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Dags igen att sätta sig vid tangentbordet för att sammanställa ännu ett nummer av SWB.

Inte så många bidrag, men ändå en del intressant har letat sig fram till mailboxen.

En trist nyhet är att en av de stora och välkända MV-dxarna, Dr Richard E Wood bosatt på Hawaii hastigt har avlidit i sviterna av en hjärtattack.

Glenn Hauser har sammanställt en del av DX-världens kommentarer, bl a från HK som hade förmånen att få träffa honom i Tvärålund.

Eftersom många i SWB också är medlemmar i ARC kopierar jag alla kommentarerna rakt av. Det är faktiskt mer än lite DX-historia som återges.

Hoppas nu vintermörkret hjälper till att få fart på de domnade DX-andarna så vi får en välmatad bulle också nästa gång.

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Börge Eriksson: står i begrepp att flytta efter ett par månaders kaos i huset. För en tid sedan skrev jag i SWB att jag sparat en del DX-grejer, bl.a WRTH sedan 1954. John Ekwall nappade och ville ha den äldsta merparten av dem. Flyttlassen går måndag 1 oktober och då upphör min e-mail adress för er som har den. Jag får en ny operatör för bredbandet, men har ännu inte fått den nya e-postadressen, men jag hör av mig till alla er så fort jag har den klar. Min adress blir Landsгатan 31, 776 30 Hedemora med telefon 0225-13413 och är det någon som känner till stan så kommer jag att bo granne med Martin Kochgymnasiet, ett stenkast från kyrkan. Då vet ni ungefär var jag kommer att bo. Sedan får vi se, när flyttkaoset lagt sig, vad det kan tänkas vara för DX-läge. Till detta får jag återkomma.

(Lycka till med flytten och hoppas ni kommer att trivas i Hedemora. Beträffande flyttingens alla vedermödor så finns några kommentarer om detta i separat mail till dig. /red)

Leif Råhäll: Hoppas att allt är bra, här nere flyter dagen framåt så sakta mot höst och kanske lite mer att lyssna på.

Björn Fransson: Inte vet jag om det var på det berömda KROEK-mötet på Karön som jag fick det, men i vilket fall som helst, så går jag med en Borreliainfektion i kroppen. Det började med en inflammerad axel och enorm smärta, så fort jag försökte göra någonting. Sedan blev det en Kortisonspruta, så det onda gick över. Plötsligt visade det sig att roten till det onda är en fästing! För rättvisans skull ska jag nämna att vi har gott om fästingar på Gotland också! Fullständig kroppsbesiktning är numera rutin - varje dag!

Sorry, men jag glömde tiden för min Indien-scan i förra SWB: Skall vara 16.45-17.15 UTC:

Dan Olsson: Lördag 29/9. Hej Thomas och alla andra. Här kommer ett livstecken ifrån DO. Har idag varit på äppelmarknaden och tittat på äpplen och päron i alla dess former.

Det mest intressanta var annars att drottning Silvia vinkade till oss som fick vänta på henne i bilkön dit.

Hösten var varit låg då det gäller DX. Anledningen är att jag har fått en störning som täcker alla band härhemma. En uppryckning av DX-ingen kommer att ske då jag i tisdags fick en ny radio AOR 7030+ och dessutom ska en loopantenn sättas upp i trädgården. Det innebär att jag efter 30 år överger min TRIO.

Ett QSL att redovisa är **6320 R Saxonia** med -ebrev och kort. Var en av tre lyssnare som hörde deras program. Annars kom årets QSL för mig 5 september då Zach kom. Zach är mitt barnbarn nummer 1 och bor i Frankrike.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME! [transpolar MW]

Very rare early season opening to Far East this morning, September 20. Substantial, unmistakable Japanese carriers on 747 and 693 DFing 330. I believe I could have pulled in audio on 747 were it not for IBOC hash from local WWCN on 770 which splatters over 50 kHz both sides. Weaker Japan carriers also noted on 594 and 873 plus weak Far East carrier on 1053 kHz. These were heard 1055 to 1113 UTC. Local sunrise 1115. Based on past experience 774 is the best bet for Japan but not in this location only 4 kHz from WWCN. I wish I had started from the low frequencies up today to see how early these came in. Over 60 years experience chasing foreign MW DX, I have found that the peak seasons for really long range exotic DX occur one to two years after sunspot minima (Ray Moore, Ft. Myers FL; homebrew receiver, 23-inch spiral loop, NRC IDXD Sept 21 via DXLD)

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3250	19.9	1927	Pyongyang med folkmusik och sång som vanligt, gick väldigt bra denna kväll . 3 LRH
3325	21.9	1540	Palankaraya gick på övertid, är väl så under rammadan 2-3 LRH
3925	20.9	2041	Nikkei med den vanliga klockringningen vid px start 2-3 LRH
3925	22.9	2030	UK-pirat som jag fick till "Radio Pogus" eller liknande. Mycket prat och hälsningar. S 3. BEFF
3995	23.9	1532	Kendari kom in klart och starkt denna dag 3 LRH
4750	23.9	1955	OID med sång och musik, 2000 kom kinesen och så va de kört 1-2 LRH
4800	22.9	1735	AIR Hyderabad med nyheter på EE. Tabellogning liksom mina övriga AIR-tips. 2 CB
4885	22.9	0525	Rádio Clube do Pará med lugn musik. Stort ID på halvtimmen. 2 CB
4895	22.9	1734	AIR Kurseong med engelska nyheter. 2 CB
4910	22.9	1733	AIR Jaipur 2 CB
4920	22.9	1733	AIR Chennai störd av Tibet. 2 CB
4940	22.9	1732	AIR Guwahati 2 CB
4960	24.9	2110	OID med musl.- musik , men vad ? 1-2 LRH
5010	22.9	1730	AIR Thiruvananthapuram 3 CB
5015	22.9	1645	AIR Delhi med ett skivönskningsprogram på engelska som tydligen sänds varje lördag vid denna tid. Enbart västerländsk musik. 3 CB
5025	22.9	0535	Radio Rebelde med musik. 2 CB
5040,6	21.9	1555	Yangon med prat, har kommit lite högre upp än tidigare 2 LRH
5240	21.9	1635	Holy Tibet med inslaget "Eyes on Tibet". Stark signal men otydligt ljud. // 4905, 4920. 3-4 CB
5890	20.9	0630	"America Worldwide" visade sig vara WWCR , Nashville, TN. S 2-3. BEFF
5930	22.9	0910	OID ryss , men troligen Murmansk. Skulle vara lokalt vid denna tid, men är osäker på om det var det! S 2-3. BEFF
5952,5	29.9	0014	Radio Pio Doce , Bolivia, mx & talks, fair GB
6009,5	29.9	0011	La Voz de tu Conciencia , Colombia, talks, fair GB
6010	29.9	0017	Radio Bahrain , nice western pop songs no stop, fading, sometimes very good GB
6035	29.9	0007	BBS Bhutan , monks corus, good, sometimes QRM Voz del Guaviare GB
6070	19.9	0520	Radio Voz Cristiana med spanska. QRM från belarus, som hördes litet överallt. S 3. BEFF
6110	28.9	2000	RAI International med historiens sista sändning på svenska eftersom alla kortvågssändningar läggs ned den 1 oktober. Inte heller denna gång hade man några nyheter på svenska utan enbart förinspelade annonseringar. Den 27.9 lyssnade jag på det danska programmet där man i förbigående nämnde att kortvågssändningarna upphör den 1 oktober. Så tydligen försvinner nu det välbekanta fågelkvittret från kortvågsbanden. CB
6130	20.9	1530	Xizang PBS , Lhasa med musik px // 4905 2-3 LRH
6134,8	29.8	0021	Radio Santa Cruz , Bolivia, romantic songs, commercials, good GB
9494.8	22.9	1100	Abkhaskoye Radio (Apsua Radio) hordes, men inte mer! S 2. BEFF
11510	25.9	1325	Deeva Radio via Iranawila ID-ar ofta också Voice of America. Fartigt program. S 4. BEFF
11815	22.9	1900	Rádio Brasil Central med stort ID följt av musik. 2 CB
11970	30.9	0545	Radio Japan med sista programmet på svenska från Tokyo. Kjell Israelsson, Christer Brunström, Henrik Klemetz och Erik Køie intervjuades och samtliga medlemmar av den skandinaviska redaktionen kom med en sista hälsning till oss lyssnare i Norden. Även redaktionerna på tyska, italienska och malaysiska läggs ner den 30 september. CB
15345,05	18.9	1850	Radiodifusión Argentina al Exterior med tangosång presenterad på engelska. 2-3. Kvällen innan täcktes frekvensen helt av REE i Spanien. CB
15476	20.9	2003	R. N. Archangel med tjugiga ballader 2 LRH
15690	24.9	0750	Radio Farda med farsi och S 4-5. // 15290. BEFF
15690	23.9	1725	Radio Taiwan Intern'l med S 4 i en ett CC-EE LL, som ska förstås som ett engelskt-svensk språkprogram. BEFF

Recent logs from South Florida.....

2485	VL8K Katherine NT 1010 to 1015 with news items ..10 September..[Wilkner-FL]
3220	HCJB Pifo 1000 to 1030 program with very mellow flute music. 10 Sept. [Wilkner-FL]
4045	usb Cat Island in the Bahamas. 1030 to 1040 with report on destination, weak but readable signal. Interesting talk on the caribbean weather and chance of tropical storm activity affecting plans for sailing vessels departure. Another country for the Insomnia DX Club countries list. :-) 15 September [Wilkner-FL]
4456.94	[X] Bolivia, Radio Virgen de los Remedios , Tupiza, is on my target list. Had logs of the months ago as one of three Bolivian on the 90 meter band at the time. Various issues of bulletin had some chatter on this recently. Nothing in 1000 to 1100 this week 4456.96 was frequency for last logging of station [Wilkner-FL]
3172.62	Radio Municipal , Pnao returned, noted from 1040 to 1100+ with om en espanol and ments to Municipal and news items, noted most days since then, frequency varies to 3175v [?] on various days but cannot confirm this as Radio Municipal Radio Municipal, Pnao been off for two weeks. Two other dxers noted similar. 10 September [Wilkner-FL]
4600.2	Central American medium wave harmonic near previous CP station's frequency. 14 Sept [Wilkner-FL]

- 4763.11 **Radio Chicha**, Toca 1030 with om en espanol held in to 1045. Picked out names of Bolivian locations in talk. fair to good 11 Sept. [Wilkner-FL]
- 4875.91 **[also .82] Radio Estambul** all this week with weak signal, often difficult to tune and fade out before other 60 meter band Bolivian stations. 1000 to 1030 with exotic music challenging radios for best synchro lock. R8 and R75 with the Kiwa modification did well. Like the sound of the R8. In this feel that I am not alone based on emails received over the last two weeks. 11 September [Wilkner-FL]
- 6079.98 **Radio San Gabriel**, La Paz, 1000 to 1120 with flauta andina, exchange between yl and om ments de '... Santa Cruz...' and later "banda de 49 metros .." no positive ID on 13 September. Long series of beautiful flute solos permitted comparing quality om AM mode between R8, NRD 535D, 746 Pro and R75 Kiwa. Signal varied quickly, often a few seconds that comparison was inconclusive. Used switches for audio and same antenna. Hitting the R8 synchro for a second time seemed to hold this in very well. Lost at 1120 with yl en espanol weak by then. [Wilkner-FL]
- 6173.8 **Radio Tawantinsuyo**, Cusco 1033 to 1050 " en la horas de peru' and cinco viente tres ...nacional de .." very difficult signal here as covered by co channel slop and need for very narrow filter of the R8 and or 746 Pro. Noticed back in 1995 that the R8 synchro would occasionally work in .05 if the PBT was tuned with extreme care. At the time Guyana was on 5950.20 or something like this. [Wilkner-FL]

Zimbabwe when logged here has not been parallel between 3396 and 4828 as it seem two different services. Poor quality generally. 0300 to 0330 on 2 September fair to good African opening. Also noted Uganda 4976 same time.

Continue to look for Radio Peace 4750 between 0230 and 0330 with no joy. [Wilkner-FL]

[Remote location using the modified 2010XA whip antenna. Rlcw Plans for the 2010XA are on think the mods are on the [Yahoo icf2010](#) club files under: Sony 2010-XA.pdf. [Wilkner-FL]

River DXpedition 17 September from 1050 to 1140 GMT. Solar Flux 67

Receiver Sony 2010XA with whip antenna. Usually dx in ssb but wanted to try synchro lock on 2010XA. Previously assumed that the synchro lock would be inferior to dxing in ssb. Easy frequency switches with the Sony pre sets/memories. Mosquitoes were in evidence. Looking for a location not as close to flora. Mosquitoes keep DXpeditions very brief; large enough to carry off small children. :-)

- 2485 **VL8K Katherine** NT, 1100 to 1130 very strong, good lock, could copy each word much stronger than 2310 and 2325. All three locked in. [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]
- 3329.6 **Ondas del Huallaga** Huánuco, good lock with OA music fading out by 1110. [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]
- 3905 **Radio New Ireland** Kavieng excellent lock, 1100 to 1130, island music, yl at 1135. Very good signal. [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]
- 4750.00 **RRI Makassar** 1100 to 1130 good lock, strong signal. [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]
- 4886.6 **Radio Virgen del Carmen** 1100 to 1105 with om and music fading out. Poor lock in Synchro. [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]
- 4895 **UNID** good lock in unid language 1100 to 1115. Held in well but not identifiable here [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]
- 4950 **Madre de Dios** Carrier but no audio, checked till 1140. [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]
- 5019.9 **SIBC**, Honiara at 1100 to 1130, surprisingly good with island music. Adjacent 5025 Radio Rebelde interference seemingly not problem with lock in lower synchro. [Wilkner-River dpxpedition]

Stationsnyheter

INDONESIA. Dear OM, RRI started an early morning service of the Ramadan on Sep. 12 (UT).

Monitor at around 1800-2130 UT Sep. 12 [07-09-13 JST / WIB]

- 3266 RRI-Gorontalo : -1730-2110+, Poor. JN at 2000
 3325 RRI-Palangkaraya : *2030-2110+, Poor. JN at 2100
 3987 RRI-Manokwari : -1913-2100+, Poor. JN at 2000
 3995 RRI-Kendari : *1857-2115+, Poor
 4605 RRI-Serui : *1750-2130+, Fair to poor. JN at 2000, 2100
 4750 RRI-Makassar : *1758-1957, Poor
 4790 RRI-Fak Fak : *1757-2120*, Fair to poor. JN at 2100
 4870 RRI-Wamena : *1959-2100+, Poor. JN at 2000
 4875 RRI-Sorong : *1958-2145+, Fair. JN at 2100

Monitor at around 1730-2100 UT Sep. 13 [07-09-14 JST / WIB]

3266 RRI-Gorontalo : *1732-2040+, Poor
3961 RRI-Palu [N.B.] : *1856-1940, Weak. Opening chime at 1856
3987 RRI-manokwari : *1858-2040+, Poor. JN at 2000
4605 RRI-Serui : *1753-2115+, Poor. JN at 2000, 2102
4750 RRI-Makassar : *1801-1955, Fair to poor
4790 RRI-Fak Fak : *1759-2130+, Poor. JN at 2100
4870 RRI-Wamena : *2016-2115+, Poor. JN at 2100
4875 RRI-Sorong : *1957-2130-, Fair. JN at 2100

JN-Jakarta News relay de A. Ishida (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Sept 14, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ramadan, 07-09-15 Monitor at around 1700-2000 [07-09-16 JST / WIB]

3266 RRI-Gorontalo : *1659-, Poor
3961 RRI-Palu : *1901-1942b/out, Poor
3987 RRI-Manokwari : *1906-, Fair to poor
3995 RRI-Kendari : *1856-, Poor
4605 (RRI-Serui) : -1847-, Poor, QRM/Utilities
4750 RRI-Makassar : *1755-, Fair
4790 RRI-Fak Fak : *1758-, Fair to poor
4870 (RRI-Wamena) : -2009-, Poor
4925 RRI-Jambi : *1852-, Poor

Cf. Monitoring list during the Ramadan 2006. http://wave.ap.teacup.com/n1hp/html/r_06.pdf de A.Ishida
<http://wave.ap.teacup.com/n1hp/> in Japanese.
(S. Hasegawa, NDXC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PERU. To my surprise, I noticed that **Radio Libertad de Junín** from the Peruvian Andes has a website, launched earlier this year. There's not much yet at <http://www.rlibertadjunin.com/> but in theory you can listen to the station online. I wasn't able to make the internet feed work though, and other than that, there's just a couple of ads and links, not even contact information. Anyway, it was nice to see that they do have a website to develop. Coming across the website reminded me of my visit to Radio Libertad in 2000, which I wrote an article about, posted at <http://www.dxing.info/articles/peru.dx> - wonder if Mauro Chaccha Guere is still head of the station.

This inspired me to check out a couple of other Peruvian stations, and I found that Radio Oriente from Yurimaguas is now webcasting at <http://www.radiooriente.org/leer.php/10> - although again, it didn't work when I tried. I used to host and design the Radio Oriente website for a couple of years when they first wanted to have one, but I'm happy to see that they got a URL of their own, and with a much more sophisticated design than I ever could have done (Mika Mäkeläinen, McLean VA, Sept 19, dxing.info via DXLD)

VENEZUELA [non]. Radio National Venezuela being heard with strong signal during English broadcast at 1500-1530 on 11680. News by women and then commentary. No schedule. Into Spanish at 1530. Strong interference from station broadcasting cochannel in Arabic. Relay from Cuba? Mainly propaganda (Tom Sliva, NYC, Sept 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No doubt; Turkey is on 11680 in Turkish until 1530. So RNV had a full semi-hour in English? That's quite new. The only way to put together a schedule for it is by running across broadcasts like this, as neither RNV nor RHC will publish a complete up-to-date schedule. Thanks, Tom (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Övriga radionyheter

UN RADIO MIRAYA

September 7, 2007 (KHARTOUM) — United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon Said today that the crisis in Darfur did not cause any reallocation of funds from Southern Sudan.

“No money pledged for the development of South Sudan is going to Darfur” Ban Ki-Moon told UN Radio Miraya FM in Juba in interview.

During Oslo international donors conference, held in April 2005, donor countries pledged 4.5 billion US dollars to bolster peace and reconstruction in the war-plagued southern Sudan

However officials in the South have complained that they have received a small portion of these pledges.

The UN top official stressed that the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) is “a billion dollar peacekeeping operation, designed solely to support the parties in implementing the CPA.”

The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) was signed in January 2005 between the National Congress Party which then ruled in the National Government and the then rebel Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement, bringing an end to 21 years of civil war in the country.

The Minister of Information in the semi-autonomous Government of South Sudan, Dr Samson Kwaje, claimed last month that money pledged for Southern Sudan by the international community was going to Darfur.

Ban Ki-Moon said that he was "overwhelmed by the warm welcome of the people of south Sudan". He said this "makes my resolve further strengthened to work for the peace and security and development of southern Sudan". Ban Ki-Moon was speaking during a visit to the southern capital Juba during this week's visit to Sudan which also took him to Darfur and Khartoum. (Via Robert Wilkner)

Radio Miraya will be testing on Monday Sept. 17, 2007 from 0300 to 0600 UT on 7285 kHz to Sudan, in Arabic & English. Please send reception reports to bevoip (at) yahoo (dot) com. Please indicate QTH. Thank you. Jane (via Ron Norton, JihADX Sept 16 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

If Ron Norton is involved, it's presumably via IRRS, presumably via Bulgaria. 7285 is a frequency on their schedule at other times, per WRTH May update: in English to Eu/NAf/ME, 1600-1830 Fri, 1600-1900 Sun (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FINALLY AN ALTERNATIVE TO DX TUNERS!

Many of us would have made use of Kelly Lindman's DX Tuners until it's close down of March this year. Since then the only alternatives were a few web controlled receivers here and there.

Now there is a new free to use site for the remote control of receivers worldwide, it's called RemoteHams and can be found at, <http://www.remotehams.com/>

There are currently 15 radios available worldwide including, Europe, North America Africa and Australia. You can even share you own computer controlled radio if you want! More info and supprt about sharing your radio can be found at

<http://www.remotehams.com/index.php>

Hope you all find this site as useful as I have so far (Dave Martin, UK, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)

LA DX LIST MOVING

Mark Mohrmann's LA DX site is moving to a new home. See: <http://www.rovers.net/~hackmohr/sw.htm>

New site is: <http://home.tele2.it/MCDXT/LASWLOGS.htm>

Note that in Mark's message the new site is shown with a .html extension which does not work. It is .htm (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, Sept 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Italian group revived and started updating it last year so now it's more convenient to host it directly. And page down after the frequency lists for huge list of reference linx (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

KWZ-30 SUCCESSOR

I just checked the Kneisner + Doering web page and noted a subtle change regarding the KWZ-30/2. On the page that describes the receiver it used to state that they had hoped to release the KWZ-30/2 in 2006, now it says "There will be a successor to the KWZ-30. The release date is still unknown." http://kd-elektronik.com/index_e.html (Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, Sept 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well known MW DX-er Richard E. Wood dead

I just received the sad news from friend Ginny Boehnke, (wife of Chuck Boehnke, who passed 3 years ago), that Richard Wood of Hawaii died yesterday of a Heart Attack. He was 67. He apparently has had heart troubles the past couple of years. Ginny got this information from Richard Wood's tenant. The tenant said that Richard Wood had no relatives and had no will. So is all I know. She wanted me to pass on the information. 73, Patrick Martin KAVT Reception Manager (via HCDX)

HAWAII [and non]. Re 7-117: Glenn: -- Very sorry to hear about the loss of Dr. Wood, especially at such a young age. You may recall his appearances for several years running, on our annual "DX Special" Ray Briem programs, heard over ABC Talkradio in the '80s & early '90s. His expertise added generously to each show, and his opinions, though sometimes controversial, were always well thought out. He will be sorely missed for some time to come...seems this is just more proof of 2007 being a lousy year for DXing in general (GREG HARDISON (Still L.A.), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, Read in DXLD about the passing of Dr. Wood. I had the chance to meet him in Louisville at a National Radio Club convention in the early 80's. He brought some of his amazing QSLs and had some great stories to relate. He was very kind and patient with a teenager with a lot of questions. I remember talking to him out at the all-night DX session there. Definitely an irreplaceable part of DX history. Take care, (Eric Loy, Champaign IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I was saddened to read of Dr. Wood's death. I always enjoyed his excellent DX reports from Hawai'i and in the very brief correspondence I had with him, he was helpful and patient (Dan Sheedy, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have an autographed copy of his 1972 book - Short Wave Voices of The World. That's about the era I really enjoyed Short Wave radio, QSL's pennants, great programming (Jerry WW0E, HCDX via DXLD)

I just finished reading the latest edition (7-117) of Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest and was deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Richard E. Wood of Hilo, HI. He was mainly active from the mid-1960s through the late 1970s, and was truly one of the all-time great DXers.

As a MW DXer, Richard made numerous extraordinary loggings from Hawaii --- like Florida stations at their morning sign ons. Yes, the AM band was much less congested back then, but that is still amazing DX. He also made the first MW loggings of Europe from Hawaii. He later left Hawaii for a college teaching career in the continental U.S., but returned to Hawaii and the Big Island in the mid-1980s.

In the early 1970s, Dr. Wood lived in Baton Rouge while teaching at LSU and got into FM DXing. He again produced eye-popping DX on that band, including tropo reception from western New York. I think he may still hold the record for the most distant overland tropo FM DX in North America.

He was also an accomplished SW DXer with a massive collection of station pennants. He authored the book "Shortwave Voices of the World" and numerous articles on DXing for the annual Popular Electronics Communications Handbook. He was a member of many clubs, and I believe he served as president of IRCA in the 1980s.

I know recent years were not always kind to Dr. Wood. On my last visit to the Big Island in 2002, the late Chuck Boehnke (a good DXer and even better person) suggested that I not look up Dr. Wood because he felt Richard was going through a difficult period and might not be amenable to a visitor. In the last decade, Dr. Wood dropped in and out of the DX hobby and there were periods when he was a recluse. If Dr. Wood had any relatives, they must be back in his native England instead of Hawaii. It's heartbreaking to think he died so alone. Because of his relative inactivity over the past 15 years or so, many newcomers to DXing may not be aware of who Dr. Wood was and the role he played. Believe me when I say he was a giant of the DX hobby (Harry Helms W5HLH, Smithville, TX EL19, ABDX via DXLD)

It is interesting that you also remember those language series Richard did, if they were the ones in the early 1970's time frame. I was at WCBS then and Richard was at Adelphi (or was it Hofstra?) in Long Island, and he travelled into NYC and came up to the WCBS studio where I sat him in an unused studio one night and started a couple of tapes going, and he knocked out the entire series in one sitting, I cleaned up the few edits and mailed the tapes up to Ian McFarland (RCI, Box 6000 Montreal). I wonder if they survive anywhere after about 35 years. I might have given away my copy after some time.

He visited Kathy (my late wife) and I several times in 1973 or 1974. He could tune my GPR-90 which had excellent hearing but lousy dial readability, and ID the various SW stations on 11 mc/s by sound. JAC (QRM) mentioned his stint in Saudi, it was at a town called Abha, in the Ta'if region north of Yemen, in the mountainous area and he remarked on the cool weather there, compared to the desert. I remember his saying he heard Brazil on MW, probably R. Globo, from there. I had just seen some interesting clips in the New York Times about recording dying languages for posterity and was about to mail them over to him (Bob Foxworth, Tampa FL, IRCA via DXLD)

Bob, I was wondering if anyone else remembered Dr. Wood's "Foreign Language Recognition Course" for RCI. I recall hearing it in installments as part of the Radio Canada DX Club as a teenager in the 60s ("start your tape recorder...NOW") and purchased a cassette several years back from the ODXA. Dr. Wood was a pioneer for so many of us in the hobby. May he rest in peace, and his memory live on. Very 73 de (Anne Fanelli in Elma NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bob, indeed they are still around and have been resurrected in a CD set that Ian McFarland and Colin Newell produced as a fund raiser for a local food bank. Go to <http://www.dxer.ca> for the details. They've been quite popular again since the re-release, I'm told (Walt Salmaniw, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

Right here - <http://www.dxer.ca/content/view/40/88/> Ian McFarland has written a cheque of over 1000 dollars to a local food bank thanks to the enthusiasm for these CD sets over the last year. Ian and I are talking about a 3rd project currently in development and a possible update to a "Radio Canada SW Club" reunion broadcast in Podcast format (Colin Newell - Editor/Creator www.coffeecrew.com | www.dxer.ca ibid.)

Richard Wood's website : <http://www.richardsfruitstand.com/> (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I was very sad to hear of the passing of Richard Wood. Although I never met him, I remember his many IRCA DX reports from Hawaii in 1969-71, with astonishing catches like my local, KTNT-1400. Especially, I had interest in his foreign language ability, and have since tried hard in studying Japanese and Cantonese, perhaps in admiration. When I rejoined IRCA earlier this year, I received a friendly 2-page handwritten letter from Dr. Wood, simply because I mentioned his name in a Forum posting. He will be very much missed here. 73, (Gary, IRCA via DXLD)

Greeting. WOW!!! I am stunned! Richard Wood came to several SLIDX meetings in the late 1970s and early 80s here in my home mostly. He always had a great time at GTGs, and loved to talk radio! He went to teach in Saudi Arabia one year, and stored much of his belongings in my home, attic and a friend's attic!! He lived with me and my family one summer (1984), and woke up the children frequently tuning in Radio Australia or Radio Tashkent at 5 am local time! He showed me his British passport, and told me of his early years in Dundee, Scotland!

He made me laugh, but not as often as I made him laugh!!! I am recalling many fond memories of Richard Wood right now with my autistic brain. I live with Asperger's Syndrome (high functional form of autism), and my mind records memories and events like movies that play in my mind as if they had just happened! RIP, Richard, we had some great times together! (Terry Klasek, Saint Louis, Missouri, IRCA via DXLD)

Really sad, sad news. Richard was an absolute premier DXer, up there with GPN [Gordon P. Nelson, deceased] & only a couple others. In his hay day back in the 70s-80s he heard some mind boggling catches. He also was editor of the foreign dx column in one of the clubs. I never met him but I surely regret his passing. Someone should look into attempting to acquire all his QSLs. That would be a worthwhile project. Isn't Dale Park on Oahu a member of both NRC & IRCA? Plus, he travels around quite a bit. Maybe he could check it out? (Don Kaskey, CA, IRCA via DXLD)

BTW, I too was sorry to hear of Richard Wood's passing. I recall meeting him at the 1971 convention in Toledo. 73's (David Faulkner, Albany (near Athens) Ohio, IRCA via DXLD)

Was he a MWC member, Steve? A sad loss. This guy did some fine DX around Newcastle upon Tyne, if my memory serves me right, for the club (Barry Davies, UK, MWC via DXLD)

When I was a young DXer in the 60s, I wrote to Richard Wood (or Richard E Wood as he liked to be) - I can't remember what about, asking his advice about something - and we corresponded for a couple of years after that, even after he moved to the USA. He was

always extremely helpful and took a lot of effort to offer advice and encouragement. We never met. I remember he bought a National HRO-500 receiver, which was astronomically expensive and considered very futuristic back then. I was using a government surplus HRO-MX and envied him enormously. It's sad that he's died. He seemed a very nice man, and certainly one of the great DXers (Jack Weber, *ibid.*)

I met Richard in the early 60's. In the summer of 1961 he came hitch-hiking all the way to my place at Tvärålund in northern Sweden. He was amazed at the huge signals I was having from the Middle East on MW and shocked to see the postman deliver pennants from Latin America and souvenirs from Japanese MW stations. At the time, Richard was studying Russian at Trinity College in Cambridge. We spent a couple of days playing around deciphering languages and accents on MW and SW. REW, as he was later dubbed when enrolled by the Arctic Radio Club, showed me some unusual QSLs, and I particularly remember one from the Brazilian Nordeste, Rádio Espinharas de Patos, I think, with a lengthy letter where he was being addressed as "A Sua Majestade", Your Majesty. Very keen on North American DX, Richard showed me a collection of weather maps from The Times with isobar graphs for the UK and part of the Atlantic. He believed that instances of peak NA reception coincided with areas of high atmospheric pressure in the order of 1010 millibars or more, stretching from East to West across the Atlantic. In Newcastle-on-Tyne, as well as in Cambridge, he was using a Marconi CR100 surplus receiver. I admired Richard for his linguistic skills: he was proficient not only in Russian but also in German, and so he was eventually capable of writing letters even in Swedish (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, MWC via DXLD)

Sorry to hear about the death of Richard E. Wood - a master DXer. I thought his last round of medium wave DXing in Hawaii was first rate - I enjoyed reading his reports. He will be missed. 73, (Mike Beu KD5DSQ, Austin, Texas, Sept 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dr Richard Wood R.I.P. <http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/wp-content/uploads/2007/09/wood.jpg>

I just learned via Patrick Martin on the Hard-Core-DX mailing list that DXer Dr Richard Wood passed away yesterday at the age of 67 following a heart attack. Dr Richard Wood was one of the most experienced mediumwave DXers in the world, and his was one of the names I heard most often in my early years as a DXer in the 1960's. He was also a contributor to the World Radio TV Handbook and its offshoot, How to Listen to the World.

A native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, Dr Wood taught at several universities in the United States, as well as in Norway and Saudi Arabia, and was a remarkable linguist, which helped him enormously in his chosen hobby. He later settled in Hawaii, from where he was able to log some very rare mediumwave stations, and remained an active DXer right up to his death (September 28th, 2007 - 15:55 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

I'd like to add my regrets at hearing the passing of Richard. I didn't know him nearly as well as many of you. During my stint as BTC, he sent beautiful handwritten QSL reports for the DX tests for Hawaii. They usually included postcards, maps, and other paper items from the islands, and always include details that went way beyond a simple reception report. I often had the feeling that I was sitting beside at the dials as he strained to pull in a weak test from the mainland. As other mentioned, I also remember his language series from Radio Canada as a teenager. To this day, the knowledge gained from listening to those programs still comes in handy, though more often with business than DXing. The world has grown much smaller since then, and with the help of people like Richard, perhaps a bit closer together as well. He will be missed (Les Rayburn, Birmingham, AL, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I only met him once: at the NRC Convention at Enfield in 1983. We had a long talk about DXing foreign stations but it was most interesting. In later years I remember when he congratulated me on my logging of India-1566 which I thought was very nice of him. And just a few months ago he wrote me a long letter about my reception while on a cruise to French Polynesia. I had meant to answer him but never got around to it! It was too bad he didn't have a computer - or at least didn't do E-mail. And I have always been most impressed at his great South American loggings from Hawaii. Obviously his language skills helped him a lot (Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford, PA, *ibid.*)

Glenn: I was sorry to hear about the passing of Richard Wood. A quick anecdote comes to mind. I saw him at the 1983 ANARC Convention in Washington, where I had just arrived from Curacao. Knowing of his linguistic skills, I jokingly said to him: "I know one language that I'll bet you can't speak." I told him it was Papiamentu, the local language spoken in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. I thought I had him stumped. Well, he immediately spouted forth a slew of Papiamentu which I didn't understand, but I could tell that he obviously spoke it fluently. An amazing gentlemen (Jeff White, FL, Sept 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I remember Richard E. Wood, REW very well; who wouldn't if one calls himself a DXer of any worthwhile calibre. When I started as a serious DXer, an unknown third world reporter to Sweden Calling DXers, NASWA, ASWLC and a few more, maybe late 1968 or so I wrote a letter to Richard and he replied, something exciting and great for me. We exchanged many letters over the years. I never even saw a picture of him. The memories of him are very affectionate indeed and of great respect as I love languages like most of us do. He contributed much to the hobby as stated by so many of you. I tried to contact him in recent years but couldn't. I wanted so much to get his book Short Wave Voices of the World, which I hope will surface somewhere some day.

We pass through this way but once and it is our duty and pride to remember people such as Richard who have contributed so much to our own enrichment of the hobby. For those of us involved in linguistics as a profession, he showed a different perspective through radio and through the many Short Wave Voices we have heard.

Though we say May he Rest in Peace, we know his memory and works will not just rest but be active as long as we are active in the area that we love so much to which he contributed much (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 4S7VK, DXplorer Sept 29 via BC-DX via DXLD)

I second John's [Callarman?] sentiment that Richard was one of the major SW DXing forces of the 1960s and 70s. There was a small handful of people, Richard among them, who brought important information on certain specialized subjects language (Richard's specialty), music, other cultures, propagation, etc. to the hobby. And that changed DXing permanently and definitely for the better!! Before them, we were casual, ill-informed listeners. . . After them, we knew about things like tonal languages and glottal stops, could tell a quena from a charango, knew you never referred to anyone as an "indio," and understood grayline was something other than a bus tour of New York City.

Richard and a few others like him changed the SW DX hobby! In that sense, I don't think John overstates the case in using the term "giant."

Richard, whilst at Indiana University, also produced, at least for a short time, an excellent, though small SW bulletin. My recollection subject to correction by someone, probably JB or Herk is that it was called something like the America Central DX Club. It was a first rate publication and I invariably learned something important with each issue!

I had a smooth and very cordial relationship with Richard, though we were not really close friends. Richard was, indeed, outspoken, and that did turn some people off. He was an extremely intelligent person and had an industrial strength ego to go with it. And that turned off others. And further, he did not suffer fools or those he considered fools gladly. And that definitely did not earn him their friendship. This carried into his professional life. He taught at many universities, large and small, as John has noted. That was not necessarily by choice or simply because he had wandering feet. There were some institutions where he would have loved to stay, I know for a fact. But he could not get on a tenure track at any of them, and eventually, he left academia.

The SW hobby was the loser when Richard shifted his interests to medium wave/BCB, then moved to Hawaii and fruit raising/selling. May he rest in peace! (Don Jensen, DXplorer Sept 29 via BC-DX via DXLD)

Sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Richard E Wood. I remember him well from the 70's. He was, indeed a great DXer (Steven C. Wiseblood/ AB5GP, TX, ABDX via DXLD)

This is really sad news. I've been a DXer for 35 years and Dr. Wood was always a big name in the hobby, both in Shortwave and Mediumwave DXing. His experience and expertise will be missed. An I agree with Don, that someone needs to make arrangements to acquire his QSLs and other DX related items so that they don't end up in the trash (Martin Foltz, IRCA via DXLD)

Ginny Boehnke is checking into it and so far no funeral home has heard of Richard Wood. So, the body has not been transferred to one on the island as yet. Being without a will or any living relatives, this could be a mess. He had property, a van, plus his personal belongings. I think it will be difficult to claim something that you have no claim to. Hopefully someone will be able to save his QSLs, but who knows? I would have hoped that Richard would have made some contact to preserve the QSLs. Time will tell. 73, (Patrick Martin, OR, ibid.)

Kim Andrew Elliott points out that REW re-introduced himself in <http://www.worldofradio.com/dxld6009.txt> Yes, under HAWAII (gh, DXLD)