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Våren dröjer här nere i Skåne. Fortfarande präglas vädret av en hel del regnskurar. Förra året var vårbruket redan avklarat och i år har det knappast börjat. Vi får hoppas att de närmaste veckorna blir bättre.

SHN är ute på äventyr och har skickat en trevlig reseberättelse från Guatemala. Det är tydligen inte bara hos oss som det är svårt att lyssna på radio för alla elektriska störningar.

Nu är det snart dags för årets konvent och jag hoppas de flesta har anmält sig. Det är ju alltid kul att träffas för lite snack.

Tyvärr decimeras vår lilla skara undan för undan och det är verkligen trist att höra att Zet Jacobsson inte längre finns bland oss.

Vi får väl alla försöka kämpa vidare trots att åldern obevligt tickar på.

Keep on

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SWB-info

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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.

Stig Hartvig Nielsen: Saa er jeg havnet i Guatemala, hvor jeg gaar paa sprogscole i 4 uger for at forbedre mit spanske. Jeg bor i en lille by helt ud til Stillehavet, hvor det er meget meget varmt. April er den varmeste maaned. Jeg har naturligvis min AOR7030 med. Desvaerre er der meget stoej paa AM de tre steder jeg har haft lejlighed til at lytte (i Antigua og to steder i Monterrico, hvor jeg bor nu). I Antigua var det stort set umuligt at LYTTE til melleboelge pga voldsom elektrisk stoej fra billige energisparepaerer osv. Og saa forekommer tropebaandene ganske oede og forladte.

Det sted jeg bor nu, har jeg kun 20 meter antenneledning op, men paa mandag flytter jeg til et sted - helt ud til Stillehavet - hvor jeg kan saette mere antenneledning op. Nu haaber jeg bare ikke at der ogsaa er for meget stoej der.

Der er ellers nogenlunde forhold mod Peru og Bolivia om aftenen og tidligt om morgenen - men jeg synes at det varierer meget fra dag til dag. Kan ogsaa hoere mange USA stationer paa X-baandet. Og tidlig morgen gaa Japan meget kraftigt igennem paa 3925, og ogsaa de tre stationer paa 120 mb fra Australien hoeres fint. Har ikke rigtigt haft succes med Indonesien eller PNG.. endnu.

Denne weekend er jeg i El Salvador og har lige vaeret paa Radio Imperial i Sonsonate. Imperial er en lille kristen station, der (jo) sendte paa 17835 kHz indtil for vist et aars tid siden. Nu sender de kun paa 810 kHz med 500 W. Og de havde ikke rigtigt nogle helt aktuelle planer om at vende tilbage paa kortboelge. Kortboelgesenderen var sendt til reparation og kortboelgeantennen var pillet ned.

Giampiero Bernardini: I was some days in Bocca di Magra (Liguria, Italy) with Dario Monferini. (=BOC 12)

John Ekwall: Kalla påskedagar.. gjorde att det inte blev någon lyssning på Karön som planerat. Kunde dock konstatera att blåsvädret i februari fällde La Plata-antennen. Den får repareras i maj. Satte upp en ny tv-antenn - gitter som fungerar alldeles utmärkt. Via Kjell o Company's katalog och adress till Teracom kunde jag få avstånd och riktning. Det blev den ostliga riktningen till Karlskrona och 19 km - men klickade jag mitt på Karön fick jag Karlshams-sändaren och 32 km västlig.

Tore Larsson: Kjell Bengtsson har ringt mig idag på morgonen och meddelat att Zet Jacobsson avlidit den 27 mars. Det var hans hjärta som inte orkade längre.

Ja, det har blivit flera tråkiga besked den senaste tiden i takt med att medlemsskaran blir allt äldre. Det är ingen tvekan om att vår hobby är på ett sluttande plan, man får vara tacksam så länge man kan vara med.

Christer Brunström - QSL: Xinjiang People's Broadcasting Station 4500 enkelt QSL-kort och tryckt brev på kinesiska med frekvenserna på FM, mellanväg och kortväg. **HCJB 9740** kort, brev och dekal. **Radio New Zealand International 13840** kort, schema, dekaler.

Vi lyssnade på Kaneberget lördagen den 12 april. Men först måste vi provisoriskt laga en antenn - än en gång hade ett träd fallit ner över en av våra antenner. Konditionerna var tämligen dåliga - i stort inget från LA hördes.

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3172.90			Radio Municipal , Panao caught for ten minutes from 1010 to 1020, off at 1025 recheck; transmitter issues? Has been off most of April. This the first solid log in a while. 12 April [Wilkner-FL]
3200.14v			Harmonic seem weaker this week than last. Several South Florida dxers, notably Charles Bolland, reporting this. 12 April [Wilkner-FL]
3220			HCJB , Pifo each morning at 1000 to 1020 with incredible signal strength, same as local FM, in language but numerous ments de Jesu Cristo. 12 April [Wilkner-FL] Synchro lock with R8 and NRD 535D.
3234.90			Radio Luz y Sonido , Huánuco with om discussion of music. 1022 to 1025 12 April [Wilkner-FL]
3250.05			Radio Luz y Vida hoeres altid. Meget staerk. // 1599.55 kHz (svagere). 5 (SHN-GTM)
3279.86			La Voz del Napo , Tena 1025 noted with strong signal 12 April [Wilkner-FL]
3309.94			R Mosoj Chaski , Cochabamba 1000 to 1020 exotic music with fair signal 12 April [Wilkner-FL]
3330	7.4	0205	CHU , Ottawa, Canada, Time signals ID in FF/EE. suff BOC 12
3375.1			No station from either Peru or Brasil for last two weeks, 0900 to 1000 / 0000 to 0300. rlcw
3984.88			Croatian Radio . Hoert dagligt som uid. men meget svagt. Lidt bedre den 9.4 og kl. 0200 start paa E udsendelse med ID. 3 (SHN-GTM)
4319USB	6.4	1920	AFRTS , DIEGO GARCIA, EE program poor/suff BOC 12
4409.87			Radio Eco , Reyes 0049 to 0100 with poor signal, ute interference, best in lsb. 12 April [Wilkner-FL]
4716.62			Radio Yura , Yura *1012 sudden on with flauta andina, om and usual yl with attractive radio voice. Strong signal 10 April. Sign on time seems to vary from 1000 to 1015 in April. [Wilkner-FL]
4732.			Radio Universitaria , Cobija, Pando off last fortnight, rtty "...RYRYRYRY..." at 0050. This one has a history of returning from time to time, No rtty on 4732 in the local morning 0900 to 1100 [Wilkner-FL]
4781.48			Radio Tacana 1025 to 1035 with om and yl, music good signal and CODAR in remission, later co channel Radio Coatan Guatemala 10 April [Wilkner-FL]
4781.52			Radio Tacana , La Paz, kom igennem kl. 1033 (10.4) med ID og frek.ann. 2 (SHN-GTM)
4815.0			Radio Buen Pastor (tent) sendte programmet En Contacto fra Guatemala. 0245 (12.4) (SHN-GTM)
4820	7.4	2040	" RADIO CHINA " "This broadast is from China Republic" Oldies pop, rock !!! BOC 12
4825	5.4	0250	R. EDUCADORA DE BRAGANCA , BRASIL, live sport poor/suff BOC 12
4828	7.4	1915	VOICE OF ZIMBABWE , Afro pop songs no stop, no id. suff/good BOC 12
4834.92			Radio Marañon er en af de mest stabile fra Peru. Kl. 1146 (7.4) med ID og livlig musik. 4 (SHN-GTM)
4835	7.4	*2130	ABC , ALICE SPRINGS, AUSTRALIA, (VL8A), S/on "Good morning this ABC" in // 5025 kHz. suff/good BOC 12
4845	7.4	2200	R. MAURITANIA , NXs in FF at 2200, talks AA later. suff/good BOC 12
4865.06			Radio Verdes Florestas . Nonstop musik fra 0130 til 0157. Port. ID. (9.4) 2-3 (SHN-GTM)
4885	7.4	0150	R. CLUBE DO PARA , BELEM, BRASIL. PP pop mx, id. suff/poor BOC 12
4895	6.4	1825*	UNID PIRATE Operator, surely from Sicily,Italy with relay (no authorized of course) of audio taken from FM band, news from RGS Radio Giornale di Sicilia, severals FM stations relaied, audio on/off good/v.good BOC 12
4905	7.4	1830	R. TCHAD , native melodies of the desert, reading list of people missing... good/v.good BOC 12
4909.2			Radio Chaskis fra Otavalo var del nok der sendte kristen program paa quichua. 3 (SHN-GTM)
4915	5.4	0230	R. DIFUSORA MACAPA , BRASIL, id + PP talks. poor/suff BOC 12
4985	5.4	0253	RBC , R. BRASIL CENTRAL , GOIANIA, BRASIL, PP music songs. poor/suff BOC 12
5000	5.4	0240	YVTO , CACIGAL, CARACAS, VENEZUELA, PIPS & ID in SS. suff BOC 12
5009.7			Radio Pueblo / Cristal with sign off varying from 0000. Local level signal in April [Wilkner-FL]
5010	4.4	*0159	R. TV MALAGASY , YL Talks in Malgasci. At 0159 s/on Anthem ,YL id poor/good BOC 12
5025	6.4	*2130	ABC , TENNANT CREEK, AUSTRALIA, (VL8K), //4835. (no traces of R. Parakou). suff/good BOC 12
5025	7.4	0200	R. REBELDE , CUBA, most regular signal in 60 mb. sport reports. suff/v.good BOC 12
5120.33			Ondas del Suroriente , Quillabamba 0050 to 0120 in lsb to avoid ute, good signal [Wilkner-

			FL]
5460.42			Radio Bolivar , Peru, sendte nonstop musik og s/off 0204 uden ID. 2-4 (SHN-GTM)
5470.72			Radio San Nicolas med livligt program 0100 (12.4). ID kl. 0142. S/off foer kl. 0200. 2-3 (SHN-GTM)
5910	4.4	0205	R. MARFIL ESTEREO 88.8 , LOMALINDA, COLOMBIA. Colombian melodies & ids. Suff BOC 12
5970a			Uid. spansktaende station - maaske fra Bolivia. Hoert 1050-1100 (10.4) med meget distorted signal - kun mulig paa AM. Ikke hoerbar paa USB eller LSB. Helt blokeret af REE Costa Rica fra kl. 11. Kun hoert denne morgen. Heller ikke hoert aften. 2 (SHN-GTM)
5995	12.4	2145	Radiodiffusion du Mali med genuin folkmusik på ostörd frekvens. 3-4 CB
6010			Radio Mil fortalte om opdagelsen af penecilin. ID og sunget ID. 0030 (7.4) 3 (SHN-GTM)
6010	7.4	0205	R. BAHRAIN , no stop SOFT POP Rock music, also Shade Adou song !, Unid QRM Euro TX. suff/good BOC 12
6026.5	12.4	2118	OID med religiöst px på arabiska. 4 CB
6035	9.4	0020	BHUTAN BS , talks, suff/good BOC 12
6055	12.4	2225	KBC Radio med Wolfman Jack. Tiden tyder på att schemat nu är 2130-2230. Mottagningen är aldrig bra i Halmstad - för nära sändaren i Litauen? 3 CB
6060	12.4	2228	Sichuan PBS med programmet "Jin Qiao zhi Sheng" (Voice of the Golden Bridge). Stark signal med tydliga IDs. 3 CB
6070	31.3	1500	Radio Brest med lokal sändning. 2 CB
6070			CVC Chile hoeres tit og ofte. Sendte PSA om DXing kl. 0100 (7.4). 4 (SHN-GTM)
6155.26			Radio Fides sendte musik og ID 0200 (12.4). Musikken tydelig men tale var lidt "mudret". 3 (SHN-GTM)
6300	7.4	2015	R. Nacional Saharai , songs, reports in AA, at 2315 in SS, good/v.good BOC 12
9705	8.4	1850	LA VOIX DU SAHEL , NIGER, nx in FF by YL dj, later sad desert melodies. suff/good BOC 12
9790	6.4	*0900	AWR , Germany, Studio Dx, edition 249, in Italian v.good BOC 12
11735	6.4	1930	R. TANZANIA , ZANZIBAR, Afro pop mx, Swahili talks good BOC 12

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Friend visiting Peru talked to several regarding Tropical Band stations. FM is popular with the 18 to 34 focus group.

The 60 meter dipole works some of the time.... is usually less effective than the "Russell Scotka built" noise reducing antenna. The on the ground antenna works sporadically. Generally when I construct antenna results are modest. :-)
Best of 73s de Bob Wilkner-FL

Stationsnyheter

LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio, 1412-1427, April 5, for the second consecutive Sat., in English and assume Laotian. "Hello I am Elizabeth Moore. Welcome to Functioning in Business English", "Functioning in Business is an intermediate level business English course with a focus on American business practices and culture", "Todays interview: introduction part 3. This program focuses on business English", interview with Charles Blake who works for International Robotics, fair-poor, transmitter briefly cutting in and out a number of times (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LAOS. LAO NATIONAL RADIO EXTERNAL SERVICE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The external service of state broadcaster **Lao National Radio** has now made its English and Lao programmes available on its website at <http://www.lnr.org.la>

The broadcaster has had some audio content available on its website for some time, however consisting of just specific news items in English, Lao, Hmong and French. This remains the case for the latter two languages, but now the entire English and Lao programmes for the current and previous few days are available on demand. These appear to be M-F only. It's not clear if the station still broadcasts on shortwave. Only their 97.25 MHz FM frequency is announced in the English programme, but the 7145 kHz shortwave frequency is still mentioned in their 'About Us' page. (Source: Dave Kernick, Interval Signals Online) (April 3rd, 2008 - 10:43 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

MACAU. Re 8-044, **R. Vila Verde** with English ID: ID is not so new - there's a clip recorded August 2006 with English ID on the Interval Signals Online, on the 'Macau' page, naturally! Check it out on <http://www.intervalsignals.net> Kind regards, (Dave Kernick, Interval Signals Online, April 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PAPUA: I had an opportunity to do some decent shortwave radio listening last week away from usual QTH. Whilst tuning the dials I noted the presence of a PNG signal on **3290kHz**; **Radio Central PNG's** usual channel.

Now I have seen this recently reported several times in dxers logs as Radio Central, but upon listening to the signal, programming was definitely that of Karai National Radio which is exactly what I would have expected given that all SW outlets of Karai National Radio are currently off air. Radio Central's txer is co-located with that of NBC'S SW & MW txers. Precedence at times of txer failure of any SW txer at Waigani (Port Moresby) has usually been for the Karai National Radio Service to take priority over Radio Central where a Karai SW txer goes faulty. At least in my years of listening to PNG SW radio. Radio Central has had very much of an on/off affair with the SW bands for a long while. No doubt due to funds availability & txer failures etc. Can anyone say for sure that they have heard Radio Central programming on 3290kHz since 4890kHz has been off air from last year? I'm assuming in this instance that due to technical reasons, it's been easier for technicians to put the Karai Service out on the Radio Central txer & antenna (frequency). Or maybe..... just no Radio Central programming available at the time/day heard? (last Wednesday evening) Mmm ????

(Ian Baxter via DXLD)

Övriga radionyheter

List of dx and shortwave meetings of this year

Dear friends, here follows an initial list of dx and shortwave meetings of this year. This is only a draft and I know that many important meetings are missing, so please send updates, amendments and corrections to my e-mail, risto.vahakainu@helsinki.fi. Around mid-April I will then put out a more comprehensive list and this will also be published at www.edxc.org (the site of the European DX Council).

Shortwave Radio Meetings - 2008

Dates: May 16-18
Location: Dayton, Ohio, USA
Organization: Dayton Hamfest
Expected Attendance: 20,000
More Info: www.hamvention.org

Dates: May 30-June 1
Location: Karlstad, Sweden
Description: The annual DX-Parliament of Swedish DXers
Organization: Swedish DX Federation
Expected Attendance: 30
More Info: www.sdx.org

Dates: June 13-15
Location: Vejers Beach, Jutland, Denmark
Description: The annual general meeting of DSWCI and listening camp
Organization: Danish Short Wave Club International Expected Attendance: 30 More Info: www.dswci.org

Dates: July 12-27
Location: Schwangau, Bavaria, Germany
Description: summer DX Camp of AGDX
Organization: AGDX, Germany and Austria
More info: www.dxcamp.org

Dates: August 22-24
Location: Tokyo, Japan
Organization: Tokyo Hamfest
Expected Attendance: 30000
More info: ?

Dates: September 5-7
Location: Vaasa, Finland
Description: European DX Conference and 50th ann. meeting of FDXA
Organization: Finnish DX Association
Expected Attendance: 150
Comment: a tour to the Baltic states will follow 7-10 September More info: www.netikka.net/edxc2008

(73's, Risto Vahakainu, FDXA via HCDX)

The Reunion - Bletchley Park

BBC Radio 4 FM (available online), Sunday 6 April 2008 11:15- 12:00, Repeated: Friday 11 April 2008 9:00-9:45
Sue MacGregor presents the series which reunites a group of people intimately involved in a moment of modern history. She gathers together five Bletchley Park code-breakers recruited during World War II to decrypt German messages created by the complex Enigma machine. Their success, on an unprecedented scale and against enormous odds, is said to have shortened the war by two years, but the nature of their work remained a secret for more than three decades.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/thereunion/pip/hu1pz/>

Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes, UK

Bletchley Park was made world-famous by the film Enigma, which finally brought the work of the British code-breakers during WW2 into the limelight. However, there is more to this stately home and grounds than just Alan Turing and an Enigma machine.

Bletchley Park's Beginnings

Herbert Samuel Leon bought 300 acres of land right next to a railway line in 1883, and developed 60 of those acres into his country estate. Right in the middle of this estate he built a grand manor house, perfect for entertaining all his rich London friends, and for influencing powerful politicians.

After the deaths of Leon and his wife, the estate became the property of Captain Hubert Faulkner, a property developer, who had a plan to knock down the manor house and sell off the land as housing estates. However, the British Government was to put a stop to this plan.

Station X

In 1938, Hitler was working his way through Europe, invading first Austria, then Czechoslovakia. It was obvious that war was on its way. The London-based Government Code and Cipher School (GC&CS) needed to move to a more discrete location where they could work without fear of bombing raids.

Bletchley Park, being situated on the junction between the Oxford to Cambridge railway and the London Euston to Glasgow line, close to major road links and with teleprinter connections to the rest of the country, was a perfect site. The estate was denoted Station X, it being the tenth such site that MI6 had acquired in the run-up to World War II.

The first wave of code breakers arrived at Bletchley in 1939 and took up their stations in a series of huts around the grounds. They were billeted in surrounding villages and many had to cycle for miles to get to and from work each day. Their work wasn't easy and the conditions were often terrible - the huts had very rudimentary heating and, in the winter, it wasn't unusual to see men and women wrapped up in coats and blankets while they worked. On the other hand, those who worked with the huge code-breaking machines had to work in sweltering heat with poor ventilation.

All the work at Bletchley Park was top-secret - the government couldn't risk the enemy finding out how good the British were at breaking their codes. In fact, it is only in recent years that former Bletchley Park workers have felt free to talk about the vital role they played in the war effort.

Enigma

Probably the most important part played by those at Bletchley Park during the war was the breaking of the Enigma codes. Enigma was first cracked in Poland (with the help of information from French spies) in 1932 but, as Germany threatened, they passed on their information to France and Britain which aided the British code-breakers in deciphering the messages from the new, improved Enigma machines. The first British breakthrough came in 1940, helped by two main facts:

A letter could never be encrypted as itself.

German Enigma operators were lazy and predictable.

Huts 3, 6, 4 and 8 were the ones that worked on Enigma, helped by Alan Turing's breakthrough - the Bombe - an electro-mechanical machine whose role was to find the scrambler settings for a particular Enigma-encoded message much quicker than any human. Soon the code-breakers at Station X were reading so many German messages that many had to be ignored, so the enemy wouldn't realise that Britain had cracked their code.

Of course, Enigma wasn't the only code broken at Bletchley Park - the cryptanalysts there also worked on codes including the German 'weather codes' (codes used to transmit weather information to their navy), and German diplomatic codes, all of which were hugely important to the war effort.

After the War

Once peace was declared, code-breaking became less vital. Every piece of evidence pointing to the successes at Bletchley Park was destroyed, on Churchill's orders, as the Cold War had begun and it was important that the USSR had no idea how much Station X had achieved. Enigma machines had also been distributed to former British colonies, who would have thought that the code was still unbreakable. The Bletchley Park workers disbanded, some continuing to break codes for the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), but others going back to their pre-war lives. The truth about Station X only started to come out in the mid-1970s, and there are still things that remain secret that the public may never be told. In 1991, almost all evidence of Bletchley Park's wartime role had disappeared and plans were again afoot to demolish all the buildings and sell off the land for housing developments. Due to the secrecy surrounding the code-breaking at Station X, nobody knew just how important the site had been. However, the public was slowly becoming more aware of what had

happened there and the Bletchley Park Trust was formed on 13 February, 1992. The trust rented the land from the government's land agency and British Telecom and first opened the site to visitors in 1993.

Modern Bletchley Park

Nowadays, Bletchley Park is a museum devoted not only to the role of Station X in the war, but also to other aspects of wartime life. Some of the original code-breaking huts are still standing, containing exhibits about the Bombe and Colossus machines. Information about the role of carrier pigeons in war can be found in the old stable-yard of the manor and a collection of classic cars can also be seen. There are also exhibitions on Churchill, toys through the ages, and the history of computing, along with a re-creation of a wartime post office. All this is set in beautiful grounds, from where fly-pasts of World War II planes can sometimes be seen.

Of course, the code-breakers of Bletchley couldn't have cracked Enigma without a working example of the machine and said machine is still the property of Bletchley Park. In 2000 this machine made the headlines as it was stolen from Bletchley Park and, as one of only three still in existence, it was considered a vital historical artefact. It was returned in good condition, however, and now can be seen by all visitors to Bletchley Park.

Admission to the site is reasonable and the price includes a highly informative tour of the site. There is plenty for adults and children to see and do, and shopaholics will love the souvenirs available in the shop. All in all, it is a great family day out. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/A6767698>

(Mike Terry via HCDX)

41 METERS SHRINKS FROM MARCH '09

The new A08 shortwave schedule has just started, but just under a year from now there will be an adjustment to the lower end of the 41 meter broadcast band, which is used outside the Americas but has been a problem with US amateur radio users: From March 29, 2009, 41 meters will begin at 7200 kHz, which means that shortwave broadcasters must vacate the 7.1-7.2 MHz range so it can be used exclusively for hams. There's a note about this change in PWBR-'08', in the pages that explain the shortwave broadcast bands and their best times to be heard throughout the day (Joe Hanlon, NJ, April 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Defacto 41m broadcast band extends up to 7600+ already, shifting rather than shrinking (gh, DXLD)

PERSEUS CONTROL SOFTWARE V1.0E

Here are some of the features of the new software version:

- Squelch and Auto Mute functions added,
- Programmable mouse wheel direction,
- Colour palettes, scroll/brightness/contrast controls added to the spectrum Waterfall display,
- CI-V interface updated

Please refer to the [Perseus Software v1.0e Release Notes](#) for more information.

(From <http://microtelecom.it/perseus/software.html>)

2008 EDXC Conference - information on the post tour

Hi all, just to add that this tour is not fixed and guaranteed yet so please contact me before booking any flights or other services. (best 73's Risto)

Hello everybody, this message tells about the post tour of the EDXC conference 2008. The pages of the meeting itself are at www.netikka.net/edxc2008. We try to have more information on the pages soon. We hope to see many of you attending the conference and also this tour.

Finally we have been able to get enough base information to make the decision upon this tour:

First of all, the voting held a few weeks ago resulted that the majority is interested in visiting the Baltic states. We have then investigated the possibility of having a group flight to Vilnius or from Vilnius, but it has turned out that it is not possible with a reasonable price. Therefore, this tour will be organised totally as a bus tour, but those who don't want to go by bus from Vilnius back to Helsinki (about 650 kms) can then book a flight of their own from Vilnius to anywhere they want (this is of course not included in the tour price).

Preliminary plan:

Sun 7th of September: Leaving Vaasa in the afternoon, either by train or by bus. A ferry to Tallinn in the evening.

Overnight in a hotel in Tallinn.

Mon 8th of September: A look at the old Tallinn in the morning. Leaving for Riga around noon. Arrival in Riga around 17 hours. A walk tour in Riga. Overnight in Riga.

Tue 9th of September: A little bit of time still in Riga. Leaving for Vilnius around 11 hours. Arrival in Vilnius around 16 hours. Time in Vilnius will include some radio activities (visit to a radio station, visit to the TV tower), but details are not available yet. Overnight in Vilnius.

Wed 10th of September: The bus to Tallinn will be leaving around noon. Arrival in Helsinki will be either late in Wednesday or early Thursday (in this case overnight in a ferry).

*This tour will be offered on a price of 390 euros. This will include transportation, three nights in good hotels (double room including breakfast, extra for those wanting to have a single room) and dinners on Monday and Tuesday. The price for those taking a flight from Vilnius will be 350 euros. We would be very pleased, if all who are interested in joining this tour, would contact us as soon as possible. Please write to risto.vahakainu@helsinki.fi.
(best regards, Risto Vahakainu on behalf of the FDXA)*