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Så är det åter dags att sätta sig vid datorn och sammanställa ännu en SWB.

En hel del tips har trillat in och några är tydligen aktiva på banden.

Har själv kollat lite då och då när man vaknat av att katten trampat runt på en för att få lite uppmärksamhet. På KV har bara de allra vanligaste hörts och oftast dränkta i kraftiga åskstörningar. På MV är det fortfarande bara 1390 och 1470 som visar på att det finns nåt långt nere i oljudet.

Annars är det rätt tid nu att göra precis som AHK – förbereda höstens och vinterns aktiviteter med att montera upp ännu bättre antenner.

Att döma av förutsägelseorna för solaktiviteten, så kommer nästa maximum 2013 att vara svagare än normalt.

Det torde innebära att den kommande hösten och vintern borde kunna bli ganska hygglig, åtminstone på MV.

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Christer Brunström: ZD7RSD Radio St Helena 11092.5 kHz två aningen olika QSL-kort som bekräftade sändningarna den 15 december 2007 och den 15 november 2008. Korten hade sponsrats av Rhein-Main-DX-Club i Tyskland. Mycket trevligt svar. **Amhara Radio 6090 kHz** med epostsvar från Dereje Moges, Station Director. Sedan den 9 maj i år sänder Amhara Radio nio timmar per dag.

Dan Olsson: Hej! Här kommer lite tips på vad jag har hört. Tipsen märkta 16-17/5 är ifrån en lyssnarnatt i Saxtorp där jag, Jan Thörnblom och Hans Kronkvist deltog. Antenner var 350 m i sydväst och 350 m i väst. Övriga mellanvågstips är gjorda här hemma. Annars är det mest glädjande att den störning som jag har haft här hemma sedan i somras plötsligt försvann till första maj-helgen.

Lite QSL har också inkommit på sistone: **6205 R Suzuki** e-brev, **6300,5 R Moonlight** e-brev och 2 kort, **6310 Sonnet R** e-brev och kort, **6374.4 R Marconi** e-brev, **Pionier Radio 6424,3** e-brev och kort samt **6991 Connection R** med e-brev och kort.

Jag får önska alla SWB:are en glad pingst för själv ligger jag sjuk med förkylning, feber och ont i kroppen. Härligt när de har lovat 25 grader varmt och man inte kan njuta av det.

Anders Hultqvist: Till nästa säsong har jag förberett ytterligare en ALA100-installation. Den ska sitta i min flaggstång som högsta punkt, som i sin tur står på det lilla berg som finns på tomten längs med Dalarö ström. Där kommer antennen upp en bra bit med absolut fri horisont så långt det bara går i alla håll, utom i de nordliga riktningarna. Ett varv med antenntråd i en nästan rätvinklig triangel ger en total längd om ca 30 m. Bredsidan blir i ungefär samma läge som min nuvarande ALA100.

Enligt Andy Ikin som designat ALA-antennerna så ska det bli en bra antenn:

"Dear Anders,

Providing that the loop is primarily for LW/MW the ALA100 can be placed anywhere on the triangle. 1 turn 30m should provide more gain than smaller 2 turn loop.

Kind regards

Andrew"

Återkommer med info om detta.

John Ekwall: Min sejour på 2 veckor på Karön tar slut på Pingstdagen.

Vad som är positivt är att öns restaurang har öppet alla dagar 1130 till 2100 (vissa dagar till 0200) och att maten är välkomponerad och god - har testat 5 rätter hittills. Färjan går dagligen 10-22 så har ni vägarna förbi passa på. Jag kommer att finnas veckan efter midsommar här samt 8 till 31 augusti. Denna sejour har ägnats åt att byta ut elsystemet samt att varva ner efter 15 års ihärdigt renoverande.

Jo, jag har faktiskt lyssnat lite grann men inte var det mycket som hördes - varken på förnatten eller vid soluppgång. Väldigt svaga signaler från Bolivia och Peru på KV - inget på MV. Ett bra E-skip noterades i måndags men bara Turkiet men hela bandet fullt - säkert 40 turkar hördes men inget idades. Kanske reser masten med Galaxien i år men det räcker ju faktiskt bara med en inomhusantenn för E-skip.

Giampiero Bernardini. Ciao Thomas, I hope you're enjoying spring even if sun activity is really low. Some tips testing the last radio I got on eBay, an used Drake R8. It's really a nice receiver...

Lars Skoglund: Här kommer en QSL-anmälan till SWB. **Radio Hargeisa, Somalia 7530** svarade med ett trevligt kort. Veriesigner var Baldur Drobnica med titeln Consultant. Adressen är Republic of Somaliland, Konsularische Vertretung, Zedernweg 6, DE-50127 Bergheim, Tyskland.

Kurt Norlin: Trots att jag i princip inte har något nytt att komma med skall jag här komma med några rader. Jag har knappt lyssnat något sedan PAX79 men däremot haft fullt upp med att gå igenom inspelningar från expeditionen och att skriva rapporter. Det har gett en hel del QSL från MV-stationer från Nordamerika och ett mindre antal andra. Enda KV-QSL som kommit är ett från **Radio Victoria i Peru på 6020 kHz**. Den svarade med epost.

Jag har med intresse läst kommentarerna och notiserna om SDR-mottagarna och då främst Perseus. Konventionella mottagare torde hitta få köpare i fortsättningen. På radioloppiset här i Skellefteå för några veckor sedan fanns ett antal mottagare att köpa från bl.a. Drake, Ten Tec och Icom men ingen var såld när jag åkte därifrån.

Jag slutar med att tillönska alla SWB-medlemmar en riktigt trevlig Pingst!

Loggen

(UTC)

3329.53			Ondas del Huallaga , Huánuco 1015 - 1034 with much improved signal on 29 May, long talks by om and yl but no music this time. [Wilkner]
3905	16.5	2200	Piepzender med Chrissie Hynes och Vaya Condios DO
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3920	16.5	2035	Fox 48 med Cleodence och Shakin Stevens i programmet DO
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4025	16.5	1925	Laser Hot Hits med musik till Q 4 DO
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4409.7			Radio Eco , Reyes 0010 to 0025 on 27 May. usual pulsating signal absent for once. [Wilkner]
4800	17.5	0050	AIR/Hyderabad med ragamusik DO
4840	17.5	0055	AIR/Mumbai pratade om Bangla Desh på engelska DO
4845.2	30.5		Radio Cultura , Manaus, Brazil, songs, fair GB
5005	16.5	2215	R Nacional med härlig afromusik till bra styrkor DO
5025	17.5	0100	R Rebelde spelade Simon & Garfunkel och hade en den härliga låten Rapido och därefter reklam för ett disco DO
5059.2			La Voz de las Huarinjas , Huancabamba 1034 to 1040, best in lsb, seems on about half the time. 30 May; 0015 on 27 May [Wilkner]
5580.31			Radio San Jose . San Jose de Chiquitos 0000 to 0020 on 27 May with weak signal, music [Wilkner]
5952.25	30.5	0013	Radio Pio XII , Bolivia, talks, poor GB
5952.54			Radio Pío XII Siglo XX signs on after 1100 noted 29 and 30 May, noted every evening at 0000 but with much cochannel interference and a rather weak signal. [Wilkner]
5995	29.5	2315	RTV du Malè , songs, good GB
6005	16.5	1720	R 700 spelade Mississippi med Les Humprehys Singers DO
6035	30.5	0010	BBS , Bhutan, slow music, weak GB
6090	28.5	1700	Amhara Regional State Radio med störningar från andra på frekvensen. KN
6155.3	29.5	2350	Radio Fides , Bolivia, sport live, fair/good GB
6160	29.5	2335	CKZN , St John's, CBC talks, EE, fair/good GB
6185	30.5	0000	Radio Nacional da Amazonia , Brazil, PP reports, fair GB
6185	30.5	0110	Radio Educacion , Mexico, address in SS & EE at 0111 then popular songs. Good GB
6210	17.5	0910	Borderhunter med reklam för sitt sammarmöte DO
6215	17.5	0715	King Shortwave spelade Fleetwood Mac och Rod Stewart DO
6280	16.5	1725	R Merlin spelade den gamla godingen "Sugar sugar" ifrån min barndom d.v.s. i slutet av 60-talet DO
6280	17.5	0800	Altrex R med dragspelsmusik DO
6300	29.5	2325	RASD Radio , Clandestine, mx and reports, AA, good GB
6310	16.5	1425	R North International var en ny svensk station som testsände DO
6310	16.5	1440	Sonnet R var en ytterligare svensk station med Mike Web som DJ DO
6310	17.5	0110	Sonic R drog sin e-postadress och spelade sen Automatic Lovers innan de dränktes av Iran på 6290. Iran täckte området 6270-6310, gammal god Moskvaklass på bandbredd. DO
6325	16.5	1510	R Monte Carlo hade den goda smaken att spela ELO för DO
6380	16.5	1400	R Lowland ID: ade efter en timmes lyssning DO
6380	16.5	1600	R Marconi med dragspelsmusik DO
6425	17.5	0715	R Pionier spelade Mull of Kintyre med Paul McCartney DO
6524	17.5	0915	R Ramona blev lägrets sista logg DO
6991	16.5	2115	Connection R spelade en låt med Lloyd Cole DO
7145	16.5	1730	R Hargeisa med inhemsk musik. DO

7145	30.5	1800	Radio Hargeisa med lite somalisk musik. 2-3 CB
7255	22.5	1500	R Grodno med lokalprogram till Q 5. Mycket snack om kultur i Grodno DO
7505	25.5	0400	WRNO Worldwide stängde för dagen efter att ha spelat musik. Stark signal. 3-4 CB
7850	30.5	0036	CHU , Canada, usual pip and ids GB
8728	22.5	0655	Monaco Radio med sjöväder för Medelhavet. Kl. 0700 reläades nyheter på franska från Radio Monaco. // 13146 USB. Det är så nära rundradio man kan komma. 2-3 CB
9630	16.5	2040	R Aparecida med religiöst program // 11855. DO
11815	16.5	2020	R Brasil Central med fotboll där Marco gjorde mål på passning av da Silva i den 25:e minuten för laget Gremio. Ett lag som RÅ och jag träffade 1996. DO
11855	16.5	2025	R Aparecida med musik till Q 4 och njöt gjorde DO
11925	16.5	2030	R Bandeirantes med samma fotbollsmatch som 11815 hade. DO

/band scan for last fortnight...../

Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca Raton, Clewiston, and Coral Springs.

2310	Australia	VL8A	Alice Springs NT improving 1000
2325	Australia	VL8T	Tennant Creek NT strongest 9030 to 1030
2485	Australia,	VL8K	Katherine NT weaker signal 1000 3250.00 Honduras Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis 1035; 1100 carrier on before program.
3279.6	Ecuador	La Voz del Napo	Tena 1000 strong signal
3309.98	Bolivia	R Mosoj Chaski,	Cochabamba 1000
3329.53	Peru,	Ondas del Huallaga,	Huánuco 1000
3375.1	Brasil	R Municipal São Gabriel da Cachoeira	1000
4699.32	Bolivia	Radio San Miguel,	Riberalta, 0940
4716.19	Bolivia	Radio Yura,	Yura 0950
4746.94	Peru	Radio Huanta 2000	Huanta Ayacucho 1020
4774.9	Peru	Radio Tarma.	Tarma 1000
4790.10	Peru	Radio Visión Chiclayo	0900
4796.4.	Bolivia	Radio Lipez,	Uyuni 1000
4799.7	Guatemala,	Radio Buenas Nuevas,	off the air!
4800	Mexico	4800, XERTA,	Radio Trans. strong in Florida 1000
4805	Peru	Radio Rasuwilca	1000 on the 12th of May
4805	Brasil	Radio Difusora do Amazonas,	Manaus dominant 1000, doubt if Peru is still there.
4814.95	Ecuador	Radio El Buen Pastor,	Saraguro Loma Loja 1000
4824.49	Peru	La Voz de la Selva,	Iquitos very strong signal 1000 most local mornings
4826.45	Peru	Radio Sicuani,	Sicuani 1000 weaker signal
4834.93	Bolivia,	R. Virgen de Remedios,	Tupiza. 2330 several logs thanks to tips from Lúcio Otávio Bobrowiec.
4835.42	Peru	Radio Marañon Jaen	1000 strong signal, occasion break in transmission. Transmitter problems
4985.0	Brasil	Radio Brasil Central,	Goainia 0900 to 1000; 0000
5039.21	Peru,	Radio Libertad Junin	1000 every morning 5059.2, La Voz de las Huarinjas, Huancabamba 1000, 0000
5120.4v	Peru,	Ondas del Suroriente,	Quillabamba 1000 best in lsb
5460.1	Peru	Radio Bolivar Cd. Bolivar	1000; 0000

[Wilkner]

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3220	Ecuador	HCJB	Pifo 1000 -strong signal
3260	Papua New Guinea	Radio Madang,	Madang 0910; 1030 3290 Papua New Guinea Radio Central, Boroko 0910; 1025
3315	Papua New Guinea	Radio Manus,	Lorengau 0910; 1030
3325	Papua New Guinea	Radio Buka,	Kuba 0910; 1035
3335	Papua New Guinea	Radio East Sepik,	Wewak 0910; 1030; 0915 3340 Honduras Radio Misiones Internacionales Comayaguëla 1030, 0000
3385	Papua New Guinea	Radio East New Britain	Rabaul 1000, 1050
4409.8	Bolivia,	Radio Eco,	Reyes 0000 best in lsb
4451.2	Bolivia,	Radio Santa Ana,	Santa Ana de Yacuma note heard here or by Lúcio Otávio Bobrowiec in Brasil.
4990	[Unid]	Suriname, Radio Apintie,	Paramaribo "possibly" 0900 carrier no audio
6019.65	Peru	Radio Victoria	Lima 1000
6155.2	Bolivia	Radio Fides	1000
6195.8	Peru	Radio Cusco	1100, 0000

[Wilkner]

Stationsnyheter

ANGOLA 4949.757, Radio Nacional de Angola, 1650, first noted as massive het against AIR high-side. Readable in LSB with ballads, then presumed news or similar at 1700. Then carrier off. Back on at 1949 recheck, but this time with very low modulation, still readable with Portuguese talk by a man. Did a second check, and still there at 2135. Massive S9+30 signal but very low audio. 22 May (David Sharp, FT-950, NSW Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA. The two domestic stations are usually an easy catch from here in Nigeria but the following may be of interest.

5005, Radio Bata, 10/05/2009 at 1617, in parallel to Malabo on 6250 with sports programme - Spanish talk and some short interviews in English and French with each item separated by the same song by Cher. 1631, Bata broke away for African pop while 6250 continued with sports and Cher. Later tune-in at 2023 found Bata 5005 (not parallel to 6250) in Spanish reading reception report letters in full from DXers in Finland. Ended at 2045 but another listener correspondence programme heard the following Sunday 17/05/2009 from 2013 until 2052, reading reception reports from Brazil, but not heard on 24/05/2009 (James MacDonell, Nigeria, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY. DRASTIC AIRTIME REDUCTION FOR MAINFLINGEN 1539 KHZ.

As of July 1 ERF [TWR] will cut back its airtime on 1539 from 06:00 to 24:00 CET to merely 07:00-09:00 and 19:30-22:30 CET (= 0500-0700 and 1730-2030 UT during summer), still using 700 kW. This is primarily a cost saving measure. The plain power bill for the transmitter (rather than the full transmitter lease) is specified as 280,000 Euro per year.

http://www.erf.de/index.php?node=4355&content_item=819

No word in this press release about the foreign language programmes that still go out on 1539 between 0300 and 0400 UT, including Radio Évangile broadcasts, put on 1539 as replacement for the now gone slot on Roumoules-216.

During recent years substantial investments had been made into the 1539 transmission facility, including a new NVIS antenna for skywave service in the morning and evening: <http://www.waniewski.de/id330.htm>

The old tube transmitters have been replaced as well, if I recall correct by a set-up of 2 x Thomson S7HP. The new scheme may reflect a minimum usage that must be kept after these big investments. Personally I wonder if ERF meanwhile regrets its deep involvement into this mediumwave operation (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUINEA. 7125.000, RTVG. 2140, French, very low audio, with general talk by a man and occasional Afro music bridges. Seemed to be "right on" frequency. 22 May (David Sharp, FT-950, NSW Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INDONESIA. 3995.02, RRI Kendari, 1202-1214 May 14. Jak program // 4789.97; back to local programming at 1221 with a bit of chat, then vocal music. Fading fast.

3987.04, RRI Manokwari, 1156-1240 May 15. SCI and Jak news; back to local studio at 1227 with a short vocal selection; dulcimer-like IS at 1230, then ten-minute talk segment. Generally fair. Has been irregular in recent weeks.

4605v, RRI Serui, Has not been heard here in many months. Last logged here in May 2008 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Övriga radionyheter

ICF-SW7600GR discontinued?

I believe that Sony may have discontinued their short-wave portable receiver model ICF-SW7600GR and may indeed be ceasing production of all short wave portable receivers. This could be due to several reasons ... 1. General decline in Short-wave interest, 2. Inability to compete with cheap manufacturers in Asia particularly China, 3. The current worldwide economic woes, 4. Sony's current financial difficulties in a number of their electronic manufacturing divisions.

Do any group members know anything that may either support or repudiate this view? I am basing this assumption on the fact that the Australian Sony web site indicates that the ICF-SW7600GR is discontinued. Some other Sony web sites around the world, notably USA are no longer showing that model as an available product. Of course if it has been discontinued, then it will still remain on retail shelves as long as current stock lasts. It would be unfortunate if Sony are indeed ceasing manufacture, but it would be a reasonable response on their part to a lack of demand for the product. Just have a look at how their portable CD player range has shrunk for the same reason.

(Robert Sanderson via HCDX)

Charlie and His Orchestra

Several days ago I was recording FM signals here in Subotica, and I heard interesting segment in the show called "Time Mosaic" on Radio Belgrade 1. These segments are from that radio-show... Every Wednesday and Saturday evenings from March 1941 till February 1943 the German Radio (Nazi propaganda) was transmitting musical program "Charlie and His Orchestra" on short and medium waves intended to listeners in Canada, USA and England.

You can download these 3 short mp3 files:

- Announcement (the beginning of the show)
- "Who's Afraid of The BBC"
- "A Man With The Big Cigar"

Here is the address: <http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/33412>

(Regards, Dragan Lekic from Serbia via DXLD)

German Radio overseas programs during WWII

Charlie and His Orchestra is a fascinating story. My buddy the late Brian Smith and I avidly collected all sorts of WW2 audio, and have many of the different arrangements by Karl Schwedler aka Charlie.

While jazz and other "degenerate music" was banned officially in the Third Reich, Goebbel's propaganda ministry put together this band to appeal to Allied tastes while delivering a defeatist message.

The propaganda is rather ineffective and heavy handed, anecdotal accounts suggest Churchill found them hilarious. The music itself is top notch...they were all accomplished musicians. In a later era one might suggest that they "rocked".

You can download many of them at <http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=Charlie%20and%20His%20Orchestra>

Note: I don't know who posted them but Charlie/Karl was NOT executed by the British. Various accounts suggest he just faded into the population after the war, fearing prosecution, others suggest he immigrated to the US.

To those of you who seek lost objects of history, I wish you the best of luck. They're out there, and they're whispering. - Clive Cussler, <http://www.doghhousecharlie.com>

(Fred Waterer via DXLD)

Exotic sounds from Mosquito coast ... and more!

Massor av gamla ljudfiler finns för avlyssning på <http://www.mcdxt.it/ExoticSounds.htm>

(Henrik Klemetz via SWEDX)

Tack Henrik, det var verkligen nostalgiskt, och där fanns så mycket jag aldrig har hört och nu är det för sent.... Har förmedlat detta till NDL och till BE+TL. Kanske de redan vet om detta, men en gång för mycket är bättre än en för lite. Un agradable fin de semana önskar Ullmar.

(Ullmar Quick via SWEDX)

NASA Science News for May 29, 2009

An international panel of experts has issued a new prediction for the solar cycle which takes into account the surprisingly deep solar minimum of 2008-2009. Read today's story to find out when they think solar maximum will return.

An international panel of experts led by NOAA and sponsored by NASA has released a new prediction for the next solar cycle. Solar Cycle 24 will peak, they say, in May 2013 with a below-average number of sunspots.

"If our prediction is correct, Solar Cycle 24 will have a peak sunspot number of 90, the lowest of any cycle since 1928 when Solar Cycle 16 peaked at 78," says panel chairman Doug Biesecker of the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center.

FULL STORY at http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/29may_noaaprediction.htm?list1066436

(Mike Terry via DXLD)

Smart Meters - could be worrying news for radio users

The UK government has unveiled plans for all homes to be equipped with Smart Meters by the end of 2020 and a public consultation is now taking place.

Smart meters allow suppliers to remotely record customers' gas and electricity use. Although a number of different technologies, e.g. Cell Phone, could be used to connect the Smart Meters, the BPL/PLT lobby may well attempt to capitalise on this announcement.

Radio Frequencies (RF) up to 1.5 MHz can be transmitted over the electrical mains cable to Smart Meters, however, electric cables are not designed to carry RF and they inevitably radiate both on the fundamental and harmonic frequencies and could cause severe interference to peoples' favourite radio shows.

If a Smart Metering system using BPL/PLT technology is installed then it seems logical that companies will attempt to make money by also delivering Broadband Internet Access and Security Monitoring Services via the Smart Meter.

Initial attempts to sell Broadband Internet access via the mains failed due to the high costs, they couldn't compete with Internet delivery via Cable/Telephone ADSL/Cell Phones. If Government were to mandate that BPL/PLT Smart Meters are installed in all homes then the economics of Internet delivery via the electrical power line change completely.

The consultation on Smart Metering for Electricity and Gas closes on 3rd August 2009.

More details at http://www.southgatearc.org/news/may2009/smart_metering_consultation.htm

BBC News report at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/8042716.stm>

(Mike Terry via DXLD)

ChiCom jamming sites

The jamming control has two main centers. The first is the main site on Hainan Island in the south which also houses a large military base. But all orders for jamming come from Beijing. Three ministries are involved, 1. Ministry Of Communications (MOC), 2. Ministry Of Culture/Propaganda (MOP) , and 3. The Ministry Of The Armed Forces Of The People's Liberation Army (MAFPLA). The later is due to the fact that the military control all transmitter sites in China even those used for civilian use.

The two stations involved for both monitoring stations the government deems as un-friendly and to monitor the jamming is effective are China National Radio near Tiananmen Square which was also once the home of CRI until the mid 90s and China Radio International on Shijingshan Road in Western Beijing on the 3rd Floor less than 20 meters from the live broadcast studios and is guarded by the military 24/7. The only way to get pass the guard to the live studio or master control is by holding an A pass.

There is at least 20 sites around China which are known for jamming. The problem is trying to make a 100% confirmation as these sites are also used for broadcasting. The only 2 I can 100% confirm is the one on Hainan Island and one in Shunyi a suburb of Beijing which is used for ground jamming.

Other sites known for jamming are:

Ho Hot - Inner Mongolia

Ningbo - between Huangzhou and Shanghai

Guangzhou - across from Hong Kong

Dandong - China/North Korean border

I always felt that since China does not make public any of it's transmitter sites (one used for jamming) it would be interesting to send reception reports for CNR and CRI and QSL FIREDRAKE. LOL Has anyone here done that?

If you think in your part of the world FIREDRAKE is everywhere. You should hear what's like in this area. Here in the ROC when listing to SW you get the impression the only stations on SW are Chinese and FIREDRAKE which is everywhere and I mean everywhere.

This week I interview someone from the VOA who told me that in the mid 1990s VOA was scheduled to have a meeting with people from CRI about jamming. He told me the end result was CRI not showing up for the meeting. You can hear the interview June 4th.

(Keith via DXLD)