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Tyvärr har det varit ganska tomt i mailboxen till detta nummer. Vet inte varför bara några få av 45 medlemmar hör av sig. Är radiolivet så tråkigt att man inte ens skriva några få rader nån gång då och då och berättat nåt trevligt???

Förra veckan hämtades min nya SAAB 9-3 ut från Bilpartner i Klippan. Första gången på alla bilår som jag köpt en helt ny bil. Ganska skön känsla att kolla in mätaren som står på 0 km och lukta in nåt direkt från produktionen.

Sen skall man ju inte glömma känslan av de fina vägegenskaperna på nya 9-3.

Vädret har varit fantastiskt här nere med 25-26 gr flera dagar och nu har äntligen bönderna fått undan sina skördar. Så fort det blir kallare kommer mössen att överfalla oss härute på vischan ...

Keep on

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Dateline Bogotá: <http://hem.ektv.nu/~ekt035221/Dateline.htm>

SWB hot stuff: <http://hem.ektv.nu/~ekt035221/> (på denna sajt ligger alltid senaste SWB).

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

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

QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Jan Edh: jag var ute i Fredriksfors i natt (6-7/9). Många MV-stationer men väldigt fladdrigt. Kortvågen under pari. Och nu var den förfärliga störningen tillbaka på Radio Coatan 4780 också... KV-loggen blev också rekordkort.

11/9: den här natten blev en svår besvikelse.

Det började med punka på bilen och hjulbyte när jag kom ut vid 21.30.

Jag blev lite misstänksam när Loisir 1314, som möjligen kan skymtas ibland, nu gick som frekvensdominant vid 23-tiden.

Mellanvågen som helhet riktigt tråkig och det lilla glädjeämnet var kortvågen med Catholic Network från Papua (se loggen). Senare på natten blev det varken hackat eller malet varken på kortvåg eller mellanvåg. Jag måste åka hem strax efter 06 redan, då höll det på svängde lite och NA-stationerna blev starkare utan att det för den skull gick speciellt många.

15/9: Jag (och Rolf Larsson) gav upp redan före 01 i Fredriksfors och då hade vi mest fikar på torsdagskvällen 14/9. Harbour Light, de vanligaste VOXM-stationerna och några PR gick, men det blev snarare sämre än bättre....

Vart har brassarna som alltid gick som bäst vid 00.30 tagit vägen?

På kortvågen verkade Huanta vara tillbaka på 4746,86. Peru också på 4955. Annars väldigt magert utbud med halvvissna signaler även på 4985 och andra "brasse-fyror".

På morgonen lyssnade vi från 04.

De goda NA-konditionerna som JA flaggade för märktes inte hos oss.. I övrigt huvudsakligen Venezuela och Puerto Rico.

Dan Olsson: Hejsan allesammans! Nyss hemkommen efter ett skolkalas med alla oss som gick ut ifrån Korsbackaskolan i Kävlinge 1976. Det var trevligt att träffa folk. En del som bor i Kävlinge har man inte sett på ett par år.

Tipsen denna gång är ifrån en lyssnarnatt i Saxtorp där jag, RÅ och Hans Kronkvist deltog. Småhyfsade konds på MV men inte hördes det mycket på kv. 60-metersbandet är öde som en Kävlingegata mitt i natten.

Så lite diverse på grund av bidragsbrist:

Electronics Museum---Review of 20th century progress in electronics devices (1900~1999)

Prelude: Progress of electric-magnetic devices in the second half of 19th century(1850~1899), splendid era in electrical engineering. Check it out. www.xcvcorp.com (cuhulin via rec.radio.shortwave)

CUBA. In brief, the Wobbler is not a station, it is an unexplained anomaly of some Cuban broadcast stations. When heard in its most vigorous mode it sounds like a sheet of metal being shaken or wobbled, hence the name I coined for the thing. At its most extreme it can be heard at night over powerhouse stations all across the country. As I mentioned, such an example on 1100 Radio Cadena Habana, from Havana Cuba, was heard in Hawaii. The northwest of the US has heard the Wobbler, but I don't think anyone from California has reported hearing any.

There are a dozen or so Cuban stations which exhibit this unpredictable condition. There is no way to know when one or several might be heard, though in the past there have been periods where one sounded off for several days if not weeks at a time. Every day since I started tracking them -- well over a year now -- there has been at least one and usually a half dozen or so heard every day, but very much weaker than can be heard from beyond the near local south Florida vicinity.

You can read about the suggested cause of the phenomenon -- generally believed to be attributable to malfunctioning old equipment and an unstable power system. You can also hear samples of it, and see spectrum traces of the signal. Plus, as I say, a lot more including my logs (W. Curt Deegan, Boca Ratón, (southeast) Florida <http://ScooterHound.com/WWWR/wobbler> Sept 8, IRCA via DXLD) see BRAZIL

LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

2310			Australia VL8A Alice Springs NT 0900 weaker signal than // 2325 [Wilkner-FL]
2310	10.9	2005	Alice Springs tillsammans med 2325 och 2485. Alla igång nu. Alla med QSA 3 och alla med samma program. JE
2325			Australia VL8T Tennant Creek. 0900 to 1030 strong signal, equal in strength to that of 2485. [Wilkner-FL]
2485			Australia VL8K Katherine, NT 0900 to 1040, excellent signal with local Australian news. While this is // with 2325 it is about a half a second ahead, clearly out of synch. Talk about parliamentary ministers report. [Wilkner-FL]
3172.64			PERU Radio Municipal , Panao. Sign on around 1000 to 1010 during the week of 27 August to 2 September. Weak signal which should improve during the next month. [Wilkner-FL]
3223.05			India tentative AIR Shimla , Himachal Pradesh at 0040 to 0055 with subcontinental programming. Heard this from Phuket, Thailand at 1600 to 1630 [DX Tuner] but never from South Florida.also interesting signal on 3315 at the same time. [Wilkner-FL]
3234.86			PERU Radio Luz y Sonido , Huánuco. Sign on around 1000 to 1020 during the week of 27 August to 3 September. Excellent music, but few ID's. [Wilkner-FL]
3291.1			GUYANA "Voice of Guyana" GBC Sparendaam remains off the air. When broadcasting often play "Guyana You've been So Good to Me" which is a recent popular anthem.
3291.10			GUYANA "Voice of Guyana GBC , Sparendaam. Off the air starting on 25 August; to 3 September. [Wilkner-FL]
3329.53			PERU Ondas del Huallaga Huánuco Sign on around 1000 to 1015 during the week of 27 August to 3 September. Usual "flauta Andina", rustic Peruvian music, in lsb narrow to avoid CHU. [Wilkner-FL]
3350	7.9	0400	Radio Espana via sändaren i Costa Rica. QSA 4. JE
3935			NEW ZEALAND ZLXA , R Reading Service, Levín 1040 to 1100 on 28 August. Picked out some words and phrases in English. Also 5019.91 <u>Solomon Islands</u> same time and date. [Wilkner-FL]
4052.46			GUATEMALA Radio Verdad , Chiquimula 1035 to 1040 English language talk by a Bishop of the Church. 25 August. [Wilkner-FL]
4746,86	14.9	2235	Huanta 2000 tillbaka. För gott eller tillfälligt? Skiftar man mellan två sändare eller hur kan man annars komma tillbaka exakt lika "snett"? QSA 2-3. JE
4780			Guatemala Radio Coatan , San Sebastian 1034 noted with vocal version of the Guatemalan National Anthem [Wilkner-FL]
4799			GUATEMALA Radio Buenas Nuevas , San Sebastián, Huehuetenango 1100 to 1120 with transmitter problems, a distorted rumble 29 August; 1100 on 30 August, excellent signal in local language [Wilkner-FL]
4800	10.9	0240	R Buenas Nuevas med religiöst program på spanska Q 3 DO
4810.082			Mexico XERTA 0927 to 0935, instrumental music, fair signal, but continues to drift into the constant noise above 4810.00 [Wilkner-FL]
4876.65			BRAZIL Radio Difusora Roraima , Boa Vista, Portuguese programming, one mention of Radio Nacional,". Bom Dia." Noted as returning to frequency on 7 September after a month of no logs. 7 September, [Wilkner-FL]
4915	10.9	0255	R Anhanguera med ID o reklam för Ford DO
4950	10.9	0250	R Madre de Dios läste ifrån Biblen. DO
4953.13			UNID Spanish language station 1030 to 1046, nothing on 4950, 29 August [Wilkner-FL]
4960	10.9	2020	Catholic Network , Vaimo. Modern kristen sång. Presenterat på Pidgin eller annat lokalt språk. Musiken gick fram bra, talet däremot oerhört lågt och distat och svårtytt. Gick bara på AM men där med uppåt QSA 3 i topparna. JE
4990			SURINAME Radio Apintie , Paramaribo 0730 to 0950 in Dutch, many vocalists, male announcer, fading in and out. 7 September, [Wilkner-FL]
5030	10.9	2030	Ouagadougou med en intervju och mysig musik. Tillbaka igen, har väl inte hört spå en tid? QSA 4 JE
5039.21			PERU Radio Libertad , Junin seems to sign on late on Sundays as not noted 3 September. Noted signing on between 1045 and 1120 during the week of 27 August to 2 September. Standard y1 and om with excellent Peru music. [Wilkner-FL]
5040.03			ECUADOR Voz del Upano , Macas tentative, noted in the local mornings 1000 to 1100. Weak spanish, difficult to tune here. 25 August to 03 September. [Wilkner-FL]
5470	10.9	2100	Radio Veritas , Monrovia- QSA1-2 bara. Bäst på LSB. JE
6019.62			PERU Radio Victoria , Lima 0740 to 0755 impassioned Priest, at times yelling out sermon // 9720.14. ~ 7 September, [Wilkner-FL]
9720	10.9	0700	Radio Victoria med lätt hysterisk predikan. 2 CB
9720	16.9	0545	Radio Victoria hördes ovanligt bra med information om olika evenemang inom IPDA i Peru. 2-3 CB

Stationsnyheter

CUBA. 6120, R. Rebelde, Sept 10, 0301-0325, good reception, Spanish programming, pop LA music, light/moderate QRM from unidentified station under them, // 5025 the whole time (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, Etón E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CUBA. 9505, Radio Rebelde, 1035-1105, 10-09, canciones cubanas presentadas por locutora, identificación: "Radio Rebelde. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol el día 10 de Septiembre, Sony ICF SW 7600 G antena interior cable 4 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CUBA. R. Rebelde, 9505, Sunday Sept 10 at 1259 wrapping up a 3-hour Sunday program, as announced, ``Música de su Vida`` starting at 6 am = 1000 UT. This was close to 9505.0, not varied to 9506 as someone was wondering. Off at 1300* after ID (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIEGO GARCIA 12759, 1436-, **AFRTS** Sep 9 Thanks for the tip via Franck Baste in France via dxld, AFRTS is still heard on this new? frequency or a repeat punch-up error. Barely audible at tune-in at 14:13 but at fair to good level at 14:36. NPR programming. This would be a nice change if permanent since there's no ute interference as is always heard on 12579. (Salmaniw, Victoria, BC via HCDX)

LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio has recently extended its evening schedule on 567 kHz to sign off at 1600. I would guess this also applies to 6130. I haven't been able to confirm the shortwave schedule yet, as reception of 6130 is usually very difficult here so late in the evening. (Alan Davies - Surabaya, Indonesia via DXLD)

MALAYSIA. 6050, Sibü is still active, but with a reduced schedule: 2200-0100 relaying Wai FM Kuching in Iban, and 0400-0700 apparently with local programming from Sibü FM, probably also in Iban. I've been unable to trace an evening transmission from Sibü on 6050. Even in Kuching, the 0400-0700 transmission from Sibü is more or less unintelligible because of interference from the Kajang transmitter near Kuala Lumpur, which is currently on approx. 6049.64. The Kajang transmitter carries Info FM in Malay 0200-0500, Asyik FM in Malay and Orang Asli languages 0500-1500, and Suara Islam for listeners in Indonesia 1500-1700.

7270 (currently on approx. 7270.15), the Kuching schedule of is as follows: 2200-0100 Wai FM Iban; 0100-0400 Wai FM Bidayuh; 0400-0700 relays Limbang FM in Lun Bawang; 0700-1000 Wai FM Kayan/Kenyah; 1000-1600 Wai FM Iban. The same Wai FM programmes are on Kuching 548.92 kHz, except at 0400-0700 when 548.92 is off air.

5030 (currently approx. 5030.02), Sarawak FM is still heard 2200-1600 in Malay on 5030 and 7130 kHz, 24h on FM, and also 0000-0200 & 1000-1200 on Kuching 729 kHz.

Around 30 & 31 August, the Sarawak SW frequencies probably operated an extended schedule for coverage of Malaysian Independence Day celebrations on 31 August.

5965 (currently approx. 5964.94), from Kajang; the Nasional FM network from RTM Kuala Lumpur merged with Klasik FM on 12 August, and has been re-named "Klasik Nasional FM", with a format of news, info and Malay oldies presented in Malay. The network operates 24h. It's also transmitted on the former Nasional FM network, and additionally in Kuala Lumpur on the Klasik FM frequency, 93.9 MHz. (Alan Davies - Surabaya, Indonesia via DXLD)

Övriga radionyheter

Grounding

Given the importance of ground this link might be informative. <http://www.groundperfect.com/DeepEarthPaper.htm>
(Terry via rec.radio.shortwave)

Conrad Meadows

For the first time in many years, I traveled inland within Washington rather than to a coastal site for a DXpedition. My intent was to concentrate on tropical band DXing for a change, as trans-Pacific MW DX is the primary target from the WA coast DXpedition locations such as Grayland and Ocean City State Park.

Conrad Meadows is a beautiful spot in the Mt. Rainier area, and is the starting point for hikers and packhorse trips heading into the Goat Rocks Wilderness. I set up camp in a nearby "dispersed camping" area, where you are free to set up camp in whatever spot looks inviting. I picked a location a short stone's throw from the South Fork of the Tieton River, and between two conveniently-placed pine trees (for antennas).

The area is green and lush during the spring, but this part of the state is bone-dry at the moment...still, it's a pleasant location to camp next to the burbling waters, string up some antennas, and DX completely free from local noise or interference sources. The photos on this individual's blog show what Conrad Meadows looks like in the month of May:

http://www.moderndogweblog.com/photos/conrad_meadows/conradmeadowsfromabove.html

This was the 3rd DXpedition I've used the PA0RDT Mini-Whip antenna, and it was great to find that it always equalled, and usually exceeded, my Wellbrook ALA 100. The Mini-Whip clearly performs best in a noise-free location and mounted as high as possible. At the campsite I was able to raise the Mini-Whip to a 40-foot level in the branches of a Ponderosa pine; the ALA 100 antenna was erected similarly, with the flat-top portion of an inverted delta loop also at 40 feet. Total loop circumference was 100 feet; probably overkill but the loop was still a fine performer.

Please see my latest blog entry for photos of the antennas and the Eton E1 setup during the trip to Conrad Meadows: www.sdr-1000.blogspot.com and further details on the performance of the antennas.

AUSTRALIA 2310, 1115-1120, VL8A Alice Springs Sep 3 English announcer with music and talk about John Denver. Very good signal parallel to 2325 VL8T Tennant Creek; 2485 VL8K Katherine not heard, but noted the following night 9/4 with a good signal parallel to the other two 120mb Aussie outlets. (Atkins-WA)

BRAZIL 4885, 0218-0223, R. Clube do Para Sep 4 Male announcers with lively talk in Portuguese and lots of reverb effects. Advertisement at 0220; ID as 'R. Clube' 0221, with mentions of Para at 0222. Excellent signal. (Atkins-WA)

BRAZIL 4915, 0224-0232, R. Anhanguera Sep 4 Portuguese talk by male announcer to 0230 Brazilian jazz vocals. Possible ID sung in Portuguese at 0234. Good level. (Atkins-WA)

BRAZIL 4985, 0236-0240, R. Brasil Central Sep 4 Faint signal of male talk, but definitely Portuguese. Very tentative. (Atkins-WA)

COSTA RICA 3350, 0316-0320, R. Exterior de Espana Sep 4 Male and female announcer in Spanish with telephone program. Very good signal; presumed. (Atkins-WA)

ECUADOR 3280, 0258-0302, LV del Napo Sep 4 Devotional program or prayer reading by man and woman in Spanish. Possible mentions of Napo at 0300. Poor to fair signal; tentative log. (Atkins-WA)

GUATEMALA 4780, 1215-1219, R. Cultural Coatan Sep 3 Male announcer noted in Spanish, followed by campesino folk music. Good signal, and also heard 9/4 at 0205 with mentions of Coatan. (Atkins-WA)

GUATEMALA 4800, 0208-0216, R. Buenas Nuevas Sep 4 Female announcer in Spanish, followed by instrumental Latin music. Nice ID by woman at 0212. Good level. (Atkins-WA)

HONDURAS 4819, 1133-1136, LV Evangelica Sep 4 Male preacher in Spanish with sermon. Fair to good level. (Atkins-WA)

INDONESIA 3345, 1044-1048, RRI Ternate Sep 4 Man and woman in Indonesian language, with mentions of Indonesia. Indo pop music 1047. Fair signal, and no sign of Radio Northern on the frequency. (Atkins-WA)

INDONESIA 3976, 1106-1109, RRI Pontianak Sep 4 Female speaker in Indonesian with ID, brief jazz music, and into talk by soft-spoken male announcer. Very good signal. (Atkins-WA)

INDONESIA 4605, 1121-1131, RRI Serui Sep 4 Fantastic signal with soft Indo pops 1121-1129, followed by male announcer in Indonesian with time check and RRI Serui ID at 1130. (Atkins-WA)

INDONESIA 4750, 1207-1208, RRI Makassar Sep 3 At tune-in, a female announcer in Indonesian was heard, with a number of mentions of Indonesia. Quite strong signal, but struggling with badly distorted audio, as is often the case with Makassar. On 9/4, their audio was much better when heard at 1135. (Atkins-WA)

INDONESIA 4790, 1220-1223, RRI Fak Fak Sep 3 Male and female speakers in Indonesian, and Indo pop music; patriotic-sounding public service announcement or advertisement at 1223. Good level. (Atkins-WA)

INDONESIA 4870, 1225-1227, RRI Wamena Sep 3 Male announcer in Indonesian; content appeared to be brief news items from around the country. Presumed. (Atkins-WA)

JAPAN 3925, 1208-1212, R. Nikkei Sep 3 Excellent S9+10 dB signal with English lesson, using world news items as examples, given by male and female announcers in Japanese. Heard throughout the weekend at pounding levels, often with jazz music selections. (Atkins-WA)

NEW ZEALAND 3935, 1103-1106, ZLXA Levin Sep 4 Faint signal of male announcer with slow reading, possibly news items. Ham radio QRM at times. Tentative; it's been a long time since I've had a definite logging of ZLXA. (Atkins-WA)

NORTH KOREA 2850, 1138-1140, KCBS Pyongyang Sep 3 Korean female vocals with orchestral accompaniment; strong signal. (Atkins-WA)

NORTH KOREA 3250, 1145-1147, Pyongyang BC Sep 3 Male announcer in Korean, with heavy-handed orchestral music. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)

NORTH KOREA 4450, 1112-1120, KCBS Sep 4 Passionate political-sounding speech in Korean by male, followed by dramatic vocals and orchestral music at 1117. Good level, and clearly parallel with 4557 (Haeju). 4450 was accompanied by a warbler jammer, but 4557 was in the clear. Likely KCBS on these frequencies, rather than the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front, as it's been reported elsewhere that the clandestines are not using these transmitters currently. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3260, 1147-1150, R. Madang Sep 3 Old-time Gospel music selection at tune-in; male announcer in Pidgin with time check 'Come up long seven o'clock' at 1149. PSA or advertisement at 1150. Good level. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3275, 1151-1152, R. Southern Highlands Sep 3 Male announcer in Pidgin, possibly with a sermon. Poor to fair signal, but heard at good level on 9/4 with ID at 1140. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3315, 1154-1200, R. Manus Sep 3 PNG pop music tune, followed by male announcer with news items in English at 1200 re-check of frequency; mentions of Papua New Guinea. Fair level. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3345, 1157-1200, R. Northern Sep 3 Female vocals in possible Pidgin language. Music style sounded like typical PNG Melanesian folk music, but signal was poor-fair. No break at top of hour. Tentative. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3365, 1202-1203, R. Milne Bay Sep 3 Male announcer with talk or news in English and mentions of Papua New Guinea. Into R&B pop music at 1203. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 3385, 1203-1204, R. East New Britain Sep 3 Good to very good signal of contemporary Christian music, heard on a good night for PNG reception. Presumed. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 4890, 1228-1230, NBC Port Moresby Sep 3 Excellent, clear signal of reggae music, and male announcer in English at 1230, mentioning Karai Network. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 4960, 1234-1235, Catholic Radio Network Sep 3 Very faint signal of English talk by a female announcer; it seemed to be a religious devotion or prayer. Tentative. (Atkins-WA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 7120, 1230-1233, R. Wantok Light Sep 3 It was great to hear this station loud and clear again; probably the best reception I've heard since logging their multi-hour inaugural day celebration broadcast in June, 2005. Noted female announcer with ID, ad into contemporary Christian music. Despite Wantok's 'NVIS' antenna, designed to restrict radiated power to the region, their signal clearly reaches far past Papua New Guinea!. (Atkins-WA)

PERU 3235, 1020-1035, R. Luz Y Sonido Sep 4 Male announcer in Spanish, and campesino music to 1030 ID. Into sermon or religious talk at 1031. Fair. (Atkins-WA)

PERU 4790, 0203-0205, R. Atlantida Sep 4 Male talk in Spanish, and into what sounded like a live, outdoor political speech. Fair level; presumed. (Atkins-WA)

PERU 4835.4, 1138-1143, R. Marañon Sep 4 Male announcer in Spanish language, with occasional mentions of Cajamarca. Weak signal. (Atkins-WA)

RUSSIA 279, 1123-1135, R. Rossi Sep 3 Likely R. Rossi from Sakhalin Island here, the only LW frequency noted in audio, with Russian talk and EZL music. Announcements and possible ID at 1130. Fair to good signal, and MUCH better on PAORDT Mini-whip antenna than the Wellbrook ALA 100 loop!. (Atkins-WA)

SOLOMON ISLANDS 5020, 0958-1003, SIBC Sep 4 A very good signal tonight from one of my personal favorites--SIBC Honiara. Female announcer in English with 'nine o'clock' time check at 1000, SIBC ID, usual bamboo pipes interval signal, and into news items. At later re-tune, I caught the sign-off at 1159 with ID, announcements, and national anthem. Immediately after the anthem, SIBC began their BBC relay. (Atkins-WA)

SOUTH AFRICA 3320, 0305-0314, R. Sonder Grense Sep 4 Pop music in Dutch or Afrikaans at 0305; male & female talk in Afrikaans at 0308; Simon and Garfunkel's 'Mrs. Robinson' at 0313. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)

SOUTH AFRICA 3355, 0321-0323, BBC Meyerton Sep 4 Talk by man and woman in English, with political commentary on UK affairs. Poor to fair signal, peaking sharply at 0322. (Atkins-WA)

SWAZILAND 4775, 0359-0400, Trans World Radio Sep 3 Announcer noted in English with mention of upcoming German language program, and ID 'You are listening to TWR, broadcasting from Manzini, Swaziland.' Into German program 0400. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)

VANUATU 3945, 1003-1007, R. Vanuatu Sep 4 Very weak signal of possible news items, read by a man in English. Tentative. (Atkins-WA)

Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, www.sdr-1000.blogspot.com DXing from Conrad Meadows, WA (via rec.radio.shortwave)

RME-69

The Radio Manufacturing Engineers RME-69 is a general coverage HF receiver using older 6 pin tubes such as the 6C6 and 6D6.

Introduced as "ready November 1, 1935", it was marketed primarily to radio amateurs. See the introductory information on page 87 of the November 1935 issue of QST and the full-page ad on page 91 of the December 1935 issue. The model number is derived from "6 bands and 9 tubes".

FIVE YEARS IN DUTCH UNDERGROUND
(caption of photo accompanying letter below)

According to the letter below, reproduced by RME in an advertisement, one RME-69 was given to the Dutch Underground in 1941 and used throughout the war in clandestine locations in that occupied country. A copy of the ad can be found in the February 1946 issue of QST magazine. Since there are and were no markings on any of the knobs, it is understandable that it could pass as a "laboratory test instrument" to an untrained eye. This radio still does very well in picking up Radio Nederland and other short-wave programs. Thanks to the Allies and to the men and women of the "Verzet" (resistance), the Netherlands and Radio Nederland were liberated in 1945.



RME Owners Say!



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302 First Avenue,
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Illinois (U.S.A.)

REPORT about the use of Receiver RME 69 in service at the
Corps Government Communication Service at Amsterdam
and Amersfoort.

Gentlemen:

This receiver was in 1941 placed at the disposal of the underground organization Corps Regeerings Berichten Dienst (Government Communication Service) during the years 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945. The receiver was handled daily for some hours to receive the daily news bulletins on shortwave length and to listen to signals of secret stations in England, which were transmitting secret messages to the underground forces in the Netherlands.

During the whole period of 5 years of the war the receiver has never been repaired. In September 1944 the receiver was sent to a farm in the neighbourhood of Amersfoort to act as communication receiver on a secret radio station. It has been in use on batteries and under all conditions.

In March 1945 the receiver was shipped to Amsterdam, but the Germans controlled the transport and opened the case, in which the receiver RME 69 was packed. We fooled them in telling that the receiver was a laboratory test instrument and they believed it.

So the RME 69 reached its destination and was for 24 hours daily in service on the radio station P.A.D., transmitting station of the Corps Government Communication Service in Amsterdam. A picture of the RME 69 "in service" is enclosed herewith.

We are convinced for ever that the RME communication receivers belong to the most reliable receivers in the world.

Sincerely yours,

J.M.F.A. van Dijk,
Director



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So the RME 69 reached its destination and was for 24 hours daily in service on the radio station P.A.D., transmitting station of the Corps Government Communication Service in Amsterdam. A picture of the RME 69 "in service" is enclosed herewith.

We are convinced for ever that the RME communication receivers belong to the most reliable receivers in the world.

Sincerely yours,
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