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Time again for another issue of SWB.

Many thanks to Clint Gouveia and Mike O. for sharing some very interesting comments and articles. Exactly what we need.

Today it's time again to change your clocks. We have something here in Europe called summer/winter time. To the right Wolfgang Büschel explains a bit about the different perspectives on this matter which has been a never ending story for some years here in the EU.

But for us DX-ers, no problem, we are all using UT.

I noted in WOR a few interesting logs by Ralph Perry and couldn't resist to copy those to SWB.

Also the creator of WVDX, Reinhard Weiss shared a few logs from his interesting software, now used by many DX-ers.

Also take some time to read the present KONG expedition. A lot of interesting information in Bjarnes blog.

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

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

Manuel ?. Hi Thomas, I would like to join the SWB mailing list. Thanks in advance.
(You are very welcome to us. /TN)

Paul Walker, "The Alaska Radio Nerd" using TEF6686 chipped DeepElec DP666 radio, custom sized Wellbrook loop, EmTech ZM2 antenna tuner and DXEngineering preamp.

Christer Brunström: Voice of Türkiye 17620
QSL-card featuring Gül Baba's Tomb in Budapest.

Christoph Ratzer: Heute Antenneninspektion an der 200 Meter Beverage. Alles "wie neu", empfängt seit 2 Jahren ohne jedes Problem. Danke an [Jan Šustr](#) für seine guten Beverageboxen. <https://ham-parts.shop/beverages/>

Clint Gouveia, M0OXF: Some news for the next edition of SWB, with a couple of images attached.
(Thanks a lot for that interesting story. /TN)



Re: [WOR] Why the time difference between the US and Europe will be one hour shorter this week

There are many perspectives on this, at least here in all-Europe.

And politicians in the EU are also deeply ignorant, and so they babble. Forcing a 'large' European region extend between Gibraltar and Eastern Finland into one single time zone for all 12 months?

With rail communications between the countries, flight schedules across Europe, shared communication between economists and politicians, Europe-wide in one time zone?

Considering the darkness in the morning for schoolchildren in winter in heavy snowfall events, or the midday heat in the 6th period of school in summer or with the craftsmen on the construction sites, the German term 'heat-free' to 'bear in mind'.

And agriculture and its animals have always adapted elegantly to the organization of time.

The desire to use the swimming pool after office hours during the sunny hours, even in August or September, and so on and so forth.

PS. It's a real headache when I have to edit the WRMI PDF schedule with the various US time zones and UTC twice a year in parallel, plus the extra deadline of November 2nd for the time change in the USA.

(73s de Wolfie, DF5SX)

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_2025_1016_1022.txt
 Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2025_1002_1008.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/>
 DX Fanzine: www.dxfanzine.com (also pirate stations)
 Liangas: <https://zliangaslogs.wordpress.com/2022/> (mostly using KIWI's around the world)
 Franz Bleeker <https://kurzwellenradio.wordpress.com/>

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

Pirates: <https://shortwavedx.blogspot.com/> <https://betajbk.blogspot.com/>
<https://ukdxer.wixsite.com/my-vxw-site-di06oi>
www.hfunderground.com Shortwave Pirate Radio in North America and around the World
 Achim Bruckner: <https://www.achimbrueckner.de/>
 Lars Jeppesen, active listener: <http://lhu-dx-log.blogspot.com/>
 Rick, Finland: <http://pirateradiolog.blogspot.com/>
 Irish Paul: <https://irishpaulsradioblog.blogspot.com/>

Log

(UT)

3310	Oct25	0010	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi, Quechua, comments. (Méndez)
3955	Oct13	2138	Channel 292, Rohrbach. Pops. 3 (CGS)
3975	Oct13	2136	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E/G, mx, thanking for rec. rpts. all in Letterbox Show. 3 (CGS)
3985	Oct17	2149	Shortwave Service, Kall-Krekel. G, pops, tks. 3 (CGS)
4755	Oct18	2013	Voice of Indonesia, Jakarta, French, comments, Indonesian songs. (Méndez) + (CGS)
4765	Oct23	0314	R. Progreso, Bejucal, Cuba, excellent signal 0314 with pleasant choral mx by three women in SS with acoustic guitar accompaniment. YL deejay at 0315 reading letters from listeners in various cities in Cuba, thanking them for their listenership. ("Gracias por su preferencia!") Hearing this, I can't help but remember how Arnie Coro promised all us DXers that he'd get us QSLs from R. Progreso if we sent reports at least a decade ago, back when they first came onto SWBC. I am unaware of a single QSL ever received by any DXer anywhere from Progreso. Continued with more sentimental Cuban ballad mx 0317. (Ralph Perry via WOR) + (Méndez)
4775.03	Oct24	1015	R Tarma, Tarma, old reliable still here at 1015 with OM strumming guitar and singing huayno with accordeon accompaniment. T/ck 1016. Fair signal, have heard this one much better in past . . . (Ralph Perry via WOR) + (Méndez)
4810	Oct24	1009	R Logos, Chazuta, really nice signal this morning with amanacer folklorica pgm at 1009 check. YL singing huayno with arpa accompaniment. As usual, best hrd in LSB to null the noise blob in this fqy range. 1011 ID for Radio Logos with puffing quenás, then live ancr introduces next folklorica selection, with OM singer, charangos, quenás and the usual yip-ping. (Ralph Perry via WOR)
4940	Oct26	0552	Estación 4940, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
4955	Oct24	1002	R Cultural Amauta, Huanta, after extended absense here was surprised to hear at 1002 with reasonably good signal, moody OA ballad mx, not usual dawn folklorica show. This has been reported active but I've not hrd them direct here in Wheaton in at least a season. 1005 bassy ancr in deep eco in SS, then live ancr with extended tlks over low-level mx tones underneath. Mushy microphone and poor mod. Still doing well 1017. (Ralph Perry via WOR)
5025	Oct19	0429	Radio Rebelde, Bauta, pop & Cuban songs, at 0559 "Lo que necesita para estar al día, las noticias", news, id. "Rebelde, La Habana...", "Todo Música, a través de la frecuencia de Radio Rebelde". (Méndez)
5895	Oct24	1823	Radio Northern Star, Bergen, pop and rock songs, oldies. (Méndez) + (CGS)
5915	Oct24	1245	Myanmar R. via Naypyidaw, very nice clean signal with good strength today at 1245 check, national nx relay in Burmese with regular mx bursts to separate items. Usual mx pgm begins after nxcast ends at 1252. And today am also finally hearing 5985, but quite poor and underneath QRM mess on that fqy. Seems voice as 5915, perhaps relaying same nat newscast tho not completely parallel, with one lagging the other . . . (Ralph Perry via WOR)
5930	Oct18	2105	World Music R, Bramming. Mx & songs. 3 (CGS) + (Méndez)

5940.3	Oct13	2108	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., songs // 9665.091, 11748.985. 4 (CGS)
5955	Oct19	0623	Radio Veronica, Westdorpe, music, oldies, Dutch, comments. (Méndez) + (CGS)
5985	Oct17	1435	Myanmar Radio (5985) - "Friday Night Live Show," from 1435+ , heard via Kiwi SDR remote at Udon Thani, Thailand; the usual Friday MRTV audio feed; start of the "Friday Night Live Show" program; somewhat out of sync with MRTV video streaming - https://mrtv.gov.mm/mm/live-stream ; today with the collaborative performance of Russian-Belarusian artists; with Belarusian singers Ms Nadezhda Bryleva and Ms Anzhelika Zaitseva, led by Belarusian musician/vocalist Mr Vladimir Sukolinsky; performing traditional songs, modern songs and the songs composed about Myanmar. Very entertaining! I am watching the program on MRTV, as I listen to 5985. My ten minute remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/ydoism479pd189ng1ckwvovrg29yzhze . Program flyer - https://app.box.com/s/yok15xhp9uio9hey57ufbku888n8t8q5 . (Ron Howard, Monterey, Calif.)
5995	Oct23	0714	R.Mali, Kati. F, tks. Unreadable. 2 (CG) + (Méndez)
6010	Oct20		Re 6010.0, not Brazil: ``6010 kHz reactivada LV de tu Conciencia, aunque en ajustes de su señal, operando > con alrededor de 3.8-4 kw`` says Rafael Rodríguez = The Voice of Thy Conscience reactivated on 6010, altho adjusting its > signal, operating with around 3.8 to 4 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR) ----- Hi Glenn - Yes, LV de tu Conciencia (Colombia) testing on 6010 kHz., per Rafael Rodríguez R., on CADENA DX (Oct 20, Monday, at 5:35PM): <i>6010 kHz, LV de tu Conciencia, is testing broadcasts following recent transmitter repairs and antenna system adjustments. Full re-activation is expected in the coming days, so it can go on-air. The tentative schedule is 22:00 to 10:00 UTC.</i> They have a nice eQSL, that I recieved back in April 2023 - https://app.box.com/s/ab1knyc-nebxfla60p3lbk0pizd3pv4mv and station pennant - https://app.box.com/s/qjmo3d21qk3mf4gelcy85xzggpd26mmu . (Ron Howard, Monterey, Calif.)
6010.1	Oct23	0703	R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG. Tks, songs. Unreadable. // 15189.938. 1 (CG)
6020	Oct19	0629	Radio Casanova, 0629-0652, 19-10, Dutch, comments, song "Radio Casanova". (Méndez)
6030	Oct24	1708	Radio Oromiya, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments, (Méndez)
6050	Oct19	*0556-	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, interval signal, at 0557 English "Good morning...", this is ELWA Radio...", religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
6050	Oct25	-0500*	HCJB, Pichincha, Spanish, religious comments and songs, program "Vida Real en Familia". (Méndez)
6055	Oct24	1240	R Nikkei 1 via Chiba-Nagara, very nice at 1240 with interview pgm in JJ. Two OM talking while a woman laughs and exotic stringed instrument mx plays underneath their conversation. 3925 // not audible. (Ralph Perry via WOR)
6070	Oct23	0710	CFRB via CFRX, Toronto ON. E, tks. 1 (CG) + (Méndez)
6090	Oct24	1711	Voice of Amhara State, addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments, East African songs. (Méndez)
6120	Oct19	0443	Radio Blacksmith Knoll, Pori, pop & rock songs, id. "Radio Blacksmith Knoll". (Méndez)
6140	Oct18	1802	Radio Augusta via Radio Onda, Junglinster, pop & oldies, English, comments, id. "Radio Augusta". (Méndez)
6140	Oct19	0710	Radio Gloria via Radio Onda, Junglinster, German, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
6140	Oct24	1703	Radio Onda, Junglinster, pop music, comments in Portuguese, id. "A unidade brasileira da música, Radio Onda", more songs, id. in French "Vous ecoutez Radio Onda", from 1800 re-laying Radio Augusta International, id. "Radio Augusta", pop songs, oldies. (Méndez)
6160	Oct15	2127	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pops, tks. // 3975. 4 (CGS)
6180	Oct24	2041	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Brazilian songs, comments, at 2100 soccer program "No Mundo da Bola". // 11780. (Méndez)
6185	Oct25	0532	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México Mexican songs, comments, id., classical music. (Méndez) + (CG)
6195	Oct25	0442	RealMix Radio, Raasepori, pop songs & oldies, id. "RealMix Radio", comments. (Méndez)
6200	Oct19	0541	Radio Âncora, pop music, Portuguese, comments, Brazilian songs, id. "Radio Âncora". (Méndez)
7260	Oct19	-0658*	Radio Vanuatu, Port Vila, comments. Very weak. (Méndez)
7440	Oct13	1454	R.NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, mx, nx at 1500. 2 (CGS)
9525	Oct26	1826	BBC Oman. News discussion in pashto with some actualities from street interviews. SINPO beyond all 5s. Sounded almost like FM. (Walker-AK)
9635	Oct19	0805	Radio Mali, Bamako, African songs, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez) + (CGS)
9665.1	Oct13	2110	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., songs // 5940.275, 11748.985. 4 (CGS)
9670	Oct15	1845	Channel 292. An excellent selection of classic hits/classic rock music, SINPO is about 53444. There's some spill over noise from either China jamming or just an extra wide signal of theirs. It sounds like noise jamming but i can't imagine what they'd be jamming here at this

hour. The buzzing pulsing noise is gone an hour later at 1943 check and 9570 is almost as strong signal wise and much clearer. (Walker-AK)

9670 Oct23 1229 R DLSN (Dap Loi Song Nui) via Paochung, o/c noted 1229 and pgming abruptly *1230- with signature burst of inspirational choral mx in Vietnamese f/by OM bried ID and then into YL with live tlks in VV. Usual Hanoi whirring siren jammer noted in past seasons is absent -- have they given up? (Ralph Perry via WOR)

9695 Oct19 *0800- KNLS, Anchor Point, interval signal, English, id., religious comments and songs. (Méndez)

9800 Oct19 1111 R.Delta, Elburg. E/Du, pops, tks, e-mail addr. anns. 3 (CGS) +

9820 Oct24 1205 Voice of Beibu Bay Radio via Nanning, noted at 1205 mixing with CNR 2 but dominant this morning with Westernized CC popular mx and YL in Viet tlks. Checking one of all the numerous CNR2 // fqys to hear that one cleanly helps keep this mix straight. At 1235 recheck, BBR now fully faded in and absolutely burying CNR2. My, how the situation can shift, hour by hour and day to day (Ralph Perry via WOR)

9820 Oct23 1250 CNR2 via Xianyang today winning over BBR at 1250 check, YL in CC lecturing listener. BBR was the clear victor yesterday, so as they say, results may vary. (Ralph Perry via WOR)

9840 Oct23 1230 Voice of Vietnam via Hanoi, usual nice signal daily with EE 1230-1300, YL at 1247. Whenever I tune this, I am reminded of that wonderful 2006 memoir *"Good Morning, Hanoi"* by Iain Finlay and Trish Clarke. Tells the story of young Western expats who take a contract to coach staff for a year at Voice of Vietnam in Hanoi. Really gives you a different feeling about the station versus the strident voices we used to hear in the old days, preaching harsh anti-American messages. Reveals interesting and likable flesh-and-blood people in a delightful peek behind the curtain. Still available on Amazon and, for radio fans, a fantastic read. Here is the Amazon blurb:

"Returning once again to Viet Nam, where more than thirty years previously they had been correspondents during the Vietnam War, Iain Finlay and Trish Clark take up the job of coaching a team of young Vietnamese people at the Voice of Vietnam radio network in Hanoi. Here, Iain and Trish describe their experiences and their encounters with the New Viet Nam. They describe with warmth and humor the various people they work with, and the personalities they meet and get to know in and around the small courtyard where they live. This is a warm, fascinating book about modern Viet Nam, as revealed through the lives of ordinary people."

The link: [https://www.amazon.com/Good-Morning-Hanoi-Airwaves-Vietnam/dp/0731812727/ref=sr_1_1?\[\]&qid=1761225499&sprefix=good+morning+hanoi%2Caps%2C177&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Good-Morning-Hanoi-Airwaves-Vietnam/dp/0731812727/ref=sr_1_1?[]&qid=1761225499&sprefix=good+morning+hanoi%2Caps%2C177&sr=8-1)

(Ralph Perry via WOR)

9864 Oct23 1257 Voice of Tibet via Tashkent, o/c 1257 and quick burst of orch mx at 1258 f/by more silence. S/on for pgming begins *1300 w/orchl mx and OM ID over and then sweet Tibetan instl mx. More OM tlks 1301. Fair signal though mushy audio, hissing background. High-pitched audio tone jamming starts 1302. Not sure what the jump pattern will be this season, but last March it was 9864/9874/9883. First jump at 1304 and signal found on 9892.96. Hanoi jammer found them, too, at 1306 -- quite fast for them! (Ralph Perry via WOR)

9900 Oct25 1500 KTWR Guam It's the final day on air from KTWR. Via KFS remote on NW antenna, Oct 25 at 1452, nothing but heavy pulsing noise jamming on 9900. But at 1459, KTWR becomes audible underneath, s/on in English with ID, frequency and 1500 into Korean, jamming unabated. Direct I have only a JBA carrier under the noise. This is a one-hour broadcast, and the final final will be 1600-1630***** in Tamil in DRM on 15390.

9900, listening again at 1557, now KTWR is better vs jamming, Korean talk, 1559 bit of organ music and standard s/off in English, no mention of this momentous occasion, carrier off about 1600.4* Then via same remote from 1600, try 15390 for DRM, but not getting it. Surely a remote in India would. I try the Hyderabad, but internet outage here! Someone in Faridabad, India was already on it. Never audible here.

Meanwhile, Michael Andersson recorded the final AM sign-off: *"I was able to pick it up in good quality from our local Kiwi in southern Sweden, belonging to Malmoe Shortwave Club. No special announcement sadly but still a little historical..."*

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oYq_Y4DAnPqJnDQM3nrwdoDN_Q-v3vuj/view?usp=sharing Cheers, Michael"

"I had a fairly good signal for the first 20 minutes of the Korean transmission on 9900 at 1500 UT. Past that it faded into noise and recovered by sign-off at 1600 UT. This is a scoped video aircheck via my RSP1b:

<https://iframe.mediadelivery.net/play/502138/e1d65d3f-6810-4fa4-8d47-a9e926e68840>

Tony Pavick, Hope BC" (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

9930	Oct23	1235	Hope Radio T8WH via Medorn, Palau noted with weak signal but clear at 1235, agitated EE preacher. (Ralph Perry via WOR)
11660	Oct 22	1630	Vo Turkey, Emirler, English, IS, ID, News, Feature Program: How the AI race between the US and China is shaping the future, Sports Panorama and some Turkish music (RW)
11725	Oct 22	0600	RNZ Pacific, Rangitaiki, English, Bird call IS, ANN: We are now leaving RNZ International to join BBC for half an hour of news. (RW)
11749.1	Oct11	2156	R.Voz Missionária. Rlgs. propag., songs. Meas. 11749.062. // 5940.273, 9665.106. 2 (CG)
11780	Oct16	0105	Radio Nacional Amazonas, live futbol march. SINPO was beyond all 6s and so clear, strong and steady, i opened up my audio filter to 8khz bandwidth and it sounded like i was in the stadium. i think it was the same match as 15190 Inconfidencia was carrying at the time but with their own Inconfidencia announcers. both matches mentioned "Fortaleza" several times. (Walker-AK) + (Méndez)
11810	Oct24	*1230-	AIR/Ashkavani via Bengaluru, coming on air *1230- with OM tlks in Pashto. Good power but nothing compared to 11560 channel previously used for a couple seasons until last year. Still, a good enough listening signal. (Ralph Perry via WOR)
11870	Oct 22	1400	Reach, Kununurra, Nepali, ID, QRG Change Ann in E to 15440 kHz from Oct 26, afterwards Nepali program (RW)
11880	Oct 22	1400	Radio Romania Int., Tiganesti, German, IS, ID Hier ist Radio Rumänien International, German px (RW)
11885	Oct 22	1500	PBS Xinjiang, Uerumqi, Uighur, ID (RW)
12085	Oct19	*0900-	Voice of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, interval signal, English program, id "Welcome to the Voice of Mongolia in English", news and comments about Mongolia, Mongolian songs. (Méndez)
13640	Oct16	2016	Ifriky FM, Algeria with female host interviewing male guest, in english, about travel. SINPO 54344(Walker-AK)
13800	Oct15	1859	TWR Eswatini. Arabic language program sign off message with contact info, closing theme, IS, carrier drop then sign back on for Lingala. The azimuth does change hence the carrier drop/sign off. SINPO is all 6s if such a thing existed. signal level dropped a meager very few dbuv upon azimuth change... usually it's more noticeable. (Walker-AK)
15140	Oct19	0815	Ifriky FM, Ourgla, French, comments, African songs. // 17600. (Méndez)
15190	Oct16	0245	R. Inconfidencia, SINPO was about 44444, tuned 1khz over to 15189 to get rid of the splatter from NHK via Japan on 15195. Station was doing live play by play of a futbol match. I've learned enough learned portuguese to know at 0248UTC that the announcer was offering "many thanks" to everyone for listening, wishing them a good night and saying the "memoria nacional" (classic old favorites) program was up next.....then the station played a commercial/promo or two and went into the music. Same match as 11780 Nacional but with their own EBC/Nacional announcers (Walker-AK)
15189.8	Oct24	2005	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, program "A Hora do Fazendeiro". (Méndez)
15189.9	Oct23	0705	R. Inconfidência. Tks, songs. Unreadable. // 6010.091. 1 (CG)
15275	Oct15	1908	Deutsche Welle, Arabic, one of DWs only remaining SW broadcasts. News headlines in arabic followed by what sounds like a program promo filler mentioning DW and i think other ways to listen with bed music under it that repeated over and over till 1915 carrier cut after news ended 2 minutes early. SINPO 55454. (Walker-AK)
15700	Oct23	0725	World Music R. Mx & songs. 2 (CG) + (Méndez)
17675	Oct18	2101	R.NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, nx, wx forecast, interview. 3 (CGS)
25800.1	Oct20	1636	World Music R, Mårslet. Mx & songs. 3 (CGS) + (Méndez)
7345	Oct 25	1125	Thazin R via Pyin Oo Lwin, Myanmar, fair to good at 1125 underneath CNR7 signal this morning 10/26. Playing Burmese local choral selections while China outlet on same fqy transmitting a Cantonese conversation between OM and YL -- very easy to keep the two pgms separate using the cerebral filter, hi. But also, if the two get mixed up too much, good to tune CNR7 on 13770 for at clean sample. If Thazin follows past practice, signal should rise to dominate the channel before the approx -1230a* (edited) (Ralph Perry via WOR)
7260	Oct 26	1130	unid (but suspect possibly Mongolia RTV or Mongolian Radio Channel 2 via Ulan Bator) hrd over PBS Xinjiang on same channel (// 9835) at 1130-1150+ 10/26. And determined not CNR1. Good signal and mushy songs separated by lengthy anmts by OM in flowing, pleasant nontonal lang. 1151 mellow pop ballad featuring fiddle-type instrument to open and then OM with piano, singing in lang that sounds appropriate for Ulan Bator. Stirring flute and orch mx 1156. 1158 YL talking over piano tinkling and she just rattles on across TOH, no pause or time pips etc.. ARO QRM coming up now, too. 1202 t/o. (Ralph Perry via WOR)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

6370	Oct 16	1812	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
7810.1	Oct 15	2129	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
9119.1	Oct 15	2131	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
9230	Oct 15	2137	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CGS)
9255.2	Oct 15	2135	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CGS)
9300	Oct 15	2133	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
10959.8	Oct 15	2143	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
11070	Oct 15	2145	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, songs. 2 (CGS)
11149.9	Oct 19	1515	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 11149.906. 1 (CGS)
11580	Oct 15	2141	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
13070.2	Oct 19	1513	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 13070.211. 1 (CGS)
13920.5	Oct 19	1511	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 13920.473. 1 (CGS)
14870.2	Oct 19	1509	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 14870.185. 1 (CGS)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

4375	Oct 13	1822	ZSC Kaapstad R. Ocean wx cf. // 13146. 1 (CGS)
4405	Oct 13	1815	TAH İstanbul R. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
6230	Oct 22	2008	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings, fqs. ann. for VMW & VMC. 3 (CG)
6501	Oct 12	2130	NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Sce. (not stn) ID, ocean wx. Uty. QRM. 4 (CGS)
6676	Oct 12	1915	ARA Karachi Volmet. ID, met rpt. 3 (CGS)
6676	Oct 12	2120	9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CGS)
6676	Oct 14	2110	HSD Bangkok Volmet. ID, met rpt. Many airports missing rpts. // 2965 rtd. 15341 3 (CGS)
6676	Oct 19	1802	VKA-930 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
6676	Oct 23	2157	AWB Bombay Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
6679	Oct 22	2116	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
6679	Oct 23	0723	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
6765.1	Oct 15	1813	HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. Ocean wx. Uty. QRM. 4 (CGS)
8113	Oct 17	0752	VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
8176	Oct 17	0754	VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)
8297	Oct 12	2125	ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
8743	Oct 20	1628	HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. E, ocean wx, fqs. & postal addr. ann., mx box IS, Thai at 1632. 3 (CGS)
8764	Oct 15	1123	NMN Chesapeake R. Ocean wx. 1 (CGS)
8812	Oct 13	1816	TAH İstanbul R. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
8828	Oct 17	1810	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
8828	Oct 22	2117	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
8828	Oct 23	0722	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
11387	Oct 21	*0940	HSD Bangkok Volmet. ID, met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CGS)
11387	Oct 23	*0700	VKA-931 Australian Volmet. ID, met rpt. Via west path. 2 (CG)
12356	Oct 16	0907	ZLM Taupo Maritime R. Gale warnings & wx rpt. 3 (CGS)
12362	Oct 20	1137	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
12365	Oct 20	1139	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 1 (CGS)
13089	Oct 15	1121	NMN Chesapeake R. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
13128	Oct 16	1022	TAH İstanbul R. E, ocean wx. 2 (CGS)
13146	Oct 16	1024	ZSC Kaapstad R. Ocean wx (p). Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
13149	Oct 18	2113	UnID coastal stn. Mand, ocean wx, navig. warnings? First obs'ed. on 16 Jul' 25. 2 (CGS)
13282	Oct 17	1812	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
13282	Oct 22	*2115	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CG)
13282	Oct 23	0721	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
15034	Oct 14	2048	CHR Trenton Volmet, ON. Met rpt. 3 (CGS)
16528	Oct 17	0748	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)
16546	Oct 17	0746	VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. Superb signal. 4 (CGS)

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Station news

CHINA. A website from Fuzhou City's Shanghang County invited offers on September 30 for the construction of a shortwave antenna field in Fujian.

The deadline was on October 14, and the expected budget is 900,000 yuan rmb, or slightly below 110,000 euros (according to current ECB data).

<https://shanghang.hangnian.com/info-68db6447594b000064003bd2.html>

(Franz Bleeker)

CUBA surprise, surprise, clean audio signal of RHC Spanish noted tonight.

I guess, at least two TXs at Quivican San Felipe Titan site refurbished at excellent result level by some 'Unknown' foreign technicians(?). 11950 kHz excellent audio quality, Spanish scervice, S=9+20dB at 22.35 UT on Oct 14.

\\ 13779.991 kHz S=9+15dB at 22.45 UT, and another bad example of modulation strong signal of S=9+15dB - but not repaired that unit - or no exchange of final tube(?) - at 22.48 UT totally disturbed audio quality, nothing could be observed of program content, in peaks recognized same Spanish // 11950 and 13780v kHz when compared Perseus signals with KIWI_net SDRs at same time.

Noted remotely in Alberta and Michigan.

(73 de wolfie df5sx, wwdxc)

JAPAN. NHK Radio Japan has published its B25 shortwave schedule, taking effect on October 26 at 01:00

UTC: https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/ja/information/brochure/pdf/radio_frequency_schedule2.pdf

(Franz Bleeker)

ROMANIA. Radio Romania International's (RRI) French service remains optimistic that "for now", shortwave transmissions from the country are not in danger of being cut because of state budget issues. Maintaining shortwave, they said in a reply to French listener Christian Ghibaudo last month, remained a strategic decision.

<https://www.rri.ro/fr/le-coin-des-auditeurs/le-courrier-des-auditeurs/le-courrier-des-auditeurs-de-rri-du-19-09-2025-id929490.html>

An earlier report even suggests that RRI wouldn't be viable without shortwave, "as its Internet/satellite audiences are too small to justify its existence without shortwave." <https://mediumwave.info/2025/08/21/romania-31/>

The station currently invites its audience's opinions concerning cybersecurity, on the occasion of their Listeners' Day <https://www.rri.ro/en/useful-information-en/useful-information/2025-listeners-day-on-rri-id935924.html>

(Franz Bleeker)

SLOVAKIA. "It appears that Radio Slovakia International could be shut down as soon as December 31st of this year," Radio Slovakia's Ladislava Hudzovicova has been quoted this week. "Wavescan" on Sunday is scheduled to provide further details. Addresses to write to and to make Slovakia's political class aware of how much the country's foreign radio matters are also provided.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wrthgroup/posts/10164118720708698/>

(Franz Bleeker)

ZAMBIA. In today's Wavecan it was announced that VOH Africa Zambia on SW is off air for last two months and will not return! Live stream will continue for a few more weeks and then it will also go. So bye bye to Voice of Hope Africa in Zambia

(Yours sincerely, Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, www.niar.org)

Other radio news

"Doomsday Radio"

Watching TV. NTV Channel. 10.10.2025

"Doomsday Radio": What is the purpose of the mysterious ghost station.

Of all the conspiracy theories, radio station UVB-76, better known as "Buzzer" or "Doomsday Radio," is one of the strangest. It is shrouded in mystery and legend, and is also credited with a key role in the nuclear deterrent system. In its half-century of operation, virtually no reliable information about it has been available. All we know is that it exists and is operational. And yet, this ghost station has become more than just a means of communication or warning. It has become a cultural phenomenon. Radio amateurs monitor it, try to find hidden signs in its messages, ascribe a key role in the nuclear deterrent system, and inspire musicians to write experimental tracks.

The only documented fact about the station can be considered the response from Roskomnadzor: "Information about the user of the radio frequency spectrum, including the radio frequencies or channels allocated to them, the types of radioelectronic equipment used, their addresses, and the terms of use, is not publicly available." They even refused

to disclose the date of the station's creation. However, even behind the thick veil of secrecy, there is material for analysis. Since 2020, the station has seemingly come to life.

Whereas previously there might have been no messages for months, now voice messages arrive almost daily. Almost all follow the same pattern: first, four letters (NZhTI), followed by numbers, and then a strange word between them. There is indeed a pattern. First, all of these words are pronounceable. Simply generating random symbols, even with the sounds of the Russian language, easily produces words that are simply impossible for the average person to pronounce. But all the words broadcast on this radio station are pronounceable. In the past half a century, the Soviet Union has collapsed, archives have been opened, and many secrets have been made public. And no one has said a word about "Doomsday Radio," whatever it is. Not even about its purpose. There must be compelling reasons for such secrecy.

Video in Russian: 6:24: <https://www.ntv.ru/video/2513965> (<https://www.ntv.ru/>)

August 25, 2025, Video in Russian: 3:40: <https://www.ntv.ru/novosti/2934496> (<https://www.ntv.ru/>)

July 2, 2025, Video in Russian: 3:40: <https://www.ntv.ru/novosti/2918352> (<https://www.ntv.ru/>)

(RUS-DX#1364)

Lyssna via våra fjärrmottagare

För dig som har svårt att sätta upp en bra antenn därhemma, eller vill prova lyssning från annan plats, erbjuder vi inte färre än fyra olika KiwiSDR-mottagare!

Två mottagare är reserverade för medlemmar. Den ena av dem finns i Parkalompolo (öppen under vinterhalvåret) och den andra i Väst. Logga in och läs mer om dem under KiwiSDR→Våra Kiwi i menyn ovan. Skånebaserade [Radiotest Syd](#) och [Radiotest Väst](#), som finns i Västra Götaland, är öppna även för icke-medlemmar. I tips och lyssnarrapporter anger du självklart vilken fjärrmottagare du använt!

(SDXF)

Njut av Parka på distans (<https://www.sdx.se/WP/?p=21079>)

Välkomna att använda förbundets nya fjärrmottagare i Parkalompolo som nu är online. Vi ersätter KiwiSDR 2 med en Web-888 SDR som gör det möjligt för fler att lyssna samtidigt. Antennen är drygt 800 meter lång och är riktad i 331 nygrader.

Du hittar den nya webbadressen till mottagaren genom att logga in som medlem och sedan gå till **KiwiSDR→Våra Kiwi**. För att så många som möjligt ska ges en chans att få uppleva "Parka på distans" är den maximala lyssningstiden per medlem och dygn två timmar.

Alla lyssnare måste identifiera sig med antingen DX-signatur, amatörcall eller förnamn efternamn. VPN-anslutningar, fantasi-signaturer och enbart förnamn tillåts inte eftersom vi vill kunna säkra att du är medlem. Att inte följa dessa enkla regler kan resultera i blockering.

(SDXF)



Jan Oscarsson och Bo Olofsson i Parkalompolos antennskog.

KONG 51 DXpedition reports

Day by day reports are now appearing, every day something new with logs, equipment, nice photos from the Arctic and food. <https://arcticdx.blogspot.com/2025/10/>

(Bjarne Mjelde)

The B25 schedules of various stations

The B25 schedules of various stations effective from Sunday 26 Oct 2025 is available on line as follows

1. B25 Schedules of various stations: <https://qsl.net/vu2jos/B25.htm>
2. Selected broadcasts to S.Asia (Time wise): <https://qsl.net/vu2jos/DXSA1.htm>
3. Selected broadcasts to S.Asia (Language wise): <https://qsl.net/vu2jos/DXSA2.htm>
4. Selected DRM broadcasts <https://qsl.net/vu2jos/DXSA10.htm>

The above pages will be updated in the coming days

Good BCDXing !

(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, www.niar.org via WOR)

TRIP TO EUROPE BY – MIKE – KD5KC

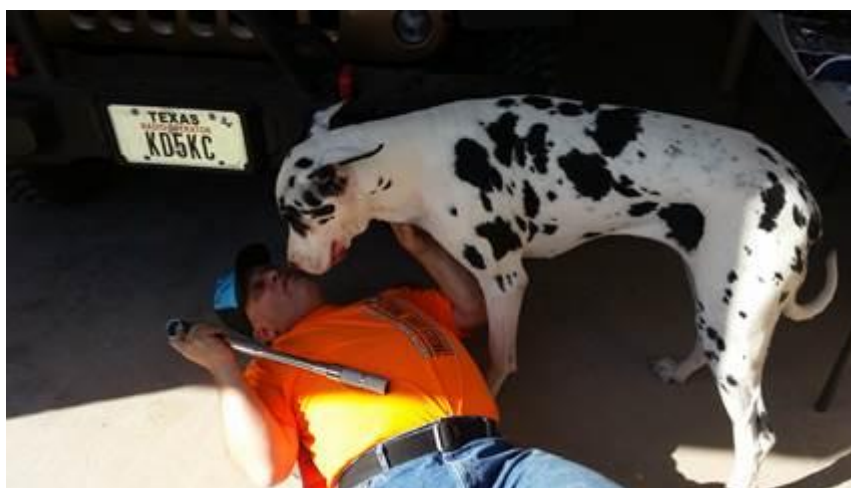
We just got home from another trip to Europe – your SW-Bulletin reached me while we were in Germany and I shared it with the family there. It was 5 ham-ops there discussing your newsletter and how Short-Wave Radio broadcasting and SW listening has changed over the years. What was interesting is that for 90% of the year our listening posts are separated by 9,000km (5,600 miles), but our opinion of the changes in the SWL hobby over the years were pretty much mirrored. We all agreed that the radios made today are far superior to anything in the past. We all agreed that the best listening was back in the 1970s to 1990s. And we mostly agreed that the stations on the airwaves today were mostly disappointing and not really worth listening to. We did not agree on the best radio.

I suspect you'll get a request from the youngest radio op there, he liked the SW-Bulletin very much. I guess I should explain, a very large portion of our family and extended family are licensed ham radio operators. In the USA, I am licensed, along with my wife, my son, my son's father-in-law and mother-in-law, but not his wife or 3 small children. On the other end my daughter is licensed, as is her husband and only son (17 y/o), and her father-in-law and one sister-in-, sister-in-law. Over in Germany my brother-in-law, sister-in-law and the oldest nephew are licensed. This is 13 licensed ham radio operators spanning 4 generations in our family. I guess you could say we are all "Radio-Active". And every one of us started as a Short-Wave Listener. My journey as a Short-Wave-Listener spans 63 years..... from regen and all tube superhet-filter radios to all solid-state direct-sampling SDR radios.

I first started playing with radio as a Short-Wave Listener when I was 7 y/o in 1963, I was living in Chicago II USA. A local friend of the family gave me a broken Hallicrafters S-120 S-W receiver; he said if I could fix it I could keep it. I didn't know a thing about electronics. In 1963 nearly everything was still tubes. So I had the radio opened up and plugged in, and it looked like that little red wire was loose. It was loose, but when I poked it with my finger, I got a huge surprise, about 300 volts of surprise! That was the beginning for me. A few miles away there was a house with a big antenna on a tower. I went there and rang the door-bell, and asked the man who answered the door if he could help me fix my radio. He did. His name was Tony, he was an electrical engineer, and we became friends until he passed on in the mid-1980s.

I learned about Geography from short-wave listening. What 9 y/o kid heard of Albania or Romania? THIS KID! Then several friends started listening and we started using CB radios to notify each other of things we could hear. We had maps on the wall and would stick pins in the map where we heard a station.

Back then short-wave radio was so much fun. Nearly every nation that could afford it had a short-wave radio station representing their nation, and sometimes a number of private stations as well. I can remember listening to The Voice of Vietnam while I was still very young. I didn't know what propaganda was, so I listened to that taking it in on face value. Every morning, I would wake up and put Radio Australia on while I got dressed and ready for school. In the afternoon when I got home from school it was Radio RSA, The Voice of South Africa. And in the evenings after homework, it was Radio Habana Cuba; they played good Cuban Jazz music then and they still do. Of course there were the competing power-house stations of The Voice of America (VOA) and Radio Moscow putting out their version of the truth, often in direct opposition of each other. Radio Nederland was active, every Sunday evening they played "The Happy Station" with Tom Meijer. Still one of my favorite QSL cards. Tom Meijer sometimes spoke of his dog Klaasje, and years later I got a Great Dane as well. I still have a Great Dane today, my little white dog likes helping to work on the JEEP.



Tony was a patient teacher; he helped me get my first Ham Radio License in 1972. I worked all summer in 1974 and I was able to afford my first HF ham-radio, a Yaesu FT-101E. When I joined the Army in 1975, my 12-years of exposure to electronics allowed me to score well on the electronics test and my primary duty was in electronics. In 1976 I got sent to Germany where I stayed nearly 7 years on the Iron Curtain. I ended up marrying a German. Short-Wave listening and Ham Radio in Germany was exciting! Of course, there were many other stations that could not be heard in the USA and I had many QSL cards from those stations.

I spent 20 years in the military, served on 5 continents before retiring. Through one of the many moves the early SWL-QSL cards got lost. I still have about 50 cards, but they are newer. The old cards are gone; most of my SWL cards now are from the 1990s. For those years in Germany, I often heard Radio Free Europe (RFE) and Radio Liberty (RL). Their signals were always being jammed, and sometimes the jammer was stronger than the program. Of course those two stations and the VOA were in direct competition with Radio Moscow. And there was a real purpose to it all back then. Most people who study history will remember that in 1987 President Reagan said "Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall". And two years later the wall came down. It was an exciting time to be a soldier knowing we made a difference. But I didn't realize how much of a difference we made until many years later.

Short Wave Radio was still going on. I was deployed to Iraq for the 1991 Gulf War. I carried over my small Ham Radio station. During my off-duty time I ran a MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) Station passing traffic for the soldiers in the area. My commander asked me to gather news off the shortwave bands and give them a paper every morning to read the news to the troops. I grabbed info from VOA of course, as well as the BBC and Radio Moscow; by 1991 Moscow was much more pro-western and was reporting pretty accurately. Since I spoke German well, I would also listen to Deutsche Welle for news with a European slant. Back then most of the news was believable. These days not so much.



During the Gulf War I made an interesting 3-hour recording of a Short-Wave broadcast. I still have the cassette recording I made of "The Voice of Peace" broadcast from Baghdad. I made it on Christmas Day 1990. I should make that into a MP3 and post it to You-Tube one day I guess. They played modern popular music mixed in with propaganda about how we were all going to die in "The Mother of All Battles" in Iraq.

Shortly after that Christmas day some of my other skills were needed and I was sent to the front-lines to join 18th Airborne Corps as a Scout Sniper. I did not take my ham-radio station forward, but I did carry a smaller SW-receiver. The fighting ended on 28-Feb-1991, but we were still held in place while the surrender was negotiated, that took a few weeks. One afternoon later into the war I was listening to Radio Moscow. They had a great program called Vasili's Weekend. And during the top-of-the-hour news I heard Radio Moscow report that the war was officially over. I didn't believe my ears, it was a long hour waiting for the next news report to confirm it. Imagine my little 6-man team dancing in the desert to the tune of "Moscow Nights", the Radio Moscow interval music; we were celebrating the end of the fighting. It was many weeks later that our unit recalled us to go home.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dKtXi9dNAA>

It was some years later that Radio Moscow was redesignated as The Voice of Russia, I think in 1993 or 1994. The Soviet Union broke up, the reunification of Germany occurred. Shortwave had already begun its down-turn. The Bay-Gen radio was invented about 1994, it was a crank-driven radio that would play up to 30-minutes when cranked up. It didn't need any power source but the hand crank. They were sold at an expensive price in the USA, but for each one bought one was sent to Africa for free. I was basically buying two and sending one to Africa. The radio covered several SW-Bands and I bought several and gave them away, but I still have one. I retired from the Army in 1995 and began a new career in electronics. For a number of years I was busy with the new career, so my wife's mother and father would come from Germany to the USA every two years to visit us. For 15 years, from 1996 to 2011, I did not get over to Europe at all and my SWL hobby was very limited as well.

In 2011 my electronics career was well established and I could afford both a month away and the travel costs, so we went back to Germany for a visit. My wife's sister was keeping a small apartment open for us so we could afford a longer stay. Short-Wave listening in Europe had changed. I was kind of shocked and surprised. VOA, RFE and RL were not reporting the USA that I knew, it had much more of a leftist propaganda slant to it all.

It was this visit that my brother-in-law took me to a Ham Radio Meeting in Meiningen Germany. Meiningen was

formerly in one of the eastern bloc nations, the German Democratic Republik, or East Germany. I had stood guard many hours right there on the border, I could see the lights of Meiningen over the hills at night. First my brother-in-law took me to a museum on the border. It was quite sobering and a little emotional for me to see it all again.



This museum had already put a damper on my feelings. Then we went to a Gasthaus (restaurant) in the city of Meiningen for the ham radio club meeting and I was feeling a little tense about being inside what was formerly “enemy territory”. My rother-in-law introduced me as his American brother-in-law come to visit. The older members were friendly enough, the younger ones had no real memory of events 23 years ago. I began to feel more at ease discussing electronics and antennas. Their accent was different, my accent was very much from Bavaria. But we made it work.

I was just getting comfortable when the Gasthaus owner came around to take our dinner order. I spoke German well enough, but it was clear that I’m an American. When the owner asked for my order I gave it to him. He stopped and looked at me, then asked “American”? I wasn’t sure where this was going, but stick to the truth.... I answered “Yes”. So he asks “Soldier”? I said “yes, I was long ago”. So he asks “Where”? I just pointed out the window at the hills to the west. He carefully put down his paper and pencil, took my right hand in his hands, and while shaking my hand and with tears in his eyes he thanked me for his freedom. He explained to me that when he was a young teen, he was given a uniform and a rifle, put out on the border, and told to shoot anyone in the clearing. He asked only those coming in? He was told to shoot everyone. And that was when he knew it was wrong. He refused to let me pay for my meal. I left a huge tip. And this was when I realized that all those hours on the border did make a difference for the world.

My brother-in-law and nephew there also participate in SOTA and POTA, and every visit we try to do one new country and one more German States. Almost universally when we operate in Thuringia or Saxony, or in the other former eastern block nations most of the older citizens are thankful when they meet me. So far I have 12 countries for SOTA and 10 countries for POTA. The only country bordering Germany that I have not visited yet is Poland. We are discussing that for next June. I really enjoy SOTA/POTA around Europe, and I participate in the local ham-radio events in the club where my relatives belong. They love it when I bring them call-sign hats from Texas.



The face of Shortwave Radio has changed so much in my lifetime. Many of the countries that were on the air when I was a school-boy are long gone. The need for short wave broadcasting had diminished, and many countries could no longer

afford that budget expense for what little return it gave them as well. There were private transmitters on the air, many of them religious in nature, but containing some programming of interest to many. For example, who doesn't remember Arnie Coro – CO2KK? His death in 2023 ended the DX program on Radio Habana Cuba. I listened to WTWW on the 60m band nearly every evening. When they were struggling to stay on the air, I was sending them \$50 a month. The entertainment every night was worth \$1.60 a night to me. Then they started the station on the 31m band supporting Ukraine. I would live stream that all day while I worked on my JEEP. It was sad when they closed, but there are still other private stations out there worth listening to. WRMI picked up some of the WTWW programming and I still listen to that. And let's not forget about the pirates down in the 6.95-MHz $\pm$ region.

The last few trips over to Europe, the VOA/RFE/RL broadcasts were just not representative of the USA anymore. Frankly, they had outlived their usefulness. What they reported was extremely biased. The VOA internal service as it is was also not truly representative of what I know of the news either. In some way I can say I am sorry to see them close. BUT – considering how many years the US government has over-spent budget after budget, promising to “fix it next year” but just kicking that problem down the road until later is the main cause of a government spending pull-back. Instead of controlling the budget when it was a small problem, they let it grow into a big problem. A problem that needed to be addressed. The American people are tired of hearing that they need to pay the government more taxes to support programs that they do not support. Presently the U.S. government is shut down. They are shut down over spending. And about time, this is good. They are not spending now, and they are identifying the “NON-ESSENTIAL” areas that are shut down for elimination. If it is non-essential, why are we paying for it? It is harsh, it is hurting some. The saddest point is that it didn't need to come to this had the budget been balanced years ago. The way I see it, there are only a few years to get it done, so it is going to be harsh but swift.

It is what it is. Perhaps when the budget is balanced and the debt is paid off there will be money for a Short-Wave Station representing the USA again. If it comes back with “Fair and Balanced” programming, I'm for it. If it comes back as a clone of what VOA/RFE/RL is now, I say scrap the whole thing.

Thomas, some year I'd like to visit your country. But that is more than a long one-day-trip from the In-Laws home in the Rhon Mountains of Northern Bavaria. As long as the mother-in-law is still alive, our trips will be centered on that. Visiting your country is probably not happening this coming June. But some day..... maybe I'll be on a SOTA summit in a POTA park near you.

Thanks for the SW-Bulletin. This last one sure stirred up a lot of family memories.

The canyons are calling, colorful and deep. But I have promises to keep.
And miles to go still in my Jeep... And miles to go still in my Jeep...



I should have shown you a photo of my present station for Short-Wave listening. The general coverage receivers are an R-390A, an R-366, a Lafayette HE-30, a Hallicrafters S-108 and S-129.



When I come to Germany, I only carry my IC-705 and accessories. I leave the backpack and the gray mast in Germany so I only pack the 5 colored boxes in my carry-on bag. This is everything I need to operate on 160m, 80m, 60m, 40m, 30m, 20m, 17m, 15m, 12m and 10m. The antennas are one of the following: 13.1m wire vertical on the mast, a 26.2m Inverted-L or a 41.5m Inverted-L.



For 6m, 2m and 70cm I use separate antennas. I have a home-built 3-ele Yagi on 6m. I use a 4-ele Arrow-Antennas Yagi on 2m and a 7-ele Arrow-Antennas Yagi on 70cm. The 6m antenna weighs 1.5-kg and will fit in my backpack.



I hope this is of interest there. I have also begun experimenting with microwaves, but I think that may not be of much interest.

Vy73 – Mike – KD5KC – WRFF851 – El Paso – Texas – DM61rt. SOTA W5T-Texas Association Manager.
<https://summits.sota.org.uk/association/W5T>

A Deep Dive Into the NATO Phonetic Alphabet

Many thanks to *SWLing Post* contributor Fred Watterer, who writes:

I've subscribed to this channel for some time. This video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAT-eOzeY4M> which dropped the other day, will be of relevance to both SWLs and HAMS:

Rob does some deep dives into language. Including the surprising origins of many words in English and the lingering influence of both Anglo Saxon and Norman French.

(Cheers, Fred via SWLing Post)



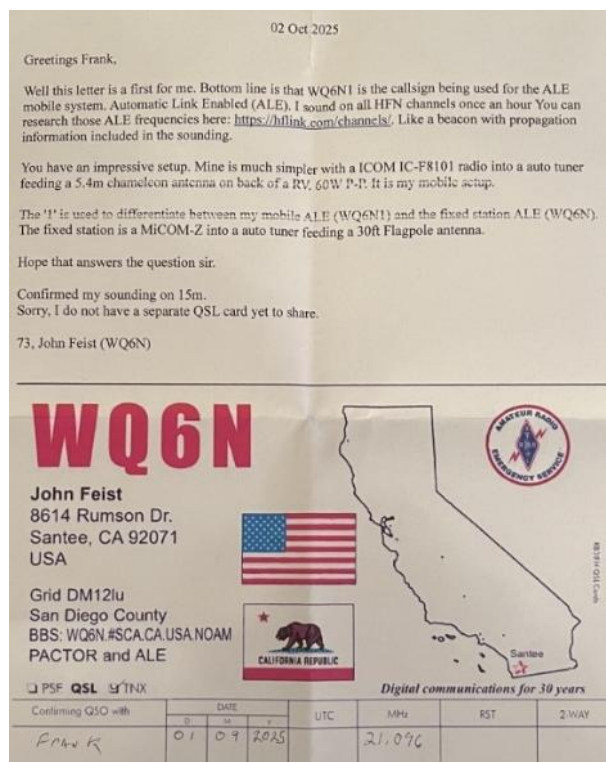
ALE (Automatic Link Establishment)

ALE (Automatic Link Establishment) ist ein digitales Verbindungsprotokoll, das vor allem von militärischen, Regierungs- und Katastrophenfunkdiensten weltweit auf Kurzwellen genutzt wird.

Statt manuell nach freien Frequenzen zu suchen, prüft ALE automatisch eine Liste von Kanälen, misst Signalqualität (z. B. SINAD/BER) und baut selbständig eine stabile Verbindung zwischen zwei oder mehreren Stationen auf.

Auch Funkamateure können die Betriebsart nutzen, zumeist als Teil von halb-militärischen Hilfsnetzen wie dem amerikanischen MARS Netz (Military Auxiliary Radio System) oder solchen für den Katastrophenfall wie das schwedische FRO Netz (Frivilliga Radioorganisationen). Aber es gibt gelegentlich auch Funkamateure, die ALE Aussendungen vornehmen, ohne Teil eines solchen Hilfsnetzes zu sein. So konnte ich am 1. 9. WQ6N1 aus dem südcalifornischen Santee mit einer ALE Aussendung auf 21.096 kHz empfangen. Dieser Empfang wurde mir gestern durch einen netten QSL-Brief bestätigt.

(Frank Wenzel via A-DX Fernempfang)



A Cheap and Simple Noise Filter By Don Moore



Don's traveling DX stories can be found in his book [Tales of a Vagabond DXer](#) [SWLing Post affiliate link]. If you've already read his book and enjoyed it, do Don a favor and leave a review on Amazon.

Don says: As a traveling DXer, I need quick, easy, and compact noise solutions. The best solution I've found are these CCTV distortion filters (ground loop isolators) that Brett Saylor recommended to me several years ago.

Read the full article here: <https://swling.com/blog/2025/10/taming-the-noise-don-moores-simple-cheap-filter-solution-for-traveling-dxers/> (SWLing Post)

The Loop on Ground Antenna, by KK5JY

Ett tips från Jan Edh i Hudiksvall !

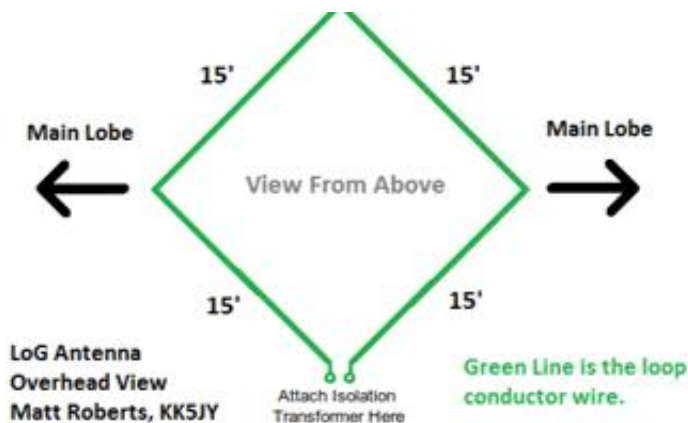
Full article about the Loop On Ground can be found here: <https://www.kk5jy.net/LoG/>

(Matt Roberts, A Page in Progress, <https://www.kk5jy.net/>)

Alexey Plotnikov comments in DX-Info FB:

Loop-on-Ground (LoG) antenna, 10x10m, finally set up in the local forest! Really impressed with its RX capability and extremely low noise! Connected via a 9:1 transformer to a W7UIV preamplifier (RA0SMS build). It was crucial to complete it before the rainy and winter seasons, and it's discreetly placed in a quiet location. Hoping to conduct more tests soon. Ready for the winter outdoor MW season!

(Dan Andersson)



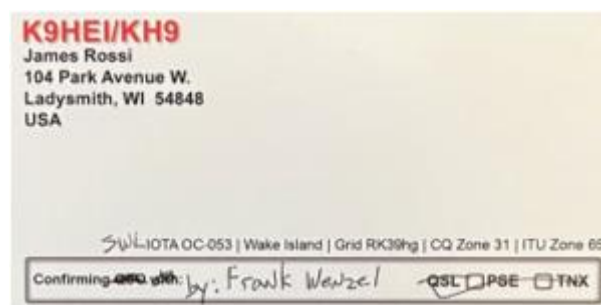
Wake Island (KH9)

Im Sommer 2025 waren erstmals seit vielen Jahren wieder Funkamateure von Wake Island (KH9) aus aktiv und in diesem Fall sogar zwar. Es handelte sich um Allen (KH7AL/KH9), der bis Ende Juli 2025 auf der Insel war, und Jim (K9HEI/KH9), der vom 8. bis 22. August 2025 aktiv war. Es waren keine klassischen DXpeditionen sondern beide OM nutzten ihren Aufenthalt auf der Inseln für Funkaktivitäten im Holidaystyle. Eine größere DXpedition von Wake Island fand zuletzt 1998 statt.

Beide OM haben es durch die Wahl ihrer Aktivitätszeiten und der verwendeten Frequenzen nicht leicht gemacht, sie in Europa zu empfangen. Gleichwohl ist es mir gelungen. Nachdem KH7AL/KH9 mir meinen Empfang berichts vor einigen Wochen bestätigt hat, hatte ich gestern auch eine QSL Karte von K9HEI/KH9 in der Post.

Wake Island liegt mitten im nördlichen Pazifik, etwa auf halbem Weg zwischen Hawaii und Guam. Die Insel ist grundsätzlich nur für die Angehörigen der US Streitkräfte zugänglich.

(Frank Wenzel via A-DX Fernempfang)



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Zum Artikel (€): <https://heise.de/s/PZP8e>

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Algeria on Shortwave – Then and Now

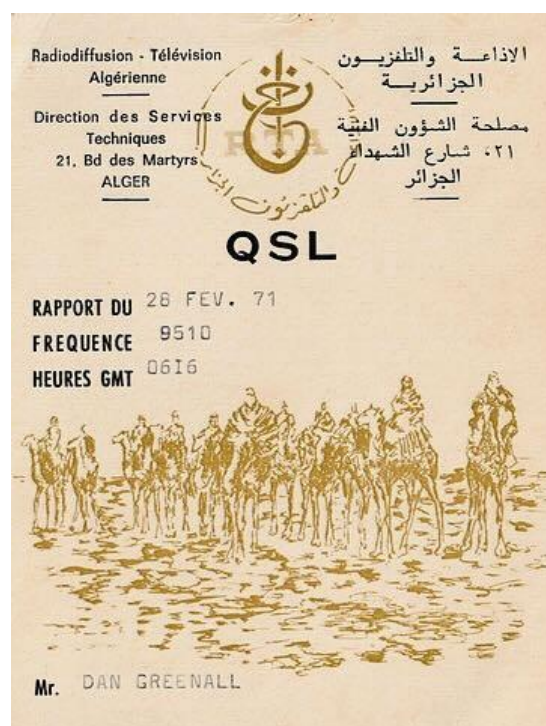
by Dan Greenall

In the early 1970s, *Radiodiffusion-Télévision Algérienne* ran a modest shortwave service (no English) mainly for North Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. A copy of their schedule from the 1972 World Radio TV Handbook is shown.

Read the full story in SWLing Post here: <https://swling.com/blog/2025/10/algeria-on-shortwave-then-and-now/>

Here is the attractive QSL card he received in 1971.

(Dan Greenall via SWLing Post)



OC-054, FW, WALLIS ISLANDS:

Aus dem aktuellen DXMB des DARC:



OC-054, FW, WALLIS ISLANDS: Die DXpedition FW5K nach Wallis & Futuna wird vom 20. Oktober bis 7. November 2025 in der Luft sein und das Team besteht aus: Alex K6VHF, Dave KA6BIM, Hannah W7HAN, OC NG7E, Scott N7JI und Marc NC7M. Sie werden vor, während und nach dem CQ WW DX SSB Contest QRV sein, in der Kategorie Multi-Two / High Power (M2/HP). Geplant sind Aktivitäten auf den Bändern 160–6 m in CW, SSB, RTTY, FT4 und FT8, mit mindestens drei Stationen und Hexbeam- sowie Vertikalantennen. QSL erfolgt über ClubLog OQRS und LoTW.

<https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/dx/>

(Christoph Ratzer in A-DX Fernempfang)

News from Oxford Shortwave Log, by Clint Gouveia, M0OXF

I hope you are well. Not too much to report on shortwave this time around as I have been spending most of my evenings/early mornings DXing on medium wave for the past couple of weeks. It has been interesting to note that the United Arab Emirates on 1476 kHz are almost a constant presence as their 200 kW TX power is way beyond any of the (very few) stations on this frequency in Europe/middle east. Radio Sultanate of Oman on 1242 kHz are also constant because they are the only station remaining on this frequency. The three strongest transatlantic signals are VOXM Newfoundland and Labrador on 590 kHz, Bloomberg Radio New York on 1130 kHz and Harbour Light of the Windwards Grenada on 1400 kHz - all have been copied with good signals over the past few nights. An SDR spectrum allows more to be seen but with less modulation.



I have been mostly using my vintage Yaesu FRG-8800 for medium wave DXing recently - this is the radio I always wanted as a kid but could never hope to afford! I finally purchased one from eBay about 10 years ago and never looked back. It wasn't the best table-top rig of its time, but it is a solid performer, and I won't forget hearing Radio Clube do Para on 4885 kHz for the first time using it with a random wire slung on the garden fence.

After that catch, there were many more on shortwave using that rig and looking on my Oxford Shortwave Log YouTube channel statistics, I have uploaded a total (so far) of 85 reception videos using it. When I first got back into shortwave DXing in the summer of 2015, I started with a Tecsun PL-360 and about 20 feet of wire. So, to change up to the FRG-8800 and a Wellbrook ALA1530 active magnetic loop made a huge difference to what I could hear and how well I could hear it. For the first time, real DX was possible.

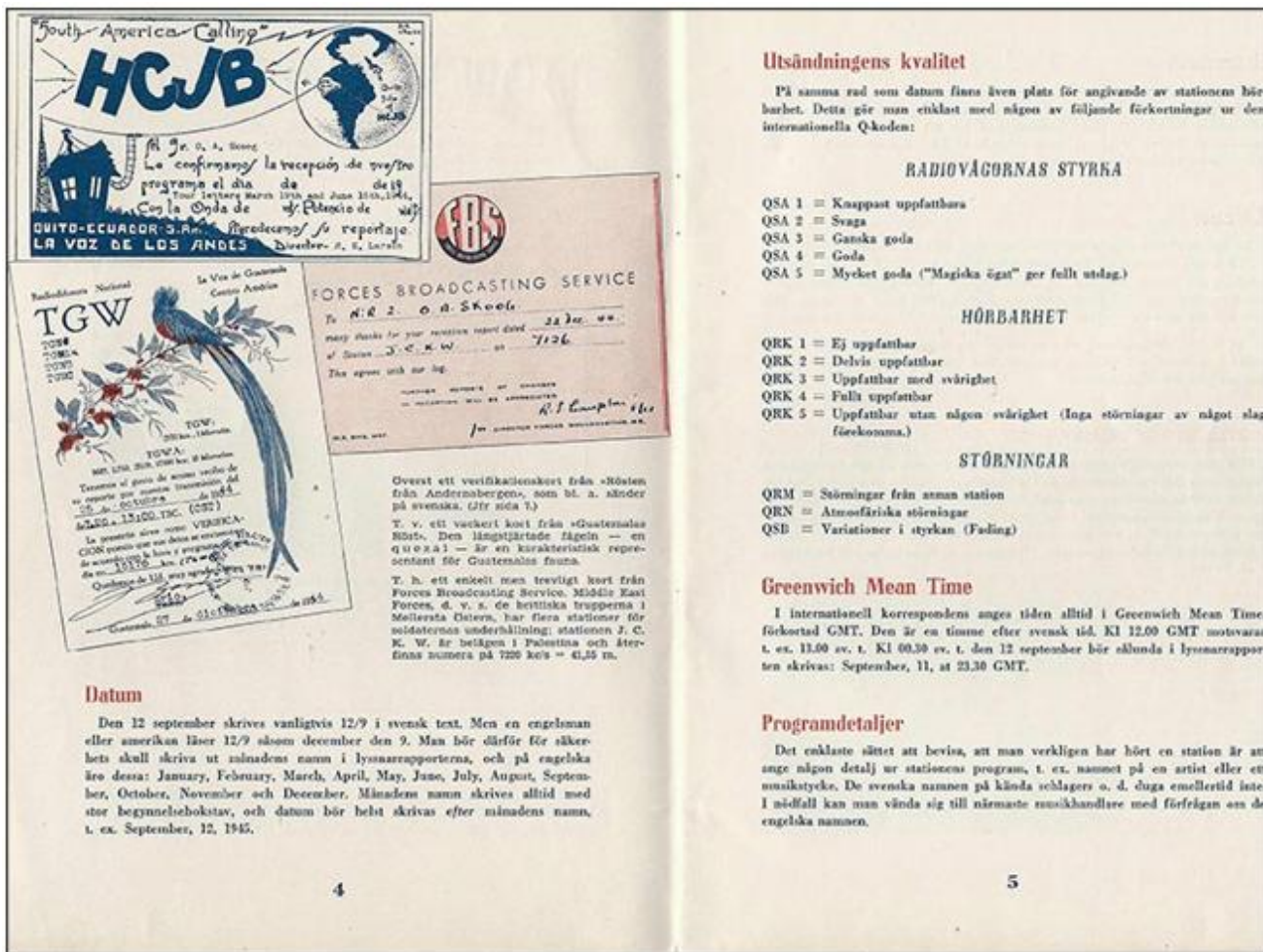
Years later, I now own three Wellbrook loops and use two of them continuously, in a perpendicular orientation and switch between them via a Bonito/NTi AntennaJet RF splitter (see image) This allows me to use multiple receivers simultaneously on one antenna which is very useful when comparing performance with the same target signal. During the last ten years, many radios have entered my shack and quite a lot have left, having been sold to provide at least a part contribution to the next radio. The FRG-8800 is a keeper though. My emotional attachment to it won't allow me to sell it. A year or two later, I purchased its older sibling - the FRG-7700 which I found to be of similar performance.



Otherwise, my activities on shortwave have been centred around listening to the Premier League football on Saturday afternoons via the BBC World Service on 17640 kHz - even though it would be much easier for me to listen on medium wave via Talk Sport and BBC Radio 5 Live. I prefer the old-school romance of listening via short wave, complete with the usual QRM and QSB - and it reminds me of many afternoons spent doing exactly the same thing from the rainforest of Northern Brazil when I was working out there a few years ago. Anyway, I think that's about it for now.
(73, Clint M0OXF)

DX nostalgia by RFK

It's that time again! Yes, it's time for another dose of DX nostalgia. Sit back, relax and enjoy the echoes of yesterday. Many of us weren't around, or at least were not active as DXers, in 1948, but our hobby was blooming. Here in Sweden it grew through the efforts of Arne Skoog, the "Father of Swedish DXing". Many magazines of various sorts had their own DX columns and Arne was involved in many of them, in addition to his work as editor of the famous DX show "Sweden Calling DXers" which was broadcast by Radio Sweden. As most radio sets had shortwave bands it was not uncommon for "ordinary" listeners to tune in to SW now and then. Often they would be looking for music as that was no priority of Swedish radio at the time.... Some radio manufacturers even published their own frequency tables and listening guides. Here is an example: Radiola kortvågstabell, published by Svenska Radioaktiebolaget. Radiola was a brand of radio receivers – and very good ones, at that. The company was a part of the LM Ericsson group. This booklet contained a shortwave table (no MW or LW) plus general information about the DX hobby and how to send a reception report. Naturally young aspiring DXers were allured by lavish illustrations of QSL cards and pennants.



So let's go back in time for a while, to the late 1940s. What could you hear on SW back then? Quite a lot, actually. Most countries used short wave not only for external broadcasts but also for their domestic programmes. After all, SW was a simple and cheap technique of covering a large area with one transmitter. And at that time many radio sets had at least one SW band. As Germany was gradually getting back to normal after WW2 many stations relied on SW to reach out. Broadcasting was then controlled by the Allied powers. Many radio stations had been destroyed during the war and it would take some time to rebuild networks of working MW transmitters. But with SW you could get on the air instantly and reach a large audience.

So let's have a look at a QSL card from one of the post-war stations. Radio München was a predecessor of the Bayerischer Rundfunk. It was the official station of the American military government in Germany which controlled the US occupation zone plus a sector of Berlin. A specific division, the Information Control Division (ICD), was established to manage media and publications in the zone. Broadcasts from Radio München started on May 12, 1945, shortly after American forces had taken control over Munich. The station was broadcasting from the damaged Ismaning site.



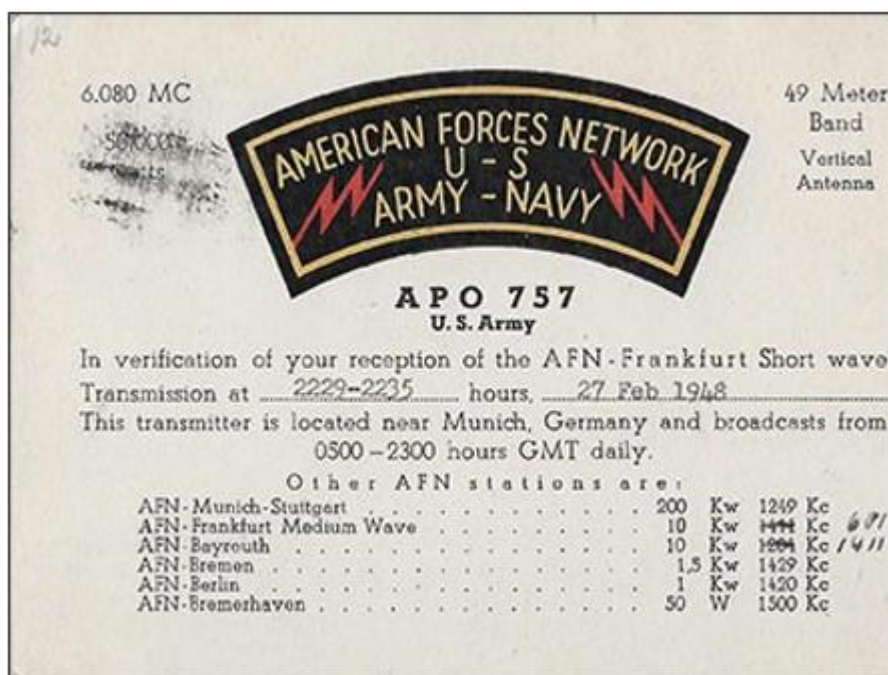
I don't know about you but I think the Radio München QSL card actually conveys a feeling of a defeated nation at war. The dark colours and the artwork – even the fonts – make me think of ruins and disaster. But maybe it's just my imagination.... The Armed Forces Radio Service also broadcast from Salzburg, Austria using the call sign KZCA. This was the beginning of the Blue Danube Network. For more information check out Sverre Martinsen's essay at <https://durenberger.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/AFRSMARTINSEN.pdf> plus <https://bluedanubenetwork.at/en/2020/05/03/bdn-salzburg-kzca-2/> - both are essential reading.



Den Danske Brigade, which was the Danish Occupation Force, was a military contingent operating under the authority of the British occupation forces in post-war Germany from 1947 to 1958. Initially the force was based in Jever but later moved to Itzehoe Barracks in Schleswig-Holstein. The brigade had their own radio station broadcasting on SW 6225 kHz and it was widely reported among Swedish listeners. The station was also known as FOVA which was the name of the Danish soldiers' welfare organization.



The frequency 6225 kHz was also used by the American Forces Network in Bremerhaven and Danish Forces at times broadcast over this outlet. All QSL cards this time come from the collection of the late Knut Ivarsson and to conclude this edition of DX nostalgia let's have a look at a QSL from AFN Germany 6080 kHz.



Your contributions and comments are as usual most welcome. If you have something you want to share with us, QSL cards, letters, clippings, memorabilia, whatever – do mail me at info@rock.x.se.

GOOD DX AND 73!