

# SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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## Mer MV än KV ....

Antydningar om kommande MV - konditioner börjar nu dyka upp på de olika bloggarna på nätet.

Har själv kollat lite då och då på morgonkvisten mellan 4-6 SNT. I natt gick en del NA ganska starkt, bl a 1520 WWKB gick mycket starkt.

Reversering av flag-antennen gör mycket stor skillnad, NA försvinner till stor del, men inte kommer det in några LA, vilket det borde.

De enda stationer från södra delen som då kommer upp hyggligt är 1620, 1610 samt 1470. Några dagar tidigare gick med all sannolikhet R Formula på 1570, endast hörbar på NA riktningen.

Det verkar nästan omöjligt att få in LA på mellanvåg. Det är ju ganska förvånande eftersom AHK i Stockholm samma samtidigt hört bl a Peru på flera frekvenser.

Skall bli intressant när nästa ARC kommer att se vad HM i Växjö kunnat logga.

## Keep on ....

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Dateline Bogotá: <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/Dateline.htm>

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).

## QSL, kommentarer, mm.

**Christer Brunström:** Många känner ju till Kanebergsstugan utanför Halmstad. Vi har nu ännu kortare antenner än tidigare eftersom numera all skog i närheten av stugan har avverkats. **KBS World 3995** (via England) vackert kort. **Radio Africa 15190** kHz med kort och utförligt schema för Radio Africa Network. Märkligt nog listas Radio Africa på 7190 kHz vilket ju inte stämmer eftersom man hörs på 15190 kHz. På 15190 kHz listas Radio East Africa och Radio Africa No. 2.

**Rolf Åhman:** Mycket överraskande har **Radio Nacional, Bata 5005** svarat med brev och vykort. V/s var Julián Esono Ela, programledare för programmet Cartas del Oyente som sänds på söndagar kl 21.

**Dan Olsson:** Hej! Dags att anmäla två kortvågs-QSL som har kommit: **3900 R Alice** med e-mail och **6380 SWCH** med e-mail.

Annars har aktiviteten varit låg men en del svar har inkommit på sommarens FM-rapporter så nu har jag passerat 2500 stationer.

Annars läggs rätt mycket tid på vårt kök då vi har drabbats av fuktskador med både svartmögel och grönmögel. Så nu håller vi att förhandla med ena sidan Riksbyggen och den andra med vårt försäkringsbolag och ingen vill betala det hela.

**Jerry Johansson:** Har nyligen bytt e-postadress. Tack för att du kämpar vidare med bulletinen trots ofta dålig respons!.

*(Tack, vi får väl se hur länge det är möjligt att köra vidare. Nästa år blir det förmodligen bulle bara en gång i månaden elelr med längre intervall om det fortsätter så här.)*

## New Article on Perseus in TADX

I noticed that Ken Baird has written a detailed piece on his TADX Web site titled "September 2009 - Pros and Cons of a Life Changing DX Receiver":

[http://www.ayrshirehistory.eu/tadx/perseus\\_a\\_life\\_changing\\_receiver.html](http://www.ayrshirehistory.eu/tadx/perseus_a_life_changing_receiver.html)

He does a fine job describing the advantages of Perseus for MW DXing. In addition, his article has the best description (with screenshots) I've ever read on the Perseus playback bar problem. I say "Amen!" to his observations...and I look forward to saying "Hallelujah!" when this issue in Perseus is resolved.

(73, Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, [www.perseus-sdr.blogspot.com](http://www.perseus-sdr.blogspot.com))

## Some QDFA impressions

Bjarne Melde and OJ Sagdahl now have the Dallas Lankford designed QDFA antenna up running in Berlevåg. They have made some preliminary testing comparing the QDFA-antenna to the beverage farm. Comments and pictures can be found at his blog:

<http://arcticdx.blogspot.com/2009/09/some-qdfa-impressions.html>

2310			<b>VL8A</b> Alice Springs NT seems always weaker than 2485, but 2325 Tennant Creek NT often covered by local noise. [Wilkner]
2368.50			<b>Radio Symban</b> 0900 to 1100 listening.. Not being heard here or in Cedar Key, or Boca Raton [Wilkner]
2379.88			<b>Radio Educadora</b> , Limeira, SP 1000 to 1030, Portuguese program with weak signal 23 and 24 August. [Wilkner]
2485			<b>VL8K</b> Katherine NT strongest signal 0950 to 1050 for last fortnight. [Wilkner]
3204.5			<b>Radio West Sepik</b> , Vanimo 1030 to 1040 on 25 August, some audio ..was in most of the week [Wilkner]
3220			<b>HCJB</b> Pifo 0955 flauta andina, time pips on hour, om yl in language. Good signal with "noise reducing antenna, [Wilkner]
3220			<b>HCJB</b> Pifo remarkable consistent signal 0900 to 1000 with [Wilkner]
3250			<b>Radio Luz y Vida</b> , San Luis, neat station with calliope music sometime at 0000, signs on 1100 and stays in 1200 in Florida. English Spanish gospel translations.La Palabras de Dios. [Wilkner]
3255			<b>Radio Educadora 6 de Agosto</b> , Xapuri, AC, 1000 to 1030 each morning with Portuguese programming. Occasional ID,mention of events [Wilkner]
3279.6			<b>La Voz del Napo</b> Tena off the air at the same time 3 September [Wilkner]
3279.6			<b>La Voz del Napo</b> Tena 1000 to 1030 each morning, good music and strong signal hear and more rural Cedar Key [Wilkner]
3309.98			<b>Radio Mosoj Chaski</b> , Cochabamba 0930 to 1000 with good music, there every local morning [/local for here and Bolivia/] [Wilkner]
3309.98			<b>Radio Mosoj Chaski</b> , Cochabamba 1000 and 0000 noted on 27 August and other days. [Wilkner]
3329.53			<b>Ondas del Huallaga</b> , Huánuco difficult to hear, need narrow filter and good opening.. 1030 to 1040 on 26 August. [Wilkner]
4409.8			<b>Radio Eco</b> , Reyes pops in every evening 0000 after local harmonic cuts power, pulsating signal that once was there gone. Very regular emisora, there each night. [Wilkner]
4451.19			<b>Radio Santa Ana</b> , Santa Ana de Yacuma 1030 to 1110 with CP music and one ID by om, better signal that during the local evening. 23 August. In last fortnight /sign off time /has moved closer to 0000. [Wilkner]
4451.2			<b>Radio Santa Ana</b> , Santa Ana de Yacuma on at 1040, first time heard in the morning in Florida. [Wilkner]
4699.26			<b>Radio San Miguel</b> , Riberalta 2330 on 21 August, has been signing on later 0950 to sometimes 1010 or later in the last fortnight. [Wilkner]
4716.60			<b>Radio Yura</b> , Yura 1015 to 1025 sign ons, noted for excellent music, signing on later; noted off an occasional morning in the last fortnight. There from 2330 most evenings [Wilkner]
*4781.51			<b>Radio Tacana</b> , Tumupasa 2300 to 2325 with strongest signal logged here, OM with"... transmits Radio Tacana ...onda corta ...Bolivia..." much stronger than 4699, 4716 and 4796 on at same time. 27 August [Wilkner]
4781.70			<b>Radio Tacana</b> , Tumupasa last noted 2330 to 2345 on 21 August, noted four times in last fortnight. No recent logs 1000. [Wilkner]
4781.82			<b>Radio Tacana</b> , Tumupasa with fair signal 2348 noted, seems on more often this week but not noted 0900 to 1100. 2 September [Wilkner]
4796.49			<b>Radio Lipez</b> , Uyuni both 1000 and 0000 logs, off on occasion in last fortnight [Wilkner]
4857.38			<b>Radio La Hora</b> Cusco 2330 with good signal, IDs good music 2 September [Wilkner]
4925	30/8	2303	<b>RRI Jambi</b> , Indonesia, news, mx, local id 2330, regional nx,fair/good GB
5009.95	30/8	0250	<b>Radio Madagascar</b> , soft music, good GB
5459.78			<b>Radio Bolivar</b> Cd. Bolivar noted 1030 to 1045, irregular schedule last fortnight. 3 September [Wilkner]
5580.2			<b>Radio San José</b> , San José de Chiquitos noted first time at 1030, usually only 2330 to 0100, with om espanol, fair signal 3 September [Wilkner]
5580.2			<b>Radio San José</b> , San José de Chiquitos /noted return to frequency/ at 2330 on 17 August after being off about a week. [Wilkner]
5952.37			<b>Pio XII</b> , Siglo Veinte 1100 to 1130 om and yl en espanol, talk about local items, times and dates of upcoming event, with signal less troubled by co channel 21 August. Generally there 0000 but with much cochannel [Wilkner]
6005	23.8	1657	<b>Radio 700</b> med väder och nyheter på tyska. 3 CB
6075			<b>Radio Kawsachun Coca</b> , Lauka 1000 to 1100+ most local mornings, covered or off 0000. Provides good programs, om and yl alternating in conversational pattern [Wilkner]

6090	30/8	0302	<b>Amhara State Radio</b> , Ethiopia, talks, music, good GB
6110	30/8	0305	<b>Radio Fana</b> , Ethiopia, music, great id, good GB
6134.77			<b>Radio Santa Cruz</b> 1105 noted with strong signal, seemed off on 20 August?, 21 August [Wilkner]
6155.2			<b>Radio Fides</b> widely heard and reported regular. [Wilkner]
7110	30/8	0310	<b>Radio Ethiopia</b> , music, talks, good GB
7145	30/8	1858	<b>Radio Hargeisa</b> , Somalia, talks, music, good, extended Ramadan schedule, at 2020 still on GB
9560.1	1.9	1750	<b>Radio Éthiopie</b> med lokal musik. 2-3 CB
11815	23.8	2130	<b>Rádio Brasil Central</b> med fotboll. 3 CB
12085	25.8	1045	<b>Voice of Mongolia</b> med mongolisk musik och engelska. 2 CB
15120	23.8	1805	<b>Voice of Nigeria</b> med musikprogrammet VON Link-up 3-4 CB
15344.9	25.8	2005	<b>RAE</b> inledde sin sändning på franska. 3-4 CB
15476	28.8	1855	<b>LRA36 R. Nacional Arcángel</b> San Gabriel noterad med tangomusik. 2 CB

Band Scan by Time 2300 to 0030 (23 - 28 August) -Pompano -Cedar Key- Clewiston - Coral Springs- Boca Raton- Florida ---50 to 49 meters---

4409.8	Bolivia, <b>Radio Eco</b> , Reyes
4451.2	Bolivia, <b>Radio Santa Ana</b> , Santa Ana de Yacuma
4699.32	Bolivia <b>Radio San Miguel</b> , Riberalta
4716.64	Bolivia <b>Radio Yura</b> , Yura
4746.98	Peru <b>Radio Huanta 2000</b> Huanta Ayacucho
4781.49	Bolivia, <b>Radio Tacana</b> , Tumupasa*
4774.9	Peru <b>Radio Tarma</b> . Tarma
4790	Peru <b>Radio Visión</b> Chiclayo
4796.49	Bolivia <b>Radio Lipez</b> , Uyuni
4805	Brasil <b>Radio Difusora do Amazonas</b> , Manaus
4824.49	Peru <b>La Voz de la Selva</b> , Iquitos
4857.4	Peru, <b>Radio La Hora</b> , Cusco
4894.91.	Brasil <b>Radio Novo Tempo</b> , Campo Grande PR
4905.01	Brasil <b>Radio Anhanguera</b> , Araguaína
5580.2	Bolivia <b>Radio San José</b> , San José de Chiquitos
5952.42	Bolivia <b>Pio XII</b> , Siglo Veinte

## Stationsnyheter

**GALAPAGOS:** What appears to be an unofficial online stream of **La Voz de Galapagos** is available on the UStream TV platform at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/radio-la-voz-de-galapagos>.

This was observed relaying Ecuador's Radio Catolica Nacional overnight and most of the local morning, going into local programming some time between 1700 and 1800 UTC - this was on a Sunday (23 August 09), so not necessarily applicable on weekdays. Local time on the archipelago is UTC -6 hours, one hour behind the Ecuador mainland.

La Voz de Galapagos previously broadcast on shortwave and mediumwave, but currently transmits only on 97.1 MHz FM. (Dave Kernick via DXLD)

**INDIA:** 1750 UTC - 23rd Aug 09 **All India Radio Delhi** (Kingsway) right now on **3930** kHz instead of 4860 kHz // 6045, 702 kHz Scheduled till 1930 UTC.

**3945 kHz - AIR Gorakhpur** signed off at 1740 UTC instead of scheduled 1735 UTC. (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India via DXLD)

**JAPAN: Radio Nikkei 1st Programme** was observed signing-on at 2225 UTC 1 Sep 09 on 6055 kHz (good), 3925 kHz (fair), 9595 kHz (poor). Five minutes of their interval signal - chimes repeated on a 40-second cycle - topped and tailed with frequency announcements. At 2230 programming became parallel with their web stream, albeit with a time delay of course.

**Radio Nikkei 2nd Programme** sign-on procedure observed at 2300 UTC was a much briefer affair, crash-starting on 6115 kHz ((good), 3945 kHz (fair), 9760 kHz (poor) with a frequency announcement followed by a station jingle.

All the foregoing was observed via a Global Tuners remote receiver in Osaka, Japan, and all programming was in Japanese. Note that the 1st Programme sign-on time differs to that given in WRTH, and it may vary from day to day, however there's

a programme guide on their website at <http://radionikkei.jp>. The live audio stream on the website appears to be an amalgam of Radio Nikkei 1st and 2nd Programmes, with its own programming when they're both off-air.

Recordings of both the above sign-ons can be heard on the Interval Signals Online website at <http://intervalsignals.net>.  
(Dave Kernick via DXLD)

**ZIMBABWE** [non]. **Zimbabwe Community Radio**, which was dissatisfied with coverage from faraway UAE on 50 metres, and then tested 3955 via South Africa at 1755-1855 UT, is now(?) testing 4865 via Meyerton during the same offset hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, Aug 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**PAKISTAN:** Instead of upgrading the equipment and replacing the old transmitter of **Lahore Station**, one of the major medium wave (MW) stations of the Radio Pakistan, has been shutdown completely on the directions of Director General Murtaza Solangi on the other day.

This medium wave station had been working since 1937 and was widely listened throughout the world, including the main cities of India on 630 kilo watts (KW). It played a key role in the wars of 1965 and 1971 by broadcasting patriotic national songs.

Interestingly, besides closing the chapter of Lahore Station, Solangi also sealed another major news and current affairs channel of Lahore Station that was being listened on 1332 kilo watts for the last 4 years. It is pertinent to mention that 1332 KH was established by investing almost five hundred million rupees.

An official of Radio Pakistan disclosed that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was keeping mum over the solo initiative, as the DG has close relations with higher authorities. That is the reason why he is making such decisions from the time he took the charge of this key post.

The source further says the federal ministry is authorised to establish or close Radio Pakistan's any station but it has remained silent over this solo step owing to various reasons.

The DG Radio Pakistan is of the view that the closed station was in loss costing expenditure; moreover, old infrastructure was not fulfilling the modern requirements of broadcasting. For meeting modern needs, on the further directions of DG, a new short wave channel FM 93 has been established by replacing Lahore Radio Station, which is listened on short range covering the area of 30 or 40 km. (The nation)

(Arnaldo Slaen via DXLD)

## Övriga radionyheter

### CONTROL YOUR JAPAN RADIO COMPANY NRD-545 USING AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET

I've created a quick and easy way to set the frequency of your NRD-545 from an Excel sheet. You can also manage your radios memories using this spreadsheet. Simply download the most recent version below, enable macros when loading the file in Excel, then point and click. It's that easy.

August 17, 2009 - Version .10 released. Click here to download: <http://www.billcarney.com/shortwave.htm>

Why did I create this? After purchasing my NRD-545 back in 2000, I set about writing a tuning and database management application using Micro-soft's Visual FoxPro. It worked great, but I never really "finished" the project. Since then, VFP was upgraded three times, and then finally End-Of-Lifed by Microsoft. It was time to move on to a different programming environment.

One issue with computer control via an application is that most apps require the data to be in a particular format. It can be frustrating and time consuming to convert the various data layout formats into a single structure. I decided to create a "mini-app" that runs in Excel, and the only data requirement is that the frequency be the first cell in the row - you can store whatever other data you want in the other columns. This will allow simple cut-and-paste operations from most online databases.

#### *How to set up the file:*

Download the file to your local machine.

Unzip the file and load it with Excel.

ENABLE MACROS when prompted.

Go to the sheet called Config, and enter the COM port that is connected to your NRD-545, and if you use the CHE-199 extender board.

#### *How to use it:*

I wrote the application to follow my DXing "style" - the primary sheet, "Frequencies", is my scrapbook where I paste in DX tips from various locations.

The sheet Memories is where I manage the radio's memory banks. The sheet Presets is where I make quick frequency and mode changes - consider these "shortcuts" to various bands.

The rest of the sheets are various databases that I've come across on the net and have found useful - from SW list to VOLMET stations to Non Direction Beacons logged in North America.

To use, simply select one of the sheets, and click on a cell. Your radio will tune to that frequency automatically. I find it handy to simply use the UP and DOWN cursor keys scrub up and down each list. I hope you enjoy it.  
(Bill Carney WC8GOP, MARE Tipsheet 21 Aug via DXLD)