

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Yesterday came sad news from Finland. Another of the old ones has passed away – Jyrki K Talvitie. It is a reminder that several of us are now quickly approaching the dangerous ages when everything can happen.

On top of this we still are severely hit by the corona virus.

The other day one of the Swedish reporters talked with a nurse in Manaus in th Amazonas. This city was severely hit with corona and the hospitals couldn't take care of people. Massgraves have to be used.

As it seems now it will take long time before people can travel again.

For the summer-vacations people are asked to stay home and not even travel within Sweden.

We DX-ers are lucky that we can manage our hobby at home.

So, if you have something interesting to tell, just drop me a line for next issue.

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain. 17730, Adventist World Radio, received eQSL card in 18 days. Reception report sent to: qsl@awr.org. 9580, Yerevan/Gavar, AWR, Bangladesh DX Report on Wavescan, received eQSL, v/s Salahuddin Dolar , Presenter Bangladesh DX Report, in 30 days. Reception report sent to: dxbangla@gmail.com . 4860, Radio Igloo, received eQSL en 7 days. Reception report sent to: radioigloo@gmail.com

Dan Olsson: Hej! Här kommer lite bidra ifrån de två senaste veckornas lyssning. QSL: 6265 Werners Schlagerwelt kort.

[HCDX] Jyrki K. Talvitie - RIP

With deep sorrow the Finnish DX Association wants to inform the DX world about the passing of our Honorary President Jyrki K. Talvitie at the age of 78.

Jyrki was one of the founders of our club in 1958 and a long-time President of our club. During the years he also carried numerous other duties in the club. Jyrki was Secretary General of the European DX Council in the early 1970's. He was appointed the first Honorary President of the FDXA in 2016.

Jyrki's greatest interest target in DXing and travelling was Latin America. Spanish was his home language for decades and he was specialized in Mexico and Guatemala, but he had also travelled in many other parts of Central and South America.

Jyrki's work was to run his own publishing company Tietoteos and a good part of the books published by Tietoteos were also written or compiled by him. Tietoteos imported the WRTH to Finland for decades and it also published several DX books like "Latin America by Radio" (by Henrik Klemetz).

Most of Jyrki's listening activities took place in 1950's and 1960's, but he was active in our club all the time. The last events of our club participated by him were the EDXC meeting 2017 in Tampere, the 60th anniversary cruise of our club in January 2018 and the summer meeting in Kuortane 2018.

On behalf of the FDXA board, Risto Vähäkainu

JKT – our deepest condolences. (SWB)



View from our balcony.

The rapeseed fields are in full bloom.

/Thomas

3325	Apr21	1309	Voice of Indonesia, via Palangkaraya. A day with good reception (meaning audio level was very readable); most of the segments today dealing with "Indonesian women" ("Today in History," Raden Kartini was born April 21, 1879 and established the first school just for girls, in Inodonesia; segment "Indonesia Today" also about women's issues); // 4749.95, via Cimanggis/Jakarta. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
3325	May1	1204	NBC Bougainville on May 1, running much later than usual; mixing with Voice of Indonesia (via Palangkaraya); 1204-1206 UT, NBC News; PSA for COVID-19; from 1207 to 1230, long monologue by native speaker of English (unfortunately was unable to make out what this was all about); an unusual format for NBC; played some music; 1301, both NBC and VOI with the news (mixing together rather badly); VOI at 1317, with "Today In History." An unusual day here! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
3925	Apr27	2107	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 15331 (CG)
3955	Apr1	1820	Channel 292, Rohrbach, English, program about "Radio London", at 1900 program "Encore, Clasical Music on Short Wave". (Méndez)
3990	Apr24	2038	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Gyeonggi-do. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 24331 (CG)
4055	May2	0510	Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, religious songs and comments, English. Extremely weak, audible on LSB. (Méndez)
4760	Apr21	1339	AIR Leh (presumed). Some faint audio heard; first time I have noted this one since AIR Port Blair (4760) was decommissioned; needs better propagation for any real program details. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
4765	Apr30	0037	Radio Progreso is S9+10/20 of dead air until cut off at 0043.5*, back on *0051.8-0052.3* still with no modulation. Lite CODAR swishing QRM only on the LSB side. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
4774.8	May2	2002	Radio Congonhas is on air right now on 4774.8. Checked via SDR remote receiver in Sao Paulo. (Méndez)
4775.1	Apr18	2216	R.Tarma, Tarma. Cast, songs, tks. 25331 (CG)
4850	May2	1756	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, Kazakh+-, music, woman talk, Identification Sin-Tiang Radio-Su, off modulation, off TX. (TB)
4875	Apr20	2155	R.Roraima, Boa Vista RR. Advs., anns., fqs ann., folk mx px. 35433 (CG)
4880	Apr29	2103	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks. 25342 (CG)
4885	Apr23	0520	Radio Clube do Para, Belém, comments. (Méndez)
4940	Apr22	0907	Voice of Strait, with anomaly. Found their open carrier here 0907 (much earlier than normal), but the IS started at 0953. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
4985	Apr30	2107	R.Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Tks. 15331 (CG)
5005	Aapr19	0504	Radio Nacional, Bata, songs. Very weak, best on LSB. Previous days out of air. (Méndez)
5009.9	Apr24	1928	Radio Nasionaly Malagasy, Ambohidrano, African songs, Vernacular comments. Very weak. (Méndez)
5040	Apr21	0659	R. Vanuatu, noted off close to 0659:46*; very poor; changed frequency to 3945 and observed: 11835 (harmonic); *0700-0723, with the "National News"; very readable; items about "outgoing prime minister," Cyclone Harold and location of emergency centers, etc. Strong signal! 0724-0758, discussion in vernacular about COVID-19, small businesses and bank loans; gave phone number for listeners to call in with "questions and comments"; very poor audio for the on-air phone conversations; at times audio hum heard from the studio; 0758, some nice Pacific Islands music. Reception the whole hour was mostly good. 7890, harmonic was poor, while 3945 was unusable. Is wonderful to have such outstanding reception on 11835 kHz.! My audio of five minutes of news, followed by some music and ID, at http://bit.ly/2VmKIJw . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5805	May1	1500	R 208/Hvidovre very weak here with popmusic. (DO)
5915	Apr17	2122	ZNBC-Radio 1, Lusaka. Vn, tks, mx. 15341 (CG)
5920	Apr19	2106	Voice Of Freedom (p) (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor (to KRE?), tks, mx. Jammed. 34432 (CG)
5920	Apr22	*0753-	Voice of Freedom. Choral National Anthem; too early for good reception. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5950	Apr22	0937	WRMI with RAE Argentina. Multi-language segments about COVID-19; in English; announcer said he was in his home and it was being relayed out via RAE; 0943, "now on the the next language" (Italian). (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5985	Apr21	1441	Myanmar Radio, from 1441 to 1451. Is Tuesday, so time for another two 5 minute editions of "Learning English with BBC, Burmese"; "I'm really bad at football," "I play football quite well," "Studying online is easier," etc.; very readable. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

5995 Apr19 2111 R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, mx. QRM de jammer + MLI. 21341 (CG)

5995 Apr18 *1800- Radio Mali, Bamako, African songs, Vernacular and French, at 1851 Saturday English program. (Méndez)

6000 Apr29 0030 RHC, 6000 & 6145, at tune-in the mit-week edition of RHC `DXers Unlimited` is just starting right at the midpoint of its widely variable timing during each English hour --- assuming that started on time, not always the case. First topix are the sporadic-E season about to start (meaning on VHF, it already did, April 13/15, and before that on HF); and sunspot signs of two solar cycles at once --- but reception is so poor on the only two frequencies, due to heavy storms in central and NE Oklahoma, and undermodulated/weak signals, that I give up. Why, in the noisy, insolated summer, are all RHC English eggs in one 6 MHz basket after 00 UT, plus even lower 5 MHz, not always, after 05 UT? Makes one wonder how well frequency manager Arnie really understand propagation. I would not call him a ``self-styled expert`` as he once honored me. Something`s always wrong at RHC, and this is just another thing, self-defeating its anti-American propoganda --- so, way to go! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

6035 Apr19 1042 BBS, from 1042 till blocked by start up at *1145 of PBS Yunnan (FM99); started well below threshold level audio and worked its way up to above threshold, but still unready; only able to make out a few words in English; usual formal with some pop songs in English; running later than usual. Has been a while since I last heard Bhutan. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

6035 Apr19 *1145- PBS Yunnan, with relay of FM99; suddenly started at *1145; on top of BBS (Bhutan). (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

6115 Apr18 1750 Radio Congo, Brazzaville, French, comments, news. (Méndez)

6134.9 Apr20 2203 R.Aparecida (t), Aparecida SP. Tks. 15341 (CG)

6135 Apr20 1240 Radio Madagasikara, with very decent reception! Is simply amazing what can be heard when the N. Korea jamming is off the air here, as it was today; from 1240 to 1340 UT; started out poor, but steadily improved up to fair reception; nice variety of music (African music/singing and some pop French songs, etc.); 1300, time pips. My local sunrise was at 1326 UT, while their sunset was at 1435 UT. My audio, mostly with long musical selection, at <http://bit.ly/2XLwR18> . Extremely enjoyable reception! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

6165 Apr24 1530 China Radio International with program in english about buy flowers and cosmetica. (DO)

6184.973 Apr25 0417 R Educacion, S=8 in New Jersey remote Perseus unit, Spanish talk. (wb)

6185 Apr22 0135 XEPPM S9+10 but JBM if at all; ACI from 6180 Brasil. But an update via Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain to the WOR io group.

``Radio Educación, 6185, has changed its schedule again, as inform me Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla, from Ciudad de México, new schedule: from 2200 to 1000 UTC, instead of 2000-0800. This station, in my opinion, has problems with the transmitter, past days strong carrier but very weak audio, sometimes barely audible or inaudible, today improved signal. Today, 21-04 heard here in Lugo, 0456-0640, strong carrier, very weak audio, comments and songs in Spanish. QRM from VoA on 6180 from 0500 to 0630. Heard via SDR Kiwi remote receiver in Brownsville, Texas, 0901-1000, 21-04, Mexican songs, ID at 0916: "Señal 1060 AM, 100.000 watts de potencia, Radio Educación, la señal cultural de México".. At times fair and clear signal, but at times very weak, barely audible.``

Re MW 1060 XEEP: tho their IDs as heard even on SW always proclaim 100,000 watts, they are supposed to cut to only 20,000 at night and go direxional, I have no idea whichaway. But it certainly is no dominant signal here (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

6215 Apr19 1100 Sound of Hope. Usual ID by OM and YL ("Xiwang zhi sheng guoji guangbo diantai" - Sound of Hope international broadcast station); into the news; mostly fair reception. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

6230 Apr17 2107 Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, songs. 45444 (CG)

6245 Apr27 1857 R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, mx, ann., nx at 1900. // 4880. 35342 (CG)

6355 Apr24 2043 R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, mx. Jammed. 34332 (CG)

7140 Apr13 1714 Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara, Vernacular comments, East African songs. Ham QRM. (Méndez)

7205 May2 0502 Sudan Radio, Al Aitahab, Arabic, comments, East African songs. (Méndez)

7210 Apr19 1040 PBS Yunnan. Very strong signal with musical loop IS; heard well above the jamming of SOH (Taiwan) by CNR1. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

7254.9 Apr21 0604 VON again audible at S9-S6, weaker than usual. Would expect it to propagate from the tropix even when signals from Europe be outwiped, but this may be relevant for missing signals the night before, from <https://spaceweather.com> via Mike Terry to the WOR io group:

``The first geomagnetic storm of 2020 (category G1) took forecasters by surprise on April 20th when a CME hit Earth's magnetic field, sparking bright auroras over Canada and some northern-tier US states. The cause of the storm appears to be a faint slow-moving CME (coronal mass ejection) that left the sun on April 15th. This CME was not squarely Earth-directed, and forecasters did not think it was likely to hit our planet. Nevertheless, it apparently did. Solar wind data suggest that the CME sideswiped Earth with a snowplow-like buildup of plasma shortly after 0130 UT on April 20th``

Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach near Monterey, California, also replies April 20: ``Hi Glenn, My last VON reception was briefly noted in tuning by on April 16, on 7254.94, at 0554, with African religious song, in English and vernacular, titled "In The Name Of Jesus"(?); 0557, start of their usual musical IS; strong signal. Ron``

And on April 21: ``VON, on 7254.94, checking 0623-0630; heard with fair-good signal; in vernacular; 0627, brief musical IS and sounded like COVID-19 PSA. Ron, California``

7254.939	Apr25	0603	VoNigeria Abuja, Hausa sce, mens talk, S=8 strength on remote SDR unit in southern Germany. (wb via WOR)
7350	May1	1251	RHC again here instead of 7340, not only MayDay but RHC anniversary: heartfelt renditions of ``The Internationale`` first in Spanish, then in Brazilian. There are many different lyrics but in English I prefer Billy Bragg`s. Such idealism, yet ruined in application by Commies including Cubans: https://folkworks.org/archives/2191-everything-but/46676-pete-seeger-the-internationale Listen to and read three of them there. Then testimonials to RHC, 1256 someone lauds from Sancti Spiritus, // 15230 et al. However, Wolfgang Büschel reported a few minutes later: ``Every day, a different schedule of the Radio Habana shortwave organization, these days: At 1318 UT on May 1st, RHC Bejucal in Spanish on 7340 kHz (not 7350 as on April 29 and 30). 73 wb df5sx`` --- so they switched around 1300? Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
7355	May1	1232	Gospel music from KNLS English hour, QRM from pulse-jamming. When will stations ever learn never to go on a frequency which has ever been jammed by Cuba, at the same or any time? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
8006	Apr19	0823	Low powered JG2XA, with the HF-Doppler (HFD) Project, again heard with carrier at 0823 & 1026. While their // frequency 5006 remains silent. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
9635	May2	0933	Radio Mali, Bamako, African songs, Vernacular, French, comments. (Méndez)
9665.4	Apr28	2122	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. songs. 35443 (CG)
9695	May2	1406	Something new with gospel rock, S6-S2 but well modulated, best signal on band except for WRMIs and WBCQ. Likely either RBA or WCB, but quickly ID in passing as ``Your New Life Station``, so KNLS, which besides, is gone from 9580 where we had been hearing this English hour. Why change? No CCI or ACI to 9580 during this hour nor shown in Aoki/NDXC. 1450, still going on 9695 with gospel music, and then capsule about archaeology, no doubt biblical and anti-science. A bit more music with no sign-off but dead air at 1459, keeps running and 1500 opens Russian, which I guess is also a replacement for 9730 where I just heard it a few days ago, but unrechecked now. Is 9695 now on the ``latest broadcasting schedule``? Of course not! https://www.worldchristian.org/welcome/who-we-are/how-to-listen/ Guess what: Sa`udi in Pashto is already scheduled on 9695 at 14-16, but no sign of it here, maybe imaginary. Guess what (2)? KNLS is scheduled on 9695 at 08-10 in English & Russian, so now I suspect 9695 be a one(?) -off mistake, failing to change to 9580/9730 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
9818.7	Apr26	2100	R. 9 de Julho, São Paulo SP. Anns., fq. ann., tks Adj. QRM. 14441 (CG)
9835	Apr19	1011	Sarawak FM. Reception well above the norm; in vernacular; playing pop songs. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
11835	Apr26	0705	(harmonic), Radio Vanuatu. Another day with entertaining reception; news (0704-0714) in vernacular (sound bite with Prime Minister speaking; Radio Vanuatu providing programs for students home schooling; item about "Cyclone Harold"; etc.); fairly readable with light CNR2 QRM; 0714-0730, playing Country & Western songs in English (Brad Paisley with "This is Country Music," etc.); 0730+, chatting in vernacular; 7890, harmonic was poor, while 3945 had very faint audio (unusable). My audio of five minutes of news, followed by C&W song, at http://bit.ly/2zxDMRx . This is now one of my favorite stations! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
11895.1	Apr21	2118	R.Boa Vontade (p), Pt.º Alegre RS. Tks. 15331 (CG)
11980	Apr29	0020	CRI relay in stilted Spanish, S8/S9+10 which could be mistaken for a fundamental instead of the second harmonic of 5990 which is S9+10/30; also on non-harmonic weaker // 15120.

Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba. Both fundamentals are Quivicán per Aoki/NDXC but fails to acknowledge the existence of 11980. Nor does Eibi, but ``harm`` 12000 for RHC, and the Vanuatus, nothing else despite what I and others may hear. Aoki does not even include the widely-reported Vanuatu multiples of 3945. I find it perplexing how some DX sources are so reluctant to publish harmonix and other monitored spurs. Sesquidecades ago I had a column in NASWA FRENEX, `Hunting Harmonics with Hauser`, and got the impression that some `DXperts` were reluctant to admit that they really exist, that I was not imagining them, or suffering from receiver-produced images (which can also happen, but, know how to tell the difference!) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

- 13740 Apr29 1334 RHC back on here instead of 13780: they can't decide which one to keep. // 13700 as usual, and it's the one also producing extremely distorted spurblobs circa 13637 and 13763. This time no readable program audio on them in SSB, AM or FM reception modes. 1424 check, 13700 still on, spurs off and 13740 off. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
- 15230 Apr30 0013 RHC in Spanish! This frequency has been running only in the mornings, 13-15 per Eibi, 11-15 per Aoki/NDXC. This is only the start of various new frequencies/times now heard: 11800, April 30 at 0016, new RHC in Spanish // 11760, and // ripple/distorted 11670 as if two carriers? but 11700 and 11850 are both OFF. So the 11850 parasites on 11840 & 11860 also off. Which one does 11800 replace, or both? 11800 better not be on before 0000 as the others were, due to Romania in Spanish! Something`s always wrong at RHC. The 11980 harmonic of 5990 CRI in Spanish also audible now. 9340, April 30 at 0021, RHC on brand new frequency in Spanish, but missing from 9535 & 9640 the normal 31mb tarde channels; replaces both, or error, or? 7350 Another change reported by wolfie the morning of April 29 was 7350 instead of 7340. Remains to be heard if all these changes stick, and what more there may be; Arnie just getting around to post-seasonal juggling? Or maybe to celebrate May 1: ``patria o suerte, ¡pensaremos!`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
- 15730 Apr30 0013 RHC on and propagating, but suptorted with cutouts, French not // 5040 Kriyol. Something`s always wrong at RHC. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
- 15805 Apr19 0915 World Music Radio, Randers, pop songs in English, id. "World Music Radio, WMR". (Méndez)

Pirate Stations

- 3920 19/4 1818 Mike R - pir. Du/E, pops, tks. 25341 (CG)
- 3920 26/4 1854 Continental R - pir. Songs. Country & stn ID via DX press. A lot better art 2045, playing Dutch songs. 15331 (CG)
- 3920 May1 1915 R Piepzender with hardrock as Accept and Metallica. (DO)
- 3940 26/4 1853 Mike R - pir. Songs. ID via DX press. 15341 (CG)
- 4865 18/4 2220 R.Black Bandit - pir. Du/E, pops, songs, greetings to listeners in Bielorrussia, Italy. Joke ID as R.Abu Dhabi. 35343 (CG)
- 5790 Apr25 1445 R 319 played Ronald Keeting and Eurytmics in the programme. (DO)
- 5805 30/4 2104 R.Parade - pir. Pops. ID via DX press. 15341 (CG)
- 5990 May2 1340 Studio 52 with old music as Chickory Tip. (DO)
- 6246.1 24/4 1908 R.Batavier - pir. Pops. ID via DX press. 15331 (CG)
- 6262 17/4 2120 R.Studio 52 - pir. Pops. ID via DX press. 25331 (CG)
- 6264.1 19/4 1634 R.Batavier - pir. Mx. ID via DX press. 15331 (CG)
- 6265 18/4 2205 R.Cupid - pir. E, pops, tks, e-mail addr. anns. 35443 (CG)
- 6265 May2 1530 R Zeewolf with wishes to all friends in Sweden. (DO)
- 6279.8 18/4 2046 R.Mustang - pir. Du/E, pops, tks. Improving, rtd. 45444 at 2200. 35332 (CG)
- 6285.5 18/4 1918 R.Tango Italia - pir. Argentinian mx & songs. 35332 (CG)
- 6290 17/4 1838 R.Odynn - pir. Du/E, pops, tks, thanking for rec. rpts. Improving, rtd. at 1850. 25341 (CG)
- 6290.5 18/4 2048 R.Sallandse Boer - pir. Songs. Better at 2200. ID via DX press. 15341 (CG)
- 6289.9 30/4 1900 R.Cuckoo - pir. Pops. ID via DX press. 35332 (CG)
- 6319.9 18/4 1922 R.Zeppelin (t) - pir. Mx. Better at 2045. 15341 (CG)
- 6380 18/4 1920 R.Joey - pir. Pops. 35343 (CG)
- 6875 Apr25 1330 R Jan Van Gent with dutch music. (DO)
- 6950 18/4 2053 R.Entreprise - pir. Pops, IDs in Ital. 25341 (CG)

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Station news

AUSTRALIA - Spike Milligan and Rod McNeil – ABC News interruption (1971 audio)

Al Kirton (general manager of Radio 4KZ) today sent along an amusing audio of a 1971 ABC news announcement. Even though the YouTube video/audio was posted back in 2014, imagine that many in the States, like myself, have never heard this news bulletin before. Is good for a laugh! Thanks to Al for passing this along.

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/2xrvSbK> :

"This now rather well-remembered incident by the hilariously irreverent Spike Milligan, has amusingly followed former ABC newsreader Rod McNeil ever since that day in November 1971. Spike had just finished a radio interview in the same studio where Rod then arrived to read, or attempted to, the ABC News bulletin which followed... complete with interjections from Spike, live on the air! This ABC News radio piece has become a real classic for all Milligan fans, and now we can finally hear from the newsreader himself who Spike so infamously interrupted!"

(Ron Howard via WOR)

CUBA. 7335, 7365, 7405, 7435, May 2 at 0521, Cuban jamming of various levels still running here against Radio Martí frequencies, the active ones of which, 7335 and 7435, have just been turned off for good at 0400* per budget cuts, as monitored by Stephen Luce, Houston TX. We expect the DentreCuban jamming command will not swiftly turn off too, as they have kept jamming many other previous RM channels. However, Stephen Luce follows up:

``At a later 0530 check May 2 the Cuban jamming was still going on 6030; however nothing on 7335 and 7435.``

Steve McGreevy suggests: ``A few things come to mind why Cuba keeps-on their jamming (possibly):

- 1) Unaware of the Marti outage thus keeping them going;
 - 2) They know BUT afraid to switch off the jammers and have Marti take advantage and switch back on in the clear...
 - 3) The Cubans have more jamming budget under their system to blare away 24/7 (?) rather than "budget" to better-match the schedule of Marti... a little cold-war remnant just like our monitoring of the KOR/KRE fascination, eh?! 73 - Steve :-)
- N6NKS - www.auroralchorus.com`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

CUBA. 13436, 13501, 13568, 13634; 13766, 13833, 13900, May 2 at 1411-1415, extremely distorted FM/AM spurblobs at approx. 66-kHz intervals out of 13700-AM, the outer ones JBA except for S7-S9 13900 which I hit first downtuning; in some cases a trace of the F# tone the only clue. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

CUBA. 13545, 13610, 13675; 13805, 13870, 13935, 13999 approx., May 2 at 2116, now it`s the 13740-AM frequency carrying the spur-blob-producing transmitter we have previously caught on 15370, and many mornings including today on 13700. Now these are about 65-kHz intervals, declining from strong S4-S6 at the first order out to JBA on the outskirts, at least with the signature F# tone. 13870 also conflicts with the RTTY normally on there. This of course can only happen when fundamental 13740 be on the air in the tardes, extremely irregular. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

DENMARK. 15805, Stig Hartvig Nielsen of World Music Radio replies to my previous report, confirming defective modulation:

``WMR is broadcasting on 15805 kHz (Sa/Su 07-20 UTC) in AM and so listeners (= DXers) are advised to listen in the AM mode.

Glenn Hauser reports "wobbling unstable carrier tuning USB or LSB" and an "awful, unlistenable" signal and then questions whether I monitor the signal on 15805 kHz. Of course I do, and that is why I repeatedly have asked DXers to utilise AM and not SSB when listening to WMR on 15805 kHz.

If I had all the money in the world (which I haven't and this is of course just an expensive hobby project) I could probably have the tx fixed so it provided good audio also using SSB, but - sorry - this just isn't a priority as long as 15805 kHz sounds ok in AM. And it does:

Spain: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZJWUEVXh44>

Italy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIWC46kROYM>

Japan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgE-lmtcqiC>

Brazil: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2CZGcZCAqI>

UK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0doNFJ3DOWU> (rare short skip propagation)

Bulgaria: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g--fJAcEezA>

Judging coverage of SW stations by using remote KiwiSDRs is not fair.

It should be a well-known fact that most of these KiwiSDRs are connected to extremely inefficient aerials and often in environments with a lot of manmade interference. In other words completely useless. However there [are] a few good ones, and WMR can usually be heard quite well on these SDRs:

W-Greece: <http://sdr.telcosol.gr:8073/>

Sardinia, Italy: <http://sibamanna.duckdns.org:8073/>

Bucharest, Romania: <http://kiwisdr.yo3iul.ro:8074/>

And is also regularly heard on these SDR's - though of course with a much weaker signal:

Kuwait: <http://9k2ra.proxy.kiwisdr.com:8073/> (mornings UTC)

NH, USA: <http://wInt.onthewifi.com:8073/> (afternoons UTC)

Brazil: <http://appr.org.br:8073/> (afternoons UTC)

South Africa: <http://kp.twrmon.net:8073/> (late afternoons UTC)

Btw: If everything goes well, WMR will be returning to 5840 kHz with a new and stronger transmitter (500 W) from a new transmitter site near Bramming within the next two weeks. This will be on the air 24/7. Best 73s, <http://www.wmr.radio> Stig Hartvig Nielsen`

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

INDIA (and non). Dawn Chorus birdsongs started at 0015 May 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgwftFhUQCK>
Tnx to Jose Jacob for the link (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

KOREA SOUTH. April 27 (Monday) frequency changes:

VOP: 3480 // 3910 // 3925 (Japan QRM) // 4445 // 6520 // 6600, at 1016.

VOH: 3985 // 4880 // 5995 // 6245 // 6350 // 9095, at 1013.

Voice of Freedom, 5920, good reception (not jammed), at 1020; N. Korea jamming strong on 6135 kHz.
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

GUAM. April 27, 2020

Dear Mr. Qvick,

Warm Guam Greetings!

Thank you for taking the time to send us a reception report. It is always great to hear from listeners in different locations and to know how our signal is getting through. I am glad you enjoyed tuning in and listening to the music even though you couldn't understand everything.

For reception reports sent by email, we usually send an eQSL card, unless paper is requested. We are pleased to present you with the attached eQSL card.

I have also attached our A20 broadcast schedules for Asia for your convenience. Additionally, we are currently broadcasting three DRM broadcasts:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time (UTC)</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Language</u>
Sunday	1026-1056	15200 kHz	India	English
Wednesday	1026-1056	11995 kHz	China	Mandarin/Cantonese
Thursday	1230-1245	7500 kHz	Japan	Japanese

In response to the current health crisis, we have some extra broadcasts going out to China on 9910kHz at 1100 UTC Monday through Friday.

For more information about TWR's response to the virus visit: [TWR and COVID-19](#)

Along with this letter we send our prayers that you and your family are well in the midst of this challenging worldwide situation. May God's peace and comfort be yours.

Sincerely, Denise Gregson, TWR Asia Frequency Coordination Department, P.O. Box 6095, Merizo, GU 96916-0395
(Ullmar Qvick via NORDX)

Other radio news

Another new-cycle sunspot

For the second time this week, a sunspot from the next solar cycle has appeared. The new sunspot, AR2762, has a magnetic polarity that marks it as a member of Solar Cycle 25. We're not out of Solar Minimum yet, but Solar Cycle 25 is definitely showing signs of life.

(Mike Terry via WOR)

AEG Telefunken E1800/3

Today after one week considering I bought AEG Telefunken E1800/3 and found out that Military Forces in Finland still have 5 different E1800 - E1800/3 in their stock. Price is 1000 euros/unit. I bought my first E1800 18 years ago and later updated it to E1800/3.

Luckily I have also full service manual for E1800 to program and maintenance it after army use. They have put unused parts, like filters inside, but you need to program receiver yourself. In my unit there is also AD1710 diversity unit installed and will be nice to test that next Autumn in Aihkiniemi. E1800/3 is important part of radio history. (Martti Karamies via DXing.info)



BDXC Valuable articles

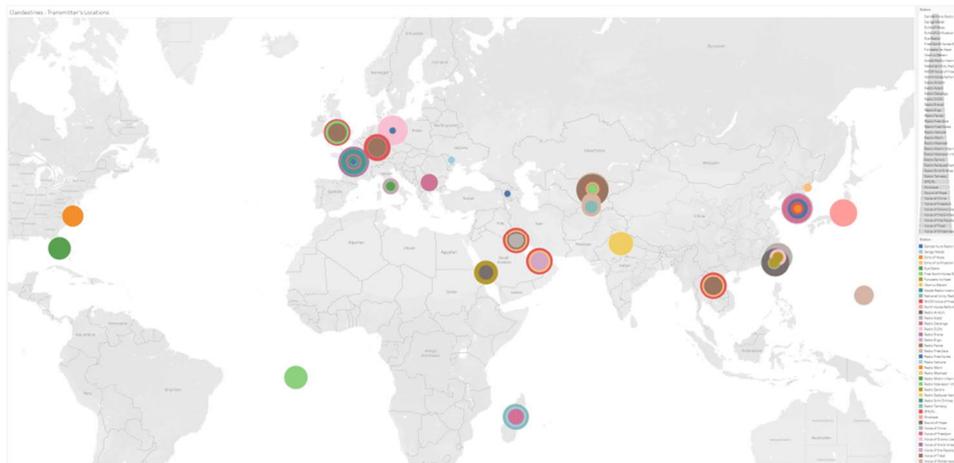


Der britische BDXC bietet eine wunderbare Sammlung an ausführlichen und aktuellen Frequenzlisten die man (kostenlos) als PDF laden kann. Nebenbei: eine Mitgliedschaft im BDXC und damit verbunden den monatlichen Bezug der Zeitschrift "Communications" als PDF gibt es für jährlich nur 14 Euro. Klare Empfehlung!

<http://www.bdx.org.uk/articles.html>

(Christoph Ratzer via A-DX)

[A-DX] Nils Schiffhauer - Clandestine Kurzwelle



Nils Schiffhauer hat sich in den vergangenen Monaten bei den "Clandestine" Kurzwelldiensten umgehört. Das Resultat seiner Nachforschungen ist nun mit 27 Hörbeispielen sehr schön aufbereitet in seinem Blog zu finden.

Eine spannende und zeitgemäß erstellte Dokumentation über Kurzwellenradio!
The whole article here:

<https://dk8ok.org/2020/04/24/clandestine-under-false-flags/>

(73 Christoph Ratzer via A-DX)

Vostok-1 - radio communications.

I went to the site "Old newspapers" (<http://oldgazette.ru>) and came across a number "Komsomolskaya Pravda" dated 04/13/1961 with the TASS message "Leap into the Universe" about the first space flight of Yuri Gagarin on Vostok-1. It is interesting fragment for us:

With astronaut comrade GAGARIN installed and maintained bilateral radio communication. The frequencies of the onboard shortwave transmitters are 9.019 megahertz and 20.006 megahertz, and in the range of ultrashort waves 143.625 megahertz.

These days, such details are not written in the newspapers :)

Text version of the TASS message: <http://oldgazette.ru/kopravda/13041961/index1.html>

The whole 1st page in DjVu format: <http://oldgazette.ru/kopravda/13041961/13041961-1.djvu>

The site does not seem to be updated since 2010; sorry...

(Dmitry Mezin, Kazan, Russia / "open-dx")

Not only that, but the frequency of 143.625 MHz is still used - the connection of the ISS with the Earth.

(serg smol bpsk63 / "open-dx") (RUS-DX # 1079)

Crypto museum

Welcome at the Crypto Museum website. At present we are a virtual museum in The Netherlands, that can only be visited on the internet 24 hours a day. However, we do have a permanent collection, and regularly organize exhibitions and events in co-operation with other museums. <https://www.cryptomuseum.com/index.htm>
(Ruslan Slavutskiy, Moskovskaya oblast, Russia)
(Via RUS-DX # 1078)

Crypto Museum
cryptomuseum.com

LZ1AQ - Personal Home Page

Take a look at his website, <http://www.lz1aq.signacor.com/> – several interesting projects can be found there, like active antennas, antenna amplifiers, etc. /TN



Re: [jaguarpro] Only Perseus?

In the Jaguar user group there were some questions if Jaguar is planned to support any new SDR's. At the moment only Perseus is supported. Bjarne Mjelde has a lot of experience regarding the performance of SDR's. WinRadio G33 DDC stands out but is far too expensive for most people and the other high end, like Elad is on par with Perseus. Some DX-ers use cheaper SDR's like HF+. Here are Bjarne's view and a comment from Bill Whitacre.

I do not think we should put any effort into the Airspy HF+ or HF+/Discovery. Two receivers per antenna means more signal splitting/preamplification, more cables, possibly more PCs (can we run two HF+ seamlessly on one PC?). And can two HF+ work as seamlessly in Jaguar as one SDR with the correct sampling rate? Also, while it looks like it's bullet proof, it isn't. I have had 2nd or 3rd order intermod on the HF+. And the reason it's almost impossible to overload is that it's got an IF (or is it RF) level AGC instead of manual attenuation/preamp. So when the signal level is high enough, it attenuates the band, and all of a sudden the excellent sensitivity isn't that good anymore. On a quiet band though, it truly excels. (Bjarne Mjelde, arcticdx.blogspot.com)

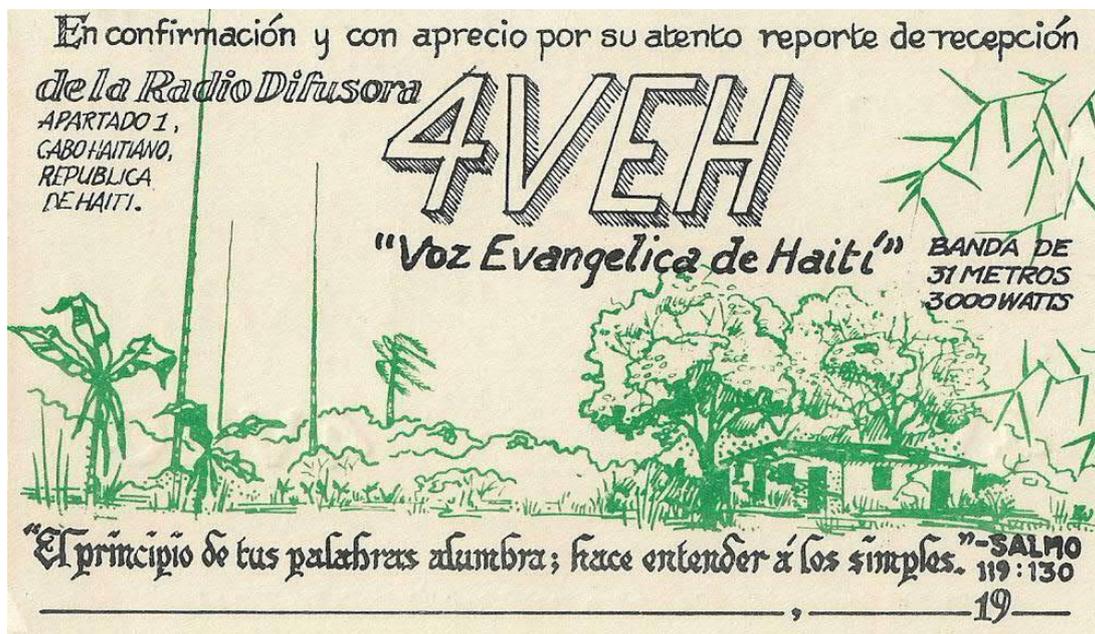
I had nothing but good results from a pair of HF+ hooked to a single CPU running them under HSDR and a ExtIO that allowed you to choose - by serial number - which one was driven by which instance of HSDR. You could even address them both individually for recording lower half and upper half of MW. No 'ghost traces' noted on them at Grayland, WA or Lubeck, ME.

I 'upgraded' to a new ExtIO last year at Grayland and a pair of HF+ Discoveries and DID notice varying levels of 'ghost traces' on the lower end of MW. I have a feeling that it was the ExtIO that caused them in HSDR as running the Discoveries 'native' in SDR# showed no such problem. I went back and forth with the ExtIO developer about it a few times and eventually came down to him saying that 'it was supposed to be that way.' Not helpful.

Seems like no matter what else I bring along on a DXpedition I always end up reviewing my wav files from the Perseus in native Perseus software. Nothing against Jaguar but it's just not the way I DX. Helluva place to say that, hi! (Bill Whitacre, Alexandria, VA)



QSL card from 4VEH, Haiti from 1957



DX-SPALTEN

När min familj var på husvagnssemester på västkusten i slutet av sjuttioalet såg jag en dx-spalt i en lokaltidning. Jag klippte ut den och har sparat. Det är väl svensk dx-historia, så säg.

Kolla längst ned. Tipsarens namn verkar bekant. 😊 ⬤ Christer Brunström.

(Mats Johansson via Svensk DX-historia)

DX-SPALTEN

RADIO SKANDINAVIA sänder program över Radio Andorra på 6215 kHz = 48,27 meter kl 22.00-22.45 söndagen den 2-16-30 september.

HCJBs schema från den 2 sept. är 06.00-07.00 på 11900 kHz = 25,21 meter och från 06.30 även på 15245 kHz = 19,68 meter. Kvällssändningen kl 21.00-21.30 på 15225, 17890 och 21480 kHz = 19,71, 16,77 och 13,97 meter samt kl 22.00-22.30 på 17890 kHz = 16,77 meter.

Tisdagen den 4 september presenteras och diskuteras Radio Japan i klubblokalen vid Lilla Torg, ingång porten 2:a vån. kl 18.00.

BLANDADE TIPS:

00.15 La Cronica Peru hörd på 9520 kHz = 31,51 meter hommx

01.15 La voz de la Selva Colombia vid denna tid på 6170 kHz = 48,62 meter.

04.00 Radio Noticias del Continente är en ny station i Costa Rica som kan höras på 9490 kHz = 31,61 meter Nyheter.

04.20 Radio Universo i Venezuela hörs bra på 4880 kHz = 61,48 meter.

04.30 CRE i Guayaquil Ecuador på 4767 kHz = 62,93 meter hörd med musik fram till 05.30.

07.30 Radio Japan på 21610 kHz = 13,88 meter svenska

16.45 Radio Singapor med Pop på 5052 kHz = 59,38 meter

18.00 Turkiye Polis Radyosu Ankara Turkiet med turkisk mx på 6340 kHz = 47,32 meter.

18.30 Den kristna radiostationen Voice of Libanon på 6550 kHz = 45,80 meter arabiskt program.

20.00 Radio Afghanistan med eng. på nya 15075 kHz = 19,90 meter. Tipsare Christer Brunström.

Halmstads Kortvågsklubb
Stig Andersson tel 035/44 269

Anknytande till vårt östra broderlands svenskspråkiga elit

vill jag bidra med en berättelse av Torre Ekblom från GDX.-aren jubileumsnummer 1948-1968.

Jag var då borta från vanlig dx-ing, då jag övergått till amatörradio, men jag hörsammade kallelsen och bidrog själv med två sidor spridda hågkomster från mitt radioliv.

Hoppas filen med Torres historia blir läslig, jag själv läser den perfekt i min PC. Från GDX-AREN 1968

(Ullmar Qvick via Sveriges DX-historia)

P Å D E N T I D E N.....

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I nådens år 1952 blev det litet mera fart på DX-ingen "i Österled", i Finland. Redan tidigare hade hobbyn fått fotfäste i Sverige genom DX-klubbarna och tidningar såsom GDX-aren, Nattuggland, MDX-aren m.fl. Arne Skoogs artiklar i Teknikens Värld gav väl "startsignalen" för många DX-are i Finland, bl.a. för undertecknad.

På den tiden fanns det troligtvis blott två klubbar i Finland, en i Österbotten och en i Brändö (företad till H:fors) som hette Brändö DX-Club. Ett visst utbyte av DX-tidningar fanns väl, men det blev helt annat efter det att Helsingfors DX-Club bildats 3.9.1952 av några aktiva DX-are i H:fors, sedan EDXC's aktivitet blivit lika med noll. HDXC's klubbtidning fick namnet Attention och tidningen existerar även i dag som organ för Finlands DX-Club. I o med starten av denna klubb väcktes även intresset för utlandet utöver att lysma på fjärran avlägsna stationer, det söktes samarbete över gränsen till vårt västra grannland Sverige. De klubbar som först kom in i bilden var TELUS i Söderhamn (med vår Secretary General för EDXC Claes W. Englund i spetsen), Göteborgs DX-Klubb (med vår allas T.O.), ORV i Eskilstuna, Sveriges Radioklubb osv. Utbyte av tidningar var första steget i samarbetet, men snart följde en livlig korrespondens klubbarna emellan och sedan många trevliga personliga kontakter, som håller även idag. Undertecknad hade nöjet att besöka de utländska klubbarna bl.a. Göteborgs DX-Klubb och TO gjorde även många besök i Finland. På detta sätt har Helsingfors alltid haft god kontakt med Göteborg.

Det var en rolig tid, då det fajtades i DX-pressen så det stänktes om det... och det var speciellt intressant för oss i Finland att följa med och läsa de olika tidningarnas åsikter om aktuella frågor. Vi var ju bara "blåbär" i Finland... Men hobbyn utvecklades, ur "dispyterna" kom alltid fram något positivt ur hettan...

De olika klubbarna ordnade ofta specialprogram över stationerna. Speciellt GDXK var berömt för sina fina QSL-kort bl.a. Radio Andorra (som var helt "svart" på den tiden!), ORU, HCJB.

Det hördes en hel del fina KV-stationer i början av 1950-talet och deras QSL är ju rariteter i dag. För att nämna några: Mitteldeutscher R-Punk, Leipzig, Hessischer R-Punk, Stuttgart, Blue Danube Network, Wien, Galei Zahal, Israel, OTC, Leopoldville, Radiodifusora Occidental och Radio Caracas i Venezuela osv osv.

Utvecklingen har gått snabbt framåt sedan dess. Nya klubbar, nya DX-tidningar, Allianser och Förbund har bildats, men många har även fallit bort. Idag har vi EUROPEAN DX-COUNCIL och nästa steg blir väl ett världsförbund bildat av DX-klubb- ar från världens alla hörn. Samarbetet rör sig internationellt på högt plan, men det kan inte förnekas att det var mera "intimt" på den "gamla goda tiden" med direkt kontakt mellan klubben i Finland och de ovannämnda klubbarna i Sverige. Då det begav sig var det klubbkamper etc. plus ett stort personligt samarbete, som gav spår i verksamheten.

Till slut vill jag tacka Ture Olsson för det fina samarbetet genom årens lopp och jag hoppas att GDX-aren skall blomstra till de kommande 20 åren, för vad vore väl DX-ingen i Göteborg, Svea rikets andra stad, utan TO och Göteborgs DX-Klubb?

TORRE EKBLOM

From my ephemera collection.

(Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky in Svensk DX-historia)

 **REPORT OF RECEPTION**
from a member of
SVERIGES RADIOKLUBB
(THE RADIO CLUB OF SWEDEN)
Stockholm 5, Sweden

 **SVERIGES RADIO KLUBB**
gives you contact with
thousands of Scandinavian
short-wave listeners.

Member n:r 497

Stocksund, 8th, June 1947

Dear Sirs,

I had the pleasure of hearing your station CX2AC
on 90 m. bands on the 7th of June 1947 from 21.52
to 22.06 G. M. T.

The strength was QSA 4 QRM 4, no QSB but QRM
from Sm 5ok.

Interference from broadcasting station _____
" " telegraph station _____

What I heard was as follows:
At 21.54-22.00 G. M. T. QSO with PA0ALO
At _____ G. M. T.
At _____ G. M. T.

My receiver is a 4 tube set of RADIOLA
manufacture, and I use an out 90 FEET North-South
door antenna.

Remarks: You was heard hear in Stocksund
near Stockholm, very good. You are the first
station from URUGUAY I have heard and I should
be a very glad to receive your verification card.

Many thanks for your transmission. If my report is correct, I should be
very glad to receive your verification card.

I enclose 3 international reply coupon(s).

Yours faithfully
Name: Toasten Johnson
Street: Sturevägen 43
City: STOCKSUND.
SWEDEN.

Svenska & Svenska Radio AB, Stockholm 1947.

In the early days of DX-ing several radio clubs used templates for reception reports. Here is one example from 1947 and this particular reception report is for a QSO between CX2AC and PA0ALO. /TN



A very impressive collection of receivers. Must be difficult to choose which one to use. /TN