

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Glad sommar!

Då var midsommaren över för denna gång. Här nere i Skåne fick vi en fantastiskt fin dag med 25-26 gr. Det var till och med så att det blev årets första besök på stranden. Men doppet får vänta, än är temperaturen bara 18 gr, vilket är något för kallt även för den mest inbitne.

Vi gick en runda i Båstad igår och nere vid hamnen satt ett gäng och sov gott efter allt festande.

En del bidrag har letat sig till redaktionen, men nu verkar det som de flesta kommer att ta det lugnt och njuta av semestern istället.

För oss KV-freaks är Anker Petersens sammanställning av KV-läget ingen upplyftande läsning precis.

Som tur är är det väl högsäsong för FM nu vilket en hel del är intresserade av.

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Christer Brunström: 18/6: Slutade jobba igår eftermiddag och fick en fin inledning av DX-sommaren 2005 tack vare loggningen av R Veritas på 5470.

20/6: Jag åker nu till Lysekiel ett par dagar. Jag och Rune Arnell skall sedan upp till Kaneberget för att se hur långt man kommit där med att ta hand om virket och sedan försöka uppskatta möjligheterna att sätta upp nya antenner.

Kurt Norlin: Här kommer en fortsättning av mitt brev från förra söndagen, som jag p.g.a. tidsbrist p.g.a. deadline till SWB 1565 nödgades avsluta i förtid. Här kommer fortsättningen. Jag antar att utgåvan av SWB 1565 blev senarelagt då jag ännu inte fått den.

Som jag nämnde så var jag på expedition till Parkalompolo i januari detta år. Resultatet kan f.ö. ses på PAX48 på webben. På tal om PAX48 så hade jag även med den NRD-525 som jag hade med till dig. Den fungerade bra på MV med undantag för en något klen känslighet runt 600 kHz. Jag antar att man får leva med detta. Det är tydligen ett hyggligt men inte ett toppexemplar. Den skulle nog först och främst behöva bättre 70MHz filter och även en genomgång av trimningen.

Tyvärr så är Broers filter ej tillgängliga och de tyska filter du nämnde vid något tillfälle är ju på tok för dyra. Jag skulle dock ha lust att testa sådana på 545-an. De brister den har vid vissa tillfällen skulle troligen elimineras med dessa filter. På tal om Broers. Vet du om denne märklige man fortfarande lever?

Jag hade räknat med att ha något att bidra med då men tyvärr så hörde jag i princip inget på kortvåg av intresse. Eftersom mellanvågen prioriterades så lyssnade jag endast där då något hördes. Det enda som jag hörde på kv var väl Macapá som tentativt hördes någon morgon. På tal om den så har jag nu Office i min dator varför det nu har getts möjlighet att skriva ut QSL-et från denna. QSL-bilagorna var på både EE och PP.

Mitt mail därifrån kom december 2004, vilket jag även meddelade till SWB. Den gode LB räknade dock inte med den i statistiken, vilket jag i och för sig inte bryr mig om.

Jag har även en fråga. Har du något bra filter (455 kHz) för 3 – 3.5 kHz vid –6dB till salu? Jag skulle behöva ett bra sådant filter till en av mina mottagare. Icom har ju i och för sig ett bra sådant men jag tycker det är väl dyrt. Dessutom skulle jag vilja föreslå att Du skickar SWB och eventuella mail till denna E-postadress: kurnorlin@yahoo.com

Jag har fortfarande kvar min Hotmail adress men den är numera närmast obrukbar p.g.a. Hotmails bristfälliga spamkontroll. Varje gång jag öppnar den har den fyllts med otaliga Viagra- och penis-förlängarereklam på 100-300 kb vardera. Då blir de 2 MB man har till förfogande snabbt fullt. Slutligen, ha en varm, skön och trevlig sommar samt en trevlig Midsommar.

(Det enda filter man kan byta på 545 mig veterligt är det sk "roofing filtret" som kan köpas från Sherwood, se <http://www.sherweng.com/radios.html#545> /red)

Kenneth Olofsson: dags för lite bidrag, denna gången bara QSL, men det är ju inte illa. **Radio Caiari, Porto Velho 4775** svarade med brev och kort. **Radio San Andrés, Cutervo, Cajamarca 5544** svarade med ett 5 sidigt email med bilder från San Andrés bl.a.. V/s : Leoncio Samane Meza , som anger följande adress till stationen: Radio San Andrés, Municipalidad Distrital, San Andrés de Cutervo, Cajamarca, Peru. Ett härligt QSL, förmodligen Europa-etta. Ingenlogg denna gång, åker snart till Öland för lite semester, endast FM-radio är med. Ha det skönt i sommarvärmen.

Bjarke Vestesen: Lige nogle hurtige bidrag en lun sommeraften.

Henrik Klemetz: Voice of Mongolia brukar i sitt brevlådeprogram tala om "our regular listener" så fort CB eller HK hört av sig. Därför har också jag fått en CD-skiva med mongolisk musik där den säregna "hästfelan", morin khuur, finns med på två spår.

När jag annars får tjockare brev med CD-skivor eller andra "memorabilia" så brukar det vara från **RDPI, RTI, RSI, RKI, RRI** eller vad stationerna nu heter.

Ja, **RKI** har förstås bytt namn till **KBS World** för att inte vara sämre än **NHK World**. (Hänger ni med?)

Andra tjockare konvolut brukar komma från **Pragradion** som har en strålande website www.radio.cz/ och många smärre tävlingar samt en årlig uppsatsävling. I årets uppsatsävling gällde det att tycka till om tjockiskt öl. Någon resa till humlens hemland blev det inte, men jag får väl något annat trevligt pris

kanske. För pristagare blev jag påstått man från Argentina.

När jag skriver till **VOM** är det på engelska. Det har jag också gjort till **CRI**, som dock inte brytt sig om att svara. Till de andra stationerna skriver jag oftast på andra språk än engelska.

Jan Edh: Hej Thomas, och god fortsättning på sommaren. Hoppas det varit en fin midsommar över hela landet. Här har det varit strålande den senaste tiden så när som på litet åska, och på midsommardagens eftermiddag kom det några häftiga hagelskurar och temperaturen sjönk samtidigt till bara +13. Nu, söndag morgon, är det dock strålande väder igen.

DX-mässigt har det varit en helt inaktiv period. Jag har försökt hänga med, men konditionerna har tydligen inte varit roliga och jag har inte ens varit ut till Fredriksfors. Tog däremot med radion ut till stugan och slog på den på lördagskvällen. Förvånades därvid av att Radio Veritas 5470 ju faktiskt gick riktigt bra på dipolen där. Måste ha mycket starkare sändare nu än förra gången man var aktiv på frekvensen för några år sedan. Nu får man hoppas att emailadressen fortfarande funkar också...

Däremot var det klent mot LA på min antenn och jag ledsnade rätt snabbt utan att ha hört annat än några av de vanligaste brassarna.

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3279.5	25.6	0045	La Voz del Napo med spansk snak och diskussion i studiet. 22222 BV
3310	25.6	0015	Radio Mosoj Chaski , spansk, mange ann., LA-musik, IDs, tids-ann., meget lokal QRN pga. tordenvejr. 33222 BV
3905	20.6	1845	OID med pop.mx sen EE-tk och pop igen. R New Ireland ? 2 LRH
4409.77	13.6	2330	Radio Eco , Reyes, med spanske ann., LA-musik nonstop i længere tid afbrudt af ID kl. 2357, freq.ann. 24232 BV
4716.75	19.6	2340	Radio Yura med spansk, flere ann. af kvindelig studievært, boliviansk fløjtemusik, tids-ann., ID kl. 2352. 23232 BV
4746.8	25.6	0035	Radio Hunata 2000 med spansk snak, mange ann. IDs. 22232 BV
4790	18.6	2050	Fak Fak med skön schlager mx 2-3 LRH
4795	18.6	2100	Mongolian Nat. Radio med Intervall signalen 3 LRH
4799.8	24.6	0125	Radio Buenas Nuevas fra Huehuetenango med IDs, LA-musik, ann. 22222 BV
4824.4	25.6	0050	La Voz de la Selva , Iquitos, med spanske ann., LA-musik, ID kl. 0058. Svag modulation. 22232 BV
4826.4	25.6	0130	Radio Sicuani fra Peru med spansk, peruanske sange, ID kl. 0134 og ann. Bedst hørbar på USB. 23232 BV
4855.75	24.6	0110	Radio La Hora , Cusco, med spansk, peruansk musik, tydeligt "Radio La Hora"-ID klokken 0316 efterfulgt af mere LA-musik. 24333 BV
4874.6	18.6	2107	Sorong har hörts några kvällar 2-3 LRH
4876.33	25.6	0105	Radio La Cruz del Sur , La Paz, med spanske ann. mellem lokal QRN. 23222 BV
5005	18.6	2140	Radio Bata med något slags utbildningsprogram. Sänder tydligen oregelbundet eftersom jag inte hört dem tidigare under veckan. 3 CB
5469,97	25.6	2035	Radio Veritas , Monrovia överraskade eftersom jag bara har en dipol på 2 x 20 m ute i stugan där jag kollade. VOA program till 21, sedan eget, först nå t religiöst föredrag, sedan Saturday night party from "Radio Veritas, the Voice of Truth from Monrovia, Liberia". QSA 2 som senare blev 3. JE
5470	17.6	2025	Radio Veritas , Monrovia. Fram till 2100 relä av Voice of America. Sedan lokalt program med flera tydliga Radio Veritas IDs. Nu får vi se om rapporten kommer fram. 2-3 CB
5580.3	13.6	2350	Radio San José med spansk og prædiken. 22232 BV
5952.5	20.6	0005	Radio Pio Doce , spansk, religiøs kormusik, prædiken. 33333 BV
6134.9	13.6	2345	Radio Aparecida med portugisisk, brasse-pop og hørt // med 9630 kHz. 42222 BV
7400	19.6	2115	Radio Varna med sin söndagssändning till bulgariska sjömän. Sändaren finns uppenbarligen i Varna och används vad jag förstår endast för detta ändamål. 4 CB
9290	18.6	1000	Australian Radio DX Club med ett intressant specialprogram över sändaren i Lettland med anledning av sitt 40-årsjubileum. Klubbens historia presenterades kiksom musik från Australien. Trevligt initiativ! 4-5 CB
9736,9	18.6	2125	R Nac. del Paraguay med fotbolls ref. 3-4 LRH
9745	20.6	0430	Radio HCJB med sin sändning till Mexico. Vid denna tid på måndagar Conozca el Ecuador med behaglig musik från ekvatorlandet. 4 CB
13680	14.6	2000	Radio Nacional de Venezuela annonserade hemsidan www.rnv.gov.ve . När jag kollade där visade det sig att man kan lyssna till tre olika kanaler varav en var YVKE Mundial 550 kHz. Detta tyder på att Mundial numera ingår i Venezuelas nationalradio. 3 CB
15725	25.6	0721	Radio Six International via IRRS, Milano. Engelsk, mange IDs, oplæste lytterbreve, opgav adresse i Glasgow samt e-mail og www.radiosix.com . Hørt // med 9290 kHz fra Letland i superkvalitet. 24333 BV



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>

Recording of **4926.39 Radio Sicuani**, Sicuani (Perú). You may think I just turn my radio on and there is the station with strong signal and superhigh sound quality. It is not so, for example I have been trying to make a good recording of Radio Sicuani for more than one

year, if LVS La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos (Perú) is off the signal from Sicuani is too weak, thunderstorm interference, utility interference, a Jumbo-Jet is taking off every 1 minute (the runway is very close to my radioshack) etc etc etc....., but here is at last my first recording of Radio Sicuani.

PERU. Re 5-099: Glenn, Björn Malm would probably hear Radio Sicuani better if he tuned to 4826 rather than 4926 kHz; at least that's where I hear it all of the time. Also, the window for Sicuani usually is better before 1000. I hear it best at 0930 sometimes (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Recording of **5809.82 La Voz de tu Conciencia**, Puerto Lleras (Colombia). This must be something for "Guinness Record Book": some days ago I was listening to two radio stations at the same time but it's not anything interesting for "Guinness" but.....: I was listening to these two stations on 5 harmonics/spurs at the same time + the two stations fundamental channels.



Saludos Cordiales desde "La Mitad del Mundo"!

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

Stationsnyheter

BOLIVIA: 3335,7 to 3336,2 Radio Virgen de Remedios, Tupiza, Potosi department, 0000-0105, June 20, Spanish, christian songs non stop between 0000 to 0058 UTC, short song and complete identification at 0059 by male as: "Usted esta en sintonia con Radio Virgen de Remedios, frecuencia modulada....y en 90 metros"; Other ID as: "Radio Virgen de Remedios, desde Tupiza, Potosi, Bolivia. Vamos a ir al satellite con Radio Catolica Mundial. Sigán en nuestea sintonia". After, network with Catholic World Radio and religious programme. 33422 at 0000 UTC and 35443 at 0100 UTC. The station ran between 3335,7 to 3336,2 Khz. I listened this station from Roque Perez, a small rural town to 140 kms. to south/west of Buenos Aires city. (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina. /via HCDX)

BOLIVIA: The Bolivian station **Radio Estambul, 4498.1 kHz**, has replied to a report from Swedish DXer Gert Nilsson. More info at <http://www.dxing.info/community/viewforum.php?f=8> (Henrik Klemetz via HCDX)

BOLIVIA: Several of the new Bolivians that have surfaced over the past year or so have shown little interest in reception reports from abroad. Radio Estambul, in Guayaramerín, 4498 kHz, appears to be an exception. In an email to Gert Nilsson, in Sweden, the station's owner, Mrs. Felima Bruno de Yamal, says she was pleased to receive his snail mail report sent to the address mentioned in DXLD 5-077, May 8, 2005. She writes she would be happy to receive pennants and flags from listeners' hometowns in order to embellish the studio. (Henrik Klemetz. /via HCDX)

BOLIVIA: Jose Luis Garcia, from **Radio Emisoras Camargo (3390 Khz)** told me about the new station's web page in: www.radiocamargo.dk3.com (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina. /via HCDX)

BOLIVIA. This country is divided into three geographical regions: The Andean highlands (Altiplano) in the west and central Bolivia, the Amazon rainforests in the north, and the flat and dry grass plains in the Departamento de Santa Cruz to the southeast. Out of its 8 million inhabitants, Bolivia counts the highest percentage of Indians in any country in the western hemisphere. The official language, Spanish, is the mother tongue of less than half of the population. The two major Indian languages are Quechua with about 2 million speakers living in the Cochabamba and La Paz areas, and Aymara with about 1½ million speakers living in the Potosí area to the south. Others include Chiquito, Guaraní and Tacana languages.

By nature, Bolivia has always been a rich country, first by its silver and tin mines, and nowadays by its natural gas resources which are number two in South America after Venezuela. Most of these are located in the Departamento de Santa Cruz and exploited by foreign companies. Despite that, since 1985 Bolivia has become the most poor country in South America, now having about 64% of the population registered as poor. Most of these are Indians. They have been protesting in La Paz and other cities recently, and on Jun 07 President Carlos Mesa resigned for the second time after some huge strikes and demonstrations, in order to avoid a civil war. The wealthy people in the Departamento de Santa Cruz have threatened a breakaway from Bolivia with its many poor people in the other Departamentos. The Chairman of the High Court was appointed by the Parliament as interim President and a national election to the Parliament within six months was promised.

The following active SW stations have been heard by DX-ers worldwide during the past 12 months. Frequencies marked x) have been heard in May and/or June 2005:

Altiplano area:

3310 R Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi x)	3390 R Em. Camargo, Camargo x)	4410 R Eco, Reyes, Beni x)
4498 R Estambul, Guayaramerin x)	4650 R Santa Ana, Santa Ana del Yacuma x)	4685 R Paitití, Guayaramerin x)
4717 R Yura, Yura x)	4762 R Guanay, Guanay x)	4763 R Chicha, Tocla
4782 R Tanaca, Tumupasa	4788 R Em. Ballivián, San Borja	4796 R Mallku, Uyuni x)
4845 R Municipal, La Paz	4875 R La Cruz del Sur, La Paz	4900v R San Miguel, Riberalta x)
5927 R Difusora Minería, Oruro x)	5945 R Virgen de Remedios, Tupiza	5953 R Pio XII, Siglo XX x)
5965 R Nacional de Huanuni, Huanini	6025 R Illimani, La Paz x)	6038 R Difusora Trópico, Trinidad x)
6080 R San Gabriel, La Paz x)	6106 R Panamericana, La Paz x)	6155 R Fides, La Paz x)
6585 R Nueva Esperanza, El Alto	9625 R Fides, La Paz	

Amazonas area:

4600 Perla del Acre, Cobija x)

Santa Cruz area:

4865 R Centenario, S C de la Sierra x)	6054v R Juan XXIII, San Ignacio de Velasco	6135 R Santa Cruz, S C de la Sierra x)
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(Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window June 15. /via DXLD)

LAOS: Lao National Radio Houa Phan. Monitoring in Japan on 15th June, Lao National Radio Houa Phan has changed its frequency from 4649kHz to new 4677.9kHz. This station is on the air from 09:57 to 12:30 and relays news from Vientiane at 12:00, then Parallel with 6130kHz. (Kenji.Takasaki, Japan /via HCDX)

LIBERIA: Radio Veritas, Liberia 5470 noted here from tune in 2150. Still on 2245 with programme of soul music, religious commentary, close off announcements saying that they had started the second part of their daily broadcasts at 4.45 that afternoon, identification mentioning 97.8 FM and 5470 in the 60 metre band, Lords Prayer and off 2300. Fair on peaks channel clear apart from occasional bursts of utility buzzing just below frequency. (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, UK. /via HCDX)

SUDAN: I got a mail (QSL) from Pete(r) Stover of Edmedia with some more information about **Radio Peace** in southern Sudan. He tells me that both frequencies (4750 and 5895 kHz) are in daily use, but with different programs and patterns. 4750 kHz is on with 1 000 W for the southern parts of Sudan in six languages (English and five Sudanese languages). 5895 is on with 5 000 W for central and northern Sudan and in two languages (English and Arabic). "The stations are domestic. The signals throughout the rest of the world would be weak if existing at all except for the "right" conditions". says Pete Stover. (Best regards, Jan Edh, Hudiksvall, Sweden. /via HCDX)

Övriga radionyheter

TRENDS IN TROPICAL BANDS BROADCASTING

Since 1972 the Danish Shortwave Club International has published an annual publication which first covered the frequency range of 2.200 to 5.800 kHz and was called the "Tropical Bands Survey". But since 1999 I expanded it as editor to cover all Domestic broadcasting stations on shortwave from 2200 kHz till 30 MHz. That is now called the Domestic Broadcasting Survey - the DBS - and it is popular worldwide among hard-core DX-ers. Our latest edition was published in April this year.

The task for the editor of the DBS is, throughout the year until the next publication, to check the bands himself and follow the loggings from our members and other DX-ers around the world. For each station in the list, a note is taken of the months when it has been heard. If a station has not been heard by any DX-er during the past 12 months, it is deleted. By this measure, the DBS contains only the active domestic broadcasting stations.

With this systematic registration of broadcasting stations on the Tropical Bands each year, it is possible to make some statistics on how many frequencies were active in each part of the world and compare these numbers.

I have selected the Tropical Bands Surveys published with 12 years intervals in 1973, 1985 and 1997, and the Domestic Broadcasting Surveys from 2003 and 2005. For each of these five years I have then counted the number of active Domestic Broadcasting stations between 2200 and 5800 kHz. International broadcasters, Clandestine and Pirate stations are not included in these statistics.

Active domestic transmitters on 2200 - 5800 kHz

Region	1973	1985	1997	2003	2005
Central Africa	102	76	40	26	22
Southern Africa	57	39	33	9	5
Middle East	9	4	1	0	0
Indian Subcontinent	62	45	45	36	33
South East Asia	40	29	21	7	5
Indonesia	171	105	65	19	17
China, Taiwan, Mongolia	119	110	75	44	39
CIS (former USSR)	61	59	47	21	15
Far East	38	28	28	17	20
Papua New Guinea	17	20	20	20	16
Other Pacific	10	4	13	7	9
Central America, Mexico	21	23	24	17	11
Caribbean	29	3	3	4	1
North Western South America	98	41	19	5	4
Ecuador	47	33	22	13	8
Peru	78	69	78	53	43
Bolivia	35	42	25	15	17
Brazil	107	87	67	50	46
Southern South America	5	2	1	0	2
Total	1106	819	627	363	313

We are approaching the end of the Era of Domestic broadcasting on the Tropical Bands for two main reasons: The technical standard of a large part of the transmitters in the tropical countries is poor and they cannot be repaired for economical reasons. In more developed countries the domestic shortwave transmitters are being replaced by FM-networks.

Stations on the tropical bands which have closed down in 2003-2004, including Clandestines.

kHz	kW	Station	Country	Last log
2624	-	Frontline Soldiers R, Channel 1	North Korea	MAY04
3230	-	R Guarujá Paulista, Guarujá, SP	Brazil	OCT04
3231,2	10	RRI Bukittinggi, SW	Indonesia	SEP03
3245,1	1	R Clube, Varginha, Minas Gerais	Brazil	APR04
3360,2	1	La Voz de Nahualá, Nahualá, Sololá	Guatemala	AUG03
3380	1	Centro Radiofonico de Imbabura, Ibarra	Ecuador	JAN04
3992	-	Minsk utility station (USB)	Belarus	FEB04
4050	100	Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek	Kyrgyzstan	SEP03
4235	-	Voice of Kurdistan Toilers, No. Iraq	Clandestine	MAR04
4319	-	AFRTS, Diego Garcia	Diego Garcia	JAN04
4722,8	-	R Uncía, Uncía, Potosí	Bolivia	MAR04
4765	100	R Congo, Brazzaville	Congo Rep.	SEP03
4790	100	AIR Delhi via Chennai	India	FEB04
4820	50	R Botswana, Sebele	Botswana	SEP03
3205	1	R Riberão Preto, Riberão Preto, SP	Brazil	JAN04
3230,4	1	El Sol de los Andes, Juliaca, Puno	Peru	MAR04
3245	10	R Gulf, Kerama	Papua New Guinea	JAN04
3326	50	R Nigeria, Lagos	Nigeria	MAR04
3375	5	R Dourados, Dourados, Mato Grosso d. Sul	Brazil	AUG03
3900	-	VoIraqi People, VoIraqi Communist Party	Clandestine	AUG03
3995	-	Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet	China	OCT03
4162	-	Voice of Democracy, Northern Iraq	Clandestine	SEP04
4250	-	Voice of Strugglers of Iranian Kurdistan	Clandestine	NOV04
4650	-	Voice of Mojahed, Baqubah, Iraq	Clandestine	JAN04
4750	-	R San Francisco Solano, Sónдор, Piura	Peru	MAR04
4773,8	5	R Centinela del Sur, Loja, Loja	Ecuador	FEB04
4800	100	LNBS, Lancers Gap	Lesotho	JAN04
4828	100	ZBC, Gweru	Zimbabwe	MAR04

4845	3	R K'ekchi', Fray Bartolomé de las Casas Guatemala NOV03	4845	100	RTM Kuala Lumpur, Kajang Malaysia DEC03
4850	50	R Khekh Tangar (Blue Sky), Ulan Bataar Mongolia DEC03	4865	12	Mongolian National R, Dalanzadgad Mongolia AUG04
4870	10	SLBC, Ekala Sri Lanka MAR04	4876	-	Tbilisskaya, Krasnodarskiy Kray Russia SEP03
4895	5	R IPB-AM, Campo Grande, MS Brazil MAY04	4900	-	R Comunidade das Gerais, Norte de MG Brazil MAR04
4902	10	SLBC, Ekala Sri Lanka SEP04	4904,8	0,7	R La Oroya, La Oroya, Junín Peru SEP03
4930,6	1	R Costeña Ebenezer, San Pedro Sula Honduras AUG03	4933	-	R Familiar Cristiana, Vereda La Puerta Colombia APR04
4940	50	China Huayi Broadcasting Corp., Chengdu China JAN04	4940	10	SLBC, Ekala Sri Lanka JUL04
4940	-	Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek Kyrgyzstan JAN04	4960	1	R Global Internacional/R Cima, S. Domingo DR JUL04
4965	1	R San Miguel, Cusco, Cusco Peru JAN04	5009,8	1	HIMI, R Cristal Internacional/R Pueblo DR AUG04
5019,7	1	Ecos del Atrato, Quibdó, Cochó Colombia FEB04	5020	10	SLBC, Ekala Sri Lanka SEP04
5035	100	R Liberty via Yangiyul Tajikistan FEB04	5035	15	Dai Tieng Noi Vietnam, Xuan Mai, Hanoi Vietnam JUL04
5046,8	100	Rdif. Togolaise, Togblekope, Lomé Togo MAR04	5050	100	R Pakistan, Islamabad, Haya Allal Falah Pakistan NOV03
5054,6	5	TIFC Faro del Caribe, San Isidro, Heredia Costa Rica JUN04	5055,2	0,15	R Onda Imperial, Cusco, Cusco Peru SEP03
5115,8	0,5	R Naylamb, Lambayeque Peru FEB04	5350	-	Voice of Mojahed, Baqubah, Iraq Clandestine JAN04
5459	-	R Panorama, Recobamba, Celendín Peru SEP03	5500	-	R San Miguel, San Miguel, Cajamarca Peru AUG03
5770	1	R Miskut, Puerto Cabezas Nicaragua APR04	5775,3	-	R La Voz de San Juan, Lonya Grande, AM Peru JUN04

My forecast is now that within the next five years domestic stations on the tropical bands are going to disappear in several more countries in Africa, Central and South East Asia, Central America, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guyana and Suriname. Worldwide the last station may disappear around year 2017 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window June 15. /via DXLD)

Report and Pictures of Wantok Radio Light Inaugural Broadcast

This morning I received the inaugural broadcast report from Joe Emert of Life Radio Ministries, with some photos of Wantok Radio Light's "big day" on the 11th. I've posted it at: http://www.guyatkins.com/files/Journal_5.doc (MS Word file, approx. 355 Kb) 11,000-12,000 people attended this event; no wonder it sounded like quite a crowd out there while Walt and I were sitting with headphones on, eavesdropping on this live broadcast. (Guy Atkins Puyallup, WA. /via HCDX)

DXpedition in outback Australia

Hi Guys & Gals, Well I've finally gotten around to writing up the report on my travelling outback DXpedition from Queensland to South Australia in March. It can be viewed at http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/northern_australia_2005_03.dx (Cheers, Craig Edwards, South Australia. /via HCDX)

Grayland, WA DXpedition 11 - 12 June, 2005 (via HCDX)

'This weekend, John Bryant, Guy Atkins, and myself once again convened in the Grayland, WA area for a mini-dxpedition. Conventional wisdom states that with the longest day approaching, DXing takes a back burner to normal summer pastimes. Needless to say, this notion has been dismissed soundly in past years, when dxing has been excellent, especially to stations Down-under. John preceded Guy and me by a day, and dxed for a couple of nights at the Grayland State Park, experimenting with his portable Kaz antenna, being unable to erect a Beverage, at least on the second night. We were able to communicate via GMRS radios the night Guy and I arrived. Unfortunately (for the MW dxer), reception was lackluster at best the first night, and a bit more interesting the second night. SW to PNG, however was superb, with the best reception in a long while. The highlight for both Guy and myself was monitoring Wantok Radio Light's official inauguration on 7120 with near armchair levels at times... so much for the NVIS antenna system and 1 kw not getting out! It sure did! Vanuatu on 90 meters was another interesting logging. For the few PNGs not heard the first night, they appeared the following night. Tantalizing was a signal on both mornings on 2410. Could this be Radio Enga again? Unfortunately, unlike in past years, no audio was audible. ARDS 5050 (actually more like 5049.98) was audible only as a reasonable het both mornings. John's Kaz performed rather well compared to the Beverages, providing another alternative for the space challenged DXer, and does not depend on ground conductivity, unlike the EWE and Pennant/Flag antennae. Guy noted that this outing was a first of sorts, with the 3 of us all having spectrum display abilities...John with his WinRadio 3030e, Guy with his Icom 756Pro, and me with my 756 ProII! We mused how the hobby has changed from a simple receiver, cassette deck, and headphones, with a myriad of paper resources. Today, we are all equipped with lap tops (in my case running both the Icom, and the 7030+ with ERGO4 computer control software, and ILG databases, as well as GeoClock, and Bruce Portzer's excellent Pacific AM List, the B-Log logging program, and 2 copies of Recall-Pro fed by each of the receivers via independent sound cards! Utterly amazing, isn't it? We had the choice between 3 Beverages aimed SW, W, and NW to Asia and the Pacific. I now have some 10 or 12 hours of MP3 recordings to listen to. No more cassette tapes, or Minidiscs! When everything works, it's simply marvellous!!! Now on to the loggings. Enjoy!.....(Walt Salmaniw, now safely home in Victoria, B.C.)

One thing you can count on with DXpeditions: there's always something memorable about each one! Although trans-Pacific mediumwave was an almost total bust, there seemed to be a propagational magnifying glass on Papua New Guinea this weekend on shortwave. This was very fortunate, as June 11 was the special inaugural broadcast and celebration of the new Wantok Radio Light station in Port Moresby.

Walt Salmaniw and I occupied the usual "DX Central" motel room at Grayland; we had guest appearances by John Bryant, staying at nearby Grayland Beach State Park with his wife on the first segment of a 10-day camping/mini DXpedition trip. The first night, Walt and I kept in touch with John via GMRS radio transceivers. On the second night of DXing we had the chance to try out John's new "Porta-KAZ" antenna alongside the Beverages. Although designed for mediumwave, the KAZ was a surprisingly good performer on shortwave, too. It is also a quiet antenna and fits within a small "footprint," suitable for most campsites.

The highlight of the trip for Walt and I was without a doubt the very impressive reception of 1 Kw Wantok Radio Light, 7120 kHz. At home, both Walt and I have had reception just above threshold levels. On the DXpedition we were treated to hours on end of impressive signal levels, which made for very enjoyable listening and recording for posterity.

Guy Atkins via HCDX

VANUATU 7259.685, 0621-, Radio Vanuatu Jun 11 Sunset in Port Villa, with a decent signal (at least the music) but with lots of summer static crashes. Modern western music. Chatting with Guy Atkins across the table, when it just vanished at 06:25. Very weak het only. I assumed it was some local noise, but I don't think so, as 7120 PNG is coming in with audio. Still nothing at 0642, but fair audio on 3944.86 with identical format, so I'm assuming this is the same transmitter. Listened to 06:58 with mentions of Vanuatu. Port Villa mentioned at 07:06. I checked again at 0800. Rapid drums up to the TOH, then islands type music. No IS or ID on the hour. 'People of Vanuatu' heard at 0805. Transmitter appears to be drifting somewhat. 'Vanuatu government' at 0807. Frequency is 3944.86 at

0810. Radio Vanuatu ID at 08:11:55. Rapid drums, and conch shell, and another Radio Vanuatu ID at 08:15, and into music, and presumed ad. All at good signal strength but weak modulation. (Salmaniw, Grayland, WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 7120, 0520-1325, Wantok Radio Light Jun 11 A weak het first heard around 0520, and strengthening into threshold audio before 0600, over two hours before Port Moresby sunset. A steady rise in signal strength throughout the 0600 hour was noted, with good, listenable levels by 0630, with special inaugural broadcast of Wantok Radio Light in progress. Many mentions of 'Wantok Radio' by male and female announcers with references to the dedication of the station, and so on. This was clearly an outdoor event and broadcast, with a 'you are there' feeling, complete with echoes, microphone feedback squeals, crowds cheering, etc. Christian contemporary praise and worship music in between announcer comments, phone interviews, and messages by pastors and Christian leaders, and songs by local bands (Voice in the Wind; P.T.U.I.F. Band; and Higher Vision). Heard frequent comments like 'Papua New Guinea is praising today', 'Are you rejoicing, Papua New Guinea?' and mentions of thanksgiving for the new station. By 0715 the signal was positively loud! An exclamation of 'Good evening, Kaupena!' was heard at 0744, at the beginning of a listener's message and excited testimony (Kaupena is the transmitter location.) At 0902 recheck, I caught a quick ID in Pidgin rather than English: 'You hearim Wantok Radio Light'. This new PNG station was even coming in at a fair level on the whip antenna of my Degen DE1103...pretty impressive for 1 Kw on an NVIS antenna from over 6700 miles away. At 1325 recheck, noted Wantok Radio Light still in with a fair-good signal of contemporary Christian music. Here are two MP3 audio files of Wantok Radio Light: http://www.guyatkins.com/files/Wantok_Radio_Light_7120_11June05_0738_inaugural_bcst.mp3 (outdoor inauguration celebration); http://www.guyatkins.com/files/Wantok_Radio_Light_7120_11June05_1007_studio_ancr.mp3 (studio announcer after the event). (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA 3290, 0845-, PNG Bandscan Jun 11 S7 to S9 open carrier here at this time. Not sure whether this is a Central American, or the PNG station, Radio Central. 2410 has a weak carrier. As I recall Radio Enga hasn't been on the air for a while. Worth watching. 3205 Radio Sandaun, usually one of the strongest is absent today. 3220, Radio Morobe heard with only a fair signal at best. 3235 Radio West New Britain heard at good levels at 08:52 with S9 to S9+5 level with EZL western music. ID for Radio West New Britain at 0856. Lowish modulation for the announcer (female). // to 4890 with National news at 09:04. 3245 Radio Gulf, not on the air. 3260 Radio Madang fair to good, but lot's of atmospheric noise again. Radio Southern Highlands on 3275 is only weakly heard, again with National news relay at 0910. Open Carrier on 3290, Radio Central's frequency. 3305 Radio Western...loud carrier only. 3315, Radio Manus absent. 3325 Radio North Solomons with a political speech, mentioning Bougainville, and tok-tok. Children's choir (sounds like an anthem?). 3335 Radio East Sepik very strong. 3345 Radio Northern's frequency is occupied by the Indonesian, so can't tell. 3355, Radio Simbu is absent. Very weak carrier on 3365.1. Don't think this is Radio Milne Bay. 3375 has several stations, including one 100 Hz high. Not sure is Radio Western Highlands is among them. 3385 is the strongest on the band, with Pidgin male announcer, mentioning Radio Australia from 1985. Powerful signal. 3395 Radio Eastern Highlands not on the air. 3905 Radio New Ireland very strong. (Salmaniw, Grayland, WA)

VANUATU 3944.9v, 0715-0740, R. Vanuatu Jun 11 Noted this rising up from the noise prior to 0700, and down 0.1 kHz from nominal, just like Vanuatu on 7259.9v earlier in the evening before it shut down suddenly. Mentions of 'Tok Tok' at 0715 as well as Port Vila at 0731. Poor to fair signal, but improving past 0740. Noted again at 0814, drifted down to 3944.85. 'Radio Vanuatu' ID at 0815. (Atkins-WA)

VOA History by Doug Johnson, American Mosaic, in VOA Special English.

Our listener question this week is from Nigeria. Prince Onyebuchi in Abia State notes that February twenty-fourth was the sixty-third anniversary of VOA. He asks about the history.

The United States government established the Voice of America during World War Two. The first radio broadcast was in a language no longer heard on VOA. It was a fifteen-minute program in German. It aired on February twenty-fourth, nineteen forty-two. It told the German people that every day, VOA would broadcast news of America and the war. The announcer said The news may be good or bad, but we will tell you the truth.

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<http://www1.voanews.com/SpecialEnglish/article.cfm?objectID=1334ECF3-C6E6-4692-9318BD7B171F6929&title=AMERICAN%20MOOSAIC> (Mike Terry /via HCDX)