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2009 närmar sig med stormsteg och det börjar bli dags att fundera på medlemsavgiften till SWB.

Det har ju varit uppe lite då och då vad som skall hända med SWB med tanke på den enorma avvecklingen av intressanta stationer på KV.

Åsikterna är som vanligt många och det krävs en hel del ytterligare funderingar innan något konkret sker. Ekonomin i klubben är god och eftersom medlemmarna stått för detta så har vi tänkt att 2009 blir ett gratisår. Inte så dumt tänkt, eller hur? Emellertid får de som begär bullen per brev själva stå för portot.

I övrigt har en del tips anlänt. Olle Bjurström har tom hört några Papuastationer, vilket vi inte skämt bort oss med tidigare. Kul att också få ta del av Olles antenn-experiment.

JOE:s kamp med att logga St Helena visar också att vi DX-are måste vara envisa för att lyckas.

Keep on

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SWB-info

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SWB hot stuff: <http://hem.ektv.nu/~ekt035221/password.htm> (länk till senaste SWB).

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

Jubileumstidskriften: <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb> (html- + pdf-version).

Medlemsavgift: Bengt Dalhammar meddelar följande: Med hänsyn till pågående diskussioner om SWB's framtida ställning och goda ekonomi kommer någon medlemsavgift inte att tas ut för år 2009 för den elektroniska bullen. Någon betalning skall således inte göras denna gång till Bengt Dalhammars PlusGiro. De som begär bullen per brev får betala merpriset för portot. No membership fee for 2009 for the mailversion of SWB.

QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Christer Brunström: Vi var uppe på Kaneberget och lyssnade den 15 november. Målet var naturligtvis Radio St Helena som inte på långa vägar hördes lika bra som förra gången. Dessutom hade vi i början av kvällen en enerverande störning som försvann vid 11-tiden.
HCBJ (via Frankrike) 6015 kort samt liten vimpel från tyska avdelningen.

Björn Fransson: Jag har så mycket för mig i kommande helg att jag skriver ned mina bidrag till SWB redan nu!

QSL: Bhutan BS-5035 med e-mail och bifogat tjugigt QSL, avfotograferat i JPG med mitt namn inlagt på rätt ställe! På halva QSL-et fanns info om stationens historia. V/s: Dorji Wangchuk, dwangk@gmail.com, men också bbs@bbs.com.bt torde gå bra. Jag skickade en f/up efter att ha fått info om e-mailsvar och det kom på ett par timmar! En riktig överraskning! Nu lär den gode "Head - Transmission" bli överöst med mail!

Voice of Oromiya Liberation-15670 med QSL-kort från WRMI, "Viva Miami!". V/s: Jeff White.

Radio Dabanga-13800/7315. Snabbt emailsvar från Holland, där de ansvariga för det nya programmet för Darfur sitter. V/s: Dennis van Egmond. Sedan kan man ju alltid fundera över hur mycket QSL hans "Thanks for listening" är värt...

Radio & Television in Bhutan
Radio Broadcasting was started by a group of young volunteers, financed as the National Youth Association of Bhutan (NYAB) in November 1973. The station was called Radio NYAB.
In 1979, the Royal Government recognizing the importance of the radio for development communication embraced the station under the wings of the Ministry of Communications.
In 1986 with the commissioning of a 10 KW short-wave transmitter and a small broadcast studio, Radio NYAB was renamed as Bhutan Broadcasting Service (BBS). Daily broadcasting was introduced with three hours of programming that reflected the national character. But it was only in March 1991 that BBS acquired a permanent seat and a professional look with the commissioning of a 50kw short-wave transmitter station and a studio complex-own-office block.
In June 2000, BBS also introduced FM radio service. Presently BBS has 22 FM transmitters, beside a 50 KW SW transmitter, ensuring cent percent coverage. It also introduced internet radio in 2005.
2nd June 1999, was another historic date for BBS as the National Television Service was launched. BBS started its nation wide Television service via satellite since February 2006.
In May 2007, another Short Wave transmitter, a Digital DRM 100 KW Type was put into operation, which further improves our radio reach. BBS is the National Radio and Television Broadcaster of the kingdom of Bhutan.

Program Schedule in English Language
Time in BBS = GMT +6

Radio	Television
11:00 - 12:00	08:00 - 09:00
15:00 - 16:00	10:00 - 11:00
20:00 - 21:00	20:00 - 21:00
	22:00 - 23:00

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QSL VERIFICATION
BHUTAN BROADCASTING SERVICE
National Radio & Television

Dear Björn Fransson

Thank you for your Reception Report.
We are pleased to verify your reception of our Short wave Transmission.

Here are our Technical details.
Transmitter Type: TSW 2100 D
Digital DRM 100 KW Short Wave Transmitter
Frequency: 6035 KHz

With Regards

(Dorji Wangchuk)
Head - Transmission
dwangk@gmail.com

John Ekwall: Lite bidrag som handlar om lördagen den 15:e, dvs den dagen som man skulle ratta in eller knappa in 11092.5 kHz. Märkte att det brusade rätt mycket på bandet och knappast några starka signaler fanns runt omkring. Ringde till St Helena och pratade först med Gary Walters - den nya managern - innan jag fick tag på Derek. Efter diverse hit och dit snack lovade han att vrida antenn mot Europa och sända i 5 min kl 1930. Nja, kunde möjligen detektera att det vid tidpunkten tillkom något på frekvensen men omöjligt att avgöra vad - så det skulle nog bli svårt. Pratade med Lennart Deimert i Borensberg som hade det bara lite bättre. Nåväl - blir att avvakta hur sändningen till Japan skulle höras.

Klockslaget 2000 UTC passerades och jo det fanns något där men ack så erbarmerlig signal. Hördes något i Borensberg. Vad göra - jo kaffe pannan sattes på och några mackor breddes - expedition Väsby (NDL's lyssnarQTH vid stranden av Glan i närheten av Skärblacka). Det är ju bara 15 km dit så när jag kom fram 2220 SNT kunde jag slå på en Icom R70 som fanns och koppla in den nya vikta dipolen som hade satts upp några veckor tidigare. Var länge sedan jag rattat en R70 så det tog lite tid innan jag kunde lyssna på 11092.5 - jo den hördes svagt med en del kända poplåtar bl a ABBA - men snacket emellan gick inte att uppfatta mer än vart tredje ord. Kaffet och mackorna intogs under brusig mottagning. Ute var det fullmåne och rätt blåsigt men mildt - snudd på 10 grader. Av Europa-sändningen hördes knappt något - någon tysk som ringde in. Först under sista halvtimmen - klockan var ju efter midnatt då - så började signalen bli lite stabilare och det gick att uppfatta att Postoffice hade ett meddelande om nya frimärksutgåvor. Strax för halv kom en igenkännbar "nationalsång", dvs "My St Helena Island", lite country-stuk innan GSTQ hördes. Nu trodde man att sändningen var slut - men la på en cd med jazz innan Derek drog ut proppen strax före 0045.

Med tanke på tidigare års relativa god hörbarhet är det väl tveksamt om det var mer än ett tjug-tal DXare som kunde sändningen i Sverige/Norden. Däremot gick det väldigt bra i Florida enligt klubbens alltiallo - Claes Olsson.

Olle Bjurström: Här kommer ett litet bidrag med loggningar av PNG stationer som har varit hörbara nästan varje dag under den senaste veckan. Det konstiga är att samtidigt har Indoneserna gått med svaga styrkor eller inte alls. MV gav i morse (lördag), amerikanare med varierande styrkor på nästan varje 10 kHz i varje fall över 1200 kHz. Senaste veckan har det varit öppet mot US nästan varje morgon och i något fall ända fram mot 12.

I övrigt blev jag inspirerad av Anders Hultqvist antennbygge med den vridbara ALA-100 antennen i SWB 1647 och byggde en som jag nu har använt omväxlande med K9AY och korta bävvar.

Mina erfarenheter kan summeras så här:

-Den vridbara ALA-100 är utmärkt genom att man åtminstone på MV kan nolla bort stationer väldigt effektivt. Fungerar mindre bra på 3-5 mHz.

- Signalstyrkan blir ungefär den samma som för K9AY utan förstärkare men K9AY ger betydligt bättre signaler på 3-5 mHz under "gray line" konditioner mot öster. Bör ha att göra med infallsvinkel på signalen.

- Båda antennerna är relativt immuna mot lokala störningar.

- Bävvarna ger i allmänhet starkare signaler men plockar upp mer lokala störningar.

- Det är idag minusgrader och har snöat lite i natt vilket gör att rotorn på ALA-100 antennen verkar ha frusit fast! Mera arbete!

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

2379.85t.			Radio Educadora , Limeira very weak 1010 to 1020 19 November [Wilkner]
3235	15.11	1340	R. New West Guinea hördes med 2-3 och spelade mycket passande " Don't give up" OB
3287.47			Strong mutant carrier still noted 1000 each morning. [Wilkner]
3305	15.11	1348	OID , men troligen R. Western. 1-2. Bärvalg dränkte frekvensen 13.58. OB
3329.53			Ondas del Huallaga , Huánuco fading in daily at 1025 to 1040 with good signal, rapid intense Spanish by yl, no music. Surprisingly good signal 17/18/19 Nov. [Wilkner]
3329.60			Ondas del Huallaga , Huánuco fading in daily at 1025 to 1030 with good signal, IDs, traditional music, high flutes and often hyper om en espanol. Fades out by 1050. 12, 13, 14 and 16 November
3335	17.11	1305	R. East Sepik . 2-3. Hörs också ofta kvällstid. Stängde 13.10. OB
3345	17.11	1300	OID , men troligen R Northern. 1-2. OB
3365	17.11	1255	R Milne Bay med ID och nyheter 13.00 1-3. OB
3385	17.11	1308	R. East New Britain 2-3 körde musik och telefonprogram OB
3815	22.11	-	Grönland med sin eftermiddagssändning med religiös musik. Hördes från 1500 fram till cd
		1515	1515 med QSA 1-2. SA
4759,996	31.10	1645	Dementi av loggningen i förra numret av SWB. Är naturligtvis inte ELWA utan TWR, Trans World Radio , Swaziland. SA
4790			Unidentified carrier 1010 to 1020 with Radio Vision off the air. Vision has become irregular. [Wilkner]
4790.10			Radio Visión Chiclayo noted absent 0100 and again 0900 to 1200. 16 November [Wilkner]

4826.45 **Radio Sicuani**, Sicuani 1030 to 1040, weak signal [Wilkner]
4955 1030 to 1040 has the same fade out pattern as..... **Radio Cultural Amauta** Huanta. Need a better opening for this one. 17, 18 and 19 November[Wilkner]

4949.9 **Unid** while looking for Radio Madre de Dios, Puerto Maldonado. [Wilkner]
5005 15.11 2252 **Radio Bata** avslutade dagens sändningar med nationalhymnen. 3 CB
5019.9 **SIBC**, Honiara seems off the air, not noted 1000 to 1100 as previously. [Wilkner]
5050 15.11 2300 **Voice of the Strait** med två IDs på kinesiska som följdes av ID på engelska: "This is the Voice of Taiwan Strait". En annan station under - Guangxi? 3 CB

5995 15.11 2240 **Radio Mali** på franska med tal om tuaregernas situation i landet. 3 CB
6035.000 15.11 1405 **Bhutan (tent)** med engelskt program, just vid denna tid nyheter.. QSA 2-3, SA
6090 15.11 2235 **Radio Nigeria** Kaduna med lokal musik och hausa. 3 CB
6104.9 **Candela FM**, Mérida [..... positive ID by Dave Valko] is on almost 24 hours a day with distorted signal with numerous IDs some mentioning Merida. From 12 to 15 November has been blasting into Cedar Key as well and Chuck Bolland's QTH. "....FM... La Radio Yucatan..." one ID, Coca Cola ads; "... radio en Merida..", ".... La Voz de la Capital.." Odd? Signal at 1400 very strong with other Mexican on 6045t. [XEXQ Radio Universidad, San Luis Potosí] noted 1200 with very weak classical. 14 November. Tnx also to Dan Sheedy. [Wilkner]

6104.9 **Candela FM**, Mérida continued this week with same distorted signal when logged by Charles Bolland several months ago. 1230 to 1600 "Muy Buenas Diaseste es Very Cruz, mentions of Ciudad Mexico and other confusing mentions of cities and radio stations. Coca Cola ads banco ads 18 and 19 November[Wilkner]

6250 15.11 2010 **Radio Malabo** med non-stop afrikansk musik. Jag hade inget ID så detta är en tabelloggning. 3 CB

7250 **Bangladesh Betar** 1233 to 1255, news by om, followed by sub continental music bridge, yl and sub continental vocals, enjoyable music fair signal except for co channel ARO chatter. First log this season. 16 November [Wilkner]

7250 **Bangladesh Betar** 1230 to 1235, news by om, very weak signal 19 November [Wilkner]
9930 22.11 1030 **T8WH**, Palau med ID på engelska. I övrigt evangeliska program på engelska och olika asiatiska språk. 3 CB

11092.5 15.11 2120 **Radio St Helena** hördes ganska bra under 20 minuter. Man spelade bl a ABBA. 2 CB
11092.5 **Radio St. Helena** at 2025 with low rumble and distorted signal, to 2230 when signal abruptly dropped down, as we left for dinner. All water path to Southeast Florida provide fair to very good signal [Wilkner]

11815 22.11 0925 **Rádio Brasil Central** med nyhetsprogram. 2 CB
13800 21.11 0430 **Radio Dabanga**, Dutch initiative via Madagascar, identifying "Radio Dabanga – Darfur Radio" and playing nice music from Sudan. Local language. //7315 (Germany), where the German outlet was about 1 second before the Madagascar one. S 3-4 on both. BEFF

15480 14.11 1600 **Aso Radio**, Abuja, Nigeria in lots of noise and statics was heard with drums, identifications and otherwise talk in presumed Hausa. S 2-3 only. BEFF

17745 19.11 1500 **Sudan Radio Service** via Sines Portugal with lots of talks about Somalia and Horn of Africa music. S 2-4. BEFF

Band scan from 2340 to 0000 on 13 November, Reception in southeast Florida.....

3329.6 Peru, Ondas del Huallaga Huánuco
3390.1 Bolivia, Radio Emisoras Camargo, Camargo
4409.84 Bolivia, Radio Eco, Reyes
4451 Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana, S. Ana de Yacuma
4699 Bolivia, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta
4716 Bolivia, Radio Yura, Aillu Yura
4781 Bolivia, Radio Tacana, Tumupasa
5120.27 Peru, Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba
5460 Peru, Radio Bolivar, Bolivar
5952.46 Bolivia, Pio XII, Siglo Veinte
6047.16 Peru Radio Santa Rosa, Lima

(73s, Bob, Pompano Beach, Florida)

Stationsnyheter

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR IS. 4765, AIR Port Blair, 1410-1535, Nov 16, thanks to the timely tip from Jose Jacob, was able to hear them with fair reception, mostly subcontinent movie music/songs, 1530 pips, "The news at nine" in English. At times noted slight QRM (Tajik Radio?). Noted on their usual frequency of 4760, a below threshold level carrier (AIR Leh?). Yesterday heard AIR Guwahati (presumed) under the Voice of Strait on 4900 (normally on 4940). A good morning for several AIR stations (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BHUTAN [and non]. **6035, BBS 1207-1215** news in Dzongkha (I guess according to sked) by M. Pulled up their Web site and was listening to the live streaming audio which also had a M speaking over much lower local instrumental music. Voice tone sounded just a little different than on the radio. Distinctive music bridge at 1215 which was positively recognized as the same about 15 seconds later on their streaming audio!!!! W then, definitely the same and absolutely no doubt, followed by beautiful local vocal song by W. Same W returned at 1220. Weak of course and with some slop-over QRM from 6040 and apparent 6025 DRM. If not for their streaming audio, I could never have identified it. Great to hear them again after many years. Wonder if they'll be able to confirm via MP3 audio file. (22 Nov.) 73 (Dave Valko, NRD-535D and 60mb T2FD, Dunlo, PA, USA, BCDX via DXLD)

MADAGASKAR: Radio Dabanga - broadcast to Darfur, Sudan

This inaugural broadcast was observed this morning on WRN's "Sawt al-Alam" stream on the Hot Bird satellite (13 degrees East, 12597 MHz, vertical, SR 27500, FEC 3/4) at 0430-0525 UTC.

Programming mainly consisted of ethnic music interspersed with identification and promotional announcements in Arabic and Sudanese vernaculars, which included their email address - radiodabanga@yahoo.com.

As these observations are by means of an unattended recording, I did not get the opportunity to check the publicised shortwave frequency of 13800 kHz. However, I did hear a frequency ending in "00" announced.

This service is not mentioned in WRN's Sawt al-Alam web page, and the schedule given there is quite different to what I heard on this satellite stream - Radio Dabanga was preceded by Radio Romania International, and followed by Radio Canada International, both in Arabic, of course.

Typing "radiodabanga.com" into my browser led to a Dutch-hosted website, stating that the URL is registered for future use by one of their customers.

As the recording I made of this is relatively lengthy (3 mins+) I've not uploaded it to dxldyg, but it can be heard at Interval Signals Online - www.intervalsignals.net - along with the Aso Radio International clip recorded yesterday (Dave Kernick via DXLD)

RE: Reception in Sweden!

From Leon Willems (willems@pressnow.nl) Fri 11/21/08 10:47 AM

Dear Bjorn, Thank you very much for your excellent and detailed reception report.

Radio Darfur started a week ago. On 1 December we will commence news and information programmes.

Best Regards, Leon

Leon Willems, Network Manager, Radio Darfur Network, Press Now

Radio Dabanga is part of the Radio Darfur Network, a project of Press Now Witte Kruislaan 55, 1217 AM Hilversum, The Netherlands.

Radio Dabanga -13800 (via Talata, Madagascar) och 7315 (via Wertachtal, Tyskland) – 2008-11-21

Via Björn Fransson)



ST HELENA: I'm not sure if this info made it onto this list, so here it is now. I think it was announced during the broadcast. Of course, QSL seekers are still expected to report by P-mail. Glenn

Hello Everyone, here is a new email-address especially for the Radio St. Helena Day 2008 broadcasts on Saturday, 15. November 2008. radio.announcements4669@hotmail.co.uk

In case of the "same procedure as every year", then DEREK should be sitting at the PC and answering the emails.

Good DX and best greetings, Robert Kipp

(Glenn Hauser via DXLD)

Övriga radionyheter

Ethnic radio is a lifeline for Caribbean expatriates in South Florida. South Florida transplants rely on local stations for news of home. By Georgia East | South Florida Sun-Sentinel, November 11, 2008

Jean Jabouin host of Good Morning Diaspora on 1580 radio, during his show in Miami. The show broadcasts in Palm, Broward and Miami and serves the Haitian American audience. Jabouin gives hurricane updates, along with politics and sports on his show. (CRISTOBAL HERRERA, SunSentinel / September 12, 2008)

FORT LAUDERDALE - It was 6 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, and Paul Andre Mondesir was trying to save a life.

The caller had given up hope. He had no job. He was sleeping on a friend's front porch, living with the fear that he could be deported to Haiti at any time because of his illegal immigration status.

He heard Mondesir's radio program on 1320 AM while scanning the dial and felt the urge to call.

Mondesir, whose listeners call him "Doc," told the caller that as long as there is a tomorrow there is hope. Then he swiftly ticked off a list of resources that could possibly offer him some temporary assistance.

"I give them information with a little self-motivation," Mondesir said.

The incident points to the unique role radio plays in South Florida's Caribbean-American community. It goes beyond entertainment. For local transplants, ethnic radio serves as an information hotline, crisis lifeline and communication link to the islands they left behind.

"It's like an umbilical cord to their cultural heritage," said Jean Jabouin, host of the morning show Good Morning Diaspora, which up until recently broadcasted on WSRF 1580 AM, a Haitian station.

Caribbean radio in South Florida can be heard on almost a dozen stations. The majority of the programs are on AM, and most are in Creole. But there are at least two English-language stations.

WAVS 1170 AM, which serves the English-speaking Caribbean community, had 43,700 listeners when surveyed this past spring, according to media research firm Arbitron, and some say those estimates are low. There are about 500,000 Caribbean natives in South Florida.

Even with ethnic radio's reach, some within the medium say there's often an uphill battle to get major businesses to advertise with their station. In March, Mystik Radio, a Caribbean AM radio station, pulled the plug.

Part of the problem, radio officials say, is that mainstream radio rating systems don't get an accurate count of their listeners. Arbitron sends out listening diaries to a sample of the community, spokeswoman Jessica Benbow said. But some within the Caribbean community say those diaries don't reach their listeners.

At WPBR 1340 AM in West Palm Beach, General Manager Markes Pierre-Louis refers to his station as the CNN of Haitian radio. "We have news live from Haiti every day," Pierre-Louis said.

On Friday, when a school full of children collapsed in Petionville, Haiti, many of the Creole-language radio stations here launched into live reports on the victims and recovery efforts.

"People want to know what's going on in Haiti because a lot of people want to see change there," said Rodrigue Sejour, a talk radio host on WPBR. On Monday evening, Sejour took questions from local listeners and fielded a debate about reports that the school was shoddily built. "I have a bunch of callers who can't wait to respond."

Fort Lauderdale taxi driver Miche Auguste counts on the radio to fill his cab with everything from compas music and political commentary to a roundup of news from Haiti.

It was the first place he turned when friends and family called to say storms were battering his homeland last month.

"What they do is important," he said. "No matter what, home is home."

While some advertisers are still slow to come on board with ethnic radio, politicians recognize its reach. On the Duke of Earle's show on WAVS 1170 AM, for instance, candidates running for local offices made steady appearances to tap into the Caribbean base.

Last month, Patrick Gaspard, the national political director of Barack Obama's campaign, went on Jabouin's show to talk to Haitians about the campaign. Gaspard is Haitian-American.

Most of the Caribbean-formatted stations in South Florida operate on a brokered system: Radio hosts essentially buy time on air and bring their own advertisers.

"I don't think some of the larger advertisers understand the value of our community and the value of radio in our community," said Pat Montague, president of Princess PM Productions and a radio host on WAVS.

Just ask Hopeton Green.

Before the Hollywood furniture refinisher grabs his drill or pounds any nails, he turns his radio to 1170 AM. It's as automatic as switching on the lights. This is where he can count on hearing a reggae classic.

He's also an avid listener of Winston Barnes' Open Mic, a show where listeners talk about everything from politics to the economy, and he makes it a point to catch the Caribbean news roundups.

"I have to know what's happening back home because I go home all the time," Green said.

http://www.sun-sentinel.com/community/news/fort_lauderdale/sfl-flbradiosbnov11.0.5982721.story

(via Robert Wilkner)

Canadian radio amateurs on 600 metres, November 10, 2008

Industry Canada has accepted an RAC proposal whereby selected Canadian radio amateurs would be permitted to operate in the vicinity of 500 kHz.

These amateur operations would support Canada's efforts to action a proposal on the agenda of the 2011 World Radio Conference (WRC2011) which, if adopted, would create an amateur allocation in the 600-meter band. Industry Canada have authorized RAC to recommend amateurs who would be licensed to operate in the 504 to 509 kHz band with a maximum power of 20 watts ERP and bandwidth up to 1 kHz. Stations operating in this band would be technically operating under Special Developmental Licenses although they would all be radio amateurs. Distinct call signs would be used and the licenses would be renewable annually subject to the amateur demonstrating the research he has carried out. More information will follow shortly in the pages of TCA or via subsequent bulletins.

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Vernon Erle Ikeda - VE2MBS, Rédacteur de service des nouvelles RAC. RAC News Bulletin Editor
(Mike Terry via DXLD)