

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Unfortunately, another of our members has passed away. CON was also editor in SDXF.
Claes – RIP.

In this issue we have some interesting news from Jan Sustr, one of the radio amateurs behind Remote-QTH.

This company has a fantastic line of products and all of you have to take a look on their website: <https://remoteqth.com/>

Their products and parts can be ordered via <https://hamparts.shop/>

Their products are of very high quality. For us DXers their line of rx-parts is of special interest. The company also deals with custom production. If you have special needs, just drop them a line.

Today is the start of autumn here in Sweden. We have had a very fine and warm September, nearly the best part of the summer here.

Let's see if the coming weeks will be good conditionwise.

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

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

Anker Petersen: 243 kHz 0700-0705* Sept 18 Danmarks R, Kalundborg. Special interval signal, Danish news. This station closes next New Year!

Christer Brunström: KBS World Radio (via UK) 3955 QSL-card marking the 70th anniversary of KBS, Free Radio Service Holland (via Radio Piepender) 6185 QSL-card, sticker (+ an emailed newsletter).

Claes Olsson, 26 apr 1939 - 24 sep 2023



Ännu en av medlemmarna i SWB har gått bort.
Claes – vila i frid.

Från NDL (Norrköpings Distanslyssnare) har vi fått denna minnesruna.

Claes Olsson finns inte med oss längre. Efter en längre tids sjukdom orkade inte kroppen mer och han avled natten till den 24 september.

Claes hade en brokig bakgrund. Att han tyckte om amerikanska bilar och jazz har säkert ingen kunnat undgå.

När NDL nybildades 1987 blev Claes kassör vilket han var tills i år. Han var också en primus motor i allt som hade med DX-ing och lyssning att göra och också som redaktör för Eter-Aktuellt. Det blev också många krönikor som publicerats på NDL:s hemsida.

Vi saknar dig Claes.

Vännerna i NDL

Här finns en video med Claes som gjordes för två år sedan: <https://youtu.be/dbz0VwBNpS8>

Lennart Deimert. Jag har gjort ett enkelt bildspel (3 min) där Claes och många andra av oss är med. <https://youtu.be/T3AsJgImii8>
(Tack JOE för denna info.)

Manuel Méndez: On September 14, I sent a reception report to Station 4940, one to the email address announced in their programs: estacion4940@gmail.com and another to an email address that appeared in the forums recently, concerning an eQSL received from "La Montaña", lamontana@gmail.com, identification never heard on the station. The station is identified in its programs as "Estación 4940", "estacion4940@gmail.com".

Well, on September 23 I received an email from "lamontana@gmail.com" without any text in the email and with an attached png file with an eQSL of "La Montaña". Fake or authentic?

I received no response from the email address announced in its programs, which should be the authentic one.

Here is a highly compressed and reduced-size file of the eQSL.



To try to clarify something about whether the eQSL and the La Montaña station are fake, I have sent an email including the eQSL that I received to Estación 4940, estacion4940@gmail.com, and they confirm that they have nothing to do with the verification nor with La Montaña.

Here is the email I received today from Estación 4940:

"Señor Manuel, la señal que originamos no tiene relación con la emisora que usted menciona.

Bendiciones.

Equipo estacion 4940"

"Mr. Manuel, the signal we originate has no relation to the station you mention.

Blessings, Estación 4940 team"

Robert Wilkner. Mosquito Coast 30 September 2023. "All logs using Sony 2010XA modified by the late Dallas Langford". Dallas Langford added a preselector and a preamplifier so that the whip antenna is sensitive on the tropical bands and medium wave. There is also an RIT. He is missed, a good friend and DXer



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_0921_0927.txt

Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2023_0907_0913.txt

Useful log links:

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

WWDXC Top News: <https://www.wwdxc.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://ukdxer.webs.com/>

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	Sep16	2159	R.Mosoj Chaski (p), Cochabamba. Mx, tks. 1 (CGS)
3325	Sep18	2131	RRI (p), Palangkaraya. Tks. 1 (CGS)
3945	Sep24	0838	R. Vanuatu, Port Vila; dx season is over in the southern hemisphere, so Vanuatu won't get much better than this in the morning on 3945kHz; poor SND = 10dB (LOB-B).
3955	Sep25	2143	R.Channel 292, Rohrdorf. Oldies. 3 (CG) + (AP-DNK)
3975	Sep24	2103	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pop mx, tks. 2 (CG)
3995	Sep19	0325	HCJB, Weenermoor German religious talk 3 (AP-DNK) + (CGS)
4750	Sep22	1746	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar, Bengali songs and comments. (Méndez)

4775	Sep23	0002	Radio Tarma, Tarma, comments. (Méndez) + (Wilkner)
4840	Sep19	0330	WWCR, Nashville, TN English talk 2 (AP-DNK)
4885.09	Sep24	2105	R.Club do Pará, Belém. F/ball. QRM KOR 3 (CG) + (Wilkner) + (Méndez) + (AP-DNK)
4930	Sep19	0340	VOA Africa Service, Moepeng Hill English talk and mx - best in LSB due to noise QRM 2 (AP-DNK)
4940	Sep14	0854	Estación 4940, Colombia/ Venezuela; "4940", fair, readable. (LOB).
4965	Sep22	1750	Voice of Hope Africa, Lusaka, English, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
4985	Sep23	0447	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs, program "Madrugada Musical". // 11815. Strong teletype QRM and noise. (Méndez)
5040	Sep14	0641	R. Vanuatu, Port Vila; hadn't used this frequency in a while, and only used it for this day; fair to good. (LOB-B).
5895	Sep22	2009	Radio Northern Star, Bergen, pop and country. (Méndez)
5910	Sep22	0048	Alcaraván Radio, Colombia, Puerto Lleras; no longer listen to this station in the sunrise, only at night. (LOB-B).
5930	Sep23	0533	World Music Radio, Bramming, pop songs. (Méndez)
5952L	Sep27	2330	Pio XII, Siglo Veinte strong carrier, seeming the one. per (LOB) tip, thanks (Wilkner)
5955	Sep22	-1826*	Sunlite Radio, Westdorpe, pop songs, id. "Sunlite". (Méndez)
5965	Sep27	1330	Shiokaze/Sea Breeze/JSR As usual, in English with "Today's News Flash" and "Today's News on North Korea Issues," but today without the usual segment of "Message from the Japanese government"; CNR1 QRM (mixing together), while // 6040, had good reception, but about 1357, xmtr open carrier started for strong CRI for *1400. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif)
5970	Sep23	0513	Radio 208, Hvidovre, rock and pop songs, id. "208". (Méndez) + (CG) + (AP-DNK)
5995	Sep23	0601	Radio Mali, Bamako, African songs, comments, id. "Radio Mali...". (Méndez) *** Sry. for the wrong fq of 5990 in the 9-10-11 SEP rpt *** (CGS)
6010	Sep23	0558	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs. //15190.1. (Méndez) + (CGS)
6016.7	Sep24	0446	Organización Radial El Prado, nonstop Colombian songs. Very irregular, most days out of the air. (Méndez)
6030	Sep19	0355	R Oromiya, Adama via Geja Jewe Vernacular talk 1 (AP-DNK) + (Méndez)
6050	Sep23	-0500*	HCJB, Pichincha, Ecuadorian songs, Spanish, comments about the provinces of Ecuador, program "Ritmos y Canciones de Nuestra Tierra", "HCJB presentó Ritmos y Cancines de Nuestra Tierra, un espacio de interculturalidad...". (Méndez)
6060	Sep22	1804	Radio Casanova, Dutch songs, id. "Radio Casanova from the Netherlands", Dutch, comments. (Méndez)
6070	Sep27	2340	CFRX Toronto poor signal with news item format. (Wilkner) + (Méndez)
6085	Sep23	*0659-	Radio Mi Amigo International, Kall Krekel, oldies, id. "Radio Mi Amigo International...". (Méndez)
6110	Sep19	0350	R Fana, Addis Ababa. Vernacular talk, 2 (AP-DNK) + (CGS)
6130	Sep23	0710	Radio Europe, Alphen, pop songs, id. "Holland on short wave, this is Radio Europe", "On short wave frequency 6130 kHz, this is Radio Europe", some songs in Spanish. (Méndez)
6150	Sep23	0603	Radio Saturno, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songscomments. (Méndez)
6150	Sep23	0703	Europa 24, Dattlen, oldies, German, comments, id. "Europa Vierundzwanzig". (Méndez)
6170	Sep19	0043	Radio Compañía Worldwide, Chile; first time I hear this frequency, very poor. (LOB-B).
6180	Sep22	2033	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasília, Brazilian songs, comments, id. "A Radio Nacional", "Estamos apresentando Punto de Encontro". (Méndez)
6185	Sep23	0441	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, comments, Mexican songs, id. at 0700: "Cultura México Señal Internacional, la radio Cultural de México". (Méndez)
6300U	Sep28	0704	UNID. The usual reciting from the Qur'an; poor. (Ron Howard, Calif)
7260	Sep28	0630	Radio Vanuatu. Intro/closing with the usual indigenous drums for the service messages segment in Bislama; at 0637 & 0650 & 0656, with the usual musical montage ID ("Radio Vanuatu . . Kingdom of Tonga . . Solomon Islands . . Voice of Papua New Guinea . .," followed by ID for "Vois Blong Yumi"); cut off at 0658*; in about ten seconds, switched to: 3945, (*0658 UT); much poorer reception than 7260; without the former harmonic frequencies, this frequency is mostly unreadable; promo for BBC on 104 FM in Port Vila before the news at 0700. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif) + (LOB-B) + (Méndez)
7289.93	Sep28	0745	RRI Nabire Pro 1, went off the air between 0745, when I heard announcers and off by recheck at 0800, Sept 28; when they are on the air, my best reception is after 0830+.(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif) + (LOB-B)
7385	Sep22	1600	PSB Xizang, Lhasa, English, program "Holy Tibet", news, Tibetan songs. (Méndez)
7440	Sep18	1552	R.NZPacific, Rangitaiki. E, Media Watch (?) px, mx, nx at 1600. 3 (CGS)
7780	Sep28	0803	WRMI relay of the VOI (Channel 2). English hour; "News Line"; up-beat, patriotic RRI song "Mars Angkasawan RRI" (YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzAq7Rfj-Uc); DJ with "Indonesia Today" program; announced as two hour show, but only aired here for one hour; 0813-0818, the daily feature of world weather, starting with Indonesia; mostly fair. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif)

9550.1 Sep23 2129 R.Boa Vontade, Pt.º Alegre RS. Tks. // 11895.091 worse. 1 (CG)
9585 Sep24 1455 TWR Manzini, music, 1456 talk seems French but strange accent, maybe Malgache, since this is the TWR for Madagascar, French on weekends, Malgache M-F. Must be longpath, one of best signals on band, stronger e.g. than WRMI (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

9584.988, TWR South Africa in Lomwe language, via TWR Manzini Swaziland bcst center, 14.20-14.43 UT. S=8 at 14.20 UT, heard remotely via Perseus net SDR unit in Doha Qatar Middle East installation. (wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 25)

9665.1 Sep22 2015 Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, religious comments. (Méndez)
9819.1 Sep23 0507 Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo religious songs and comments, id. "Radio 9 de Julho Católica". (Méndez) + (CGS)

11620 Sep27 *1500- Voice of the Martyrs Korea service for the Maldives (site?). Pastor Eric Foley with intro ID and started preaching in English, but later found to be all in Dhivian (Maldivian). My two minute Dhivian ("Mary Magdalene") audio is posted at <https://app.box.com/s/rcony-brcm6jaacpfbhyd5wr94h1y6nh>. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif)

11665 Sep19 0946 Wai FM via RTM (p), Kajang. Tks. 1 (CGS)
11815.1 Sep17 2118 R.Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Songs px, probably Sucessos. Faulty audio. // 4985.045. 3 (CGS) + (Méndez)

11850 Sep19 0845 Voice of China, Nanning Chinese ann, Chinese folkmusic 2 // 11710 and 13670 (AP-DNK)
11875 Sep23 0803 KNLS, Anchor Point, Chinese, comments. (Méndez)
11895.1 Sep23 2128 R.Boa Vontade, Pt.º Alegre RS. Tks. // 9550.137 just a little bit better. 1 (CG)
12085 Sep23 *0859- Voice of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, interval signal, English program, female, "Welcome to the Voice of Mongolia in English", comments, Mongolian songs. (Méndez)

12095 Sep23 1413 Radio Delta International, Elburg, pop, id. "This is Delta Radio", "Radio Delta International", comments in English. (Méndez)

15190.1 Sep22 1950 Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs, comments, at 2003 "A Hora do Fazendeiro". (Méndez) + (CGS)

15476U Sep23 1905 LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, on air with its usual Saturday program "Uniendo Voces" conducted by Juan Benavente and female, id. "Uniendo Voces", "LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel", comments and songs, "Correo electrónico lra36nacional@gmail.com", at 2100 end of program "Uniendo Voces" and Juan Benavente announces programs "Jovenes en la Antártida" and "Ecos de la Antártida", more songs and comments. Impressive signal at times. (Méndez)

15540 Sep19 0835 China Business R, Lingshi Chinese talk 1 // 15270 and 15500 (AP-DNK)
15475.98 Sep30 1806 RC USB, Sat Sept 30 at 1806 tune-in, good S6/S8 into Argentine SDR, LRA36 probably has been on for a semihour, just now signing on, Juan Benavente with "Uniendo Voces", joint production of RAE, Antarctic Command, and Universidad Nacional de Quilmes. 1810 "Historias del Sexto Continente"; my lunch break and too much else going on to monitor much, 1858 closing credits for Quilmes, into "Noticias Australes" about Ushuaia. 1955 about ham ops from mountains; 1957 contact info closing ham news segment, 1958 brief Morse code; 1959 "Momento Musical"; 2105 recheck, still with song.
Walt Salmaniw, BC, remark to the WOR iog, "signal is steadily improving into Masset, and is now (2104) at fair to good level. I'm expecting it to improve to excellent levels! 73, Walt". So I check direct here at 2128, still not expecting it, and indeed no trace. 2238 music, now peaking up to S9+10 into Argie remote. They were to get a new 10 kW transmitter; is this it already? 2300 still going strong.
2335 still on with noisy echoic SFX? hitting S9+15, surely about to close. Uniendo Voces ID. 2340 plays canned sign *on* announcement, by mistake? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

15699.7 Sep22 2142 World Music R. Mx & songs. // 5930 vy. poor. 3 (CG) + (Méndez)
15720.1 Sep22 2134 R.NZPacific, Rangitaiki. E, tks. Meas. 15720.076. 2 (CG)
25800 Sep23 1020 World Music Radio, Marslet, music, id. "World Music Radio. (Méndez)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

3480 Sep18 2127 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks, songs. 2 (CGS)
3910 Sep28 2123 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
3930 Sep28 2124 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
3985 Sep28 2126 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Gyengi-do. Kor to KRE, tks, pops. 3 (CG)
4450 Sep28 2128 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. CODAR QRM 2 (CG)
4885 Sep28 2130 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks, pops. QRM de jammer. 3 (CG)
5920 Sep18 1325 Voice of Freedom, back on alternate 5920 (ex 6045), with the "Ulisoli hanmadang" (Our sound festival) program with indigenous music; the change in frequency must have happened

while I was on vacation, as the N. Korean super jamming has already moved here from 6045, strongly blocking reception. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

6229.3 Sep18 1827 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 6229. 270 2 (CGS)
 6340.2 Sep27 2142 Sound Of Hope R Int'l. (p), unk. site. Mand sounding tks. 1 (CG)
 7720 Sep19 2123 R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong (?) . Kor to KRE, pops. Also fair on // 6250. 3 (CG)
 7750.2 Sep19 2125 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CG)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

3330u Sep19 2330 CHU with time signal to 2335 band conditions seem ok (Wilkner)
 3485 Sep22 2156 VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 4405 Sep18 1829 TAH İstanbul R. E, ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
 6224U Sep18 -1418* Taupo Maritime Radio. Variety of info; three day weather forecasts; gale warnings; weather report for shipping; coastal navigational warnings; gave the hazardous areas covered by rocket launchings; closed with usual ID and list of all their frequencies 2182, 4125, 6215, 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz., but not the actually heard frequency. My four minutes of fairly clear audio - <https://app.box.com/s/30v5dz5fofagdektmm8asc79rqgijxe> . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
 6230 Sep21 2203 VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
 6501 Sep16 2137 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
 6501U Sep30 0624 SB, S9+30 robotic marine weather quoting numerous coördinates in Pacific Ocean, somewhat overmodulated / distorted, as so often the case with USCG transmitters; can't they do better? EiBi shows NMO Honolulu at 0600-0635. 6501 is timeshared with other USCGs: NMN Chesapeake VA, NRV Guam, NOJ Kodiak. Only other time for NMO is 1200-1235; but `shares` may overlap, like: NMN until -0615, -1215. Do they coördinate in real time to avoid that?
 Also VFF Iqaluit, Canada could use 6501 anytime, via 3 different sites:
 • cb-Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island NU 69N06'53"-105W01'11"
 • hr-Hay River 60N50'27"-115W46'12"
 • in-Inuvik NWT 68N19'33"-133W35'53"
 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
 6604 Sep23 2151 VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
 6676 Sep16 *1750- 9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. ID, met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CGS)
 6676 Sep16 *1755- AWB Bombay Volmet. ID (does not mention "Mumbai" but "Bombay"), met rpt. 3 (CGS)
 6676 Sep18 *1730- VKA-930 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT? Met rpt. 1 (CGS)
 6676 Sep29 *2115- ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
 6679 Sep18 -1825* ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
 7906 Sep24 2101 UnID coastal stn (7 listed, UTC evenings). Ocean wx (p). 2 (CG)
 8113 Sep21 2202 VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
 8176 Sep17 2105 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 1 (CGS)
 8502 Sep27 2136 NMG New Orleans R, GA. Ocean wx. 1 (CG)
 8828 Sep21 *1850- ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
 8828 Sep27 *1845- VRK Hong Kong Volmet. ID, met rpt. Fair on // 13282. 2 (CG)
 10051 Sep23 *2150- VFG Gander Volmet, NL. ID, met rpt. 3 (CG)
 10057 Sep17 -1735* 5ST-93 Antananarivo Volmet. Met rpt, ID at s/off. Bette on 18/9, 1733. 1 (CGS)
 11387 Sep26 *2200- VKA-931 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT? Met rpt. Occ. uty. QRM. 2 (CG)
 12356 Sep27 2139 ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 2 (CG)
 12362 Sep21 2201 VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 3 (CG)
 12365 Sep17 2107 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
 13089 Sep24 1625 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. Improving. Better at *1715. 1 (CG)
 13282 Sep22 -2153* ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 13282 Sep27 1843 JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. poor. 1 (CG)

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Station news

NORGE. Today we have been to **Bergen Kringkaster** and increased the transmitter power on **1611 kHz** to @700 watts, and at the same time we turned up the volume.

This should also be audible on **5895 kHz** since both frequencies now have the same program stream. In addition, the promotional rebroadcast of Kysten (FM 93.8 and 100.3) was taken down from medium and shortwave, so now only our mother station Radio Northern Star is on 1611 and 5895, as it was until autumn 2019. **The transmission time is 0659- 0005 CET.**

Address for listener reports: 1000@northernstar.no.

Hope you can hear the difference! And thanks for listening to us!

Svenn Martinsen on FB (2023-09-26)

Other radio news

ANTENNKOMPENDIUM - TN

Inför ARC/SWB-konventet 2020 blev jag ombedd att hålla ett litet anförande om i första hand Flag-antenner. Det föranledde en hel del letande i diverse skrifter på nätet. Det var väldigt givande att leta information där och dessutom kunna återge bl a Torolf Johnssons och Stefan Wikanders erfarenheter från Beverage- och Flagantennbyggen.

Dessutom har det tillkommit en hel del info om hur man bygger baluner, CMC och hur man bör jorda antennerna. Det finns några företag som säljer färdigbyggda komponenter varav RemoteQTH är klart lysande med väldigt bra kvalitet på sina produkter.

Materialet kommer att vara ”under utveckling” när något nytt dyker upp eller eventuellt försvinner.

Lisette Åkesson presenterade samtidigt på konventet sin Flagantenn och sina erfarenheter.

Nedladdning kan ske här:

Thomas Nilssons fil: <http://www.thomasn.sverige.net/Antennkompodium-TN.pdf>

Lisette Åkesson fil: <https://www.sdx.se/WP/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/FLAG-presentation Lisette Akesson.pdf>

Just Wellbrooks färdigbyggda antenner har varit väldigt populära. Företaget startade år 1996 och har sålt en hel del till svenska DX-are. Fast under 2023 pensionerade sig Wellbrooks ägare Andy Ikin och med det försvann detta varumärke från marknaden, även om det såklart fortfarande går att hitta produkterna som begagnade.

Guy Atkins, medlem i amerikanska IRCA, har ställt samman en utmärkt lägesbeskrivning över alternativen till Wellbrook: *Living in a World without Wellbrook*:

<https://www.sdx.se/WP/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Living-in-a-World-without-Wellbrook.pdf>

Från SDXF's hemsida under Teknik står följande:

"En bra antenn är nyckeln till framgång för oss DX-are! För dig som tycker att området känns komplicerat och valmöjligheterna är många kan vi nu erbjuda god hjälp. Under de senaste åren har **Thomas Nilsson**, som bland annat är **redaktör för Shortwave Bulletin**, samlat på sig erfarenheter kring antenner.

Det som började som ett föredrag på **ARC/SWB-konventet** år 2020 har idag utvecklats till ett kompendium på över hundra sidor. Här jämförs olika antenntyper med särskild tanke på hur de fungerar i vår hobby och i vår del av världen.

Kunniga personer som **Stefan Wikander** och **Torolf Johnsson** med flera bidrar med kommentarer och praktiska tips.

Denna nyttiga översikt och flera relaterade dokument hittar du under menyn **Teknik > Antenner > Thomas Nilssons kompendium**.

Den 4 oktober 2023 arrangerar SDXF ett Zoom-möte på temat antenner. Skriv in datumet i din kalender!"

/Per Eriksson

The SW Station in Karlsborg, Sweden

From: lev.lyt, 18 Sep 2023

Part I

Speaking about the SW station in Karlsborg, Sweden, it's not possible to mention about the LW (VLF) station, which preceded the SW station, known as Radio Sweden, Sveriges Radio, Sveriges Riksradio and Radio Sweden International.

This place near Karlsborg has a strong association with two 210 m high masts erected in 1916 for transmission on LW and on VLF for the Navy. The field with these masts became the birth place of the first Swedish Shortwave station.

The place was chosen 5 km from Karlsborg in the area called by the locals "Kraks mosse" - (Crack bog) - 58 29'21,60"N - 14 28'22,65"E.

The first experiments with the SW began after the invention of the vacuum tubes in the 1920's. In 1930 the first SW transmitter at a power of 200 W appeared on the air.

First, Radio Sweden broadcast only in Swedish, but in 1939 the English and German programs were included. After WW II the station added more programs in French, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian.

Before, during and after the war the telegram and commercial traffic on Shortwaves was constantly increasing and it caused the Karlsborg site to install 5 additional SW transmitters, which sent the fixed radio traffic to Rome, Berg, Paris, Moscow, the USA, South America, Bangkok and Tangier.

But later in the 1960's when the telegram traffic on the SW started to decrease, the telephony traffic was opened with the transmitting site in Karlsborg while the receiving site was in Enköping.

However, in the late 1960's the station appeared completely outdated. A new transmitting building with new modern equipment was built; also 5 new SW transmitters of 20 kW and one of 100 kW were installed. All old antennas, previously mounted on wooden poles, were replaced by modern steel masts and 3 rotatable log-periodic antennas were constructed.

The station's task was still to respond to telegrams sent abroad, but in the 1970's the satellite broadcasting took over Karlsborg radio's original task.

In 1973 came a new task for Radio Sweden in Karlsborg: to broadcast the programs with international news from a Swedish perspective in English, French, German, Spanish and Russian.

For carrying out this task, 2 very powerful SW transmitters of 500 kW each were installed in Karlsborg and Horby.

Part II

At that time Jerome S. Berg wrote in his book: - "Radio Sweden's new 500 kW transmitters in Karlsborg and Horby came into use resulting in a big improvement in the station's signal. This is the Swedish Telecommunications Administration testing of frequencies between 5,95 and 26,1 MHz; a new 500 kW transmitter SCB2, located at Karlsborg, Sweden."

By the way, the output of this unit in Karlsborg needed to be reduced to 350 kW due to a coronal arching problem in antenna system during foggy weather. After the end of the Cold war most of the European programs were gradually replaced by new services in Estonian, Latvian and Belarussian. In the 1990's new immigrant language services were created, such as in Arabic and Kurdish.

In the late 1980's and in the 1990's most of the transmission went via Horby station on many frequencies, leaving for Karlsborg a few meter bands like 49 and 31 mbs. (Passport to World Band Radio from 1989 to 1992).

The foreign programs of Radio Sweden under the name Rikradio were ceased in 1993.

During the period between 1993 and 2010 only Shortwave air traffic transmitters remained to operate in Karlsborg.

In March 2001 the original two LW masts were put down.

On Oct.20th, 2010 Radio Sweden ceased broadcasts on SW and on MW. Since that time there is no longer any radio activity in Karlsborg!

Currently the area is managed by the Swedish Armed Forces.

In Spt. 2014 all modern transmitters were moved to the radio station in Grimeton.

All tube-equipped transmitters and the antenna park have been sold or scrapped.

In the Attachment you can see some photos of the Tx site, mostly with rotatable antennas and LW masts in the background. A photo of the two LW masts was taken in 2000, just one year before they were demolished.

Two ham guys used this antenna system, tuned on 49,55 kHz, for communication on 136 kHz.

Also there is a photo of the scale model of the Karlsborg antenna site at Karlsborg Fortress Museum. The model gives us a look of the antenna field as it was in the 1970's.

Using the aerial photo, which I found in the Swedish National Archive from 1997, I marked on it the locations of all SW antennas, except for 3 log-periodic antennas.

It's hard to see them from both sides of the transmitter building.

(via WOR)

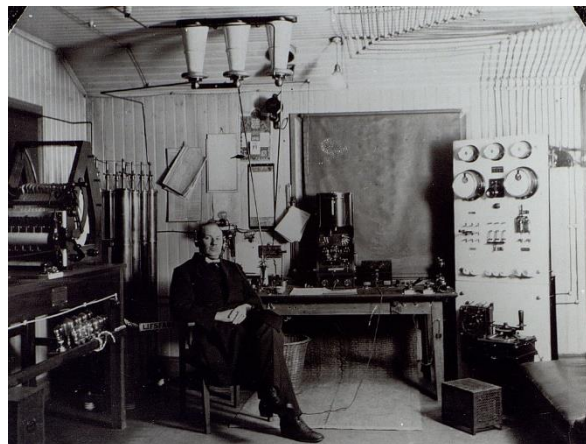


Karlsborgs rundradiostation (nedlagd)

Karlsborgs radiostation i Kråk sände under många år på långvåg, mellanvåg och även kortvåg. Master restes första gången år 1916. Masterna, som var konstruerade av professor K Ljungberg, Stockholm, var 210 m höga och vägde 25 ton. Masterna revs i mars år 2001.

<https://konsterud.com/radio/karlsborgs-rundradiostation.html>

(There are lots of pictures in this article)



Karlsborgs radiostation 1916-1918 med Carl Edvind Holm, förste radiotelegrafist.
(www.konsterud.com)

[nordx] Harry Forsbloms QSL-samlingar

den bortgångne Helsingfors dx-lyssnaren Harry Forsbloms QSL-samlingar har laddats upp till SDXLs hemsida för alla att beundra.

Du kommer åt bildkarusellen genom att klicka på bilden, sedan flyttas framåt eller bakåt genom att rotera musfinger-rullen över bilden eller genom att klicka på > och <...

<https://sdxl.fi/kategoriat/qsl/>

en intressant resa runt om i världen!

(Kari Kallio via nordx)

[WOR] 23 AM Airchex from 1973



This might be of interest to some of you: 23 AM airchecks from 1973

<https://shortwavearchive.com/archive/vintage-am-radio-airchecks-from-1973>

(-Matt Todd, Minnesota DXC iog)

FEED POINT PREAMP BOX/with TERMINATOR



New! Unique and versatile Feed Point Preamp. It is an impedance transformer with switchable ratio from 200 to 1200 Ohms, protections, high IP preamp, bias tee, common-mode filter and more. Offered as a standalone box or in a set with the Universal Terminator! This complete set can be used directly for Beverage antennas (classic and BOG), RX loop antennas like K9AY, DHDL, Flag, etc.

You can find more at web and manual: <https://hamparts.shop/feed-point-preamp-box.html>

/Jan Šustr

This is **unique product for RX antennas**. It combines universal transformer, preamplifier, simply Low Pass Filter, Bias Tee, front-end protection and common-mode output filter. The transformer allows you to set three ratios: 1:4, 1:9, 1:16. This allows the Feed Point Preamp to be connected to most RX antennas: Beverage (classic or BOG), RX loops like K9AY, DHDL, flag etc. The input is isolated from the coax ground.

There are many RX antennas (RX loop, K9AY, Flag, etc.) that have negative gain. Inserting a coaxial cable between the antenna and the amplifier can induce unwanted signals and further attenuate desirable ones - in addition to common-mode current problems. Therefore, in this device the signal is amplified immediately at the feed point of the antenna.

There is also the possibility to include a Low Pass Filter with a limitation below 11 MHz, between the transformer and the preamplifier, besides the RF limiter. Thanks to this filter, the preamplifier will not be bothered by nearby signals from the transmitter in the bands 20m and above.

The preamplifier has a maximum gain of about 18 dB. Behind it is a variable ATT, which allows you to control the overall gain as needed.



The preamplifier can be powered via coaxial cable (internal Bias Tee) using an external Bias Tee in hamshack or via a cable connected directly to the box via a gland.

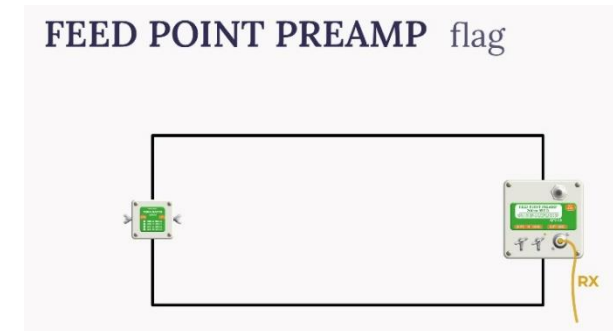
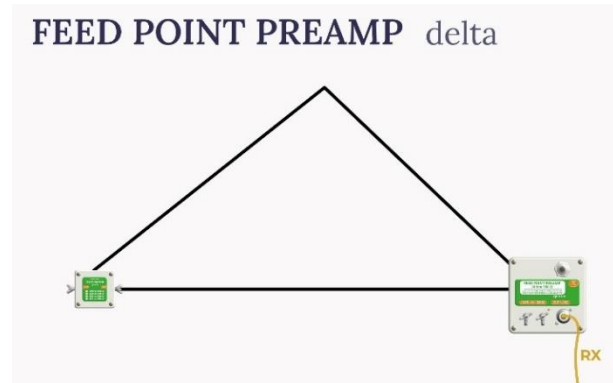
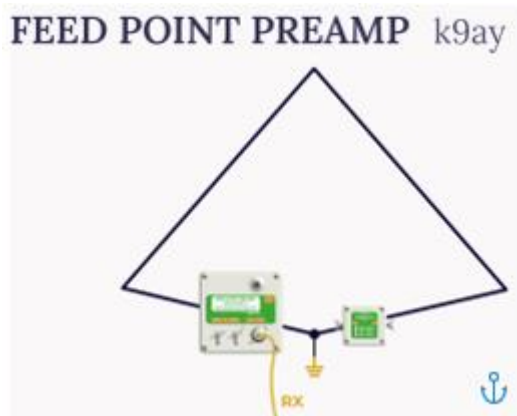
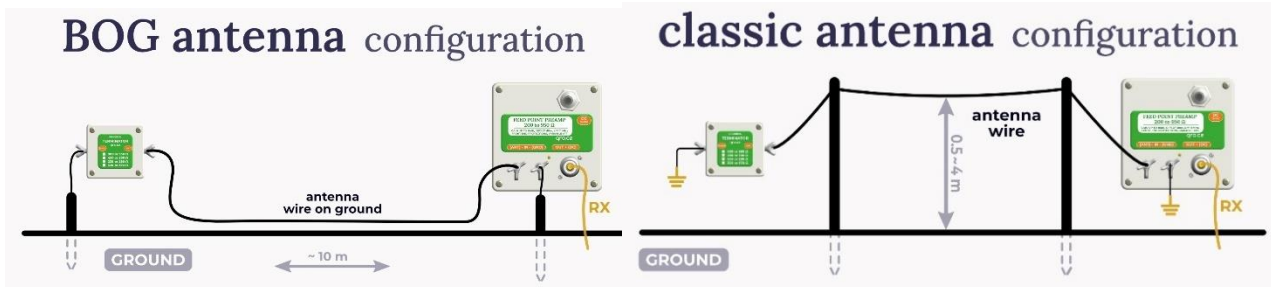
There is common-mode choke at the output of the box. This provides additional isolation between the antenna and the coaxial output.

The Feed Point Preamp is sold in two variants: the preamp box alone (only preamp version) and then in a version with a universal terminator.

Universal Terminator is a small box designed to terminate RX antennas like beverages, K9AY and other loops. This terminator allows you to change the value in three ranges: typ. 900, 450, 230 and 320 Ohms with the possibility of adding +50 Ohms to each value. The terminator is designed for a continuous RF load of approximately 3 W. It includes current (power) overload protection as well as voltage protection using GD and Neon lamps at approximately 80V AC.

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Examples of connection to different RX antennas



Der **neue Feed Point Preamp** von Jan, Qro.cz. Ein geniales Stück Technik für uns SWLs. Vereint viele Funktionen zum Aufbau unterschiedlichster Antennen, die man anderswo einzeln - und wesentlich teurer - kaufen muß. Um 106 Euro bzw. mit Terminatorbox um 130 Euro unschlagbar in Universalität, Preis und Leistung. Seine Webseite beschreibt die "Antennen-Verstärker Box" ausführlich.

<https://hamparts.shop/feed-point-preamp-box.html>
(Christoph Ratzler via A-DX Fernempfang)

Due to the pandemic and the departure of foreign brands, Russians have become less likely to buy electronics.

The pandemic, the departure of foreign brands, disruption of global supply chains and currency fluctuations have become a serious challenge not only for manufacturers, but also for ordinary citizens forced to change their consumer habits, according to a study by VTsIOM.

The frequency of purchases of electronics and household appliances indicates that the majority of Russians have probably been able to feel the consequences of the "new reality". According to the survey results, two-thirds (66%) of

Russians buy such products once every 2-3 years or less. Every sixth (17%) purchases electronics once a year, about the same number - once every six months or more often (14%, including 5% - once every 2-3 months). Thus, for the most part, Russians classify electronics and household appliances as durable goods that last for at least several years, notes VTsIOM.

It was previously reported that 86% of Russians use social networks and instant messengers every day.

(<https://telesputnik.ru/materials/trends/news/iz-za-pandemii-i-uhoda-inostrannyh-brendov-rossiyane-stali-rezhe-pokupat-elektroniku>)

(RUS-DX #1256)

Opinion. And again about AM radio broadcasting (MW band).

During the "cultural" reforms in the former post-Soviet space, literally almost all major radio centers of the former USSR were destroyed and sawed up. Motive? - Very expensive maintenance and, as usual - "We don't need this..." They say, now the world of digital technologies, everything is on the Internet, and there is also a local VHF FM band... with a coverage of at most 70 km. They said that this is enough, plus 2-3 TV channels of federal television.

There were smart people who were in favor of the "quality" of broadcasting, they say, the FM range is a better sound. Others echo that the population no longer has any AM radios left, only FM. And in general, this is yesterday, they say there is no need to stir up the "killed mammoth".

From the 90s to the early 2000s, I believe a crime was committed! The powerful AM broadcasting network, which was inherited from the USSR, was destroyed. Everything was ready, there was no need to build anything, just preserve it, and somewhere to update something and nothing more. Details in Russian - <https://tele-satinfo.ru/index.php?id=17679> (<https://tele-satinfo.ru/>) (RUS-DX #1257)

[A-DX] VLF Transmitter List (von Lionel Loudet)

(<https://sidstation.loudet.org/stations-list-en.xhtml>)

"Hier finden Sie eine Liste von VLF-Sendern, die für die SID-Überwachung geeignet sind. Wenn nicht anders angegeben, senden sie fast rund um die Uhr. Diese Sender werden entweder als Kommunikationsmittel mit U-Booten oder als Zeitsignal verwendet." (Alle Frequenzangaben in Hz!)

(Tom Kamp, via A-DX Fernempfang)

Radio Pennants, Stickers & QSLs (Open Facebook group)

Stumbled across this Facebook group and noticed this nice pennant and a comment by late Henrik Klemetz:



Received this pennant together with a nice QSL card (marked # 008) ,together with a letter, dated 18 May 1957, signed by Francisco de Anta Franco. I can easily identify this specimen from the curved and irregular sewing on top. So although copied from Andy Schmid's CD, this one was actually sent to me in Tvärålund, Sweden. (Henrik Klemetz)

This one from Emisora Nueva Granada was received by Stefano ManelliManelli. Most likely for a report on SW 6160 kHz.



DX nostalgia by RFK

There is no question about it: our hobby has always been a tool for creating mutual understanding between people. We often got penpals in various countries through our hobby and also made friends with people at the radio stations, both international broadcasting stations and local stations. Through all the letters exchanged we got a picture of other countries and cultures which we didn't get at school. We were all friends sharing a special interest and it didn't really matter who we were, what political system we were living under or what religion we had. On the contrary, we often learned a lot from each other. I would like to think this hobby helped increasing our understanding for other people. Of course many radio stations were focused on propaganda but you could still get surprisingly straightforward answers to your questions from individual staff members. Yes, our hobby –and the radio – was instrumental in creating good relationships with people from other nations. We did this long before there even was something like social media.

Today the DX-hobby is only a small fraction of what it once was but I think those of us who are still active share the same view as we did back then. We are a league of worldwide friends sharing a mutual interest. Social media have taken over the main role as a resource for international contacts. While instant and effective these forums are filled with people who have more sinister purposes and many DX forums are spammed by posters who have little interest in DX-ing. They just want to spam anything from porn videos to extreme political or religious messages. It seems like the troll factories are working overtime right now.

One might wonder if all the media development has been a benefit to us. Have this contributed to a better world? I am not convinced. Our friend the radio still works as it has always done and while social media can easily be sabotaged in many ways it's not that easy to sabotage a radio broadcast. Even under the heaviest jammer campaign of the cold war the message would get through. I am the administrator of the Arctic Radio Club Facebook group and while most members are serious DX-ers there is still a small fraction using our forum the wrong way. We have had big problems with culprits posting porn videos and that's definitely not the purpose of our forum. I am sure there are several porn forums and groups where those interested can get what they want so why post totally irrelevant messages in any groups? These posters are just causing nuisance and I doubt they will attract many new subscribers or whatever their purpose is.

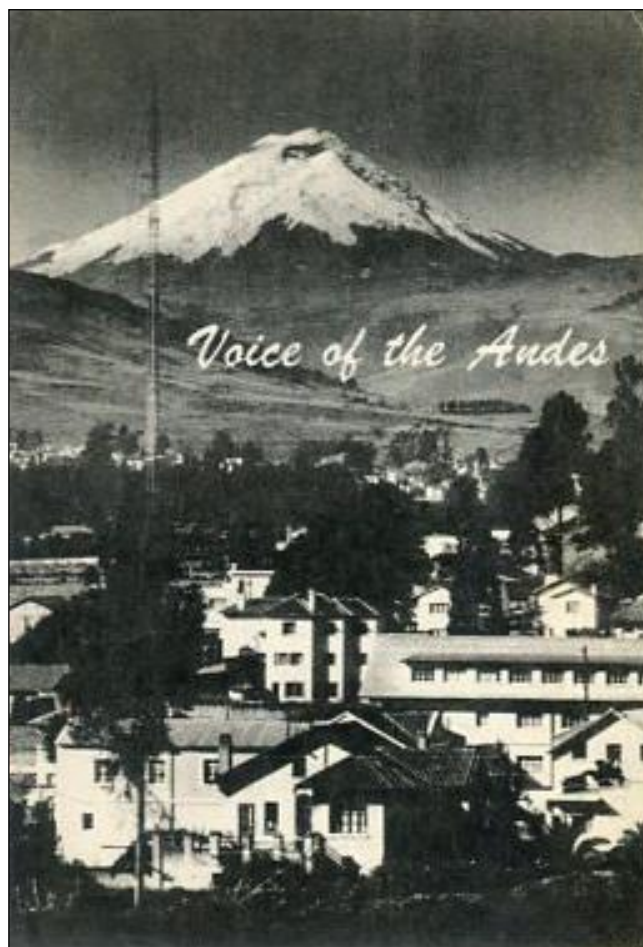
Now let's get a nostalgic look at some QSL cards from bygone days. First we have a QSL from Radio Clube de Cabo Verde received by our friend Ullmar Quick UQ in 1951. He heard the station on 5895 kHz and today you can listen to Radio Northern Star from Norway on the frequency. Card scanned by John Ekwall JOE.



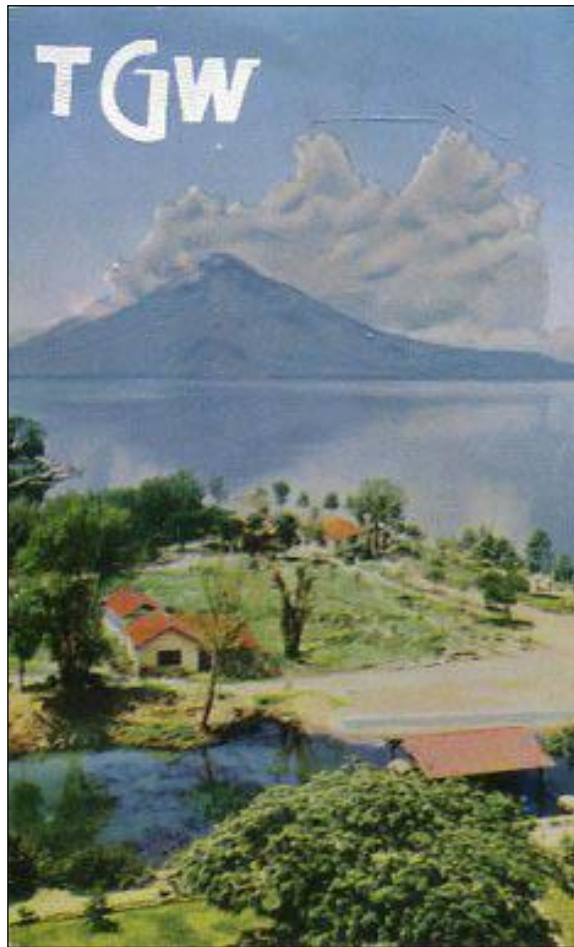
Station KNLS, the New Life Station, of Anchor Point, Alaska gave many of us the possibility to log a new radio country on SW. This QSL card was received by Bengt Ericson BE in 1991 for a report on 7365 kHz.



Next we have a postcard from HCJB - the Voice of the Andes. BE received this card in 1961 and on the backside is a long handwritten message from our distant friend the late Sonja Persson. She was a wonderful person who always took that extra time to keep in touch with her listeners and we all remember her fondly.



A QSL card from TGW Radio Nacional de Guatemala received by Bengt Dalhammar in 1956 for a report on 9760 kHz. The card shows a view of Lake Atitlán.



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Finally another QSL card from the collection of Bengt Ericson BE and Westinghouse shortwave station WBOS in Boston. Today the call is used by Boston FM station Rock 92.9. As usual you are welcome to submit material for DX nostalgia. Please mail me at info@rock.x.se if you want to share something. Take care and stay safe. 73 & GOOD DX!

