

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Thanks a lot for your contributions.

It is nice too see that there are still DX-ers out there who are interested to read SWB. One reason I think is that the log is in frequency order which makes it easy to read. Most other publications are in country order (except for the Italian DX-Fanzine).

The Corona virus has forced a lot of stations to reduce transmissions and nobody knows how many will survive the economic times.

I heard yesterday in the news that there is a huge increase in new subscriptions for Internet access. This means that we can see a big change in our behaviour with work and purchase.

Let's hope that the world soon will open up again. Many countries still are locked. At least I should prefer a better coordination and trade between the Nordic countries.

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

Marco Boccalari, Bergamo, Italy. I would like to become a member of your group. I'm SWL from 1975, now I'm 61 years old. Please check my blog to see my shack. <http://swl-i2-02126.blogspot.com/?m=1> With my best regards /Marco

Nice radio shack. You are very welcome to the mailing group. /Thomas

Anker Petersen. Dear DX-friends, I have been inactive since 19 April - fortunately not because of the Coronavirus.

But when I that evening opened my computer with the usual password, I got this message in Danish: "Hey. We have some updates for your PC. It may take some minutes. Do not close the pc."

After 82 minutes the updating from this unknown source was finished, but unfortunately it was FAKE !

After that my Desktop was completely spoiled and I had to send my computer to repair. It is now back with the latest version of Windows 10 and working.

But I have to look for my former non-Microsoft programmes to be installed!

Christer Brunström: Radio for Peace International (WRMI) 15770 nice QSL-card. RFPI is produced in France and should not be confused with the old Radio For Peace International in Costa Rica.

Radio reception problems

I found this nice picture on K9YA Telegraph website. Illustrator: R.C. Kauffmann ~ "Radio reception problems"

Many of us have experienced the same when antennas or receivers didn't work as expected.

How many of us start looking in the receiver manual – I think you get to work directly and it ends up with the manual at the end.

(TN)



2749u	May30	0134	Fundy NS with weather report, rather good signal. (Wilkner)
3205	May27	1051	KCBS. Thanks to info from Ron Howard, Amano, & sat_dxer on the radio.chobi site, I found KCBS (maybe/probably ex-2850) doing well with martial tunes, KR chat & 3+1 pips @ TOH. (Sheedy)
3310	May30		Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba 0100, 0200 have not detected a carrier for the last three days. 28, 29, 30 May. (Wilkner)
3325	May21	1015	NBC Bougainville, 1015-1130 and still on the air 1328+. Preempted regular programs to provide mostly non-stop COVID-19 coverage in Pidgin (speeches, PSAs, etc.); one pop song (Nazareth - "Love Hurts"); well above normal reception and fairly readable; no VOI QRM; still continuing with extended COVID-19 coverage well past the normal 1200*. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
3330u	May30	0100	CHU, strong signal. (Wilkner)
3485	May23	1915	Voice of the People, via Goyang, South Korea Korean talk by woman and man, music, // 3915, 3930, 4450, 6520 (best in LSB) and 6600 (best in LSB). All // frequencies were jammed (AP-DNK)
3915	May19	2040	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks, songs. // 3930. 15341 (CG)
3915	May22	2201	BBC, Kranji relay. WS in E to SEAs, nx. 35332 (CG)
3925	May27	2103	Voice Of The People (cland.) (p), Goyang. Tks. 15331 (CG)
3930	May16	2025	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 35343 (CGS)
3955	May23	1925	Channel 292, Rohrbach English ann, rhythmic music (AP-DNK)
3955	May28	2035	R Korea International, via Woofferton German talk, Korean pop song (AP-DNK)
3975	May28	2040	Shortwaveradio, Winsen English ann, English pop songs (AP-DNK)
3985	May28	2045	Shortwaveservice, Kall-Krekel German report from Minneapolis, USA (AP-DNK)
3990	May28	2204	R.Echo of Hope (cland.) (p), Gyeonggi-do. Tks. 15331 (CG)
3995	May18	0015	LifeFM, Ireland, via HCJB, Weenermoor English hymns (AP-DNK)
3995	May28	2050	HCJB, Weenermoor German religious talk, hymns (AP-DNK)
4010.1	May18	0020	Birinchi R, Krasnaya Rechka Kyrgyz ann, songs - very weak audio (AP-DNK)
4055	May30	0210	Radio Verdad with instrument music, good signal as close to my QTH. (Wilkner)
4750	May22	1840	Voice of Indonesia, Palangkaraya, comments, songs. Extremely weak. On 3325 only carrier detected. (Méndez)
4750	May21	1240	Bangladesh Betar - Home Service, call-to-prayer for the Maghrib prayer, which was just after their local sunset; unusual anomaly here, as there was no audio QRM from either CNR1 nor VOI; did hear a significant open carrier from assume CNR1 (or VOI?), but no trace of audio, so was only hearing BB in the clear, which is rare! Still running their Home Service during Ramadan. Will they change back to External Service once that ends? Cyclone Ampahan has mostly hit the coastal areas of Bangladesh, so happy to find BB still on the air. BTW - At 1233, on May 11, was checking for the Monday only SAARC (The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) news bulletin in English, that was formerly noted on the HS from 1235 to 1243, but clearly not being carried; probably due to it being preempted during Ramadan; but instead heard 1236-1239 with the Maghrib Islamic call-to-prayer; doing well against CNR1 QRM. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
4765	May23	1945	Tajik R 1, Yangiyul Tajik talk (AP-DNK)
4765	May22	1932	Tajik Radio, Dushanbe, Tajik comments and songs. (Méndez)
4765	May23	-0400*	Radio Progreso, La Habana, Latin American songs, id. "Radio Progreso". (Méndez)
4800	May17	1720	Voice of China, Golmud Chinese ann, songs // 7230 and 11710 (AP-DNK)
4800	May29	0025	AIR, Hyderabad Telegu talk CWQRM (AP-DNK)
4810	May29	0030	AIR, Bhopal Urdu talk - very weak (AP-DNK)
4810	May30	1731	AIR, Bhopal, English man talk, Identification in talk, 34323. (TB)
4820	May17	1735	Xizang PBS, Baiding, Tibet Chinese ann, local music // 6050 (AP-DNK)
4840	May29	0035	WWCR, Nashville, TN English religious conversation (AP-DNK)
4875	May23	0250	Radio Roraima, Boavista, Brazilian songs. (Méndez)
4875.1	May30	0200	Rdif Roraima, Boa Vista RR respectable signal with PT chat and music. (Wilkner)
4885	May23	1950	R Echo of Hope, via Taereung, South Korea Korean Drama // 3990, 6000 and 6250. All // frequencies were jammed (AP-DNK)
4885	May30	0209	Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, PA strong signal with chat and some good music. (Wilkner)
4885	May31	0455	Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, with its habitual musical program "Clube na Madrugada" today and not Radio Bandeirantes relay, id. "Radio Clube do Pará", Brazilian songs, "Você está ouvindo Clube na Madrugada", "Clube na Madrugada, o melhor musical para você...". (Méndez)
4890	May16	2027	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks. 35342 (CGS)

4910	May30	1739	All India Radio, Jaipur, tentative, Hindi presumed, talk, 23222. (TB)
4920	May29	0037	AIR, Chennai English news // 5010 Thiruvananthapuram (AP-DNK)
4930	May29	1835	VOA Studio 7, via Moepeng Hill Conversation in Shona or Ndebele (AP-DNK)
4949.7	May22	1920	Radio Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, comments. (Méndez)
5005	May24	*0504	Bata open with songs, song "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion (Méndez)
5009.9	May22	1915	Radio Nasionaly Malagasy, Ambohidrano, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
5025	May29	0040	R Rebelde, Bauta Spanish conversation (AP-DNK)
5040	May29	0045	R Habana Cuba, Bauta Spanish talk (AP-DNK)
5805	May22	2015	Radio 208, Hvidrove, pop songs. (Méndez)
5805	May15	1805	R. 208, Hvidovre. Emptt carrier. 25342 (CGS)
5805	May29	0050	R 208, Hvidovre, via groundwave English ID: "This is Radio 2-0-8, Copenhagen", pop songs // 1440 MW (AP-DNK)
5840	May23	1250	World Music R, Bramming English ann, pop music - extremely weak (AP-DNK)
5840	May16	1809	World Music R, Bramming. Mx & songs. // 15805 rtd. 35443. 25331 (CGS)
5940	May19	1755	Radio Onda with "Música do Brasil". (CB)
5940	May23	2001	Radio Onda, Borculo, Brazilian songs, id. "Radio Onda". (Méndez)
5950	May23	0412	Voice of Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
5995	May22	1845	Radio Mali, Bamako, African songs, No English program "English Magazine" for the last two weeks (1850-1910). (Méndez)
5995	May24	0405	Zambia NBC, Radio 1, Lusaka, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
6015	May24	0350	Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, Swahili, comments. (Méndez)
6030	May24	0400	Radio Oromiya, Addis Ababa, East African songs, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
6050	May24	0348	HCJB, Pichincha, Spanish, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
6050	May24	0620	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, religious songs and comments, English. (Méndez)
6070	May21	1935	Channel 292, Rohrbach U.S. English religious talk (AP-DNK)
6070	May24	0358	CFRX, Toronto, English, news, comments, advertisements.. Rohrbach opened at 0447, blocking CFRS at this time. (Méndez)
6080	May15	2109	R.Marumby, Curitiba PR. Rlgs. propag. QRM de CHN. Inaudible on // 9515. 33441 (CGS)
6090	May23	0427	Voice of Amhara State, Addis Ababa, East African songs, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
6110	May23	0405	Radio Fana, Addis Ababa, East African songs, Vernacular comment. (Méndez)
6115	May17	0543	R. Congo. A rare event here, with well above average reception; announcers and nice African music/singing; somewhat early for any Japanese QRM here, which started to be slightly noticed about 0550; QRN (static). An exceptional day! My audio (one minute of announcers, then music), at http://bit.ly/3fWB9cA . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
6135	May24	0505	Radio Nasionaly Malagasy, Ambohidrano, Vernacular, comments, songs. Slight interference from Aparecida on 6135.1 and from Algeria on 6125. Signal fading due to daylight. (Méndez)
6135.1	May22	2010	Radio Aparecida, Aparecida, religious songs and comments. (Méndez)
6160	May15	2112	Short Wave R, Winsen. G, mx, tks. 35332 (CGS)
6180	May22	2028	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Brazilian songs. (Méndez)
6185	May24	0456	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, songs, extremely weak, barely audible. 15311. Before 0456 interfered by Romania and after 0500 by VoA on 6180, Heard again with extremely weak signal at 0530 when closed VoA. (Méndez)
6210.2	May23	-1812*	Radio Kahuzi, Bukavu, on air after more than a week out. Extremely weak. Carrier and approaching to closing time, some comments and songs detected in LSB. Barely audible (Méndez)
6230	May23	2135	Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, songs. 35332 (CG)
6245	May27	2105	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 14341 (CG)
6255	May15	1831	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, interview. Jammed. 34342 (CGS)
7140	May24	0355	Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara, East African songs. (Méndez)
7205	May24	0350	Sudan Radio Al Aitahab, Arabic, comments, East African songs. (Méndez)
7206	May21	1715	Sudan Radio Al Aitahab, EastAfrican songs, Arabic comments. (Méndez)
7385	May22	1650	PSB Xizang, Lahsa, Tibetan songs, English, "Holy Tibet", comments. (Méndez)
9105	May15	1834	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, interview. 35443 (CGS)
9200.1	May25	2202	Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 15331 (CG)
9230.1	May26	2135	Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 15341 (CG)
9650	May18	2103	R.Guinée, Sonfonia. F/Vn, tks. Adj. & co-ch. QRM. 34432 (CG)
9665.2	May20	2132	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., ann. for px Corrente da Oração, phone-ins. 35433 (CG)
9818.7	May22	2001	Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
9818.7	May16	1001	R. 9 de Julho, São Paulo SP, tks. Better at 1430 when already on 9818.755. 15341 (CGS)
9835	May24	0850	Sarawak FM, Kajang, Malaysian songs and comments. Very weak.. (Méndez)

9920 May 29 2000 R Thailand, Thailand ID in English. SIO 444 Programming in German. abrupt Sign Off 2015U. (Thomas F Giella, W4HM, Lakeland, FL)

11680 May17 0505 Voice of Hope Africa. Pastor Brad Bailey preaching; later from 0600+, outstanding reception of Wavescan #586 ("Paraguay on SW, part 3, after the war"); very readable with strong signal; // 9680, which was much weaker. Certainly one of their best ever receptions! My Wavescan audio at <http://bit.ly/368zPPj>. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

11769.9 May24 1710 Voice of Nigeria - local music and information regarding the coronavirus situation. 2 (CB)

11780 May22 2005 Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Brazilian songs. (Méndez)

11815 May24 0930 Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs, comments. (Méndez)

11835 CNR2 (China Business Radio), tuned in at 0906, on May 28. Live (virtual) news conference with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang; held after the closing session of the National People's Congress; Q&A in **Chinese and English**, which ended at 0955. YouTube full coverage of news conference at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8FUPdYtpPU>. Interesting to compare China's news conferences with America's! (Ron Howard, California via WOR)

11835 May29 *0700- (harmonic), Radio Vanuatu, *0700-0810. For me, the best RV reception continues to be during this hour, when they are fairly readable; both 3945 // 7890 (harmonic) were both poor to very poor, so 11835 is always the strongest. With such decent reception, this continues to be one of my favorite SW stations to listen to!
0701-0721: News and sports news in vernacular (Minister of Agriculture and Talao Coffee Cooperative sign an agreement to increase coffee production in Vanuatu by providing 20,000 coffee seedlings to areas affected by Tropical Cyclone Harold, etc.); ending with "Radio Vanuatu, good night."
0721: Announcement in vernacular from Vanuatu Teachers Union's President Willie Abiut, about returning to homeschooling next week.
0730: Promo for radio and TV - "VBTC".
0731-0750: Call-in program in vernacular; YL asks callers to "join the discussion this afternoon."
My audio at <http://bit.ly/2ZVYsxs>. (Ron Howard. Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

11890 May27 *1100- R. Nyawa Sarawak (via Taiwan?) *1100-1158* 20, 22, 25, 27 May. From JBA/imaginary-level audio to poor-but-readable over 4 days monitoring..opens with a nice tune, web info, news & phone reports with occ. IDs, closing with another pleasant 'klonky/woodwind tune. Sounds like some sort of xmtr artifact from RNS shows up around 11892-3 during the broadcast, so de-tuning a bit to 11888 helps audibility. Thanks to Ron Howard's info via the radio.chobi site for the new (?) xmtr location & improved signal level. (Sheedy)

12000 May23 1553 -AM, routine bandscan encounters urgent screed from Josiah, usual ``pushing-it`` modulation on new daytime frequency, S7-S8 for anti-Christ pirate Station YHWH. Trace still JBA at 1734 check. Did not seem off-frequency to me, but Harold Frodge, MI, also notes: ``Weak carrier detectable here at 1708 with imaginary level audio. Carrier seems to center about 11999.8`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

12035 May16 1324 Deewa Radio (Udon Thani). Fair in Pashto with web contact info, COVID-19 reports to BOH, nice sitar-tabla bridge, "Deewa Radio deh.." ID + canned generic VOA ID..xmtr kicking on/off a bit after BOH didn't help reception. (Sheedy)

13575.0 May30 1427 S3-S5 Chinesish talk. It's RFA in Cantonese this hour only via TINIAN, typically askew. Altho Aoki says it's *jammed, no sign of that. The ChiCom are not so eager to bother to block broadcasts in insignificant minolity ranguages (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

13650 May 22 1145 V Korea, DPR SIO 344 Programming in French. Some martial music. (Thomas F Giella, W4HM, Lakeland, FL)

13840 May18 2111 R.NZi, Rangitaiki. Pacific reg. nx in local langs. & E. Adj. QRM. 34432 (CG)

15770 May23 1300 WRMI with World of Radio presented by Glenn Hauser. 4 (CB)

15805 May24 0935 World Music Radio, Randers, very nice songs in English, Portuguese and Spanish, and very good signal, id. "World Music Radio, WMR...". (Méndez)

15805 May16 1803 World Music R, Bramming. Mx & songs. Best via the K9AY antenna! Much worse on // 5840. 35443 (CGS)

WMR - World Music Radio 15805 kHz transmitter site is NOT in Bramming but in Randers. It is the WMR 5840 kHz transmitter, which is placed in Bramming. Both QTH's are n Jutland.
Radio208 5805 kHz, also owned by Stig Hartvig Nielsen, is transmitting from Hvidovre, a suburb of Copenhagen. (Best 73s, Ydun Ritz via WOR)

15805 May30 1000 World Music Radio with ID in English. 2-3 (CB)

Pirate Stations

3940	May21	2051	R.Batavia - pir. Du, mx, songs. 25341 (CG)
4700	May24	2112	Mystery R. 21 - pir. Pops, e-mail addr. anns. in E. 45343 (CG)
4840	May17	2115	R.Dolfijn - pir. Mx. ID via DX press. 15341 (CG)
5790	May16	1812	R. 319 - pir. Pops, tks in E. 35331 (CGS)
6230	May23	2135	Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, songs. 35332 (CG)
6245	May27	2105	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 14341 (CG)
6262.2	May16	1815	R.Studio 52 (t) - pir. Pops. Rtd. 35342 at 2010 when on 6262.031. T-ID via DX press. 35342 (CGS)
6264	May24	2115	R.Black Bandit - pir. Dutch songs, oldies, pops. 45343 (CG)
6276	May16	1817	R.Black Bandit - pir. Songs from sev. countries, incl. Portugal. 35343 (CGS)
6285	May16	1819	WKOS - pir. Pops. Improving. ID via DX press. 25331 (CGS)
6285.1	May23	2123	R.Parade Int'l (t) - pir. Mx. T-ID via DX press. 25331 (CG)
6288	May28	2207	R.Black Bandit - pir. Du/E, songs, tks. 45433 (CG)
6290	May19	2043	R.Panda (t) - pir. Songs. T-ID via DX press. 15341 (CG)
6309	May17	2111	R.Zeppelin - pir. Mx. ID via DX press. 35332 (CG)
6310	May23	2133	R. 819 - pir. Mx. ID via DX press. 15331 (CG)
6390	May16	2023	R.Joey - pir. Pops. 35443 (CGS)
6390	May23	2121	R.Joey - pir. Electr. mx. Occ. CW QRM. 35443 (CG)
6849.9	May23	2127	Blue Moon R - pir. Pops. T-ID via DX press. 35342 (CG)
6940	May15	2107	R.Jan van Gent - pir. Dutch folk mx. ID via DX press. 25342 (CGS)
6950	May24	2119	R.Parade Int'l - pir. Mx. ID via DX press. 35342 (CG)

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Station news

BRAZIL. **Voz do Brasil** is on the air Monday to Friday 21-22 UTC, you can try for listening to station's ID just before the start of the program or at the end, when radios return to their own broadcast.
(Alessandro Gropazzi, Trieste, Italy via RealDX)

KOREA SOUTH. 4880, Echo of Hope - VOH, on May 27, happened to hear the very end of a Chinese language lesson at 1049; only a few Chinese words heard (Dasao weisheng [clean] and Xi wan [wash dishes]). First time I ever heard this. Daily?

May 28, on 9095, had good reception of VOH, with pop song at 1049 (NENA with "99 Luftballons" [99 Red Balloons]); 1050-1052, Chinese language lesson; Chinese words repeated three times, with Korean in between Chinese. Today's words provided by a native speaker of Mandarin Chinese:

bushede dai	(reluctant to wear something)
bushede chi	(reluctant to eat)
shebude huaqian	(reluctant to spend money)
shebude likai	(reluctant to leave)
wode ma ya	(oh my God)
tian a	(oh my God)
Fu xianjin	(pay by cash)
shuaka	(swipe the card, pay by card)
shua bu liao ka	(fail to pay by card)

My audio (half minute of song and then language lesson) at <http://bit.ly/2zDbPrP> .
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Thanks to a recent posting to Facebook (WRTH), have noted these items on Facebook ("NBC Radio - Real PNG"). <https://www.facebook.com/NBCRadioPNG/posts/2986772901398687> .

May 22 - Re: **NBC Madang:** "After Short Wave Frequency [3260 kHz.] was restored, FM was upgraded, Minister ICT, Governor and Dr Gawi went LIVE nation-wide from NBC Radio Madang Studio." [with pictures]

May 22 - Re: **NBC New Ireland** (Mas Bilong Solwara Antap - Voice of the High Seas): "The Commissioning of the **refurbished NBC New Ireland studio and office building today** in Kavieng. The project is funded under 2019 PIP under the leadership of Managing Director, Mr. Kora Nou. The project was completed and is now commissioned by Minister for Information Communication and Technology Hon. Timothy Masiu. Witnessing the occasion was the MP for Namatanai, Walter Schnaubelt, NBC Board Chairman Timothy Tikili, Executive Director of Provincial Radio Networks, Michael Samuga, the Director NBC New Ireland, Alwyn Anetul and the Managing Director of NBC."

[with pictures]

I have posted this question and also sent a FB message: "**What about NBC New Ireland via SW (3905 kHz.)? Is that reactivated?** Thank you!"

(Ron Howard, California)

PAPUA [WOR] - Radio Fly to return to SW?



Recently saw online that Ok Tedi Mining Limited (Western Province, Papua New Guinea) has a new managing director/chief executive officer (Musje Werror), so I thought I should contact him. Portion of my email, after I congratulated him on his new position:

"I was wondering if any consideration has been given to reactivating Radio Fly, via shortwave radio? It was operated by Ok Tedi Mining Limited, back when Nigel H. Parker was the CEO of Ok Tedi Mining Limited (about 2011-2013). From my location here on the coast of California, I often enjoyed hearing Radio Fly back then. Always appreciated the service OTML provided to the good people of PNG, by airing important information via Radio Fly."

Five minutes later received this surprising email from him:

"Hi Ron - Thanks for your email. We plan to revive Radio Fly before the end of the year. Look forward to receiving your feedback once it is up and running. Regards, Musje"

Sent off a follow up question: "Will you still be via shortwave on 3915 kHz. and 5960 kHz.?" Imagine that he will not be able to answer that himself, but I hope he will ask the radio engineer there for more details. Certainly hope that Radio Fly will again be on SW.

(Ron Howard, California via WOR)

VANUATU. Greetings from California!

Seems **Radio Vanuatu is now off the air on weekends!** Off last weekend (May 16-17) and noted them silent again today (Saturday, May 23), when checking 3945, 7890 and 11835, at 0847 and no RV signal on 2485, after 1000+. So it looks like just a Monday to Friday schedule now.

(Ron Howard, California)

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA. The Cross Radio will not be returning to SW

Was time for me to check-in again with Sylvia Kalau (The Cross Radio), at Pacific Mission Aviation, over in Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia. Asked if she had any plans to reactivate The Cross Radio, via SW. Here is her quick reply to me:

*"Hello Ron - Greetings to you from one of the few Covid 19 free countries!! I'm sorry but **we will not be broadcasting SW.** The cost is too much for us. Thanks for your inquiry and understanding."*

This is about what I expected to hear from her. No surprise here. Back in May, 2015, the station was hit by Typhoon Dolphin. Took them awhile to get FM back up again and running, but getting SW up and running never worked out for them.

(Ron Howard, California)

Re: [WOR] The Cross Radio (Federated States of Micronesia) will not be returning to SW

I sense that some of these smaller religious stations were ill-prepared for the long haul. Perhaps a benefactor came along with deep pockets. The station was built and brought on the air with a lot of fanfare. All went well initially, but what about ongoing costs, maintenance, etc. The initial enthusiasm evaporates, a cyclone or two hits, or an expensive tube blows, and voila, the station is off the air. Just my hunch...(73, Walt Salmaniv)

On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Bob Biermann <bob@yourweekendshow.com> wrote: Sadly, in the next few years, many SW facilities will be gone due to incredibly high cost of operations, declining revenue, and the rapidly shrinking pool of engineers and people that even know what it is, or even care. Enjoy the hobby while you can.

(Walter Salmaniv via WOR)

Other radio news

Radio receiver "Mir-M 152"

In Russian. Video: 13:57

Since 1952, the Riga State Electrotechnical Plant VEF has been producing a network-mounted tube radio "Mir M-152".

<https://youtu.be/GnaxboRdx8I>

http://www.rw6ase.narod.ru/00/rp_l/mir_m152.html

<https://vk.com/public158109176>

(RUS-DX #1083)



[WOR] THE GREAT GEOMAGNETIC STORM OF MAY 1921

99 years ago this week, people around the world woke up to some unusual headlines.

“Telegraph Service Prostrated, Comet Not to Blame” — declared the Los Angeles Times on May 15, 1921. “Electrical Disturbance is ‘Worst Ever Known’” — reported the Chicago Daily Tribune. “Sunspot credited with Rail Tie-up” — de-danned the New York Times.

<https://tlarremore.wordpress.com/2020/05/13/solar-pulses-and-storm-fronts/>

(via GACTV DX, WTFDA Forum)

(Glenn Hauser via WOR)

[WOR] Vois Blong Yumi/Vanuatu on Shortwave

See AWR Wavescan May 24

[WOR] Paraguay on Shortwave - Part 3: After the War

See AWR Wavescan May 17

You can find those interesting podcasts here: <https://poddtoppen.se/podcast/429659893/awr-wavescan-dx-program-wrmi> (TN)

KEROSENE RADIO



Kerosene Radio Made in Moscow for use in rural areas, this all-wave radio is reportedly powered by the kerosene lamp hanging above it. A group of thermocouples is heated internally to 570 degrees by the flame. Fins cool the outside to about 90 degrees. The temperature differential generates enough current to operate the low-drain receiver. Regular listeners may want fur-lined union suits, though: It works best in a room with open windows.

My Friends, Not certain of the validity of this?
(73 Bob Wilkner)

If you read down a few paragraphs it tells that radios powered by the heat of kerosene lanterns were used in the USSR in the 1950s. Back in the early 80s when I lived in Honduras there were kerosene powered refrigerators. They were found in rural areas off the grid.

They didn't have freezers - not powerful enough I guess. I once visited a little store with one and got a bottle of soda. It wasn't ice-cold but it was cold enough to be refreshing on a hot day.
(Don Moore via DXPlorer)

Indeed, they are true working radios, and working with low filament voltage tubes.

Today it is more of a curiosity, but these radios built in the mid-1950s in the former Soviet Union, **also reached the Río de la Plata**. Only a few, remain for example, in private collections in Argentina.

In my country, Uruguay a small quantity were assembled in the 60s. I myself made a post in my blog regarding this sets. The Google translated to English page is here:

<https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=es&tl=en&u=https%3A%2F%2Fflagalenedel-sur.wordpress.com%2F2013%2F07%2F02%2F1a-radio-a-kerosene%2F>

(73 Horacio Nigro, Uruguay via DXPlorer)

Rainbow Theft, 05/19/2020

Radio Center "Rainbow" of the Siberian Regional Center is one of the largest radio centers in the country since the times of the USSR. In Moshkovsky district of the Novosibirsk region, on a land plot of more than 1000 hectares, there are three radio transmitting technical sites, a complex of unique antenna mast structures and a residential village with the corresponding infrastructure. Since 2014, a powerful radio engineering complex in two technical buildings has been under conservation. Employees of the transmitting section, organizing the work of short-wave backbone radio communications according to a special schedule, work in one of three technical buildings, live in a village with the same name Rainbow. The fate of the specialists of the radio center is closely intertwined with the fate of the village and the radio center, and therefore they are reverent and careful about everything that surrounds them.

Unfortunately, the vast territory of the radio center and the metal structures in the form of antenna mast and feeder structures always attract people who are ready to risk their reputation and freedom for the sake of an attempt at momentary enrichment.

On the afternoon of May 2, while walking around the territory of the technical building of the Raduga Radio Center, the employees of the Office for the Eastern District of the FSUE Okhrana Federal Guard Unit of the Russian Guard on the antenna field found damage to the technical site fence and traces of penetration into one of the antenna pavilions, in which the cable for setting up and matching feeder lines was barbarously looted. On the technical site, traces of motorcycle wheels and pipe drags on the ground were noticeable. Moving along the trail, employees of the Russian Guard in a nearby forest belt found fragments of pipes of a damaged train and then followed the trail to the alleged kidnapper, who turned out to be a resident of the village of Rainbow. Later, accomplices were found, two minor residents of the Balta village of the Moshkovsky district. Theft suspects were transferred to police officers.

Assessing the damage, the employees of the radio center noted that the restoration of the equipment due to the detected pipes is impossible due to the fact that they are deformed and technically unsuitable for operation, as well as porcelain insulators. The cost of restoring damaged equipment is ten times higher than the cost of stolen metal.

Ignoring the information about the danger of penetration into RTRS communication facilities and possible administrative and criminal consequences, young people will not be able to enjoy the warm May weather, the bright sun and the riot of spring colors.

(<https://novosibirsk.rtrs.ru/prof/rtrs-region/newspaper/krazha-na-raduge-/>)

(RUS-DX # 1082)

Radio stations in St. Petersburg are asking for help from Smolny.

The main problem that worries representatives of radio stations: the loss of almost the only source of income - advertising. Due to the limitation of the work of large enterprises, the radio stations lost their main advertising contracts and stopped placing paid announcements of concerts and other cultural events. According to the Director General of Our Radio Elena Danilova, advertising revenue over the past two months has decreased dramatically - up to 80%. In some regions, up to 100%. "Due to the fact that radio is a fairly technological business, large expenses are spent on broadcasting. In addition, most radio stations have their own broadcasts, for which you need to pay salaries to employees," says Elena Danilova. According to her, almost all 30 commercial radio stations in St. Petersburg earn exclusively on advertising, only a few have an additional source of income - those who organize their own events. However, now the radio workers have lost this source of earnings. In an appeal to the governor, media representatives write that until April 30, they assumed obligations to maintain jobs and pay wages, which can reach up to 60% in the budget of the radio station. Now, in the absence of funds, the situation is getting worse. In addition to regular expenses for salaries to employees, rent for city property, various tax payments, media representatives spend about 2% of the turnover of radio stations on payments to the RAO (Russian Authors Society) and WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) funds. A much more significant expense item, according to market representatives, is strict contractual obligations to monopolists in the field of providing broadcasting services, - RTRS (FSUE Russian and Television Broadcasting Network). The approximate amount of payments per month is about 500 thousand rubles per station - someone has a little more, someone has a little less .. "RTRS has different tariffs, which vary depending on the transmitter power. Now they are not going to reduce them. Several schemes were proposed, for example, installment payment: 3 months of payment are 50%, and then until December it will be necessary to fully repay the debt. But where to get this money from is completely incomprehensible," says Elena Danilova. In connection with all circumstances, the radio stations are asking the city government to introduce tax holidays for them on basic payments and rents, not to block the settlement accounts of companies, to cancel the procedure for issuing tax claims, and to fully or partially compensate for broadcasting costs at all facilities of the Federal State Unitary Enterprise RTRS »Until the end of the year, or at least until the end of September. Also in the letter, media representatives draw the attention of officials to the possible participation of radio stations in government programs to support the population. We are talking about government orders, thanks to which companies could receive budget money on a competitive basis.

(fontanka.ru, http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID_77487/)

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Aufgrund häufiger Nachfrage gibt es die beliebte RLA4 nun auch als wetterfeste Version für die Außenmontage.

Die RLA4G entspricht im Wesentlichen der RLA4E mit abgeschirmten Loops zur Verminderung der Störaufnahme. Für die Loopelemente kommt jedoch UV- und feuchtebeständiges Koaxialkabel (LMR-400) zur Anwendung. Der Verstärker sitzt in einem stabilen und wasserdichten Aluminiumgehäuse. Der Anschluss der Loopelemente und der Ableitung erfolgt über TNC-Verbindungen. Der Masseanschluss der Loops am oberen Verbindungspunkt ist über einen Edelstahlstab innerhalb eines Kunststoffgehäuses realisiert. Alle Elemente entsprechen mindestens Schutzgrad IP66.

Wie alle unsere Kreuzloop-Antennen kann auch die RLA4G mit den Steuergeräten RSW2 (manuell) oder RSW3 (manuell und WLAN) elektronisch in der Empfangsrichtung gesteuert werden. Die Empfangsleistung entspricht in etwa der RLA4E, aufgrund der etwas größeren Loops (ca. 52 cm Durchmesser) bietet sie geringfügig höhere Pegel im unteren Frequenzbereich.

<http://www.reuter-elektronik.de/html/neuigkeiten.html>

(73 Christoph Ratzer via A-DX)



Scott Marine Receiver SLR-M



Well, you get really nostalgic when you see any of those old boat achors, Found this one on the web and couldn't resist to share with you. Just look at the magic eye – something to keep an eye on when waiting for the good onesw on the tropical bands. /TN



Some interesting features:

- Push-Pull 25L6 output stage with oversized 4400 Ohm 80mA transformer giving undistorted 1.5W.
- Twelve Octal tubes including 'eye' tube.
- High impedance 'phono' input.
- BFO for CW that also works well for later SSB and DSB modes.
- R.F. amp and two I.F. amp stages with selectivity control and noise limiter.
- Heaviest AC-DC set known @ 55 Lbs (25Kg). Shock mounting base.
- Size: 457 mm wide, 489 mm deep, 320 mm high.

DX nostalgia by RFK

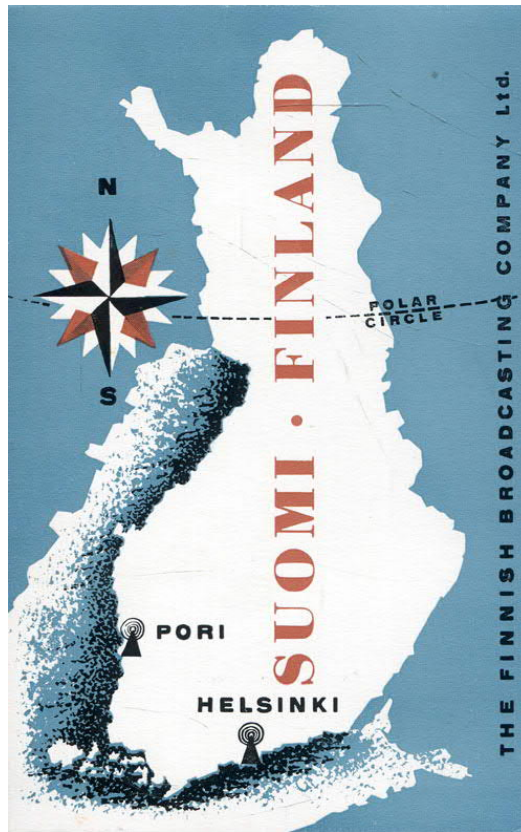
Those were the days.... Lars-Olof Hansson LOH received this QSL card from Radio Sofia in 1961. A similar design was used by many other stations way back then..



Another QSL from the collection of LOH, confirming reception of Radio Nacional de España on 7105 kHz on July 24, 1961.



One of the smaller external services must have been the Finnish Broadcasting Company where the English programmes were produced by the Finnish DX-Club. LOH got this QSL in 1964.



The Finnish DX Club also had their own QSL cards. Here is a somewhat minimalistic example confirming that LOH heard the DX Mailbag Show on April 7, 1964. V/s was DX-Editor Martti Rinne.



The story of the Swedish ship Vasa is wellknown but did you know that Holland had their own Vasa? She was built in 1748 and named the “Amsterdam” after the city. The ship was owned by the Dutch East India Company. Like Vasa she sank on her maiden voyage. On her way to Batavia she went aground and sank in quicksand on Hastings Beach, England on January 26, 1749. After the wreck was discovered in 1969 attempts were made to salvage the ship and return her to Amsterdam for the city’s 700th anniversary in 1975. The painting on my QSL card (for reception of Radio Nederland Bonaire) was made for the Holland Herald magazine by Jan Poortman and the magazine sold posters of this painting to help financing the SAVE THE AMSTERDAM fund. However, the “Amsterdam” was not to be salvaged. A replica of the ship was made and it is now moored next to the Netherlands Maritime Museum in Amsterdam.



If you want to share some of your own old QSLs with us do mail me at [info @ rock.x.se](mailto:info@rock.x.se).