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Midsummer in Sweden – a cherished tradition

Midsummer is the longest day of the year and was long considered a magical night. In agrarian times, the Swedes arranged Midsummer celebrations to welcome summertime and the season of fertility.

The successful midsummer never-ending lunch party formula involves flowers in your hair, dancing around a pole, singing songs while drinking unsweetened, flavoured schnapps and downing a whole load of pickled herring served with delightful new potatoes, chives and sour cream. All in all, a grand day out.

As you can see this issue is a thin one. It can really be seen that it is summertime now and activity is a bit low.

Let's hope for more material for next issue.

Finally many thanks to Ronny Forslund for preparing a Nostalgia column for every SWB.

Have a nice summer!

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.



Salmon, snaps and strawberries – how to do Midsummer like a Swede

Robert Wilkner. Mosquito Coast, June 24. "Poor conditions with rain and thunderstorms. Still working on wire antennas".

Christer Brunström: Akashvani, Bengaluru 9620 kHz. Beautiful card showing a prayer hall in Ladakh. The previous All India Radio name has been covered with a piece of paper with the word AKASHVANI printed on it.

DX-Parlamentet 26-28 maj 2023.

SWB är numera bara en mailinglista och därmed är vi inte en SDXF ansluten klubb, såsom t ex ARC är.

På SDXF's hemsida och på nordx finns det en del information om årets DX-Parlament. För tredje året i rad har DX-parlamentet hållits i Karlsborg i norra Västergötland.

Ett drygt 20-tal DX-are samt några med sina respektive deltog. SDXF's förbundsordförande Stig Granfeldt mfl hade gjort ett jättejobb med ett förbereda ett antal intressanta programinslag.

Ett officiellt gemensamt foto av SDXF dx-parlamentariker i år kan ses här: https://www.sdxf.se/WP/?cat=6. Tack till Anders Brissman för bilden.

SDXF's sekreterare, Michael Andersson, ringde någon vecka före DX-Parlamentet och berättade att styrelsen beslutat att jag var en av dem som skulle tilldelas SDXF's förtjänstplakett i guld. Detta var verkligen ett överraskande besked. Fick

tyvärr meddela att jag inte hade möjlighet att närvara och bad Michael framföra hälsningar och ett stort tack efter utdelningen.

Följande plaketter delades ut:

Guld: Lars Bergström och Thomas Nilsson

Brons: Mikael Sjöberg, Hans Kronkvist, Jacques de Laval, Karl-Eric Backman, Martin Aronsson och Rolf Gunnel-

brand.

Tack för grattishälsningar från Christer Brunström som var med på parlamentet och från Lennart Deimert som kollade sopradiskt via datorn.

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 WOR: http://www.worldofradio.com/Hauserlogs.html

The latest ones direct: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs-2023-0614-0621.txt https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs-2023_0608_0614.txt

Useful log links:

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

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

 WWDXC Top News:
 https://groups.io/g/DXplorer/messages

 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/ https://shortwavedx.blogs

EU SW Pirate addresses: https://ukdxer.webs.com/addresses

Here are some pirate tips links that might be worth spreading. /Per Eriksson, Sweden:

Achim Bruckner: https://www.achimbrueckner.de/
Lars Jeppesen, active pirate listener: http://lhu-dx-log.blogspot.com/
Rick, Finland: http://pirateradiolog.blogspot.com/
Irish Paul: https://irishpaulsradioblog.blogspot.com/

3310	Jun18	0042	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi, Quechua, comments. 2. (Méndez) + (CGS) + (Wilkner)			
3325	Jun11	2112	RRI, Palangkaraya. Songs. 2 (CGS)			
3955	Jun12	0445	Channel 292, Rohrbach. English talk 3 (AP-DNK)			
3975	Jun11	2106	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pops. 3 (CGS)			
3995	Jun12	0450	HCJB, Weenermoor. German religious talk and address, organ music and hymn by choir // 5920. (AP-DNK)			
4750	Jun12	1821	Bangladesh Betar (p), Shavar. Tks, Hindustani songs. 2 (CGS)			
4765	Jun18	0043	Radio Progreso, Bejucal, Cuban songs. 2. (Méndez)			
4775	Jun18	0043	Radio Tarma, Tarma, Peruvian songs. Good and clear signal today. 3. (Méndez)			
4810	Jun20	0846	R. Logos, Peru, San Martin; pop gospel music selections, at 0854 ads "artigos para cama de			
			toda medidasus pedidos574720", return of musical selections. Logos earlier than usual			
			(usualy in the morning starts at 0913, although in the last few days there has been no signal			
			so early), tune in 4808kHz to avoid STANAG, fair to good (LOB-B).			
4820	Jun20	1108	Radio Senda Cristiana. Above average reception; very pleased to actually catch a clear ID;			
			assume preaching with religious songs (my audio is at			
			https://app.box.com/s/vaz4zuvgl9d7eymeh855lotokb8366hl); heard with QRN (static) and			
			CODAR QRM; at 1121 (a few seconds before 1122) heard the CODAR CW ID (thank you			
			again Glenn for the correct ID) WRPD292; CODAR QRM started out light, but slowly got			
			stronger. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) + (Méndez)			
4885	Jun20	2330	Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, strong signal with music (Wilkner) + (Méndez) + (CGS)			
4965	Jun13	1836	Voice Of Hope, Makeni Ranch. E, tks. 1 (CGS)			
5025	Jun12	0455	R Rebelde, Bauta. talk 2 (AP-DNK)			
5895	Jun14	2107	R. Northern Star (?), Erdal. Pops. Seemed too strong. for a 50 W tx. 2 (CGS)			
5895	Jun17	2027	Radio Northen Star, Bergen, pop and country. 1. (Méndez) + (AP-DNK)			
5910	Jun18	0431	Alcaravan Radio, Puerto Lleras, Colombian songs. 2 (Méndez)			
5930	Jun17	1950	World Music Radio, Bramming, music, id. "WMR, World Music Radio". // 15700. 2.			
			$(M\acute{e}ndez) + (AP-DNK) + (CGS)$			

R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., songs. 3 (CGS)

5955	Jun18	0435	Sunlite Radio, Westdorpe, music, id. "Sunlite". 2. (Méndez)	
5970	Jun18	2023	Radio 208, Hvidovre, rock and pop music. 2. (Méndez) + (CGS) + (AP-DNK)	
5995	Jun17	1845	R Mali African songs, at 1851 English program "English Magazine", news and comments	
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6010	I 12	2206		
6010	Jun12	2206	R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG. Natl. nx magazine A Voz do Brasil. 2 (CGS)	
6020	Jun17	0500	Radio Monique via Radio Delta International, Elburg, Dutch, comments, id. "Radio	
			Monique", "Welcome to the morning show, this is Radio Monique", oldies. 2. (Méndez)	
6050	Jun18	-0500*	HCJB, Pichincha, Ecuadorian songs, program "Ritmos y Canciones de Nuestra Tierra",	
			Spanish, comments about the regions of Ecuador, "Nuestra música autóctona", "Los pueblos	
			de la Amazonía", "HCJB presentó Ritmos y Canciones de Nuestra Tierra", anthem and close.	
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-00			3. (Méndez)	
6050	Jun18	*0555-	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, ELWA interval signal, at 0559 English, religious comments and	
			songs. Very weak and fading out due to daylight. 1. (Méndez)	
6060	Jun14	1850	Radio Monique via Radio Delta International, Elburg, music, oldies, id. "Radio Monique on	
			shortwave via Radio Delta", Dutch, English, comments. 2. (Méndez)	
6060	Jun17	1840	Radio Delta International, Elburg, oldies, id. "Radio Delta International. 3. (Méndez)	
6070	Jun12	2208	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. G, pops. 3 (CGS)	
6070	Jun18	0440	CFRX, news. Strong QRM from Channel 292 on the same frequency. 1. (Méndez)	
6115	Jun17	-1831*	Radio Congo, Brazzaville (presumed), strong carrier, extremely weak audio due to dayligt,	
			unreadable comments. 1. (Méndez)	
6155	Jun12	0515	ORF, Moosbrunn, German talk about Krypto. (AP-DNK)	
6160	Jun17	2002	Shortwave Radio de, Winsen, music, id. "This is Shortwave Radio", English, comments. 3.	
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			(Méndez)	
6180	Jun17	2032	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, soccer, live matches. 2. (Méndez)	
6185	Jun18	0437	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, comments, songs. 2. (Méndez)	
7254.9	Jun15	0620	Voice of Nigeria, Abuja Lugbe, checked at 0600, no signal but at 0620 strong carrier, very	
			weak audio, comments, Vernacular, signal fading out due to daylight. 1. (Méndez)	
7260	Jun21	1052	R. Vanuatu; music selections, at 1103 short canned ID by female, music selections, 1107 an-	
7200	Ju1121	1032	nouncements "Vanuatu every day", National Anthem, sign off. Poor to fair, some fade;	
			end of transmissions was 1109 but still in 1113 there was a carrier. (LOB-B) + (Méndez)	
7350	Jun14	-0057*	VIA Kashi Xmitter site, 0000-0057*. (China Business Radio??) Economic and business dis-	
			cussions in EE. YL hostess w/ guests from the Chinese business sector. (RIPPEL, VA)	
7425	Jun11	0934	R. NZPacific, Rangitaiki. Tks, mx. 1 (CGS)	
9275			WMLK – Bethel, Pa, 2000, 6.7.23 in English. Full ID including contact information and	
2273			schedule. A man (presumably a much younger Jacob Meyer) telling a story about when he	
			was in seminary. Suddenly off about 1 minute then back on continuing with the story. Talk-	
			ing about various groups who uses Yahweh as the "sacred name" or not and the "proper doc-	
			trine" of using the Yahweh name (although he doesn't define that doctrine here.) Very good	
			signal. Had not heard them in a while until yesterday. (Taylor – WI)	
9330	Jun15	0400	WBCQ with World's Last Chance in English. Now back on the air. 3-4 (CB)	
9550.1	Jun19	2037	R.Boa Vontade, Pt.º Alegre RS. Rlgs. propag. // 11895v not audible. 2 (CGS)	
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9635	Jun13	エロチブ	R Mali Kati Tke tribal conge 2 (CCS)	
9665	Jun13		R.Mali, Kati. Tks, tribal songs. 2 (CGS)	
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At 2145 a quick check for my direct reception: both 12005 & 13810 audible but very poor.
2159 closing with "Jingle Bells", off at 2200* sharp. Anyhow, BBC are repeating it later
and streaming, and I hope ondemand for convenience. Yes, Alan Pennington, bdxc-news,
says, "But also now available to listen to online at
https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct5hqt_(though always sounds better coming through
the ether!)" (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

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13710	Jun17	0500	Radio Japan with NHK Newsline and Reading Japan. 3-4 (CB)
15110	Jun18	0700	Ifrikya FM, Bechar, French, "Le Journal", news about African nations, African songs, id.
			"Ifrikya FM, La Voix Africaine". 3. (Méndez)
15150	20.6	0553	WMLK, Bethel, PA with sermons in English on a new frequency. Fair to good reception.
			(CB)

15190.2 Jun21 1009 R.Inconfidência. Tks. (CGS) + (Méndez) 15475.98 Jun21 1752 RC USB, LRA36 talk already on the air,

RC USB, LRA36 talk already on the air, 1754 sounds like live `buenas tardes` greeting at 15 local time, between Sra. Menéndez and the usual male host. No signal direct altho imagination-level bit of the reduced carrier; of the four Argentine SDRs, the best one is offline; two get a trace at best, but the other one is weak but readable; steadily fades down to JBA by 1925 and not at all by 2015 but unknown if or when it turned off. Anyhow, now seems regular roughly 18-21 UT on Wed & Sat. I missed checking for those last week (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR) + (Méndez)

15699.7 Jun11 1427 World Music R, Randers. Mx & songs. Best w/ the K9AY aerial. Inaudible on // 25800. 3
(CGS) + (Méndez)
21550 Jun18 1258 Ifrikya FM, Bechar, French, comments about the Arab League, African songs, 1321 idienti

Ifrikya FM, Bechar, French, comments about the Arab League, African songs, 1321 idientification "Ifrikia FM", program "La Semaine Africaine" news and comments about the African Nations, 1349 UTC, "Welcome to Ifrikia FM", Ifrikia FM La Voix Africaine". 2. (Méndez) World Music Radio, Mårslet, Latin American songs, music, id. "WMR, World Music Radio".

25800 Jun 18 0748 World Music Radio, Mårslet, Latin American songs, music, id. "WMR, World Music Radio", music. // 15700. 2. (Méndez)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

6230	Jun14	2103	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. TWN uses 6229.xxx, not 6230. QRM		
			de AUS. 2 (CGS)		
6250	Jun19	1837	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CGS)		
6350.1	Jun12	2109	R. Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CGS)		
9849.9	Jun13	1621	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CGS)		
13630.1	Jun13	1605	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CGS)		
14900.1	Jun13	1603	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CGS)		

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

3330u	Jun20	2345	CHU. At 2345 strong signal. (Wilkner)			
6230	Jun10	2244	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. QRM de CHN (p). 3 (CGS)			
6501	Jun10	2156	NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. Uty. QRM. 2 (CGS)			
6507	Jun8	2044	Correction: VMC Marine Weather Stn., Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. *** fq. of 6597			
			was typed by mistake *** 1 (CG)			
6604	Jun13	2153	VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			
6676	Jun10	*1855-	AWB Bombay Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			
6676	Jun13	-2150*	ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			
6676	Jun14	*2040-	HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt. // 2965 rtd. 15341. 3 (CGS)			
6676	Jun14	*2050-	9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. ID, met rpt. QRM de Karachi Volmet till 2051*. 2 (CGS)			
6676	Jun19	2103	VKA-930 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT? Met rpt. 1 (CGS)			
6679	Jun11	*1920-	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			
6679	Jun19	2146	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CGS)			
6679	Jun22	-2045*	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)			
6765.1	Jun20	2104	HSW Bangkok R. Thai, ocean wx. Uty. QRM. 2 (CGS)			
7906	Jun10	*2205-	UnID Coastal stn (17 listed). Ocean wx. 2 (CGS)			
8113	Jun22	1852	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 1 (CG)			
8176	Jun10	-2211*	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings cf. // 12365. 1 (CGS)			
8297	Jun12	2202	ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 1 (CGS)			
8643	Jun10	2101	HSW Bangkok R. Ocean wx. 2 (CGS)			
8743	Jun14	1857	HSW Bangkok R. Thai, ocean wx, IS prior to 1900, then more rpts. 2 (CGS)			
8764	Jun13	1005	NMN Chesapeake R. Ocean wx. 1 (CGS)			
8828	Jun11	1921	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			

8828	Jun21	1917	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)			
10051	Jun23	2025	VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 3 (CG)			
11387	Jun11	-0924*	9VA-43 Singapore Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			
11387	Jun13	1601	VKA-931 Australian Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CGS)			
11387	Jun21	-1014*	HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CGS)			
12356	Jun11	0907	ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)			
13089	Jun13	1004	NMN Chesapeake R. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)			
13089	Jun13	1641	NMC Point Reyes R, CA. Ocean rpt. Not Chesapeke R, unless the William R Hepburn '21			
			list is wrong or outdated. 1 (CGS)			
13270	Jun13	-1630*	VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			
13282	Jun20	-2050*	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. Best w/ the K9AY aerial! 2 (CGS)			
13282	Jun20	*2050-	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. Better on // 6679. 1 (CGS)			
15034	Jun13	1625	CHR Trenton Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)			
16528	Jun12	0849	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)			
17314	Jun13	1633	NMC Point Reyes R, CA. Ocean rpt. Not Chesapeke R, unless the William R Hepburn '21 list is wrong or outdated. 1 (CGS)			

Ich habe die tolle Empfangsbestätigung, die Andreas Ibold von den Fiji Inseln bekommen hat, zum Anlass genommen, die Nacht über die DSC Frequenz 12.577 kHz zu scannen. Nun, Fiji war nicht dabei 🐸. Aber ein paar andere schöne Stationen.

12577	230622	1619	Guangzhou Radio. CHN. 9266 Km
12577	230622	1636	Shanghai Radio, CHN = 9009 Km
12577	230622	1718	Chilung Keelung Radio. TWN, 9571 Km
12577	230622	1743	Hai Phong Radio, VTN, 8999 Km
12577	230622	1727	RCC Australia. AUS. 14064 Km
12577	230622	1843	Bangkok Radio. THA. 9276 Km
12577	230622	2048	Iqaluit Radio, CAN, 4321 Km
12577	230622	2108	Cape Town Radio. AFS, 9543 Km
12577	230622	2113	Tokyo Coast Guard Radio. J. 9434 Km
12577	230622	2148	Porbandar. IND. 6439 Km
12577	230622	2207	Chesapeake, USA, 6314 Km
12577	230623	0535	Rio de Janeiro Radio, B, 9496 Km
12577	230623	0556	Ternate Radio, INS, 12179 Km
12577	230623	0600	Otaru. 1 8696 Km
12577	230623	0647	Hong Kong Marine Rescue HKG. 9394 Km
12577	230623	0659	Boston USA, 5594 Km

(Frank Wenzel, Bonn, via A-DX Fernempfang)

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Station news

DENMARK. Forkert info om World Music Radio (WMR).

WMR sender ikke på 15790 kHz, men stoppede her i slutningen af januar 2022 fordi en kraftig tysk DRM sender på 15785 var begyndt at ødelægge modtagelsen af WMR på 15790 kHz.

Siden april 2022 sender WMR i stedet på 15700 kHz. Den aktuelle sendetid her er hver weekend fra lørdag morgen kl. 06 UTC til mandag morgen kl. 06 UTC. Sendestyrken er 300 Watt.

(Best 73s, Stig Hartvig Nielsen via nordx)

USA. Just heard from George McClintock, that the hoped for sale of **WTWW** isn`t happening, so now it`s 98% likely that the 5 transmitters will be scrapped and land put up for sale - despite all his repair work the past several months. Some other US SW stations may not survive much longer either. (Glenn Hauser via WOR)

A sad ending. I sure enjoyed Sunday nights (local) on 5085.... (Walt Salmaniv via WOR)

Other radio news

Don Moore's Photo Album: Western Venezuela



Many thanks to SWLing Post contributor, <u>Don Moore</u>—noted <u>author</u>, traveler, and DXer—for the latest installment of his <u>Photo Album guest</u> <u>post series</u>:

I started this series several months ago with pictures of <u>Ecos del Torbes</u> and other stations in San Cristóbal, Venezuela. This time I want to take you to the other places I visited on that trip to Andean Venezuela in January 1995.

When I started DXing in the early 1970s, Venezuelans were the most commonly heard Latin American shortwave stations. The 90- and 60-meter bands were full of them and there were more than a few to be heard in the 49- and even 31-meter bands. But the Venezuelans began abandoning shortwave before other countries in the region and by the late

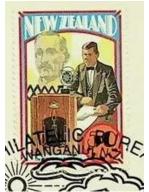
1970s their numbers had been considerably thinned. Only a handful remained in the early 1990s.

Read the complet article here: https://swling.com/blog/2023/06/don-moores-photo-album-western-venezuela/
Don't forget this interesting link: This site has many old Venezuelan station stickers, pennants, cards, etc: https://sou-venirdeemisorasvenezolanas.blogia.com/

(Don Moore via SWLing Post)

Here is the link to his first article: https://swling.com/blog/2022/10/don-moores-photo-album-ecos-del-torbes/ (TN)

Radio Related Philately - New Zealand



NEW ZEALAND POST between 1992 till 1995 issued a series of stamps entitled the "The Emerging Years" which highlighted developments in the country during the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Each decade featured six stamps, making a total of 24 stamps in this four-year print run. Each set showed images relevant to the decade and used the type of lettering suggestive of it. Amongst two of the decades were stamps that referred to radio in New Zealand.

50c - Broadcasting and radio in New Zealand was born on the night of 17 November 1921 when Dr Robert Jack, Professor of Physics at Otago University, switched on a small transmitter in his Dunedin laboratory and began broadcasting music from gramophone records. The country promptly became wildly enthusiastic about the new-fangled 'wireless' that

could pick up voices and music from the air, and by the end of 1927 more than 30,000 homes had radio licences. The Radio

Broadcasting Company of New Zealand was established in 1925 with stations in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. By 1929 they were a staple in most middle class homes.

\$1 - Aunty Daisy (Grace Green) was a well-known NZ radio personality of the 1940s and 1950s who was known for her cheery demeanour, hints on being a good housewife, gardening, feminine etiquette and every other conformity with mid-20th century sexist stereotypes of womanhood. She is still remembered with affection by the older generation. She had several cookbooks published as well.

<u>https://shortwavedxer.blogspot.com/2023/06/radio-related-philately-new-zealand.html</u> (T. L. Breyel via WOR)



Arctic DX: AM (MW) Band And Electric Vehicles: Should We Worry? https://arcticdx.blogspot.com/2023/06/am-mw-band-and-electric-vehicles-should.html (Bjarne Mjelde, arcticdx.blogspot.com , via MWCircle iog via WOR)



DX nostalgia by RFK

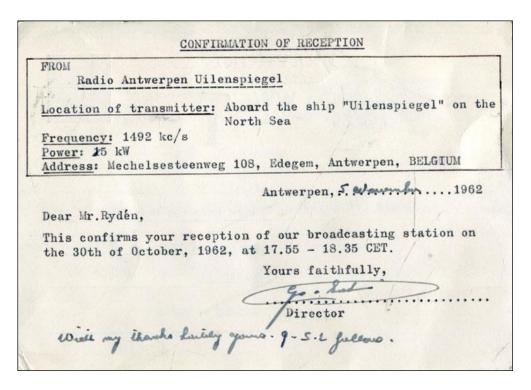
The Midsummer has come to Sweden and normally I would be going north this time of the year. Not so this year. The reason is a very special gathering arranged by Mr. Nils Eric Svensson, also known as NES, at his summer house in Borstahusen, near Landskrona in Skåne which is in the southern part of Sweden. In case you don't know, NES is one of the pioneers of Scandinavian offshore radio. In 1958 Radio Mercur came on the air from the small vessel Cheeta, anchored in international waters in Öresund (The Sound) between Denmark and Sweden. Behind the operation were a number of Danish businessmen and this was the first time that a radio station broadcast from international waters in order to get around the broadcasting laws of a country. Radio Mercur became a model for offshore radio which inspired many other similar stations and it led to a real boom of offshore 'pirates' off the British coast in the 1960s. As the transmissions from Radio Mercur could be picked up in Sweden, NES very soon bought airtime on the station and started Swedish programmes under the name of Skånes Radio Mercur. The station became a big success and in 1961 changed name to Radio Syd. NES had by then left for the U.S.A. to continue his studies at the U.C.L.A. in California.

Radio Mercur was silenced by a new Danish broadcasting law in 1962 which came into effect on July 31. But a couple of weeks later the station returned to the air which eventually led to the Danish police boarding the radio ship 'Lucky Star' and bringing it into port. On the Swedish side Radio Syd survived for a few more years until 1966 when the ship had to leave Öresund due to extreme weather conditions causing pack ice.

NES is still living in California but each year he returns to his beloved Borstahusen. He has participated in many Radio Mercur reunions and below is a picture from a gathering at the home of former Mercur technician Ib Hansen of Jutland in 2017. From the left Mercur veterans NES, Lea Dalby, Jerry Katz and Ib Hansen. Backdrop is the flag of the radio ship Lucky Star plus a Radio Mercur pennant. Photo by yours truly.



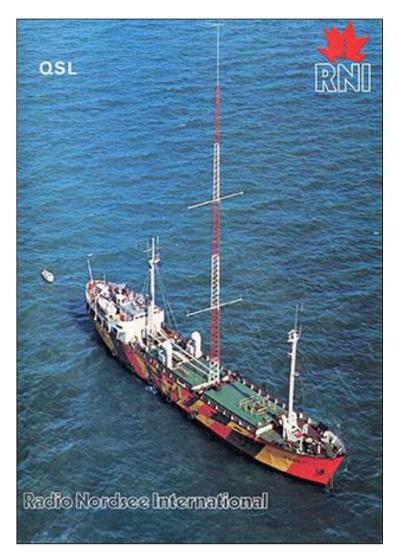
Both Radio Mercur and Radio Syd used FM only. But the stations certainly play an essential part of Scandinavian broadcasting history and many Swedes and Danes will recall their programmes with a nostalgic smile on their faces. Were there any shortwave broadcasts from the high seas then? Oh yes! The short-lived Radio Antwerpen from the ship Uilenspiegel used a low-powered SW transmitter on 7600 kHz and it was received as far afield as Canada. This is the PPC that Lars Rydén received back as confirming his reception report on MW.



A short-lived station was Radio Atlantis from the ship m/v Jeanine. The station was aimed at listeners in Belgium but also had an English service. This was probably the station that came closest to the British 1960s offshore stations in terms of fun programmes and excitement. Radio Atlantis tested once on SW, on 6225 kHz, on July 25, 1974 and I happened to hear this broadcast. Below my QSL card.



I suppose this station will need no further presentation. RNI was always great listening, not only for the great DJ shows but also programmes like Northsea Goes DX presented by A.J. Beirens. In addition to MW and FM the station initially broadcast both in the 31 and 49 m.b. but soon used only the rig on 6205 kHz. Power was 10 kW which generally gave a good signal all over Europe and beyond. The QSL card is from my own collection.



Many offshore stations took on religious programmes like 'The World Tomorrow' which paid a lot of the operating costs. It was common that they were broadcast at off-peak times. Other stations even had a dedicated transmitter especially for these programmes while the main transmitter was used to broadcast the station's regular output. One such example is Radio Caroline from the Ross Revenge and World Mission Radio. Caroline had a SW transmitter used for broadcasting the WMR programmes on 6215 kHz and on the next page you can see the letter which Lars-Olof Hansson LOH received from the station. My friends, that's all for this time. Should you want to contribute to DX nostalgia you are most welcome to do so. It can be QSL cards, clippings, letters, memorabilia – anything that's related to DX nostalgia. Please mail me at info@rock.x.se. Take care and stay safe. 73 & GOOD DX!

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