

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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God Fortsättning!

Hoppas alla har haft ett skönt uppehåll från arbetet trots fåtalet lediga dagar. Hade själv tänkt mig semester mellan jul och nyår, men det blev inget av det pga installation av en ny server och ny backup på firman.

Dessutom trilskades vår nya Ericsson-växel igen, vilket också ställde till det. Det är inte bara fördelar med datorbaserade system. Det kan väl alla av oss som varit med på den tiden när man enkelt kunde kolla att mekaniken funkade.

Vem sjutton kan fixa nåt på ett kretskort??

Medlemmarna varit osedvanligt flitiga och till detta nummer har vi fått många trevliga bidrag och speciellt många tips.

Vi får väl hoppas att 2006 kommer att bli ett år då inte allt av intresse för oss i SWB försvinner från KV.

Keep on

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

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/God fortsättning önskar Bengt Dalhammar.

QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Jan Edh: Eftersom Ronny Forslund (sedan i fredags) och Dan Andersson var på plats kunde jag fira juldagen hemma och åka ut på annandagsmorgonen till ett uppvärmt torp i Fredriksfors. Litet yrväder, men hyggligt väglag ändå, och jag kom dit vid 05.30 En del Ontario, Quebec, samt några söder om gränsen (KFAN 1130, WYLL 1160), men det tunnade ut. Fick också rapport på WHIC, Rochester, NY 1460. Framåt 08.30 började västkustantennen ge signaler, men inget häftigt direkt. 1170 KJNP gick kanon en stund och någon till Alaska (970, 680) gick igenom men fladdrigare.

860 måste väl rimligen vara CHAK, Inuvik med "overnight-program" och väldigt fladdrig signal. OID också på 610 vid 08.20. Efter 9.30 fanns i princip bara KOMO 1000 och möjligen CJVB 1470 kvar.

På kortvågen var det faktiskt väldigt bra signaler mot Honduras på 3249,7 och 4819,2, liksom att Mosoj Chaskij går stadigt efter sin morgonstart.. Möjligen att jag gör samma resa i morgon bitti också om inte störningen kommer innan.

3/1: Strålände vackert men -18 i Fredriksfors på morgonen 3 januari. Inte så bra konditioner som jag hoppades egentligen och klart sämre än i går enligt Ronny Forslund som kunde jämföra. Natten var usel och inte förrän framåt 7 började det bli litet krut i signalerna, men överhuvudtaget var det ganska klarna styrkor. Mest runt "sjöarna". En stund efter 8 dog det mesta, men jag tjurade till fram mot 11. Då gick det litet västkust också med bl a 1040, 1410 (bäst) 1470 och troligen också 860 CHAK. "Spår" av La Grande på 1520. Men ganska dåligt. Inget Alaska. Mycket sprak.

Kortvågen noteras för att Brasil Central 4985 INTE hördes, däremot en del andra vanliga brassar men inte särskilt bra... Inget i loggen därmed.

7/1: De senaste dagarna har jag utnyttjat att det varit folk ute i Fredriksfors dygnet runt och "bara" åkt ut på morgnarna. Har varit "förödande" vad gäller kortvåg. De kollar som gjorts har inte givit något av värde. 4919,1 La Voz de Evangelica, Honduras har gått kanon hela förmiddagarna, 4919 Radio Quito har också gått hyggligt, liksom 3310 Mosoj Chaski (efter 08 UTC). Däremot har dominanten Maria/Napo på 3259,6 knappast alls gått p g a en mycket kraftig störning som ligger där nästan konstant. Inget till loggen därmed.

Stig Adolfsson: Hej och God Fortsättning till alla!! Efter en ganska intensiv arbetsperiod med resor över hela Sverige har allt återgått till det normala så nu har det funnits tid att lyssna på radio också. Goda condx har rätt mest hela tiden under helgerna. Översänder några blygsamma bidrag till SWB.

(Stig, inga bidrag är för blygsamma ... /red)

Ronny Forslund: God fortsättning på DX-året 2006 till dig och alla SWB-are! Jag har precis återvänt efter en vistelse i Fredriksfors. Det blev väl mest mellanvåg, då det var några hyfsade öppningar i början och slutet av perioden, men större delen av tiden så var det ganska sparsamt med hörigheter.

Jag hoppas och tror i alla fall att vi kommer att ha KV-stationer att lyssna på även under 2006. När man minst anar det så har någon ny "halvlegal" station kommit igång i Peru eller Bolivia och hela tiden så kommer det information om nya planerade KV-projekt. Så det verkar trots allt ganska hoppfullt även om antalet stationer i t ex tropikbanden decimerats i en oroväckande takt.

Tack för ditt eminenta arbete med bullen och hoppas att det dyker upp en del intressanta saker på banden även i år.

Loggningarna gjorda i DX-torpet, Fredriksfors, Delsbo med en JRC NRD535D och en variation av bävvar + Delta-loop.

Dan Olsson: Hej och god fortsättning på 2006. Här kommer ett bidrag ifrån ett småvintrigt Kävlinge. Aktiviteten här har inte varit hög då jag på lillejulafton drabbades av influensa. Ett besök 6/1 i vårt nya QTH i Barsebäck har jag dock gjort. Tyvärr så var mv-konds dåliga och kv-konden ännu sämre. QSL har jag dock fått: **6252 R Thunderbird** kort och brev samt **R Cupid 6303** med kort och brev.

Björn Fransson: Gott Nytt År, alla SWB-are! Jag skickar detta på 13-dagen, så att jag inte hinner glömma bort det.

QSL: Mest pirater... **Radio Paardenkracht, holländsk pirat-6239.9.** E-mail med bifogade bilder av julbelysta Lopikantenner. V/s: Nico. SM-2, efter känd skåning... 1 d.. **Wreckin' Radio Intern'l, brittisk pirat-12257.** Pers e-mail från v/s: Dave Jones. 1 d.

Voice of Joy via Krasnodar, Ryssland-6220. Personligt e-mail från v/s: Dean Phillips. Senare kom ett vackert QSL-kort per post!

Radio Skywire, holländsk pirate-6298.75. E-mail med bifogad QSL-fil. SM-1. SM-1. 3 h.

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

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| 2310 | 31.12 | 1910 | ABC Alice Springs gick //2485. Däremot inget på 2325. Q3. RFK |
| 2485 | 31.12 | 1900 | ABC Katherine // 2310 med Q3. RFK |
| 3204.996 | 24.12 | 1320 | Radio West Sepik , Vanimo med prat. Utsträckt sändningstid pga julafton? 2-3 SA |
| 3230 | 30.12 | 2015 | Family Radio , troligen från Sydafrika. Angav adressen till P.O. Box 125, 7935 Cape Town, Hörd även senare dagar med kraftig distorsion, på gränsen till icke läsbarhet. 4 SA |
| 3234.998 | 26.12 | 1340 | Radio West New Britain , Kimbe antagligen på övertid i anslutning till helgerna. Ovanligt stark, snudd på 3. SA |
| 3249,7 | 28.12 | 0650 | Radio Luz y Vida med väldigt poppig kristen musik. QSA 3-4 men hemska störningar av något "knatter". JE |
| 3279.6 | 29.12 | 0630 | Radio Maria med vacker pianomusik och ID. S 3. BEFF |
| 3304.991 | 29.12 | 2020 | OID men alldeles säkert Radio Western, Daru med typisk musik. Fadade långsamt ut för att helt försvinna runt 2040. Hördes även den 31 vid samma tid. Inget spår av andra PNG. 1-2 SA |
| 3310 | 28.12 | 0815 | Radio Mosoj Chaskij är faktiskt enklare att höra på morgonen än på förnatten då det oftast är mycket störningar på frekvensen. QSA 3. JE |
| 3325.028 | 26.12 | 1355 | OID som jag gissar kan vara Radio North Solomons, Kieta. Cd 1400. Stationen var så svag så jag kunde inte urskilja språket. Egentligen skulle denna kanske inte tipsas eftersom det kan ha varit RRI men jag håller en slant på Kieta. Någon som hört Kieta med säkerhet på sistone ?? 1 SA |
| 3340 | 30.12 | 0445 | HRMI Radio Misiones Internacional med programmet "Encuentro". Q2-3. RFK |
| 3340 | 6.1 | 0055 | Radio MI med musik. Tydligt ID kom senare. 3 CB |
| 3344.807 | 24.12 | 1350 | RRI Ternate med lugnt julpx. Vanlig hörighet så här års... 2-3 SA |
| 3345 | 3.1 | 1950 | Channel Africa med PP och ID. S 3. BEFF |
| 3815.0 | 3.1 | 2110 | KNR, Grönland med relä över Tasiilaq. Grönländska vid denna tid. USB. Har blivit ganska vanlig. Ofta QRM från rysk militär. SA |
| 3815 | 25.12 | 2100 | Grönlands Radio med grönländska och en konstig ljudstörning. Hördes inte på 650 just då! S 2-3, när den var ren från störningen. BEFF |
| 3925 | 25.12 | 2155 | Nikkei radio ID-ade fint. Full fart på det japanska snacket! S 3. BEFF |
| 4052.5 | 6.1 | 0045 | Radio Verdad snackade på och hördes länge. 2 CB |
| 4409.8 | 3.1 | 2335 | Radio Eco Reyes med romantisk musik. Q2. RFK |
| 4498.1 | 3.1 | 2345 | Radio Estambul hördes med Q2. RFK |
| 4498.13 | 5.1 | 2253 | Radio Estambul med musik och annonseringar. 2 CB |
| 4716.8 | 6.1 | 0112 | Radio Yura med stort ID. 3 CB |
| 4819,2 | 28.12 | 0645 | La Voz de Evangelica är definitivt inte inaktiv som påstås på sina håll. Gick kanonbra, QSA 3-4 med predikan. JE |
| 4819.19 | 30.12 | 0430 | HRVC La Voz Evangélica med telefonprogram. Q2-3. RFK |
| 4880 | 3.1 | 1445 | AIR/Lucknow hördes sämst av indierna. S 2 och siffertanten som QRM ibland. BEFF |
| 4895 | 28.12 | 1335 | AIR/Kurseong med vacker musik. Jag försöker nu skicka några rapporter via deras Internetrapporteringsida www.allindiaradio.org/recepfdk.html , så får vi se om det går bättre! S 3 på sändningen. BEFF |
| 4910 | 1.1 | 1950 | ZNBC Lusaka med "Radio One" och uppsluppet program på inhemskt språk. Q3-4- RFK |
| 4960 | 2.1 | 1615 | AIR/Ranchi med radioteater och mycket skatt i salongen. S 3-4. BEFF |
| 4965 | 31.12 | 1925 | The Voice, Africa med religiöst på eng. Q3-4- RFK |
| 4976 | 31.12 | 1920 | Radio Uganda med betraktelse på engelska. Q3. RFK |
| 4989.98 | 6.1 | 0115 | Radio Apintie (?) gick bra med non-stop musik. 2-3 CB |
| 5005 | 1.1 | 1935 | Radio Ecuatorial Bata med uppiggande inhemsk musik. Q3. RFK |
| 5025 | 1.1 | 1945 | ORTB Parakou med franska. Bäst på LSB. Q2-3. RFK |
| 5030 | 31.12 | 1915 | RTV Burkina med franska. Signalen indikerade inga större förhoppningar för transatlant på MV. Q3-4. RFK |
| 5040 | 29.12 | 1530 | AIR/Jeyppore med rapporter. Låg modulation. S 2-3. BEFF |
| 5040.05 | 1.1 | 1935 | Hrvatski Radio med livekonsert på en spuriös-fq. Q2-3. RFK |
| 5050.1 | 1.1 | 1940 | Radio Tanzania på swahili men med engelsk pop. Q2-3. RFK |
| 5580.31 | 6.1 | 0120 | Radio San José med ett religiöst program på PLATTYSKA! Tydligt finns det en stor tysktalande minoritet i Santa Cruz. Programmet höll på till 0216 då det blev ID för Radio San José. Sedan blev det modern musik. Väldigt märkligt att lyssna på tyskt program från en boliviansk lokalstation. 2-3. Mycket stabil signal. CB |
| 5880 | 13.12 | 1520 | Free North Korea Radio är en märklig ny clandestine med koreanska via Irkutsk. S 1-3 och förföljs av en jammer. BEFF |

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| 5910 | 3.1 | 0650 | LV de tu Consciencia svagt bakom en europé. S 2. BEFF |
| 6010 | 6.1 | 0620 | LV de tu Conciencia läste ifrån Bibeln. Q 2-3 DO |
| 6060 | 30.12 | 1345 | Chengdu , Sichuan med största sannolikhet var roligaste loggningen under julen. Fartiga program med många "Happy New Year!" och "phone-in". Måste ha ökat effekten, för den gick med S 3 och ibland till och med bättre. Ska visst vara någon slags "city service". BEFF |
| 6130 | 1.1 | 1300 | MV Baltic Radio är en ny tysk produktion. "Riktiga" program = inte bara musik. S 3-4. |
| 6135 | 23.12 | 2200 | Radio República , clandestine mot Cuba, med ett fartigt program på spanska. ID och adress och programmet "Alternativa" kl 22.30. S 4. BEFF |
| 6220 | 26.12 | 1400 | Voice of Joy kom äntligen igång med sitt program för den amerikanska armén någonstans. Stördes rejält av Mystery Radio, men de fragment jag hörde bestod av militära marscher i oskön blandning med kristen körmusik. Vilka soldater "out there" kan tänkas vilja lyssna på slikt? Den 30.12 hördes man mycket bättre, eftersom Mystery inte sände då. Samma "soppiga" programformat. S 3-4. BEFF |
| 6230 | 5.1 | 0940 | ERF Deutschland via TWR med ID och web. S 3. BEFF |
| 6516L | 29.12 | 1600 | OID med tyska visade sig vara VOIRI Iran //6215//7185. Vad gör de här? S 2-3. BEFF |
| 6855 | 23.12 | 1215 | WYFR med franska. S 2-3. BEFF |
| 6890 | 23.12 | 1215 | Här låg också WYFR , fast WRTH:s lista sade att det skulle vara WWRB. S 2. BEFF |
| 6937 | 23.12 | 1220 | Yunnan PBS2 här med en S 3:a. BEFF |
| 7105 | 23.12 | 1230 | CBC Radio visade det sig vara, när jag kollade någon som spelade afrikansk pop vid denna tid. Troligen via Yamata. S 2-3. BEFF |
| 7120 | 23.12 | 1100 | Xinjiang ligger och blockerar kl 1030-1230, så att inte PNG-aren hörs längre. ID-as enklast genom att kolla // 9705. Kyrgyz-språk. S 3-. BEFF |
| 7380 | 17.12 | 1700 | Nya clandestine VO Ethiopian People hördes, men inte mer. S 1-2. BEFF |
| 9133.0 | 31.12 | 1320 | Maritime Coalition Forces på USB med px på olika språk, bl.a. arabiska. Sällan stark. 2 SA |
| 9134.5 | 23.12 | 1600 | OID med "Family Radio Theatre" Stationen låg på denna frekvens fram till den 27 efter vilket datum jag inte hört den. Tydlig brittisk accent. Inget anrop uppfattat trots flera timmars lyssning. Är antagligen samma stn som på 9133 eftersom den inte hördes alls under nämnda tidsperiod. USB 2-3 SA |
| 9270.106 | 27.12 | 1410 | OID med AM, samma stn som jag rapporterat tidigare, då på amerikanska, denna gång på OID språk. 1 SA |
| 9290 | 18.12 | 1000 | Radio Caroline Eifel med fina gamla låtar. S 3, som tidvis var bättre. BEFF |
| 9595 | 28.12 | 0800 | Radio Nikkei med tidsignal följd av lätt musik. 2 CB |
| 9745.05 | 1.1 | 2115 | Voice of Han på Taiwan med kinesiska. Q3. RFK |
| 10320 | Ibl | 1000 | AFRTS Hawaii hörs svagt på USB lite då och då. 2 SA |
| 11690 | 7.1 | 1102 | Scandinavian Weekend Radio med annonsering på engelska. Annars var det mesta på finska. 3 CB |
| 11760 | 27.12 | 2130 | Radio Habana Cuba med franska. 3 CB |
| 11815 | 25.12 | 2120 | Rádio Brasil Central "Rádio Brasil Central comunicando para o mundo" (hoppas detta leder till svar på min årliga rapport). RBC tillhör för övrigt Governo do Estado de Goiás. 3 CB |
| 11830 | 25.12 | 2126 | Rádio Anhangüera med "Reporter Anhangüera". 3 CB |
| 11925 | 25.12 | 2130 | Rádio Bandeirantes hade för ovanlighetens skull non-stop musik fram till en trafikrapport en kvart senare. 3 CB |
| 12000 | 19.12 | 1245 | Radio Habana Cuba kanonstark med SS talk och kubansk musik. S 4-5. BEFF |
| 12257 | 11.12 | 1200 | Wreckin' Radio International , pirat som gjort come-back. S 1-3. BEFF |
| 15250 | 27.12 | 1850 | WWRB (?) med Brother Stair. 2-3 CB |
| 15345 | 27.12 | 1830 | RAE med nyheter på engelska. 2 CB |

Stationsnyheter

ERITREA/ETHIOPIA [nons].

7560, R. Horyaal, Jan 01 *1730-1737, 32432-33433, Somali, 1730 sign on with ID, Kor`an, Talk, ID at 1734.

7560, V. of Delina, Jan 01 *1800-1810, 34333, Tigrigna, 1800 sign on with ID, Eritrean pops, Opening announce, Music and talk.

7590, V. of Ethiopian People, Dec 27 *1700-1715, 35443-35433, Amharic, 1700 sign on with IS, ID, Opening music, Opening announce, Ethiopian pops music and talk.

7590, V. of Ethiopian People, Dec 31 *1700-1712, 35433-35333, Amharic, 1700 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, Ethiopian pops and talk

7590, V. of ENUF, Jan 01 *1700-1711, 34443-34433, Amharic, 1700 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, Music and talk.

7590, R. V. of Oromo Liberation Front, Jan 02 *1700-1710, 35333, Oromo, 1700 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, Talk and local music.

9485, V. of Liberty, Jan 01 *1600-1610 24432 Tigrigna, 1600 sign on with IS, Opening announce, Eritrean pops and talk.

9820, V. of Ethiopian Salvation via DTK GERMANY, Jan 01 *1600-1621, 22431-23432, Amharic, 1600 sign on with IS, Music and talk.

9820, V. of Oromo Liberation via DTK, Jan 01 *1700-1710, 25432-33432, Oromo, 1700 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium via DXLD)

MYANMAR. 5770, Defence Forces BC, Taunggyi, 1400, Dec 18, very weak signal, USB preferred (LSB teletype station). They have a late close down at 1630, however I was more lucky around 1400 (Uwe Volk, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Dec 28 via DXLD) Also heard 1355-1405, Dec 19, Bamar talk, pop music, 1408 nice Burmese songs, best in LSB due to pulsating utility station, 23322 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, ibid.)

NICARAGUA. 2139.7, Radio La Chontalena (2 x 1070v kHz harmonic). I have been hearing this one for a number of days now during both the local morning and evening hours. I finally heard a complete ID today at sign on, "1070 AM, La Chontalena, la radio (1

word missed) en Chontales." This was by a woman and it sounded like it was recorded. This station is located in the town of Santo Tomás, Chontales, Nicaragua. Chontales is on the east side of Lake Nicaragua. I'm not sure of their call or power. Formal sign on this Saturday was 1200 and it is just after 1100 during the week. They did play about 20 minutes of music today before signing on. Sign off is at 0000. The national anthem is heard at both sign on and sign off. Programming is in Spanish and I have heard a number of ads for businesses in Santo Tomás. They ID quite often but simply with a canned "Chontalena" announcement by a man in between songs. The programs are mostly music with a variety of types played. I have even heard one song in English. The station's signal and modulation are good here in SW Florida. Given the apparent demise of Radio Miskut on SW, this is the only Nicaraguan station currently heard on the SW bands, at least for those who count AM harmonics (Hans Johnson, Naples? FL, Dec 6-10/Jihad DX via NASWA LN via DXLD)

Excellent catch! Not listed on 1070 or any other frequency in WRTH 2006 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA I am continuing to provide professional engineering support to Wantok Radio Light, Port Moresby. It is proposed that the existing frequency of 7120 be changed to 7325. This will eliminate interference from/to the amateur radio service in the Asia-Pacific Region. The use of the new frequency is subject to approval from the PNG Telecom Regulatory Authority (PANGTEL).

Spectrum studies of 7325 show that this frequency is clear of co-channel interference from other broadcasters in the Asia-Pacific region during most of the nighttime period, confirmed by on-site monitoring in Port Moresby. We are aware that China Radio International also uses 7325, from Xi'an, carrying Turkish programming 1600-1700, which is not considered to be a major constraint. In the longer term, it is planned to move night-time operations to 3 MHz, and retain 7 MHz for daytime transmissions. Present operations on 7 MHz are not satisfactory for night-time coverage, due to signal drop-out in the primary service area after about 1000, until around 2000.

The existing transmitter and antenna are design-limited to operate only on 7 MHz, and operations on 3 MHz would require new facilities, and additional funding will need to be obtained (Bob Padula, Australia/EDXP via Jan NASWA LN via DXLD)

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HOW ROCKWELL COLLINS LANDED IN THE FRONT LINES OF THE WAR ON TERROR

A most interesting article if you ever wondered what ever happened to the great Collins radio company. [read the Forbes article] Dec 23:

... Arthur Collins, a 22-year-old ham radio junkie, launched the Collins Radio Co. in 1931 in the basement of his Cedar Rapids home. His radios carried signals over greater distances, offered more channels and could withstand punishing heat, cold, dust, moisture and vibration. South Pole explorer Admiral Richard Byrd used the company's shortwave in 1933 to communicate from just off the Chilean coast to CBS Radio in New York City. The U.S. military loaded up on Collins' radios and tracking devices during World War II to hunt enemy submarines. NASA picked the company to engineer and build communications gear for the Apollo, Gemini and Mercury space programs.

(The Rockwell name was picked up in a series of mergers that combined North American Aviation, Collins and Rockwell International; a spinoff left Rockwell Collins as a freestanding avionics company beginning in June 2001.)

But by the early 1990s Rockwell Collins had blunted its technological edge. Its cockpit electronics were a messy hodgepodge of separate

navigation, guidance, autopilot and weather systems--five or ten years behind the times. Then Boeing, which had for decades relied on Rockwell to build its avionics, picked Honeywell to outfit its new wide-body 777 and 737 jetliners with integrated systems on LCDs. That was just before Jones shifted over from Rockwell International in 1995 to become head of the air-transport business. "Rockwell Collins had stopped listening to its customers," he recalls. . .
http://www.forbes.com/free_forbes/2006/0109/098.html (via Radiointel.com via DXLD)

Travelogue from the Caribbean

I hope that this is not being too far out of line, fellas, but I thought that I might share a little bit of my travels the past couple of weeks. We left Victoria on the 19th, and returned last night 1/1/2006. We spent a week aboard the Costa Mediterranea, a 980 foot, 85,000 tonne behemoth. Luckily our cabin had a small deck where I was able to do a modest amount of dxing. In tow with me was my most recent receiver, the Kaito 1103 portable. 99% of my listening was on the AM and FM bands using the built-in ferrite rod and telescopic whip. Despite this drawback, I was most impressed with the performance of this receiver. I brought along my i-River 795T MP3 player/recorder and taped some 10 to 15 hours of programming. Guy Atkins clued me into this receiver. I did find that it produced some noise in certain modes (when paused for instance) within a meter or so of the receiver, but while recording, this didn't seem to be much of an issue. I loved the fact that it would !

record up to some 80 hours or so at a bit rate of 16 kbps at 16 kHz Mono. What an advance over cassette tapes (what I used to use...the Sony 1000T), or MD recorders. The Costa Mediterranea set sail from Ft. Lauderdale heading south/south-east to Puerto Rico, and then to the US Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands before returning to Nassau and back to Ft. Lauderdale. Not at all as extensive a cruise as my last between Tahiti and the Marquesas a couple of years back, but nonetheless still fascinating from a radio perspective. I was unaware of the ship causing any significant RF to my reception. I focused especially with the split frequencies on the MW band, and was pleased with the reception, but rather peeved at the paucity of IDs. I found myself leaving the receiver and MP3 recorder on the balcony while going to dinner, shows, etc, in hopes of snagging an ID. I'm still having to review the recordings to see whether I was successful or not in this regard.

Regarding the three MW Bahamian transmitters, 810 ZNS3 was by far the easiest to hear, and was usually heard day or night wherever we were on the cruise. It ID'd as "810, the Service in the North" heard at 04:50 on Dec 24th. ZNS1 on 1540 was next easiest to hear with the following ID at 0259 on Dec 25th: "Covering the entire Bahamas, this is ZNS, Nassau". The final outlet, ZNS2 on 1240 was the most difficult to hear, except when in Nassau. This is a religious outlet, IDing as "Inspiration 1240", and "Excellence in Christian Broadcasting". I was not able to monitor this one very well outside of Nassau. I believe that all 3 of these stations are government owned and operated. I also heard many FM (mostly private) Bahamian stations.

As we sailed south the first 36 hours, I attempted to monitor AFN from Guantanamo. A few years ago, I recall picking them up quite well in the middle of the night as our Holland American ship sailed westward to the south of Cuba on our way to Jamaica. This time, the best I could hope for was sailing to the north of the waters separating Cuba and Haiti. Neither AM 1340, nor FM 102.1 or 103.1 yielded anything definite this time. Interestingly, as we sailed by Haiti, I did pick up an English language FM station from Port au Prince called Signal FM on 90.5. I wasn't expecting to hear any English, of course.

I then aimed my sites on the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico on the X-Band. 1660 from San Juan IDs only in Spanish as "Gigante 16-60". The legal call is WGIT, and the IDs were usually heard a couple of minutes after the top of the hour. WDHP on 1620 was quite a powerhouse in the Caribbean. They never ID'd at the top of the hour, but usually after cutting away from network news at 6 minutes past the hour, with a local ID, but not always. The news feed was always USA network news. The IDs were usually full legal IDs "1620 WDHP St. Croix, US Virgin Islands", but at least once instead I heard only "non stop jamming on your hometown radio station". I didn't bother with any other Puerto Rican stations, and instead concentrated on the US Virgin Islands which were all heard. 970 WSTX ID'd frequently, as did WSTA 1340 (one of the reasons that the tiny AFN Guantanamo transmitter was not heard, I think). WVWI 1000 was well heard but didn't seem to ID much (It was one of the !

stations I left my recorder running in hopes of an ID). I did hear ID's as "Radio 1 AM 1000". CBS news on the hour. 1090 WGod was obviously also religious and well heard only in the immediate vicinity of the Virgin Islands. They were in parallel to a much stronger FM transmitter on 97.9 (50 kw vs 250 watts), and would ID as "98 FM, 1090 AM WGod". 1290 WRRR rarely ID'd, and ran southern Baptist style religious programming. Christmas carols continued as well even 4 days after the 25th. There were times of open carriers up to 2 minutes, but no IDs. Gonna have to listen to the MP3 to find an ID there.

The British Virgin Islands, I believe, only have a single MW transmitter on 780, ZBVI. They were widely heard with totally local programming and Christmas greetings and mostly mentions of the "BVI". Ads for "Cable and Wireless", the "BVI Social Security Branch" and the like. The closest thing to a real ID is usually at the bottom of the hour when they present the "weather for ZBVI".

As we sailed towards the Virgin Islands, I also checked the various split frequencies and heard all of them to a greater or lesser degree. 895 from St Kitts, Nevis, and Anguilla was heard with a local ID at 00:30 on Dec 27th with "895, 10000 watts, The Voice of Nevis, covering the whole Caribbean". Well not quite, as they were quite weak at that point, but did improve later in the evening with local holiday greetings, carols, and Auld Lang Sye at 01:57, but no ID at the top of the hour (seeing a pattern yet?). 555 ZIZ Radio St. Kitts had rather weak voice modulation compared to music, and somewhat muddied audio. Despite listening for over an hour, not a single ID was heard. Mostly stronger than 895, and very good by 00:55 on the 27th. They would mention St. Kitts and Nevis, though. Splatter from 550 was a problem. Despite my 2005 WRTH saying they signed off at 02:00, they were still going strong after 03:05 on the 27th.

535 Grenada GBN ID's as Klassic (or Classic) Radio and was heard with the "Twelve Days of Christmas" at 01:43 on the 27th at mostly fair, but occasionally good levels.

As we sailed north to the Bahamas on our return leg, I switched over to check for Bermuda (our cabin was on the starboard side of the ship, and faced north on the cruise northward). I was able to hear the BBCWS cochannel and weakly on 1160, and possibly 1280 with "FRN news" at 03:03 on the 29th. No luck on ZFB 1230, ZBM 1340, or 1450 AM Gold.

So, as you can see, I didn't do a whole lot of dxing (too much happening on the ship and on shore for that), but still some fun in listening to something virtually impossible to monitor back home in Victoria. If you care to see the ship, here's a link:

<http://www.kreuzfahrt-reisen.de/costa-kreuzfahrten/images/00007464.jpg.jpg>

Our cabin was on the side facing you, and was about midship, and just above the life boats. Hopefully I'll be able to get something useful from the MP3 recordings, and possibly post them somewhere. Hope this brief travelogue was of some interest to you.....

One last thing I forgot to mention and nothing to do with radio, but worthy to add to my recent travelogue. We spent a couple of days in Ft. Lauderdale and Miami Beach (South Beach) after the cruise. No radio listening but I did see the biggest most expensive homes and yachts I've ever seen, and I thought there were plenty in the Pacific North West. As many of you know, I'm building a modest cabin on the beach up on the Queen Charlotte Islands. My wife who happens to be Haida had a poster framed which will hang prominently in the cabin up there. It's based on a Cree saying. I couldn't get it out of my head looking at this 50 million dollar mansion, and that 100 million dollar yacht:

Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.

A point we need to all ponder! Happy new year!..... (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC. Via HCDX)

STATISTIK ÖVER ANMÄLDA LA-QSL I SWB UNDER 2005

LA-QSL till klubbens medlemmar blev 53. Statistik omfattar bulletinerna 1555 – 1579 och vi börjar som vanligt med för de senaste 10 åren:

| År | Sydamerika | Centralamerika | Totalt | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1995 | 78 | 13 | 91 | |
| 1996 | 53 | 13 | 66 | |
| 1997 | 28 | 10 | 38 | |
| 1998 | 39 | 10 | 49 | |
| 1999 | 42 | 8 | 50 | |
| 2000 | 40 | 12 | 52 | |
| 2001 | 43 | 9 | 52 | |
| 2002 | 52 | 15 | 67 | |
| 2003 | 63 | 5 | 68 | |
| 2004 | 47 | 6 | 53 | |
| 2005 | 26 | 3 | 29 | |
| Argentina | | | | Summa 1 (0) |
| Radiodifusión Argentina al Exterior | | | CB | |
| Antarktis | | | | Summa 1 (0) |
| Arcángel San Gabriel | | | BEFF | |
| Bolivia | | | | Summa 4 (5) |
| R Municipal, São Gabriel de Cachoeira | | | RW | |
| Radio Virgen de los Remedios | | | JE, RW | |
| Radio Estambul | | | TBV | |
| Radio Chaskis | | | TBV,JE,RW,KO | |
| Brasilien | | | | Summa 8 (15) |
| Rádio Dif. De Pocos Caldas | | | CB | |
| Rádio Guarujá de Florianópolis | | | CB,TBV | |
| Rádio Nova Tempo (ex IBP) | | | TBV | |
| Radio Trans Mundial | | | CB | |
| Radio Nova Tempo. Campo Grande | | | KO | |
| Rádio Caiari | | | AB, JE, KN,KO, | |
| Rádio Difusora Londrina | | | TBV | |
| Rádio Cancoa Nova | | | CB | |
| Chile | | | | Summa 0 (0) |
| Colombia | | | | Summa 2 (1) |
| LV de Yopal | | | | |
| Radio Marfil Estereo | | | CB,LES,KO,JE,BEFF | |
| Ecuador | | | | Summa 1 (2) |
| HCPV6 Radio Centro | | | AB | |
| Paraguay | | | | Summa 0 (0) |
| Peru | | | | Summa 9 (8) |
| Radio Eco, Reyes | | | JE | |
| Radio Santa Monica, Cusco | | | KO | |
| Radio LTC | | | JE | |
| Radio Tawantinsuyo | | | JE | |
| Radio del Pacifico | | | JE | |
| Radio Melodia | | | JE | |
| Radio San Antonio | | | CB | |
| Radio San Andrés, Cutervo | | | KO | |
| Radio Victoria | | | LW | |
| Uruguay | | | | Summa 0 (1) |
| Venezuela | | | | Summa 0 (1) |
| Cuba | | | | Summa 1 (0) |
| Radio Habana | | | CB | |
| Costa Rica | | | | Summa 0 (0) |
| Dom. Rep. | | | | Summa 0 (0) |
| El Salvador | | | | Summa 0 (0) |

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Guatemala | | Summa 0 (1) |
| Haiti | | Summa 0 (0) |
| Honduras | | Summa 0 (2) |
| Mexico | | Summa 1 (0) |
| XERTA R. Transcontinental de America | JE,CB,BEFF,KO | |
| Panama | | Summa 0 (0) |
| Nicaragua | | Summa 0 (0) |

Slutkläm: Ett dåligt år, så det behövs ingen kommentarer.

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