

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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This will be a content rich issue with hopefully interesting information.

We welcome a new member to the mailing list, Dr. Rajan from Indiaq who also is a radio amateur.

We can present an interesting story written by Hannu Tikkanen and first issued in Finnish in Radio Mailmaa. It covers his attempts to log all of the Papuan stations back when the tropical bands were full of them.

Additionally, Stig Adolfsson has provided us with some very rare QSL's from that time. He was an expert in receiving Indonesian and Papuan low power stations.

Thanks a lot both of you for letting us publish this material.

Dario Monferini has passed away and you can read some comments. I met him here in the beginning of the 90'ies when he and some friends visited Sweden.

Dario, a true DX legend - RIP.

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

Devarajan Sankaranarayanan. Please add me to the bulletin mailing list. I am VU2FT, Rajan from MJ88RQ.

From qrz.com: Dr. Rajan, Ambasmudram, Tamilnadu. Born 1956 March 11. Got into SWL in 1969. Got introduced to VU2GW, late Mr. Renga in 1977. When I became his student in Madras Medical College. He taught me CW daily. I got my licence in Feb 1980. Till date active on HF and VHF. Main interest is homebrewing HF and VHF Antennas. I am a BCDXER also.

Feel very welcome to SWB and hope to hear from you for coming issues!

Harald Süß. I send you an old QSL picture from me of XERMX Radio Mexico. I was waiting for 9 Years to get this only QSL from MEX. You can use it for your next issue. Best from Harald Süß

QSL XERMX RADIO MEXICO	QSL XERMX RADIO MEXICO	QSL XERMX RADIO MEXICO	QSL XERMX RADIO MEXICO
" CONFIRMACION ESPECIAL DE INFORME DE RECEPCION "			
Tarjeta QSL que verifica su amable Informe de Recepción de			
QSL card to verify your kind Reception Report of			
fecha date	31-AGOSTO-1976	frecuencia frequency	15385 Khz.
GRACIAS THANK YOU			
MEXICO, D.F. A 18 DE MARZO DE 1985			
20:58 - 21:40 G.M.T.			
ESTA TARJETA QSL VERIFICA SU AMABLE INFORME DE RECEPCION ENVIADO EL 20 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1976.			
Atentamente Cordially			
JOSE ANTONIO MARTINEZ SANCHEZ.			
RADIO MEXICO			
QSL	629		
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Stig Adolfsson. Thanks to our Finnish DX friend for an interesting article about Papua and the quest to hear those exotic stations. I did the same hunt myself and in 1977, which apparently was a favorable year for 120 mb Papuans, I heard all of those tropical band outlets at my home in Grängesberg, central Sweden. In those days I was using an EAC R-390A receiver connected to a vertically polarized delta-loop antenna, resonant at 3,3 MHz but it was working well on 2,5 MHz too. Nice memories....

Översänder ett par tips som kanske kan vara av intresse. - Jag har satt upp en ny dipol, 2x19.5 m som ersätter den gamla, 2x15.5 m som börjat bli lite väderbiten efter ca. 20 år i luften. Den nya antennen matas med 72 ohm bandkabel och antennen utgörs av plastisolerad 2.5 kvadratmm Cu-ledare. Matningspunkten sitter ca. 11 meter ovan mark. Annars är rx:en densamma, Standard Radio CR91. Bästa hälsningar!!

Christer Brunström: Radio Romania International 9740, 13750 sent seven different QSL-cards featuring views of the Danube Delta which reminded me of a stay in Tulcea and the Danube Delta several years ago.

Robert Wilkner. The Mosquito Coast October 2022. "DXing with a Sony 2010, modified by the late Dallas Lankford, with a pre-selector, pre-amplifier and RIT, using the whip antenna. Conditions remain fair in South Florida".

Log

(UTC)

GLENN HAUSER LOG ROUNDUPS. Please note and spread the word - for those not on a list where my almost-daily all-band but mainly SW log reports appear -- or for those who are but find this a more convenient archive, weekly merged roundups of all these reports in their original form are posted early every Thursday via: <http://www.worldofradio.com/Hauserlogs.html>

The latest ones direct: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2022_1020_1026.txt

Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2022_1013_1019.txt

Useful log links:

WOR: <https://groups.io/g/WOR>

SWLDXBulgaria News: <https://groups.io/g/WOR/messages>

WWDXC Top News: <https://www.wwdxc.de/topnews.shtml>

DXplorer: <https://groups.io/g/DXplorer/messages>

DX Fanzine: www.dxfanzine.com (also pirate stations)

Liangas: <https://zliangaslogs.wordpress.com/2022/> (mostly using KIWI's around the world)

Pirates: <https://shortwavedx.blogspot.com/2022/>

3250	Oct21	2035	Korean Central BC Stn. Pyongyang site. Tks. 1 (CGS)
3310	Oct24	2340	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba , noted with weak signal 24 October (Wilkner)
3330u	Oct24	2330	CHU. Time signal (Wilkner)
3945	Oct26	0806	R. Vanuatu; After some time inaudible 3945 has emerged, even if very weak. (LOB-B)
3975	Oct28	-2100*	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pops, ID as Shortwave Radio, s/off ann. 3 (CG)
3995	Oct26	2142	HCJB, Weenermoor. G, tks. 2 (CG)
4750	Oct20	1818	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar. E, Hindustani songs, tks. Poor audio. 3 (CGS)
4760	Oct27	1615	All India Radio, Leh with somewhat improved modulation (better audio). They are now constantly on 4760.003 kHz which is 6 Hz up, compared to last season. Transmitter adjustments ??? Close down this day at 16.30.18. (SA)
4840	Oct18	0826	WWCR, Nashville TN. E, rlg. propag. F/out.0905. 3 (CGS)
4885	Oct24	2340	Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, PA, usual strong signal. (Wilkner) +(CG)
4965	Oct17	1646	Voice Of Hope, Makeni Ranch. Tks, presum. in E. 1 (CGS)
4985	Oct25	0348	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs, program "Madrugada Musical". (Méndez)
5020	Oct22	1018	SIBC - Voice of the Nation, 1018-1058; beautiful program of island songs; 1059, "Voice of the Nation" ID; intro calliope music, then news in English; 1105, mid-way through the news with ID; "You are listening to news from the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation . . ."; with the continued silence of Cuba on 5025 (absent again today!), I am now able to hear bits and pieces from the announcers and am able to really enjoy their island music, even with the QRN (static). Brief audio attached. (Ron Howard, California)
5025.03	Oct23	*1000-	R. Quillabamba - Cusco. S/on 1000 with the usual introductory music, full station ID and frequency anncts. Once again, R. Rebelde was off air, allowing us Aussies to enjoy this Peruvian. However, on this evening, the thunderstorm noise was horrendous. Oct 23. (Wagner – AUS, [WOR] NASWA Flashsheet items Oct 23)

5025 & 5040, Oct 24 at 2318, Rebelde & RHC are still off, nothing into Bonaire SDR (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)			
5920	Oct25	0410	HCJB Germany, Weenermoor, German, religious comments. (Méndez)
5930	Oct23	1836	World Music R, Bramming. Songs & mx. Vy. poor on // 15700, a bit better on // 25800. 2 (CG) + (Bernardini)
5938.3	Oct16	2050	R. Voz Missionária, CamboriúSC. Songs, rlg. propag. momento de oração. // 9664.985. 3 (CGS)
5952	Oct22	2338	R. Pio XII, Bolivia, Siglo Veinte; in the first three minutes only het but from 2341, some fragments of sparse male and female Spanish talks; from 0009 almost continuous male talks, out-side talks. Proeminent het, weak audible talks, unreadable; last check at 0030 was still on what is unusual (LOB-B) + (Wilkner)
5955	Oct25	0550	Sunlite Radio, Westdorpe, pop songs, "Make you feel my love" by Adele, Dutch, comments, id. "Sunlite". (Méndez)
5980	Oct28	1604	Radio New Zealand Int. Rangitaiki, English, Pacific news. 2. (Méndez) + (CGS)
5995	Oct25	2138	R.Mali, Kati. F phone-ins, songs. QRM de KOR. 4 (CG)

6010	Oct18	1200	CNR6, xmtr on with open carrier; 1201, start of audio; // 6165, which was already on the air much earlier; both fair. (Ron Howard, California)
6035	Oct20	1300	"Yunnan Radio International" (PBS Yunnan). Nice to hear an especially clear multi-language ID; followed by half an hour in Vietnamese. (Ron Howard, California)
6070	Oct25	0412	CFRX, Toronto, news, comments. Strong QRM from Channel 292 on the same frequency. (Méndez) + (Wilkner)
6115	Oct24	-1830*	Radio Congo, Brazzaville, French, comments, Afro pop and African songs, more comments, id. "Radio Congo", at 1801 news about Congo, mentioned "Le Congo", at 1823 more African songs and comments. (Méndez) + (Bernardini)
6130	Oct24	1855	Radio Europa, Alphen, id at 2102 "In the 6130 kHz this is Radio Europa". (Méndez)
6130	Oct16	1815	Radio Jong Europe, Alphen aan den Rijn, songs, good (Bernardini)
6135	Oct2	1700	Radio New Zealand Pacific, news EE, weak (Bernardini)
6140	Oct16	1820	Radio Onda, Borculo, Nederland, songs, good (Bernardini)
6180	Oct24	2033	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments, Brazilian songs. // (Méndez)
6185	Oct25	0354	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, Mexican songs, id at 0414: "La onda corta de Radio Educación, 6185 kHz, transmitimos desde la Ciudad de México", more Mexican songs, classical music. (Méndez) + (Wilkner)
7110	Oct25	*0402-	Radio Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, news. (Méndez) + (CGS)
7220	Oct28	1600	Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi, 1600, Oct28, English, id. "This is The Voice of Vietnam, broadcasting from Hanoi...", news "In the headlines...". 3. (Méndez)
7254.9	Oct29	*0555-	Voice of Nigeria, Abuja Lugbe, open with songs, at 0557 int. signal, at 0601 Vernacular, comments. Very strong carrier, very weak audio. Seems to have transmitter problems. 1. (Méndez)
7260	Oct19	-0659*	Radio Vanuatu, island music; usual PSA/promo/advertisements (World Cup Qatar 20-22, get vaccinations, Christmas in the Park, at two different locations, on two different dates, etc.); 0619, weather in Bislama, starting and ending with "Radio Vanuatu, Vois Blong Yumi"; 0631, musical montage ID for Radio Vanuatu, mentioning Tonga, Solomon Islands, Voice of Papua New Guinea, etc.; cut off 0659*. (Ron Howard, California) + (Méndez)
7285	Oct25	0433	Radio Denge Welat via Kostinbrod, Kurdish, comments, Kurdish songs. (Méndez)
7289.93	Oct19	0814	RRI Nabire. Tuned in at 0814 till tuned away at 0914; the usual format of mostly EZL songs; interesting today to note they started the Islamic religious segment three minutes later (heard 0848-0858) than they should have; today didn't hear any RRI singing jingle. (Ron Howard, California) + (LOB-B).
7340	Oct28	1533	PSB Xinjiang, Urumqi, Kazakh, comments. 2. (Méndez)
7385	Oct28	1510	PSB Xizang, Lhasa, Tibet, Tibetan, comments, songs, at 1600 English. 2. (Méndez)
7600	Oct28	1520	Afghanistan International, Gavar, Pashto or Dari, comments. 3. (Méndez)
7890	Oct26	0825	R. Vanuatu (2x3945kHz); instr. music. Significantly better than 3945 but weak (LOB-B).
9265	Oct24	1908	WINB, Red Lyon, Pennsylvania, English, religious comments. (Méndez) + (Bernardini)
9275	Oct23	1930	WMLK Radio Bethel, Bethel PA USA, religious English, good (Bernardini)
9330	Oct23	1935	WBCQ World's Last Chance, Monticello ME USA, talks EE, fair (Bernardini)
9550.1	Oct24	2004	Radio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, religious songs and comments. (Méndez)
9615	Oct23	0706	NHK. Medley of classic rock tunes, Japanese announcements, S7/S9. Yes, it's NHK direct at 0655-0900 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
9620	Oct22	1910	AIR, Bengaluru, DRM French ch1 and Raagam mx c2, discontinuous audio (Bernardini)
9635	Oct17	1143	R.Mali, Kati. F, Afr. mx, fqs. anns, pop px at 1202. Fair on Oct 21 at 1200, rtd. 3 (CGS)
9655	Oct16	1655	Radio New Zealand Pacific DRM English text id "New Zealand News RNZ PACIFIC" no audio SNR 8.4 dB (Bernardini)
9664.88	Oct10	2022	Voz Missionaria, Florianópolis Comboriú, religious, good (Bernardini) + (Méndez) + (CGS)
9700	Oct16	1725	Radio New Zealand Pacific, English reports, good (Bernardini)
9705	Oct10	2030	Radio Vaticana, Santa Maria Galeria, French program, good (Bernardini)
9730	Oct10	2035	Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi-Sontay, French reports, good (Bernardini)
9818.9	Oct24	2027	Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious comments, (Méndez) + (Bernardini)
9835	Oct24	1245	Sarawak FM - Live coverage of the closing ceremony for the 62nd International Holy Qur'an Competition; pre-ceremony announcers started at 1245 UT; National Anthem at 1304 and into awards ceremony with the usual multi-language announcements (heard Malay, Arabic, English and again this year no French, which had been used many years ago); name, country and points awarded for the winners of the various categories of competition; poor reception, with overall very poor propagation today; cut off at 1401*. Back in 2015, had better reception than today for a closing ceremony. The format and much of the wording was the same as heard today. Back in 2015, this recording was infinitely better than today's reception! https://app.box.com/s/us8bqf2s97hox4q67nx4xjmsnzj9ebme . (Ron Howard, California) + (Méndez) + (CGS)
9920	Oct22	1915	Radio Thailand, Udun Thani, talks in Thai, very good (Bernardini)
9940	Oct22	1920	TWR, Manzini Swaziland, program in an African language, very good (Bernardini)
11610	Oct15	1806	VOA in Amharic with a woman with talk - Very Good (Coady-ON)
11625	Oct22	1905	R. Japan - NHK World, Yamata, talks in Japanese, fair good (Bernardini)

11715	Oct20	1826	R.NZPacific, Rangitaiki. Pacif. lang., nx, songs. 4 (CGS)
11725	Oct21	1800	Radio New Zealand Pacific, news, reports, interview English very good (Bernardini)
11740	Oct15	2107	CNR China Business Radio (Beijing) in Mandarin with a woman with talk – Fair. This is a legitimate frequency that has been registered with the HFCC. It's audio feed can, and often is, used by the Chinese authorities for jamming western broadcasters. (Coady-ON)
11760	Oct15	1800	Firedrake jamming RFA in Mandarin via Kuwait with the hour long symphony of string, woodwind, and percussion instrumentals – Very Good (Coady-ON)
11780	Oct25	0815	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Brazilian songs, comments. (Méndez) + (Bernardini)
11810	Oct15	2055	CNR8 (Beijing) in Mongolian with high-pitched female vocals to a choral anthem at 2100 and a man and woman with ID and talk – Fair under BBC then in the clear at 2059. (Coady-ON)
11810	Oct15	2155	KBS World Radio with IS to 2200 then ID and opening music - Fair with CNR (Coady-ON)
11815.02	Oct10	2045	Radio Brasil Central, Goiânia, songs, Portuguese, fair good (Bernardini)
11835	Oct28	0950	Radio Vanuatu on their 3 rd harmonic of 3945 kHz. Surprisingly good reception for more than one hour with much religious content, such as “Are you ready for marriage” and with “country-soul” music and songs, performed by local artists. At 10.56 the female announcer proclaimed “Vanuatu time is now ten o'clock” after which the stn closed, still however with the tx carrier on the air. Strange that Radio Vanuatu allows such strong harmonics to be transmitted. These harmonics are normally suppressed. (SA) + (Ron Howard, California) +(Méndez) + (LOB-B).
11860	Oct21	1810	Radio Yemen via Jeddah Saudi Arabia, Arabic songs, QRM Radio Marti (Bernardini)
11880	Oct22	1900	AWR Talata-Volondry Madagascar, Arabic program, good (Bernardini)
11885	Oct21	1830	Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi, start bc in German, very good (Bernardini)
11895.2	Oct24	2030	Radio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, religious comments, id. “Rede Boa Vontade de Radio, estamos apresentando...”. // 9550.1. (Méndez)
11930	Oct23	1805	Radio Marti, Greenville NC USA, Spanish reports, fair (Bernardini)
11985	Oct21	1820	Radio Free Asia, Agnign Point North Mariana Island, Korean talks, fair good (Bernardini)
12050	Oct21	1835	Radio Ndarason International, Ascension Island, in Kanuri to Nigeria, talks, good (Bernardini)
15189.9	Oct24	1920	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, comments, songs, id. “Radio Inconfidencia”, at 2002 “A Hora do Fazendeiro”. (Méndez)
15190	Oct23	1810	Radio Pilipinas, Tinang, talks in Tagalog, good (Bernardini)
15475.83	Oct26	1548	LRA36. LSB! I notice some offside SSB talk QRM while still tuned to 15475.98 USB, eventually resolved by LSB tuning to this frequency, Spanish talk about Marambio base, so this is certainly LRA36 on a new frequency and maybe new/different transmitter! YL host is chatting with OM guest. I can never get the audio to sound just right, stepping up and down at 10 Hz intervals; even more so during music breaks. Initially there was a reduced carrier which should have made it easier to pinpoint, but then no carrier, pure LSB, S6/S7. 1557 “aquí en Base Esperanza”; 1600 music; 1604.5 standard canned ID for LRA36 with staff names, “Nacional, nos une”, a defacto sign-off, and music for some time but did not notice exactly when it went off, well before 1624 check; I let it run until 1637, but nothing further (Glenn Hauser, OK)
15510	Oct15	1822	IBRA Radio/Radio Samaat in Arabic talk and lively folk vocals – Very Good (Coady-ON)
15520	Oct23	1815	R. Exterior de Espana, Noblejas, sport in Spanish, excellent (Bernardini)
15580	Oct15	1827	VOA with a “Nightline Africa” telephone interview between two African-accented men about the Electoral Commission of Zambia and efforts to get it to respect recent court decisions – Very Good. (Coady-ON)
15700	Oct23	1556	World Music R, Randers. Songs & mx. 2 (CG)
15720	Oct26	1310	WINB in DRM, Red Lion PA, English religious, Fair signal S8 slow fading audio with interruptions (Bernardini)
15770	Oct23	1820	Supreme Master TV via WRMI, Okeechobee, FL USA, music talks English, fair (Bernardini)
15825	Oct23	1830	WWCR, Nashville TN USA, religious talks English, fair good (Bernardini)
17600	Oct23	1835	Radio Algerienne (pres), Bechar Algeria, Arabic, talks songs, good (Bernardini)
21670	Oct18	1000	Saudi Radio. With program in perfect English and many ‘random’ IDs instead of the awaited Indo program. I recorded this after 1045 in this address https://app.box.com/s/esb7lbenfdwm10yovm7x2itpyt5sr19o and then played with the antenna connection starting inductively then using alligator plug to get the highest signal. The most used ID was ‘the heart of ???’ with Star FM also heard. At 28.52 in the recording you can hear the ID “This is the public service of Saudi radio” There is also a background program in Farsi also mentioning Saudi Arabia. At 45.40 you can listen the Indonesian program. The time is around 1125. I first found this info on reddit posted 7 days ago. The poster mentions SABC’s night broadcast towards Indonesia. Someone there noticed also the address to aloela.sa, that leads to SABC. Small addition: today Oct 19 R Saudi Intl was reverted back to indo program on 9050 and 1003 as tested locally, via THS kSDR and Canary Islands where the sound is echoed (= mixed short and long path). This is their proper web page https://www.aloula.sa/ (Liangas)

I think the ID at 28.52 may be "SR FM - Saudia Radio" SR FM rather than Star FM. (Dave Kenny via WOR)

25800 Oct28 1435 World Music Radio, Marslet, Latin American songs, Andean flute music, id. "World Music Radio, WMR", pop songs. 3. (Méndez) + (CGS)

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3910 Oct25 2131 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
 3930 Oct25 2133 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
 3945 Oct27 2206 R.Echo Of Unification (cland.), Chongjin. Kor to KOR, tks. 3 (CG)
 3985 Oct24 2103 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Gyengi-do. Kor to KRE, tks. // 4880, 6245, 9095. 3 (CG)
 3990 Oct18 1131 Echo of Hope - VOH, 3990 // 4885 // 6000 // 6250 // 6355 // 9100, on Oct 18 (Tuesday) with all of the frequencies for this week; at 1131, English language weekday lesson; "I am here to deposit my money. I am here to protect you. I am here to see her," etc.; 9100, very good reception, but earlier was jammed by N. Korea! (Ron Howard, Calif.) + (CG)
 4450 Oct20 2143 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks, songs. CODAR QRM. 2 (CGS)
 4885 Oct20 1820 R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. // 3990, 6250, 6355.062. 3 (CGS)
 4890 Oct15 2046 R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks, tks in E too. Jammed. // 6255, 9105. 2 (CGS)
 5995 Oct25 2144 R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Gyengi-do. Kor to KRE, western pops. QRM de MLI. // 3985, 4880, 6245, 9095. 2 (CG)
 6245 Oct24 1645 Echo of Hope, Seoul, Korean, comments, music
 6245 Oct24 2101 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE. // 3985. 4880, 9095. 3 (CG) + (Méndez)
 6250 Oct17 1648 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, E also heard. 2 (CGS)
 6340.2 Oct28 2047 Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CG)
 6350.1 Oct16 2102 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. Occ. uty. QRM. 2 (CGS)
 6355.1 Oct20 1822 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. // 3990, 4885, 6350. 2 (CGS)
 6370 Oct26 2140 Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CG)
 6520 Oct16 2104 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. A bit worse on // 6600. 2 (CGS)
 9100 Oct21 2132 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, western pop oldies. 3 (CGS)
 9105 Oct15 2058 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, western piano mx, ID, jingle for nx at 2100. 3 (CGS)
 9180.1 Oct15 2107 Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
 11460.1 Oct21 1403 Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Better at 1600. 1 (CGS)
 12190 Oct21 1405 Sound Of Hope R Int'l, unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CGS)

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Station news

BRASIL. ZYG851 Radio Cacique de Sorocaba, 2470 reactivated



Olá Glenn, buenos dias. Una informacion para Ud. Radio Cacique, Sorocaba SP (Brasil) con su transmisor de onda corta reactivado en la Frecuencia 2470 kHz, banda de 120 metros Escuchada de 0600 a 0704 UTC el 19 de octubre de 2022 con el programa "Madrugada Cacique" en Mairiporã SP (Brasil).

<https://youtu.be/IGKeYowgvaQ>

/Sérgio Dória Partamian, Mairiporã -SP – Brasil

[Glenn Hauser via WOR]

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[Glenn Hauser via WOR]

Having listened to the AM webstream of Rádio Cacique at <https://radiocacique.com.br/popup-player> for some time, I now can confirm that they also announce 2470 kHz. Usually they only mention 1160 kHz, but some minutes ago they played the song audible on the you tube video and later announced 1160 and 2470 kHz. So it is indeed some kind of re-activation of a station that tropical bands expert Anker Peterson wrote off in 2005 as last heard in August 2004 and not a stunt of a Brazilian pirate. (Dr Hansjoerg Biener 23 October 2022 via WOR)

GUATEMALA. Re: [WOR] Update from Radio Verdad

Google translation of the mail I have reviewed:

"The two test transmissions that we did yesterday and the day before yesterday (for two hours each), you could have heard them yourself in Spain, if you had been ready to tune in. Probably we won't do any more tests these days, until we move the whole team to Chiquimula, when we will go on the air permanently. I will announce it on Facebook when we are already in the air. You are right about your skepticism, because this is a new invention unknown to most people. We launch the signal to 4 satellites, and the satellites send the signal to countless local transmitters, which transmit by short wave. Such transmitters belong to the company TelNet Transmissions, and they rent the service from us. They are countless transmitters all over the world. For that reason, our signal is heard very clearly and powerfully. When we are permanently on the air, you will report us an excellent signal. May God bless and keep you.

Dr. Édgar Aílcar Madrid General Manager of Radio Truth and Radio Truth International"

I think the fraud is clear, the scammers convince him not to announce the test transmission, knowing that no listener is going to report the reception, and then they themselves write to him saying that it was heard in Chile, Bolivia, or the place they want.

I contacted Antonio Videz, videzantiodx@gmail.com, who the director of Radio Verdad reports as the listener who received the transmission, so that he could inform me of the details of the reception, and evidently, did not respond to my email.

Surely Antonio Vivez does not exist and that email address was created for the occasion.

The problem is that D. Édgar is so convinced that there is no way to reason with him.
(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain)

Other radio news

[WOR] New upgraded C Crane Skywave SSB 2



Coming in December... the upgraded C Crane Skywave SSB 2, a receiver with improved audio, a USB jack to use for recharging Ni-MH batteries, and a connection for wire antennas to the 1/8 inch jack. And, C Crane will include its 23 foot reel antenna with the new Skywave radio.

You will pay more for the improvements as this Skywave SSB 2 will be sold at \$199.99... look for occasional promotional offers and discounts at ccrane.com.

<https://ccrane.com/pocket-radios/>

(Joe Hanlon, NJ via WOR)

DX Clube Sem Fronteiras

Greetings friends, DX Clube Sem Fronteiras informs friends Dexistas, Radio listeners, Radio amateurs and radio stations from Brazil and the world, that from today "October 23, 2022" they can send messages of "Congratulations" on the celebration of the 10 "ten" years of the DX Clube Sem Fronteiras that will be completed in March 2023.

The messages will be published in the newsletter "DX Without Borders" in its anniversary "Special Edition" that will be published in March 2023. Messages can be sent by the following means: by email: dxclubesemfronteiras@gmail.com dxcsf@dxclubesemfronteiras.com by Whatsapp: +55 81 99257-1734 by mail: DX Club Without Borders, PO Box 77, CEP: 55002-970, Caruaru, Pernambuco, Brazil

The messages must be "written" and have "identification" of the respective friends as: - first and last name, city, state (province) and country. From now on, DX Clube Sem Fronteiras thanks everyone for their attention and prestige.

Yours sincerely, Antonio Avelino Director DX Club Without Borders

Website: www.dxclubesemfronteiras.com

Dario Monferini RIP

Friends has just announced Dario Monferini passed away this morning in the home for the elders where he was hospitalized since he had suffered a series of strokes since May 2020.

It's hard to express what Dario and his renowned Play DX bulletin, his DX trips to radio station and conventions all over the world (despite his mobility problems), a legendary knowledge of the local FM frequencies landscape and his uniquely extensive collection of stickers and "pennants" have meant in the last 50 years for serious DXing in Italy and elsewhere. For the better and for the worse, I would personally add.

If I'm not mistaken Dario had just turned 72. I've met him in 1976 for the first time here in Milan, where he lived at the historical address of "via Davanzati 8"

Ciao Dario, ci rivedremo alla fine dell'ultimo viaggio!
(73, Andy Lawendel)

Remebering Dario Monferini, PlayDX editor and DXer

Hello there from IRRS_Shortwave,

With a heavy heart, we say our goodbyes to Dario Monferini, a member of the NEXUS-IBA and IRRS family of listeners and supporters for over thirty years. Dario Monferini passed away after a long illness in the early morning of Monday, October 17, 2022.

Dario was also integral to our small but passionate group of listeners and DXers. He was more than just a friend and supporter; he became a close friend to us at NEXUS-IBA. After such a tragic event, it is hard to stay positive, but we can't help but remember all the laughs and faces he brought to our lives while we were blessed with having him around.

Dario's funeral will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 8:30 AM at the Church of San Nicola Vescovo, via Livigno 21, Milano (Italy).

You may read more about Dario on our blog at: <https://www.nexus.org/dario-monferini/>

We will remember Dario over the air with repeats of his special editions of the Play DX radio show, broadcasted by IRRS in 1989-1990. All this over the next week-ends between October 21-23 and October 28-30, 2022, at various times, on Shortwave, Medium Wave and streaming. In addition, a special broadcast will be aired on Saturday, October 22 and October 29, 2020, 10:00-11:00 CET (08:00-09:00 UTC) on 9510 kHz.

For more information on our schedules, please visit our website at: <https://nexus.org>.
(73, Ron Norton via WOR)

Remebering Dario Monferini, PlayDX editor and DXer

Hi Dario. You turned off the JRC and left, leaving all of us at Play DX alone. How many years together, how many years since that Monday when Nazario said that by writing to Dario Monferini - Via Davanzati 8 - 20158 Milan you could ask for the list of broadcasters that had made the flag. The list came, the first Play DX arrived and it all started from there. At the beginning it was difficult, I had a 35,000 lire laptop but what a thrill when I saw that even with that little radio I could repeat one of your plays, either from Franco, or Giuseppe, or Rocco, or Andrea or Flavio. The first Venezuelan on 60 meters arrived, and then, with finally a real RX, the legendary Grundig Satellit 3400, the first American on medium waves and even RPA felt at the height of being able to collaborate on the Play DX. The first meetings to exchange stickers and travels also arrived, the first for the EDXC in Sitges and the last in Canada in 2015, passing through Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, meeting many of our colleagues from overseas, the DX nights in Denmark, Sweden, Finland, CO.RAD., I don't want to brag and boast you but what we two, and everyone else, managed to do with CO.RAD. will remain unrepeatable, the jokes that every now and then we exchanged and that only we understood "Tu Manità", "Dammi one", "Regiana's candegiana", "the usually one liter".

Now you are gone, you have reached that great celestial DX Camp where we will all arrive. When we meet again we will exchange our usual greeting "Hola", we will turn on a radio, Henry will slightly adjust the tune and we will listen to Ondas del Huallaga and Radio Jesus del Gran Poder again.

Let the earth be light to you Dario, you have suffered enough in this world.
(Roberto Pavanello + google translation by Glenn Hauser, WOR)

My Dario story

I hesitated to relate this, but -- an example of his being one of a kind, fondly: When I was getting Play-DX by postal air-mail, he asked me to cut out and return the stamps to him, something which I did not want to bother with. Besides, I am a stamp collector. But examining closely some of his mailings, it appeared that some of the stamps were spliced/mergers of two stamps, i.e. the uncanceled portions of each - I wonder if anyone else had such an experience.

Now we know how he could afford to globetrot?
(73 and RIP, Glenn Hauser via WOR)

Each single postal officer in Milan knew about him. At Dario's cluttered shack I saw incoming mails marked with a simple "Dario Monferini - Milano" as an address! His prowess with "refurbished" stamps was a pillar in Dario's folklore, on par with "Monferinglish" and temper.

A less known financial "instrument" at his hands came from his work as a telephone switch operator at a local appliances brand a few blocks away via Davanzati, later on acquired by a big corporation. When I started reading Play DX I wondered how he could possibly have so many fresh news re LA stations when a letter literally take months to come. It turned out he actually called many of his contacts at his employer expenses. In a way, he had anticipated current "flat rates" in a time when others payed dear for each single phone "tick". In the end however, the employer was not at all happy and that suddenly facilitated Dario's early retirement, sparking his globetrotter career as well.

(Andy Lawendel via WOR)

Dario Monferini with friends visiting Sweden and John Ekwall at his summerhouse on Karön, Ronneby, Sweden

John Ekwall: It took a bit of searching for a picture but finally I found at least one picture. I know I took several photos from the visit in August 1990 to Karön with Dario Monferini, Bernhard Gründl and Juan Carlos Codina.

(John Ekwall)

At the same trip those three guys also visited my home here in Ängelholm but can't find any pictures. (TN)



On the stairs from left Dario Monferini, Juan Carlos Codina and Bernhard Gründl.

Juan Carlos Codina died in July 1995

Bernhard Gründl was a top European DXer until he and his travelling companion Renata untimely were killed in a car crash in June 1991.

Some posts about our DXer friend Dario Monferini

And here you can find some posts about our DXer friend Dario Monferini, he left us on October 17:

<https://playdxblog.blogspot.com/2022/10/dario-ci-ha-lasciati-con-lui-se-ne-va.html>

<https://playdxblog.blogspot.com/2022/10/dario-monferini-remembrance-by-alan.html>

<http://dx-garraf.blogspot.com/2022/10/dario-va-ser-radio.html>

(Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy)

Kusalik's Kaper Number Two

Back in 1977, on the weekend of May the 21st to the 22nd, the second Kusalik's Kaper Number Two was held. After the success of the first event, the second event was even better. This event had members from the Ontario DX Association (ODXA) as well as members from the Great Lakes DX Association (GLDXA), based in Lansing, Michigan. The event was held at our country home, outside of Chatham, Ontario.

Attendees started to arrive on the Friday evening and quickly took over the Garage with receiver and other peripheral equipment. Antennas, where various, but the main was the massive 120/90-meter dipoles, with two beverage antennas running the property line.

Besides tasty food and liquid refreshments, the receivers were buzzing with not just AM signals but Shortwave as well. On the Quiz events, the attendees needed to brush up dealing with historic both Medium Wave and Shortwave as well as Interval Signals questions. Gilfer Associates from New Jersey proved the prizes.



The group picture shows the following attendees:

Left to right” Joanne and Ed Kusalik (with our daughter Tanya), Gail and Nandor Petrov from Thunder Bay, Randy Moyle, Harold, and Linda Sellers Barry Leslie Jones from Toronto. Paul Routhenburg from Williamsford, Fred McClenaghan from Toronto, Bill Whitacre (GLDXA) Lansing, Michigan, Neil Wolfish from Toronto, Martin Fultz (GLDXA) from Lansing, Michigan, John Leonardelli from Toronto and finally Andy Robbins (GLDXA) from Lansing, Michigan. Missing from the photo Claude Arsenault Newmarket as he took the photo.

Number Three was held in 1980 with just a few invited guests, for the last one to be held, afterwards our family and I moved to Alberta.
(Edward Kusalik)

What awaits sports broadcasting in the Russian Federation.

The spring of 2022 has become a time of disappointment for domestic fans of team sports. Only in March, Russia was deprived of the rights to display the English Premier League (EPL), championships of France (League 1), Portugal (Primeira League), Scotland (Scottish Premiership), National Hockey League (NHL), Formula 1, matches of the National Basketball Association (NBA), the Eurosport Russia TV channel stopped broadcasting. Together with experts, we will discuss what has changed in sports broadcasting in recent years and try to understand what the current situation will lead to ...

Details in Russian - <https://telesputnik.ru/materials/content/article/cto-zdet-sportivnoe-veshhanie-v-rf>
(<https://vk.com/telesputnik>)
(RUS-DX #1207)

A detective story of the invention of radio.

In 1819, professor at the University of Copenhagen, Hans Christian Oersted, during a lecture demonstration of an experiment with electricity (heating a wire with a current passed through it), noticed that the arrow of a marine compass deviates while current flows through a nearby wire. Thus, Oersted discovered the connection between electricity and magnetism. Further, this phenomenon was investigated and the first theoretical explanation was given to it by the French physicist Andre-Marie Ampere and the English physicist Michael Faraday ...

Details in Russian - https://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID_84308/
(OnAir.ru) (RUS-DX #1207)

Leaders are changing on the Russian TV market.

The TV market in Russia in 2022 has changed. Leadership in terms of sales is moving from South Korean brands to Chinese and Russian. The interlocutors of Telesputnik note that with the departure of well-known foreign manufacturers, there was no shortage of devices, and prices for smart TV remained at the level of February ...

Details in Russian - <https://telesputnik.ru/materials/trends/article/na-rossiiskom-rynke-televizorov-smenyayutsya-lidery>
(<https://vk.com/telesputnik>)
(RUS-DX #1207)

TEXAS RADIO SHORTWAVE

November 2022 Program Schedule

UTC Date	UTC	Station	Freq	Program
Nov 5	2300	WRMI	5950	Texas Towns (I've Been Everywhere)
Nov 6	0000	WRMI	5950	2022 State Fair of Texas - Week 1
Nov 6	0100	WRMI	5950	Texans with Billboard Hot 100 #1 Hits
Nov 6	1200	WRMI	15770	2022 State Fair of Texas - Week 1
Nov 13	0000	WRMI	5950	2022 State Fair of Texas - Week 2
Nov 13	0100	WRMI	5950	Texas Towns (I've Been Everywhere)*
Nov 13	0200	WRMI	5950	Texans with Billboard Hot 100 #1 Hits*
Nov 13	1200	WRMI	15770	2022 State Fair of Texas - Week 2
Nov 19	0900	Channel 292	9670	Third Anniversary
Nov 19	1800	Channel 292	3955	2022 State Fair of Texas - Week 2
Nov 20	0000	WRMI	5950	Frontier Town (2 episodes)
Nov 20	0100	WRMI	5950	Old 97s
Nov 20	0200	WRMI	5950	Radio Igloo (Sweden)
Nov 20	1200	WRMI	15770	Radio Igloo (Sweden)
Nov 27	0000	WRMI	5950	Third Anniversary
Nov 27	0100	WRMI	5950	2022 State Fair of Texas - Week 2*
Nov 27	0200	WRMI	5950	Frontier Town (2 episodes)*
Nov 27	0300	WBCQ	6160	Third Anniversary
Nov 27	1200	WRMI	15770	Third Anniversary

* Repeated program.

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New Klingenfuss products for 2023: 600+ Kiwi-SDRs worldwide !

Dear friends, the maximum of the current solar cycle 25 is expected for mid-2025.

Sunspot numbers have quickly ramped up and are already exceeding predictions. We'll see good to excellent high-frequency (HF) long-distance propagation conditions throughout 2023 and far beyond.

More than 600 Kiwi-SDRs are available at www.kiwisdr.com allowing easy global monitoring and decoding of professional HF digital data stations. Hundreds of pertinent screenshots will be published in our brandnew 2023 editions. See dozens of samples on our hotfrequencies website!

We're now working on our new products:

<p>to be published on 10 December 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2023/2024 Guide to Utility Radio Stations - 2023 Shortwave Frequency Guide - 2023 Super Frequency List on CD - 2023 Frequency Database for the Perseus SDR 	<p>Full-resolution title page graphics can be found at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <www.klingenfuss.org/g_2023.gif> <www.klingenfuss.org/g_2023.pdf> <www.klingenfuss.org/r_2023.jpg> <www.klingenfuss.org/r_2023.pdf> <www.klingenfuss.org/s_2023.gif> <www.klingenfuss.org/s_2023.pdf>
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If you are able to supply additional new frequencies and stations, your cooperation would be highly appreciated. Please let us have your data by 20 October 2022.

The continuously updated product Digital Data Decoder Screenshots on USB Stick now covers more than 24,000 (twenty four thousand!) screenshots from 1997 to today. Feed your PC or Tablet with this data, and the "slide show" will keep you busy for a few days - or weeks!

Shortwave is dead? Well, we've been told so ... for 54+ years. More than 1,000 (one thousand!) selected new digital data decoder screenshots will be published on our 2023 Super Frequency List on CD ;-)

Best wishes, Joerg Klingenfuss, Klingenfuss Publications

www.klingenfuss.org e-mail: info -at- klingenfuss.org

(WORLDWIDE DX CLUB Top News #1520 Oct 21, 2022)

Remote Ham Shack with camouflage by OH1MAC



Hittade en bra artikel i senaste Radiomaailma om en fantastisk remote QTH anläggning som en viss Marco Johansson i Helsingfors och som kanske skulle intressera flera av läsarna.

<https://oh1mac.eu/blog/?p=867>

Finns en hel del annat spännande på hans sida också.
(BIH – Bernt-Ivan Holmberg)

RME Fifty

The **Radio Manufacturing Engineers 50** is a follow up on the concept of its [RME 45B](#) model by adding a narrow-band FM detector, some cosmetic changes, and christening it the RME-50. Later production runs also abandoned the 45's loctal tubes in favor of miniatures and octals.



Manufacturer: Radio Mfg. Engineers, Inc. (RME); Peoria.
Model: RME-50 from 1952/1953.
11 tubes.
Superhet with RF-stage, IF-Freq 455 kHz

General coverage communications receiver covering 540 - 33 MHz in six bands (0,54-1,6 / 1,6-2,9 / 2,9-5,4 / 5,4-9,8 / 9,8 - 18 / 18-33).

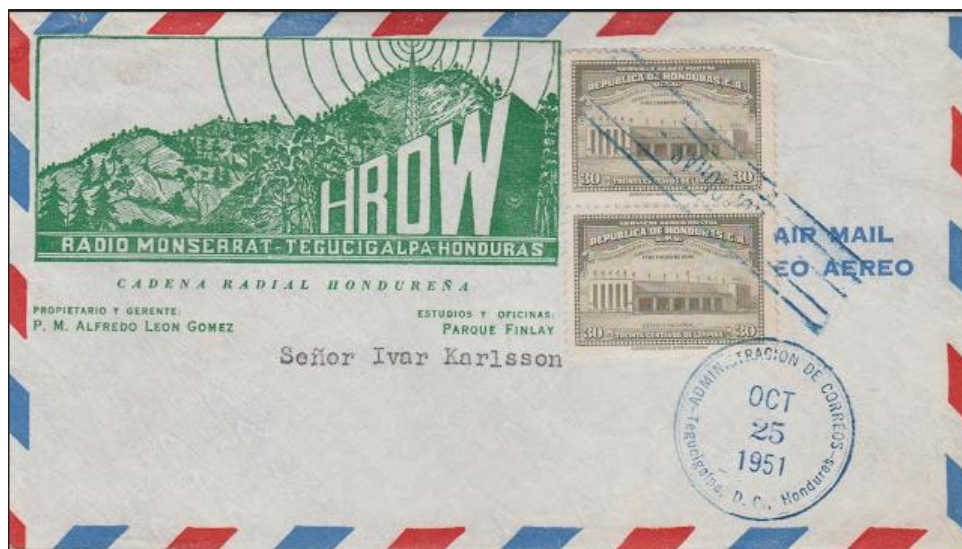
Very similar to RME-49B, but with NB FM adaptor already integrated.

Net weight 20 kg

Mentioned in Communication Receivers. Not very popular when new and now of interest mainly to RME collectors. Likely a \$50-150 radio depending upon condition and bidding wars.

Info from: <https://antiqueradios.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=172104>

Read all about it here: http://wd4eui.com/National_125.html or here: http://wd4eui.com/Antique_Radios_Televisions.html



Picture from: <http://vintageqsl.blogspot.com/>

Memories from the past

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Text and pictures: HANNU TIKKANEN, Espoo, Finland
This article was originally published in RADIOMAILMA 1/2021



When one combines such DX-terms as tropical bands, Papua New Guinea and the past years, one gets a great nostalgia ride with Papuan shortwave stations. These stations belonged to the most interesting shortwave listening category, should this Eastern listening direction have excited the listener at all. It was partly because of the exoticism of their distant locations but also because of the challenges to hear the most difficult stations.

In the current expedition sites with the multitude of SDR receivers and the professionally built antenna farms all the Papuans would have been easy to catch in one season, but it wasn't like that in the old days – and luckily so, I would say. To hear and report some of these stations was a pleasant challenge and the feeling of success was also high.

Majority of the Papuan stations were heard for the first time in the 1970s though a few had been regularly heard already in the '60s. The most active listening years were from 1970s to the end of the millennium, though there were still lots of PNG loggings from the first decade of this century too. Those were the common 75 meter band stations though, many had already disappeared. Gradually one after another also the last transmitters went cold and the shortwaves became silent.

As an independent country Papua New Guinea is young, having gained independence in 1975. The territories of the current PNG state were already captured by Great Britain and Germany by the end of the 19th century. British New Guinea territory was placed under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1902 by the British, and Germany's New Guinea territory was occupied by Australia during the first world war. This formed the Territory of Papua until its independence. Administratively, the country is divided into twenty provinces, the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and the Capital Region. The names of the provinces were also clearly identifiable in the provincial station names.

DX-listeners are famed for having an ability to recognize and identify large number of exotic languages. PNG offers a real challenge for even the most hard-core linguists; after all, altogether more than eight hundred

different languages are spoken on the islands. However, the programs of the Papuan stations were mainly in pidgin (officially Tok Pisin) and police motu (Hiri Motu) in addition to English.

With this short introduction we can deep dive into the stations. National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) ran a total of twenty short wave stations in 19 provinces and one in the capital region. In addition, a few private stations operated on shortwaves just to disappear after only a few years of existence. The stations have been listed in chronological personal listening order.

Home sweet home – listening in the golden 1970s

Of course, one remembers hearing the first Papuan stations better than some of the latter ones. I had got a new Trio 9R-59DS in late summer 1974, and the secrets of the tropical bands gradually started to open up for an enthusiast explorer. So, in the fall I was ready for Far East and Oceania.

NBC Port Moresby 4890 kHz was naturally the most common PNG, and probably everyone started their Papuans listening to this one. A decent 10 kW power, quite free a channel and a relatively high frequency in comparison with the other Papuans was a combination that offered nice reception resulting 333 verifications to Finland starting from 1957. Port Moresby became also my first PNG in early October 1974, just as soon as the early afternoons were dark enough to carry the radio waves from Papua. The verification's letterhead became very familiar along the way, as almost all the NBC stations used the same format in their answers.

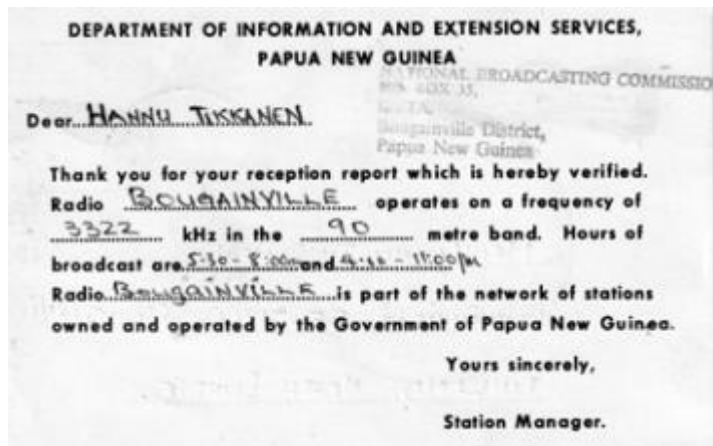
Radio East Sepik, Wewak 3335 kHz was the second easiest Papuan judged by the number of verifications. Its location on the northern seaside of the island must have given a good skip over the water towards North Europe. As the second easiest PNG it was logically also my number two, heard on the Independence Day of the same year '74. On this wintry day and the following day, the conds were really favourable towards Oceania: a lot of Papuan frequencies offered reception just to choose from. Of course, the reporting had to start with the strongest signals, and even there the choice was hard. A full hour passed getting a report for Radio East Sepik, but the time was well spent; the verification finally arrived. They didn't rush into things though, the letter is dated 12 months after my listening. But it was worth waiting for!

Radio East New Britain, Rabaul 3385 kHz was also heard on Independence Day. Number three on my list, and the bronze place by the number of QSLs received in Finland. Radio East New Britain got also full hour report until their sign off. As the name indicates, the province is located on the island of New Britain, covering its eastern part. Rabaul was almost completely destroyed by two volcano eruptions in 1994, and the provincial capital was moved to the city of Kokopo.

Radio Milne Bay, Alotau 3360 kHz was a difficult target thanks to severe utility QRM, as I still remember from decades ago. In the '70s, tropical bands were full of utility stations, and with a very basic receiver like Trio there was not much you could do to avoid the QRM. You couldn't even imagine SSB-listening with Trio, and the additional more professional filter packs came along only as of early 1980s. But the patience was rewarded on the very same Independence Day also by the nice Radio Milne Bay reception. Seems that on that particular day even all the semi-difficult Papuan stations would have been available, if only there had been time enough! A verification arrived in the following August, so also Milne Bay's response time was long. The Milne Bay province covers the eastern tail of New Guinea, a group of about 600 islands, of which only a few are inhabited. In Milne Bay they speak about 50 different languages, which is really nothing compared to some other provinces.

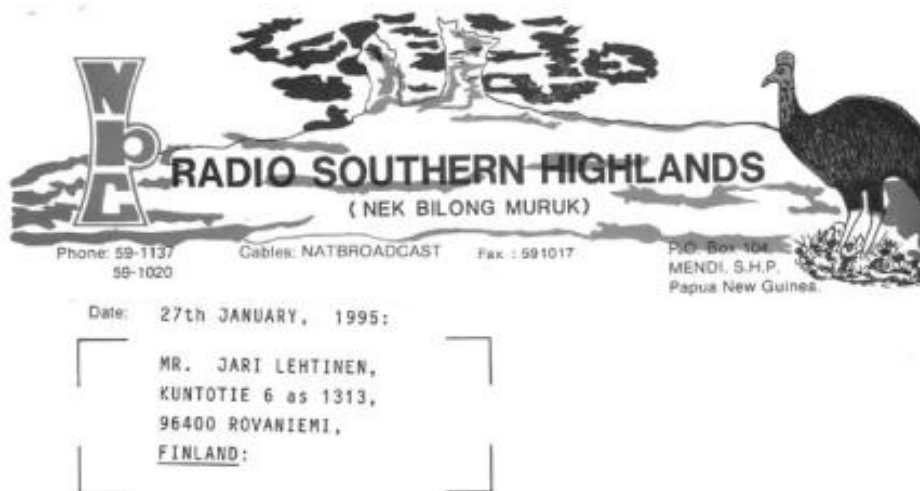


Radio Bougainville, Kieta 3322.5 kHz had a slightly peculiar and exact split frequency. After surviving the Independence Day's tidal wave of Papuan reception I thought it was over for a while, but the fun wasn't over yet; next day Radio Bougainville finalized the PNG weekend. The same Saturday I also reported ABC Brisbane 4920 kHz and ORTF Nouméa 3355 kHz, so these two days were quite busy towards Oceania. Like the others also Radio Bougainville responded after a very long waiting time with their QSL-card.



Bougainville's recent history is perhaps less known: this northern island province already declared itself independent in 1975, just before the independence of Papua New Guinea as "the Republic of the Solomon Islands". About 20,000 people died in the struggle for independence as late as 1988-1997. There are important mines located in Bougainville, which account for almost half of the budget revenues of the entire Papua New Guinea, and the residents of the province feel that they only get the disadvantages of mining business with the benefits going elsewhere. In 1997 after the peace negotiations Bougainville got status as an autonomous province. However, in an advisory referendum of 2019 98% of the voters supported independence instead of even wider self-government, so there may still be a continuation of the process.

Radio Western District, Daru 3305 kHz was a Christmas Eve gift of the very same year. Just to be sure the station replied twice with a giant verification sheet, which had a detailed description of the active stations at the time of printing: only eight stations. Based on the small number of the stations on the map the sheet must have been printed way back in the '60s.



Western Province borders Indonesia as a neighbour and is the largest one in PNG. The provincial administration prefers to use the name Fly River province, but the name has not been formalized. The Fly River cuts through the province with a length of thousand kilometers and the province is quite sparsely populated.

Radio Madang 3260 kHz

was a tough one thanks to a strong Chinese station on the frequency. But the station got a lucky break, when the condition was really favourable on Boxing Day of the same year '74: the programming managed to surface occasionally from severe interference. Madang also used the above-mentioned giant-sized, folded brochure with the photos and maps of the stations. v/s had carefully overdrawn and corrected all the outdated information in the brochure including the old station names and addresses. In this province alone there are 175 different languages spoken, some of which by only about a thousand people.

Radio Manus, Lorengau 3905 kHz has the honour of being the last Papuan station picked up in the golden '70s. Radio Manus was usually heard in the late evening hours, when it started the morning broadcast, and at that time of day I also managed to hear it in December 1977. Manus the province is the smallest of them all and comprises of a group of small islands north of the main island. The location of the station was quite good for North European reception.

From the 1980s to the beginning of the '90s

The Papuan stations I later heard didn't feel as special as the first 10-kilowatt regular ones heard at home in the mid '70s. Lapland expeditions began, receiving equipment improved, antenna farm was built there, and the remaining missing Papuans gradually became audible.



Mrs. Nellie Lawrence, one of the first female New Guinean broadcasters, interviews a visitor at Radio Rabaul.



Radio Western District responded with a large folder with all the NBC stations marked on a map, "stations operated by the Australian administration of Papua and New Guinea". A camera tour of making radio programmes in Papua was also printed on the folder.

the package. But not forgetting Solomon Islands BC, Honiara 5020 kHz, it had a huge signal as expected during the conds that favoured PNG and the islands region. This fortnight of listening gave the first North American signals only on the departure day, so there was a lot of time to listen to other continents. But no sweat, the Indonesian and the Pacific shortwave stations were on the top of the priority list anyway. I always focused on shortwaves during the expeditions, whenever the conditions were favourable towards distant East. And I would still do, if only there were stations!

After moving from Siilinjärvi in central Finland to Turku for studies and then for work in the capital area, I still spent a lot of weekends and holidays in the old Siilinjärvi home QTH listening. (And would still listen there, if the region hadn't been dense built and the antenna fields were not gone) The mobile aerials were very modest, simple wires spread on the ground and in winter on the snow. All this required hard work to pick up anything of interest on medium waves, but the aerials were good enough for SW. Radio New Ireland, Kavieng 3905 kHz had moved to the frequency formerly used by Radio Manus, and that's where it was heard one September evening in 1983. At the same time I picked up Radio West Sepik, Vanimo 3205 kHz - and that's the end of hearing Papuan stations at the home QTH.

Radio Gulf, Kerema 3245 from the southern Gulf province was harvested in December '86 on the first day of the annual Lemmenjoki expedition. Then a couple of years pause followed without any new PNGs.

On my first Lapland expedition at the University of Turku Research Station in Kevo, Utsjoki the local noise level was severe, but despite the man made QRM a couple of new Papuans were noted at the turn of the new year 1981-1982; Radio Central, Boroko 3290 kHz, (a Port Moresby suburb), and Radio Southern Highlands, Mendi 3275 kHz from the centre of the island in the highlands. A mountainous range bisect Papua New Guinea along its entire length, and a few provinces seem to have got their name based on this highland.

In Lemmenjoki expedition site at the turn of the next new year 1982-1983 I had the opportunity for midwinter shortwave pleasure again. Long-awaited 120 mb Papuan stations were the highlight of this trip. 120 mb stations were hard to hear due to their low frequencies and low powers, so they were the most valued catches from PNG.

Radio Chimbu, Kundianawa 2376 kHz and Radio Northern, Popondetta 2468 kHz had the honour of being the first personal ones on 120 mb. In addition, Radio Morobe, Lae 3220 kHz and Radio Eastern Highlands, Goroka 3395 kHz completed

In November 1990 Radio Enga, Wabag 2410 kHz and Radio West New Britain, Kimbe 3235 were nailed in Lemmenjoki site. The last remaining PNG station I picked up during a family Christmas celebration in Ylitorio in 1992 – with a 40-meter copper wire raised into the flagpole. This Radio Western Highlands, Mount Hagen 3375 kHz responded with an exceptionally handwritten, long letter. For some reason v/s was particularly excited about the reception on Christmas Day; v/s also told that they had received another report from Finland but two years ago from Esa Hänninen in Espoo, a close friend. When I slid this very last PNG verification letter into the QSL-album, I could happily state that the 15-year-long hunt for Papuan stations was finally over. Little did I know.

Private stations

I, like everyone else, had thought that there would never be any private shortwave stations in Papua New Guinea - but it turned out differently.



Wantok Radio Light, Port Moresby started its operations in 2005 on 7120 kHz broadcasting Christian religious programs and as of September that year it was actively logged also in Finland. Some confusion about the location prevailed, as the location was given as Port Moresby, Mount Hagen and Vanimo – all really distant cities from each other in different provinces. Probably the confusion was caused by misleading information from different sources. The frequency was changed after a couple of years to 7325 kHz, where the station should still operate based on its website information. The latest logging is three years old, however, so possibly the transmitter has broken again. The station was a good responder, and probably all the DXers received their QSL card quite promptly.

Catholic Radio Network, Vanimo 4960 kHz, a catholic station as the name already reveals, was logged on shortwaves in 2004-2008. There are less than ten online log entries, but possibly not all of the occasions are listed in the electronic log of that time. Catholic Radio Network of Papua New Guinea is still in operation, but through an extensive FM network only. Getting a verification took a little more work than normally, but in the end it also happened.

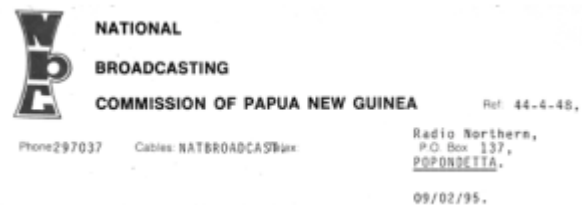
Radio Fly, Kiunga was the last new Papuan station on shortwaves and had a very short life span. It was owned and operated by Ok Tedi Mining Limited on aforementioned Fly River's upstream. Radio Fly had 1000-watt transmitters on 3915 kHz and 5960 kHz. It was first heard in August 2010 on 3915 kHz and only weeks later also on 5960 kHz. For my 49 mb report of November 2011 I received a reply in January, in which they stated that the transmitter is already broken and repairs are being done; however, the station apparently never came back expect for some irregular transmissions. Radio Fly was an excellent verifier, as many as four replies with QSL-cards and attachments were received to my single report.



As a curiosity, during the Bougainville uprising there were at least two clandestine stations operating in the 75 meterband surroundings. Transmitter powers must have been very low, and their antenna patterns were hardly aimed for Northern European listeners. Not so many even knew of their existence and probably even fewer tried to hear them.

Final words. A totally huge number of excellent tropical band stations from all over the world were heard in Finland during the years, when the shortwaves were full of activity. Of course, a lot remained unheard for various reasons, but this wasn't the case with PNG. Papuan stations' equipment and the antennas were in good condition and the transmitter powers were also quite adequate.

DX listeners' interest to PNG listening was very high, and the stations also responded fairly well, at least after one or two follow ups. Thus, large number of DX-listeners from the late '50s until these days could enjoy PNG's wide range of offering; total QSL count is over 900. Although there are a few quite fresh loggings from ten years ago without a real touch of nostalgia, the widest selection of these exotic stations fell into the history books about three decades ago. So, I believe it is a fare statement to say that the Papuan stations are also true Memories from the Past!



Sources: QSL statistics Finland 1954-1997
Wikipedia



**NATIONAL
BROADCASTING
COMMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Ref 16-5-3

Phone: 871149 Cables:

Telex:

P.O. Box 37,
Radio West Sepik,
VANIMO. WSP.

9th May, 1984.

Mr Hannu Tikkanen,
Panninniemi,
SF-71800 Siilinjarvi,
FINLAND.

Dear Mr Tikkanen,

Thank you for your reception report dated 20th September, 1983.

I apologize for the delay in verifying your report earlier last year.

I am pleased to write to you, and advise that your report was verified correct including the cassette tape you enclosed with recording of what you heard.

Radio West Sepik is one of the 19 Provincial Radio Stations run by the National Broadcasting Commission for the Papua New Guinea Government.

In addition we have two National Network, Radio 1 which is now known as Karai Service and Radio 2 Kalang Service based at the Capital City, Port Moresby. Radio 1 Karai Service concentrates with cultural broadcasting while the second network, Radio 2 Kalang Service serves the commercial sector.

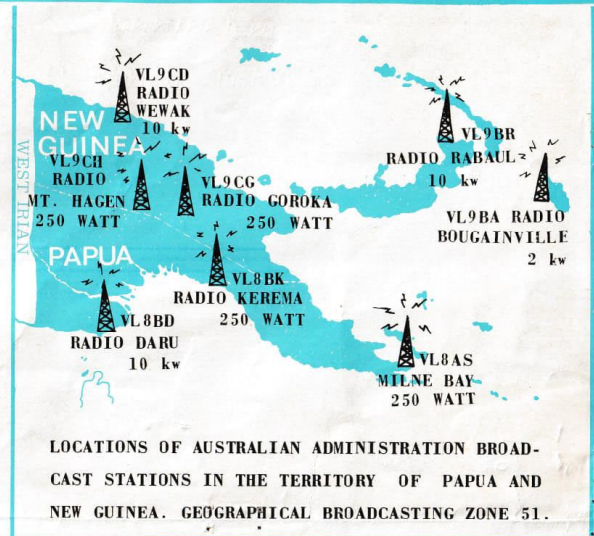
No advertising is allowed on Provincial Stations which at present known as Kundu Service, and are specially designed to cater for the village listener. Transmission hours begin at 0500 hours and close down at 0730 hours in the morning and begin again at 1700 hours and closed down at 2400 hours at night. The power output of our transmitter is only 2KWs which is very weak indeed, particularly not so for the faraway places like Finland. It is amazing to learn from time to time that we are being heard in places thousands of miles from Papua New Guinea.

Once again thank you for your report and interest.

Yours sincerely,

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RAKA SAINI
STATION MANAGER
RADIO WEST SEPIK - VANIMO

THESE STATIONS ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATION IN PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



LOCATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATION BROADCAST STATIONS IN THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA. GEOGRAPHICAL BROADCASTING ZONE 51.

- VL9BR RADIO RABAUL - Frequency 3325 Khz - 90 metre band. Power 10,000 Watts. Broadcasts: 0600 hrs. - 1300 hrs. 2000 hrs. - 2200 hrs., G.M.T.; 6 a.m. - 8 a.m., - 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. Local Time. Address: Radio Rabaul, P.O. Box 71, Rabaul, New Britain, New Guinea.
- VL9CD RADIO WEWAK - Frequency 3335 Khz - 90 metre band. Power 10,000 Watts. Broadcasts: 0615 hrs. - 1230 hrs., 2000 hrs. - 2200 hrs., G.M.T.; 6 a.m. - 8 a.m., 4.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Local Time. Address: Radio Wewak, P.O. Box 65, Wewak, New Guinea.
- VL8BK RADIO KEREMA - Frequency 3245 Khz - 90 metre band. Power 250 Watts. Broadcasts: 0700 hrs. - 1200 hrs. G.M.T., 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Local Time. Address: Radio Kerema, Gulf District, Papua.
- VL8BD RADIO DARU - Frequency 3305 Khz - 90 metre band. Power 10,000 Watts. Broadcasts: 0645 hrs. - 1200 hrs. G.M.T., 4.45 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Local time. Address Radio Daru, Daru, Western District, Papua.
- VL9CG RADIO GOROKA - Frequency 2410 Khz - 120 metre band. Power 250 Watts. Broadcasts: 0700 hrs. - 1200 hrs. G.M.T., 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Local Time. Address: Radio Goroka, Goroka, Eastern District, Papua.

ALL STATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY ESTABLISHED AND DESIGNED FOR BROADCASTING TO AN EMERGING PEOPLE.
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SOME ENGLISH IS USED AT ALL STATIONS DEPENDING ON DEGREE OF LITERACY IN ENGLISH

- RABAUL Languages: Tolai, Pidgin, serves the Tolai people in the Gazelle Peninsula, New Guinea. (Population 78,000).
- WEWAK Languages: Pidgin, serves the people of the Sepik District. (Population 268,000).
- KEREMA Languages: Toaripi, Orokolo, Kerowo, Police Motu, serves the

Catholic Radio Network of Papua New Guinea 4960 kHz



Brief History copied from internet:

The Catholic Radio Network of Papua New Guinea (CRN PNG) was established by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Island (CBC PNG & SI). The Commission for Social Communication of CBC PNG & SI has done visibility studies and through their deputy bishop obtained the necessary funding.

In October 2002 Bishop Bonivento approached Religious Television Association to help with establishment and running CRN PNG.

3rd July 2003, the first transmitter was set up at Malmaaluan EMTV Tower in Rabaul and the test broadcast of the National Catholic Youth Pilgrimage to Vanuape and Rakunai was covered live on radio (FM 91.3). Pangtel approved our first AM frequency for Vanimo SW 4960 kHz.

In November 2006 the service to the Catholic Church of Papua New Guinea ended.

Source: <https://www.voiceofrot.pl/news/catholic-radio-network-of-papua-new-guinea/>

Antenna mast (picture from HAT)

Stig Adolfsson was most likely the Swedish expert of hearing Papua stations and heard all of the stations in the 120 mb. He was kind enough to copy a few of his rare verifications from Papua New Guinea from the time when most of them were active.

Stig – thanks a lot. /TN

National Broadcasting Commission,
Radio West New Britain,
P.O. Box 412,


KIMBE.
Papua New Guinea

Stig G. Adolfsson,
Ryktarevagen 9,
772 00 Grangesberg,
SWEDEN .

Dear Sir,

Thank you ~~for~~ your reception report.

I'm pleased to verify your reception report of our transmission from here in Kimbe , Papua New Guinea. On frequency of 2340 Khz in 120 metre band and programme you have heard, plus your local time. We hope you are enjoy listening to our programme.


Terry Nandali
For
Station Manager.

NBC,
Radio Milne Bay,
P.O. Box 111,
ALOTAU,
Papua New Guinea,
11/1/77.

Stig G. Aolfsson,
Ryktarevagen 9,
77200 Grangesberg,
SWEDEN.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your Reception Report of 22nd and 23rd November,
1976.

We are only too happy to receive a R.R about our station
from far away countries like Sweden. However we have
checked through our music programme schedules and have
found your report to be accurate.

Unfortunately, we cannot send you a Q.S.L card as we have
no stock. It is hoped that you will accept this letter as
a confirmation to the report you made.

Once again thank you for your interest to our station.

Yours Faithfully,


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(Dermot Basinauro)



**NATIONAL
BROADCASTING
COMMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Ref: Jack Wera

Phone: 75 1038 Cables: NATBROAD ~~X000~~ FAX: 75 1012

Radio Simbu
P.O. Box 228,
Kundiawa,
Chimbu Province, PNG.

4th August, 1994.

Stig G. Adolfsson
Wirsens Vag 7
186 50 Vallentuna
SWEDEN.

Dear Stig G. Adolfsson,

Thank you for your comprehensive report on our broadcast Stations Reception from a country as far as Sweden. I would like to confirm your report;

Station: Radio Chimbu.
Frequency: 3355 khz in 90 m.b. sw.1 from 10 kw TX.

Programmes received on your receivers are correct in every details.

Radio Chimbu is one of the 19 Provincial Radio Stations of the National Broadcasting Commission, a statutory Body of the Government. The NBC has an FM Commercial Station headed by a Managing Director. We don't broadcast T.V. The NBC is headed by a Board appointed by the Government with a Chief Executive, (Chairman). All Provincial Stations are Managed by Provincial Programme Managers, an Assistant, several Programme Officers, a Journalist and other anxillary staff.

Radio Chimbu serves the people of Chimbu, about (200,000) for almost 22 years now.

Again thank you for your comprehensive report.

JACK WERA
a/Provincial Programme Manager.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION

Radio New Ireland,
P.O. Box 140,
KAVIENG, PNG
8th March, 1977

Mr. Stig G. Adolfsson,
Ryktarevagen 9,
772 00 Grangesberg,
SWEDEN

Dear Mr. Adolfsson,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 24th February, 1977, reporting the reception of Radio New Ireland in your part of the World.

The details of your reception report have corresponded favourably with the date and time of transmission when checked against our studio logs.

Radio New Ireland broadcasts on the frequency of 2,428 Khz in the 120mb. The language used is pidgin which you have correctly reported.

I am happy to advise that your reception report has provided us with some valuable information, especially when in the last few weeks, we have also received a couple of reception reports from the American continent.

These reports including yours have one common factor, in that Radio New Ireland was heard on each occasion up North in Canada and Michigan in the USA during winter time.

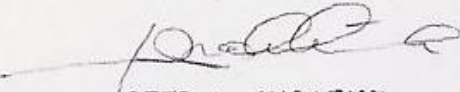
For your information, Papua New Guinea lies just below the equator and it is very warm althrough the year. The average temperature throughout the year is 29.2 degrees celsius.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and thank you most sincerely for your reception report, the photograph of yourself and the colourful Post-Card.

Eighteen Years' radio listening is a long time, and I wish you more happy listening in the future.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,


OTTO A. MALATANA
a/Station Manager


DX nostalgia by RFK

Time for some DX nostalgia again. First another piece of nostalgia. It has been almost 80 years since they last came to Europe. The U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, also known as 'The Screaming Eagles', has landed here again. The cavalry is coming to the rescue.... Last time they played an essential part in the D day and the liberation of Normandy. Now the Eagles have been deployed to Romania, not far from the scene of the crime in Ukraine. They are standing by in case of threats to NATO territory. Watch out, Vlad – the Eagles are coming to get you! Of course the USA are not at war with Russia but they could always call it a special operation....

Back to the bygone days of the DX hobby, when the QSLs arrived by 'snail mail' and nobody had heard about computers and the world wide web. DX-ing is still as fun as it used to be. No matter how tired you may be: as soon as you get an ID from a rare station that you really didn't expect to hear, all of a sudden you will be fully awake and alert. DX-ing can be a way of removing fatigue, at least when you do hear something interesting. It works just as nicely today as it did way back then.

Many of us have been active as DX-ers for a very long time, maybe with some periods of inactivity. This time we have received some QSLs from OM Stig Adolfsson, SA. He was active already in the 1950s. Although some big favourite areas were the Pacific and Asia, Stig listened to a very broad spectrum of stations. First we have a 1959 QSL from the Central African Broadcasting Station, based in Lusaka. At the time this country was known as Northern Rhodesia and in 1964 it became Zambia. The region was a part of the so called copperbelt and the mining industry was essential. One problem for listeners to pick up the radio broadcasts was the high price of receivers. The cheapest sets averaged £45 which was beyond the means of most people. Harry Franklin, Director of Information in Northern Rhodesia, set out to solve the problem. He closed a deal with a manufacturer who came up with the 'Saucepan Special' – a radio set which could be sold for @ £6. The set was later sold in the British African colonies and helped a lot to increase listening figures.

Reference No. Misc. Form 9
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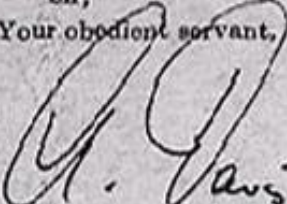
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In reply please quote
the above number

Engineering Division
11th of April, 1959

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your..... report
No..... of the..... 22nd of February, 1959 on the subject of
reception of an 4326 KHz transmission
and to inform you that..... your report has been checked &
is verified as correct.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

 A. Davis S.S.E.

One more QSL from Stig Adolfsson's collection. Angolan Radio Club de Malanje. Like many other radio stations this venture started as a radio club and behind the station was a ham: António Lisboa Araújo. They started modestly with a 50 W transmitter on 7245 kHz in 1944.



Let's have another nice Angolan QSL from the collection of Stig Adolfsson: Radio Clube de Huambo, Nova Lisboa. They came on the air through the local radio club in 1943, using a 75 W transmitter.



The last QSL this time is also from Stig Adolfsson. Christian station The Cross, Pohnpei, Micronesia is a rare gem that has been heard in Sweden at times on SW 4755 kHz despite the low power of 1 kW. Unfortunately the station is only broadcasting on FM at the moment pending the arrival of an engineer and some parts. The station is very DX friendly and prefer reception reports by 'snail mail' as they only have a dial-up internet connection. If you do want to mail your reception report you may do so but if you are enclosing a soundfile, please keep the size small (below 300 kB). If you want to enclose some \$ notes as a gift with your report I am sure it will be most appreciated. After all, receiving a real QSL card by snail mail from such an exotic location is not too common today so it's well worth it.

The station is run by Pacific Missionary Aviation. They also operate an aviation service out of the island of Yap. If you want to know more about PMA and their work do check out their website <https://www.pmapacific.org/>

If you want to submit some material to DX nostalgia you are most welcome to do so. Please mail me at info@rock.x.se with any contributions. Take care, stay safe and GOOD DX!

