

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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I got a nice mail from Bill Whitacre with some interesting information. He also enclosed two QSL's from R Vanuatu where you can see the difference in style from back then and now.

In the log you can find a new broadcaster on 4970. But most likely this one will be very tough to receive, at least here in Europe. We have to wait until wintertime and hopefully they are still active then.

In A-DX Fernempfang there was a link to the Japanese annual magazine "Propagation". Very interesting to scroll through the pages despite most of the text is in Japanese.

Also found an interesting story in nordx about the old ELWA from Liberia. I think most DX-ers have heard them and have their verification card in the QSL collection.

Latest info regarding the new Perseus 22 is that delivery is delayed due lack of components.

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.

Bill Whitacre, Alexandria, VA

Thanks Thomas. I really enjoy reading SWB! Other than the infrequent DXpedition to one U.S. coast or the other I don't have a lot to share. Ironically though I have a couple of QSLs to share this time. Ironically because I don't really collect QSLs any more. I have only written for a couple of QSLs since I started work for VOA in 1982. But now that I've retired from VOA a couple of years ago maybe I'll start again.

This past February I made my 27th trip to Grayland, Washington since 2010 and heard a weak but familiar flute sounder on 1125kHz @ 0713utc: <http://realmon-itor.com/grayland27/230301/vanuatu-1125.mp3>. Thanks to a tip from Ron Howard I sent off for a QSL and eventually received one ... from Vanuatu!

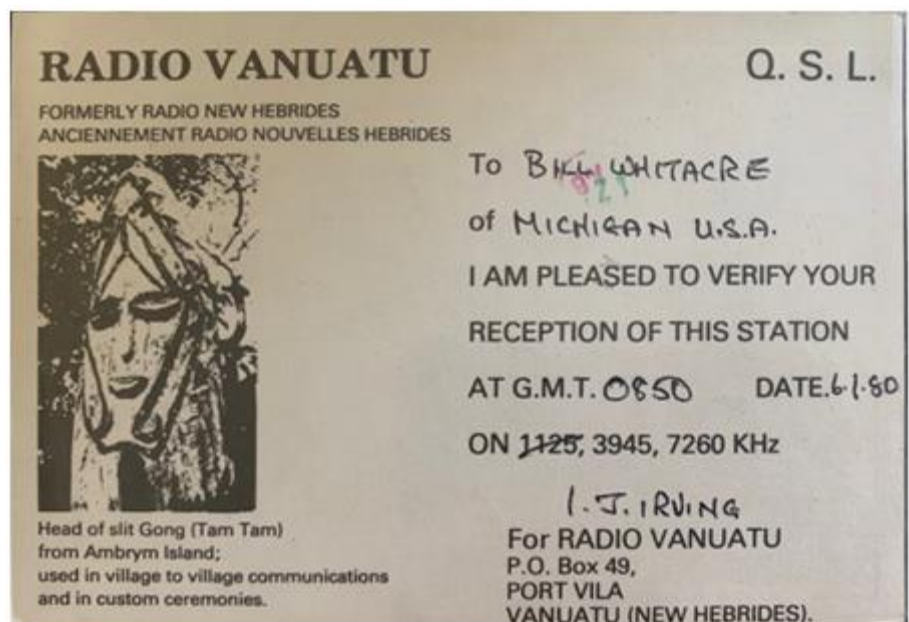
I've attached both the 'modern' QSL and one I received for reception of 3945/7260kHz back in 1980 from Lansing, Michigan ... where I originally heard the flute sounder.

Funny, on shortwave and now medium wave history repeats itself all the time.

In the 70's I collected QSLs a lot. But when I came to VOA in 1982 and saw what kind of reports we were 'verifying' I stopped collecting, realizing that QSLs were not verifications rather a way to keep contact with people who might be listening.

I believe my recording of a DX station from a DXpedition is worth far more than a QSL.

Re KiwiSDRs: at one point we brought QSLing into the Engineering Directorate at IBB. We had a shared email address — qsl@bbg.gov. I set a policy that we would not verify ANY reports from remote receivers. I have no idea if they are following that policy any more.





(Bill, thanks a lot for sharing those nice QSL's with us. /TN)

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_0726_0802.txt

Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2023_0720_0726.txt

Useful log links:

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

WDXC Top News: <https://www.wwdx.de/topnews.shtml>

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

SWLDXBulgaria News: <https://groups.io/g/WOR/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://betajbk.blogspot.com/> <https://ukdxe.webs.com/>

EU SW Pirate addresses: <https://ukdxe.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	Jul29	2301	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi, comments, songs. Very weak. 1. (Méndez)
3320	Jul22	2111	Pyongyang BC Stn, Pyongyang area site. Tks, songs. 2 (CGS)
3325	Jul23	2206	RRI (p), Palangkaraya. Songs, tks. 1 (CGS)
3955	Aug2	2350	The Overcomer via Channel 292, Rohrbach EE religious talk and shouting 5 (AP-DNK)
3975	Jul27	2049	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. Pops. // 6160. 3 (CG)
3995	Jul22	2109	HCJB, Weenermoor. G, rlg. propag. 3 (CGS)
4750	Jul28	1834	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar, Bengali, songs, comments. 3. (Méndez)
4765	Jul29	2258	Radio Progreso, Bejucal, Cuban songs. Very weak. 1. (Méndez)
4765	Aug2	2345	Tajik R 1, Yangiyul Tajik conversation, local song 3 (AP-DNK) + (Méndez)
4775	Aug2	2330	R Tarma, Tarma Spanish talk and ID 2 CWQRM in AM and LSB (AP-DNK) + (Méndez)
4800	Aug2	2335	Voice of China, Golmud Chinese talk 3 (AP-DNK)
4820	Aug2	2340	Xizang PBS, Baiding, Tibet Chinese 3 // 5935, 6050, 7240 and 7450 (AP-DNK)
4835	Jul31	1343	"Shortwave Australia" (presumed). Outstanding propagation which allowed me to have the rare treat of listening to two different low powered stations; EZL piano music faintly coming

through the summertime QRN (static); Dave Stuart, the operator of the station, calls this "playing a dream time program with relaxing electronic music," which makes for a challenging job of getting details to report on this station, even when there is any audio. (Ron Howard, California)

4885.4	Aug2	2325	R Clube do Pará, Belém, PA Portuguese conversation 2 (AP-DNK) + (Méndez) + (CGS)
4905	Aug2	2320	Xizang PBS, Baiding, Tibetan conversation, musical interludes 4 // 4920 (AP-DNK)
4940	Jul28	0449	Radio 4940, religious songs and comments, id. "Esta es 4940". 2. (Méndez)
4965	Jul28	1913	Voice of Hope Africa, Lusaka, English, religious comments and songs. 1. (Méndez)
4970	Jul30	0840	This morning, while monitoring the Pacific SW stations from SDR-stations in Australia, I heard a new, strong transmitter on 4970 kHz: It is the new station "Radio 567 Rock and Roll Memories" from Narrabri, New South Wales, Australia, who has the home page http://radio567.com.au . According to this home page, it is testing Station X, Wee Waa on 2325 and 4970 kHz, but only 4970 kHz was audible today. I heard the station via 3 different SDR-receivers in NSW, Australia with reception S9 (= QSA 5) and weaker via 3 SDR-receivers in New Zealand at 0840-1050 on July 30 2023. It did broadcast a lot of old Rock and Roll melodies with frequent ID's. (AP-DNK)
4970	Aug2	1305	"Radio 567" (presumed). Another day of bits and pieces of hearing music; the best day so far, but still a little bit too weak to ID any songs. (Ron Howard, California)
4985	Aug2	2315	R Brasil Central, Goiânia, GO Portuguese ann, Brazilian song 2 (AP-DNK) + (Méndez)
5000U	Jul26	1758	ist wieder mal der USB-Sender aktiv, der Relays israelischer FM-Stationen ausstrahlt. Allerdings 1000 kHz höher als in der Vergangenheit. Aktuell mit O=3 hier in Südostösterreich. Übertragen wird das Programm von Eco 99 FM. (Patrick Robic via A-DX)
5020	Aug4	1405	SIBC, on Aug 4, yet another day with greatly extended broadcast; since SI Independence Day (July 7), seems to me this is now routinely heard well past their former 1200* closing; today tuned in at 1236, till still on the air past 1405+; non-stop songs (island pop songs, American C&W, etc.); started out poor, but improved to almost fair. My local sunrise was at 1316. Enjoyable listening here even with summertime QRN (static)! Brief audio attached. (Ron Howard, California)
5025	Jul31	0452	Radio Rebelde, Bauta, Cuban songs, at 0500 id. "Rebelde, La Habana, emisora de la revolución". 3. (Méndez)
5895	Jul29	2140	Radio Northern Star, Bergen, country and pop. (Méndez) + (CGS)
5910	Jul30	0525	Alcaraván Radio, Puerto Lleras, religious and Latin American songs. 2. (Méndez)
5920	Aug1	1550	HCJB, Weenermoor. German religious hymn 3 (// 3995 not audible) (AP-DNK)
5920	Aug2	1335	Shiokaze/Sea Breeze/JSR; yes, another Wed. in English; very poor reception due to N. Korea super jamming; // 6090 (good). What I find interesting is that recently when Shiokaze moved here, at that time VOF was also on 5920, but they quickly moved up to their alternate frequency of 6045; for three days now (July 31/Aug 1-2), VOF has been free of any jamming, so the super jamming has been especially slow following VOF. Aug 3, super jamming finally moved from 5920 up to 6045. (Ron Howard, California)
5930	Aug2	2057	World Music R, Bramming. Mx & songs. 3 (CG) + (AP-DNK)
5940.2	Aug2	2101	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag. 3 (CG) + (Méndez)
5955	Jul28	0442	Sunlite Radio, Westdorpe, "Vamos a la Playa", oldies, Dutch, id. "Sunlite". 2. (Méndez)
5995	Jul29	1850	Radio Mali, Bamako, English program "English Magazine", news and comments about Mali, at 1902 African songs. 2. (Méndez) + (CG)
6010	Jul29	0552	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs. Very weak. 1. (Méndez)
6030	Jul28	1840	Radio Oromiya, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments, East African songs. 2. (Méndez)
6050	Jul29	-0500*	HCJB, Pichincha, Ecuadorian music, "Nuestra música autóctona", today about "El pueblo Sagaruro", "Este espacio es una aportación de HCJB a la interculturalidad del Ecuador", "Ritmos y Canciones de Nuestra Tierra", at 0458 song and close. 3. (Méndez)
6060	Jul29	1755	Radio Delta International, Elburg, id. "Radio Delta AM", English, comments. 3. (Méndez)
6070	Jul29	0550	CFRX, Toronto. QRM from Channel 292 on the same frequency. 2. (Méndez)
6085	Jul29	*0700-	Radio Mi Amigo Internatinal, Kall Krekel, pop songs, comments. 1. (Méndez)
6110	Jul30	1755	Radio Fana, Addis Ababa, East African songs, Vernacular, comments. 1. (Méndez)
6115	Jul28	1847	Radio Congo, Brazzaville, French, news, comments, African songs, at 2000 news, female, male, id. "Radio Congo", "La Repulique du Congo". From 1857 to 1959 QRM from CRI on 6110. 2. (Méndez)
6150	Jul31	0710	Europa 24, Datteln, German, comments, id. "Europa Vierundzwanzig". 1. (Méndez)
6160	Jul23	1819	Skyline R (D) via Shortwave Gold, Winsen. Pops. ID via DX press. 3 (CGS)
6160	Jul27	2051	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. Pops. // 3975. 3 (CG)
6180	Jul29	2150	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Brazilian songs, id. "Nacional". 3. (Méndez)
6180	Aug1	1605	Deutscher Wetterdienst. German sea weatherforecasts, abrupt s/off // 5905 (AP-DNK)
6185	Jul31	0446	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, Mexican and other Latin American songs. 3. (Méndez)
6185	Jul30	*1847-	Free Radio Service Holland, interval signal, music, id. "Free Radio Service Holland", songs and comments in English. // 7700 and 5790. 3. (Méndez)
7110	Jul30	-1802*	Radio Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, East African songs. Ham radio QRM. 2. (Méndez)

7260 Jul31 0520 R Vanuatu English, Bislama, comments, at 0705 drums, interval signal, news. From 0529 to 0629 QRM from VoA on 7265.1 (Méndez)

9550.2 Jul23 2105 R.Boa Vontade, Pt.º Alegre RS. Rlgs. propag., mx background & songs. // 11895.091 rtd. 35332. 2 (CGS)

9635 Jul24 1107 R.Mali, Kati. Vn, tks, F at 1130. Better at 1355 when rtd. Strg. on 25/7, 0945. 2 (CGS)

9665.1 Jul24 2034 R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., songs to match. 4 (CGS)

9700 Jul23 1833 R.NZPacific, Rantitaiki. E/Pacific islands langs., songs 4 (CGS)

9819.1 Jul31 0512 Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious comments. 1. (Méndez) + (CGS)

11665 Jul25 0928 Wai FM via RTM, Kajang. Chanting, tks. 2 (CGS)

11689.9 Aug5 2001 Scandinavian Weekend Radio, id. "Scandinavian Weekend Radio". 2. (Méndez)

11750.1 Aug3 2053 R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag. Adj. QRM. // 9665.396, 5940.244. 3 (CG)

11780 Jul30 2000 Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, soccer, comments, live matches. 2. (Méndez)

11815 Jul31 0516 Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, id. "Radio Brasil Central", "Madrugada Musical", Brazilian and other songs. 2. (Méndez) + (CGS)

15190.1 Jul30 1957 Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, soccer, comments, live matches. 2. (Méndez)

15190.2 Jul25 0933 R.Inconfidência. Tks, mx. 1 (CGS)

15476u Jul29 1751 LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, music, at 1806 Morse code, 1807 Spanish, id. "... LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel...", comments, male, female, program "Uniendo Voces", songs. 2. (Méndez)

15700 Jul30 1627 World Music Radio, Randers, music, Cuban song, id. "WMR", id. "World Music Radio, WMR". 3. (Méndez)

15720 Aug4 *2059- R.NZPacific, Rangitaiki. E, IS, nx, sports nx, Pacific Prepared px. 4 (CG)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

3910 Jul30 2036 Voice Of The People (p) (cland.), Goyang. Tks. Possibly the same on 3930. 1 (CG)

4885 Aug1 2035 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CG)

6045 Aug2 1338 Voice of Freedom. My audio of 1338-1340, end of the "Ulisoli hanmadang" (Our sound festival) program with indigenous music and 1340-1346, start of the "Sigan-yeohaeng, yeogsa tamheomdae" (Time travel, history exploration party) program, presenting a drama - <https://app.box.com/s/trttoofgjzqb6quural6dllcs7aff2g6> ; fairly good reception. The next day (Aug 3), totally covered by super jamming and pulsating noise jamming from N. Korea, so there were only three days here with VOF with good reception; ex: 5920. (Ron Howard, California)

6230 Aug3 2117 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 6229.962. 1 (CG)

6230 Aug3 2118 UnID Channel, site? Mand, tks. Meas. 6230.030. 1 (CG)

6250 Aug1 2033 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. Better signal than in July observations. 2 (CG)

6340.2 Aug3 2031 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CG)

6370 Aug3 2033 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CG)

6520 Aug3 2035 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks, mx. Jammed. 2 (CG)

6600 Aug3 2037 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks, mx. Jammed. 2 (CG)

7750.2 Jul23 2103 Sound Of Hope R Int'l. (t), unk. site. Tks, seemingly in Mand (to CHN). 1 (CGS)

7810 Aug4 2102 Sound Of Hope R Int'l. (p), unk. site. Mand, tks. 2 (CG)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

3485 Jul23 -2230* VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)

4405 Aug4 1847 TAH İstanbul R. E, ocean wx. // 13128 rtd. 35443. 2 (CG)

6230 Aug2 1845 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. QRM de TWN (p). 2 (CG)

6230 Aug3 2117 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 6229.962. 1 (CG)

6230 Aug3 2118 UnID Channel, site? Mand, tks. Meas. 6230.030. 1 (CG)

6507 Aug2 1848 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. // 12365 rtd. 35343. 2 (CG)

6604 Aug1 -2030* VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 1 (CG)

6676 Jul28 *1845- ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. Actual start at nearly 1846. 1 (CG)

6676 Aug1 *1840- HSD Bangkok Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CG)

6676 Aug1 2031 VKA-930 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT? Met rpt. 1 (CG)

6676 Aug3 1856 AWB Bombay Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)

6676 Aug4 -1854* 9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)

6679 Aug1 1842 JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. Occ. USB QRM. 1 (CG)

6679 Aug1 -1849* VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)

6679 Aug1 *1850- ZKAK Auckland Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CG)

6765.1 Aug1 1836 HSW Bangkok R. Ocean wx. 2 (CG)

8113 Aug2 1846 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)

8176 Aug2 1847 VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. // 12365 rtd. 35343. 2 (CG)
8743 Aug2 2210 HSW Bangkok R. E, ocean wx. Better on // 6765.1 despite some uty. QRM. 2 (CG)
8764 Aug2 2212 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 3 (CG)
8828 Aug1 -1855* ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
8828 Aug3 -2115* JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
8828 Aug3 *2115- VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
10051 Aug4 -1859* VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt, s/off ann. Uty. QRM. 2 (CG)
12356 Jul25 0915 ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 2 (CGS)
12362 Jul24 1814 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 1 (CGS)
12365 Jul24 1815 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 1 (CGS)
12788 Jul24 -1133* NMG New Orleans, GA. Ocean wx, ID & s/off ann. 2 (CGS)
13089 Aug2 2214 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 3 (CG)
13128 Aug4 1830 TAH İstanbul R. E, ocean wx. // 4405 rtd. 25341 at 1847. 3 (CG)
13146 Aug4 1823 ZSC Kaapstad R. E, ocean wx. 1 (CG)
13270 Aug4 -1859* VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt, s/off ann. Uty. QRM. 3 (CG)
13282 Aug1 *1845- VRK Hong Kong Volmet. ID, met rpt. Somewhat better on 03/8, 1846. 2 (CG)
13282 Aug1 -1855* ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
13282 Aug3 2111 JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
16528 Aug1 0746 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 1 (CG)

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Station news

AUSTRALIA. 4970 Radio 567, Wee Waa. NF for them, humming along quite well 0657 w/Dylan's Subterranean Homesick Blues, Small Faces etc 28/7. Also noted the previous evening S9+20dB signal 0930 with "Don't Fall in Love" by the Ferrets, 27/7 (Seager)

Middling signal here 1105, helped by very low noise tonight with golden oldies and 'Radio 5-6-7' ID. Running 100 watts according to Facebook update. 27/7 (Francis).

Relay of "Radio 567" (presumed), on 29/7 - Same results today as heard yesterday; at sunrise (1310 UT), heard with the strongest signal and again no audio detected. Peter Tate's station has been relaying a local Wee Waa station ("Radio 567" - <https://xrn.com.au/>). I'm still waiting for the day with outstanding propagation, so I can catch some audio! (Howard*).

Testing but poor 2326. Also heard the previous night (Schache)

{no such station on 567 kHz in WRTH; is it unlicensed? No callsign at website -- gh}

email reply from Peter Tate to Ed Kusalik:

"Format wise... Radio 567 [per FaceBook: "Rock N Roll Memories"] was born and put into service as a member of the XRN family some time ago. Its the youngest family member. Initially as internet only. We also have a rather large amount of people roaming the vast open areas of this nation... grey nomads we call them. All with HF comms radios. We sat down and thought about feedback other family members and figured Radio 567 might be the best family member to give some Time In The Sun on the SW frequency. It's been quite a good response to be honest."

Also this from Peter Tate via FaceBook:

"They say shortwave is dead...

I'd seriously would have to differ after replying to 2 more reports this morning. All this for a little 100w service. That's not beamed far a feild with 100kw behind it. It can be heard as far away as the USA, but only for a small window. NZ, East Coast of Australia & Even WA & SA (can't check NT) are no problem subject to conditions. It's very interesting!!

I've always figured there was some benefit in keeping SW around. Just never quite sure if I was right thinking we

could do it with tuned (more efficient) aerals because we don't move frequencies. Then using modern TXer's using switch mode techniques (more efficient on power use). Then they are locked to one frequency (no broadband techniques etc) that raises the TXer cost. I'd really like to see what 1kw does into a tuned aerial. But not for now. I do think NVIS needs a higher daytime frequency. 73's"

My reception of 4970, on August 1; Radio 567 (presumed), about 1308 UT started to catch some extremely faint singing; today had a few brief announcers (probably IDs?); not strong enough to ID any songs; not as good reception as yesterday; hit with CW QRM 1324-1326 and this has also been heard at other times too (my audio: <https://app.box.com/s/3mtid5ximczd2d7gpirx7zxcgeodmfah>). (Ron Howard, California)
(all items via WOR)

CANADA. Richard LaCroix, ODXA, replies to my obs that **Trenton Military** has been missing from VOLMET on 6754 USB and 15034 USB, but there is another 2-way frequency:

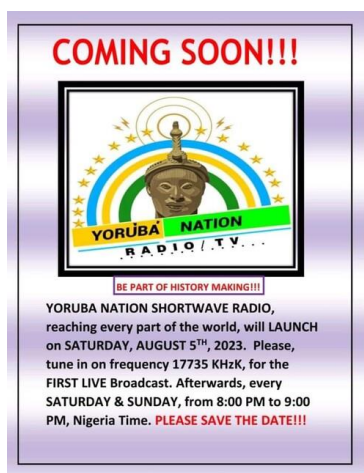
``Glenn, 11232 is in fact busy. This is the Canadian Forces Military Aeronautical Communications System (MACS).

Further information can be found here: Military Aeronautical Communications System (MACS) Trenton <http://www.milspec.ca/canforce/facilities/macs/macs-trenton.html>

You can find my MACS logs at the following URL: Trenton Military General Log, <https://www.hfunder-ground.com/board/index.php/topic,114462.0.html>

As for the VOLMET station, still to be determined. I contacted a work colleague back on June 1st with regards to the clock being wrong (in EDT vice ZULU time zone) with no response. Nature of the military, the member may have been posted out, on leave or retired`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

GREAT BRITAIN/NIGERIA. From Yoruba Nation Facebook page:



"On the 5th of August 2023, **Yoruba Nation Shortwave Radio** will start Broadcasting live. Share this page with Yoruba citizens both Home and Diaspora.

Listen to us every, Saturday and Sunday from 20.00pm to 21.00pm Nigeria time on (Shortwave Radio) Frequency 17735KHz SW. Also, listen to our online Radio 24/7."

<https://www.facebook.com/Yorubanationradiotv?mibextid=ZbWKwL>
(Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec via WOR)

Checked here in southern Germany remoted Perseus SDR net: 17735 even kHz Yoruba Nation Shortwave Radio heard on Aug 5 at 19.00 UT on S=8-9 level, fluttery sidelobe signal

TX Woofferton switch-on 18.59:44 UT, 18.59:53 UT switch-on feed-in.

On KIWI_net in South Africa via port <http://jnb.twrmon.net:8073>
S=5 tiny at -94dBm poor signal.

<http://186.193.231.135:7999> in Sao Paulo Brasil, KIWI unit

S=7 at approx. -85dBm fluttery poor signal. Typical West African accent talk by Nigerian presenter. (wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 5 via HCDX)

ROMANIA. https://www.rrl.ro/en_gb/two_transmitters_discontinued-2687864

Two out of the five transmitters broadcasting RRI's programmes are temporarily suspended as of 1 August.

Dear friends, the Radio Romania Board of Administrators decided to temporarily suspend the use of 2 out of the 5 Radiocom shortwave transmitters that ensure the broadcast of Radio Romania International programmes, because of budget cuts. As of August 1, our programmes are aired via one transmitter in Țigănești, one in Săftica (both of them near Bucharest) and one in Galbeni (east). As soon as the budget of the institution is restored, we will resume broadcasts on all 5 transmitters.

The RRI programmes in Romanian, English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese and Hebrew are affected. All of them may be received on only one frequency instead of 2, as of August 1, 2023. The frequencies as well as any other prospective changes operated by Radiocom further to reception monitoring and to your feedback on reception quality will be announced in our broadcasts, on our web page and on Facebook.

Budget restrictions also prompted a reduction of the night time power of medium wave transmitters that broadcast Radio Romania News and Current Affairs programmes and of some regional stations.

We invite you to follow RRI's programmes online at www.rrl.ro (including on demand), on SoundCloud, on Android and iOS apps, via TuneIn and via satellite. You can find more details on our home page. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn and Spotify.
(via WOR)

ZANZIBAR. (No one has reported 11735 Zanzibar for a long time, but a visitor to Tanz in June says he heard it; like Sudan 7205 -- gh}

Tanzania {Zanzibar isl} Bei einem Besuch in Tanzania (Juni 2023) konnte die Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation auf 585 und 11735kHz gehoert werden. Das Signal des Kurzwellensenders war gut, aber die miserable Audioqualitaet machte den Empfang praktisch unbrauchbar.

Das World Radio TV Handbook 2023 fuehrt den klassischen Sendeplan aus Dole mit dem Vermerk (i) inaktiv: 0300-0600 6015 kHz (50 kW, nond)

1500-2100 11735 kHz (50 kW, nond)

Empfangsversuche fuer die Morgensendung ab 0600 Uhr Ortszeit auf 6015 kHz gab es wegen anderer Aktivaeteten nicht.

(Sebastian Arndt-D; Dr. Hansjoerg Biener-D, B. DX Digest column July 19) (via BC-DX Aug 4)

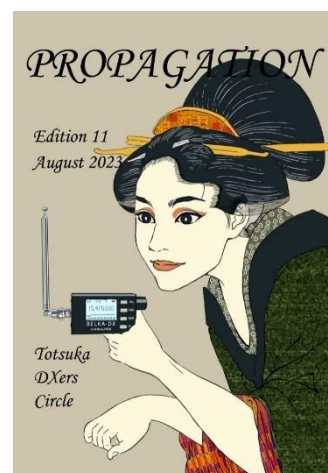
(Glenn Hauser via WOR)

Other radio news

Propagation from Totsuka DXers Circle (in Japanese)

"**Propagation**", das jährliche Magazin des **Totsuka DXers Circle** ist erschienen. Wenn auch großteils in japanischer Sprache, bietet es einen spannenden Einblick in die SWL Welt Japans. Kostenloser Download unter: <https://www.tdxc.net/propagation/>

(Christoph Ratzler via A-DX Fernempfang)



ELWA, Liberia

From: lev.lyt, date: Sun, 30 Jul 2023 19:37:07 UTC

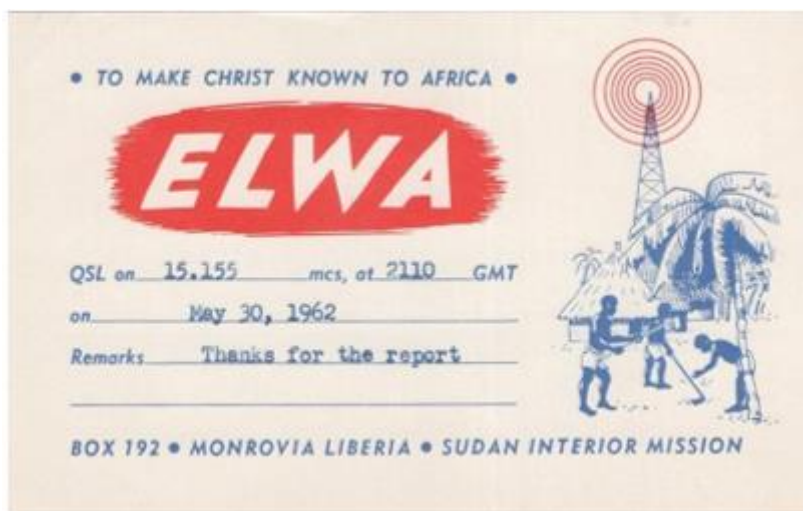
In 1951 the Liberian Government donated a 130 acres of land outside of Monrovia for establishing a Cristian Radio Station with the call letters of **ELWA (Eternal Love Winning Africa)** - 06 14'31"N - 10 41'52"E.

At that time it was the first religious radio station in Africa and it had broadcast the Gospel for Liberia and to West and North Africa, to the Middle East and Eastern Europe, for more than 57 years. The station signed on in Jan. 1954.

In March 1955, a 10 kW transmitter was installed for SW broadcast. In Nov.1960 ELWA got a new SW 50 kW transmitter and erected an antenna for better transmission to Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia and finished another antenna to serve the Middle East and the Arabian Peninsula. In early 1980's a new antenna for the 25 meter band was installed in order to receive better signal in Morocco. In its long history the station was burned and looted twice in 1990 and in 1996 during the Liberian civil war. But throughout all turmoil the station manage somehow to survive and still is on the air, but on FM only.

It is my great pleasure to offer to the members of our Group the site with lots of nice photos of the ELWA Radio Station : "mainantenna ELWA Ministries Association USA".

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/radioelwa/6314053846/>



But after watching the photos one thing seemed strange to me. Their antenna field looked like a forest with lots of masts. Too much for a station using just two SW transmitters -10 and 50 kW. In accordance with the Passport to World Band Radio of 1989 (one year before the station was attacked by insurgents) the transmission was on 90, 60, 49, 41, 31 and 25 meter bands. But in the 1950's - 1960's the transmission was much wider including all meter bands up to 13 mb. And the station needed to use many antennas with different azimuths. This is my explanation for why they had so many masts.

If you have any other ideas, please, correct me.

(via nordx)

[WOR] Agencia Brasil: At 88, "A Voz do Brasil" draws new listeners, keeps loyal audience

<https://agenciabrasil.abc.com.br/en/geral/noticia/2023-07/voz-do-brasil-draws-new-listeners-keeps-loyal-audience-88>

Published on 24/07/2023 - 11:48 By Lucas Pordeus Leon - Brasilia

At 88, "A Voz do Brasil" draws new listeners, keeps loyal audience. The radio broadcast promotes citizenship, university professor says.

Radio broadcast A Voz do Brasil ("The Voice of Brazil") is celebrating its 88th anniversary. The program is the oldest still on air in the Southern Hemisphere, according to the Guinness Book of Records.

The program was created on July 22, 1935, by then-President Getulio Vargas, and its transmission became mandatory for all stations in 1938, during the Estado Novo regime. In 2015, A Voz do Brasil was allowed to be aired from 7pm to 11pm, from Monday to Friday.

In the first decades of its existence, when radio was the main means of communication in Brazil, the program, then called Hora do Brasil ("Brazil Hour," or "Brazil Time"), was the main source of information about the government for a large number of people, especially in rural areas. In 1962, the Legislative Branch took up a section of the program, which today also presents reports from the Judiciary branch and the Federal Court of Accounts.

Despite the advance of television and the internet, A Voz do Brasil retains its loyal audience, which includes 77-year-old retiree Raimundo Nonato de Oliveira. He says he learned about the Vietnam War, World War II, and the first man on the moon through the show.

"We learn about things like education, health care, and transportation. It's a general overview of the country. Even today, it's A Voz do Brasil that keeps folks in the woods, in the countryside, and in the rubber plantations informed," he said. Nonato lives in the northern state of Acre, in the Brazilian Amazon.

The program also brings news to younger generations. "A Voz do Brasil is part of my life," said 29-year-old journalist and quilombola Janaina Neri, who lives in the state of Bahia, in the Northeast.

She said her community did not have electricity until she was 18, so the broadcast has always been one of the chief sources of information in the quilombo.

The last survey on the program's audience, published in 2015, reports that 32 percent of Brazilians listened to A Voz do Brasil at least once a week. The study was conducted by Ibope Inteligencia, at the request of the president's office.

Communication Professor at the University of Brasilia (UnB) Fernando Oliveira Paulino pointed out that A Voz do Brasil promotes citizenship as it brings the federal capital closer to the most remote areas.

"The program has always been essential in reporting the inner activities of the Executive, Judiciary, and Legislative branches. It's still alive today even after the latest technological changes because it lets the people know exactly how our rulers are taking action," he noted.

Transparency

A Voz do Brasil is a necessity because it brings transparency to acts of government, says EBC President Helio Doyle, further describing the program as "heritage of Brazilian radio." EBC has 25 minutes allocated to the Executive in the transmission.

"It's one of the government's tools for keeping a direct contact with the people. It's come under criticism for some time, right? It was as if the ruler, whoever they are, should not address people directly; as if there had to be a middleman," he argued, adding that the government needs a direct communication channel with citizens.

Translation: Fabricio Ferreira - Edition: Juliana Andrade
(via WOR)

[WOR] Fw: [bdxc-news] Ireland - RTE 567 mast demolished

Leinster Express: An iconic landmark in Offaly was toppled today and the video above captures the dramatic moment it was brought crashing to the ground. Our video shows the demolition from three different perspectives. Watch to the end to see the last pieces come crashing to earth. {and hitting the building -- gh}

The 296 metre tall red and white RTE radio mast in Ballycommon has been in place since 1973 and is visible from many miles around. The mast ceased operation in March 2008 and has been out of use ever since. Today it was expertly taken to the ground in a controlled explosion at around 12.15pm. As the video shows, it collapsed almost directly down on itself as the wires that have held it so securely in place were removed. It is planned to replace the mast with a new 48-metre high latticework communications tower on the site with new fencing.

<https://www.leinsterexpress.ie/video/pictures---videos/1256840/watch-dramatic-scenes-as-midlands-landmark-is-brought-crashing-to-the-ground.html>

(Mike Barraclough, bdxc-news via WOR)

Tropical Bands Monitor 2023 August

Compiled by **Anker Petersen** 01 August 2023

Since January 2017 the Tropical Bands Monitor's are normally published each month on the public website

www.dswci.org

Signal without notification: RF may freeze international agreements on radio frequencies.

Russia may refuse to comply with international agreements on radio frequencies in border areas. The draft relevant recommendations of the Council for the Development of the Digital Economy under the Federation Council have already been sent to the relevant departments. Such serious measures were required to improve the quality of TV signal reception near the borders with neighboring states. According to Izvestia's source in the Federation Council, Russian operators comply with the mentioned agreements, but their colleagues in unfriendly countries not only ignore them, but also try to drown out the television and radio signal in the border regions, replacing it with their own. Our signalmen can respond to this by increasing the power of equipment not specified at the international level or by similar methods used by unfriendly states, experts say.

Details in Russian - <https://tele-satinfo.ru/index.php?id=17327>

(<https://tele-satinfo.ru/>)

(RUS-DX #1248)

[WOR] Amateur radio - International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW)

Normally held on the 3rd full weekend in August.

This year 00.01UTC 19th August to 24.00UTC 20th August 2023 (48 hours)

Next year: 00.01 UTC 17th August to 24.00 UTC 18th August 2024 (48 hours)

For some reason or other August seems to have become the international weekend for lighthouses. Countries all over the world have become involved in one for or another of lighthouse activity. Some years ago the United States Congress declared August 7th as their National Lighthouse Day and during that first week in August amateur radio operators in America set up portable stations at lighthouses and endeavour to make contact with each other. This event is known as the US National Lighthouse Week.

In Britain the Association of Lighthouse Keepers, [ALK](#), conducts International Lighthouse Heritage Weekend on the same weekend as the ILLW in August. Their objective is to encourage Lighthouse managers, keepers and owners to open their lighthouse or lightstation and related visitors centres to the public with a view to raising the profile of lighthouses, lightvessels and other navigational aids, and preserving our maritime heritage.

However, the major event which takes place in August is the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend, [ILLW](#), which came into being in 1998 as the Scottish Northern Lights Award run by the Ayr Amateur Radio Group. The history of this event can be found elsewhere on this site. The ILLW usually takes place on the 3rd full weekend in August each year and attracts over 500 lighthouse entries located in over 40 countries. It is one of the most popular international amateur radio events in existence probably because there are very few rules and it is not the usual contest type event. It is also free and there are no prizes for contacting large numbers of other stations. There is little doubt that the month of August has become "Lighthouse Month" due largely to the popularity and growth of the ILLW.

<https://illw.net/>

(Mike Terry via WOR)

A Tribute to BBC Far Eastern Relay Station, Kranji, Singapore (Feb 1978-15 July 2023)

Jose Jacob ~ VU2JOS



Dr. T. Jaishktivel, VU3U0M at BBC Relay Station in Kranji, Singapore

At the stroke of midnight GMT of 15 July 2023, the BBC Far Eastern Relay Station located at Kranji, Singapore switched off their transmitters for the very last time, which were on air then on 61 95 and 7465 kHz with their World Service English programming. Thus ended the 45-year journey of this BBC relay Station.

Not long ago there were some reports in DX media that this station was about to close but the same was not confirmed from any official sources. Then AWR Wavescan DX program on 5 July 2023 flashed the news that BBC Relay Station was indeed to close down from 16 July 2023. The same was also reflected in the frequency registrations of the station in HFCC. So Dxers around the world started to keenly monitor this station more frequently than before. Keen Dxers had already noted that transmission hours from the stations had slowly got reduced in recent times Due to a faux pas, because of mix up of recordings (?), the Dxers were confused about when the station would ac-

tually go off air. Then on 12 July 2023 announcements were heard on the station that they were ending broadcasts "next day". This next day never came for several days! The Dxers were baffled for some days that the station was still on air! Then on 14 July 2023 another announcement was heard on the station that they are closing down from 15 July 2023. This recording was supposed to be used first. Somehow their announcements got interchanged. Anyway at last the station went off at the stroke of midnight GMT of 15 July 2023.



The 4-acre property of the station located at Kranji was very compact, with 10 SW transmitters (5x 100 kW and 5 x 250 kW) and 22 antennas and was on air from Feb 1978. First it was run by BBC but later Merlin Communications took over the operation of this station which subsequently became VT Merlin, and then VT Communications, and then this was taken over by Babcock and then at last by Encompass. Though there were several speculations, the real reason for the shut down now was that their land lease was getting over. There are reports that the leased land used by BBC till now will be developed for making different building complexes. The 250 kW RIZ DRM transmitter which was transferred from BBC Skelton, UK to Kranji Singapore is to be sent to BBC Woofferton, UK transmitting Station while the other transmitters are being scrapped.

In the A23 period, BBC was broadcasting in English, Burmese, Pashtu, Dari, Korean to Asia including DRM mode.

The frequencies used during A23 were 6195, 7465, 9410, 9585, 11685, 11695, 11735, 11855, 11945, 11995, 12025, 12095, 15640, 17720, 17790. Their DRM broadcasts at 0800-0900 GMT were especially popular in S. Asia among the elite Dxers who had DRM receivers and others who used SDRs.!

Some of the services relayed by BBC Singapore were transferred to other relay stations while some services I were dropped. In the good old days, station identification was given as BBC ... \ Far Eastern / Re lay Station I \ when transmissions started but this was dropped many years t A back. One could know that we are listening to this station through BBC schedules that were listing the particular relay "" \ stations or through other reliable documents like WRTH, HFCC etc. Several other broadcasters also used this as a relay; station in the past like Deutsche Welle, Radio Australia, Radio Canada.

Radio Japan, Radio Korea International, Radio Netherlands, R Te-
levis Eireann, RAI Italy, Swiss Radio International etc. BBC Singa-
pore used to issue QSLs from their relay station directly in the past.
BBC has been operating an FM station round the clock in Singa-
pore on 88.9 MHz



Many thanks to the Far Eastern Relay Station of BBC located at Kranji, Singapore for many years of service to us. You will be greatly missed.

References / Credits: Dr. Adrian M. Peterson, AWR Wavescan, USA, Dr. T. Jaishaktivel, VU3UOM, Chennai BBC, HFCC, World Radio TV Handbook, QSL Information pages <https://www.schoechi.de/>

(Asian DX Review, August 2023)

[WOR] The BBC and the Decline of British Soft Power - Foreign Affairs magazine

'Foreign Affairs' magazine has an excellent piece on the BBC World Service by historian and author, Simon Potter. The full article is available at <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/united-kingdom/bbc-and-decline-british-soft-power>

It provides an overview of the rise and more recent fall of the World Service from its origins in the early 1930s as the 'Empire Service' to the External Services of the Cold War era when it employed over a quarter of the BBC's staff, and the World Service of recent decades and its expansion into television and online platforms.

Potter's focus is how funding for the World Service has suffered because of domestic hostility to the BBC: "These attacks intensified from 2010 onward, driven by a range of political and commercial groups that wanted to see the BBC cut down to size or eliminated entirely and that seemed to care little about how this might affect the World Service and British soft power. That year, the Conservative–Liberal Democrat coalition government led by Prime Minister David Cameron imposed a tough new financial settlement on the BBC. As part of the austerity measures designed to reduce public expenditure, the government grant that had funded BBC international broadcasting since World War II was withdrawn with effect from April 2014. Many observers believed this move was politically motivated and reflected deep-rooted Conservative hostility to the BBC at home. The result was a round of savage cuts at the World Service, which was even obliged to move out of its historic home in London's Bush House and squeeze into the BBC's domestic news

base in Broadcasting House. To insiders and outsiders alike, this seemed to mark the end of an era and a significant loss of prestige.'

Since then, Potter notes, the BBC has increasingly relied on government grant injections to maintain its services or respond to new priorities driven by global events. He notes a call from the former BBC chairman for the government to resume its historic role of fully funding the World Service. Another option may be to separate domestic and international broadcasting altogether although this could lead to diminished appeal among audiences attracted to the BBC brand and reputation: 'Keeping the World Service under the umbrella of the BBC protects its status as an independent voice reflecting the plurality of British democracy. Under direct government control, it might instead appear to be simply an organ of state propaganda, merely a British iteration of Voice of America. Its global reach and influence would surely decline.'

This would all be depressingly familiar to those who have followed the history of international broadcasting from Australia where funding for Radio Australia was traditionally drawn from the ABC's operating budget. The ABC has progressively starved RA of funding over the years as it has focused on domestic audiences amid its own budget constraints and cuts. The Federal Government has stepped in from time to time to provide supplementary funding for particular initiatives, including the Asia Pacific television service which was relaunched in 2001 but which later became the target of hostility from commercial and some political interests, as much focused on cutting the ABC down to size as opposed to its soft power virtues. Reviews of Australian international broadcasting and public diplomacy in recent years have also included calls for a new, independent and public funded international broadcasting corporation or foundation.

(Matt Francis, Bilgola Plateau, NSW, Australia via WOR)

European, Private Shortwave Stations, August 1st 2023

Only legal stations are included. Most stations use low power, but a few use several kW. All times are given in UTC.

Abbreviations: D = Germany, DNK = Denmark, FIN = Finland, NL = the Netherlands, NOR = Norway

A.o. = and others, F.pl.: future plan, Int'l = International, Irr. = irregular, 24/7 = twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week

Aug = August, Mo = Monday, Tu = Tuesday, We = Wednesday, Th = Thursday, Fr = Friday, Sa = Saturday, Su = Sunday

kHz	Country	Station	Schedule (UTC)
3955	D	Radio Channel 292 Rohrbach Waal	Daily 0000-2000 & 2100-2400
3975	D	Shortwave Radio Winsen, Aller	Daily 1700-2300
3985	D	Shortwaveservice Kall-Krekel	Daily 1600-1900 (Radio Slovakia Int'l a.o.)
3995	D	HCJB Weenermoor	24/7 (Segenswelle at night)
5895	NOR	Kysten / Radio Northern Star Bergen	Back from approx Aug. 10th: Daily 0459-1832
5920	D	HCJB Weenermoor	24/7 (Segenswelle at night)
5930	DNK	World Music Radio Bramming	24/7
5940	NL	Radio Piepzender Zwolle	Irr. (weekends) (main frequency)
5955	NL	Sunlite Westdorpe	Daily 0400-1830
5970	DNK	Radio208 Hvidovre	Back from August 5th: 24/7
5980	DNK	Radio OZ-Viola Hillerød	We 2100-2200
	FIN	Scandinavian Weekend Radio Virrat	F.pl.
6005	D	Shortwaveservice Kall-Krekel	Daily 1000-1530 (Radio Slovakia Int'l)
6020	NL	Radio Casanova International Winterswijk	Irr.
	NL	Radio Delta International Elburg	Irr. Su 0500-0800
6055	DNK	Radio OZ-Viola Hillerød	Sa-Su 1100-1300
6060	NL	Radio Delta International Elburg	Sa 1600-2200
	NL	Radio Casanova International Winterswijk	Irr.
6070	D	Radio Channel 292 Rohrbach Waal	24/7
6085	D	Shortwaveservice Kall-Krekel	Daily 0700-1700 (Radio MiAmigo Int'l)
6115	D	Radio SE-TA 2 Gera	Su Oct 8th 1000-1100
6130	NL	Radio Europe Alphen a/d Rijn	24/7
6140	NL	Radio Onda, Belgium Borculo	F.pl.
6150	D	Europa 24 Datteln	Irr.
6160	D	Shortwave Radio Winsen, Aller	Mo-Sa 1500-2200; Su 0700-2200
6170	NL	Radio Europe Alphen a/d Rijn	Alternative to 6130
	FIN	Scandinavian Weekend Radio Virrat	Aug 4th: 2100-2400 & Aug 5th : 0000-2100
6185	NL	Radio Piepzender Zwolle	Irr. (last Sunday of the month)
6195	D	Radio SE-TA 2 Waldheim	August 1st testing 0900-1400 (in DRM)
7260	NL	RockPower Nijmegen	Reserve frequency
7270	NL	RockPower Nijmegen	Approx. 1030 - approx. 1930
7365	D	HCJB Weenermoor	Daily 0300-2100 (Segenswelle in Russian)
7405	NL	Radio Piepzender Zwolle	Irr. (main frequency)
7425	NL	Radio Piepzender Zwolle	Irr. (alternative to 7405 kHz)
9530	NL	Radio Onda, Belgium Borculo	F.pl.
9670	D	Radio Channel 292 Rohrbach Waal	24/7
11690	FIN	Scandinavian Weekend Radio Virrat	Aug 4th: 2100-2400 & Aug 5th: 0000-1800
11720	FIN	Scandinavian Weekend Radio Virrat	Aug 5th: 1800-2100
12075	NL	Radio Delta International Elburg	Irr. testing
13595	NL	Radio Piepzender Zwolle	Testing august 2023

15700	DNK	World Music Radio Randers	Sa 0600 - Mo 0600 & irr. at other times
15785	D	BitExpress Erlangen	24/7 (Funklust) (in DRM)
17820	NL	Radio Onda, Belgium Borculo	F.pl.
18925	NL	Radio Piepzender Zwolle	Testing august 2023
18940	NL	Radio Europe Alphen a/d Rijn	F.pl.
25800	DNK	World Music Radio Mårslet, Aarhus	24/7

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TEXAS SHORTWAVE RADIO

August 2023 Program Schedule

Date	UTC	Freq	Program
08/06/23	0000	5950	Radio Igloo (Sweden) Remembers Swedish Pirate Radio Syd *
08/06/23	0100	5950	2023 Wildflower Arts & Music Festival - Week 1 (Greetings to Finnish DX Assn. Summer Meeting) *
08/06/23	1200	15770	2023 Wildflower Arts & Music Festival - Week 1 (Greetings to Finnish DX Assn. Summer Meeting) *
08/13/23	0000	5950	Waylon Jennings
08/13/23	0100	5950	2023 Wildflower Arts & Music Festival - Week 2
08/13/23	1200	15770	2023 Wildflower Arts & Music Festival - Week 2
08/20/23	0000	5950	Best of Austin City Limits Live Rebroadcast
08/20/23	0100	5950	2023 Viva Big Bend Music Festival - Week 1
08/20/23	1200	15770	2023 Viva Big Bend Music Festival - Week 1
08/27/23	0000	5950	Glenn Hauser's World of Radio #322 & #342 (1 986) *
08/27/23	0100	5950	2023 Viva Big Bend Music Festival - Week 2 (Greetings to IRCA/DecalcoMania Convention) *
08/27/23	1200	15770	2023 Viva Big Bend Music Festival - Week 2 (Greetings to IRCA/DecalcoMania Convention) *

This schedule is subject to change without notice.

Texas Radio Shortwave's email is texasradiosw@gmail.com.

* A special QSL is available for this show.

Understanding HF propagation reports

Some useful links:

<https://www.carc.cc/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-HF-propagation-reports.pdf>

<https://www.voacap.com/ctu/propagation-ctu-en.pdf>

<https://www.f5uui.net/en/hamdxmap-propagation-muf-application-in-realtime-for-dxer/>

<https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression>

<https://www.voacap.com/>

<https://dr2w.de/dx-propagation/>

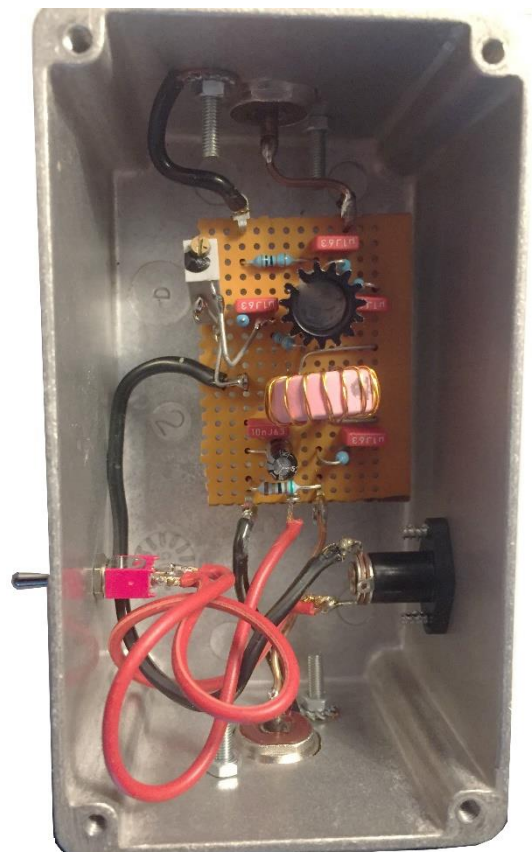
More info at <https://icomjapan.blogspot.com/>

(Franck Fzeroduw via ARC-FB)

Lost & Found:

Homebrewed Lowband Preamps from early 2000's, based on WA1ION designs.

More or less identical. Works perfect and as intended!



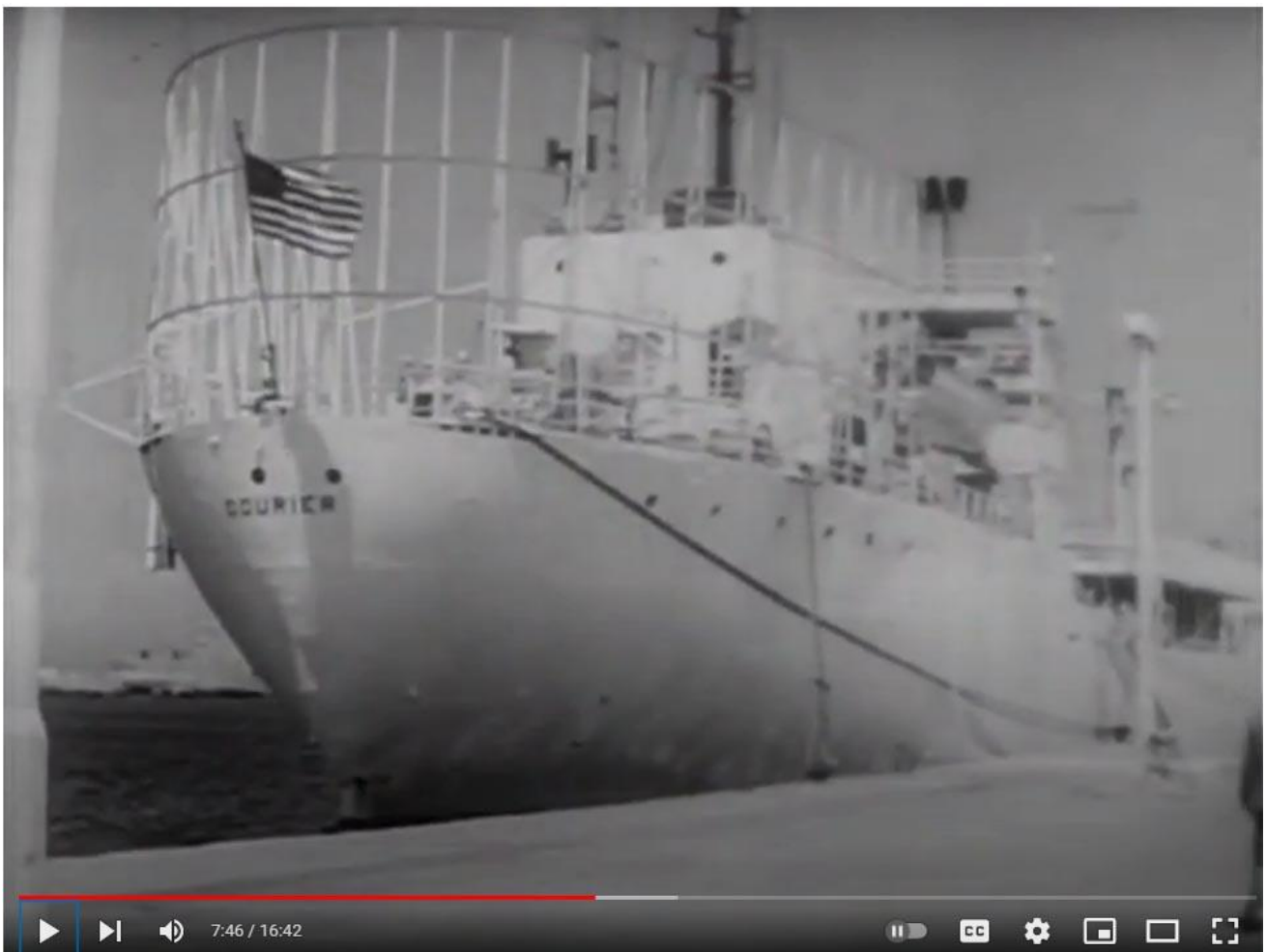
(73 Johan Letterstål Stockholm (JLS))

DX nostalgia by RFK

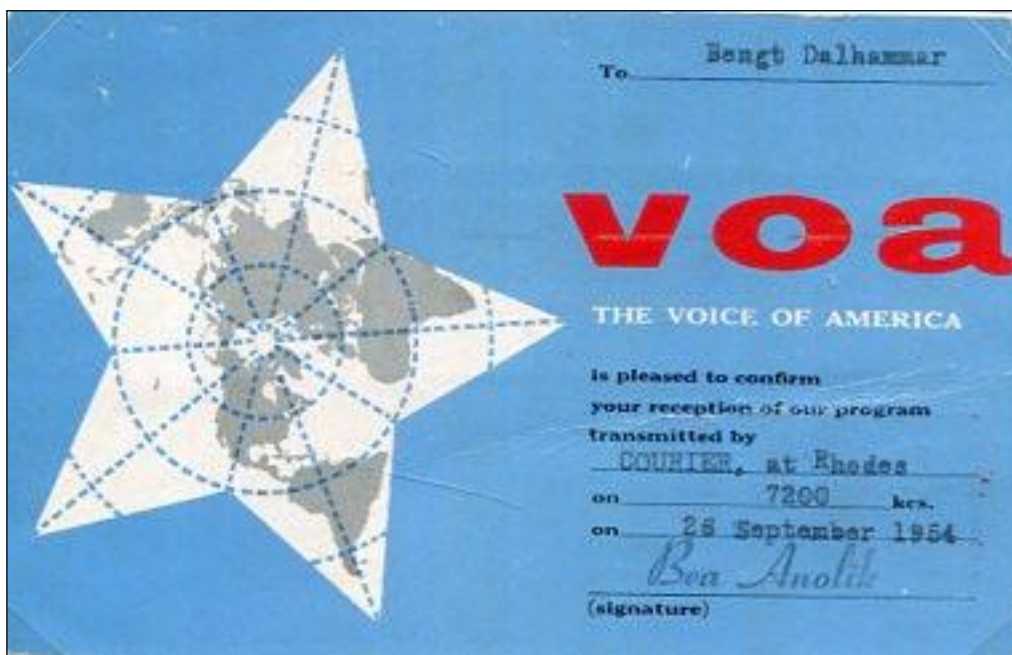
Hello all out there in Radioland! It's time for some DX nostalgia again. Here in Sweden July has been a month of rain showers most days and quite a lot of thunder and lightning. Lightning surely is something that can interfere with radio reception and it may be hazardous to your equipment. When Benjamin Franklin conducted his experiments of flying a kite in a thunder storm he was wise enough to stand on an insulator. Some others who tried the same experiment were actually electrocuted.... From these experiments the lightning rod was born. In effect, Benjamin's kite acted as an antenna – although there was not much to listen to in 1752. I remember from my time as a radio officer in the merchant marine how we used to have a kite with us when doing lifeboat exercises. The reason was of course to provide an antenna for the emergency transmitter. This piece of equipment had the weight of a solid lump of lead and would no doubt have provided a very efficient sinker if you had fallen overboard with it. But the prospect of making an antenna using a kite (or maybe a balloon) is quite interesting. Anyone who has tried it in your DX hobby? If so, please tell us more.

You can find lots of radio related films and clips on YouTube. While Gregory Peck was filming the classic 'Gun s of Navarone' in Greece in 1961 he also found time to do a documentary about the USCGC Courier which was then broadcasting Voice of America programmes from the waters off the Dodecanese Islands and also using land-based resources at Rhodes. This radio station was a huge inspiration for the men behind the Danish venture Radio Mercur which started broadcasting in 1958, thus becoming the first commercial offshore radio station to broadcast from the high seas in order to circumvent the laws of radio monopoly of a country. As you know Radio Mercur inspired other stations which led to the offshore radio boom of the North Sea in the 1960s.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNQ3FNF4FdQ>



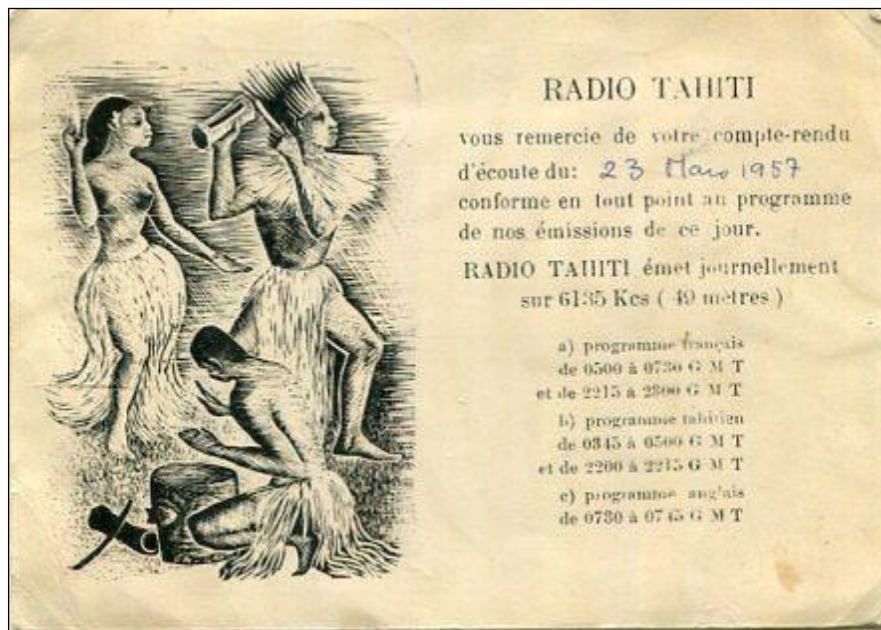
Many DX-ers all over the world could pick up the transmissions from the Courier. Here is the QSL card which Bengt Dalhammar BD received from the Voice of America in 1954.



From the Mediterranean over to Colombia. Radio Sutatenza was probably one of the most common signals from the country and it could be heard most nights on 5075 kHz, later also on 5095 kHz. Bengt Ericson BE received this QSL folder in 1955. The station was affiliated with Accion Cultural Popular, an undertaking of the Catholic Church for the welfare of the rural population. Signed by Luis M. Pick, Jefe Electrónica.



Bengt Dalhammar BD received this QSL card from Radio Tahiti in 1957. For a couple of recordings from Radio Tahiti do check out The Shortwave Radio Audio Archive <https://shortwavearchive.com/archive/boy8k5c4wsbd6ljw3ey2ntky77lo5m>



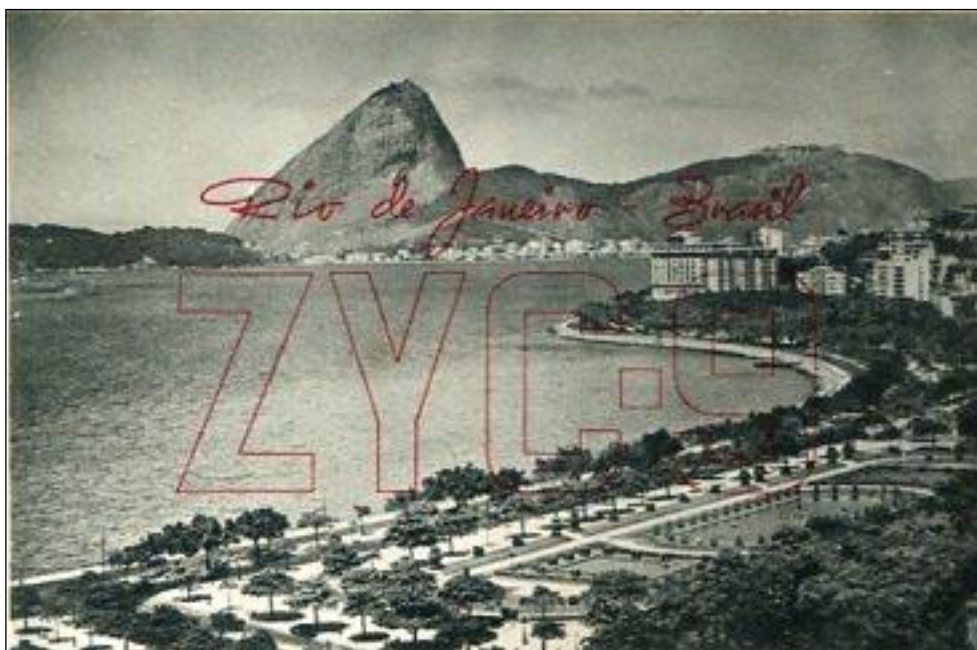
Below a QSL card from Radio Nacional de Guatemala received by Lars Rydén LR. He reported the station on 9760 kHz in 1956.



A somewhat mystifying QSL from the collection of Bengt Dalhammar BD. The card came from RAI in Torino but where was the transmitter located? WRTH 1955 just shows separate Italian SW transmitters located at Caltanissetta and Palermo. 11810 kHz is listed as Rome while 9420 kHz listed as Caltanissetta. Was there a transmitter located at Torino as well?



Yet another QSL card from BD's collection. Radio Tamoio was one of the more powerful Brazilian SW stations, using 25 kW. Received on 9610 kHz.



Finally another gem from the collection of Bengt Dalhammar BD. Here we have a nice pennant from Emisoras Atlantida of Iquitos, Peru. This used to be one of the most common tropical band stations from Peru in the 1970s/80s. My friends, as you know you are always welcome to submit material to DX nostalgia, like QSL cards, clippings, letters, memorabilia and so on. Maybe you have some nice DX memory you would like to tell us about. Please mail me at info@rock.x.se. Take care and stay safe. 73 & GOOD DX!

