

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Fortsatt god semester och tack för alla trevliga bidrag till detta sommarnummer.

För de flesta är vi nu mitt uppe i semestertider.

Tyvärr har det fina vädret ge vika för mer traditionellt svenskt sommarväder med regn & åska de flesta eftermiddagar.

Vi har fått en hel del regn här nere i nordvästra Skåne, vilket förmodligen blir räddningen för alla bönderna runt om.

Vi har hunnit med en del småturer, bl a var vi en vända i Åhus och körde sedan upp på Listerlandet till de små hamnarna i Hällevik och Hörvik. Framför allt kan hamnrestaurangen i Hörviks hamn starkt rekommenderas – utsökt gott!

Vi får hoppas att avslutningen på semestern inte skall avslutas med kallt och regnigt väder.

Ha det så gott!

Keep on

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

Dateline Bogotá: <http://hem.ektv.nu/~ekt035221/Dateline.htm>

SWB hot stuff: <http://hem.ektv.nu/~ekt035221/> (på denna sajt ligger alltid senaste SWB).

SWB member information: <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/member.htm>

Jubileumstidskriften: <http://hem.ektv.nu/~ekt035221/> (html- + pdf-version).

QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Kenneth Olofsson: Hej Thomas, dags för lite bidrag, denna gången bara QSL, men det är ju inte illa. **Radio Caiari, Porto Velho 4775** svarade med brev och kort. **Radio San Andrés, Cutervo, Cajamarca 5544** svarade med ett 5 sidigt email med bilder från San Andrés bl.a. V/s : Leoncio Samane Meza , som anger följande adress till stationen: Radio San Andrés, Municipalidad Distrital, San Andrés de Cutervo, Cajamarca, Peru. Ett härligt QSL förmodligen Europa-etta. Ingen logg denna gång, åker snart till Öland för lite semester, endast FM-radio är med. Ha det skönt i sommarvärmen.

Christer Brunström: Special Radio 6240 svarade med två epostmeddelanden från Maria Anikeeva, PR Manager. Adressen i Moskva är: Office 417, Efremova Street 10, Moscow 113092, Ryssland. Special Radio sänder normalt bara på Internet. Kortvåg används för att nå lyssnare utan datorer i Ukraina och Vitryssland (Belarus). Maria berättar vidare att man inte har något QSL-kort. Sändaren ligger i Samara.

Arnstein Bue: Sist onsdag satte vi oss i bilen i Trondheim og kjørte til København via Oslo og Malmö (tillsammen 19 timer inkl. tre timers hvile i bilen på morgenkvisten). Etter en og en halv dag der kjørte vi videre til Odense, før vi neste dag igjen kjørte hit til Ystad. Nå blir vi her til mandag før vi snur frontlyktene hjemover. Bor på Saltsjøbadet her i Ystad, men dessverre er det litt for kaldt til at bad i havet frister.

Har sett og kjørt forbi endel stedsnavn på Sverige-kartet som jeg forbinder med svenske DX'ere, men dessverre har jeg ikke med noen oversikt.

Sender en spesiell hilsen til BEFF som vi hadde gleden av å treffe under ferien på Gotland for to år siden. Om to uker reiser vi forresten til Östersund og Storsjöyan, der vi bl.a. skal oppleve Ulf Lundell, Lars Winnerbäck og norske Turboneger.

Ett overraskende QSL kom på epost på fredag: KGUM 567 som ble hørt under KONG11 sist oktober. Noe av det fineste med DX-hobbyen er at man begynner å glede seg til høstens DX når sommeren går mot slutten, selv om det heldigvis er mye igjen av sommeren enda.

En sommerhilsen til alle i SWB!

(Synd du inte hörde av dig, när ni körde upp på E6 förbi Ängelholm var ni bara 3 km från oss. Skulle varit trevligt om ni kunnat stanna till en stund. /red)

Dan Olsson: Det var länge sedan jag hörde av mig men vad gör man när man inte hör något och inte får något som har med kortvåg att göra. I sommar har jag nästan bara lyssnat på FM då jag för först gången har en riktig bra FM-mottagare här hemma.

Att den kostade 121.000 kan den vara värd då den satt i min nya bil som är en Skoda. Hitills har jag på bilradion loggat 60 stationer i 11 länder. De allra flesta när jag var med familjen på Gotland där ett besök hos BEFF också gjordes.

Hur det blir med radiolyssning i höst är osäkert då jag ska renovera bägge knäna då meniskerna är trasiga. Jag hoppas något blir det då jag i höst firar 30 år som DX-are och till jul är det 25 år sedan som RÅ och jag var på första gemensamma expedition. RÅ och jag kommer i veckan att provköra en natt och förhoppningsvis får du en logg därifrån.

Björn Fransson: Idag skulle det ha "slåtrats" i Kuse änge i Västerhejde. Det innebär att man slår av gräs och blommor, räfsar ihop det och kör bort det till lämplig plats. Hela dagen skulle Hembygdsföreningen ha bjudit på förtäring i form av "gotlandsdricke", lunchsoppa och avslutat det hela med helgrillat lamm. MEN... Nu regnar det i något som ser ut som ett heldagsregn. Heldagsregn? På Gotland? I juli? Usch och fy! Det får bli några bidrag till SWB i stället. 73 från Björn på Gotland.

QSL till BEFF: The Voice of Greece, "Radio Philia"-11645. Kort, schedule + storkarta över den grekiska övärlden, just när vi kommit hem efter vår ö-luffning i densamma. 1 m. **Vlaams Belang, Zwart of Wit via ? – 15660.** E-mail, v/s: Alice De Coster. 2 d. **Star Radio Liberia via Ascension Islands-9525.** E-mail v/s: James K. Morlu, Station Manager. 3 d. **Special Radio, Ryssland-6240.** Flera e-mails, v/s: Maria Anikeeva, PR-manager. Lovade att skicka mig "a goodies bag" med posten! 1 d.

Tore B. Vik: Aktiviteten i kortbølgen er minimal - når jeg lytter tar jeg alltid en tur innom kortbølgen, men det er stort sett det samme som høres.

QSL fra **R. Novo Tempo** (e.post) - **R. Guaruja** (brev/CD/kort + div) - **R. Difusora Londrina** (4815) (brev) - **R. Chaskis** (e.post) - **R. Estambul** (e.post) Bolivia nr 40 - **R. Bayrak**.

Kurt Norlin: Här kommer en sista rapport före min semester: - Gårdagen var en mycket utten dag, skulle förmodligen brevbäraren Dag-Otto, gestaltad av Jojje Jönsson, ha sagt. Fick först veta att en nära bekant dött, en annan så när dött efter kvällspromenad med hunden och fick slutligen en parkeringsskada på bilen. Ena sidans dörrar intryckta och skadade av backande bil. Skall ej tråka ut er med ingående detaljer. Det var allt den dagen och det räckte mer än väl för min del.

Över till dx-ingen. Ett "QSL" har kommit. Ett automatsvar kom på 4 sekunder från **Tensee Ethiopia - Voice of Unity** på 15660 kHz.

Några tips, varav flera kommit till p.g.a. värmeböljan vi hade tidigare under månaden. För att få viss svalka gick jag ibland ner i källarvåningen där min radioutrustning till viss del står körklar. Ibland har man fått lusten att lyssna då och några stationer har rattats in. Det var allt. Ha en fortsatt trevlig semester!

Bjarke Vestesen: Sommeren er for alvor i gang, selvom det ikke mærkes sådan: Koldt, klamt og vådt hernede sydpå. Forude venter et par ugers ferie efter nogle hektiske begivenheder med blandt andet røverier og en militær-officer, der sprængte sig selv og sin søn i luften på sønnens fem-års fødselsdag i et rækkehus her i Odense. Sidstnævnte en sag, der for mit vedkommende gav mange hektiske arbejdstimer på få dage og som stadig ikke er efterforsket færdig. Og pressens gribbe, som vi er, er selvfølgelig altid på plads, når den slags voldsomheder sker...

Radiomæssigt er det ikke de store overskrifter. I løbet af ferien drager familien i sommerhus, og jeg tager "rejserradioen" AOR7030+ med sammen med 100 meter ledning, så der bliver mulighed for at lytte til LA på tropebåndene.

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3340.07	3.7	-0130	Oid SS med rlg px fra 0100 og s/off 0130 - R. Virgen de Remedios er logget fra Argentina i dette området. TBV
4780	15.7	1905	Radiodiffusion TV de Djibouti med muslimskt inslag. Sedan somalisk musik. 3 CB
5005	16.7	2110	Radio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial , Bata med Diario Hablado från Malabo. Bl a informerade man om en svår flygolycka på rutten Malabo-Bata. 3 CB
5470	16.7	2215	Radio Veritas började ett musikprogram. 2 CB
5470	9.7	2210	Radio Veritas , Monrovia med engelskt prat, afrikansk musik och mystisk störning. S 2-3. BEFF
6105.5	21.7	0215	Radio Panamericana , La Paz, med spansk, nyhetsreportage, ann. og flere IDs. 22222 BV
6105.5	21.7	0200	R. Panamericana med fotboll TBV
6160	21.7	0215	R. RGS har rlg px med Porto Alegre anrop TBV
6214	21.7	0215	R. Baluarte sterkere enn vanlig TBV
6240	14.7	1800	Special Radio från Media Project i Moskva med rysk pop till Ukraina och Vitryssland. Trist musik! S 4-5. BEFF
7185	20.7	1810	Bangladesh Betar med Voice of Islam. Tyvärr nästan alltid kraftigt störd av andra stationer. 2-3 CB
7325	21.7	1730	Kabardino-Balkar Radio hördes om jag fattade deras obegripliga språk rätt. Styrkan hyfsad. KN
7385	19.7	1630	China-Tibet Broadcasting Co. med Holy Tibet på engelska. denna kväll en hel del tibetansk musik. 2 CB
9290	10.7	0700	Radio Tatri med slovakiska sänder numera också engelska på 1350 och kallar sig då Radio Tatra International. Här hördes man med S 2-3 i början för att komma upp i 4 senare. BEFF
9405	9.7	2000	Voices of the Diaspora med sändningar för Gambia. KN
9505	23.7	1640	Radio Omdurman fra Sudan med arabisk, ann., tydeligt ID klocken 1641, svag modulation, hört // med Hotbird 12.654 MHz H SR 27500 3/4 og endda uden nogen tidsforsinkelse! 22333 BV
9505	19.7	1800	Radio Omdurman på ny frekvens med arabiska. Diverse annonseringar där även "Omdurman" ingick. 2 (men 3 senare). CB
9525	14.7	0700	Star Radio , Monrovia, Liberia via Ascension med engelska och många direktrapporter från Liberia. Gick skapligt ett tag, men försvann i åskstörningar. BEFF
9565	16.7	2210	R Tupi med religiöst och högläsning ifrån Biblen. Q 3 DO
9630	16.7	2200	Rádio Aparecida började sitt Encontro DX. 3 CB
9675	16.7	2203	Rádio Canção Nova började sitt Além Fronteiras som bl a innehöll långa anrop på franska och spanska. Idar ofta Rede Canção Nova de Rádio. 3-4 CB
9725	17.7	2130	Rádio Clube Paranaense med fotboll. 2 CB
11735	17.7	1800	Sauti ya Tanzania Zanzibar nämnde Spice FM vid denna tid men programmet fortsatte på swahili och inte engelska som jag hade väntat mig. 3-4 CB
11735	18.7	1800	Spice FM , Zanzibar med nyheter på engelska via Sauti ya Tanzania Zanzibar. Riktigt kul med ett program som det gick att förstå. Stark signal. 4 CB
11785	7.7	1200	Hmong Lao Radio störd av annan på frekvensen. KN
11800	13.7	1600	Minivan Radio gick tidvis bra. KN
11815	18.7	2145	Rádio Brasil Central med nyheter om Goiânia. 3 CB
11830	17.7	2045	Rádio Anhanguera med fotboll. 2 CB
11925	17.7	2115	Rádio Bandeirantes med fotboll. Störd av kinesisk station. 2 CB
11940	9.7	1320	Trans World Broadcasting Ministry med religiöst. Tidvis starka störningar från annan på frekvensen. KN
11965	16.7	2155	Star Radio , Monrovia, men angiveligt relä fra Ascencion Island, med engelsk, nyheter, ID og s/off kl. 2200. 34444 BV
12085	16.7	1000	Voice of Mongolia med engelska. 2 CB
13840	17.7	1000	IRRS Milano med engelsk, IDs, adr.ann., derefter amerikansk präst med prädiken. 24333 BV
15660	10.7	0900	Zwart of Wit , Vlaams Belangs hördes skapligt, men inte bra. Bara en massa politiskt snack. S 2-4 och splashad. BEFF

15660 17.7 1500 **Tensee Ethiopia - Voice of Unity** bra på Amharic. KN
17700 8.7 1200 **Radio Solh** hörs dagligen på obegripligt språk.med sändningar riktade till Afghanistan. KN



Bandscan from BM, Quito, Ecuador

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The following stations have been uploaded during the last 14 days at <http://www.malm-ecuador.com>

Recording of **5054.60 TICTR Faro del Caribe**, San José (Costa Rica). As I have said before I still have recordings made with my old receiver NRD 535 and Faro del Caribe is one of them. Has been inactive for a very long time and perhaps for ever. Has always, as I remember, had distorted signal so the sound on this recording is "normal" for Faro del Caribe. Believe me or not but this is the first time I have a station from Costa Rica on this ID-site. Stations web-site: <http://www.farodelcaribe.org/>

5745.32 kHz unID Spanish speaking religious station with "Radio Católica Mundial"-ID's at 0000 UTC. Is there both mornings and evenings but not very strong. Anyone knows from where this station is transmitting?

Recording of **5990.00 Radio Senado**, Brasilia (Brazil). 1100 UTC. 07/2005. If I may say so, this is a very good recording of a high-sound-quality-station!

Recording of **unID 6612.010 kHz** - Zimbabwe?? (harmonic 2x3306??). All evening with OM talk and music. Very weak signal. 0302 UTC national anthem (?) followed by drums so I thought it was close down but the music program went on with better signal strength after 0300 UTC. French? Is there a "Zimbabwe" at "1:03"? Logged as unID by finnish DXer and also audible in U.S.A. I checked the frequency after reading a mail from the finnish DXer Jari Savolainen.

Checked again this evening 21 July at 1630, Radio Zimbabwe on 6612, a harmonic of 3306, in vernacular can be heard here in Zimbabwe with a fair signal.

Also to mention that 3306 seems to have been reactivated on a 24 hour basis as the FM network also runs 24 hour programming. It is a bit of poor engineering (and power wastage no less) to have 3306 on air during the day in Zimbabwe as this frequency does not propagate locally in daylight.

DXers in Europe can check 6612 from around 1700 until around 0400 to monitor this strong harmonic frequency of Radio Zimbabwe, broadcast from State facilities in Gweru in the centre of Zimbabwe. The original 3306 is broadcasting with perhaps 200kW so the harmonic may even be the same level. David Pringle-Wood, Harare, Zimbabwe via HCDX

Recording of **6139.77 Radio Líder**, Bogotá (Colombia). Radio Líder has been off air for a while but I hope they soon will return to the 49mb.

Recording of **4819.14 HRVC La Voz Evangélica**, Tegucigalpa (Honduras). Reactivated this Saturday evening! I have not logged this station for many years, a real surprise! Is giving ID for a station on 1040 kHz. - I'm not sure but the name sounds like "Volante 10-40" and then HRVC La Voz Evangélica de Honduras.



Saludos Cordiales desde "La Mitad del Mundo"!

(When using my information give credit to: Bjorn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SWB América Latina)

Stationsnyheter

BOLIVIA, 4845.14, Radio Municipal, 0943-1002 This is a tough copy. There's usually a Brazilian here and the automatic type signal that pops up every couple of minutes. Heard band music before the hour until about 0957, then a woman talks followed by promos. Heard a canned ID at 1010 as "... Radio Municipal ... onda corta ... Radio Municipal" with an echo effect. Signal was fair. (Chuck Bolland, July 19, 2005) (via HCDX)

CONGO DR [non]. Radio Okapi has started an evening service in French. A Japanese DXer received a schedule from Sentech in which Sentech had two transmissions for Hironde Foundation at 0400-0600 on 11690 and 1600-1700 UT on 11890. I know 11690 is used for Radio Okapi. So, I tried to identify the station at 1600 on 11890 last night and it turned out that the station was Radio Okapi. Strong carrier was observed at 1559 and at 1600, S/on with African music with chorus as "Okapi, Okapi". ID in French and talk by a man followed (Iwao Nagatani, Kobe, Japan, July 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUINEA. RADIO TÉLÉVISION GUINÉENNE BACK ON SHORTWAVE

In early June, a thunderbolt damaged the transmitters of **Radio Télévision Guinéenne** (RTG) installed in Sonfonia, on the outskirts of the capital Conakry. This prevented the station from broadcasting on shortwave. The government appealed to "friendly countries" for assistance, and after one month China responded by handing over a spare part which meant that shortwave transmissions could resume on 7 July. The shortwave transmissions are necessary to reach the rural parts of Guinea as well as neighbouring countries. But RTG technicians say a renovation of the transmitting centre at Sonfonia is necessary to ensure reliable performance in the future. (Source: Boubah.com) # posted by Andy @ 14:41 UT July 12 (Media Network blog via DXLD) So check 7125 again (gh via HCDX)

INDIA. Friday, July 15, 2005, The website DXAsia reports that All India Radio is going to vacate the 90 metre band altogether in favour of 60 metre band for domestic shortwave services. This means Shimla on 3223kHz, Bhopal on 3315kHz, Delhi on 3365kHz and Gangtok on 3390kHz will soon move onto the 60 metre band. It is expected that there will be some adjustments on the present 60 metre band usage by All India Radio. Media Network. (via Mike Terry, HCDX)

INDIA: AIR Chandigarh set to reach new heights, Anand ST Das

Chandigarh, July 16: With the All India Radio (AIR)'s 10-KW FM transmitter at Kasauli beginning to relay programmes generated at the Chandigarh radio station, the Chandigarh station is all set to reach new heights.

This station, a commercial broadcast centre, has now achieved almost the double of its existing listenership and reaches nearly double of its previous coverage area.

The Chandigarh radio station, which has been transmitting its broadcast from a six-KW transmitter, has so far been unable to reach major places in Punjab and Haryana including Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Panipat, Sonipat and Karnal. But not any longer.

The Kasauli transmitter, which was activated for day-time operations on July 10 and started relaying the programmes generated at the Chandigarh radio station since then, has ensured that all these places and a few more get to listen to the broadcast from Chandigarh.

This means a potentially much higher revenue earning from commercials by the Chandigarh radio station. The station has been doing great in earning advertisement revenue for over two years now. With some innovative and interactive programmes planned and commissioned by AIR Chandigarh's Station Director Dr K.C. Dubey, the station's earnings reached Rs 1.51 crore last year.

“With our listenership and reach becoming nearly double, we now expect a rise in our revenue earning.”

Dr Dubey told Newslite.

Perched atop the Kasauli Hill at a height of 1,860 metres above the sea level — Chandigarh is at 330 mean sea level — the Kasauli transmitter no longer remains shut down and idle during the daytime. It now relays programmes generated at the Chandigarh radio station from 5.53am to 12 noon and then relays Vividh Bharati from 12 noon to 11.10pm.

With its height and higher capacity, the transmitter, available on 107.2 MH frequency, has brought Chandigarh station's programmes close to more people in a wider area. This transmitter had so far been relaying only AIR's national service at nights.

Following its day-time activation, the Kasauli transmitter has already started receiving and relaying the Chandigarh broadcast and the relay's quality has been very good. “The quality would further improve when an ISDN facility and STL line is permanently established between the two stations,” Dr Dubey said.

The Chandigarh transmitter's coverage area is practically a 50km air-distance radius, though it reaches across 70km air-distance radius with the use of antennae and shows a slight deterioration in sound quality. The 10 KW Kasauli transmitter has capacity to reach 100km air-distance.

Dr Dubey said a technical survey would be undertaken soon to ascertain if the broadcast now reaches far-flung areas, especially those on the Indo-Pakistan border. Via <http://cities.expressindia.com/chandigarh.html>

Regards & 73's Mukesh Kumar MUZAFFARPUR INDIA (via HCDX)

LIBERIA. Star Radio. 9525. New shortwave broadcast for Liberia heard at S7 level when tuned at 0830 UTC on 7/12 with English "trumpeting" the new service. Steve Bass, Columbus, Ohio Drake R8B and Wellbrook 330S Loop (via HCDX)

SERBIA and MONTENEGRO. 1400-1430 UT on 7200 - music with 2 minutes news in English, Fr, Ge, Sp, It (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX July 14 via DXLD) I guess that is a domestic service relay; don't find it in WRTH 2005, but Beograd used to be on 7200 long ago (gh, DXLD)

This is SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO [non], via the Bijeljina tx site in Bosnia and Herzegovina. As it was pointed out on various occasions over the past years (like in DXLD 4-163, October 24, 2004): all SW txs in Serbia were destroyed in the last Balkan war in May 1999 and were not rebuilt. There was no urgent need, since Int'l Radio of Serbia and Montenegro owns the Bijeljina site which is just 80km away from Belgrade (WRTH map: pg. 75), though on the other side of the border. Quite many DX sources and reference lists still seem to be unaware of this situation which exists since 6 years meanwhile. (Bernd Trutenau-LTU via HCDX)

ZANZIBAR: Picked up my email at 2055 and following a tip off from Tony Rogers on the BDXC-UK list quickly logged Radio Tanzania, Zanzibar on 11735, on channel not 11734.1 as previously, lady in Swahili, anthem and off 2100, fair on clear channel. Tony had them from 1745, English news 1800-1808, Swahili news 1900 and 2000 and nice selection of music. (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK via HCDX)

Övriga radionyheter

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The Top 5 books for July are [1] The ARRL Handbook [2] Border Radio [3] Ham Radio for Dummies [4] Raised on Radio and [5] Old Time Radio!

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Warm regards, David Ricquish, Chairman, www.radioheritage.net (vias HCDX)

First attempt at digital TV DXing

I had been longing to try digital TV DXing for quite some time, the price of over-the-air digital tuners held me back. Today the \$87 US Digital HDTV tuner on-sale at my local Wal-Mart was too good a price to resist.

My interest in digital tv reception is in two areas, 1. assessing whether the "all or nothing" concept of receiving the signals would improve on the VHF/UHF non-digital poor reception that my Buffalo and Toronto locals normally provide. Non-digital signals at my fringe location usually average about 40-50% "snow" and some networks are zero reception. 2. Using my Lake Erie location to DX digital signals along the great lakes, although my move from a major hilltop with a clear line of site from Toronto to Detroit, to a deep valley ...probably limits any success I might have. I plan to set up some mobile TV digital DX eventually.

Anyway, the \$87 device works very well. My first few scans using flimsy rabbit ears produced zilch. Next I pressed in to action a \$20 Radio Shack UHF roof antenna, laying on a bed in the upstairs bedroom!. I pressed the scan stations button and it picked up 5 stations. I was very pleased with the signal quality, perfect! So, it is true...the "all or nothing" concept of digital reception produced a perfect picture whereas higher powered non-digital signals from the same antenna towers produce poor to fair signals. I was pleasantly surprised to see that the digital service provides a channel guide and program information similar to satellite TV services.

I have not got the antenna outside yet, nor have I experimented with different directions. No sign of CBC TV or other Canadians yet but that will be my major goal in the next few weeks, I will be very pleased if I get CBC with high quality video.

Stations monitored so far:

23-1 WIVB-HD Buffalo

23-3 WNLO-S Buffalo

26-1 WNYB DT Arkright, NY ?

29-1 WUTV-H Grand Island, NY

29-2 WUTV-S Grand Island

29-3 WUTV-E Grand Island (No content)

Nice to get WNLO well, since they have a useful news program at 10 PM that I could not get via Dish Network or over-the-air non-digital. Hopefully will get NBC and ABC networks from Buffalo after some playing around.
(Andy K3UK, Fredonia, NY vis DXLD/HCDX)

FCC Proposes to Drop Morse Code Requirement for All License Classes

The <http://www.fcc.gov> FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission said it believes dropping Element 1--the 5 WPM Morse examination--would "encourage individuals who are interested in communications technology, or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become amateur radio operators." The FCC said it also would eliminate a requirement it believes "is now unnecessary and that may discourage" current licensees from advancing their skills, and that it would "promote more efficient use" of current Amateur Radio spectrum.

Full Story: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/07/20/100/?nc=1>

NPRM: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf Ken Kopp via DXLD/HCDX

Afghanistan & Radio Moscow

Some time in the 1980s, one of the Radio Moscow English Service Newsreaders referred to the Soviet troops in Afghanistan as invaders. Does anyone recall who the newsreader was and what he said? I'm writing an essay for my Sociology class on propaganda at Uni and would like to include this in it but I need a reference. Many thanks, Paul (via HCDX)

It was Vladimir Danchev, in 1983. He was quite young (23 or so I believe) and his father was a Party official. He had become very disillusioned with life in the Soviet Union, and one night he spontaneously decided to change some of the words in the script, e.g. intervention became aggression.

Amazingly, nobody at Radio Moscow seemed to notice, or turned a deaf ear to it. So he did it again on his next shift, and his next... Monitors at BBC Monitoring in Caversham could hardly believe their ears, but initially decided not to draw attention to it, as they knew the consequences for the guy concerned would be serious. But after five days of such behaviour, they decided that this was a huge story that they had to report.

The young man was sent for "re-education", and it was implied by the Soviet authorities that he was suffering a breakdown and needed psychiatric help.

I suspect the fact that his father was a Party official may have helped him to avoid the worst treatment handed out to such people. The immediate consequence for Radio Moscow was that live newsreading stopped, and all bulletins had to be recorded in advance and passed for transmission by someone senior. Danchev subsequently returned to work at Radio Moscow, but not as an announcer!

Andy Sennitt (via HCDX)

WRTH updates

WRTH is pleased to announce that a pdf file containing updates to the Summer 2005 schedules is now available for download from our website at www.wrth.com. and is approx. 55k in size. You will need Adobe Acrobat 4 or later to open the file (a link to the Adobe website is provided on our site). Regards, Sean D. Gilbert, SWL International Editor – WRTH. (via HCDX)

Re OLD RUSSIAN RADIOS <http://oldradio.onego.ru/foy.htm>:

``old Russian 78s (or whatever rpm they used)`` --- Just the usual standards. The only question is when they started to made micrograve records and phased out 78 rpm. Anyway in 1964 stereo records were in production, otherwise there would have been no need for a suitable stereo set.

``But the photos are too small to make out the dial markings`` --- Also checked out the ``New digital photos`` pages?

http://oldradio.onego.ru/IMAGES/TSIFR/sh_zarya_b.jpg --- Belgrad, Berlin, Sofia ...

http://oldradio.onego.ru/IMAGES/TSIFR/d_minsk61_b.jpg --- Bukharest, Praga

... and especially noteworthy http://oldradio.onego.ru/IMAGES/TSIFR/sh_kim_b.jpg where I can make out at least Atlon (Athlone/Ireland) and Stokgolm.

Note also how the longwave range of all sets extends to 400 kHz. At http://oldradio.onego.ru/IMAGES/TSIFR/d_minsk61_b.jpg

also a station in this range (Minsk?) is marked.

And here even the FM scale is calibrated in wavelengths, although I can hardly image FM stations ever being announced as operating on 4.31 metres etc.:

http://oldradio.onego.ru/IMAGES/TSIFR/d_octava_b.jpg

http://oldradio.onego.ru/IMAGES/BIG/siriusm_b.jpg

Here is warning to connect the set only to 50 Hz grids, suggesting that in the fifties still DC main power was around at some places in the USSR: http://oldradio.onego.ru/IMAGES/TSIFR/zad_neva52_b.jpg

Also interested in a look at Radio Moscow microphones? Not exactly nostalgia, however... <http://www.oktava-online.de>

Look at the MK 012 series and the MK 219. Especially the latter one is a well-known sight on studio pictures. Noteworth that meanwhile Oktava suffers from Chinese plagiarism like Neumann (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)