

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Så är det dags igen för ett nytt nummer av SWB. Trots allt så är det lite aktivitet där ute i buskarna.

LB bifogar också inbjudan till årets ARC/SWB-konvent. Anmäl er redan nu. Många intressanta aspekter för klubbarnas framtid kommer att tas upp.

Vi har haft några dagar med kallt och blåsig väder här nere. För första gången på flera år fick snöskyffeln tas fram för att komma ut med bilarna. Precis när jag var färdig kom markägaren med sin stora traktor och snöskopa Så det blev lite motion helt i onödan. I övrigt så planerar vi att renovera vårt badrum. Det är förvisso litet, men det är minsann inte lätt bland allt kakel, mosaik och vitvaror att hitta rätt storlek och nyans. Men, förmodligen blir det ganska hyggligt hur man än gör efter alla dessa åren – bara det blir nåt nytt!

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Arnstein Bue: Det er én ting som irriterer meg når jeg leser tipsspalten, og som ette rmin mening setter ned lesbarheten veldig: Det er når en tipser konsekvens skal ha med landforkortelsen foran stasjonen! Det er da ikke nødvendig å skrive **INS RRI Fak-Fak**, for eksempel. Det er jo ikke så mange stasjoner på kortbølgen nå at vi som leser tipsene tar feil på landet.

Kanskje blir denne landkoden generert av et loggprogram e.l., men hvis vedkommende skriver den inn manuelt vil jeg innstendig anmode om at denne praksisen opphører.

Mine siste kortbølge-tips, fra Smøla og Kongsfjord i oktober 2004, er enda ikke publisert. Dette fordi loggen blir generert etterhvert som rapportene er klare, og mellombølge-rapportene blir stort sett prioritert foran.

Den høyeste frekvensen på de 34 QSL'ene jeg har fått hittil i 2005 er for øvrig 1700 kHz, men det henger jo sammen med det jeg skriver over. Jeg har faktisk ikke fått kortbølge-QSL siden de jeg bidro med til SWB 1550, men jeg har fått en mengde hyggelige mellombølge-QSL som f.eks. Radio Tonga 1017 og Radio Marshalls 1098.

Men i min jakt på LA-QSL nr. 400 vil helt sikkert kortbølgestasjoner spille en viktig rolle, så jeg håper å komme sterkt tilbake.

Christer Brunström: **Voice of America 4930** vilket jeg tror er Botswana men de skrev São Tomé på kortet. Dessutom kalender, programtidning, dekal og penna. Jag hörde f.ö. på VoA att de fortfarande har kalendern i lager om någon skulle vilja ha den.

Lars Skoglund: Här kommer ett QSL-bidrag till nästa bulletin. **All India Radio Panaji 15235** brev direkt från Goa. v/s Mr. S. Jayaraman, Superintendent Enginner. Adress: High Power Transmitter, All India Radio, P.O. Goa University, Goa 403206, India. **KNLS 11765** kort.

Jan Edh: vi kämpar väl på... Efter nästan tre veckor så gjorde jag tillsammans med Rolf Larsson ett besök i Fredriksfors 22 - 23/2. Snön vräkte ner, men inte riktigt i samma mängd som ute vid kusten i Hudik tack och lov. Konditionsmessigt var det inte mycket. Australien på 120 m och RRI FakFak gick bra, men inga andra indoneser. Brassarna var knappt hörbara på 60 m och inget annat gick. På morgonen var det litet bättre, utan att för den skull vara bra.

Apitintie är väl undantaget. Märkligt hur den stationen med sin relativt låga effekt, och vid det här laget är väl den nya sändaren varit i gång ett år åtminstone också, kan gå så pass bra och ofta även vid usla konditioner då egentligen inget annat spännande hörs. Ingenting hörbart på 5910,47 som tycks vara oregelbunden. Mellanvågen var heller inte givande...

2/3: vi hade hoppats på betydligt vassare konditioner så här i marsinledningen, men verkligheten blev än en gång ganska långt ifrån hur det lät för ett par dagar sedan... Kylan var tuff (-23 som mest) när Rolf Larsson, Dan Andersson och jag tillbringade första marsnatten i Fredriksfors.

Kortvågen var litet bättre än vanligt med en del signaler från Pacific på kvällen. Grönland på kortvågen gick också oväntat bra. Tveksamare mot LA, men vad är det vi har på 5930,44? Och inte ett ljud nu heller på 5010,47. Apintie gick "som ett spjut" tidigt på morgonen, men försvann helt fframåt 7-tiden. NA som vi hoppats på gav bara Östkustcanada, morgonen i stället mest Colombia/Västindien men inget kul.

4/3: i ett försök att "suga ut det göttaste" ur konditionerna eldade vi upp Fredriksfors ännu en iskall kväll. Kortvågen gick ganska bra mot Asien, och även på MV var det en liten öppning där. Och Grönland på KV gick toppbra. Däremot var konditionerna helt under isen vad gällde LA. Jag hörde knappt de vanliga 60 mb-brassarna, så mycket mindre något annat. Men också på MV var LA-stationerna bortblåsta den här natten som framför allt bjöd på NA med toppstyrkor på dominerter och "gröt" på övriga frekvenser. Trevlig helg önskar Jan

Tore B Vik: Etersom jeg bare har et tips til neste SWB så kommer det her og nå.

Leif Råhäll: Här kommer några tips från senaste veckorna. Inga nyheter men ändå. Undrar om det är Cotonou på sin gamla frekvens, får se om det går att lura ut.

Björn Fransson: Jag sticker till fasta landet för att umgås med barnbarnen resten av denna

sportlovsvecka, så jag skickar detta redan på tisdagskvällen. **QSL: Riktigt bedrövt! Bara Radio China International-13790/17490** med vackra kort och personliga rader från alerta Ying Lian. CRI tycks vara en av de få stationer numera, som verkligen uppskattar att få lyssnarrapporter och brev!

Tore Larsson: Jag tänkte tipsa om en utmärkt artikel i DXLD nummer 5-036 som handlar om radio, men kanske om kortvåg i synnerhet. Den ger ett visst hopp till kortvågslýssningen - alla i världen är ju inte uppkopplade på nätet. Författaren är Gordon Mytton som höll ett anförande vid "CIBAR Annual Conference", London, November 2004. Artikeln är alldeles för lång att kopieras in i SWB, men de som är intresserade kan hämta den från DXLD. Allt för denna gång. Vi hörs!

Stig Adolfsson: Hej alla! Från ett vinterkallt (i alla fall i förrgår) Roslagen kommer ett litet livstecken i form av några tips. Jag har också en del info om sändaren i Tasiilaq, Grönland på 3815 men jag hinner inte sammanställa detta nu. Har nu hört den vid ett 20-tal tillfällen, dock vanligen mycket svagt.

Bjarke Vestesen: Sidste weekend var hele familien på forlænget weekend i et sommerhus på Sydlangeland, en større ø syd for Fyn og ikke så langt fra Tyskland. Godt isoleret sommerhus med alle faciliteter. Jeg fik rullet 250 meter ledning ud, som lå oven på sneen i nordvestlig retning til den medbragte 7030+. Forholdene var rigtig fine mod NA på mellembølge, og jeg fik noteret flere stationer, jeg ikke tidligere har hørt før. Der blev dog også lyttet til kortbølge indimellem, når fjernsyn, video, dvd-afspiller m.v. ikke var tændt (de støjede meget, men mest på MB).

Dan Olsson: Hej! Här kommer bidrag ifrån ett kallt och vintrigt Kävlinge. Tipsen denna gång märkta 19-20 februari är från en lyssnarnatt i Saxtorp som jag och Jan Thörnblom (JTM) deltog. När vi kom ut till stugan så hade de glömt att sätta på värmen, vilket gjorde att man frös hela lördagskvällen. Sen på natten mellan söndagen och måndagen fick jag en släng av influensan och därpå en kraftig förkylning så man varit för svag för att orka lyssna de senaste 10 dagarna. Några QSL har jag också fått nämligen; **6239 R Black Bird** med e-brev och **7333 R Friends** med e-brev annars är ett e-postsvar ifrån **WCMN 1280** i Puerto Rico som glatt mest.

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3214.980	26	1555	AWR , Madagascar körsång senare med anrop på FF och EE. 2-3 SA
3215	28.2	1655	Radio Feo'ny Filazantsara via Madagascars avslutade med klockspel! S 2-3. BEFF
3291,3	22.3	0430	Guayana med BBC QSA 1-2. JE
3399.966	1bl	0545	OID med bara prat, stark distorsion. Alltid mycket svag. 2x1700 eller vad ?? SA
3400	26.2	2300	Radio Guarujá Paulista nå på ny frekvens - ID med hjälp fra Grimm i Sao Paulo. Kommer opp omkring lokal midnatt og er stabil frem mot kl 0700. Söndag kveld bedre og fint ID. TBV
3815U	1.3	2100	Grönland // med 650 och nästan lika bra (QSA 2-3). Nyheter sedan populärmusik. Försvann ganska snabbt och var borta 21.20. Är man kanske inte igång hela tiden WRTH säger? JE
3815U	3.3	2125	Grönland igen. Nu gick man i varje fall till långt efter 22 och med väldigt bra hörbarhet (QSA 3-4). Mycket bättre än på MV 650. JE
3904.999	26	2010	OID men med sannolikhet Radio New Ireland, Kavieng med skön musik. 2 SA
3905,0	27.2	2001	R New Ireland med south sea mx 2 LRH
3905	1.3	1930	Radio New Ireland körde fem minuter //4890 (som hade Radio Australia), men sedan eget musikprogram. QSA 2. JE
3905	3.3	1945	Radio New Ireland riktigt njutbar med söderhavsmusik men även "Mama Mia" och annat trevligt. Osedvanligt fin hörbarhet. QSA 3. JE
3925	3.3	2025	Nikkei Radio med traditionellt upplägg - klockspel, annonsering, 15 minuter ekonominytt och sedan pianoklink. QSA 3. JE
3930,0	27.2	1620	KBS-1 Hwasong med tal 2 LRH
4604.964	26	2015	RRI Serui med blandad underhållningsmusik "musik populär". 3 SA
4605	3.3	2010	RRI Serui tidigt uppe och med hyggligt tryck i indonespoppen. QSA 3 JE
4750	3.3	2015	RRI Makassar . Muslimska musik, väldigt störning (från Kinesen som inte kunde uppfattas med någon audio?). QSA 2-3 men usel hörbarhet. JE
4760	28.2	1645	Radio Liberty via Yangiyul var mycket stark med ett farsiliknande språk. Någon försökte jamma den en stund, men det försöket misslyckades på styrkan. I bakgrunden hördes TWR/Swaziland, som stängde med en bön kl 17.00. BEFF
4760	20.2	0130	AIR/Leh drog sin hemsidesadress och spelade sen ragamusik DO
4790	22.2	2135	RRI FakFak (tabelloggad bara, men...) med ett politiskt program om arabvärlden. Bra styrka (QSA 3) men grötigt och stört av något annat som pratade några Hz under RRI-frekvensen. JE
4790	3.3	2000	RRI FakFak med muslimsk recitation. QSA 3 JE
4790	20.2	0035	Azad Kashmir med lokalmusik DO
4870,0	21.2	1945	OID Fransktalande Benin Cotonou ? svag 1+ LRH
4890,0	27.2	2025	Port Moresby med lugn pop mx 3 LRH
4905	20.2	0210	R Araguaia spelade Dire Straits för DO
4960	3.3	1935	Catholic Network litet bättre än härom kvällen och minsann 19.37 också en liten annonsering i musiken. En frekvens med förfärligt mycket "oväsen" på. QSA 1-2 JE
4960	1.3	1937	Tent Catholic Radio Network . Kristen orkestral annonserad musik. Inget prat alls hördes. Mycket svag (QSA 1) men glimtade till ibland. Oftast är det datatrafik som stör här också. JE
4975	23.2	0630	Radio Pacifico , Lima, predikade. QSA 2, men väldigt ren och "tydlig". JE
4990	23.2	0625	Apintie bra. Blandade litet holländsk musik med dragspel och snudd på positivhalande in i den vanliga mixen. QSA 3. JE
5010	20.2	0005	AIR/Thiruvananthapuram med ID efter nyheterna DO
5019,9	3.3	1925	Solomon Islands (tabellogg). 19.30 kom en stark bärvåg och förstörde möjligheterna, även om musiken slog igenom. QSA 2 JE

5019,9	27.2	1530	Honiara med WS 2 LRH
5428	03	2045	JKM20 , Mihara med NHK-program på USB. Hörs lite då och då men är i allmänhet störd av datatrafik. SA
5930,44	2.1	0630	OID LA-station som pratade. QSA 2-3 men hemskt splatter från Murmansk. Vi höll just på att packa ihop för att åka och jobba och kunde inte kolla så noga. Hittar inget som passar. JE
6139,4	2.3	0615	Radio Melodia (Lider) med QSA 2- Gick bra på MV tidigare på morgonen, men hade dött där vid denna tid. JE
6139.77	27.2	0600	Radio Lider , Bogotá var en härlig överraskning! Slog under en kvart ut självaste Deutsche Welle, som hade engelska på jämna 6140 kHz. Lider körde med romantisk musik och många och fina ID's: "Esta es Rádio Lider – con la Música romantica". S 3-4! BEFF
6140	1.3	0641	Radio Lider uppfattades med anrop och info om "onda corta". 2 CB
6421.16	25.2	1640	Voice of Iranian Revolution på kurdisk, kurdisk musik, flere IDs, nævnte ofte Iran, ingen jamming. Drev en lille smule i frekvens. Også hørt 1755. 24333 BV
7185	21.2	1815	Bangladesh Betar med nyheter på EE. 3 CB
7590	19.2	1605	AFRTS/Grindavík pratade om skatter på bilförsäljning i USA DO
9290	26.2	2105	European Music Radio via Ulbroka, Letland, engelsk, worldwide program, som kun indimellem fadede ind, mange IDs "it's EMR - echo, mike, romeo". 13222 BV
9665	25.2	2057	Rádio Marumby började höras vid denna tid så fort Rádio Nacional do Brasil stängde av sin sändare. Strax därefter kom ett inslag om "medicina tradicional". 2 CB
9704.22	26.2	1855	Radio Ethiopia fra Addis Ababa, klavermusik, mange ann. på uid. sprog (sikkert amharic) og // 7110 kHz (svagere). 33333 BV
9725	1.3	0715	University Radio Network i Costa Rica med den nyligen avlidne Dr Gene Scott. 2-3 CB
9820	21.2	1400	AIR/Panaji pratade om ett fredsmöte mellan Indien och Pakistan DO
11715	25.2	1755	Sudan Radio Service , uid. sprog (ikke arabisk), mange tydelige IDs, freq.ann., frekvensen var fri indtil 1759, hvorefter den var helt blokeret. 34444 BV
11735	25.2	1959	Rádio Transmundial med stort ID. Senare kom programmet "Espaço Transmundial". 3 CB
11765	25.2	0820	KNLS Anchor Point, Alaska, med flere IDs, adr.ann., www-adr og e-mail. Opfordrede til at skrive ind. 22222 BV
11800	25.2	2200	Radio Habana Cuba med "Revista Iberoamericana". Detta är uppenbarligen en testfrekvens avsedd för Medelhavsområdet. 2-3 CB
11805	22.2	2027	Rádio Globo åter på kortvåg. Nu med programmet "Globo Cidade". Starkaste brassen på bandet. 2-3 CB
13820	26.2	1500	The Voice med program för Afrika "from Bulgaria". Fina låtar och många annonseringar och önskemål om brevkontakt. S 4! BEFF
15120	3.3	0630	Radio Nigeria med engelsk, dårlig modulation og flere IDs inden 0700, hvor den franske service begyndte. 24333 BV
15190	25.2	1630	Radio Africa , Ækvatorial Guinea, eng., religiøst program, mange IDs som "Radio Africa". QRM fra BBCWS Antigua.
15250	21.2	0900	China Radio International mycket stark med kinesiska och inte ett pip från den i förra numret rapporterade Fu Hsing BS på Taiwan. 4 CB
15345	21.2	1903	RAE började sändningen på italienska men med störningar från Marocko. 2-3 CB
15345	25.2	2133	RAE med DX-nyheter på tyska. Detta var utgåva nummer 1150 och som vanligt sammanställd av Gabriel Iván Barrera. Sedan kom ett mycket intressant inslag om José de San Martín. 3 CB



Bandscan from BM, Quito, Ecuador

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

Quito 24/2 2005, Recording of **4874.78 kHz R. Difusora de Roraima**, Boa Vista

7000 0640z UNID non-stop Latin pops, very weak here... have heard a ute playing Latin mx on 7000 kHz before but not for prolonged periods... this one is still audible at 08:07. Cheers, Paul Ormandy ZLAPW

ECUADOR. Paul Ormandy in New Zealand has an **unID LA station on 7000.00 kHz**. I checked the frequency and "surprise surprise", there is a LA station with very weak signal also here in Quito on 7000.00 kHz. But it's hard to believe we are hearing the same station. "My" station turned out to be a spur from "La Cariñosa", Quito 920 kHz.

But, the best signal strength in Quito has La Cariñosa and furthermore there is no station in Quito that gives away as many spurs as La Cariñosa --- a station with mostly Cumbia music and IDs by a very sensual YL voice. Comments, photos and recordings at: <http://www.malm-ecuador.com> (Björn Malm, Ecuador, Feb 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Could be a mixing product with HCJB on 6080, 920 kHz away from 7000. 6080 in WRTH 2005 is scheduled in Quichua at 0830-1400 and also 2100- 0300. Check whether your 7000 goes on and off at any of these times along with 6080. However, Paul was hearing 7000 as early as 0640, past 0807 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Recording of **4460.95 CPN Radio**, unknown QTH (Perú). I have never noted any "CPN Radio" before on the frequency but this Saturday morning the normal CPN Radio programming: news and weather. The listed station Radio Nor Andina, Celendín has been inactive for a

long time, 6-12 months or so. 3 weeks ago I noted a Peruvian on the frequency with music and talk but very low modulated signal and I presumed it was a reactivation of Nor Andina. Nor Andina with relay of CPN or something new?

This Friday morning between around 1000-1040 UTC all southern signals were blocked, nothing from Perú, Chile etc but at the same time I for the first time logged **CFRB**, Toronto(Canada) on **6070.00 kHz** with good signal and ID's. Closer to 1100 UTC the southern signals returned but very weak. Very rare conditions!



Saludos Cordiales desde "La Mitad del Mundo"!

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Stationsnyheter

ARGENTINA: 3240,8 Radio Italia, Villa Martelli, Provincia de Buenos Aires, (1620,4 x 2), 0255-0258, March 05, Spanish, ID: "Usted esta sintonizando AM1620 Radio Italia. Llamenos al 4709-1178". Ann.: "Escribanos a nuestro correo electronico radioitalia@arnet.com.ar", 24442 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina via HCDX)

BRAZIL: Denne info fikk jeg fra Rudolf Walter Grimm i Sao Paulo. Subject: **Guaruja 3385**. Tore, Today I received a new info about Radio Guarujá Paulista: They will begin a use a new frequency, replacing 3235: It is the frequency of 3385 kHz. This is the reason of using in test the near frequency of this, 3400 for several days. The begin will be in the next days. 73s, Rudolf Grimm (Tore B. Vik)

BRAZIL. Radio Nacional Amazonia had moved down to former 6180 February 28th, heard at good strength 0750 UT with phone in programme of chat and music. This meant Radio Educación was again in the clear after Vatican went off 0745 UT, also good strength with a classical music programme (Noel Green-UK, WDXC-UK Contact Feb 28 via BC-DX via DXLD) Yeah, but to stay on 6180? (gh)

Due of newly RFI-TDF DRM transmission on 6175 kHz no chance to hear something +/- 20 kHz here in Europe (Wolfgang Büschel, ibid., Mar 3)

GREENLAND: KNR Tasiilaq presumed the one on 3815 USB March 4th, dead on frequency, 2103 heard woman speaking, rang Noel Green and he had the same, 2113 female singer, 2116 discussion between man and woman. Signal was threshold level but steady, just above the noise level, the music was coming over better than the speech, too weak to be positive about the language. At 2130 there was a short musical bridge/interval signal, then presumed news in Greenlandic as listed in WRTH, same interval signal 2142 followed by music. Signal began to fade down but the musical bridge was heard again at 2200, woman with presumed Danish news, musical bridge at 2210 then another piece of music and left the air without apparent announcement at 2215. Occasional short 20 second bursts of utility interference and presumably the same utility transmitter tuning up from time to time. (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK, AOR 7030, 60 m longwire via HCDX)

GREECE: What a hec is this station? Has anyone here noticed this station, it broadcasts on 8734 on SSB mode. It keeps on repeating some series of numbers and letters. It's name is Radio Olibia. I listened to this 28.2 22.00 utc. (juha ojanperä via HCDX)

Olympia Radio, Greece. Maritime coastal station. And if I may add, this is one of the very few coastal stations still running the "voice mirror" on their frequencies in the HF band. Most of the stations have been demolished and those surviving usually run only digital/rtty. Some can still be heard with cw, Italy, Korea, China etc but the marine bands for casual SSB/CW listening are mostly dead. When I was a "marconi" onboard ocean-going vessels in the 70's and 80's, the marine band was full of stations. Sic transit gloria mundi - never got this clear - is it Gloria travels around the world? hmm -) (ari Savolainen via HCDX)

ITALY. Concerning the Italian UNID on 7598/L reported on SWB 1557, it's the morning test of the Carabinieri HF net. The net control station is IEA20 in Rome, calling the other stations that reply stating reception quality. The Carabinieri are an Italian police corps with military status. (Best regards Giampaolo Galassi)

SOUTH AFRICA. SW Radio Africa is very pleased to announce that starting Wednesday 23rd February we will be broadcasting into Zimbabwe on medium wave. Between 5 and 7 am every morning listeners can tune in to 1197Khz in the medium wave band. These morning broadcasts are also available on shortwave on 3230Khz in the 75 metre band. Our evening broadcasts remain unchanged on shortwave 6145Khz in the 49 metre band. <http://www.swradioafrica.com/> Mike Terry via HCDX

VANUATU. Just to confirm Vanuatu is definitely ON. I'm currently on day 3 of a 5 day DXpedition at a campsite 50km north of my home in Townsville, North Queensland Australia. Just drove 45 minutes for a "half-time" shower and to 're-humanise' at home for an hour or so and thought I'd post this. This DXpedition is for North Americans and Pacific Islands on MW but I thought I'd have a quick look at Vanuatu as I know there are some questions about their active or not status.

Vanuatu was putting in a very strong signal on 7260 in pidgin English with pop music along with shipping announcements, family messages and announcements of sporting events, and Radio Vanuatu IDs when I tuned in on 25/2 around 0630 UTC. They announced frequencies on SW of 7260 and 3945 but I couldn't get anything on 3945 at this time (430pm my local and still 2 hours away from sunset, so the signal wouldn't propagate very well at this time anyhow). I had to go at 0655 UTC as MW Pacific signals started to come in.

Next day on 26/2 tuned in again and they were stronger at 0600 and conditions seemed a lot better, this time at 0650 UTC there was a het on 3945. Signals from USA were coming in so I didn't stick around - sorry guys no time for SW on this trip 8^ - had a brief couple of checks in the period 0700 - 0940 UTC and 3945 was a fairly good signal while // 7260 was a powerhouse. Didn't check when they signed off as too busy hunting North American MW.

Key thing to note that on the 25/2 just before 0700 UTC news the announcer in pidgin English requested reception reports by the local residents of Vanuatu and outlying islands for 3945 khz and he announced a postal address and telephone numbers for this.

Anyway this is just a quick note to say 3945 and 7260 are definitely on in the 0600-0930'ish UTC period. OK back to the DX campsite..... (Craig Edwards PO Box 1075, Oonoonba QLD 4811, Australia via HCDX)

Övriga radionyheter

A new International radio Station from Europe, Submitted by: Published: Sunday, 27 February 2005

A new radio station is set to launch this April broadcasting from the heart of Slovakia to central Europe via a network of AM/FM transmitters. It will also be able to be heard further a field via Sky Digital and the Internet. At the start of the year we heard rumours of a new European based station, and I guess we thought it was a hoax. There is often talk on the various radio forums about new International stations broadcasting from the high seas or beamed from the Netherlands which never happen, and we could have easily dismissed this one too. However this new station is real and will be broadcasting from Poprad in Slovakia. Strange place you may well ask? OK so it wouldnt be an obvious choice. However the team behind RTI have spent several months planning such a service headed by Media Guru - Eric Wiltsher.

RTI, Radio Tatras International will offer international programming all originating and uplinked from the UK. The station is licensed by Ofcom with output servers based in the UK, as well. RTI will also have local affiliate stations around Europe who will focus on providing the best news, travel, weather services at the times when it's most important to do that. Each affiliate will all have studios of their own. RTI is set to launch on April 9th. I haven't spoken to Eric for a while so I thought it appropriate to collar young Wiltsher and ask him to explain himself. '

Ed: So where was RTI Originally thought of?

Eric: Actually in the Tatras Mountains. I was covering the launch of a new Aqua Park - now called AquaCity, in Poprad Slovakia.

Being the type that I am, I spoke to the CEO, Jan Telensky - I said that getting Brits there as tourists would need the local airport to be fully opened, rather than flying via Prague. I also suggested that they should make sure UK newspapers were on sale and why not add a travel news radio station in English. However, as all radio has to, the project evolved into a much bigger, international project. But we stayed with a name from the first meeting hence RTI (Radio Tatras International) - blimey sounds a bit like Beckhamish.

Ed: So did you start buying a station in Poprad?

Eric: Nearly - but then we changed our minds. Jan will share the story forever in that I asked him to go to the government and ask for approval to run an English language radio station. Notwithstanding the fact that Slovakia has spent an eternity getting to its rightful position of independence and being able to use its own language - I walk in and say "English".

Ed: Do you see that being a stumbling block?

Eric: As it goes no. Both in Slovakia and other areas there will always be local programming at breakfast, lunch and evening drive. I passionately believe that is the correct thing to do. Outside of those hours radio we can be pan-European and can cross borders - let's face it that's how radio started.

We have gone to great lengths to research areas to better understand that which appeals to people and that which people want - not what some so-called expert suggests people want. We actually spoke to real people.

Ed: If that is the case then surely you will annoy your audience the way you have programmed RTI?

Eric: Only if you are daft enough to think people will listen to a station 24/7. This is a foolish notion generated by a silly research system - let me explain:- For several years I received calls on a Sunday on an ex-D line from a research company. It was obvious whom the research was being done for so when they asked if I'd tune away when a track started I'd say the exact opposite of what I thought they wanted. Chatting with people via e-mail there were a few of us that appeared to be regularly called so we agreed a strategy of miss-information.

The point I'm making is that for year's stations have gone with so-called research and for all we know it could be complete rubbish. Therefore, our view is people don't listen 24/7, but give the audience a real reason to tune-in even if its only for 2 hours a week and they'll be there. The big factor is that because they tune-in they'll actually be listening and if you were a sponsor would you want your message to be heard by a listening audience or one that just has the radio on and isn't really listening. I know where I would spend my marketing budget.

Ed: So who developed your schedule?

Eric: Developed is not exactly how I would describe it. Many years ago I studied at the IBM business school and at the celebratory dinner I sat with the then finance director of IBM UK. I asked him about buying products and he pointed to his stomach. He explained that a good executive can make decisions based on industry knowledge and the 'gut-feeling' it's the right thing to do.

Returning to your question, the bottom line is it is a gut feeling based on speaking with audiences all over Europe. And the other great thing is if we find something doesn't work we can simply change it.

Ed: With regard to changes who decides?

Eric: Me, the buck stops with Eric. Sure I have the option of bouncing ideas off of Jan, but at the end of the day even the two of us aren't going to take weeks to make changes or introduce new programming. In short one simple phone and that would be it.

Ed: But wont that equally annoy your sponsors and listeners?

Eric: Certainly not. The only reasons we would change a show is because it doesn't work for the station. That means the audience don't want it and by the same token why would our sponsors.

One of the key factors is finding sponsors that benefit from being on RTI. This way we have 80% of our output appealing to a plus 25 audience. Fridays will be focused on new music. However, not that far removed that is cannot be enjoyed by listeners who still feel they're in there teens.

Ed: I hear you are to use Caroline as a sustaining service why?

Eric: Because we think it is a good idea and why not? Radio Caroline has given pleasure to so many and maybe this will be a factor in their total regeneration again.

Ed: So why the other players and stations?

Eric: Again because we believe they will be warmly received across Europe. Whilst it is true to say that, say, central Europe isn't the UK; central Europe has a close affiliation with English language radio. If you ask people in the area how they picked up English they will say via radio.

However, what is key - is having people who can interact with an audience across Europe. Everyone on the schedule has some experience on a pan-European or global platform(s). And that's why the other players and stations are they, because I know they can do it!

Ed: You originally had a launch date if Easter why the change?

Eric: Further acquisition and for now that's all I'm saying. However, we have a revised date of 9th April and I expect you to join us for the launch party.

Ed: Who me??? Certainly - thanks.

Ed: When will you be releasing Tune-In details?

Eric: Very soon. However, I can share that RTI will be available on satellite (28 east where Sky are), on the web via www.rti.fm and an array of traditional frequencies. We will have a special page on the web site for people to identify the best way to tune in within their local area.

Ed: Finally, how would you describe RTI in terms of a schedule?

Eric: Broadcast radio as opposed to narrow cast. You can expect our presenters to interact with the listeners and there certainly won't be any liner-cards to annoy listeners either.

It's basically radio for grown-ups, who still want radio but hate having to tune around to get the variety and personality radio they want.

Ed: Many thanks, Eric I look forward to a beer in Poprad!

Preliminary - Schedule Details:

Weekdays

06.00 - 07.00 - Quality Cultural programming

07.00 - 09.00 - Local and International Breakfast from R.T.I. All local affiliates to R.T.I. will operate their own breakfast show with a family breakfast show aired on satellite and the internet.

09.00 - 12.00 - The R.T.I. Vault The best music from the 60's through till the present day.

12.00 - 14.00 - Lunchtime on R.T.I. On both the local opt-outs and International service of R.T.I., lunchtime will feature a mix of music and news.

14.00 - 17.00 - More from the R.T.I. Vault

17.00 - 19.00 - Homeward Bound. Homeward Bound, in keeping with RTI breakfast local opt outs to help Europeans get home combined with the best music.

19.00 - 20.00 - Quality Cultural programming

Evenings -

A range of programmes from the latest European Country Music chart countdown, through to the chrome and mirrors of Disco from the 70's, 80's and 90's, Classic Rock will also feature on R.T.I. as will special Top 40 Gold shows. Just some of those producing special shows includes:

- * Top 40 Gold - twice a week by Fiona Wiltsher.
- * The Rock Box - Unashamed European Rock Queen Pandora brings her Rock Box to R.T.I. every week.
- * The Very Best Of Country Music - Lee Williams
- * The Alternative Premier League and Euro-sports round up with Mandy Segall.
- * The Album Zone with Johnny Reece
- * Chris Reardon's Club Classics
- * Macers Musical Memories - Ian Macer
- * Jodie Scott
- * RTI's Folklore - Adam
- * The Award Winning MediaZoo - Eric Wiltsher

Through The Night on RTI - Radio Caroline

Weekends -

Weekends on RTI will be wall-to-wall music. In fact You'll Never Be More Than Sixty Seconds Away from music on the RTI weekender - Less news more fun when you're driving around Europe. The final weekend line-up of presenters is still being finalised. However, OMR will be producing shows for the weekend and again Through The Night will be Radio Caroline. The above is a representative schedule and subject to change.

Weblink: <http://www.rti.fm> <http://ukradio.com/news/articles/9C8B18ED31394045ACBA11F35D8C3E51.asp>

(Hermod Pedersen (& Mike Terry) via HCDX)

T2FD (Tilted, Terminated Folded Dipole)

He's referring to my article on the T2FD (Tilted, Terminated Folded Dipole) on the hard-core-dx.com site: <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/nordicdx/antenna/wire/t2fd.html>. This is a tried-and-true nonresonant antenna design, known for its low noise receiving characteristics and even impedance over a wide frequency range. The resistor (opposite the feedpoint) is a critical component for achieving good results with the T2FD. Some have called the T2FD a "squashed rhombic"... another antenna design that includes a resistor to operate properly. The popular Beverage antennas (such as I use these days) also need a terminating resistance if you want to reduce signals and QRM off the back side. There is a Barker & Williamson (B&W) commercial version of this antenna suitable for transmitting, and it is rated 2kw PEP. The cost is around \$350 US, and it is suitable for 1.8 to 54 MHz use. See: <http://www.bwantennas.com/ama/fdipole.ama.htm> I don't know what B&W has done to achieve a patent on this, but it is essentially a T2FD antenna. (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA via HCDX)

An interesting "antenna"

I have discovered an interesting "antenna" I have purely by accident. I think I mentioned I lost my NNW beverage due to the neighbors taking down the trees. Well the two hundred feet of coax running West is still out there buried in the ground. I hooked it up to the R8 and guess what? It has a very strong lobe to the North!! Why I haven't a clue. Infact during the day CFUN 1410 Vancouver is listenable on it. No other antenna picks it up that well. I notice it on other Vancouver stations too. However, there is one big problem with it. There is a very high "whoosing" noise level on the bottom part of the band up to about 1200 khz. It sounds like a bad ground type thing. Not man made noise. It is like one of the conductors is not connected type noise. A solid noise that does not vary in strength. Now at night I don't notice it as the signal levels over power the noise. I would really love to use this coax antenna. Do you know how I can get rid of that bad ground type noise? I wonder if I plugged in a matching transformer at the end would take care of it? Any thoughts. It sounds rather interesting as the signal levels are pretty decent if it wasn't for the background noise. I find the coax running West would be that directional to the North, but also my 40 foot vertical seems to have some Northerly directional properties too. Any thoughts? Thanks. (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, KAVT Reception Manager via HCDX)

NCDXF/IARU Beacon Location Chart

A very useful propagation tool: <http://www.ncdxf.org/Beacon/BeaconLocations.html>

(Wayne Busby, WA6FXL [wa6fxl@earthlink.net] via HCDX)

Amateur Radio in 2050, February 16, 2005

Hams have historically been tinkers. We have developed many of the communication technologies seen in use today. While many think of amateur radio as a hobby that involves people who tinker with tubes, oscillator coils and transformers; I am left wondering what will happen in the next 40 - 50 years for Amateur Radio.

Will it be "radio" as we know it today or will we evolve into a new communications evolution?

So what may be in the future for ham radio?

For example, will tomorrow's hams communicate long distances by bouncing modulated light waves from the sun using large dish reflectors into the deep fringes of space?

Will we find a way to learn to harness the light and gigawatt power of the sun to achieve this powerful communication network in the future if it should even exist?

Perhaps we may use a form of earth vibration modulation technology using Mother Nature as a new communication medium.

Or, we might find a way to communicate using atoms as the vehicle for communications in the future.

Will we be able to use atoms to send signals by compressing packets somehow into these atoms and then sending them over long distances along a narrow beam of light? Who knows?

As we evolve into the future of Amateur Radio what do you think we will invent? Will the ARRL have new interplanetary DX entities?

How do you envision the typical Radio Amateur in 2050?

(73, Charles -- KC8VWM <http://www.eham.net/articles/10250> via HCDX)

"The End of Radio"

Wired magazine has dedicated their March issue to what they call "The End of Radio" -- a series of articles on digital radio, podcasting, and satellite radio. <http://www.kurthanson.com/archive/news/022405/index.asp>
<http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/13.03/stern.html> (Mike terry via HCDX)

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