

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN



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Nu har hösten även kommit till nordvästra Skåne. Vi har haft nattfrost ett par morgnar, men inte mer än att biltaken varit frusna.
Häromkvällen åskade det ute över Kullen ganska duktigt trots att det bara var några grader varmt. Dagarna är fina med 15-18 gr, vilket gör att gräsklipparen måste fram minst ett par gånger i veckan fortfarande.

Till detta nummer har det kommit ett intressant bidrag från HK om terrorismens gräsida. Läs och begrunda.

BM har skrivit lite om sina nya lyssnarvanor och passar därfor på att lägga in en bild på hans TenTec RX350. Tips har också anlänt trots de kraftigt störda förhållandena.

Allt som allt – ett trevligt nummer av SWB!!

Keep on

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Jubileumstidskriften: <http://hem.ektv.nu/~ekt035221/> (html- + pdf-version).

QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Dan Olsson: 4/9: Hej i sommervärmen! Lite bidrag ifrån DO och de är alla hörda här hemma vid. Ska inatt ut och lyssna i Saxtorp tillsammans med RÅ, JR, JTM och Hans Kronqvist. Några andra var också intresserade men kunde inte komma på grund av jobb och sjukdom. Annars lyssnar jag mest på FM genom bilradion. Det är rätt så behändigt att kunna lyssna av FM-bandet mär man körs till jobbet om morgnarna.

18/9: Hej Thomas och alla andra! Kommer med lite tips ifrån en lyssnarnatt i Saxtorp 3-4 september. När vi kom ut på lördagen visade sig väderet ifrån sin bästa sida med solsken och drygt 20 grader. Så efter uppakning och iordningställande av lyssnarrummet kunde vi äta middag som min fru Gunilla gjort och hålla styrelsemötet utomhus.

Konditionerna var väl sig inte så lysande men en kraftig dimma på söndagsmorgon och förmiddagen gjorde att vi fick bra konditionerna på FM mot Hannover-området och Jylland. Så på en lyssnarnatt och förmiddag fick ihop 19 rapporter!

Inget kortvågs-QSL att redovisa men ett trevligt FM-svar ifrån Americas cup seglingarna i Malmö. Man hade en FM-sändare på 99.4 MHz och de hördes bra och till min förvåning så svarade de också bra.

Christer Brunström: De synnerligen störda förhållandena på kortvåg fortsätter. Förhoppningsvis lugnar det snart ned sig på solen. Som det är nu är periodvis banden helt döda.

Lennart Weirell. För två veckor sedan deltog BIH, MJT och undertecknad i Västerås Radioklubbs Antenndagar på Södra Björön SO om Västerås och passade på att lyssna lite. Kondsen var väl inte på topp men det är ett ganska störningsfritt område så något hördes i alla fall som kan ses i loggningarna.

Stig Adolfsson: Svåra konditioner för närvarande med kraftiga jonasfärstormar pga mycket hög solaktivitet. Har bara två tips att bidra med och bäge rör samma station.

Leif Blomqvist skickar ett grannt vykort från Budapest by night och hälsar till alla.

Leif Rähäll: Här kommer lite från de gångna veckornas lyssnande. Lite av det gamla vanliga men kanske också något nytt, har hört några OID som jag inte med säkerhet vet vad det är.

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History of 4VEH - La Voix Evangelique d' Haiti

On June 2, 1950, a test transmission took place from the central American country of Haiti. From HCJB, The Voice of the Andes radio station in Equador, the test transmission was acknowledged with the message "4VEH, you are coming in clear and strong". It was the first ever transmission of Radio 4VEH, an evangelical Christian radio station which was to become known to shortwave listeners around the world.

That first test transmission originated in the back room of a church building on the compound of the East and West Indies Bible Mission in Vaudreuil, in Northern Haiti. Under the Rev G T Bustin, the organisation ran Radio 4VEH, "La Voix Evangelique d' Haiti" (the Evangelistic Voice of Haiti) for the next eight years. In 1952 the first broadcasts in Spanish started.

By 1953, 4VEH was broadcasting in French, Creole, Spanish and English using a 3kW shortwave transmitter on 9690kHz. In 1954 the station moved to new studios in the salt flats beside the harbour of Cap-Haitien. In 1958, operation of the station was taken over by the Oriental Missionary Society, known today as OMS International.

In 1965 a new 10 kW shortwave transmitter went on the air. An FM link was established between the radio studios and the transmitter site - prior to this programmes were recorded then transported to the transmitter site. In 1968 a second 10kW shortwave transmitter was added. In January 1969 Radio 4VEH began broadcasting in two languages simultaneously, with Spanish and English on one frequency and French and Creole broadcasts on the other. By 1970 the small missionary staff of 4VEH had been augmented with at least 20 Haitian staff. In 1975 4VEH, which was originally an international shortwave

broadcasters, began concentrating its broadcasts on the Island of Haiti with one 10kW transmitter on 840kHz broadcasting in Creole and French.

In 1982 a new ministry commenced from 4VEH when a second radio station began English and French language broadcasts on 94.7 MHz FM with a 2 kW transmitter. In the first half of the 1990's, 4VEH was using 4930, 9770 and 11835kHz on shortwave.

In 1995 4VEH took the decision to end international broadcasting and concentrate on covering Haiti with a transmitter on 840 kHz and a second transmitter on 1035kHz. Today, a 10kW mediumwave transmitter on 840 kHz carries programmes in French and Creole for 18 hours a day. On FM there are music and programmes in French and English for 17 hours a day. As the station neared its 50th birthday, in 2000, ambitious plans were developed to take the station forward into the 21st century. 840kHz AM - 107.1 FM, La Voix Evangelique d'Haiti, Horizon 94.7MHz FM.

Radio 4VEH is a non-commercial radio station, licensed with the Haitian Government, but committed to political neutrality. It is supported by donations from individuals in Haiti and abroad. In 1998, a campaign was started to collect donations from members of Haitian churches, and currently some 10% of the station's income is obtained in this way. The stations output incorporates Christian programming, including discussions, drama, scripture readings and prayer, alongside programming with news, sports, health, agriculture and literacy OMS International, formerly Oriental Missionary Society, was founded in 1901 by Charles and Lettie Cowman in Japan. Today, almost 100 years later, OMS International serves in over 20 countries. OMS International is an evangelical faith mission specializing in aggressive evangelism, theological training, partnership, and the establishment of indigenous churches in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa.

Men for Missions International is the layman's branch of OMS International. Each year, hundreds of laymen provide funds for special projects and visit OMS fields. 4VEH, which is involved in developing a network (satellite, Internet) to reach Haitians wherever they are. 4VEH is also involved in "Operation Saturation", to distribute 250,000 fix-tuned solar-powered radios throughout Haiti by 2004 (all from <http://www.christianradio.org.uk/world/haiti/4veh/index.htm>) (via CONEXION Digital)

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

3345	2.9	2013	Channel Africa , Meyerton spelade Nenne Cherrys "7 seconds" LWV
3912	7.9	1805	V.O.P. med tk 2 LRH
3944,8	7.9	1840	OID svag med tk Vanuatu ? 1-2 LRH
3960,0	12.9	1645	OID med någon slags asiatisk folk mx KCBS Sariwon ? 2 LRH
4605	3.9	2102	RRI Serui med nx 2-3 LRH
4749.997	12.9	1830	Radio Peace stängde efter musiksnutt och anrop "This is Radio Peace" 3 SA
4780	10.9	1745	RTD Djibouti med snack på lokalt språk. 3 CB
4790	2.9	2053	Fak Fak , Indonesien med lokal musik LWV
4910	2.9	1900	Zambia NBC med nyheter LWV
4930	2.9	2135	VOA , Botswana LWV
5005	2.9	1953	RN de Guinea Equatorial , Bata LWV
5019,9	11.9	1712	SIBC (tent) med BBC WS 1-2 LRH
5055	2.9	1955	R Tashkent med tyska LWV
5060	2.9	2135	R Tashkent med engelska LWV
5470	2.9	2203	R Veritas , Liberia drog en adress LWV
5470	3.9	2115	R Veritas pratade im FN arbete i Liberia. Q 2-4. DO
5850	2.9	2000	R Canada Int med EE för Europa via Hörby LWV
5894.996	8.9	1705	Radio Peace efter tips i SWB! 2-3 SA
5900	2.9	2002	R Pyongyang idade LWV
5910	5.9	0500	Marfil Estéreo med religiöst inslag. 2-3 CB
5910	3.9	2220	R Marfill Esterio pratade om politiker och spelade kärleksballader. DO
5952,5	4.9	0030	R Pio XII med reklam för Toyota DO
5985,8	11.9	1427	Yangon med mx , då DRM gjorde ett break på 30 sek. 2 LRH
6040	12.9	1500	Radio Hrodna // 7110 med tydligt ID följt av ett kulturprogram på polska. Det lokala programmet varade till 1540, sedan blev det tyst i två minuter varefter man började sända Radio Stalyca. 3 CB
6055	2.9	1945	R Slovakia Int med EE om järnvägen i Poprad (känd för R Tatras Int) LWV
6215	3.9	2305	R Baluarte pratade om den ekonomiska situationen i Argentina. DO
7520	3.9	0019	WHRI , USA med ID LWV
9290	17.9	1000	Radio Casablanca via Lettland. Trots namnet en tysk station. DJen talade en mycket lokalt färgad tyska. 4 CB
9505	20.8	2115	R Record med fotboll där det ena laget var Santos Q 4 DO
9565	20.8	2200	R Tupí med religiöst Q 3 DO
9737	20.8	2125	R Nac de Paraguay med ett program om fotboll i de olika sydamerikanska ligorna. Om man får tipsa brukar Aftonbladet ha resultat ifrån de olika ligorna om måndagarna. Kan ju vara till viss hjälp om man ska "vaska" fram programdetaljer. Q 4 DO
9745	23.8	2140	V of Han , Taiwan med prat om Hong Kong och Taiwan. Hördes med Q 4 denna natt. Har väldigt varieande hörbarhet, ibland hyfsat och ibland inte alls. DO
11735	2.9	1800	R Tanzania-Zanzibar med nyheter på EE från Spice FM. LWV
13685	3.9	1200	Voice International , Darwin läste ett brev från Filippinerna // 13635 LWV

4781.34 R Tacana was heard here in Sweden last night (10/9) with weak but clear signal, and a lots of IDs. I also had an Andean station on 1610,34 khz, Peru? (73 de Bernt-Ivan Holmberg, Möklinta via HCDX)

Robert Wilkner writes in a mail to us: Hope that these are of use to your excellent club! Band conditions continue to improve. Hurricane Katrina hit my QTH with minimal winds; wish I could say the same for the poor people in New Orleans. (Best of 73's Bob)

ECUADOR 4909.21 Radio Chaskis, Otavalo, very strong signal at 1045 with "flauta andina" of most excellent quality, on the hour, continued music and then fade out 1115, 4 September. Last previous log was 24 August ~ same time, same excellent programing. [Wilkner-FL]

MYANMAR 5040.32 R. Myanmar, Yangon, 1130 on indigenous language, steady signal with no fading, yl announcer at 1139 both alternating till 1150, 4 September [Wilkner-FL]

CHINA 4905 Zizang PBS, Lhasa with music 1135-1155 and // to 4920 Zizang PBS, Lhasa, presumed based on parallel and past logs. 4 September [Wilkner-FL]

AUSTRALIA 2325 Tenant Creek 1030 discussion of "police conduct with Emergency Services cut off..." Seemed to refer to domestic Australian issue. 29 August [Wilkner-FL]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 4960.41 Radio Cima 0020 with minor audio problem, _per Dave Valko tip_, recheck 0250 carrier with no audio... 31 August [Wilkner-FL]

PERU 4751.77 Radio Huanta Dos Mil 1040 operating on alternative frequency, Musica Latina 31 August [Wilkner-FL]

UNID 4599.95 1000 to 1030 slight audio, first noticed 24 August. Bolivia? [Wilkner-FL]

GUATEMALA 4053V 1100 to 1130 not there for several recent mornings. Low power operation when broadcasting, 1 September [Wilkner-FL]

SOLOMON ISLANDS 5019.9 SIBC religious message at 1127, into island music, surprised and pleased by the signal strength 23 August, 0930 om at threshold level ~1 September, 1010 sports program in progress with poor signal 3 Sept. [Wilkner-FL]

(Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, US, NRD 535D ~ R75, 60 meter dipole)

Thank's a lot for your logs and the nice words. Regards, Thomas, SWB-editor



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

4779.973 R. Cultural Coatán, San Sebastián Coatán, Dpto Huehuetenango (Guatemala) Listen to Radio Coatán's open-up-ceremony!

4781.35 kHz Radio Tacana. Name and QTH of my unID LA on **4781.35 kHz = Radio Tacana**, Tumupasa, provincia de Iturralde, departamento de La Paz (Bolivia). A very interesting thursday night and friday early morning! The answer to my problem "unID LA 4781.35" has come from the spanish DXer Ignacio Sotomayor, Segovia - Castilla, and has been confirmed by Henrik Klemetz, Sweden. Thank you very much to all of you for feedback on this topic! Read the comments from Ignacio and Henrik. On my web ID-site you can find these two clips in "SW": 4780.96 R. Tacana, Iturralde (Bolivia), 4781.34 R. Oriental, Tena (Ecuador)

Ignacio Sotomayor, Spain: Hi Bjorn! This is what I'm hearing on your recording: "2": "4.780 kHz en la banda de 60 metros "11": "Provincia de Iturralde, Departamento del Beni "15": "llega al final de esta edición radial" and then some mixed words that makes me believe it's **Radio Tacana** transmitting from Tumupasa, Provincia de Iturralde. Paz y Dx!

Henrik Klemetz, Sweden: Malm's unid on 4781.35 is **Radio Tacana**, Tumupasa, provincia de Iturralde, departamento de La Paz, Bolivia. So please discard my previous info. My apologies. The s/off theme is Ballade pour Adeline, played by Richard Clayderman on the piano.

I am using a new headset, that's why. When listening to a clip from Tore B Vik on an unid heard by him on 4781.3 in Aug 2003, I thought that was Radio Coatán. But now, when listening to this old clip with a new headset I realize that I was wrong. The main difference between the two headsets is that the old one has a tinny sound, whereas the new one is more bassy.

9/9: If you would like going out hunting stations on 4780 kHz I can tell you that Radio Oriental, Tena (Ecuador) was active with good signal just some moments ago on 4781.61. A very weak signal on 4779.9x kHz is perhaps Radio Coatán (Guatemala) and you can also try Radio Tacana (Bolivia) on 4781.35 kHz, of course difficult for me if Oriental is on air. Oriental is nowadays a very rare station with just short periods of activity. On 4782.66 a quite strong carrier without audio. I listened around 2300 UTC.

5042 kHz Radio Amazonas, Puerto Ayacucho. (Venezuela) with strong signal and very distorted sound. Two days ago I noted them on 5036 kHz.

5055.00 Radio Habana Cuba last night 0300 UTC with Spanish, good signal and sound quality. Haven't heard them before on the tropical bands.

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Hej alla DX vänner i ARC och SWB!

Nu har jag ändrat lite på mitt lyssnarmönster. Min nya Ten-Tec RX 350D har jag kört nonstop under 9 månader men nu finns också min gamla NRD 535 uppkopplad på radiobordet och trycker bara på en knapp för att snabbt växla mellan dessa båda mottagare. Första gången jag direkt jämför prestanda. Det visar sig nu att jag föredrar att lyssna och jobba med NRD 535 pga att den är betydligt mer bekväm och behaglig att ratta, man kan verkligen supersnabbt växla mellan olika frekvenser, modes och inställda minneskanaler.

När det är dags att göra en bra inspelning för att presentera på min web ID-site kopplas ändemot Ten-Tec RX 350D in, den har ett betydligt bättre ljud som man kan "skräddarsy" exakt som man vill ha det med 34(!) olika bandbredder tillsammans med en mycket bra passband tuning.



Har jobbat en hel del med att få ID och QTH på en unid 1590.432 kHz som visade sig vara Radio Kollasuyo Marka, Tiawanaku, Dpto La Paz (Bolivia). Det var första gången som jag i ett svårt läge hade båda mina mottagare uppkopplade. Det visade sig att RX 350D hade ett betydligt bättre och mer "uppfattbart" ljud och var därför inkopplad hela tiden när jag jobbade med denna station. Allt detta betyder inte att NRD 535 är en dålig mottagare, tvärtom är den mycket bra men faller på sämre "uppfattbarhet" - DX handlar ju oftast om att höra vad DJen egentligen säger och om signalen råkar vara stark vill man ju njuta lite av "kortvågs-high-fidelity" och där är Ten-Tec mottagaren verkligen stark. Återstår många tester som kommer senare, t.ex en jämförelse på tropikbanden.

Quito är en stad där absolut allt finns att köpa. Kan berätta att vi för några dagar sedan köpte vår första tvättmaskin "Whirlpool" en U.S.A. maskin på 32 libras dvs ca 15 kilo. Kostade motsvarande 3700 kronor. Vi köpte samtidigt en Philips 21" stereo-färgTV som kostade ca 1600 kronor och då fick vi på köpet gratis en DVD/CD player att titta på videofilmer och lyssna på musik. Tillsammans med tvättmaskinen fick vi gratis ett set med 5-6 grytor/stekpannor. Står sig dessa priser bra i jämförelse med dom svenska? Det var mycket ledsamt och tråkigt att behöva säga detta till vår tidigare "tvättmaskin" Gregoria, indiankvinna som, tillsammans med döttrarna Anita och Dolores, varje vecka har tvättat husets kläder. Hon tog betalt 35-40 kronor per gång så det lönar sig att köpa tvättmaskin.

Mitt stora problem är annars att jag 2007 måste förnya mitt pass och om jag är tvungen att göra detta i Sverige ja då försvinner alla sparpengar till flygbiljett som kostar 2300 dollar. Har vi någon medlem som är expert på detta ämne?

Hälsningar till er alla i ARC och SWB



Saludos Cordiales desde "La Mitad del Mundo"!

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

Stationsnyheter

AUSTRALIA 5049.94, ARDS (pres.), Very weak at 1056 w/E-Z listening mx, M anncr at ToH, then more mx. Will have to try for this more often. (4 Sept.) (73's Dave Valko via Cumbre DX)

This is the exact frequency that I have heard them (with great difficulty!) at Grayland, WA using Beverage antennae. Yes the Chinese usually is dominant, and when it's on, it signs on at 10:00 and completely obliterates anything else. It's pretty easy to tell the two apart with the programming. The CC tx comes on about 10 minutes of OC before sign-on by the way..... (Walter (Volodya) Salmani, MD Victoria, BC, Canada via Cumbre DX)

BHUTAN. Could anyone in South Asia confirm whether Bhutan is still active on 6035, and Bangladesh on 7185? Thanks, (Glenn Hauser, GRDXC via DXLD)

Dear Mr. Hauser, Today checked BBS at Morning around 0230 and again around 3 UT; it was on 6035 kHz with OK signal. Audio modulation was low! Regards, (Partha Sarathi, Sept 16, DXLD)

CHILE. An article in the Sept 2005 Federachi bulletin

<http://www.federachi.cl/Comisiones/Radioescuchas/espanol/Boletin%20radioescuchas%20Septiembre.htm>

about SW broadcasting in Chile appends a presumably current list including: **CE582 Triunfal Evangélica 5225**, 0,05 kW, Talagante (via José Miguel Romero, Spain, bclnews.it via DXLD)

However, this is listed in the WRTH 2005 with 100 watts on 5825, as the callsign would require. But have seen no reports of it for ages. It could be active and go unnoticed with such low power against QRM if no one is looking for it. Mark Mohrmann's LA-DX website has it in the archive list, not the current list: 5825 CHILE R Triunfal Evangélica, Talagante [2359*](varies 24.7-25.5) Mar 99 LA 50 watts! Which means it has not been reported for 6.5 years. Would the Chileans please check into it (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

CUBA. 5055.0, RHC, Sept 16, 0219-0336, Spanish programming, 0236-0258 speech by Presidente de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, mentions the economy, terrorism, the American President, Washington, etc., fair-good. What are they doing here? (Ron Howard via HCDX)

Ron, Good question. Did you // it to other RHC frequencies? Was Rebelde also on 5025 at same time with same program? No sign of TIFC? (73, Glenn DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Indeed, a quick check found Rebelde on 5025 with what seemed their usual programming, not //. Did not check for other frequencies. TIFC was not heard on 5054.6 tonight. Usually I note TIFC later, about 0800-0900 UT, with a good carrier but almost no audio recently. They certainly will not have much of a chance if RHC stays here. (Ron via DXLD)

By the time I checked 5055 at 0519, I was hearing only a carrier, with a slightly variable het, perhaps from TIFC (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

PERU. R. San Andrés, 5544.6, replied to my postal report, \$1 and a prepared card, with a 5-page e-mail including photographs. in 134 days from Leoncio Samane Meza, leonico-meza @ hotmail.com (Rich D'Angelo, PA, QSL Report, Sept NASWA Journal via DXLD) Yes, two spellings for his first name; so try both (gh, DXLD)

Övriga radionyheter

Voz de la Resistencia is in the Colombian jungle and Radio Café Stereo in Stockholm, so any similarities between the two must be pure coincidence

Kort sammanfattning på svenska.

Nyhetsbyrån ANNCOL betraktas som den colombianska gerillans språkrör. Den sattes upp i Stockholm av en svensk journalist. När det på allvar började ifrågasättas i Sverige vad för organisation FARC egentligen är har nyhetsbyråns server flyttats till Danmark. Den svenska journalistens texter – han som gav ANNCOL en Swipnet-adress - har sedan slutet av 90-talet kunnat läsas i svensk press och även höras via den colombianska gerillans radio. Efter 11 september 2001 har hans utrymme på om på kommit att begränsas till Flamman och Liberación. Dessutom finns han på en egen sajt och på utländska online-sajter som sympatiserar med upprorsrörelser.

En av hans nyare online-artiklar upplästes på KBS World service (på spanska). Författaren beskrivs som "en svensk reporter i Latinamerika" (med upprepad betoning på "svensk"). Det skedde en vecka efter det att jag själv blivit telefonintervjuad i samma program. Då tyckte jag att jag ville berätta för KBS World Radio och DXLD att Emanuelsson inte är en "vanlig" reporter. Till KBS har jag skrivit på spanska. Inget svar. DXLD har publicerat min kommentar. Nu är det SWB:s tur. I Sverige är det väldigt mycket som mörkas i onödan, tycker jag. Mer än tex i Danmark. (Henrik Klemetz)

COLOMBIA [and non]. ``Yes, this is a station of the FARC`` is the title of a story [in Spanish] about Colombian clandestine Voz de la Resistencia which was aired on the KBS World Spanish language service in two installments, on August 6 and 13. To the write-up at <http://argenpress.info/nota.asp?num=021617> a few pictures have been added from the studios of the guerrilla station somewhere in SW Colombia, one of the pics showing the manager of the station, `Lucero Palmera`, wife of `Simón Trinidad`, a high-ranking guerrilla who was detained in Quito, Ecuador, and extradited to the USA. The author, Dick Emanuelsson, labeled by KBS (and Argenpress) as ``a Swedish correspondent in Latin America``, has close and long-standing personal ties with the Colombian guerrillas, having facilitated the set-up of a Sweden-based website of the ANNCOL news bureau. Considered the principal mouthpiece of the Colombian FARC guerrillas, the ANNCOL website was suddenly moved from Sweden to Denmark just over one year ago. The president of the supporting local Danish organization is now facing terrorist charges, having publicly invited Danes to raise funds for the Colombian guerrillas.

Commentaries written by Dick Emanuelsson were sometimes heard, in the latter part of the 1990's, on Radio Patria Libre, the clandestine station of the ELN guerrilla movement (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's a long article in Spanish, with photos, said to be the first authorized visit by an outsider (tho obviously a sympathizer) to a FARC radio station, in this case the Bloque Sur outlet of Voz de la Resistencia, which is on FM, but WTKF? Normal hours are 6-10 am and 4-8 pm [= 1100-1500, 2100-0100 UT], but goes off the air abruptly when planes are heard in the distance, or when lightning threatens the antenna (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) <http://www.worldofradio.com/dxld5162.txt> (Sept 13, 2005)

Additional comment for gh/DXLD and SWB readership:

Texts written by Dick E. were common in Dagens Nyheter, Aftonbladet and organs of various Swedish trade unions (ST, LR etc). When the Colombian guerrillas were declared terrorists by the EU – Sweden was the last country to join the crew – on June 13, 2002, Emanuelsson's texts ceased to appear in these publications and are now limited to Flamman /organ of the Swedish communist party/ and Liberación, a weekly magazine published by Latin American political refugees in Sweden. Various articles, mainly in Spanish, can be found online.

The story, as quoted by gh, is said to be "the first authorized visit by an outsider () to a FARC radio station". This is not true. Also, the reporter is no "outsider". He has shown that he has a "pipeline" to the leaders of the FARC such as "Tirofijo", "Raúl Reyes" (all alias names, hence the quotation marks. Very few other people can do this.

Secondly, Voz de la Resistencia has been dealt with in depth by the local Colombian press. A story with several pictures was published by El Espectador newspaper on Jan 7, 2001. An edited version of that article can be read at <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/dxld1005.txt>

The following picture was scanned from the aforementioned El Espectador article by yours truly.



A community broadcaster in Stockholm has been accused of being a FARC outlet. It is not, Dick Emanuelsson says in a collateral story, ostensibly to prove his point. You can read it in Spanish at <http://argenpress.info/nota.asp?num=021587>

There is an interview with the manager of the Colombian community broadcaster Café Stereo (88.4) in Stockholm. One of the headlines says that the collaborators are being paid by "the state" ("El estado paga"). From the article and the comparisons made to programs such as Caracol's longstanding La Luciérnaga one understands that they are ridiculing the constitutional government of Colombia, even though it has been supported by a vast majority of the population during the past 3 years. Successive polls reveal that the nation's president Alvaro Uribe Vélez is being backed up by 70% of the population.

As a community broadcaster Radio Café Stereo cost a lot of money to operate, and yet their coverage area was minimal. Now, with the inception of online streaming audio, operational costs have gone down steeply. Now the programs can be heard in all Stockholm and also "in South Africa, Barranquilla or New York", the station's spokesperson says.

One single photograph is added to Dick E's second story. It is cleverly designed so as not to allow any of the Café stereo collaborators to be identified. To be sure, the article explains that all collaborators [just as it happens in the Colombian guerrilla] are using aliases.

Swedish PM Göran Persson, chaired a United Nations' summit a few days ago. The UN meeting adopted a resolution exhorting member nations to create legal frameworks to prevent any apology of terrorism. Here is what Persson said. I am quoting DN online Sept 16, 2005 edition:

"Världsledare på FN-toppmötet har antagit en resolution som uppmanar länder att skapa lagar för att hindra uppvigling till terrorism."

Statsminister Göran Persson, på plats i FN-huset, säger att eventuella ändringar av svenska lagar kommer att ske i samförstånd med EU.

- Jag vet inte exakt hur vi kommer att omsätta den nationella lagstiftningen, sade Persson vid en pressträff på torsdagen.

- Vi gör det säkert samordnat med EU.

Viktig för Sverige i sammanhanget är dock individens rättssäkerhet, påpekade statsministern."

(PM Göran Persson says that any amendments to Swedish law will have to be made in agreement with the EU. "I do not know exactly how the national legislation has to be changed", Persson said. "We will certainly do it in coordination with the EU. One important aspect for Sweden in this case is [to protect] the legal rights of each individual", remarked the PM).

Denmark already has a working anti-terrorist legislation and Patrick MacManus, chairman of the Oprør NGO [which are FARC supporters], has been indicted for alleged infringement of article 114 of this law. Should Sweden ever adopt a similar law, a station such as Café Stereo would probably have to close down or change its actual line of programs.

Now, what about QSLing Voz de la Resistencia? Well, Patrik Willför in Finland, reporting at the right moment, managed to obtain an email QSL from an official FARC spokesperson via a Costarican address. This happened in conjunction with the "peace tour" various FARC leaders made to various European capitals in 2000. In Sweden they were invited to a course in economy at a government-owned educational center outside of Stockholm. There was much hush-hush about the event and my report to Dagens Industri, Feb 8, 2000 was in fact a smallish scoop. (Henrik Klemetz)

IDENTIFYING JAPANESE NHK MEDIUM WAVE STATIONS by John H. Bryant with Dr. Takazi Okuda

When to listen for a station identification and how to decode what you hear. Learn to recognize Japanese NHK Medium Wave stations. http://www.dxing.info/articles/IDing_NHK_stations.dx (via DXLD)

K9AY ANTENNA PRODUCTION RE-STARTED

Hello Folks, After an absence of 12 months, I have decided to resume limited production of the K9AY. This model has been re-engineered to provide improved performance:

1. The Control Unit is housed in a Hammond Engineering Die-cast box.
2. The variable termination is a bespoke LED/LDR cell assembly to replace the Vactrol.
3. A brand new 17dB amplifier using multi-transistors in parallel/ push-pull, each with its own local feedback provides a much higher intermod spec; Measured with 2 tones at 0.8MHz and 1.0MHz it provides an IP3 +43dBm and more importantly an IP2 +90dBm to reduce MW second order intermod in 160m Ham Band and LW Broadcast intermod in the NDB Band.

The new amplifier module will be made available to K9AY home brewers. Full details and pricing will be placed on my web site at a later date. 73s and good listening. Andy G8LUG. Andy Ikin e-mail: sales@wellbrook.uk.com andy@wellbrook.uk.com URL: <http://www.wellbrook.uk.com> (Steve Whitt, Sept 8, MWC via DXLD)

WOR IBOC CO-CHANNEL INTERFERENCE - HERE'S THE RECORDING

Re: I can easily hear WOR's IBOC hash on 700 and 720 kHz here in Wilmington, DE during the day. I can try and record said hash for you (as a .mp3 file) if you're interested (Pete Jernakoff, NRC-AM via DXLD)

If you could, that would be good. As I said, I am not hearing what others are describing, so hearing a recording would be helpful. If you could also tell me the radio it was recorded from, that would be helpful, too (Tom Ray, WOR, via DXLD)

Tom, This afternoon (1730 local; September 10, 2005) I recorded a quick band scan +/- 20 kHz around 710. in order to document the IBOC interference associated with WOR as heard at my home location (Wilmington, DE; 110 miles from WOR transmitter site, bearing from WOR to my home = 228 degrees). Said recording (Recording #9) can be found at the following url:

<http://www.21centimeter.com/IBOC.html>

For simplicity, one can also access said recording by clicking here: http://www.21centimeter.com/21centimeter/Recordings/1730-local_9-10-05_WOR-AM_IBOC_Interference.mp3

The recording starts with my receiver on 730. After 10 seconds on this frequency, I went down in frequency in 10 kHz steps every 10 seconds until I reached 690. Note the clear presence of WOR's IBOC interference (an audible SHHHHHHHHHHHH) on 720 and 700. After sitting on 690 for 10 seconds, I then climbed back up to 730 again in 10 kHz steps every 10 seconds.

Some details: Receiver = Drake R8B, Band width = 6.0 khz. Mode AM. Antenna = MFJ-1024 vertical whip with 0 dB attenuation and maximum gain. Recorded using Total Recorder (Version 5.2) on an IBM Thinkpad T30 as a .wav file and converted to an .mp3 file using MP3 WAV Converter Version 3.05. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the above information.

(Best regards, Peter Jernakoff, K3KMS, Wilmington, Delaware, NRC-AM via DXLD)

SOLAR MINIMUM IS LOOKING STRANGELY LIKE SOLAR MAX. Solar Minimum Explodes 9.15.2005

September 15, 2005: Just one week ago, on Sept. 7th, a huge sunspot rounded the sun's eastern limb. As soon as it appeared, it exploded, producing one of the brightest x-ray solar flares of the Space Age. In the days that followed, the growing spot exploded eight more times.

Each powerful "X-flare" caused a shortwave radio blackout on Earth and pumped new energy into a radiation storm around our planet. The blasts hurled magnetic clouds toward Earth, and when they hit, on Sept 10th and 11th, ruby-red auroras were seen as far south as Arizona. So this is solar minimum? [More:] http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2005/15sep_solarminexplodes.htm?list13051 (via Mike Bugaj, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

FULL STORY [same?] at http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2005/15sep_solarminexplodes.htm?list793407

(via Michael McCarty, dxldyg via DXLD)

Propagation on MW this week (37) has been very strange due to the geomagnetic storm. On 1377 kHz I can under normal conditions hear France Info, Lille 300 kW. Sometimes a Chinese station. This week at 1730 UTC the dominating station has been TWR Gavar, Armenia signing on at 1725 UT. 18 UT on 1314 kHz I've been hearing BBC Al Dhabaya, United Arab Emirates instead of NRK's powerhouse.

Last Wednesday 14.9, almost the only station on MW-dial around 18 UT was YLE Pori. MW-band was almost totally silent except some stations from Iran and Romania. For some reason during the geomagnetic storms mw-stations from Italy, Romania and Iran come with exceptional good reception. Selection is very limited indeed. 73 (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DXLD)