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Time again for yet another SWB

Once more I have to repeat some guidelines for the log entries. It takes a lot of time and is too boring to fix this.

- 1. Please do not use the Space Bar when simulating a new column. Instead you have to get used to using TAB and TAB settings for each new column.
- 2. Please <u>include your name</u> or <u>signature</u> at the end of each log!

It seems to take some time for the new Latin American station, R Betania using 6145 kHz to start up broadcasts. Was active once on July 28.

The new Fobos SDR is now on the market. It seems the latest tests is a bit negative. The Fobos does not match expectations.

It is nice to see that SWB is read not only by members in the mailing list but also others. In this issue we welcome a new member, Jon Balzer, living in Wisconsin. Nice to see you here. Hope to hear from you soon.

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

Keep on

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Jan Edh: månne nå't för SWB när jag som omväxling har haft ett kortvågsåterfall i stugan under mitt sommarlov. Den trasiga och redan tidigare odugliga K9AY:n där ute dög för detta ändamål.

Brevet från Blacksmith Knoll innehåller ju både "nyheten" att stationen tystnat eftersom licensen upphört, men också att han tänker komma igång med ny licens i oktober.

Hello Jan, it's so nice to hear from you!

First, I'd like to apologize for our late verification of your report. During summertime we have had a lot of things to do, not only with the station itself, but also having some leisure time and travelling.

Thank you so much for the report and analysis of the received program and signal. Our transmitter, actually a HAM transceiver, isn't ideal for this purpose. However, it imparts an old-fashioned sound quality to the broadcast, which we at 'Blacksmith Knoll' appreciate. We currently operate with modest 25 watts of power using an Icom IC-7300 transceiver and AM mode. Antenna used is a simple 43 meters long wire dipole, approx 6 meters from the ground.

Our theme comprises public domain, royalty-free, and Creative Commons material spanning decades—from the roaring '20s to the present day. It includes swing, jazz, blues, Radio Drama broadcasts, and crackling voices from yesteryears. We've intentionally crafted this mix to be both imaginative and relevant to current affairs.

Unfortunately, but perhaps also as an intriguing puzzle, most of the music played on our station is either so old that applications like Shazam or Soundhound do not recognize them, the songs are not available but only from Public Domain archives, or the songs were created using the latest AI technology available - hence those songs have never been played before and have existed only for some hours before the actual premiere on our show.

As you may already know, our broadcasting license has expired and the frequency has silenced for now, but we have a plan to start again in October. I hope you find our station interesting and come back to it later this year.

What concerns verifying your reception and QSL, it is our pleasure to indeed confirm your reception. Please find attached the eQSL card for your collection.

Best Regards: Marco "Mac" Johansson, The Operator

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John Balzer, WPE9IRS, Wauwatosa, WI, USA

My SWL "call" is WPE9IRS, issued by Popular Electronics Magazine in the 1960s.

SWL since the 1960s, recently retired from a 40+ year career in healthcare facilities construction and management, now have lots more time to revive interest and invest time in SWLing!

The pix is of one of the radios my Dad got me as a youngster, I was very fortunate. I still have it and it still works! He also got me a Hallicrafters S-120 and let me put a long wire antenna in the front yard. I did most of my DXing and got most of my QSLs using that rig. I have an amazing collection of QSLs and "stuff" from many communist countries issued during the Cold War. I have begun chasing QSL cards again, while an E QSL is nice, nothing beats finding a "real" QSL in the mailbox!



Equipment: RSP1a SDR, Eton Elite 750, 75 foot outdoor wire, also occasionally use a Sangean ATS-909X.

Log Info

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 2024 0808 0814.txt
Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs 2024 0801 0807.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
Shortwave Central radio blog: https://mt-shortwave.blogspot.com/
Www.dxfanzine.com (also pirate stations)

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

Pirates: https://shortwavedx.blogspot.com/ https://shortwavedx.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 listener: http://lhu-dx-log.blogspot.com/
Rick, Finland: https://pirateradiolog.blogspot.com/
Irish Paul: https://irishpaulsradioblog.blogspot.com/

Log (UT)

3310 Aug16 0928 R. Mosoj Chaski, L; quéchua, folk mx. Some hum noise. (LOB) + (Wilkner) + (Mendéz)
3325 Aug6 1326 Voice of Indonesia (Channel One) from Palangkaraya. English segment; "Indonesia Today"

program; pop music; "Indonesian Wonders" program; ID and list of all the languages broadcast from VOI; Bahasa Indonesia language lesson; readability not all that good today;

weaker on // 4755.0 from Cimanggis/Jakarta.

*** It is important to note that August 17 is not only Indonesia's Independence Day, but equally important is that it will be the first time that Independence Day celebrations will be

held not in Jakarta, the old capital, but instead held in the new capital city of Nusantara, located in East Kalimantan province, on the island of Borneo. President Joko Widodo has already started working from the new presidential palace in Nusantara. Only a small portion of the new capital is currently completed and is expected to be fully completed by 2045. Nusantara is about 383 miles away from Palangkaraya, in Central Kalimantan. Nusantara website - https://ikn.go.id/en . News story -https://ikn.go.id/en . News story -https://ikn.go.id/en . News story -https://ikn.go.id/en . News story -https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jul/30/indonesia-president-joko-widodo-nusantara-capital . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

			lomar State Beach, Calif.)
3940	Aug13	1933	Music Wave Radio, Russian, comments, pop songs in English, oldies. (Méndez)
3955	Aug5	2104	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. E, pop oldies, tks. 3 (CG)
3975	Aug11	2059	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pop oldies, TS+TC, fqs. ann. 3 (CG)
3995	Aug13	2025	HCJB Germany, Weenermoor, German, religious comments and songs. // 5920. (Méndez)
4765	Aug13	0002	Tajik Radio, mx, islamic style mx. (LOB) + (Méndez)
4775	Aug14	2305	R. Tarma sports px "Cena Desportiva". (LOB) + (Wilkner) + (CG) + (Méndez)
4820	Aug15	0126	Radio Senda Cristiana, Cotahuasi, comments, Peruvian songs. (Méndez) + (LOB)
4940	Aug9	0452	Onda Corta 4940, religious comments and songs, mentioned "Fuerza de Paz". (Mendéz)
4965	Aug12	2053	R. The Voice Of Hope Africa, instr mx, ann, 2100 sign off. (LOB) + (Méndez)
4985	Aug15	0446	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs, comments. (Méndez) + (CG)
5020	Aug16	0923	SIBC; mx. (LOB)
5025	Aug14	0541	Radio Rebelde, Bauta, Cuban songs. (Méndez)
5915	Aug6	1220	Myanmar Radio (minority service), randomly from 1220+. Nice to have no CRI QRM;
3713	rugo	1220	mostly indigenous music/singing and announcers in vernacular. My audio -
			https://app.box.com/s/qkpbqj0mg5y2yx6ajqhacu292slqhfwx. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State
			Beach, Calif.)
5930	Aug14	2021	World Music Radio, Bramming, music, id "World Music Radio". (Méndez)
5939.9	-	0622	
	Aug14		Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, religious songs. (Méndez)
5955	Aug5	2058	Sunlite R, Westdorpe. Du, advs., anns., nx at 2102, pops. Better on 08/8, 2045. 3 (CG)
5955	Aug13	2023	Radio Veronica, Westdorpe, pop & oldies, Dutch, id. "Radio Veronica". (Méndez)
5970	Aug13	2037	Radio 208, Hvidovre, rock and pop. (Méndez) + (CG)
5985	Aug6	1242	Myanmar Radio, randomly from 1242. Variety of music; heading towards my local sunrise
5005	. 10	2252	(1318 UT) with good reception. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5995	Aug12	2353	R. Mali, pop, instr., piano instr. mx selections, OM FF. (LOB) + (CG) + (Mendéz)
6010	Aug14	0447	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, program "Memoria Nacional". (Méndez)
6030	Aug14	1905	Radio Oromiya, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments, East African songs. (Méndez)
6050	Aug11	-0500*	HCJB, Pichincha, "Vida Real en Familia", at 0458 anthem and close. (Mendéz)
6050	Aug14	*0557-	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, English, id., religious comments and songs. (Méndez) + (LOB)
6070	Aug15	0601	CFRX, Toronto, news, comments. QRM from Channel 292 on the same frequency. (Méndez) + (Wilkner)
6090	Aug6	1842	Voice Of Amhara State, Geja Jawe. Vn, phone-ins, tks, HoA songs. 3 (CG)
6110	Aug6	1840	R.Fana, Geja Jawe. Vn, tks. 3 (CG)
6140	Aug11	0601	Radio Onda, Borculo, classical music, comments in French. (Mendéz)
6150	Aug14	0441	Radio Saturno, Belo Horiznte, id. "Radio Saturno", "Faixa Brasil". (Méndez)
6170	Aug10	1948	Radio Delta International, Elburg, music, oldies, song "Penny Lane" by The Beatles, id.
	8	-,	"Radio Delta", comments in English. (Mendéz)
6180	Aug13	2034	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Brazilian songs, comments. // 11780. (Méndez)
6185	Aug6	-1200*	Radio Educación and CHBC, both 1200*. Mexico totally dominating; CHBC off just after
			the time pips; Mexico with no closing ID. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
6185	Aug15	0443	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, comments, music, id. "Radio Educación, 1060 AM".
			(Méndez) + (CG) + (Wilkner)
7220	Aug16	0940	Voice Of Korea; choral mx. (LOB)
7245	Aug14	-1801*	Voice of Tajik, Dushanbe, Persian, comments, female, songs. (Méndez) + (Liangas)
7260	Aug9	-1100*	Radio Vanuatu, 0724-0830 and 1024-1100*; all reception mostly fair. Major highlights:
	Ü		0724+: Today playing a lot of American country & western songs; Garth Brooks - "If To-
			morrow Never Comes" (played twice, at different times [0727 & 1027]), Conway Twitty
			and Loretta Lynn - "As Soon As I Hang Up The Phone," etc.
			0755-0813: Phone interview in Bislama, with Vanuatu's shot putter, Elie Enock, who will
			be competing in the upcoming Paris paralympics (a video in Bislama about her -
			https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mD1JJFJP2cM).
			1034: Start of the religious segment with preaching in Bislama and religious songs.
			1059-1100*: ID and "ten o'clock" time check; National Anthem; audio ends, followed by
			dead air/open carrier. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) + (LOB) + (Méndez)
7289.93	Aug9	0835	RRI Nabire Pro 1, 0835 till off just after 0900. Recently this station has not been fading in
1402.73	Augz	0055	till after 0830+; usual EZL song and announcers; 0900, start of the Islamic segment with
			Shalawat Tarhim prayer, but shortly after that cut off; reception below average. (Ron How-
			ard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
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9665	Aug7	2107	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú rlgs. propag. // 5939.894 & 11749.924. (CG) + (Méndez)
9670	Aug10	0800	Atlantic 2000 International via Rohrbach, id. "Radio Channel 292", "Radio Atlantic 2000
	•		International", French, comments, pop, oldies. (Mendéz)
9818.8	Aug14	0503	Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious songs and comments. (Méndez) +(CG)
11660	Aug11	1745	VoTurkey reading listener letters, among them was our well known DXer from India Sid-
	•		dharta Bhattacharge and they are looking for more listeners correspondence by providing
			their email address them mentoring a Dxer from Pakistan. Low quality audio. (Liangas)
11665	Aug6	-1400*	Wai FM, 1340-1400*. Pop songs; in vernacular; IDs; fair-good reception. (Ron Howard,
	•		Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
11680	Aug12	1009	R. KCBS Pyongyang, choral mx. QRM 11685, (LOB)
11750	Aug14	0648	Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, religious songs. // 9665. (Méndez)
11780	Aug13	2000	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments, Brazilian songs. (Méndez)
11815	Aug13	0605	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, 0605-0627, 13-08, Brazilian songs, program "Madrugada
			Musical". Distorted signal. (Méndez)
11875	Aug14	*0800-	KNLS, Anchor Point, interval signal, Chinese program, comments. (Méndez) + (LOB)
11935	Aug14	1710	Yemeni Radio 1710 + still in the clear with traditional Arabic songs. But on 14/8 I see that
			their carrier is hopping upwards making a choppy sound with a rhythm of 2-3 per second
			(Liangas)
15190.1	Aug14	1953	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs, comments, at 2002 id. "Rede In-
			confidencia de Radio, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brasil", program "A Hora do
			Fazendeiro", "Inconfidencia AM 880, está começando A Hora do Fazendeiro, o programa
			de rádio mais antigo do Brasil e do mundo,". // 6010.015. (Méndez) + (CG)
15700	Aug14	1605	World Music Radio, Randers, id. "World Music Radio. (Méndez) + (CG)
15720	Aug13	2111	R.NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, Pacific nx. 4 (CG)
17600	Aug14	0654	Ifrikya FM, Bechar, African songs, French, comments, id. "Ifrikya FM, La Voix Africaine",
			0700 time signals, "Le Journal de la Information". (Méndez) + (LOB)
25800	Aug14	0901	World Music Radio, Marslet, Cuban song "Que suenen los tambores" by Laritza Bacallao,
			Andean music, flute, id. "World Music Radio". // 15700. (Méndez) + (CG)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

3910	Aug12	2058	Voice Of The People (cland.) (p), Goyang. Tks, surely Kor to KRE. 1 (CG)
3930	Aug12	2056	Voice Of The People (cland.) (p), Goyang. Tks, surely Kor to KRE. 1 (CG)
3985	Aug14	2044	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.) (p), Gyengi-do. Tks, presum. in Kor to KRE. 1 (CG)
4885	Aug9	2045	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks, pops. 2 (CG)
5995	Aug15	2101	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Gyengi-do. Kor to KRE, nx (cf. other // fqs). QRM de MLI. (CG)
6279.9	Aug6	2050	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 6279.893. 2 (CG)
6340.2	Aug6	2054	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, jingle, anns Meas. 6340.198. 2 (CG)
6520	Aug15	2103	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. // 6600 worse. 2 (CG)
6970.1	Aug10	2032	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 6970.137. 1 (CG)
7720	Aug15	2055	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong (?) . Kor to KRE, Korean pops, nx at 2100. 4 (CG)
9140	Aug13	2045	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, Chinese songs. Meas. 9139.984. 2 (CG)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

3330u	Aug7	2335	CHU 2330 with time signal to 2335. (Wilkner)
6230	Aug15	2138	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. Uty. QRM (marker?). 2 (CG)
6501	Aug11	2138	NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 1 (CG)
6507	Aug4	1909	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
6604	Aug16	0252	VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
6676	Aug5	*2050-	9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. Met rpt. QRM de Karachi Volmet till 2100. 2 (CG)
6676	Aug5	*2055-	AWB Bombay Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
6676	Aug6	2148	ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. QRM de Singapore Volmet *2150. 2 (CG)
6676	Aug7	1901	VKA-930 Australian Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
6676	Aug13	2041	HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CG)
6679	Aug13	1850	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
6679	Aug13	2147	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
6765.1	Aug13	2103	HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. Ocean wx. Uty. QRM. 3 (CG)
7850	Aug14	0557	CHU; T ann. Unreadable, (LOB)
7906	Aug3	2309	XVQ Hon Gai R. Ocean wx. 1 (CG)
8113	Aug15	2134	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
8176	Aug15	2136	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
8743	Aug13	2100	HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. Music box IS, fqs. ann., ocean wx. 3 (CG)

8828	Aug11	2050	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
8828	Aug13	1847	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
10051	Aug16	0254	VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
11387	Aug3	2313	HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CG)
11387	Aug10	2100	VKA-931 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs(NT)? Met rpt. 2 (CG)
12356	Aug10	2105	Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 2 (CG)
12362	Aug15	2132	VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
12365	Aug15	2130	VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
13089	Aug15	1735	NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
13146	Aug6	1837	ZSC Kaapstad R. Ocean wx. 2 (CG)
13270	Aug16	0256	VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
13282	Aug4	2048	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
13282	Aug4	*2050-	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
13282	Aug15	1740	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
13282	Aug15	1752	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
15034	Aug13	2056	CHR Trenton Volmet, ON. Met rpt, s/off ann. Uty. (?) QRM (marker?). 2 (CG)
16546	Aug11	2143	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)

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Station news

BOLIVIA. Email received from Rafael Rodríguez, Colombia, in Spanish, Google translation:

"More information and images about the activation of the Radio Juan XXIII transmitter, thanks to the Telsat Bolivia technicians who put it on the air; Today, Saturday, August 10, its signal can already be heard through several SDR Kiwis in the south of the continent. According to reports, it has a schedule "In the mornings from 7 to 9 a.m. and in the afternoons from 17:00 to 19:00 Bolivia time." which would be 1100-1300 and 2100-2300 hrs UTC. The programming it transmits is from the Catholic station Radio Betania 97.3 MHz. Also see https://www.facebook.com/share/p/GvAA1sS2og2zLEXM/ (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain)

Ron Howard: Conducted an online search and came up with the name Monseñor Robert Flock, Bishop of the Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco, Bolivia. He was born in America, so I emailed him in English, asking for his help in forwarding my report along to the station.

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His quick reply:

"Thank you for your note, I will let the radio station know of your appreciation, and especially Bishop Emeritus Karl Stetter who is responsible for getting the shortwave transmission back on line after several years of difficulty getting a qualified technician to repair the transmitter. Someday I hope to visit Monterey to see the Aquarium there.

Robert Flock, Bishop of the Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco, Bolivia"
(Ron Howard, Monterey, Calif.)

CHINA. 6185 CHBC: https://dfrlab.org/2024/05/06/targeting-taiwan-chinas-influence-efforts-on-the-island/: "The China Huayi Broadcast Corporation (CHBC) has produced radio programming since 1991. As it is managed by PLA's [People's Liberation Army] Voice of the Strait, it was also downsized in 2023; its Minnan language program was discontinued, and its original 18 hours of broadcast time was shortened to 11 hours with just 2 hours of original programming and 9 hours of music." [My CHBC QSL - https://app.box.com/s/kmt1b7d5bhbmues6i9ty]

"Founded by the PLA in 1958, Voice of the Strait is now administered by the PLA's Strategic Support Force's Base 311, which conducts political influence operations against Taiwan. Voice of the Strait expanded to five channels under its brand, including one spoken in the Minnan language, before downsizing in 2020 and 2023 to only one remaining channel. For most of 2023, it broadcasted for 11 hours (down from 17.5 hours) with just one hour of original news programming, the rest being either music or rebroadcasts. It got revitalized in December 2023, just before Taiwan's election, adding several more hours of news, commentary, and storytelling and reverting to 17.5 total broadcast hours."

Also noted interesting article - https://globaltaiwan.org/2017/02/the-role-of-pla-base-311-in-political-warfare-against-taiwan-part-3/. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

CHINA. http://hiroshi.mediacat-blog.jp/e155045.html - Aug 8 [Google translation]

Drastic reduction in RFA and VOA. China's jamming broadcast "Voice of China" on the shortwave band has been greatly reduced. An investigation revealed that it was completely stopped at certain times between July 12th and 14th. The jammed broadcast ended on July 7th, but it was continuously broadcast for up to a week.

All of these times were when VOA and RFA broadcast Chinese, Cantonese, and Tibetan. These broadcast times were greatly reduced, and from July 8th, both VOA and RFA broadcast Chinese for only two hours a day. Tibetan also broadcast for five hours a day. Cantonese was abolished. Burmese was reduced by two hours on VOA and one hour on RFA. Khmer was reduced by one hour on RFA, and VOA remained unchanged. There was no change in Korean and Uighur broadcast times.

RFA's frequencies are listed on the website, but as usual, Uighur is only broadcast on the daily frequency 0100 and one Taiwanese transmission on 1500, with no listing for 11805kHz. RFA's Taiwanese transmission is broadcast as before.

As if responding to this move, China also took action. They stopped shortwave broadcasts to Taiwan on CNR5 and CNR6 on August 6th. From the 7th, none of them can be heard.

Hi Glenn - These changes are very interesting! With the absence of CNR5 and CNR6, there is now the possibility that other stations can be heard on their former frequencies, e.g.. On 6165, can Thazin Radio (Myanmar) now be heard, which in the past was always blocked by a fairly strong CNR6? (Ron Howard, California via WOR)

http://www1.s2.starcat.ne.jp/ndxc/pc/ad/userlist1.txt :a24 -Shortwave Frequency List August 8. 2024

kHz	(UTC)	Station	Lang.	Location	Days
5925	1000-1705	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
5925	2055-2400	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
7385	0900-1705	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
7385	2055-2300	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
9665	1000-1705	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
9665	2055-2400	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
9685	0000-0600	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
9685	0600-0900	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	5-3
9685	0900-1000	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
11620	0000-0600	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
11620	0600-0900	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	5-3
11620	0900-1000	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7
11935	0600-0900	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	5-3
11935	2300-0600	CNR 5	Chi	Beijing	1-7

kHz	(UTC)	Station	Lang.	Location	Days
6165	0900-1100	CNR 6	Hak	Beijing	1-7
6165	1100-1605	CNR 6	Chi	Beijing	1-7
6165	2155-2200	CNR 6	Chi	Beijing	1-7
6165	2200-0100	CNR 6	Amo	Beijing	1-7
9420	0900-1100	CNR 6	Hak	Beijing	1-7
9420	1100-1605	CNR 6	Chi	Beijing	1-7
9420	2155-2200	CNR 6	Chi	Beijing	1-7
9420	2200-0100	CNR 6	Amo	Beijing	1-7
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11775	1100-1605	CNR 6	Chi	Nanning	1-7
11905	0100-0500	CNR 6	Amo	Beijing	1-7
11905	0500-0600	CNR 6	Hak	Beijing	1-7
11905	0600-0900	CNR 6	Hak	Beijing	5-3
12010	2155-2200	CNR 6	Chi	Nanning	1-7
12010	2200-0200	CNR 6	Amo	Nanning	1-7
13670	0200-0500	CNR 6	Amo	Nanning	1-7
13670	0500-0600	CNR 6	Hak	Nanning	1-7
13670	0600-0900	CNR 6	Hak	Nanning	5-3
13670	0900-1000	CNR 6	Hak	Nanning	1-7
15710	0100-0500	CNR 6	Amo	Beijing	1-7
15710	0500-0600	CNR 6	Hak	Beijing	1-7
15710	0600-0900	CNR 6	Hak	Beijing	5-3

GUATEMALA. TGAV Radio Verdad has been off the air since 5 December 2020, but would you believe it's still in Aoki? I have been in contact with Dr Madrid, whose digital clox keep failing, but he says they do not depend on WWVB.

TINIAN & SAIPAN

Eike Bierwirth berichtet in unserer A-DX Mailingliste: Wenn man der aktuellen HFCC-Liste glauben kann (und davon gehe ich aus), dann haben die Amis nach Sao Tome am 27.7. auch BEIDE Sendestellen der Nördlichen Marianen, TINIAN und SAIPAN, heute am 12.8. stillgelegt. Einiges wurde auf Kuwait, Thailand, Tadschikistan, Tinang/PHL, UAE umgelegt, vieles einfach ersatzlos gestrichen. (A-DX mailing liste)

[&]quot;We miss your 4-MHz signal. I guess you have no plans to resume it? I hope you have realized by now that nothing comes of the "worldwide" SW signal satellite relay deal. Best wishes, Glenn Hauser" - his reply August 14:

[&]quot;Now, referring to our shortwave station Radio Truth International on 4055 khz, we have discarded our satellite project, and have returned to the conventional shortwave radio. We are expecting to receive in Guatemala a new and modern 1200 watt transmitter constructed at Frankfurt, Germany. This is a computerized transmitter, quite modern. The transmitter was sent to the United States already, in order to set our 4055 Khz frequency, and will be sent to Guatemala these days. We plan to return to the air quite soon. We hope so. Thank you very much. Your radio friend, Dr. Édgar Amílcar Madrid, Radio Truth International" (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

Other radio news

Lighthouse Day August 7.

Since ancient times, people have built lighthouses to show sailors the way. At first, these were ordinary fires, then, in important and dangerous places for navigation, they began to build complex and high structures, the light from which spread for many nautical miles. Lighthouses were considered significant objects, the best architects were involved in their construction. The Lighthouse of Alexandria, built in 283 BC on the island of Pharos, was famous for its size and was one of the seven wonders of the world. The oldest lighthouse in the world is located in the Spanish harbor of La Coruna and is called the Tower of Hercules. It was built in the first century AD and is still in operation. The tallest lighthouse in the world is Jeddah Light, its height is 133 meters, located in Saudi Arabia, built in 1990. Its range is 46 km. (RUS-DX #1302)



The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW) is an annual event held on the third full weekend of August each year. The event was the brainchild of John Forsyth and Mike Dalrymple who were members of the Ayr Amateur Radio Group in Scotland. The event, which started in 1998, has developed into an international gathering of amateur radio operators from an estimated 95 countries.

Concurrent with this event, the Association of Lighthouse Keepers conduct their Lighthouse Heritage Weekend whereby lighthouse managers and keepers all around the world are encouraged to open their doors to the public for a viewing of their lighthouse and its history.

The event is currently managed by an Australia amateur radio operator,

Kevin Mulcahy (call VK2CE), who has been involved since 1998, and who now owns the domain name and web site. A small team of volunteers assist in the running of the weekend activity. Major amateur radio organizations such as the Radio Society of Great Britain, the Amateur Radio Relay League of America, and the Wireless Institute of Australia support and promote the weekend which accounts for the many participating countries each year. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

WOR: EDXC Conference in Tartu, Estonia.

WOR: Friday 20 to Sunday 22 September: EDXC Conference in Tartu, Estonia. Tartu is one of the 2024 cultural capitals of Europe. On Friday 20th, a coach from Tallinn (leaving at 1300 latest) is planned. This will visit the Estonian Broadcasting Museum in Tûri (central Estonia).

Other bus connections are available e.g. from Tallinn or Riga. Flights to Tartu currently only from Helsinki. Conference presentations will take place on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon a bus trip to Valga is planned. Further info conference organiser Risto Vähäkainu rv@sdxl.fi and at https://edxcnews.word-press.com and https://sdxl.fi/tartu2024

SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING GUIDES.

Comprehensive guides to shortwave broadcasts compiled by Tony Rogers. Updated August 24. BDXC http://www.dxguides.info/

www.bdxc.org.uk/articles.htm http://www.bdxc.org.uk/africa.pdf http://www.bdxc.org.uk/asia.pdf

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(Kari Kallio via nordx)

Broadcasts In English – Summer A24 edition.

Broadcasts In English – Summer A24 edition. Additional printed copies available to UK: £3.50; Rest of World £5, €6 or US\$6. (pdf version on request at UK price).

Prices above include postage. PayPal payments to bdxc@bdxc.org.uk Bank transfers in £ sterling to: British DX Club: Sort Code: 09 01 54 Account number: 99704401 UK cheques/ Postal Orders in £ sterling drawn on UK bank payable to "British DX Club" to: Andrew Tett, British DX Club, 19 Park Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 6PF.

Radio Stations in the UK – is now available online as a free download on the club's website. See UK and Ireland MW and FM transmitters section at www.bdxc.org.uk/articles.htm (Kari Kallio via nordx)

TDXC journal, PROPAGATION



I would like to announce the publication of our TDXC Journal, "Propagation". In this interview article, I feature IRCA member Mr Guy Atkins. The publication date was August 1st.

As usual, the Totsuka DXers Circle (TDXC) has published Edition 12 of its annual magazine "PROPAGATION."

With the addition of new members, the magazine now has a total of 18 authors, making it the largest volume ever at 220 pages.

The content is a huge variety of content, including the standard DX-pedition-travel stories, bold DX challenges overseas such as Barcelona and the Philippines, the well-established Kitayamazaki in Iwate and Yahiko-san in Niigata, nearby DXpedition in Chigasaki, and even reception on trains such as sleeper express trains.

In terms of DX techniques and technical topics, there are plenty of practical articles, such as new know-how for targeting North American medium wave, a review of the new product PRESEUS22, and antenna and noise countermeasures.

In this issue, the first overseas DXer, Mr Guy Atkins, a member of IRCA, will appear in the "OM Exploration" series.

Two members are introduced in the TDXC directory, and there are also several articles looking back on the BCL history of many friends, so you can enjoy the BCL history of many friends. ("BCL" is an abbreviation for "Broadcasting Listening" and is synonymous with "SWL".)

There are also articles on how to enjoy radio, lecture notes, essays on BCL and music, BCL and gourmet, and so on, so the content is always very diverse.

Unfortunately, most of the articles are in Japanese, but some articles, including the interview with Guy, are written in English. This magazine can be downloaded for free from the TDXC homepage https://www.tdxc.net/ Best regards, Hiroo Nakagawa, Kanagawa Japan, ar7030nrd535@jcom.zaq.ne.ip (IRCA DX Monitor August 10, published August 5)

Download page: https://www.tdxc.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/PROPAGATION12.pdf [WOR] IRCA DX Monitor items, August 10

An interesting article: SDR: The Next Level of Shortwave Radio Listening. By James Careless

RADIOWORLD

Where have these things been all my life?

There is a new breed of RF receivers known as software-defined radios, and they are revolutionizing the way in which people listen to shortwave (SW) radio, or indeed any form of radio broadcast. https://www.radioworld.com/global/sdr-the-next-level-of-shortwave-radio-listening (Mike Terry via WOR)

Shortwave.live website

Everyone may know about this already but I've just found the site https://shortwave.live. They bill themselves as a new site using the EiBi database that's designed to aid newcomers to SW listening. Stations currently on-air are highlighted in green, which is handy. Hope this info is of use.

(Earl Parker via IC-R75)

Audio mixer 4 channel stereo

Im **Hamparts.shop** gibt es nun einen kleinen **Audiomixer**, an dem man 4 Empfänger anschließen kann und sogar die Lautstärke für jedes einzelne Eingangssignal anpassen kann. Als Ausgang kann man beispielsweise seinen Kopfhörer anstecken und erspart sich so das ewige Umstecken zwischen den Empfängern. Gerade bei Vergleichen eine große Hilfe, weil man die Signale auf Knopfdruck direkt vergleichen kann. Der kleine Audiomixer ist um nur 37 Euro erhältlich.

<u>https://hamparts.shop/audio-mixer-4-channel-stereo.html</u> (A-DX Fernempfang)



FOBOS SDR



If anyone's interested, here are my first impressions. https://arcticdx.blogs-pot.com/2024/08/fobos-sdr-is-here-but-there-is-catch.html
(Bjarne Mjelde, Arctic Norway, kongsfjord.no arcticdx.blogspot.com)

Moonraker in the UK also have it in stock now.

https://moonrakeronline.com/rig-expert-software-defined-radio? store=default

Specifications:

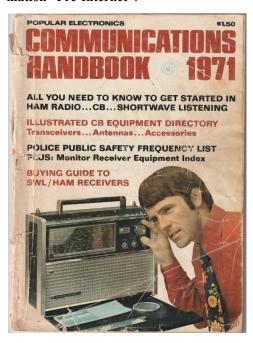
 $\underline{https://rigexpert.com/files/product_documentation/Fobos\%20SDR/FOBOS-SDR-Receiver-Datasheet.EN.pdf}$

Moonraker price is £429.95 (73s Tracey Gardner, G5VU) (via SDR-Radio)

Der neue Fobos ist ab 23.8 zB bei Wimo erhältlich, der Preis von 398 auf 498 Euro gestiegen. (Christoph Ratzer via A-DX)

Pre-Internet Sources of Shortwave Information

Many thanks to SWLing Post contributor, Dan Greenall, who shares the following guest post: **Sources of SWL Information "Pre-Internet"**.



When I first discovered the world of shortwave listening, many years before the internet, access to hobby related information was mostly available through over-the-air DX programs, monthly DX club bulletins, as well as a number of books and electronics magazines. I joined a few clubs including the Midwest DX Club, SPEEDX, and the Ontario DX Association, and eagerly awaited each issue of Electronics Illustrated and Popular Electronics (early 1970's) on the news stand. Later, in the 1980's, Popular Communications and Monitoring Times came along, though these were not always easy to find here in Canada.

Ironically, nearly all issues of these magazines can be read today, over 30, 40 and even 50 years later, thanks to David Gleason's not-for-profit, free online library: https://www.worldradiohistory.com/index.htm

You can also find the semi-annual (and eventually annual) Communications World (1971-81) which contained the popular White's Radio Log.

As well, five issues of the Communications Handbook can be found; 1963, 1966, 1967, 1974 and 1977. It only came out once a year but was still a favourite of mine, so much so, that I still have my copies from 1971 and 1972.

I have scanned parts of these and put them on the Internet Archive. You

can find them here:

Communications Handbook 1971: https://archive.org/details/page-09 Communications Handbook 1972: https://archive.org/details/page-20

Here are links that will lead to some of the other magazines:

- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Popular_Communications.htm
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Monitoring-Times.htm
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Electronics%20_Illustrated_Master_Page.htm
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Popular-Electronics-Guide.htm
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/BOOKSHELF-ARH/Technology/Hobbyist-Specials/Communications-Handbook-1974.pdf
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/BOOKSHELF-ARH/Technology/Hobbyist-Specials/Popular-Electronics-Communications-Handbook-1977.pdf
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/BOOKSHELF-ARH/Technology/Hobbyist-Specials/Popular-Electronics-Communications-Handbook-1967.pdf
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/BOOKSHELF-ARH/Technology/Hobbyist-Specials/Communications-Handbook-1966.pdf
- https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Archive-Poptronics/60s/63/Pop-1963-Communications-Handbook.pdf

As a bonus, all of the issues of the monthly SPEEDX bulletin (1971-95) have been made available here: https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Speedx.htm

And finally, a good read is Shortwave Voices of the World by the late Dr. Richard E. Wood written in 1969. I still have my copy of it, but you can find it online here: https://archive.org/details/shortwave-voices-of-the-world-richard-wood-ed-1-pr-1-1969

(Dan Greenall via SWLing Post)

WDX SWL registration program

My link to the 1971 Communications Handbook contains pages regarding the old WDX SWL registration program. I have found my old certificate from December 1971:

Wonder how many others still have theirs, or even the WPE ones from the 1960's?

(Via SWLing Post)



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- Share and discuss your favorite stations and programs.
- Connect with fellow radio enthusiasts and DXers.
- Explore topics from amateur radio to international broadcasts.

Don't miss out on the conversation—click the link and become a part of our vibrant community today!

[Join Listening to the Radio on Telegram] (https://t.me/listeningtotheradio)

See you there!

(Yimber Gaviria, Colombia)

HAARP im August auf Sendung

Date (UTC)	Aug.13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug. 20
Time (UTC)	2030-2400	0000-0330, 2030-2400	0000-0330, 2330-2400	0000-0830	1730-2330	1730-2330	1730-2330
Notes	Continues into UTC day Aug. 14	Continues into UTC day Aug. 15	Continues into UTC day Aug. 16	Extended operation to support late-night experim- ents			

Vom 13. bis 16. August sowie vom 18. bis 20. August wird die HAARP-Sendeanlage in Gakona/Alaska zwischen 2,8 MHz und 10 MHz zu hören sein. Die genauen Frequenzen sind abhängig vom Zustand der Ionosphäre sowie der geomagnetischen Aktivität. Vorgesehen sind folgende Termine:

(Tom Kamp via A-DX Fernempfang)

RX small preamp with 2SC5551 in BOX



The RX small preamp is very simply low noise preamplifier module with 2SC5551 transistor based on W7IUV design. Use it as high IP preamplifier for RX antennas, buffer amplifier or small driver. 63.75 € https://hamparts.shop/rx-parts/

(A-DX Fernempfang)

3-way small splitter in BOX



The splitter or combiner is a very useful device. It can provide equal voltages, equal current, or equal power to matched or unmatched loads. 63.75 €

https://hamparts.shop/rx-parts/

(A-DX Fernempfang)

[WOR] Hello BDXC - New Website

Thought you might be interested in my new website - I've tried to put all my radio bits and pieces in one place, so now have a new Google Sites site which covers most of my radio journey!

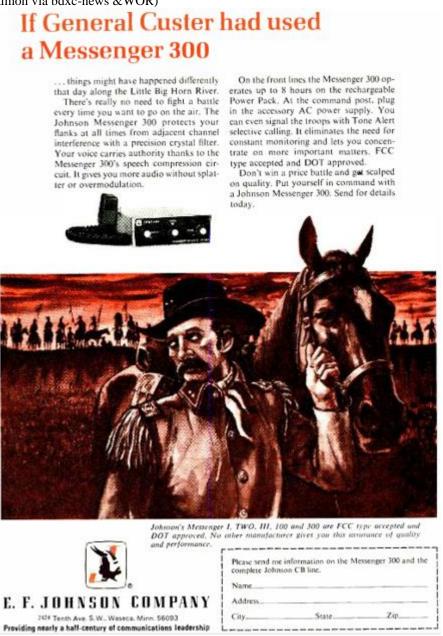
A word of warning & apology! - it's a bit self-indulgent... there's quite a lot of my voice on there, but, hopefully there may be some items of interest to some of you. I've gone back to the 1990's & my earlier radio programme 'Optimod - the monthly media magazine', & coming up to date with Radio Emma Toc via Chelmsford Calling. It's been interesting writing a fuller account of Chelmsford Calling, both the RSL's & the short lived community station (very short lived!) & has been fun putting this all together. It's also got me thinking about future projects!

I've also made it easy to link to some of my audio & video storage pages on external websites, so there may be some documentaries of interest.

To get to the start up page, you can click direct to the google sites at - https://sites.google.com/view/jimsradiosite or you can still use the domain name www.emmatoc.com Happy viewing!

As always - many thanks for the wonderful Communication magazine. I've been receiving this every month now for in excess of 30 years! Your dedication is outstanding & I'm amazed at your ability to stick to one project! (not like me - changing every few years...). I salute you!

(Best wishes, Jim Salmon via bdxc-news &WOR)



From Popular Electronics November 1967.

This Art Director and Copywriter got a brilliant idea when this ad was created.... (TN)

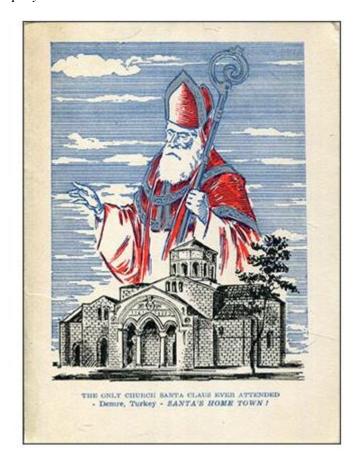
DX nostalgia by RFK

In the early days of broadcasting, shortwave was a pioneering technology that revolutionized the way information and entertainment were spread. The unique capabilities of shortwave also allowed for cost-effective local broadcasting, as it could cover vast areas with minimal power output. In sparsely populated regions, shortwave could efficiently serve large areas with just one transmitter, proving to be a more affordable alternative to medium wave and later FM. Medium wave required significant power for long-range coverage, and FM, although superior in sound quality, necessitated an intricate network of relay transmitters for comprehensive area coverage.

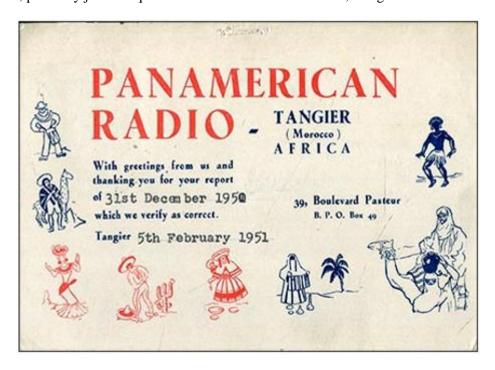
The propagation of shortwave signals could also lead them to distant lands, often unwittingly, and open up reception in countries far away from the local target area. This unintended global reach sparked an interest in international radio listening, as people eagerly tuned in to foreign stations for diverse music and programming. Many listeners sought their favourite music, irrespective of in what country the station was located.

As shortwave signals traversed the airwaves, they became a part of daily life, a natural component of entertainment and information dissemination. The charm of shortwave's ability to bridge geographical divides, coupled with its affordability, made it an indispensable tool in the early days of broadcasting. Besides, it was more common for households to have radio sets capable of receiving SW back then. The mystique of these signals, weaving through the ether, captivated the hearts and minds of early listeners, setting the stage for the rich history and culture of shortwave radio. And for DXing.

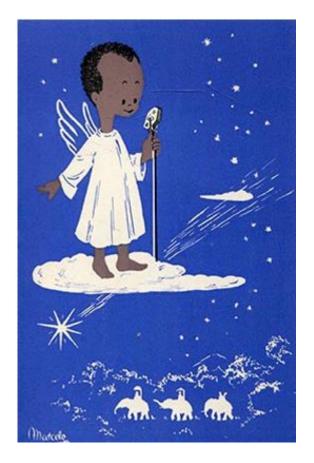
With that now let's delve into some shortwave nostalgia. Many stations used to send out Christmas cards and here is one from Turkey which Bengt Ericson BE received in the 1950s. From the text inside: St. Nicholas, better known by his Dutch name, Santa Claus, comes originally from Turkey. He was bishop of Myra for 17 years, 335 to 352 A.D. His church and sarcophagus still stand at Demre, in the southern Turkish province of Antalaya. Besides being the best-known Christmas Saint, St. Nicholas is patron saint of children, scholars, and also merchants and sailors, who pray to him to calm storms on land and sea.



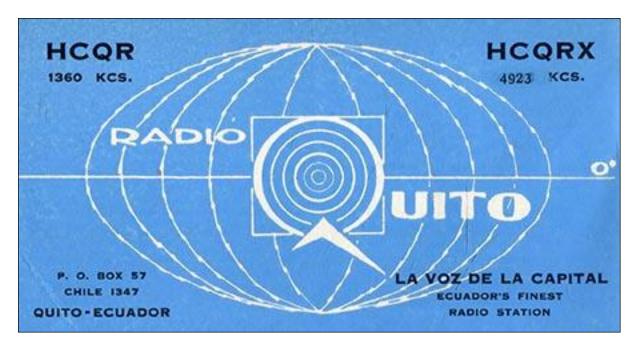
The Tangier International Zone existed between 1925 and 1956. This tiny territory, centered on the city of Tangier, housed several SW broadcasting stations. One of these was Pan-American Radio, established in 1949. Lars Rydén LR received this QSL card for his report of New Year's Eve 1950. The station played a lot of American music, primarily jazz. Frequencies were 7400 and 15050 kHz, using a 5 kW transmitter.



Here is a Easter card which Radio Ecuatorial – La Voz de Rio Muni sent to Jan Edh JE. It also has the letters "QSL" stamped inside so surely this will qualify as a QSL? Francisco de Anta Franco, probably the managing director, also included his business card.



Below a QSL card from Radio Quito, La Voz de la Capital, received by Lars-Olof Hansson LOH. The station used to be fairly common in the 60 metre band on its frequency 4923 kHz. Today it's just nostalgia....



At last a real great catch from 1955: Britcom Base Broadcasting Station of Kure, Japan. Bengt Dalhammar BD reported the station on 6105 kHz and with just 300 watts of power it can't have been too easy to pick up. By the way, if you are interested in Armed Forces radio stations I can highly recommend this article by (retired) Lt.Martin Swenson http://www.stellamaris.no/afrs.htm The website is run by Norvegian DXer, radio enthusiast, radio historian and broadcaster Svenn Martinsen.



As usual you are most welcome to contribute to DX nostalgia. QSL cards, letter, clippings – whatever you think would fit in here. Please mail me at info@rock.x.se if you want to share something with us. If you have a story to go with the QSL or logging it's even better. Take care and stay safe, 73 & GOOD DX!