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Kallt och härligt väder här nere i Skåne med 0 gr just nu. Det börjar bli dags att montera på vinterdäcken. Vädret är lömskt för tillfället med regn, snö och hagel om vartannat och det är inget den skånske bilisten gillar...

Till detta nummer har kommit en hel del tips. De nya digitala mottagarna blir bara fler. Nu är även Perseus klar för distribution. Bl a GB i Italien kör test på en av de första. Vi får väl se vilken som kommer att bli DX-arnas favorit.

Ganska intressant med alla de möjligheter som öppnar sig. Trist bara att antalet rara stationer bara blir färre. Det som också krävs är att den anslutna PC:n är ordentligt avstörd. Hos mig skulle det aldrig gå att lyssna på tropikbanden när datorn står på. Intressant utveckling i varje fall.

Keep on

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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.

Leif Råhäll: Inga signaler vare sig på 4753,3 eller 4755,2 vet inte var dom tagit vägen, men hoppas dom kommer tillbaka.

Bjarke Vestesen: Jeg er i København det meste af tiden i øjeblikket for at dække en terrørsag i landsretten. Derfor er jeg ikke meget hjemme, men jeg har da indimellem haft tændt kortbølgeradioen og især tjekket NA på mellembølge i de tidlige morgentimer. Og når jeg ikke sidder i landsretten er jeg ude at løbe - for det kommer altid et nyt maraton :- (næste gang bliver i København den 18. maj 2008, så jeg går snart i gang med den seriøse træning).
(Bjarke, Med så meget træning har du väl snart ordnat en plats i landslaget? Kör hårt! /red)

Giampieri Bernardini: I'm testing my new receiver Perseus. It performs very well.

Some links, if you are interested:

<http://www.locutus.it/sundry/perseus/>
http://www.ssb.de/amateur/englisch/perseus/perseus_e.shtml
<http://www.microtelecom.it/perseus/index.htm>
http://www.cqdx.it/woodbox/Perseus_uk.html

Sheigra DXpedition Report / DX Programme list

A report on the October 2007 DXpedition to Sheigra in the far north west of Scotland by Tony Rogers, Dave Kenny and Alan Pennington is now available on the British DX Club web site.

The report includes loggings of stations heard on both MW and SW at Sheigra as well as some photos. The visit to Sheigra coincided with superb medium wave DX conditions, especially towards the Far East, and we were able to log numerous Chinese, Japanese and Korean MW stations which are rarely heard in the UK. Some afternoons reception of these stations was overwhelming and many more were heard that we were unable to identify in the time available.

A short wave highlight was reception of Wantok Radio Light from Papua New Guinea on 7325 kHz and a tentative logging of Micronesia on 4755 kHz. Also available on the web site, the BDXC Guide to DX Programmes which has now been updated for the B07 period.

See www.bdx.org.uk - Articles Index Page.

(via DXLD)

BBC Monitoring 1939-1979 anniversary publication

Hi Oms, Some of you may be interested in seeing this rare publication which can be seen in pdf-format from the front-page of my web-site <http://krone-web.dk/>

I visited there several times around 1980 where I a.o. met wellknown Gordon Darling, Dave Kenny and Chris Greenway - always very friendly and cosy visits.

Just thought it fun to put it out!

(73's Finn Krone via HCDX)

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

			VL8A Alice Springs NT 1000 news items; trying out on the ground 30 meter long wire antenna 31 October [Wilkner-FL]
2310			UNID 0120; 0140 to 0145 weak Portuguese om 1 November. [Wilkner-FL]
2379.86			Harmonics from 1000 to 1030 most likely rather than Peru, Radio Marginal which may be either off or wandering with different frequencies showing up each day between 3169.7 to 3175. 30 Oct to 4 November [Wilkner-FL]
3172			Radio Luz y Sonido Huánuco 0930 return to frequency after week of silence. Fair signal with om announcer and Peru music. 3 November [Wilkner-FL]
3234.92			
3250.03	5.11	2129	Pyongyang med prat 2 LRH
3325	5.11	1655	Palangkarya med soft mx 2-3 LRH
3335	5.11	1938	East Sepik med inhemska mx 2-3 LRH
3335	6.11	1945	East Sepik med el-gitarr mx från West Side Story 2-3 LRH
3340			R Misiones Internacionales Comayagüela noted with increased power 1110 to 1115 on 1 November [Wilkner-FL]
3360usb			"Foxtrot India Echo..." 0110, 1 November [Wilkner-FL]
3905	6.11	1942	R New Ireland med glada inhemska rytmer 2 LRH
3925	5.11	2055	Nikkei med klassisk mx 2 LRH
3995.04	5.11	2125	Kendari med lite mx och prat 2 LRH
4010			UNID at 1100 on 8 and 9 November [Wilkner-South Florida]
4409.7			Radio Eco , Reyes 2305 to 2315 flute solo at tune in, time check by om, more exotic flute music; still in at 2358 3 November [Wilkner-FL]
4450			North Korea , Korean.. 1120 military music good signal. [Wilkner-South Florida]
4600.2v			Central American Harmonic reported by various Florida dxers; ,not strong enough here to pull details.. 2305 to 2310. 3 November [Wilkner-FL]
4600.44			Radio Perla del Acre[?] 1005 to 1009* religious programme with om, " Dios en el lado..." weak and then gone. 3 November [Wilkner-FL]
4604.96	6.11	1431	Serui med ballader 2-3 LRH
4699.36	11.11	0034	Radio San Miguel , Bolivia, talks, mx, no id poor GB
4732			Radio Universitaria , Cobija, Pando not there 2300; 0000 or 0100 check, but rty with "ryryryryryryryry.." present :- (Late October and early November [Wilkner-FL]
[X].			
4739.7	6.11	1335	Son La Radio & Tv med trad. tribehill mx 2 LRH
4746.88	11.11	0043	Radio Huanta 2000 , Perú, music, poor GB
4750	6.11	1435	3 stationer hördes, en var Pakistan och en Kina, men var den tredje Makassar då? LRH
4754.9	5.11	2134	OID station svagt igenom Immaculada Brasilien ?
4779.97	11.11	0052	Radio Cultural Coatan , Guatemala, mx, talks, fair GB
4780	5.11	0305	RTV Djibouti , Holy Kuran, good GB
4799			Radio Buenas Nuevas , San Sebastián, Huehuetenango no sign of this 1100 GMT on 3 or 4 November. China there on 4800.00 [Wilkner-FL]
[X]			
4799.8v			Radio Buenas Nuevas , San Sebastián, Huehuetenango off the air for the last four days. [Wilkner-South Florida]
4800			China National Radio // 4460 om then into Chinese music at 1115 to 1130 on 9 November [Wilkner-South Florida]
4828			ZBC Zimbabwe 0125 very strong with Afro Pops; 0140 no announcement between songs. not // weaker 3396 1 November [Wilkner-FL]
4845.23	11.11	0020	Radio Cultura , Brazil, songs, talks, no Mauritania, fair/good GB
4845.23	10.11	0140	Radio Cultura , Brazil, songs, poor/fair GB
4915	5.11	0250	Difusora Macapà Brazil Songs, great ids, good GB
5910	5.11	0210	Marfil Estereo Colombia Nice songs, fair GB
5910	10.11	0120	Marfil Estereo , Colombia, songs, poor/fair GB
5952.4			R Pío XII Siglo XX 0030 to 0040 on 9,8 and 7 November, good signal with narrow filter and notch filter [Wilkner-South Florida]
5954,11	11.11	0100	Radio Republica , Cla to Cuba, usual talks about Cuba. Fair GB
5965	4.11	1300	MV Baltic Radio , from Germany I presume, Ids in different languages and songs, very good GB
5996.33			UNID . Bolivia possibly, with om in Spanish 0030 to 0040; 0945 to 1005.same fade pattern as 5967.68, R Nacional de Huanuni, Huanuni 10. [Wilkner-South Florida]
6000	5.11	1945	Family Radio Religious prg in Italian, very good, off 1958 GB
6009.5	10.11	0110	La Voz de tu Conciencia , talks, mx, poor GB
6035	2.11	0020	BBS Bhutan, chorus, talks at 0030 GB
6035	5.11	0220	La Voz del Guaviare Colombia romantic songs, talks, fair GB

6035	10.11	0050	BBS , Bhutan, talks by yl, fair GB
6105.44			Radio Panamericana La Paz with yl ballad at 2310 to 2315 on 3 November [Wilkner-FL]
6255	11.11	0155	KBC , Pirate from Netherland, end of the prg with many ids and Url: www.kbcradio.eu very good GB
6300	4.11	0750	R National Saharui , Songs, talks, id, himn off at 0802 GB
6400	4.11	0803	Weekend Music Radio Pirate songs, ids, fair GB
9290t.			Radio Joystick, Latvia 0940 to 1000* with poor to fair signal, pop music with yl 3 November [Wilkner-FL]
9525	11.11	0720	Star Radio , Liberia, via Rampisham, med engelsk, IDs. En irriterende støjende QRM-tone kort før klokken 0730, hvor CTN (Cotton Tree News) overtog frekvensen med IDs. 44444 BV
9565	5.11	0312	Radio Tupi Brazil Religious talks, good GB
9720	5.11	0240	Radio Victoria Peru, usual religious talks, fair/good GB
9825	10.11	1505	Miraya FM , Sydsudan, via IRRS, engelsk, flere IDs, snak om Sudan, opgav www.mirayafm.org (og den virker, viser et hurtigt tjeck på nettet). 42422 BV

Took the Drake R8 out for a spin this morning at 0800 to 0830 logged the following Jamaicans on medium wave using a Scotka ferrite loop. Logged these Australians from 1105 to 1110.

2310 Australia VL8A Alice Springs NT

2325 Australia VL8T Tennant Creek NT

2485 Australia, VL8K Katherine NT with the strongest signal of the three.

Also noticed China on 4800 and 4820 at 1120 GMT.

I like the R8 very clear audio but also duplicated by the R7 which has a IF notch. *dnj* advised me on this as a great receiver a few moons ago. :-) [Wilkner-FL]

Stationsnyheter

AFGHANISTAN. 6700.0, R Solh, Bagram Air Base (tentative), 1855, Oct 15, Quran chants, Vernacular talk, not clear whether Pushto or Dari –but who else is that broadcasting Qur`an on that frequency? Very weak 15542 and audible on 95 / 110 degrees aeriels (Stefan Schliephacke, Frankfurt am Main, Germany visiting Fjerritslev, Denmark, DX Camp, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

CHINA. Chanjiang Maritime Security Information Center, established in 2004, is broadcasting news and information to the ships on Chanjiang river by internet and shortwave. Their shortwave broadcasting is aired at 1345-1420 UT on 8794 kHz USB with information on water levels, water routes, weather, and safety in Chinese. 8794 is probably over Nanjing Coastal Radio. I received PFC QSL after 40 days for my reception report in Chinese enclosing 10 yuan bill. QSL signer was Ms. Qing Wang. She also noticed me with E-mail and S-mail in Japanese! Address: No. 134, Yangjiangdai Road, Wuhan, Hupei, China. URL (in Chinese): <http://www.cjxxt.cn> Tel: +86 27 82765666 (Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan, Nov 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ECUADOR. 4815, R El Buen Pastor, Saraguro. I just received an e-mail from José Quille bpradio931 @ hotmail.com which was sent to multiple addressees, saying (translated from Spanish): "Thank you for your reception reports. I send you a greeting from Saraguro in the province of Loja, Ecuador, at the same time inviting you to visit our web page <http://www.saraguros.com> There you will find not only facts about our emisora but be able to know a little piece of paradise which is Saraguro." Very nice, but I never received anything resembling a verification from them for my three reports of a few years ago (John Wilkins, CO, in DXplorer, Oct 23 via DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

INDONESIA. 3976.0, RRI Pontianak, this one sent a full data letter verifying my reception report from February after reminder. It took so many times and even writing in Bahasa Indonesia (BI) it was hard to get it. One has to know that postal services with Indonesia remain not that good unfortunately. Never sent letters more than 20 grams, everything looking interesting might be gone. And: I really do not know if the people overseas really understand what we want from them and what is our hobby all about. They correctly stated time, date, frequency – a perfect verie letter. But in addition they copied my view card of the city of Frankfurt and put a station stamp on each copy... great! v/s was Mr. Sudiman Bonavarte (Kepala Stasiun).

3987.04, RRI Manokwari, 1447-1455*, BI, song and then into SCI, "Radio Republik Indonesia, Manokwari", SCI again and s/off, did not hear them for a long time.

3995.05, RRI Kendari, 1531-1555*, Oct 11, abruptly signed off after a quick Radio Republik Indonesia ID. Had Qur`an chants starting with „Asalam Aleikum, saya Haji ...“ (I am Haji = one of those being in Mecca for the Haj) (spoken Hadch) at 1531. Weak to fair signal on a free channel.

4750.0, RRI Makassar seemed to switch off this frequency. Neither there in the afternoon nor during the evening.

4790.0, RRI Fak-Fak, *1955-2000, Oct 12, National Anthem, programme starting at 1957 with "Radio Republik Indonesia Fak-Fak", then usual nice songs they play, no Qur`an and still music at 2000.

4869.95, RRI Wamena, 2046, Oct 18, very weak and hardly audible, 65 degrees antenna used. Slow Qur`an chants with long interruptions in between, free channel though. Oct 18 was one of the best days for Asia and most of the other days they had been audible at all.

4875.0, RRI Sorong, same as Makassar, gone as well. Only the more easterly transmitters seem to remain at the very moment (Serui, Fak-Fak, Wamena, Biak etc). Asking young Indonesians in Lombok, most of them never heard of SW and just tune in the local FMs and there is not much difference to the MW band. Being in Mataram some two years ago I saw the RRI's 10 kW SW outlet (a Continental brand used to broadcast on 3215). No plans to re-active due to costs of spare parts and from the two MW outlets only one was active with 828 kHz at that time (listed on 855) while the other one was gone (they used to broadcast on 1179 something like that).

4920.0, RRI Biak, 2050-2100, Oct 16, very weak with old pop music and few announcements in between. Xizang carrier switched on at 2055. SCI at exactly 2100.00 and Xizang started at 2100.30 when the RRI signal started to improve slightly due to sunrise at transmitter site (all: Stefan Schliephacke, Frankfurt am Main, Germany visiting Fjerritslev, Denmark, DX Camp, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

Övriga radionyheter

Gov't asks N. Korea to stop jamming shortwave broadcasts on abducted Japanese

<http://mdn.mainichi.jp/national/news/20071103p2a00m0na011000c.html>

Gov't asks N. Korea to stop jamming shortwave broadcasts on abducted Japanese. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications has asked North Korea to stop jamming radio broadcasts run by an organization supporting Japanese nationals abducted by North Korean agents.

The ministry sent the request to North Korea through the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), saying that North Korea was sending signals to jam the shortwave radio program "**Shiokaze**" (**Sea Breeze**).

"Shiokaze," operated by the Investigation Commission on Missing Japanese Probably Related to N. Korea, began broadcasts from Japan in March this year, but North Korean jamming signals have continued to disrupt the program, despite a previous request to North Korea to desist through the ITU.

(via Robert Wilkner)

Taiwan Radio Museum holds exhibit of intercepted broadcasts

<http://www.china.org.cn/english/China/230300.htm>

An exhibition at the Taiwan Radio Museum is for the first time showcasing historical materials from the Central Radio Station's interception of mainland broadcasts. The exhibition is staged at the "National Radio Museum," located in Min-shong Village, Chia-yi County, also home to the Min-shong branch of the Central Radio Station.

Covered by coconut palms, the simple but solid red building was first used as military radio transmission base by Japanese troops. The construction began in 1937 and was completed in 1940. After 1949, the building became the Min-shong sub-station, one of the nine branches of the Central Radio Station that broadcast radio programs to the mainland.

According to museum assistant Liu Hsiang-mei, during the period of cross-Straits confrontation, the main duty of the Central Radio was to wage broadcasting battles and keep in contact with undercover agents on the mainland. In 1998, Central Radio split from the "Ministry of Defense" and established the "National Radio Museum" at the Min-shong branch. The second floor displays materials including Album of Broadcasting Battle Programs, the 40th edition of Analysis of Weekly Situation published on September 31, 1996, and Records of Enemy's Broadcasting (to Taiwan) bearing the stamps of "classified" and "provided to senior officers for reference." The "confidential" 5,840th edition of Records of Enemy's Broadcasting listed major items collected by "the 18th interception team," including intelligence that the French President was about to visit the "enemy area" on September 11 and "North Vietnam communist leader Le Duc Tho arrived in Beijing from Paris."

A photograph taken on the mainland reading: "Consciously resist reactionary broadcasting from Taiwan. No listening, no believing, no spreading," is also on display.

In 1971, the Taiwan authority expanded broadcasting battles and set up a broadcasting interception division at the Central Radio. A total of four groups took turns intercepting the mainland's broadcasts from 5:00 AM to 1:00 AM. They then compiled the records for intelligence research. The agents had to work overtime during the periods of National Day and ongoing sessions of the National People's Congress (NPC) to take down hundreds of names and relevant titles. The interception operation lasted until 1998.

There are three US-made radio transmitters in the broadcasting room. One is a 50HG-2 100 KW medium wave transmitter made by Westinghouse in 1950 and sent as a gift to Taiwan. On October 10, 1963, Chiang Ching-kuo presided over the inauguration ceremony of this transmitter in Min-shong Village. The transmitter broadcast to south China in Fujian and Hakka dialects for 30 years.

The other two short wave transmitters, 10 KW and 35 KW respectively, were both originally installed in US warships. Dubbed "Agent Transmitters," they came to Taiwan in 1960s for broadcasting battles.

"When these two transmitters were at work, the broadcasters mimicked mainland accents and pretended to be programs from Shanghai or Shandong stations," revealed Huang Chi-hsiang, president of the Min-shong sub-station. "In order to disguise, we changed frequency every 15 minutes. The tapes used in broadcasting were recorded in Taipei. Every day, the tapes were handed to the head of the Taipei Railway Station by special agents who then came down to see the president of the Min-shong sub-station. After broadcasting, the tapes were sent back to Taipei immediately. The broadcasting through 'Agent Transmitters' lasted up to 1995."

"Since there is an increase of cross-Straits communication, we have deleted some inappropriate programs and added open-minded and multiple content. The exhibition reminds us not to repeat the history," said Huang. "We used to be an anti-CPC radio station, but now we wish to build a bridge across the Taiwan Straits." (China.org.cn by Huang Shan, October 31, 2007)

(via Robert Wilkner)

DX TUNERS BACK UP <http://www.dxtuners.com>

Hi Guys, It looks like DX Tuners network is back up and running. Only the old user accounts are being approved at the moment. If you have something like a PCR-100 or 1000 going spare and a linux PC, why not offer to create a "node". PCR-100's can be had for practically nothing on eBay, and I picked one up at a rally the other month for about £45. (David Pickard, UK, Oct 31, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)

I'm a bit cheesed off that I can log in but not access any of the receivers - I donated a decent amount of money for my account and then the system got taken offline. Now I have to wait for the next intake period which I think it stupid. Why can't those who donated money for their account get access again. Why is it still connected with Kelly - thought he'd retired from it? (Richard Brown, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)

I think Kelly had issues with the network growing too large and also abuse. I can assure you he is one of the good guys however. :) Now where did I put my spare PC and debian CDs ;) (David Pickard, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)

Most excellent news indeed - DXTuners is a very useful resource. Yes, David, go on dig out that PC. I think I'll do the same. Cheers (Kevin Nice, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)

I've just checked the link. Lots of useful information from the links on this home page, it seems, but please note they don't seem to be taking any applications for new users of their remote software-controlled receivers at present (Mark Savage, moderator, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Here`s a free one: <http://www.smeter.net>

(John Adams, G8BUP, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)