954.98 kHz. The program was called "Impacto" with talk and religious music. My guess is Radio Cultural, Guatemala City (Guatemala). but I'm not sure. Is it a reactivation of Cultural on this frequency or another station? From 0200 UTC heavy interference from nearby channel. 4/May/2004 12:17

**5966.51 "Ideal 98.9", unknown QTH**, perhaps Tenas (Ecuador) 117kb 05/2004. Up to 0000 UTC news. From 0000 UTC modern pop/disco music and ads from Tenas with "98.9 Ideal"-IDs. Strong signal but low sound-quality. One year ago I heard La Voz del Upano, Tenas (Ecuador) on .5966.59 kHz. A station with own programs and not in // with LV del Upano in Macas. The Tenas-station relaying FM-transmitter? Still on air when I'm writing down this information.

"DEAL TENA Napo Tena 98.9 Ecología, deporte, salud, cultura, noticias, música. salud, cultura, noticias, música"  
<http://www.kailaufen.de/CORAPE/radios.html> 5/May/2004 20:20

Amigos DXistas! This Friday morning (14 april) I had 2 unidentified LA stations on the 49 meter band. Both very weak so your help is needed!

**5950.28 (no audioclip)** 1145 UTC. Very, very weak signal friday morning on 5950.28 kHz but it is a religious station with modern rel. music and rel. talk. This friday evening at 0100 UTC stll very weak, this time on 5950.19 kHz. Radio Bethel, Arequipa 5940.xx kHz has been off air for a while so perhaps them?

Around 1100 UTC **2 LA stations** on exactly the same split: **6009.98 kHz**. One talking station and the other, stronger, with music and "Mil AM"-ID. Listen to this short audioclip.

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*Mil AM on 6009.98 is from Mexico City, DF. The // on 1000 AM can sometimes be heard here under XEFV. They have (or used to have) a distinctive 4 note whistle and "Es Radio Mil" jingle by kid. (73. Chris Knight, Fort Lupton, Colorado, USA via HCDX)*

On the HCDX mailinglist someone had information about a logging of Ondas del Meta 4885 kHz. I have listened both on 4885 and 1170 kHz. **4885.03 R. Difusora Acreana**, Rio Branco (Brazil) 103kb 0100 UTC 05/2004.



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

## Stationsnyheter

**BOLIVIA.** ¿Reactivadas? **5986v, Radio Integración**, El Alto, Depto. La Paz, español, programa informativo local ``Municipio Alteo al día``, advs, (mala modulación) 1125 11/Mayo. (Rogildo F. Aragão, Quillacollo, Bolivia, Lowe HF225E / Sony 2001D Ant. LW 25m, hard-core-dx via Björn Malm, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

**4788, Radio Ballivián**, San Borja, Depto. Beni, español, ``...a través de Ballivián...`` 1110 11/Mayo. 73, (Rogildo F. Aragão, Quillacollo, Bolivia, Lowe HF225E / Sony 2001D Ant. LW 25m, hard-core-dx via Björn Malm, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

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Hola Rogildo! Una buena mañana para Bolivia; yo estuve escuchando durante una hora la frecuencia de 4763.16 kHz, probablemente la nueva emisora boliviana Radio Television Chicha, Tocla, Nor-Chichas. Nunca he tenido nada en esa frecuencia antes. Tus(y mi) loggings talvez dependan de buenas condiciones. 73s (Björn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, via DXLD)

**CHANNEL ISLANDS.** Subject: [mwc] Utility Info --- Jersey Radio. For those interested, Jersey Radio will cease all MF transmissions as from May 4. No more MF marine coastal stations from the Channel Islands. 73 (Lionel Roithmeir, CI, April 30, MWC via DXLD)

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Lionel, I never did get round to getting a QSL from this station. Are they doing a special closedown broadcast? (Steve Whitt, MWC via DXLD.)  
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Hi Steve, I'm not aware of anything planned, any further info will be posted to the Circle. URL with the details of MF closure: LNTM No 4 of 2004 [http://www.jersey-harbours.com/uploads/admin/NtoM\\_4\\_2004\\_JSY\\_Radio.pdf](http://www.jersey-harbours.com/uploads/admin/NtoM_4_2004_JSY_Radio.pdf) Should be OK to QSL 73 (Lionel Roithmeir, via DXLD.)  
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A good time to catch Jersey Radio 1659 kHz before it leaves the air for good is 2245 UT. Last night it signed on [off?] about 2 minutes late. 73 (Steve Whitt, via FXLD.)

**ECUADOR. 4960, R. Federacion Shuar**, \*1036-1230, Apr 22, Ecuadorian national anthem, prayer in Spanish or in Vernacular. Talk interspersed with some 1980's US pop music. The audio was a bit distorted and the signal was evidently not spot-on 4960. I could not note an ID at the top-of- hour, but the programming continued the same. At 1132 the signal began to drop rapidly and then disappeared before 1145 (just past sunrise in Ecuador). My DBS reference from the DSWCI indicates a 1000 sign-on for R Federacion Shuar... perhaps the announcer slept in late this morning! (Guy Atkins, WA in Dexplorer, Apr 22 via DSWCI DX Window May 5 via DXLD)  
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The Ecuadorian National Anthem is sung in the Vernacular language SHUAR, which is mainly used in the programming. About 80% of their broadcasts are in Shuar and occasionally in Achuar, another native language for the rural audience and 20% in Spanish for the audience living in the urban area. The station generally identifies as Shuar Tuntuiri or sometimes Shuar Achuar Tuntuiri, which means Radio Station Shuar or Radio Station Shuar Achuar. Radio Federacion is the name in Spanish.

When I visited the station in 1994, I learned some vocabulary in Shuar to identify the station. For your information, the station in the Peruvian Highland identifies in Quechua as "Huayra Wasi" which means "Radio" ("Huayra" is Air and "Wasi" is House). In case of R Paucartambo, the station usually identifies as "Paucartambo Huayra Wasi". (Takayuki Inoue Nozaki, Japan, DSWCI DX Window May 5 via DXLD)

**KIRIBATI.** I decided to record 9825 kHz last night to discover how open the frequency might or might not be in the evenings, in anticipation of Kiribati. From 0700-0800 the frequency was clear, but a strong Radio Japan via Yamata dominated from sign-on at \*0801 in mid-song to sign-off at 0958\*.

This morning I dug up some old loggings and realized that R. Kiribati on this frequency had actually been logged in the USA as early as 0530, with most loggings between 0630-0730. Some logs were in the 0830 timeframe.

If memory serves me right, there used to be QRM from Radio Havana 9820 up until 0700. Tonight I'll have to set the recorder earlier. Wasn't there another Kiribati frequency in the 31mb, around 9810 or 9815 at one time? (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, May 9, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

**MEXICO 9704.97, 0402-, Radio Mexico International** May 2 Presumed logging of continuous Spanish EZL vocals, gradually improving towards TOH, but no ID that I could hear. Initially poor to fair, but fair+ after TOH. Best on USB to avoid het from Ethiopia on the lower side. No parallels noted. Strong splatter from WYFR on 9715. Signal continues to fade-up at 0409. Occasionally good. Still going at 0450. They must have faulty transmitter as the modulation will suddenly increase greatly in volume, and then fade again. Also there is a very slight drift between 9704.97 and 9705. NA heard at 0500, and then very clearly a Radio Mexico ID (finally) in Spanish, then dead air, and off by 0402. (Salmaniw, Victoria, BC)

**PERU, 5014.64, Radio Aultura**, 1025-1037 Initially noted Huaynos type music until 1030. After that Man in Spanish comments with ID as, "... Radio Aultura ...." Back to music by 1035. Signal was poor and there was additional splatter noted here. (Bolland, Chuck May 6, 2004 via HCDX)

**UNID: MIDDLE EAST 15500U**, 1520-1550, UNID May 10 presumed MARLO station, today with comparatively good audio in the peaks, but deep fades and splatter from 15505 R. Kuwait, music and occasional announcements in Arabic language with something in English which sounded like an e-mail address, unfortunately I yet again heard no ID, today there were some folks talking in USB on the same frequency as well, couldn't make out the language, maybe some half-hearted attempt to 'jam' the 'MARLO' broadcast, at 1548 there was an announcement with a phone no. (which I didn't get) like Jari Savolainen has already reported, then back into Arab style music. (TR 73 de Thomas Roth, DLICQ)  
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Hi Thomas. They seem to ID as "Radyo Maulumati" (differs a bit in each language). The e-mail address you mention is "[mail@rewardsforjustice.net](mailto:mail@rewardsforjustice.net)", more details at [www.rewardsforjustice.net](http://www.rewardsforjustice.net). I once managed to hear an accented English announcement, too. But unfortunately missed the very beginning of it and of course there was a deep downfade at the end. So cannot say at the moment if they use English name "Information Radio". The frequency choice is bad, at one time there is R Kuwait on both sides, 15495 and 15505. (73 Jari Savolainen Kuusankoski Finland via HCDX)

## Övriga radionyheter

**Dear friends, DSWCI member Robert Kipp has been helping the new station manager at Radio St. Helena, Ralph Peters, to clarify the QSL situation now that Tony Leo has retired.** I forward their joint status message dated May 02, 2004, for your information. (Best 73, Anker Petersen, Chairman DSWCI)  
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**RADIO ST. HELENA sends QSL's:** Radio St. Helena has mailed the last batch of QSL cards for their special broadcast of October, 1999. The cards have been mailed with St. Helena postage stamps and transported by the mail ship RMS St. Helena. The ship arrived on 29. April in Cape Town, South Africa. The QSL's will be forwarded via AirMail on about 30. April.

Along with the QSL's sent by the (now retired) former Station Manager Tony Leo in 2000, 2001, and 2002, this batch of QSL's will now take care of all known outstanding reception reports for the 1999 broadcast.

The new QSL Policy of the new Station Manager regarding the special shortwave broadcasts from RSH is:

- 1999 and 1998: RSH can still verify these broadcasts.
- 1997: RSH will TRY to verify. No promise of success.
- 1996 and earlier: RSH can NOT verify these any longer. The Station Manager regrets that 1996 and earlier can no longer be verified, but due, in part, to many changes at the station, the information is no longer available, and time has simply run out.

It would be very helpful, if you would confirm receipt of your QSL by email to R. Kipp, and if you do not receive your QSL by the middle of June, please send him an email.

Radio St. Helena thanks ALL its friends around the world for their interest in St. Helena, for their patience over the years, and for their help in clarifying the QSL card situation. Good health and good DX to ALL of you.

Ralph Peters, Station Manager at Radio St. Helena and Robert Kipp Email: [RDC-Roberts-Data@t-online.de](mailto:RDC-Roberts-Data@t-online.de) (via HCDX)

### New software defined receiver SDR-14

**There is a new software defined receiver out there from RFSpace.** It's an external box to a computer and would appear to compete with Winradio and Tentec products. Came across it in Short Wave Magazine article. First time that I head of it and surprised that I saw it in SWM first as it is a US product. They have a website at [www.rfspace.com](http://www.rfspace.com) and appear to be going after the ham market as they will be showing at an upcoming hamfest. It is priced at \$895 which is up there with the new Winradio g313i.(which I am thinking of buying) Anyone know anything about this company and this product. (Ron via rec.radio.shortwave)



**From RF-Space website:** The SDR-14 is a 14-bit software defined radio receiver. It offers a broad range of spectrum analyzer and demodulation capabilities. The hardware samples the whole 0-30 MHz band using a sampling rate of 66.667 MHz. The digital data from the ADC is processed into I and Q format using a direct digital converter (DDC). The I and Q data is then sent to the PC for processing using a USB 1.1 interface. All of the demod and spectral functions are done on the PC side.

**NEW!** Supported formats at this time include USB, LSB, AM, FM, WFM, CW, CWr and DSB. Filter bandwidths are continuously adjustable. DRM is now supported via special demod mode using third-

party software (DREAM) by routing the demod audio through the mixer control.

The SDR-14 comes with a High Frequency (HF) amplified frontend with switched attenuators and 1Hz tuning. A direct input port to the analog to digital converter is also included. This port can be used to sample signals directly up to 200 MHz+. This port can also be used to connect downconverters and spectrum analyzer frontends. The SDR-14 also supports high resolution spectral captures using up to 262144 point FFTs. The maximum spectral display width is 30 MHz simultaneously.

One of the most exciting features of the SDR-14 is the ability to record band segments of any band to hard drive in realtime. This is done at a rate of 52GB/day for a 150 KHz wide segment. The stored file contains everything that happened in that segment of the band for the duration of the recording. The fidelity of the file is superb with over 96dB of dynamic range. The recording can be played back at any time with full tunability and choice of demodulation modes. The recording can also be analyzed for hidden signals and carriers.

**NEW!** The latest version of SpectraVue supports a network SDR-14 under the InputSource menu. Server software is available for Windows and Linux platforms. Due to the massive amount of data transferred, full demod capabilities are only supported on intranets with over 2 Mb/s rates (50KHz BW). A linux USB driver is now available for the SDR-14. (via SWB-editor)

### Hallicrafters SX-100

**I kid you not, it sold for \$1800.00.** I will admit, it does look nice but \$1800 dollars?

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&category=4673&item=3093701091&rd=1> This sure seems to be way over priced. (via rec.radio.shortwave)

### Great site for radio repair and mod. info

**Great site for radio repair and mod. info.** <http://www.mods.dk/index.php?start=AboutModsDk> (73 Brian. via rec.radio.shortwave)

**From the [www.mods.dk](http://www.mods.dk) website:** mods.dk have now exist in 6 years, but already in 1994 the collection began, and that time all modification was publish on the packet net. In 1994 the internet wasn't so popular that it is today, so the packet net was a great way to download and received computer information from the whole world.

In 1996 Erik / OZ2AEP publish for the first time all the modifications on the internet. This was a small homepage, and all update was made manually. The homepage was very small and could only have 10 Mb files online.

In no time the modification place was very popular, and the band wide for the homepage exceed the limit, so a new solution must be found.

In 1998 the all modification move to the new domain name **mods.dk**. All modifications were moved from the small home page to a new homepage, that could handle server side scripting and database. Now all modification was uploaded into the database (manually) and the administration was now very easy.

In 2003 mods.dk was so popular, so there now could be banner on the site. The design from 1998 was not able to handle banner, so in 2004 the new design was introduced. The new design are you looking at now.

This is the story about mods.dk, and I hope it will continue many years in the future.

The author of mods.dk Erik (OZ2AEP) have not any technical education in electronics, but he have had the electronics as a hobby for many years, and he like very much to enjoy the radio amateur hobby. Therefore 99,99% of the modification on mods.dk are from users that have upload these, and this I'm very grateful for, without the uploads mods.dk have not been this great site.

My radio setup, change all the time, but normally I work on all band from 160 meter to 70 cm band. Local I'm available on the Ringsted repeater VHF 145.625 MHz.

At the moment Erik have a Yaesu FT-897, FT-470, VX-7r. The antenna is a 4 element beam for 6 meter, 7 element 10-15-20 meter beam, and very soon a beam for the 2 meter band, I think it will be about 6 elements. I also have a longwire for the band below 20 meter band. (via SWB-editor)

**Subject: afternoon at AWA museum (via rec.radio.shortwave)**

From: William Mutch, [wcm1@NOSPAM.cornell.edu](mailto:wcm1@NOSPAM.cornell.edu). Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors, rec.radio.shortwave

Sat PM spent a wonderful couple of hours the the Antique Wireless Asscn museum in East Bloomfield NY.

I came away with a couple of questions.

I had my hands on an operational R-390 for the first time. Quite a radio! and I now understand the almost mystic reverence it inspires. Question is...what contemporary solid state rigs deserve comparision ?? I realize lots of guys will want an oar in the water on this one.

I also fell in love with another radio. This happens from time to time and mostly I ignore it. It wasn't the most beautiful radio in the place (arguably the McMurdo Silver Masterpiece) but the rather plane jane BC-348. What a chassis! and rather a lovely faceplate under the ugly warpaint. Question is..how much would a guy have to pay to get close to a reasonably un-murderified, decently operational, youngish BC-348 \*not\* in rich collector restored condition ?? (73, de kc2lvq)

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Check out the current generation of Watkins-Johnson gear. Demodulation is done with DSP, after digitizing the IF. Sensitivity is a little bit better than the R-390, and selectivity is just as good as the Collins mechanical filters, but with much less ringing and audible artifacts. Also there is an optional panadaptor system that will identify modulation modes and make some attempt at identifying signals, putting this information on the screen beside each peak. Comparing the system with my R-390, it is definitely a step up in convenience and sound quality although weak signal performance really isn't any better. Probably available for under half a million bucks although it may be considered a military supply item and require a lot of paperwork.

There are some okay commercial communications receivers... check the front section of the WRTH for some info. The big JRC unit is reasonable, though not as clean as the R-390.

I dunno, they used to be cheap hamfest junk that you couldn't give away a decade ago. Great sounding audio too. Absolutely useless for weak signal work, hardly usable for SSB and worthless in a pileup, but a great rig for listening to strong commercial shortwave stations. (Scott Dorsey)

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The R-390 is also one of the quietest radios ever made. You get a lot of bang for the buck with an R-390. I've heard stuff on the one I used to have that the modern gear next to it struggled with. I would agree its the best tube rig ever. I've made a couple hot rod SP-600s that were hard to beat also. I wouldn't go more than \$150 on an average BC-348. There very common. Scott's right about the performance. There just a fun little rig. There one of the first BAs I worked on when I was a kid. You could pic em up at the Army surplus for around \$25 (73 Brian Hill)

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That is where the weak signal performance comes from. It's not just the extreme selectivity of the mechanical filters, it's also from the VERY low noise PTO design. It's hard to match that with a modern PLL circuit. It can be done... low phase noise PLL systems are out there... but it is very expensive. Probably as expensive as the original Collins PTO was. (Scott Dorsey)

**Interview with Dr. Harold H. Beverage**

**This is great reading.** Its an interview with Dr. Harold H. Beverage. A true radio pioneer.

[http://www.ieee.org/organizations/history\\_center/oral\\_histories/transcripts/beverage1.html](http://www.ieee.org/organizations/history_center/oral_histories/transcripts/beverage1.html) (73 Brian Hill. via rec.radio.shortwave)

**SWLOG**

**Found something better than the Fineware RLDB database:** Hi All, The other day I posted a notice that Fineware was dropping its English Language Database at the end of the month and would also be dropping the RLDB database program come September (with no further support of it up till then). This has been my primary tool for searching the ILG, HFCC and Fineware Shortwave databases as well as the Whamlog AM and FM databases, all from one program.

Well, I've found something that does the job even better and seems far more versatile and it too is "Freeware". Not only does it handle the ILG, HFCC, Fineware shortwave databases and create an updated "Whamlog" directly from the FCC AM station database, but it also handles the Primetime database, your "personal database (from your previous loggings), US Amateur Callsigns from the FCC database, Canadian Callsigns from the Canadian databases and the "Community Databases" from other users of the program as well as the NIMA Longwave Beacon Database. It also does Logging, greyline, maps showing location of transmitters and much more. Far more than I can list here.

WHAT I LIKE IS YOU CAN ENTER A FREQUENCY in the logging form and it goes and searches all the applicable databases at once and displays the likely candidates of what you're hearing. If you select one of those it'll fill in the log form for you with things like callsign, language, location, etc (any of which you can edit). In that regard it's much quicker than using RLDB and searching each of the databases individually to find out the skinny on what you're listening to (as well as searching more sources). All databases can be downloaded directly off the Internet including the FCC Amateur callsign database etc.

NOTE 1: Right now I AM NOT using this program for my logging, I'm still using B\_Log as I like its quick simple interface and very easy report generator. But that may change after I've used this other one for awhile.

NOTE 2: This is rather a formidable program to download and get running properly as it's about a 13MB or so download and requires the MS .NET Framework to be installed on your computer (a 35 MB download itself) as well as a couple other updates to the Windows system (Win98SE or above, NO Win95). If you've kept caught up on your Windows updates that should be no problem. I ran into one problem. I DID have the Windows Installer update installed on my computer, but my computer wouldn't recognize the unzipped .MSI installation package the program downloaded. Once I downloaded the latest "Installer" (Version 1.1) from MS the program unpacked and set up just fine.

The program is called Shortwave Log (SWLog). It's slow to load and start on this 600 MHz Pentium 3 with 256 MB of RAM, but once it's started it does all it's tasks pretty quickly.

See it at <http://www.shortwavelog.com/> --- it won't cost you anything. I've only just scratched the surface of this program, it'll also do direct control of your receiver (if it's hooked to your receiver) and more. Right now I'm just using it as a database manager.

73 from the "Beaconers Lair". (Phil, KO6BB, Atchley, DX begins at the noise floor! Merced, Central California, swl at qth.net via DXLD)