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God fortsättning på julen och vad kan vara lämpligare än direkt passa att önska er alla ett **Gott Nytt År!**

Tack också för alla uppmuntrande jul- och nyårshälsningar från när och fjärran.

Det skall bli intressant att se vad 2012 kommer att bjuda på i radioväg. Kanske de som ännu rattar gamla traditionella rx-ar trots allt får ge vika för SDR? Nej, det dröjer nog lite längre.....

Intressant är att Bhutan har etablerat sig på en ny frekvens på 60 mb. Vi får väl se hur länge detta varar.

När man läser bidragen så är det en hel del som trots allt ägnat några timmar framför radion. PAX96 har bl a dragit igång mitt i julhelgen.

Kollade för en stund sedan nattens Perseus inspelning, men betydligt sämre här nere än natten mot julafton då några LA trots allt gick på MV.

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Christer Brunström: 1Africa, Zambia 11590 kHz QSL-brev, kalender och nyckelband efter många försök. Det var annorlunda för några år sedan då stationerna inom CVC Media svarade mycket bra. Här kommer ytterligare några QSL: **KBS World (via England) 3955** kort schema och bordskalender. **Radio New Zealand International 15720** QSL-kort, schema, dekaler, diverse info.

Lars Skoglund: God Jul! Ett svar har kommit nämligen **MV Baltic Radio/Göhren 9480** med kort.

Arne Nilsson: Nu har jag banne mig kommit in i ett stim: Jag har fått ett QSL igen! Den 13/12 hörde jag, och rapporterade, **R Vanuatu**, och 24 tim efter rapporten fick jag ett svar på min rapport och inspelning:

"Hi Arne, Yes I can confirm that that is Radio Vanuatu, and the person speaking is one of our announcers. The program is a talkback show on Air. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Kind regards, Warren"

Härligt, det här är i klass med The Cross, och jag är kanonnöjd med mina antenner, dessa två var det faktiskt min Superloop som fixade, signalen var just så mycket bättre än på Bavern att man faktiskt fick fram den audio som krävdes! Faktiskt, efter dessa kap gick andan ur mig några dagar, det kändes bara SÅ bra! Och lyssnandet var aktivt, inte inspelningar, utan jag satt o rattade för att få in dem. Old time DX-ing...

Nu är det nya mål som gäller: Jag har "nästan" klart med analoga PSU för Perseus och tillbehör, ska bara få in dem i en låda också.

Sedan handlar det om att rensa i gamla inspelningar från Perseus. Sitter just nu med 5 olika HD som alla är fulla av inspelningar, och det mesta är bara "scrap" men man är ju så feg då det gäller att radera...

Och så vill jag passa på att tillönska alla medlemmar en fortsatt trevlig helg och ett riktigt Gott Nytt År!

Jerry Johansson: önskar alla en God Jul och ett Gott Nytt År.

Lars Jeppesen: Hej o God jul! Jag kom fram till Parka i går kväll efter en del strapatser. Så nu är PAX96 igång. Du kan titta på min blogg om det finns några tips som kan vara av intresse. Kommer inte ihåg på rak arm vad som ligger där nu.

Torre Ekblom: -Bästa Thomas, tack för all fina SWB under årets lopp. Våra bästa gratulationer till din Fru på bemarkelsedagen!

Får önska dig och familjen EN GOD JUL o. ETT GOTT NYTT DX-ÅR 2012 med musik. 73 Torre & familj

Glass Harp Concert in Italy Christmas spirit

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdoTdG_VNV4&feature=player_embedded

(Det var sannerligen ett helt nytt sätt att framföra Tjaichovski! Tack för länken. /Thomas)

Alf Persson: Jag har ägnat mig lite åt Holländska pirater några kvällar och är nu snart expert på Holländsk Polkamusik. Fick ett QSL från **Radio Fly** på en parkarapport Ha de´ bra och en trevlig helg.

Jan Edh: God Jul själv Thomas, och ha en fantastisk dag. Och tack för ett fantastiskt arbete. God Jul och god lyssning tillönskas också ni andra. A Very Merry Christmas to you all!

Från ett Hudiksvall med plusgrader men dock vit jul, tack vare ett lager hårdfryst pansar på några centimeter efter förra helgens blötsnö.

Tore B Vik. SW Loggings by Pedro F. Arrunátegui. De to 60 mb loggingene er jo meget interessante. Takk for arbeidet du legger ned i både SWB og MV-Eko. Ønske der deg en riktig GOD JUL OG GODT NYTT ÅR.

Kurt Norlin: En Riktigt God Jul och ett Gott Nytt År tillönskas alla SWB-medlemmar. Ett jättestort tack till dig Thomas för ditt aldrig upphörande slit med SWB:s framställande.


Ett QSL i form av E-V har kommit från **EMR Göhren 9480**. Jag hoppas att även 2012 skall innebära några QSL för min del även om förutsättningarna nog blir sämre nästa år.

Ullmar Qvick: En god fortsättning på julen till er alla! Här har jag upplevt lyckan med en glad och tacksam tonårsdotter på julafton - vilken gåva för en 77-åring....


Inget av intresse att rapportera från banden; mest bara programlyssning här sedan sist. Några QSL har dock kommit: **Deutschlandfunk-6190** kort 4 mån., **RFA via Dushanbé TJK-17515** kort 7 d., **Voice of Russia via Krasnodar-7250** och **Kishinev-7290** kort och julkort, 16 d.

Då juldagsmorgon glimmar besökte jag BBC som hade ett ambitiöst program om Libyen, därpå lite svensk julotta via P1. Sen försökte jag Galei Zahal i Lod på nya frekvensen 9235 kHz där den gick mycket dåligt, däremot framåt 07z bra på 15850 kHz, men någon Betlehems stjärna lyste inte precis, det var muntert prat på hebreiska. Julen är ju inte en judisk högtid.

RADIO FLY VERIFICATION (QSL) CARD



Dear Listener,
Thank you for your Report.
This confirms that you were listening to
Radio Fly on/...../.....
at PNG time,hrs U.T.C.
This Transmitter is located at **Kiunga**
and operates on 5960khz & 3915khz,
100 metres. Power, 1000 watts.
Triadic array aerial system.



Radio Fly
Ok Tedi Mining Limited
P. O. Box 1,
Tabubil, Western Province
Papua New Guinea

TO: _____

Log

(UTC)

3310	16.12	2250	R. Mosoj Chaski , Cochabamba, 2247-2254, 16/12, Quechua, talks; 24331, adej. uty. QRM. Carlos Gonçalves
3325	15.12	2225	RRI, Palangkaraya , 2218-2235, 15/12, Indonesian, songs, talks, refs. to Palangkaraya; 34432, but deteriorating. Carlos Gonçalves
3355.00	22.12	2355	Radio JPJ , Lima, ex harmonic on 3360 Spanish talk, but only a few words heard 15111 AP-DNK
3365	15.12	2230	R. Cultura , Araraquara SP, 2220-2234, 15/12, songs during some rlg. propag. prgr; 35332. Carlos Gonçalves
3900	15.12	2240	Hulun Buir PBS , Urumqi, 2332-2242, 15/12, Mandarin, talks; 25331. Carlos Gonçalves
3925	20.12	2237	R. Nikkei with mx just above the noise // 6055 2-3 TN
3925	17.12	2215	R. Nikkei , Nemura, 2202-2229, 17/12, talks (news?), announcent + ID, songs, among which some Brazilian; 35433; parallel to 6055, 9595, both audible. Carlos Gonçalves
3950	18.12	1305	Xinjiang PBS , Urumqi Chinese ann, time signal and talk - early fade in at winter solstice 25222 AP-DNK
3950	18.12	1622	Xinjiang PBS , Urumqi, 1622-1630, 18/12, Mandarin, talks, phone-ins; 25432; parallel to 5060, 5960 /vy. strong. adj. QRM), 7310 (terribly interferred by another stn). Carlos Gonçalves
3985	18.12	1310	China Business R , Golmud Chinese news and reports - early fade in at winter solstice 35333 AP-DNK
3990	18.12	1315	Xinjiang PBS , Urumqi Uighur discussion and music - early fade in at winter solstice 35333 // 4980 (35121) AP-DNK

3995	12.12	1830	HCJB , via Kall-Krekel Russian talk, ID - new broadcast, 1800 German "Blick in die Hörerpost" with Iris Rauscher and Horst Rosiak, talk about Christmas. 45444 AP-DNK
4450	17.12	2240	Voice of the People , via Goyang, South Korea Korean discussion and shouting 32332 QRM jamming and utility // 3480 (33333 QRM Italian utility) AP-DNK
4409.80	13.12	2320	R Eco , Reyes weak carrier, no audio AP-DNK
4699.4	15.12	2240	R. San Miguel , Riberalta, 2237-2246, 15/12, Castilian, talks, advertisements & announcements during news breaks; 35433. Carlos Gonçalves
4716.7	15.12	2250	R. Yatun Ayllu Yura , Yura, 2241-2257, 15/12, Indian songs; 35332. Carlos Gonçalves
4716.71	21.12	2330	R. Yatun Ayllu Yura , Yura Spanish talk 25332 AP-DNK
4747.2	15.12	2245	R. Huanta 2000 , Huanta, 2243-2250, 15/12, Castilian, talks; 25331. Carlos Gonçalves
4775.00	24.12	0000	AIR Imphal Manipuri (p) ann, local singing, early on the air (Special event ?), but at 0019 transmitter problems occurred with a whistling tone. At 0025 the carrier was taken off the air, but it came back 0031 with the last part of the "Vande Mataram" hymn and ID: "Akashvani", Indian sitar music, 0035 English: "All India Radio. The News read by ..." 35333 AP-DNK
4775	15.12	2340	R. Tarma , Spanish talk with short interludes of Andean music 35222 AP-DNK
4775	15.12	2250	R. Tarma , Tarma, 2244-2254, 15/12, Castilian, Indian music, advertisements, songs; 35332. Carlos Gonçalves
4796	15.12	2250	R. López , Uyuni, 2245-2251, 15/12, Castilian, talks; 23331, vy. strong splatter de CHN on 4800 (see Brazil 4805). Carlos Gonçalves
4800	18.12	1255	Voice of China , Golmud Chinese dialogue - early fade in at winter solstice. 3. AP-DNK
4814.97	21.12	2355	R Difusora , Londrina, PR Portuguese talk 22432 QRM Xizang 4820 AP-DNK
4865	17.12	2240	R. Logos , St. ^a Cruz de la Sierra, 2232-2240, 17/12, Castilian, news bulletin (starts at 2230); 22431, QRM de B on 4865 + CODAR (see Brazil 4865). Carlos Gonçalves (4864,975 was exact frequency when heard on Dec 20 at 2235. /TN)
4865	17.12	2245	R. Verdes Florestas , Cruz. ^o do Sul AC, 2230-2245, 17/12, rlg's propag.; 44433 (!), QRM de BOL on 4865 + CODAR (hardly perceived this time). Best signal ever. Carlos Gonçalves (4865,015 was exact frequency when heard on Dec 20 at 2235. /TN)
4895	13.12	2400	Mongoliin R, Murun Mongolian ann, classical piano music 35333 // 4830 Altay (35333) AP-DNK
4940	14.12	0000	AIR Guwahati Vernacular ann, Indian local songs - early sign on 35333 AP-DNK
4940	17.12	2230	R. San António , Villa Atalaya, 2224-2236, 17/12, Castilian, light songs; 25432. Carlos Gonçalves
4955	17.12	2220	R. Cultural Amauta , Huanta, 2212-2225, 17/12, Castilian, talks; 24321. Carlos Gonçalves
4974.95	17.12	2230	R. A Nossa Voz , Osasco SP, 2211-2233, 17/12, phone-ns, songs; 35422, uty. QRM at about 2220 and until the end of my observation. Carlos Gonçalves
5015.00	10.12	1828*	AIR Kingsway English ann, western hard rock, British evergreen - abruptly cut off at 1828 45434 AP-DNK
5010.17			R. Madagasikara , Ambohidrano, 1733-1754, 16/12, Malagasy, phone-ins, local songs; 45433. AM signal. Carlos Gonçalves
5010.185	11.12	1810	Radio Madagascar , songs, weak (Bernardini)
5030.00	22.12	*0003	Bhutan Broadcasting Service , Sangaygang, Thimphu Dzongkha, abrupt s/on, Bhutanese instrumental music, but not the religious morning mass as previously, 0011 ann, horn fanfare, a fast talking man initially with music in the background 34433, at 0040 increasing QRM from R Rebelde, // 6035.06 Not heard at 0000-0030 on 23 or 24.12 AP-DNK
5030.0	23.12	1428*	BHUTAN., BBS , random listening from 1224 to 1428:38*, Dec 23. Their best reception so far with good audio quality; in vernacular with music (indigenous songs and EZL music); 1330 very distinctive assume Bhutanese bagpipe band. MP3 audio at http://www.box.com/s/nf1ln2o184ovx4xjqhom with bagpipes and nice indigenous songs; 1224 confirmed // 6035.05. Very pleasant listening! (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, USA)
5030	24.12	1352	Bhutan very strong here at this time with mostly talk. Also checked 6035,04 at the same time but Yunnan too strong with Bhutan very weak in the background. TN
5035	16.12	2235	R. Aparecida , Aparecida SP, 2232-2240, 16/12, Campanha dos Devotos in prgr Com a Mãe Aparecia; 34421; weak audio/modulation. Carlos Gonçalves
5045	16.12	2235	R. Guarujá (p) , Guarujá Paulista SP, 2233-..., 16/12, music; 24421, adj. QRM de Cuban pollution on 5040. Carlos Gonçalves
5050	22.12	2350	Beibu Bay R , Nanning Chinese ann, pop music 35343 AP-DNK
5066.3	16.12	1740	R. Télé Candip , Bunia, 1737-1751, 16/12, Vernacular (p), African songs; 25331. Vy. poor as compared to my latest observation in late November. Carlos Gonçalves
5066.39	21.12	1840	R. Télé Candip , Bunia music, CWQRM 14221 AP-DNK
5930	16.12	1045	R. Rossii , Monchegorsk Russian interview 44343 heterodyne AP-DNK

5940	15.12	2310	R. Voz Missionária , Camboriú SC, 2306-2315, 15/12, rlgS propag.; 44433, splatter de adj. channels, mainly ROU on 6015!!! Carlos Gonçalves
5970	15.12	2220	R. Itatiaia , Belo Horizonte MG, 2307-2316, 15/12, chatter; 43432 (see 5940 above). Carlos Gonçalves
6010			R. Inconfidência , Belo Horizonte MG, 2210-2221, 18/12, songs prgr; 24421, adj. QRM. Parallel to 15189.95 fair~good. Carlos Gonçalves
6035.00	14.12	1330	Yunnan PBS , Kunming fading in 1330 Chinese talk and orchestra music 35433 // 7210 (15221) which got QRM from *1400. 6035 continued at 1400 with time signal, Chinese ID: "Yunnan renmin hwangpo dientai" and Vietnamese programme with news read by man and woman, 1410 jingle and comments, now improved to 44433 AP-DNK
6035	16.12	1450	Yunnan PBS , Kunming Vietnamese talk sideband QRM. Bhutan not heard AP-DNK
6035,045	17.12	1250*	Bhutan , (tent.9 Noted Dec 17 at early sign off 1250z on 6035.045 kHz, disturbed by Yunnan Kunming Voice of Shangri-La program on 6035,0 kHz. Nothing noted on 5030v at this day. TN
6035.06	22.12	*0003	Bhutan Broadcasting Service , Thimphu Dzongkha programme // 5030, but much weaker: 14211 increasing to 24222 AP-DNK
6055	17.12	2210	R. Nikkei , Nemura, Nagara, 2206-2219, 17/12, cf. 3925-Nemura above; 34432, adj. QRM. Carlos Gonçalves
6060	18.12	2140	SRDA , Curitiba PR, 2139-2149, 18/12, shouting preacher, sentences translated into Castilian, TCc for 07:40PM local, then A Voz da Libertação; 34432, adj. QRM. Parallel to other SRDA fqs and the adjacent 6070 of R.Capital, R. de Janeiro (see below). Carlos Gonçalves
6070	15.12	2320	R. Capital , Rio de Jan.º RJ, 2318-2327, 15/12, IPDA prgr announcements, talks; 33442, QRM de BLR. Carlos Gonçalves
6089.9	18.12	2220	R. Nigeria , Kaduna, 2212-2223, 18/12, Vernacular, talks; 44422, QRM de AIA (parallel to 1610). Carlos Gonçalves
6090			R. Bandeirantes , São Paulo SP, 2320-..., 15/12, f/ball, comments on match Brazil vs. Denmark; 23441, adj. QRM. Carlos Gonçalves
6135	23.12	1400	CLANDESTINE., Shiokaze/Sea Breeze/JSR via Yamata . Randomly from 1345 to 1410, Dec 23. Special emergency programming the result of the death of Kim Jong II; unusual for two reasons: was a non-English Friday (rare!) and played emergency siren before ID. Fair with very light jamming; MP3 audio posted at http://www.box.com/s/ar7xhpe5try77o4h5fpy (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, USA)
6250	19.12	1810	PBS , Pyongyang Korean man and woman reading mourning texts about their dear leader Kim Jong-il, who died 17.12, with another man shouting in between 45444 // 6400, but this only till 1801* (carrier off at 1805) (44333 CWQRM). Not heard on 3250 or 3320 AP-DNK
7190	11.12	1715	Voice of Brad Masses (presumed) , Eritrea, id at 1730 but not sure, Vn, talks also about Somalia, Horn of African short piece of musics, fair (not on my lists) (Bernardini)
7200	11.12	-	Radio Afghanistan , start BC in English, news, fair, at 1543 suddenly off air. Some tx problems? (Bernardini)
7210	16.12	1500*	Yunnan PBS-2 , Kunming Vernacular conversation with short musical interludes, but not // 6035 33333 sideband QRM AP-DNK
7635.00	14.12	2005	Galeh Tzahal , Lod, Tel Aviv, Hebrew ann, pop music, news; new frequency ex 9235 25332 AP-DNK
9235	10.12	1900	Galeh Tzahal , Lod, Tel Aviv, fade out Hebrew dialogue about Jerusalem with laughter, song by men's choir 45233 AP-DNK
9480	18.12	1100*	European Music R , via Göhren English with Mike Taylor answering listeners reports 35333 // 6140 (45434) AP-DNK
9500	11.12	1850	TWR Swaziland , African language, Talks mentioning African countries and radios, Afro song, end of BC and id at 1900 (Bernardini)
9525.94	11.12	1908	Voice of Indonesia , English program, news, low modulation, fair (Bernardini)
9550	11.12	1927*	FEBA, Kigali, Rwanda , Arabic program, end at 1927, good (Bernardini)
9575	11.12	1930	Medi 1 , Nador, Morocco, news in French, at 1943 sport, very good (Bernardini)
9595			R. Nikkei , Nemura, Nagara, 2204-2215, 17/12, cf. 3925-Nemura above; 23421, adj. QRM. Carlos Gonçalves
9680	11.12	1919	Radio Thailand , English program, id and reports, fair, real good modulation (Bernardini)
9745	18.12	1345	Voice of Kuanhua , Kuanyin Chinese talk between two females and romantic songs, sideband splashes 33333 AP-DNK
11600	19.12	1750	R TV Libye , Sabrata French talk about the revolution with French music in the background, poor voice audio, but excellent music audio. Who will send them a new microphone ? 55543 AP-DNK

11780	11.12	1950	Radio Nacional Amazonia , Brazil, songs, fair (Bernardini)
15285	13.12	1244	Athmeeya Yatra , Clandestine via Germany, Asian language, talks, some musics, ids, Fair (Bernardini)
15290	14.12	1231*	R Jordan , Al Karanah Arabic political comments about Mediterranean, fanfare and romantic songs, promo, ID: "Huna Amman, Idha'atu-I-mamlaka al-urduniyya al-hashimiyya", 1230 talk with abruptly was cut off at 1231:10* 55444 AP-DNK
15420.040	11.12	1815	WBCQ The Planet, Monticello, USA , sermon by woman, carrier modulated only in the upper side, tx drifting, fair (Bernardini)
15503.11	11.12	1255	Voice of Tibet , talks like reports, with live people "sounds", id with music like hymn at 1300. Fair (not on my lists) (Bernardini)
15610	11.12	1248	EWTN, Vandiver, USA , in English, talks about Indonesia, good (Bernardini)
15720	11.12	1245	Radio New Zealand Int. , today with a good signal, so I can use AMS with 9 kHz filter for good audio. In English, soft raggae, Good (Bernardini)
15825	11.12	1242	WWCR, Nashville, USA , religious, in English, good (Bernardini)
15850	11.12	1238	Galei Zahal, Israel , songs in Hebrew, fair, same fading (Bernardini)
17695	11.12	1418	OneAfrica CVC, Lusaka, Zambia , pop songs, "quality music", today with nice signal, good propagation (Bernardini)
17715	11.12	1415	VOA, Moepeng Hill, Botswana , reports in English, good (Bernardini)
21600	11.12	1408	World Harvest Radio , Cypress Creek, USA, strong religious speech, music, in English, fair (Bernardini)

On the air 2345 to 0000

3250 Honduras Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis
3310 Bolivia Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba
4409.88 Bolivia, Radio Eco, Reyes
4451.25 Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma
4699.6 Bolivia, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta returned after three days off
5120 Peru, Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba
5580.36 Bolivia Radio San José, San José de Chiquitos
/Robert Wilkner

Station news

AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, R. Symban (presumed), 1344-1415, Dec 20. It was back in early August that they abbreviated their schedule down to 1200*; was therefore surprised yesterday and today to find them still on the air well past 1200 playing Greek music; poor reception, so perhaps still at 500 watts (please see DXLD 11-35 and 11-42 for details) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BHUTAN. 6035, BBS (presumed), 1247, Dec 13. During the year when I have checked here I found only PBS Yunnan in sole possession, but thanks to the timely tip from Alokesh Gupta, I heard assume BBS underneath Yunnan, which was in Vietnamese with mostly monologues and very brief musical pieces; with BBS mostly playing indigenous music with a few announcements. 1300 Yunnan had their usual time pips and ID in English ("This is the Voice of Shangri- La brought to you by Yunnan Radio"); after that Yunnan went into talk in Chinese and BBS also had talking; not possible to ID. Checked again at 1400 looking for BBS to be there in English, but they must have signed off early. Had no trace of BBS underneath Yunnan which was back to Vietnamese. If BBS had been broadcasting after 1400 believe I would have some hint of their presences, but nothing but Yunnan. Once the AIR technician finishes up testing the repaired BBS transmitter, I hope they will resume their former 1500 sign off time; with 1400 to 1500 being in English. Very nice to hear this one again! Brief MP3 audio posted at <http://www.box.com/s/st3vgkv7x696m1spv4hp>. Perhaps a listener in India can provide the BBS sign off time today? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BHUTAN [tent.] Noted Dec 17 at 1100 UT on 'footprint' 6035.045 kHz, used a remote receiver unit in Japan, mixed with Viennese Waltz from YNDT PBS Yunnan Kunming program on nearly even 6035 kHz. Nothing noted on 5030v at that time. (73 Wolfgang Büschel via DXLD)

May be they are not much interested in outer world coverage, want to make sure country wide coverage, and I live in a Part of India where the BBS tx is within 140-150 kilometer aerial distance, PBS Yunan doesn't create any problem with local reception. Today BBS reception was great in Kolkata, even when they runs in low power PBS not offending local reception, may be to avoid further problems for almost one year BBS switch off around 1300+ UTC, today also they switched off around 1312 UTC. Last year we heard that Myanmar was causing problem at 6035 but here I havn't found any problem. May be since the beginning of Transmitter problem or PBS Yunan start up of 6035 whatever it may be BBS is not

running upto 15 UTC in almost last two years. Thanks & Regards,
Partha Sarathi Goswami. Siliguri, Dist. Darjeeling, West Bengal, INDIA via DXLD

BHUTAN. 5030.03v, BBS, 1244-1500:44*, Dec 15. Decent reception; an excellent frequency choice as it has been vacant since Sarawak closed down in the middle of this year. Mostly in what sounded like French although I thought I heard a different dialect too? Slowly drifted down to 5030.0. Very nice! Their external service? Played a lot of nice indigenous music!

1244-1330 on air phone calls.

1330-1359 cute on air phone calls from young children singing songs.

1400-1423 talking followed by indigenous music.

1500 - English "This is the new service of the Bhutan Broadcasting Service" and shortly off.

MP3 edited audio in no particular chronological order, with ID in English at 1:01 -

<http://www.box.com/s/jd1911jp51ruprrqorkr> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DXLD)

ISRAEL 7635 Israel's Army radio station Galei Tzahal noted with identification at 0536 UT Dec 20. But hit heavily of UTE station in two tone like RTTY mode, latter S=9+10dB signals on both 7634.755 and 7635.255 kHz. \ 15850 kHz very poor S=4, just above threshold in dead zone at this hour.

(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 20)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA - 3915, 5960. Radio Fly, F/D (but wrong year) QSL card via surface mail, apparently, 14 days after an e-mail reminder to James Kaltobie, who signed the accompanying form letter. Attractive card has Ok Tedi Mining name and logo and Radio Fly logo on one side and the reception data and logo on the other. Address is Ok Tedi Mining Ltd., PO Box 1, Tabubil, Western Province, PNG. Nice to get the paper version after receiving the e-mail QSL over a year ago. 23rd PNG station QSL'ed on SWBC. (Wilkins-CO via DXPlorer)

VIETNAM. 7210, VOV-1, 1316-1323, Dec 18. Briefly noted in Vietnamese and indigenous music; // 5975 (fair and the best heard), 7435 (fair with QRM) and 9635 (poor-fair). Better than usual reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EL CHASQUI DX PFA – DICIEMBRE 2011

4865.0 BRASIL, R. Verdes Florestas, Cruzeiro do Sul, 21/12 10:30-11:12 33333 px religioso ID "Por Radio Verdes Florestas" mx religiosa y luego news

5039.15 R. Libertad, Junín, 12/12 11:05-11:40 55555 mxf huaylas advs bilingüe quechua y español ID "Con nuestros amigos de Radio Libertad" mxf huaynos

5120.40 PERU, R. Ondas del Sur Oriente, Quillabamba, Cusco, 9/12 22:25-23:12 55555 mx salsa peruana ID "Radio Ondas del Sur Oriente" advs ENACO (Empresa Nacional de la Coca) le pide entregar su hoja de coca para una mejor utilización

5909.92 COLOMBIA, Alcavarán Radio, Lomalinda, Antioquia, 22/12 09:45-10:16 33333 mx religiosa ID "Por Alcavarán radio" mx ID "1530 AM Alvararán Radio" mx cumbia pero con mensajes religiosos.

6059.99 PERU, Aroma Café Radio, Pichanaki, Chanchamayo, Junín, 12/12 11:46-13:00 55555 ID "Por Aroma Café radio" ...en av. Marginal, salida a Satipo.. Centro Médico Virgen de Guadalupe, Miguel Grau 120 Pichanaki px Radio Noticias por Aroma Café Radio" mxLA moderna ID "Amigos recuerden de mandar sus saludos por 106.9 FM Aroma Café Radio" mx Slogan: Desde la futura capital de la selva central, Pichanaki, trasmite Aroma Café Radio.. "NOTA: Pichanaki proviene de un dialecto selvático, significa: Picha = barrio y Naki = rio.

TAMBIÉN: 12/12 00:14-00:54 no hay señal de la radio, escucha con el fin de verificar si salen de noche.

TAMBIÉN: 13/12 09:49-12:07 no hay señal de la estación, con el fin de tener su s/on.

TAMBIÉN: 14/12 11:05-12:27 a las 11:20 inician su transmisión con el Himno Nacional del Perú y de frente ponen pieza musical (huaylas) en forma continua ID "Por Aroma Café Radio" mxLA romántica Slogan: "OAK4K y 106.9 FM Estéreo, trasmite Aroma Café Radio" NOTA: después la monitoree en forma alterna a las 15:15, 18:50, 21:00, 21:30 y continúan en el aire, se chequeo a las 22:28 y no había señal de la radio. Aparentemente el s/off es a las 22:00 para dar operatividad a las estaciones internacionales que ocupan esa frecuencia y también salen al aire en forma alternativa, en ningún momento indica la frecuencia de onda corta, solo la FM.

6088.97 PERU, R. Universal, Cusco, 1/12 10:50-11:30 44444 ID "Por Radio Universal" mxf andina ID "La corporación de Radio Universal, desea para usted una Feliz Navidad y un próspero Año Nuevo 2012" advs Radio Universal anuncia el concurso del nacimiento más pequeño en papel origami, mxf advs ID "Radio Universal, presenta el Informativo Universal en FM Stereo y AM, Radio Universal .. Trasmitiendo desde Cusco. DATOS: OCZ-7C FM 103.3 MHz, OCX-7Q 1150

KHz, OAZ-7C 6090KHz, QTH: José Santo Chocano G-11 Urb. Santa Mónica, distrito de Wanchaq, Cusco.
<http://radiouniversalscusco.com.pe/>

TAMBIÉN: 1/12 23:55-:10 con el afán de ver si transmiten de noche, no hay señal alguna. 2/12 09:41-11:00 para ver s/on y no hay señal, 23:40-23:50, no hay señal.

La recepción la he efectuado del 30/11 al 22/12 en compañía de mi sabueso Icom IC R72 acompañado del Mizuho KX-3, una grabadora Alesis Palm Track, una antena de hilo largo de 15 metros y una antena loop.
Muchos 128's PFA

NOTA: Amigos, no tengo inconveniente que la información del Chasqui DX PFA que reporto se comparta en el mundo del DX, les agradeceré que siempre ponga la fuente de información (Pedro F Arrunategui, Dec 22, via Tore B Vik)

Other radio news

Jordningens betydelse för Beverageantennen

Jordningarna i bägge ändarna är viktiga. Precis som Du säger så går det mer ström genom transformatorn ju bättre jord man har, och då får man även kraftigare signal in i koaxen. En annan effekt är att ju sämre jord man har i framänden, desto mer ovidkommande signaler kan läcka över mellan koax och antenn. I Fredriksfors har vi tre antenner anslutna till samma jordtag. Trots detta så har de tre antennerna olika karakteristik. Vidare har jag inte märkt något behov av att sätta ferritkärnor på koaxerna, Janne kör ju med sin SDR och dator, trots detta har vi inte märkt av några störningar från hans utrustning.

Nu består våra jordpunkter alltid av mer än ett jordspett, och de är längre än en meter. På vintern går tjälen några dm ner i marken, och man bör komma under denna för att få bra jord. En slägga hör till en DX-ares utrustning.

Om antennens framlober påverkas av jordningen i den bortre änden är jag inte riktigt säker på, men jag tycker mig ibland ha märkt sådana effekter, att antennen plockar upp mindre signal från sidorna när antennen är rätt avslutad (kopplad med rätt motstånd mot jord). Detta att ni tycker att ex.vis 270 Ohm fungerar bättre än de teoretiska ca 500 Ohm kan också vara beroende på sämre jordning.

Om man tänker sig en beverage som är oavslutad i bägge ändarna så kan ju signalerna reflekteras fram och tillbaka flera gånger i antennen. Om jordningen i framänden ej är optimal så kommer man ju få en reflex tillbaka där, och det kan ju påverka antennens karakteristik. Och det som nog är mest påtagligt är att signaler kan läcka över från utsidan på koaxens skärm till antennen, så att den plockar upp signaler från helt oönskade riktningar.

Det ligger nog en del i Lars resonemang om en ojordad kondensatorplatta, även om "kondensatorplattan" är så lång att det uppstår vågrörelser i den.

Ibland är det inte praktiskt möjligt att få till en bra jord. Det är då man får ta till lösningar som twinax i stället för koax, och ferritkärnor för att förhindra strömmar på utsidan av skärmarna.

(Hälsningar Rolf Larsson via NORDX)

THE BIG THREE ONLINE SHORTWAVE SCHEDULE REFERENCE LISTINGS

Aoki list is a reference for what you are hearing (Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Direct link to text version, updated daily is: <http://www1.m2.mediacat.ne.jp/binews/bib11.txt>

Caveat: this list includes lots of inactive minor stations, especially in Latin America. It is most useful for keeping up with current schedules of international broadcasters.

It is a good idea to compare with two other references, which don't always match:

EiBi, updated every few weeks, with less technical detail: <http://www.eibispace.de/dx/freq-b11.txt>

HFCC: <http://hfcc.org/data/b11/b11allx2.zip> download the first zip file, also updated frequently.

While the HFCC listings are close to ``official``, they include `wooden` registrations, alternatives not actually in use, and do not include a number of countries which do not participate, major ones being Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Korea North, Morocco, Serbia, Taiwan (Glenn Hauser, ABDX via DXLD)

EiBi B11 English Extract posted to files section. The EiBi B11 English Extract as of December 18, 2011 posted to the files section. Filename: 2011-12-18_EiBi-B11-English-Extract.pdf. Virus scanned. Yes, I created it. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Manassas, Virginia USA, Dec 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) accessible to dxldyg members

Photos of ex-Hörby SW transmitter in Madagascar

Media Network Newsletter, By Andy Sennitt, 22 December 2011

Several people asked us if we had any photos of the first ABB transmitter to go into service at our Madagascar relay station. The transmitter, formerly used by Radio Sweden at the Hörby transmitter site, is in regular service in place of an old Philips transmitter following successful tests a few weeks ago. I have published some photos in the Weblog. <http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/photos-of-ex-horby-sw-transmitter-in-madagascar>

These photos are all © Radio Netherlands Worldwide.
(Mike Terry via DXLD)

DISAPPOINTING DX CONDITIONS

I think the poor MF conditions compared with last year are due to the increased solar flux. In fact, I put that idea to the rest of the RSGB's Propagation Studies Committee. One came up with an ITU document that might help. Not as easy read, but Section 2.2.5, paragraph 4 might give us a clue as to why MF performance is less good for higher SSN.

Quoting:

"During sunspot maximum years, the base of the ionosphere is lower and the electron density gradient is steeper than during sunspot minimum years. Thus, VLF waves which are reflected from this lower layer are more strongly reflected in sunspot maximum years, whereas MF waves, that are reflected above this lower layer, are more strongly absorbed."

If interested, the document can be found at:

http://www.itu.int/dms_pubrec/itu-r/rec/p/R-REC-P.684-5-200910-1!!PDF-E.pdf

Careful with the actual link as Yahoo tends to truncate it! (Steve, G0KYA, Chairman, RSGB Propagation Studies Committee, Dec 16, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Hi Steve, A very interesting paper. I won't pretend to have understood (or even read) it all, but did find a lot to think about there. The point you highlighted - that VLF propagation improves at solar maximum unlike, as we all know, MF propagation - came as a surprise. Perhaps in the next few years I'll finally manage to hear the Alexanderson station at Grimeton, which has eluded me so far.

Do you happen to know if ITU-R P.1147, which covers MF propagation, is available for download? I can only find it being offered for sale by ITU. Best regards, (Jack Weber, ibid.)

We have had periods like this also during the last minimum: very quiet geomagnetic field and still only poor conditions. Yes, solar flux is 125, but I don't think it can be the main reason. I am more inclined to the idea Sigge wrote here: it is too peaceful and maybe reflecting layers weaken or something like that. A slight disturbance should shake the ionosphere and we would start hearing again. But during maximum it will be something else than slight, when it comes. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Yes, I quite agree. MF propagation is undoubtedly very complex - which makes it interesting - and anyone who thinks that they can predict it or explain it by looking at just the K-index or looking at just the SSN will be disappointed. When propagation has been poor for a while, I think a slight shake up of the ionosphere can often help, as Sigge said. And we've all seen the sudden enhancements that can come just before a solar event hits us.

For the past few days I've had some fairly good propagation, but only between about 0200 and 0300 UT. After that, the band is almost dead and the usual sunrise enhancement is completely nonexistent. That's quite unusual because I normally expect to see better propagation around 2300-2400 and then again from 0500 to a bit after sunrise, with a dip in between.

What I found interesting in the ITU paper (maybe others already knew this) is that the ionosphere reflects VLF better at sunspot maximum. I had assumed that sunspot minimum was best for ALL frequencies below about 8-10 MHz, while sunspot maximum only helped at frequencies higher than that. Best regards, (Jack Weber, ibid.)

Anyone know if conditions are the same for trans North Pacific?
(Graham Maynard, UK, ibid.)

For me they have been a better for East Asia than North America, but no chance for Hawaii for example, not even proper carrier traces (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Still difficult conditions but KXEL 1540 and CFRB 1010 still get through. This morning CFRB clear at 1011 UT and trace of KXEL still at 1047. Otherwise most channels have no discernible trans-Atlantic signals. 73 (Steve Whitt, England, Dec 17, ibid.)

A little better here today, with some audio from the big E Coasters still around at 1100. On 1570 CKMW noted at 0900 and XERF at 1000! 1700 ESPN noted at 0200 with no further aid to identification. The bottom of the band was very poor after being relatively good during the recent disappointing conditions (Paul Crankshaw, Troon, Scotland, *ibid.*)

Just finished this morning's WAV files. 1470 CJVB did make it South of the border with what sounded like a CC drama. That was just after 0800. Also noted around 0200 was 1160 WYLL and 1280 WFAU. Best wishes (Barry : -) (Carlisle UK, PERSEUS) Davies, *ibid.*)

It's been variable here in Victoria BC, Graham; the only mornings recently with a reasonable sunrise enhancement have been the 11th and the 16th (around 1530 to 1545 UT particularly), though Steve Ratzlaff in eastern Oregon reported some of the best conditions on the 17th.

Generally, the best DX here has been above 1300 kHz, and it is nothing too exciting compared with a couple of seasons ago, particularly considering the geomagnetic conditions. Oddly, the CNR1 transmitters on 1593 kHz seem to have been more consistent this season than past ones, and occasionally has been the strongest station heard from across the Pacific. There hasn't been much North Pacific "sunset at the transmitter" enhancement for some weeks. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, *ibid.*)

Geomagnetic field activity was at mostly quiet levels during most of the period, with isolated periods of unsettled levels observed at high latitudes.
(via DXLD)