

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Så är det dags igen att sätta sig framför PC:n och redigera ett nytt SWB. Tyvärr är det ganska få bidrag som hittar ända ut på vischan här utanför Ängelholm.

Hade det inte varit för BEFF:s missade tips till förra numret, så hade det blivit riktigt magert igen.

Nu har väl alla fullt upp med att kolla OS och se om Sverige får fler guldmedaljer efter damernas mångkamp där Carolina Klüft visade sin fantastiska klass.

I övrigt händer inte så mycket. Skall gå med ortos ytterligare en och en halv månad. Som tur är är den låst upp med 30 gr nu och ytterligare 20 gr följer per vecka. Så vi får se när man kan börja köra bil själv igen. Just nu är jag en bra kund hos Taxi i Ängelholm ...

Se nu till att ösa in bidrag till nästa nummer!

Keep on

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SWB hot stuff: <http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/> (på denna sajt ligger alltid senaste SWB).

SWB member information: <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/member.htm>

Jubileumstidskriften: <http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/> (html- + pdf-version).

QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Björn Fransson: Hej! Det här var ju illa. Jag skickade följande till Thomas redan i fredags och min dator indikerar ingenting annat än att det gick iväg i vanlig ordning. Så här kommer, förhoppningsvis, några tips till. Kan du skicka vidare, Thomas? Det verkar som om min dator inte vill skicka till någon av adresserna på din adresslista.

Här kommer det ett "gäng" tips, eftersom jag faktiskt har lyssnat en del, när frugan varit på målarkurs på Stora Karlsö. Så till godo och fortsätt att sköta om dig och dina extremiteter!

QSL: **All India Radio, Mumbai, Indien-4840** med kort från Dehli. Ytterligare en vinnarlott i det indiska statliga QSL-lotteriet. Cirka 4 mån. **Salam Watandar, afghansk clandestine via Merlin-17700.** Trevligt e-mailsvar från v/s: David Trilling. Lovade QSL direkt från Afghanistan! 3 d. **Kiss Radio via Ulbroka, Lettland-9290.** Brev, dekal och kort med kyssbild, avstämplat i Danmark. 2 v.

(Adresslistan i min dator är uppdelad på 2 omgångar à max 25 namn, så den kan inte användas för ett komplett utskick till SWB. Sverige Net har satt denna gräns. Kan inte förklara varför mail ibland inte kommer fram, men gör gärna en kopia till min jobbadress nedan. Normalt ser jag den när jag printar SWB på jobbet. Av förklarliga skäl funkar detta dock inte för den närmaste månaden! /red)

Christer Brunström: Power 41 6275 QSL-trycksak med info om hur stationen raidades + kort; **Kiss Radio 9290** stencil, kort; **Radio HCJB Australia 15425** epost-QSL. **Adventist World Radio via Meyerton 12130** kort, dekal, tidning.

10/8: Den 9 augusti åkte jag och RA upp till Kanebergsstugan där det var olidligt varmt. Det hördes en del intressant på kortväg men mellanvägen gav inte mycket (förutom Radio Huesca 1080). Vi gav upp vid 01.30 sommartid.

19/8: I morgon börjar jag arbeta officiellt men har redan satt igång med planering och liknande.

Jan Edh: Med sämsta möjliga timing åkte jag äntligen ut till Fredriksfors igen 18 augusti. För naturligtvis var det en rejäl störning som inträffat och förhållandena var absolut urusla. Speciellt som kraftiga åskväder i fjärran spädde på med att spraka starkt. Det rykte till och med in rent hejdlöst i spisen när jag och Rolf Larsson skulle försöka få till det litet mysigare i torpet...

Men vad annat var att vänta. Allt jag rört vid de senaste dagarna har gått åt pipan, inklusive totalchaos i datortrafik med stora problem att skicka och ta emot mail eller surfa... Förutom att Harbour Light 1400 gick med en signal jag inte hörde på hela förra säsongen var det ett stort mörker. Ett _knippe_ brass gick på MV (1350, 1390, 1440, 1470 bäst) och något som lät som Venezuela/Colombia gick ganska starkt på 1520 med musik. Men inget lät sig idas. Och kortvägen var ännu mycket sämre, några brassar i första hand på tropikbandet, men också de långt sämre än vanligt.

20/8: Tji kv-QSL men en hälsning med ett snyggt kort över Rio Chicho via email från Radio Camargo (José Luis Garcia Pastrana) som också verifierade rapporterna häromåret. Samma tycks ha gått också till bl a RÅ och TBV samt några finska DX-are vad jag kan se.

Stig Adolfsson: Ett par bidrag som kunnat vaskas fram i åskstörningarna....

Leif Blomqvist: Jag har fått ny E-post adress: leif.dx@halmstad.com

Lennart Weirell: Nyss hemkommen från en lyssnarnatt i Österbo, med dåliga KV-konditioner, men några redovisas nedan. På QSL-fronten intet nytt.

John Ekwall: Vill bara meddela att det inte blev något av med lyssning på Karön. Har konstaterat att en av mina dubbeltrådar gått i backen en bit in på ön. Pga alla fästingar får reparation vänta ett tag. Nybygget tar för mycket tid och är därför rätt slut på kvällarna. Stannar ytterligare en vecka på ön.

På grund av för få bidrag kommer här lite av det som normalt platsar under övrig info:

Manufacturers of fine quality dials and decals for antique radios

I'm trying to make a circular tuning scale for a radio, but there doesn't seem to be any programs that are very good for this. Anyone know if there is an easy way, or am I going to need to do it by hand? (Conan Ford via rec.radio.shortwave)

Depending on the brand and model of the radio, Rock Sea Enterprises <http://members.aol.com/RockSeaEnt/> (or another) may have already done that for you... (Rick via rec.radio.shortwave)

The Super Station - 105.4 - Kirkwall. Trial service for Kirkwall (Orkney Islands).

On air from: 01/09/2004 to 23/11/2004 Orkney's very own commercial radio station goes live Sept 1st 2004. Playing a wide selection of the worlds best songs and upto date local news. You will be able to listen online via our 'listen live' link at the bottom of the page, or in Kirkwall and surrounding areas on 105.4 FM for the duration of our 3 month RSL. More information will be added closer to the launch date. From <http://thesuperstation.co.uk/> (Mike Terry via HCDX)

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3245.2	4.8	2310	Radio Clube Varginha med typiskt brasseprogram. Ej ID! S 2-3. BEFF
3249.695	18.8	0315	OID men sannolikt Radio Luz y Vida på SS med avspänt program. 2 SA
3250	5.8	0030	Radio Luz y Vida med religiöst och förföljd av RTTY. S 2-3. BEFF
3291.168	18.8	0323	GBC har halkat ner lite i frekvens och kommit närmare den störande signalen. Trängd med QSA 2-3 SA
3306	9.8	2007	Zimbabwe BC Corp räknade upp en mängd FM-stationer runt om i landet. 3 CB
3325	9.8	2210	(Tent) RRI Palankaraya med nyhetsprogram. 2 CB
3381U	4.8	2315	Ett konstigt "message", där man på franska räknade upp alla månadernas namn. Vad är detta? S 2-3, som blev bättre. BEFF
4052.56	5.8	0035	Radio Verdad pratade bara. S 2-3. BEFF
4716.7	5.8	0010	Radio Yura var svag. S 2. BEFF
4751.8	4.8	2330	Huanta 2000 är det som ligger här numera, enligt BM. Hördes fint med bland annat radioteater. S 3. BEFF
4760	9.8	2225	ELWA med talprogram. 2 CB
4799.8	4.8	0155	Radio Buenas Nuevas med religiöst. Konstig störning spelade ut den. BEFF
4815	4.8	0035	Radio El Buen Pastor var nattens roligaste, eftersom jag inte hört den förut. Hördes länge med olika program, mest HC-musik dock. S 3 som bäst. BEFF
4855.9	4.8	0025	Radio La Hora elegant med S 3. BEFF
4885	9.8	2310	OID brasse ihop med Clube do Pará. Förmodligen den nyligen reaktiverade A Voz do Coração Imaculado i Anápolis, Goiás. Religiös meditation. 2 CB
4910	20.8	1930	R Zambia med tennisreferat mellan en indier och en croat. LWV
4960	4.8	0010	Radio Federación Shuar ID-ade visserligen inte, men allting annat, inkl musiken, tyder på den. Stark och fin! BEFF
5015	9.8	2304	Rádio Pioneira de Teresina med ett religiöst familjeprogram. 3 CB
5678	4.8	0045	Radio Ilucán med "Phone-in" och S 3. BEFF
5815	15.8	0830	World Music Radio med popmusik. Åter igång efter sommaruppehållet. 4-5 CB
5815	20.8	2008	World Music Radio spelade "You got a friend". LWV
5952.5	4.8	0145	Radio Pio XII med prat i kvadrat. WS 2. BEFF
5952.5	9.8	2235	Rádio Pío XII hade ett intressant program om kombinerad undervisning på aymara och spanska. En lärare hade sedan följande visa ord att säga om undervisning: "Educar es saber escuchar" (ung. Att undervisa är att kunna lyssna). 3-4 CB
5965	4.8	0140	Radio Habana Cuba lurade mig en stund att tro på något roligare. S 3-4, men splashad. BEFF
6025	18.8	2315	Radio Illimani trotsade de bedrägliga konditionerna och informerade med QSA 3, men mycket åkspråk förstås. JE
6185	4.8	0130	Radio Educación lät väldigt seriös och ID-ade fint efter en flöjttrudelutt. S 3-4. BEFF
6218	21.8	0650	Laser Hot Hits spelade en drös låtar med the Animals bl.a. godingen "Bring it on home to me". LWV
7165	9.8	1745	Radio Ethiopia med västländska sånger i utlandsprogrammet på franska. 2 CB
7385	18.8	1630	China Tibet Broadcasting Co. med programmet Holy Tibet. Denna gång med info om olika tibetanska festivaler samt fin musik. 3 CB
9515	9.8	2117	(Tent) Rádio Novas de Paz // 11725 med ett trevligt program i vilket man presenterade en ny CD med kristna sertanejasånger. 3-4 CB
9665	9.8	0520	Rádio Nacional do Brasil har inte hörts speciellt bra över sommaren. 2-3 CB
9720.1	9.8	0515	Radio Victoria - som vanligt religiöst. 2 CB
9745	18.8	1500	Voice of Han med mest prat på programmet. 3 CB
11730	15.8	0900	WHRA med DX-programmet Radio Weather. Faktiskt inte så dåligt som antytts av Glenn Hauser. 3 CB
11750	13.8	0705	HCJB Australia med "International friendship". Detta torde vara sändningen till Nya Zeeland vilken normalt hörs extremt dåligt. Kanske kondsen är på väg mot bättre tider? 3 CB
11815	13.8	0601	Rádio Brasil Central med "Identificação", dvs stort ID. Sedan kom programmet "Na estrada com a Brasil Central". Hördes sedan bra i en timme med fin musik. Annonserade också en adress som inte stämmer överens med den i WRTH. 3 CB
11835	2.8	2030	VOA hyr en sändare av IBB i Kuwait och sänder nu även på kortvåg härifrån. "VOA News Now" stod på programmet. S blev så småningom 4 efter en trög start. BEFF
12014.74	16.8	2000	Voice of Mongolia med "Mailbag" i vilket man läste upp ett brev från Henrik Klemetz. Tämmligen stark signal men burrigt ljud. CB
12014.82	8.8	2010	Voice of Mongolia med "Music from Mongolia" - 2-3 men dåligt ljud. CB
13864.9	4.8	1900	Radio Spaceshuttle spelade musik som jag inte gillade alls, så det blev en kort visit på frekvensen. S 3-4. BEFF
15190	20.8	1855	R Filipinas pratade om Calvary Film Festival med sin typiska blandning av tagalog och engelska. LWV
15500	2.8	1720	Information Radio från Bahrain någonstans ID-ade fint: "Radio Maulumati". Hade bland alla afghanska språk även ett inslag på "broken English" om "Human Rights". Stänger en stund innan 18. S 2-3 BEFF



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The following stations have been uploaded during the last 14 days at <http://www.malm-ecuador.com>

4785.07 Radio Caiari, Porto Velho, Rondônia (Brazil). 112kb. 1040 UTC08/2004. There are 2 "Porto Velho" in Rondônia so from where is Radio Caiari transmitting?

5384.16 Radio Huarmaca, Huarmaca, Peru. 48kb. 16/8 2004. Reactivated Peruvian. Listen to recording from this Monday evening.

5960.00 La Voz de los Centauros Villavicencio(Colombia). 124kb. 5/6 2003. Recording of La Voz de los Centauros made by José Elias Diaz, Venezuela.

5985v Radio Integración, Bolivia Recording of Radio Integración made by Rogildo Aragão, Bolivia. I have never logged 5985v Radio Integración, El Alto, Depto. de La Paz but Rogildo has solved this problem by sending me his recording!



Saludos Cordiales desde "La Mitad del Mundo"!

(When using my information give credit to: Bjorn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SWB América Latina)

Stationsnyheter

ASIA [non]. DXers around the world are flocking to **Radio Free Asia's new Automated Reception Report System** which is now available on line at <http://www.techweb.rfa.org> Simply click on the QSL REPORTS link to get there. This advanced new service combines the power of the Mambo <http://www.mamboserver.com> open-source content management system and a database.

The Automated Reception Report System is being officially launched this week at the 2004 Mexican DX'ing Conference in Veracruz. During his presentation about Radio Free Asia, Abner Mir, is providing the full details of how DX'ers can quickly and easily submit reception reports, view general locations of all other confirmed reports, and get their own name added to Radio Free Asia's QSL distribution list.

For years, Radio Free Asia has processed written reception reports from DX'ers much the same way other radio stations have done for decades; all though standard postal services with a QSL card as confirmation of an accurate reception report. While Radio Free Asia will still accept written reception reports delivered by the US Postal Service, Radio Free Asia's Chief Technology Officer, David M. Baden, spearheads a new trend in how DX'ers submit reception reports and how radio stations receive feedback. After weeks of effort, his system is ready for full-time use. Earlier this year, Radio Free Asia also started accepting email submission or reception reports at: QSL@rfa.org

There are two easy steps to submitting a reception report:

1. Listeners click on the "Submit a Reception Report" button.
2. A Form Page will be displayed. The page contains instructions and explanations as needed. Simply fill out the information fields on the form and click on SUBMIT.

The new online location also provides two ways to submit your reception reports:

1. Anonymously --- Reception Reports can be submitted anonymously where you do not have to identify yourself. No information will be harvested from anyone's computer and you will not be requested to submit any personal data.
2. Attributed --- Register your mailing information in the database and you will receive the latest QSL Card in our next regular mailing. All information submitted to RFA will be held confidential as outlined in the site's Privacy Policy.

QSL Cards that are mailed will confirm all reception reports received during the mailing time period for users that request a QSL Card. Requests for QSL Cards will be mailed regularly. Radio Free Asia also will issue a new design for the QSL Card every quarter or when special events dictate.

When you submit a reception report and provide your email address, you will receive an immediate confirmation of the report via email in addition to the receiving the QSL Card in your postal box.

If you have any further questions or comments about the Automated Reception Report System, please email your comments to QSL@rfa.org or mail them to: Radio Free Asia, Reception Reports, 2025 M. Street, NW, Washington DC 20036, U.S.A.

Radio Free Asia (RFA) broadcasts news and information to Asian listeners who lack regular access to full and balanced reporting in their domestic media.

Through its broadcasts and call-in programs, RFA aims to fill a critical gap in the lives of people across Asia.

Created by Congress in 1994 and incorporated in 1996, RFA currently broadcasts in Burmese, Cantonese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Tibetan, Uyghur, and Vietnamese. RFA adheres to the highest standards of journalism and aims to exemplify accuracy, balance and fairness in its editorial content (Andrew Janitschek (A. J.), R Free Asia, Washington, U.S.A., Aug 5, DSWCI DX Window Aug 11 via DXLD)

BOLIVIA: 9624.95 Radio Fides, La Paz, 1150-1205, August 16, Spanish. National news. Talk about the transport's cost for the foreign commerce.

Announcement: "Es el momento de reeditar la historia, 1979-2004... es el momento de mas para Bolivia". TC: "7 y 55". ID by male: "Fides". At 1200 UTC international news. 34322 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina)

BOLIVIA. 6585.39, R. Nueva Esperanza, Have been spending some time on this trying to get a handle on the programming and an ID. No IDs yet, but it appears they have a program of live preaching with occasional religious music between 0900-0945 (it's been fading around 0945). I set the timer and recorder to start at 0800 this morning so that I could get sign-on. Was surprised to definitely hear music at 0811, and maybe even as early as 0803.

Conditions weren't very good, so I couldn't be certain about 0803. So when does this s/on?? Maybe I should set the timer for 0700!! 73's (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Aug 12, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

BRASIL: Från Catholic Radio Update bifogar jag en rättelse till det förra bidraget från denna bulle. Det är Glenn Hauser som har upptäckt ett par fel: **CORRESPONDENCE. Wrong Brazilian States, Says Reader.**

Hi Mike, In excerpting the Brazil item, I noticed a couple of errors regarding Brazilian states: SC is Santa Catarina, not Santa Cruz, and there it's Goias, accent on the A, not Goianas. Maybe you will have a chance to make the corrections before the next dispatch. 73, Glenn Hauser Editor, World of Radio, Enid, Oklahoma (via Tore Larsson)

CHINA. 6185, China Huayi Broadcasting Co., announced as the last program in the English-language series "Bi-Lingual Bridge" at 1140-1150 Jul 31, then back to all CH. ID 1200, more talk. Very good, not heard on 4830 (Jerry Berg, visiting Kaneohe, Oahu, HI, NASWA Flashsheet Aug 8 via DXLD)

There seems some confusion in DX circles about the background of this station, many reference guides misunderstand the term "broadcasting corporation" and list this station as "private" - which it is not. Acc. to sources in Taiwan (cf. www.mac.gov.tw/english/english/macnews/enews/enews910927.htm), China Huayi Broadcasting Corporation is the sister station the "Voice of the Strait" (Haixia zhi Sheng) which is operated by the People's Liberation Army of China. While the "Voice of the Strait" is addressing listeners in Taiwan, China Huayi Broadcasting Corp. is aiming at Chinese listeners "overseas" in South East Asia, including Hongkong and Macau. Both stations are based in Fuzhou with almost identical postboxes (P.O.Box 187 for VO the Strait, P.O.Box 251 for China Huayi Broadcasting Corp.), it is apparent that both are likely produced in the same broadcasting house.
(Bernd Trutenau-LTU via HCDX)

COLOMBIA. Following email, related to Colombian **La Voz de tu Conciencia**, just in:

Original Message from: Russell Martin Stendal martinstendal@etb.net.co Sent: den 17 augusti 2004 03:19 To: Henrik Klemetz Subject: 5910 Short Wave:

Dear Henrik, I just wanted to let you know that we are close to having approval from MINICOM to operate on 5910 SW in addition to 6010. The transmitter is finished and installation is progressing. I estimate that we will be on the air in a test phase within the next couple weeks if not sooner. Blessings, Russ (via Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, WORLD OF RADIO 1242, DX LISTENING DIGEST) A year or more late (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1242, DXLD)

CONGO: Some time ago there was a news item of 10kW transmitter delivered to Bukavu, Congo DR. There was speculation whether this was on SW or FM. As I earlier wrote, the RIZ Transmitter Co. of Croatia had signed a contract with an "African user" in 2003 to deliver 2 10kW shortwave transmitters. I asked them if these two transmitters went to Congo DR, and they say yes. So most probably one of these will be installed in Bukavu. Along with this info they also sent me a very detailed PDF file of all the MW/SW transmitters they have delivered during the years. That includes power, delivery year, country and ordering authority/company etc. If you're interested, drop me a line and I'll forward you a copy of this PDF. (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland via HCDX)

JAPAN. NHK Domestic / Sino-Japanese Soccer Tensions --- Hi Glenn, I took my portable radio on a little hike today and found something of marginal interest.

From atop the hills along the border of Osaka & Wakayama prefectures, I tuned in to 6005 kHz, USB at about 0259:50 UTC and caught a rarely- heard (by me anyway) local ID, "J-O-C-K, NHK Nagoya." At 0300 UT (noon, JST) the national news began with a Foreign Ministry warning to Japanese in China not to get involved in any confrontations with Chinese soccer fans and not to wear the Japanese national soccer team uniform in public. Also mentioned that there was a 2-hour stand-off between Chinese soccer fans, upset by their team's loss to Japan in the Asian Cup final, and Beijing police, trapping Japanese fans in the stadium during that time. The announcer continued that "there are no reports of any injuries to the Japanese fans." I tuned up to 6130 USB and heard the same newscast at weaker strength coming from Fukuoka in Kyushu. Nagoya = strong, Fukuoka = fair. [Commentary] Interesting to watch all of this over the past week as a long-term foreign resident of Japan. Whereas some of the Chinese fans displayed ignorant behavior towards the Japanese national anthem and Japanese people in general, the Japanese media has done its usual self-censorship act. It has refrained from any self-criticism beyond saying the actions of the Chinese fans are the result of vicious fighting during the Sino-Japanese War of the 1930's. No mention was specifically made about the invasion and annexation of Manchuria nor details of the "Rape of Nanking" in 1937. One "China expert" made the point that in China, sports and Nationalism are closely tied together -- without any information of the prior-stated historical facts. Another blamed the tensions on China's "anti-Japanese education content." It seems to me that both sides are trying to "play the victim". I will give Japan credit for one thing. At domestic sports events, the national anthem is not played prior to the games. I always respected this because I have always felt, whether I'm in the USA, Canada, Japan or wherever, I attend a sports event to watch the "silly ball games" -- not to engage in a political statement of my loyalty to a flag or ideology (Ralph Famularo, Osaka, Japan, Aug 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KURE ATOLL. KH7K. The Pacific DX Group is planning a DXpedition to Kure Atoll starting in mid-October for a 10 to 11 day operation. The team leaders are Kimo/KH7U and Patrick/NH6UY. They will be joined by an experienced international team of operators. The team consisting of about 15 operators will be active on 160-6 meters on SSB, CW, RTTY and with some PSK31. Operators mentioned so far are: KH7U, NH6UY, N4XP, WB4JTT, KO4RR, AA7A, N6MZ, DJ9ZB, I8NHJ, AH9B, N0AX, RZ3AA and JH7OHF. Kure is number 29 in North America and number 17 overall in the DX Magazine's "Most Wanted" for 2003. There has not been activity from here since 1997 and that operation resulted in a limited number of QSOs. Currently it is a wild life refuge normally closed to entry, and they are very lucky to be able to gain permission to land there. They want to give KH7K to as many North American DXers as they can on as many bands as possible. However, their primary target will be Europe. They also hope to provide a daily report and pictures while the DXpedition is in progress via the team's Web site. The Web page is currently under construction and can be found at: <http://www.dxpediton.info>

The cost to make Kure available is very high even though the team members are absorbing a large portion of the expenses. They must first fly to Midway Island and then sail to Kure, so they are experiencing both plane and boat expenses. The trip will take a total of one month with an estimated 11 days on the Atoll for operating. Elliott, K7ER, is their NA point of contact for funds. His E-mail address is: funds- NA-SA-kure@inix.com. It was mentioned that there will be no online logs. More information will be forthcoming (OPDX Aug 9 via Dave Raycroft, ODXA via DXLD)

PERU, 5019.93, Radio Horizonte, 1000-1020 Noted a man in Spanish comments until about 1009, then Huaynos music presented. This frequency is very difficult to hear due to the interference from Cuba on 5025 KHz. However, there are moments when Radio Horizonte fades in and covers Cuba's splatter completely. So, I'd say the signal was good to fair during this period. (Chuck Bolland, August 9, 2004 Clewiston, Florida via HCDX)

PERU, 4965, Radio Santa Monica, 0945-1001 From 0945 until 0953 noted Huaynos music. At 0953 canned station ID "...Radio Santa Monica ..." by a man. This followed by a brief promo by a woman then live comments from a man mentioning "Radio Santa Monica" during same. The signal was good, but during live comments it was rather muffled. Back to music at 0958. (Chuck Bolland, August 9, 2004 Clewiston, Florida via HCDX)

SIKKIM? 3390, Seemingly **AIR-Gangtok**, apparently alive and well. Heard with poor-fair signal most days, but basically an easy log, e.g. from 1550 Jul 25 with English talk among several men, mentions of India. Pause at 1600, brief announcement by man, then Indian singing, and at 1601+ into animated talking in what sounded like Hindi, perhaps a drama. Indian singing by a woman at 1605, back to the drama at 1606, then signal dropped way down. Per dx_india, this one is supposed to stay on past 1600 on Sundays (which this was). (Jerry Berg, visiting Kapalua, Maui, HI, NASWA Flashsheet Aug 8 via DXLD)

SUDAN: 4750 R Peace. Some time ago, a friend of mine visited New Site, South Sudan. He hand-delivered my 9 March 2004 reception report to the staff at the Radio Peace (4750) transmitter site (which, I believe is some 10 km from New Site). In return he received a handwritten confirmation letter. That letter now arrived to my letterbox, mailed from outside Sudan. As the letter says, there is no e-mail neither postal service to the station. What I've heard, many people there use PO Boxes in Loki, Kenya, which is the frontier town before the border. It is about two hours drive from New Site. So there is a faint chance to get a letter through routing it "via Loki, Kenya". Here's what the letter says (two last names of the signer were a bit difficult to read).
"24th July 2004, Dear Jari Savolainen, I am so please to receive your reception report to our radio. It's frequency is found escactly as you mentioned in the report. We have two periods of broadcasting, 5:30 AM Sudan Local Time and 7:00 PM Sudan Local Time each period is two hours. The station is using ready cassetts from local languages, especial Arabic and Spot Light English Language. The programes are most enjoyful to the listeners of Radio Peace, especially those who understand these languages and I hope it's so enjoyful to those who listens to Spot Light English. We are still in the bushes so - we have no facilities of making an e-mail or postal address however, I will provide you with the following, hoping that your reply could reach us. With many thanks Augustino Makude Anur New Site Kapoita County Equatoria Region Radio Peace, NEW SUDAN" (Jari Savolainen, via HCDX)

UNIDENTIFIED 3315, 1202-1215, Aug 16 While reviewing a recording of R. Manus, I discovered a weak signal of a male announcer in English that had been lurking beneath the PNG station. After Manus signed off at 1201 this unidentified station was in the clear, but very weak. The programming was a newscast read by a male announcer, with mentions of 'Southeast Asia', 'Indonesia' and (most interestingly) a clear 'National Radio' at 1204:30. After a long pause, the announcer began what sounded like a commentary that continued until the end of my recording at 1215. The last five minutes were covered by a strong utility transmission, which is unfortunate because the unidentified voice station was getting stronger. In last year's DXing.info article titled Broadcasting In Laos (<http://www.dxing.info/articles/laos.dx>), Bob Padula mentioned 'A fourth transmitter is registered, with 1 kW, on 3315, 0100-1800, again for Laos, but not heard recently.' Could this be Lao National Radio? 1200 UTC is just past sunset in Vientienne, and a half-hour before my local sunrise. (Atkins-WA via HCDX)

Hans Johnson is correct-- Manus has been relaying the NBC network feed on their 3315 frequency. It's at extremely low level, though. Radio Manus was in at a good level again this morning but after their 1201 national anthem, birdcall, and sign-off, they continued with NBC news and music in parallel to 4890 (no discernable delay). The NBC signal on 3315 is so very weak, however, I'd be surprised if it is audible on the East Coast of the USA. I could barely hear it with my Beverage antenna aimed down-the-barrel at Papua New Guinea. (Guy Atkins via HCDX)

Maldives Independent Radio via Bulgaria

The test transmission from the new Maldives "independent" station, Minivan radio, seemed to go ahead as planned, although the modulation at the start of the broadcast was poor. This had little to do with the transmitter power (100 kw), but an annoying hum on the audio. The broadcast obviously plays fun on the government radio station, Voice of the Maldives, copying its interval signal.

BBC Monitoring says that direction finding placed the transmitter at 42 minutes 36 seconds North, 23 minutes 12 seconds East, which is very close to the co-ordinates of a transmitter site called Kostinbrod, near the town of Pernik, a few kilometres south west of Sofia in Bulgaria. Minivan has yet to confirm that they will continue with their broadcasts. # posted by Jonathan Marks @ 18:17 UTC
<http://medianetwork.blogspot.com> (Bernd Trutenau via HCDX)

MALDIVES Minivan Radio on 11525 heard on August 18th, 2004 at 1630 to 1730 off, talks in local language, songs, identifications mentioning Friends of Maldives and Human Rights Initiative, Amnesty international and background of percussion and bird call, an English poem "The Walk for Freedom" read by a lady was also heard four times. Fair to good on clear channel. (SIO-343-333). Place of reception - Kolkata, India. (Regular broadcast to operate from Aug 25.) (73s, Rajdeep Das. India via HCDX)

Minivan Radio has decided to go with T-Systems via Jülich, Germany, daily from next Wednesday Aug 25 if the frequency, probably 13 MHz, is approved by then, 1600-1700 or 1630-1730 UT, 115 degrees. Calculations show this will put a 50 dBu signal into the target area (Andy Sennitt & Jeff White, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNID: 11180USB Arab heard agn from tune-in 2130 to s/off 2156. Many mentions of Iraq during px. A ID at 2130 absolutely not readable while at 2150 better, but I didn't understand a thing. Sounded like 'Idha'at Jumhuriyah Othmar" believe it or not. Anybody know whether this is indeed Libya with an Iraqi service (and what the prx is called). I checked 9745 // but found another Arabic speaker very weak under QRM. Npothing at all on 11660 kHz. Off 2156*. At 2203 (amateur) traffic on same channel, but weak indeed. (Aug 21) (73's Finn Krone, Denmark via HCDX)

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From WIANews 2004 22 AUGUST 2004 BPL - AT THE WAR FRONT (rec.radio.shortwave)

The interference potential of Broadband Powerline Communications (BPL) is well recognised. It is of serious concern to many national radio societies including our Wireless Institute of Australia. Little is known about what has been occurring behind the scenes in Australia as power companies prepare to adopt the BPL technology and the ACA considers its regulatory response. However Jim Linton VK3PC has uncovered an interesting, to say the least, development that indicates potentially bad news.

Report

The future introduction of Broadband Powerline Communications (BPL) in Australia could be on the condition that "less significant" HF radio users such as radio amateurs and four wheel driver clubs would not be protected from any interference it causes.

The Australian power industry has a real concern about the added expense required to address interference that could affect amateur radio stations and other recreational radio users. Its arguments include that to remove amateur radio frequencies from a BPL system will add cost and reduce the capacity and potential data rate.

The power industry is requesting that the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) outweigh the concerns of recreational or "less significant" HF radio users with the higher community benefit of providing greater access to broadband-enabling technology.

The ACA, in response to the power industry concerns, is now examining the legal possibility of allowing BPL networks to cause substantial interference to "less significant" radio services, while other radio services would continue to be entitled to interference protection.

Presumably if this becomes reality the Amateur Service could lose its protection against harmful powerline interference too. After all, were are in the eyes of some just a "less significant" radio service. This has been Jim Linton VK3PC for WIA National News.

*Eliminate Qru, Qrt & Broadband over Power Lines to ragchew! **Stephen Newlyn, VK5VKA. G'day from the City of Elizabeth, South Australia. ***Visit the "Stop BPL" page <http://homepages.ihug.com.au/~vk5vka/stopbpl.htm> ****Visit my Home Page at <http://homepages.ihug.com.au/~vk5vka/index.html>

Is AM radio harmful? By Stephen Leahy. Aug. 16, 2004

Korean scientists have found that regions near AM radio-broadcasting towers had 70 percent more leukemia deaths than those without. The study, to be published in an upcoming issue of the International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health, also found that cancer deaths were 29 percent higher near such transmitters.

Two years ago an Italian study found death rates from leukemia increased dramatically for residents living within two miles of Vatican Radio's powerful array of transmitters in Rome.

The Koreans looked at the death rates in 10 regions with AM radio-transmitting towers broadcasting at more than 100 kilowatts and compared them with control areas without transmitters. The substantially higher cancer mortality in those who lived within two kilometers of the towers led researchers to conclude that more investigation was needed.

However, they also said their study did not prove a direct link between cancer and the transmitters.

"There have been many studies like these, and they aren't very convincing," said Mary McBride, an epidemiologist at the British Columbia Cancer Agency. Many other factors could have contributed to those cancer rates, said McBride, who has headed a number of similar studies and found no direct link.

Equally important is that studies in the lab don't show how radio waves can produce cancers, she said. Debate continues over the health

effects of radio waves from transmitters, both large and small, and other forms of electromagnetic fields, including power lines and microwaves.

Sam Milham, a Seattle-based epidemiologist and a pioneer in electromagnetic-field research, is convinced there are health effects. "Lots of research papers from around the world show increased cancers near transmitters, although TV and FM transmitters are more often implicated."

Moreover, many lab studies show low-frequency EMF disrupt living cells, Milham asserts. Critics like McBride say such results are often difficult to reproduce at other labs. Milham says that's because of differences in the Earth's magnetic field and stray EMF.

In an attempt to settle some of this, California's Department of Health Services reviewed all the current studies of EMF risks from power lines, wiring and appliances in 2002. It found no conclusive evidence of harm. However, links to childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer and Lou Gehrig's disease could not be ruled out.

"I'm convinced that politics and corporate interests are behind denials (that say) there are no health effects," said Milham. Meanwhile, the FDA and the World Health Organization are urging more studies, especially of radio waves from cell phones.

<http://www.wired.com/news/medtech/0,1286,64579,00.html?w=rss.TOP> (See also related stories at the website). (Mike Terry via HCDX)

Harris RF-550

I use a 550 as my primary radio at home. Performance wise, I prefer it to any other radios I've tried including:

Drake R8, Racal 6790/gm, AOR ar7030+, and various other military or commercial marine receivers.

I almost always use it in sideband mode, with AFC and Coherent AGC turned on. AFC is basically a sideband selectable sync detector. Once it locks on a signal, it's tenacious. Coherent AGC takes the AGC reading through a much narrower filter, and it's less likely to be confused by lightning in the distance.

It's a sensitive and quiet radio, with scads of dynamic range. It's the closest thing I've found to a high fidelity shortwave. Very easy on the ears. I have several Bose center channel speakers I bought for other radios, and rarely bother hooking one up to the Harris because the built in speaker sounds good.

It's an exceptionally well shielded radio. The outer cabinet is probably about 1/8" thick aluminum, and most of the modules are individually cased with shields about 1/16" thick.

You want the RF-583 tuning option - this gives you "up/down" paddle switches for frequency tuning instead of multi position slide switches for each digit.

A friend started with one with the slide switches, and while he loved the performance, it was a pain for band scanning. A couple years later he was able to find one with the rf-583 and likes it much better.

He has several radios in his rack - and often has two or three on at a time. He tends to use a WJ 8718 for casual AM listening, and a Mackay 3031a (With nasty audio) for rtty. He had the military version of the Cubic 3030 but sold it because he didn't like the controls and felt the other radios out performed it.

The most common problem with 550's is the 170v power supply for the gas discharge displays. Every so often, you can find a kit to change the displays to LED's on ebay - I bought one, but haven't bothered installing it yet because my 170v ps is fine.

The service manual is quite good. With it, repairs would be simple for anyone who has the proper test equipment.

You get used to not having a tuning knob, and because you can use the up down paddles on each digit, it's quite quick for going to a known frequency. For band scanning, you just hold the paddle on the far right up or down and listen while the radio tunes.

It doesn't have memories - but since my radio is next to my comfy chair, I just keep my favorite frequencies in a file on the hard drive of a computer.

If my 550 was stolen or died, I would replace it as soon as possible.

I still use my AOR 7030+ - but mostly for camping trips and vacations.

If you have specific questions about the radio, feel free to contact me. (Regards, Mark S Holden via rec.radio.shortwave)

Thanks Mark, for a very interesting reference. We still find the successors to that radio in service today, and the reason that a tuning knob was not found on so many like it is, they are most often used as "Guard Receivers" - spending their life sitting on one frequency, with one radio for each guarded frequency. And when they do need to be shifted, it is by remote control via a software program. The operator may not be in the same room or state as the receiver(s). The 550's are certainly robust, and while quite old, should have more years of life in them than most commercial receivers of similar age. But they probably have a lot more hours on them than most hobbyists could rack up. "Most" being the key word there. (Best regards, Jack Painter Virginia Beach VA via rec.radio.shortwave)

Software for NRD 525 (rec.radio.shortwave)

Hi all I'm getting one of these this week and was wondering if anyone recommends a good program for computer control? I would like to get the fineware program but its no longer available. Thanks 73 and good DXing. (Brian)

There aren't many, but there are a few at: <http://www.strongsignals.net/access/content/software.html#HF>. There's a package at Orchid City Software that costs about 1/2 of Ergo's price. In addition, a few of these packages have their own dedicated Yahoo groups, so you can ask questions before you buy. Those links are also included on the page. 73s (Mike Strong, Signals software page editor)