# SHORTWAVE

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#### Got a nice mail from KD5KC the other day. For some reason he has found an issue of SWB and asked to join the mailing list.

Michael is a member of the Texas SOTA group. Summits on the Air (SOTA) is a programme that encourages radio amateurs who enjoy hill walking and the great outdoors to take their radios with them and operate from the mountain tops.

This is an activity I have never heard of before but it seems to be very interesting.

Down here in Ängelholm in the southern part of Sweden we now have meteorological summer according to the weather prophets. But today very windy and only 12 degrees.

So it is perfect to sit in front of your PC to compile another issue of SWB even if you should bring out the lawnmower .....

As usual I'll appreciate if you have any material to present for coming issues.

Ronny - thanks a lot for compiling the DX-Nostalgia column for each issue.

> Keep on .... =================

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## SWB-info

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https://www.dxinfo.se http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/Dateline.htm SWB latest issue/archive: http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/archive.htm

## QSL, comments, etc.

Hermod Pedersen: Not to complain, but you're not quite Airspy up to date. The German link to "Das Grosse Buch zu SDRsharp v5.5" doesn't work and it's only a translation of Paolo's long acclaimed guide to all things Airspy. You can find origins, more translations and a better direct link here: https://airspy.com/download/

(And you might enjoy studying this writing for other digital receivers as well, if you don't belong to the "User's manual? it's only for idiots" group.)

Michael Olbrish, KD5KC, El Paso, Texas. SWB has been open on my desktop for a few days. I do not recall how I got it. But I had time to read it over, and it was interesting to me. Is there a way to subscribe to this? I would like to read more as it comes out. I have been a shortwave listener since 1963 when I was a young boy. This is some of the older equipment I have.



Vy73 - Mike - KD5KC. SOTA W5T-Texas Association Manager. https://summits.sota.org.uk/association/W5T



Summits on the Air (SOTA) is a programme that encourages radio amateurs who enjoy hill walking and the great outdoors to take their radios with them and operate from the mountain tops. An award scheme recognises those who activate the summits and also those that make QSOs with the activators. The pro-

gramme can be operated anywhere in the world. (Mike - thanks you very much for an interesting story about your Continental Divide Trail in May 2023. You are very welcome to SWB!)

**GLENN HAUSER LOG ROUNDUPS.** Please note and spread the word - for those not on a list where my almostdaily 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: <u>http://www.worldofradio.com/Hauserlogs.html</u>

The latest ones direct:	https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2024_0404_0410.txt
Previous issue:	https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2024_0328_0403.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.wixsite.com/my-vxw-site-di06oi

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/

## Log

(UT)

3900	Mar31	2136	Hulun Buir PBS, Hailar. Tks. 1 (CG)
3910	Apr8	2049	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
3930	Apr8	2057	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
3955	Apr13	1805	Channel 292, Rohrbach German Amateurfunk 3 (AP-DNK)
3975	Apr13	1758	Shortwave R, Winsen English DX-px, ID: "This is Shortwave Radio", "This is Shortwave
			Gold", 1800 German ID, English songs 4 (AP-DNK) + (CGS)
3995	Apr13	1755	HCJB, Weenermoor German address, hymns 4 // 5920 (AP-DNK)
3995	Apr13	2107	HCJB, Weenermoor. G, tks. 3 (CGS)
4500	Apr13	1750	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, Xinjiang Mongolian talk and songs 4 // 6190) (AP-DNK)
4750	Apr7	1832	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar. E, tks, local songs. 3 (CG)
4800	Apr13	1720	Voice of China, Golmud, Qinghai Chinese 3 // 6000, 6080 and 6125 (AP-DNK)
4820	Apr13	1725	Xizang PBS, Baiding, Tibet Local piano music 3 // 7240 (AP-DNK)
4850	Apr13	1730	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, Xinjiang Kazakh ann and songs 4 // 6015 (AP-DNK)
4905	Apr13	1735	Xizang PBS, Baiding, Tibet Tibetan local music 3 // 4920 (AP-DNK)
4905	•	1600	Observed 1600-1700 external service in English from Tibet and noticed they no longer ID
			on air as "Holy Tibet" or "China Tibet Broadcasting" but as "China Xizang Broadcasting".
			In fact, throughout the broadcast I didn't hear the word 'Tibet' once, only 'Xizang'. This
			was monitoried on 4905, 4920, 6200, 7255kHz, the latter two with good reception via a
			webSDR in Hong Kong. (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online via WOR)
4965	Apr12	1832	Voice Of Hope, Makeni Ranch. E, rlgs. propag. 3 (CGS)
4980	Apr13	1740	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, Xinjiang Uighur talk with music 3 // 6120 (AP-DNK)
4985	Apr10	2145	R.Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Folk songs Brasil Sertanejo. Uty. QRM. 3 (CGS)
5025	Apr8	0603	Radio Rebelde, Buta, comments, Cuban songs.3. (Méndez)
5060	Apr13	1745	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, Xinjiang Chinese talk 3 // 5960 (AP-DNK)
5930	Apr8	1335	WMR, Bramming English ID: "World Music Radio - WMR", Spanish songs disturbed by
	I -		noise 3 // 927 MW Hvidovre (AP-DNK) + (CG)
5940.1	Apr11	2024	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Songs & rlgs. propag. Adj. QRM. // 9665.091,
	<b>r</b>		11750.091. 3 (CGS)
5970	Apr13	2110	R. 208, Hvidovre. Pops. 3 (CGS) + (AP-DNK)
5995	Apr11	2131	R.Mali, Kati. Tradit. songs. 5 (CGS) + (Méndez)
6009.9	Apr11	2131	R.Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG. Nx. // 15190.183 worse. 3 (CGS)
6040	Apr2	1315	Shiokaze, from Japan, heard on clear frequencies of 6040 // 6070 kHz. Good frequency as-
5010	· · P· -	1010	signments! (Ron Howard, Calif.)

6050 6090 6110 6160 6180 6185 7249.857	Apr7 Apr12 Apr12 Apr12 Apr7 Apr7 Apr5	*0556- 1834 1836 1838 2145 0614 0806	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, *interval signal, English, religious px. 1. (Méndez) Voice Of Amhara Stare, Geja Jawe. Vn, tks. 3 (CGS) R.Fana, Geja Jawe. Vn, tks, songs. Weak audio. 3 (CGS) Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pops, fqs. ann. // 3975 vy. poor. 3 (CGS) Radio Nacional da Amazonía, Brasilia, soccer, live matches. // 11780. 2. (Méndez) Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, music, comments. 1. (Méndez) R Kuwait Kabd site in Persian noted again at 08.06, when checked Doha Qatar Perseus SDR unit, and proof heard via Kuwait Amateur Radio society amateurish KIWI SDR monitoring installation, via Kiwi URL < <u>http://kw9k2ra-2.proxy.ki-</u> <u>wisdr.com:8073/?f=7249.85iq214</u> > 08.00 - 10.00 scheduled, Holy Quran prayer at 08.29 UT, now at 08.42 Persian song singer in action; S=9+20dB signal in Kuwait on KIWI SDR.
7260	Apr12	0630	Also S=9+20dB signal noted in Doha Qatar Perseus SDR unit on measured 7249.857 kHz odd Ampegon unit. Nothing of R Kuwat's DRM signal could be traced on 15110 kHz to- day. HCDX mailing list. (wb, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 5) R. Vanuatu; service messages given totally in French (a language not often used at this time); distinctive intro and exit with indigenous drums. My audio -
7280.02	A	0910	https://app.box.com/s/ug8tpinbvexyvezytfhbe53f20llb0ge . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
7289.93	Apr4	0810	<ul> <li>RRI Nabire Pro 1, tuned in at 0810, till tuned out at 0935; started out very poor, but slowly improved; the usual heavy QRN.</li> <li>0810-0855: Special Ramadan segment; during Ramadan, preempted the normal EZL songs.</li> <li>0855: The first Middle Eastern/Islamic influenced music/singing for today.</li> <li>0906-0910: A very brief prayer before the start of the Maghrib (sunset) call-to-prayer; during Ramadan, observed not airing the usual six minute Islamic Shalawat Tarhim prayer that is normally played before the call-to-prayer.</li> <li>0910+: Switched over to playing EZL songs. April 3 monitoring from 0810+, but found them off the air. (Ron Howard, Calif.)</li> </ul>
7365	Apr9	1230	HCJB, Weenermoor Russian hymns 3 (AP-DNK)
9420	Apr13	1715	Uighur Sce., CNR 13, Lingshi, Shanxi Uighur talk 4 // 9890 (AP-DNK)
9635 9665.1	Apr12 Apr11	1620 2026	Radio Mali, Bamako, Vernacular, comments, id. "Radio Mali'. (Méndez) R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Songs & rlgs. propag. Adj. QRM. // 5940.136, 11750.091. 4 (CGS)
9670 9685	Mar30 Apr13	1730 0820	Channel 292, Rohrbach Waal. Oldies, pops. 3955 & 6070 not //. 4 (CG) (poor) // 11935 (good signal strength, but strong CODAR QRM) // 11620 (fair-good), CNR5 "CMG Cross-Strait Radio" (China Media Group), Chinese name "Táihǎi zhī shēng," meaning "Voice of the Taiwan Strait" (台海之声), 0820-0905. Mostly non-stop EZL pop Chinese songs (singer Liang Xinxi, etc.), with announcers frequently IDing the music. Enjoyable listening! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
11610 11630	Apr9 Apr9	1245 1250	China Business R, Beijing Chinese conversation 3 // 11740 (AP-DNK) Kazakh Service, CNR 17, Lingshi, Shanxi Kazakh ann, Rock songs 3. Also heard 1315 8.4 with new Chinese px 13-14 (ex 15-16) // 9630 (AP-DNK)
11665	Apr7	1100	Wai FM, 1100-1129. Every Sunday there is a Catholic church service in vernacular; played a number of religious songs (several versions of a "Hallelujah" song); during the service, many responses at Mass; some adjacent QRM. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
11685	Apr9	-1300*	Tibetan Service, CNR 11, Baoji, Sifangshan Tibetan ann, local music 2 (AP-DNK)
11710	Apr9	1315	Voice of China, Beijing Chinese ann 3 // new fq 11735, 11775 and 11925 (AP-DNK)
11725 11750.1	Mar31 Apr11	0951 2028	R.NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, in The House px, mx, audio break, nx at 1000. 4 (CG) R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Songs & rlgs. propag. Adj. QRM. // 5940.136, 9665.091. 4 (CGS)
11780	Apr8	2145	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments, Brazilian songs. // 6180. 2. (Méndez)
11815	Apr10	2146	R.Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Folk songs Brasil Sertanejo. Faulty modulation. 4 (CGS)
11905	Apr1	-0855*	Voice of Shenzhou, CNR 6, Beijing local songs 2 QRM // 15710 (AP-DNK)
13700 13770	Apr9	1340	Uighur Service, CNR 7, Kashgar Uighur talk, music 4 // 9420 (AP-DNK)
15140	Apr1 Apr2	0910 2222	The Great Bay, CNR 7, Kashgar Cantonese talk 2 // 15550 (AP-DNK) RHC Spanish running way late, S9+10/20 in Spanish; 15230 S9/+10 but JBM and not //, probably Portuguese. Something`s always wrong at RHC. 11760 at 2225 with Chinese! music, S9+10/20. HFCC shows that`s CRI ``Portuguese`` via Xi`an to Europe, i.e. fill mu- sic instead just like the Cuba relay at 23-24 on 13650, which is still running at 2310 check, and all other ``Portuguese`` from CRI. Anyhow, at this hour RHC is OFF 11760 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

15190.1 15270 15475.98	Apr8 Apr1 Apr13	2033 0845 2145	R.Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG. Braz. oldies in px A Hora do Fazendeiro. 3 (CG) China Business R, Beijing Chinese conversation 2 // 11750 and 15540 (AP-DNK) RC USBtune-in early for LRA36, but it's already running, VP into only BsAs remote working, Spanish but no match for S7 noise level. 2149 switch to Brasília SDR where it's *much* better tho only S3/S6 with music, 2155 ID, 2214 & 2216 IDs in passing. Reduced carrier barely perceptible by tuning lower in USB. By 2235 faded down to only S2/S3, barely readable. 2340 next check is gone, just splash from 15480 China. So I wonder what time starting now, and still only on Saturday? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
15700	Apr12	1333	World Music R. Mx & songs. 3 (CGS)
17550	Apr1	0905	Voice of China, Beijing Chinese talk 3 // 17580, 17595 and 17890 (AP-DNK)
17600	Apr7	1535	Ifrikia FM, Bechar, Arabic comments, African songs. 4. (Méndez)
25800	Apr12	1335	World Music R. Mx & songs. 2 (CGS)

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by Suzanne Scholte yesterday; extremely nice to hear English from this station, making for
an easy, positive ID. Today's audio from their website - <u>http://www.fnkra-</u>
dio.com/bbs/board.php?bo_table=radio≀_id=1647&sca . (Ron Howard, Calif.)

#### **VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS**

3485	Apr12	2121	VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
4426	Apr11	2154	VMC Marine Weather Stn. (p), Charleville QLD. Tks. 1 (CGS)
6230	Apr8	1836	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. Uty. QRM, marker? 1 (CG)
6295	Mar31	2133	XTC-Xenon Transmitting Co pir. E, pops, tks. Worse audio quality during mx. 3 (CG)
6340.2	Apr11	1858	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, Chinese song. 1 (CGS)
6507	Apr8	1838	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. Uty. QRM. 2 (CG)
6604	Apr9	2023	VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
6676	Apr1	1821	9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
6676	Apr2	1953	HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CG)
6676	Apr4	2154	AWB Bombay Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. Should be *2155-2200*. 3 (CG)
6676	Apr6	*2045-	ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
6676	Apr12	*1850-	9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. ID, met rpt. 3 (CGS)
6676	Apr12	*2040-	HSD Bangkok Volmet. ID, met rpt. 3 (CGS)
6679	Apr8	1846	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
6679	Apr11	*1850-	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
6765.1	Apr10	1835	HSW Bangkok R. E, ocean wx, fqs. ann., music box IS, Thai at 1839. Uty. QRM. 3 (CGS)
8113	Apr8	1835	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
8176	Apr10	2143	VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
8743	Apr10	1834	HSW Bangkok R. E, ocean wx, fqs. ann., music box IS, Thai at 1839. 3 (CGS)
8764	Apr6	2213	NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 3 (CG)
8828	Apr2	1952	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
8828	Apr4	2146	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. Faint. 1 (CG)
8828	Apr8	*1850-	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
10051	Apr11	1322	VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
12356	Apr13	0921	ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
12362	Apr10	2140	VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
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12365	Apr10	2142	VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
13089	Apr11	2150	NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. Resumed at 2243. 3 (CGS)
13128	Apr8	1840	TAH İstanbul R. E, ocean wx. 3 (CG)
13270	Apr11	*1320-	VFG Gander Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CGS)
13282	Apr2	1950	JIA Tokyo Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CG)
13282	Apr8	1848	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
13282	Apr11	1852	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
13989	Apr6	2215	NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 3 (CG)
15034	Apr12	2044	CHR Trenton Volmet. Met rpt. Many unreceived rpts. 2 (CGS)
16528	Apr3	0738	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. Via western path. 2 (CG)
16546	Apr3	0740	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. Via western path. 2 (CG)

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## Station news

#### AFGHANISTAN

#### New name for Radio Afghanistan.

For the past few days I've been monitoring the former Radio Afghanistan at 17:30-19:30 UTC, in the couple of hours when it's audible on 1107kHz via webSDRs in Cyprus/Delhi/Qatar. The broadcaster's formal name is Radio Television Afghanistan but all the on-air ID's I've heard are as "Milli [national] Radio" or sometimes "Afghanistan-pause-Milli Radio". Their website at <a href="https://rta.af">https://rta.af</a> seems to be completely devoted to TV with four video services being live streamed but no radio audio. (David Kernick via WOR)

**GERMANY**. **Texas Radio Shortwave** returns to Channel 292 in Rohrbach, Germany, monthly on the first Sunday, beginning April 7. Programs will air at 1100 UTC on 6070 kHz and 1700 UTC on 3955 kHz.

With TRSW's extensive program library, listeners will hear shows that weren't aired in Europe. April's and May's offerings feature music from Texas's iconic dance halls. The subject of June's show hasn't been determined.

The station welcomes reports from listeners using remote receivers like KiwiSDRs.

TRSW welcomes detailed reception reports emailed to <u>texasradioshortwave@protonmail.com</u>.

(Terry N5RTC, Austin, Texas USA )

#### GERMANY. From the Isle of Music and Uncle Bill's Melting Pot Return

Friends, I am pleased to inform you that beginning April 13, From the Isle or Music and Uncle Bill's Melging Pot are returning to Radio Channel 292. For financial reasons they will only be monthly rather than weekly, as follows:

From the Isle of Music: 2nd Saturday of each month:

- 1100-1200 CEST/0900-1000 UTC on 9670 with beam D (Eastward)
- Repeat 2100-2200 CEST/1900-2000 UTC on 6070

#### Uncle Bill's Melting Pot: 3rd Saturday of each month:

- 1100-1200 CEST/0900-1000 UTC on 9670 with beam D (Eastward)
- Repeat 2100-2200 CEST/1900-2000 UTC on 6070

The 0900 UTC transmissions should be a easy listening in much of western and parts of central Russia. I am less certain about the 1900 UTC broadcasts.

I do also honor reception reports using web sdrs with an eQSL provided:

- A. the report covers the whole program and not a few minutes
- B. Which SDR was used is specified in the report

I look forward to reconnecting with listeners that I have missed for quite a while. The April 20 UBMP will be simulcast on 3955 from 2100-2200 CEST/1900-2000 UTC on 6070 (Bill Tilford, Producer and Host, From the Isle of Music and Uncle Bill's Melting Pot. via RUS-DX)

## Other radio news

#### The end of the Maldives Voice of the Martyres Korea

\*\* MALDIVES [non]. 11620, **March 31** at 1520, NO signal from V of Martyrs Korea; had been extremely reliable from secret site, > must have moved for A24. I have queried HQ, WTFK, no point in even asking about site. WRTH 2024 frequency page 722 shows TWN as if this were certain; page 554 under KOREA SOUTH says 11620ust - which means Taiwan, exact site unknown. However, header mentions only sites Kununurra and Tashkent, but all other broadcasts tagged tac. Some continue to claim this is Uzbekistan as in Aoki, not EiBi, but I say over and over, Uz is unbelievable propagationally here in deep North America. Editors, don`t you dare file this log under Uzbekistan (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

Hi Glenn - I will miss the opportunity to listen to the rarely heard Maldivian (Dhivehi) language. Here is my audio of a typical broadcast (Sept 27, 2023) - <u>https://app.box.com/s/rconybrcm6jaacpfkbhyd5wr94h1y6nh</u>. (Ron Howard, Calif.)

#### "MALDIVES BROADCAST ENDING ON MARCH 31ST, 2024

When this project began, we said that the "enemy was roaring like a lion", due to a series of events that almost stopped this project before it started:

- The Maldives government thwarted the use of a medium-wave signal directed that would target the Maldives.
- The Maldives increased their internet censorship and surveillance towards Christian material.
- Our Maldivian radio announcers became worried about the recording their voices for use on the broadcast and declined to record.
- Audio Bible content in the Dhivehi language, which was originally promised, was found to be not yet approved for radio broadcast use and additional Christian content in Dhivehi was hacked and deleted by the government.
- Our original radio partners decided that they couldn't offer any additional help or assistance with the project.
- Recorded and broadcasted the gospel into the Maldives for 731 days straight (once our broadcast ends on March 31st, 2024)

https://vomkorea-com.translate.goog/en/project/maldives-ministry/? x tr\_sl=ko& x tr\_tl=en& x tr\_hl=en& x tr\_pto=sc .

#### **European DX Council annual meeting**



The website of the EDXC Tartu 2024 is now open and can be found at <u>https://sdxl.fi/tartu2024/</u>. Preliminary (non-binding) registration is possible.

We would like to hear from you all who intend to participate.

Do you have any questions? Please use email rv at sdxl.fi or WhatsApp +358-50-5292909 (Risto Vähäkainu).

#### [nordx] WOR: WRTH A24 update:

https://wrth.info/ainternational-summer-schedules-update/ (73, Mauno Ritola)

#### DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS completely updated for A24 season:

http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html (via WOR)

[nordx] SDXL: Mycket intressanta QSL-& vimpel kollektioner är uppdaterade... på websidor av Finlands DX-Förbund SDXL--- i sk. QSL-och Vimpel Galleriet https://sdxl.fi/suomen-dx-liitto-ry/qsl-ja-viirigalleria/

Dessa fynd härstammar ifrån privata dx-samlingar av olika dx-veteraner (avl.) liksom:

#### Jyrki K. Talvitie, Kalevi Ant-Wuorinen, Tor-Henrik Ekblom, Hannu Perttula, Harry Forsblom och nu Pertti Äyräs.

När man bara klickar på dessa blåa rubriker under namnen, kommer man direkt in de vederbörande materialierna. Trevlig upptäcktsresa!

(Kari Kallio)

### JRC Japan Radio Co., Ltd.

Interesting page with pictures of Almost all of the receivers made by JRC. <u>https://people.zeelandnet.nl/wgeeraert/JRC-extra.htm</u> (TN)



#### Qodosen SR-286 AM/LW/FM/SW High Performance Portable

There are a few other radios available which use the TEF family of DSP chips but I don't think any of them have built-in ferrite rods for AM/LW which is generally needed for indoor listening. More to come on that. I would expect that any radio using one of these chips would have similar performance other than for AM/LW using only the whip with no ferrite rod but I don't know if they utilize all of the settings and features which are available the SR-286.

I also have to tell you that as of this writing the designer is still trying to obtain more of these chips needed to produce this radio. From what I have been told the developer has not been able to entice any of the

major manufacturers to commit to the scale of production necessary to obtain this chip from NXP. A limited production run of these radios was made as an experiment but future plans are still pending. Nevertheless I think this evaluation will be of interest to those who love radios as I do because discovering that the technology exists to produce such ground-breaking performance presents hopes of improved radios overall down the road...I certainly hope this will be the beginning of a new era. Just as the DSP chips from Silicon Labs, which are used in just about every current day portable radio have matured to the point where overall performance is better than what was possible a decade or two ago, it is possible to go further with chips which offer even higher levels of performance.

**Description:** The Qodosen SR-286 is a compact portable measuring approximately 5" x 3" x 1 1/8"...the size of the C. Crane Skywave and smaller than the Tecsun PL-320/330. It covers AM/LW/FM/SW and has settings for the different band limits and channel spacing used around the world. It also features RDS/RBDS and runs on an 18650 Li-ion battery which can be charged via its USB Micro port. It offers a host of digital features such as World/Local clocks, Alarms and Timers, Auto Scan and Memory settings, Alpha Page Labelling, the ability to use external antennas on all bands, an Antenna Attenuator and 20 db amp...again too many to list so I invite you once again to take a look at the manual for a full listing of all of its features. Qodosen SR-286 Manual can be found here: <a href="https://radiojay-allen.com/qodosen-sr-286-am-fm-sw-high-performance-portable/">https://radiojay-allen.com/qodosen-sr-286-am-fm-sw-high-performance-portable/</a>

(From RadioJayallen)

Gary deBock recently reports that LW performance is good even with a ferrite rod not optimised for LW. Gary published results listening to the ZF NDB on 356kHz over 1750km comparing the SR286 with the XHDATA D-808 with a LW optimised loopstick. The relative reception is posted at the following link, with the Longwave loopstick; XHDATA D-808 recorded for the first 17 seconds, and the Medium Wave loopstick Qodosen SR-286 recorded for the final 30 seconds <u>https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/yw2zsow7hqb8j22mypda0l10wp2x3x51</u> (headphones needed). (Comment by Gary de Bock from Medium Wave News 70/01)

#### [WOR] Fw: [bdxc-news] Ralph Peters - Radio Saint Helena

From: BDXC Dave Kenny via groups.io <<u>bdxcuk=ntlworld.com@groups.io</u>>

Just received this sad news from BDXC member Robert Kipp (Between 1990 and 2009 Radio St Helena used to have an annual shortwave broadcast which Robert helped to arrange)

Hello BDXC, just now, I have learned that my very dear friend and former station manager of Radio Saint Helena, Ralph Peters, passed away yesterday evening 5. April. Ralph will be severely missed not only by Hazel and their families but also by friends of Radio Saint Helena all around the world. (73, Robert Kipp via WOR)

Communications in the Arctic. In Russian. About communications in the Far North. <u>https://www.qrz.ru/articles/article\_svaz-v-arktike\_859</u> (<u>https://www.qrz.ru/</u>) (RUS-DX # 1284)

#### [A-DX] Kiwi SDR 2 – first impressions



Last week my new Kiwi SDR 2 was delivered directly from New Zealand. I put it into operation yesterday and would like to share my first impressions here. I would like to say in advance that I haven't had a Kiwi SDR yet, so I just went for it and left it with the factory settings for now.

#### installation

The installation is really very easy and comfortable. A real plug and play. The Kiwi SDR 2 is delivered ready for use. So just connect the power supply, the antenna, the LAN cable and the GPS antenna (supplied) and you're done. Using the serial number, you then access the SDR via the Internet browser and off you go.

In addition to the serial number, you get a password with which you can log in as an administrator and make a variety of settings and personalizations.

#### Digi Mode

I am enthusiastic about the Kiwi SDR's capabilities in receiving FT8 signals. Yesterday morning the two DXpeditions to Liberia and Vanuatu were active in the 15m

band and the Kiwi was right there with my Excalibur G33DDC. I connected both devices to my 15m NTi loop (via the ASA 62 antenna distributor) and the signal/noise ratio was identical. I decoded each one with JTDX.

#### Voice mode

Reception in voice mode was of average quality and quality. For example, Channel 292 on 6,070 kHz could be heard in local station quality with my ELAD Duo in the afternoon. On the Kiwi SDR, however, there was (too) much noise with the same antenna. Of course, this could be because I lack experience with the Kiwi SDR and, as I wrote, I left it with the factory settings when I first started it up.

#### user interface

I find the user interface of the Kiwi SDR software to be messed up and no longer up to date.

#### concept

The concept of the Kiwi SDR, which now has more than 700 devices in use worldwide and can be networked and used by third parties, is great and very worthy of support.

Since I mainly receive broadcasts in digital modes, the conclusion of my first impression is very good, as I was positively surprised by the reception quality in FT8. (Frank Wenzel via A-DX)

#### Eine Vorstellung des KiwiSDR 2 vom TechMinds Kanal. [Video in Englisch!]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvkZ\_1xCBeA (Reiner Schneider via A-DX)

#### [nordx] Vem eller vilka började störa GPS 2022?



Animationen visar hur det röda störningsmolnet anlände till Europa. MTV Uutiset-Nyheter sammanställde en animering av GPS-störningar i Europa från de senaste två åren.

Videon visar att GPS-störningar riktas mot norra och östra Europa kanske mer än någonsin.

Europa upplever för närvarande allvarliga GPS-störningar, enligt kartorna på webbplatsen GPSJam.org, som samlar in öppen GPSdata från positioneringsenheter. Före kriget i Ukraina var störningar relativt sällsynta, men efter kriget, särskilt i östeuropeiska

länder, har antalet störningar ökat mångfaldigt. GPSJam rapporterar störningar med röda och gula färger. Om det finns liten eller ingen störning är färgen grön.

MTV Uutiset samlade alla GPSJams störningskartor från februari 2022 för en video. När kriget i Ukraina startade, började till exempel stora röda fläckar bildas i områdena Polen, Rumänien, Ryssland, Vitryssland och de baltiska länderna. Däremot försvann GPS-signalen från Ukraina nästan helt efter krigets början. Men hur är det med de nordiska länderna?

Animationen visar att störningar har kommit till Finland och Sverige i större skala först vid förra årsskiftet. Finnair har kommenterat att fenomenet är bekant, och det sägs inte påverka flygsäkerheten, eftersom flygplanets navigationssystem snabbt känner igen GPS-störningar och planet har flera alternativa system för navigering.

Källa: MTV Översättning: Google (Tack RHA för tipset) Video at: <u>https://www.mtvuutiset.fi/videot/klipit/prog20802197#gs.7ncm6x</u> (Kari Kallio)

#### JRC NRD-10 commercial monitor HF receiver / repair completed.



No narration, just a locked-off camera as the radio owner does bandscans in Tokyo. Lots of vintage Sonys and other Japanese brands, along with a few others. It's a lovely mix of hearing and seeing a dial being twirled in Japan.

Spot crystals are crystals for ship radio. Crystals don't act like Drake, they directly display the crystal numbers. In ship radio, each ship has its own frequency for easy communication.

https://youtu.be/3JDYA3\_BaTg?list=PL6aOt6CAZV-My-qJhQxABHc4MtJA75LdA

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#### Using the Perseus22 is simply amazing,

With its diversity capabilities I've overcomed all the problems of local interferences. Moreover the integration with real-time ionosphere maps, WRTH broadcasters, and WSJT-X FT8 messages positioning is a real fun for any passion-ate SW listener.



(Nico Palermo via WRTH FB)

## DX nostalgia by RFK

Something which really is nostalgia is browsing through old DX magazines and bulletins. That always seem to bring memories to life. Here is a story which Bengt Dalhammar BD told in the December 1956 edition of Etersvep, published by the Swedish Radioklubben Universal (The Universal Radio Club). The story was originally in Swedish and it has been translated by yours truly. First an introduction by the editor.

#### The joys and sorrows of a DXer

As our columns about received answers, for reasons of space, rarely allow any longer rewriting about each individual QSL, it is perhaps appropriate to tell a little about them in more detail, at least the so-called better ones. We have therefore asked our new tips editor and superior winner of the club championship, Bengt Dalhammar of Lidingö, to make a small summary. It is also usually he who hears many of the rarer stations and it is stimulating to see how the answers have arrived one by one. But first a few lines about the ardent hobbyist.

Bengt is 17 years old and made his first attempt at DXing back in 1954. He certainly didn't know then what unimagined possibilities the hobby could provide. A report to the CBC in Montreal and then he was hooked! Just as this is being written, he has answers from 110 countries, but he has also changed radios a couple of times to finally go for the receiver AGA 1771 with which he has managed to hear many low-powered stations.

Two wires of 30 and 70 meters can to be connected to the receiver's antenna socket, but our friend is a student and he therefore has homework to do, so he hasn't had time with any greater facilities. He believes that DXing can be combined very well with school, even if it have had some impact on mathematics. Over to Bengt:

Fortunately, during the time I've been DXing, I have also heard some rare things. Some can be mentioned here, such as the letters from Port Stanley, CKFX in Vancouver and "Homesteader" in Korea. But the rarest of them all is probably VQO2, Honiara, Solomon Islands. Bengt tells us about that station: The station was heard one morning when I was not in such a hurry to get to school. I sat down in front of my radio and twiddled the dial back and forth a bit. Suddenly my attention was caught by a faint station on about 50.30 meters. The language was something completely new to my ears, but as they at this time had a music program, I began to note programme details.

After about half an hour I heard an ID which I identified with some hesitation as 'Station VQO2, Solomon Islands Broadcasting Service'. Then programmes in English followed and the station disappeared. Report was immediately sent by aerogram, but after waiting for a reply for four months I started to get impatient and was about to sending a follow-up with IRC. At about the same time, however, the answer came and this of course made me very happy.

The card seems to be hand-made or maybe the printing is of lower quality. It is printed in black with some green, showing a map of the islands. Quite simple but yet so welcome.

But there are also verifications from other rare station in my collection, like the Canadian stations VE9AI and CBUX. These plus CKFX are indeed hard stations to catch. From the Pacific I have received a beautiful QSL card from Suva, the paradise bird card from Hollandia and Biak. Another rare Pacific station I have received is the station at Port Moresby which verified with the white ABC-card. A plain white QSL card also arrived from Noumea which is a most rare station.

Africa is represented by ZNB, Mafeking who answered promptly and as for Latin America, my results have not been too good. But in South America I do have a favourite station, Radio Quinta Piedad in Ecuador. They have so far answered all my reports. A very nice station in Bolivia was La Cruz del Sur which at the moment seem to have a less favourable period of QSL-ing. I would also like to mention HOLA, HROW, Belize and the verification letter from Sarawak.

But no joy without sorrow.... In this case Bengt is quite disappointed with Chile. In spite of reports to six different Chilean stations none have replied. Amongst all hopeless cases I would like to mention Kap Verde, Siam, the Ivory Coast, Canary Islands, Yemen and so on. I hope to be able to get Kuwait through a pal in Jordan. Lucky enough the positive subjects are in majority, says Bengt.

I might add that Bengt over the years got most of the stations mentioned (if not all) verified. We have shown the card from VQO2 before but I thought it would be an appropriate illustration to Bengt's story.

SOLOMON ISLANDS BROADCASTING SERVICE OFFICIAL VERIFIC AT M.F. Bengt This confirms your reception of . QG2 operating Kilocycles on 39-5-56 of We thank you for your reception repor

From the collection of Bengt Ericson BE: a QSL card from the Danish Short Wave Club and a special programme over Radio Australia. Unfortunately it doesn't say what year it was but the club started in 1956.

Special - programme you cordially for your 10nic mr. repo Hope to hear THE DANISH

It seems like BE's QSL from Danish Shortwave Club is from the time before they added "International" to their name. Members of the DSWCI were also involved in the the production of the DX Window show which was broadcast on SW by Radio Denmark. Here is a card which was sent out to listeners after the programme ceased. From the collection of BE. More about the club can be found on <a href="http://www.dswci.org/">http://www.dswci.org/</a>



A QSL card from the collection of Bengt Ericson showing the antenna system at the Swiss Shortwave Service received in 1957. The transmitter had the call HER 5 and operated on 11865 kHz.



At last two QSL cards which Jan Edh JE received in the 1960s. First we have ELWA of Monrovia, Liberia. JE reported the station in October 1962.

• TO M	AKE CHRIST KNOWN TO AFRICA •	
	ELWA	ha
-		
QSL on	15.155 mcs, at 1935 GMT October 8, 1962	20 million
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And so the last QSL card for this time and it will be another African station: Egyptian Broadcasting. Jan heard it in 1960 and I suppose their modulation was better then than in later years... The first time I heard Cairo they played a lot of Elvis' music.



As you know, your contributions to DX nostalgia are always welcome - just mail me at <u>info@rock.x.se</u> Take care and stay safe. 73 & GOOD DX!