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SWB kommer lite senare denna gång på grund av att er redaktör deltog i KRÖK-möte borta på Karön i JOE:s stuga. En återför-
ening av de som deltog i det beryktade mötet 1970. Speciellt trevligt var det att träffa Nils Olsson som normalt bor i Brasilien men som en period är hemma i Sverige. En utförligare rapport kommer från JOE till nästa nummer.

Som ni alla förstår så hann vi inte med så mycket DX, men en och annan kanoninspelning från JEP:s gamla band hördes i bakgrunden – bara för att förstärka nostalgin!

I övrigt har vi nästan regnat bort den gångna perioden. Rönneå som rinner här bredvid är inte längre en å – den är en hel stor flod!! Vi får hoppas att sommaren ändå inte uteblir.

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Again we have the pleasure to welcome a new member in SWB. This time a fellow from Moscow, Andy Martynyuk who mailed me about interest in joining the SWB. Here are some personal information. Andy, very welcome to SWB!

Andy Martynyuk: As you know, my name is Andy Martynyuk, Moscow. I'm a journalist and a lawyer. Have been in DXing since 1984. Spheres of DX-interests: MW, SW, Europe, Middle East, Far East, Africa. Receivers: Degen 1103, Sangean ATS 909. Antennas: telescopic, 10-meter-long wire outdoors, active DE 31. Other hobbies: psychology, reading, music and travelling. Languages spoken: English, Czech and Russian. With best wishes, Andy.

Tore B Vik: Ingen videre kortbølgeaktivitet fra min side. Har kjørt en runde med f/u's som har gitt resultat - allt har kommet som e.post. R.Armonia er litt spesiell da den kom på en rapport på 2. harmoniske.

XEYU, R. UNAM, Mexico City 9599.3. **R. Armonia** 3200 (2x1600) Buenos Aires. **R. Educadora,** Xapuri AC 3255 ep v/s Raimari Cardoso. ZYF278 **R. Cultura,** Manaus AM 4845. ZYF203 **R. Verde Florestas,** Cruzeiro do Sul AC 4865, v/s Graci Rezende. CE601 **R. Parinacota,** Putre 6010, v/s Maitaza Cuito – 5 år 9 mnd 3dager. Ha enfortsatt god sommer.

Bjarke Vestesen: Sommervejret er alligevel ikke til andet end af forsøge at få DXet på kortbølge. Men mens Sjælland og Skåne forleden fik voldsomme mængder regn fik vi højst et par dråber her på Fyn og ikke en gang nok til at gøre jorden våd. Der er endnu et par uger til sommerferien, som bliver holdt hjemme i Danmark: Først en telttur et sted langs den jyske vestkyst med mine døtre og min AOR7030+ i tasken for især at lytte britiske LPAM og ILR-stationer, og senere en uges tid i sommerhus med hele familien. God sommer - trods regn og kulde :-)

John Ekwall: Tack för ditt besök på Karön! Hoppas att du hade det trevligt i goda vänners sällskap. Här kommer min lilla logg från förra söndagen - obs jag har inte tillgång till någon WRTH eller listor - bara SWB (inte fy skam). Glömde att kolla MV tidigare men efter 03 fanns det rätt många signaler från LA.

KRÖK-möte den 7-8 juli på Karön



John Ekwall hade bjudit in de gamla deltagarna som träffades på Karön 1970 till en återför-
ening. Dvs John Ekwall, Nils Olsson från Brasilien, hans broder Krister Olsson från Jonstorp, Jan Pettersson från Viby utanför Kristianstad samt undertecknad. Dessutom deltog Jan Tunér och Björn Fransson.

JOE har lovat skriva ihop några rader till nästa nummer, så därför kommer bara ett par bilder från JEP:s kamera.

Fantastiskt trevligt var det i varje fall att träffas igen efter så många år. Speciellt kul var det att skratta till Jan Tunérs alla trevliga små historier. JT, tack för dessa. Nils & Krister (se bild här bredvid) fixade en fantastisk grillmåltid i bästa brassesstil som föregicks av en caipiringa drink. Oförglömligt! Men, som sagt, mer om detta i kommande nummer. Tack JOE för detta initiativ!



LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

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| 2485 | | | VL8K Katherine NT 1040 to 1100 // but, much stronger than the 2310 and 2325. 22nd June [Wilkner-FL] |
| 2959.95 | | | Indonesia RPDT2 Manggarai 1050 to 1120, threshold audio for last few days 29,30 June, 1 July[Wilkner-FL] |
| 3172. 62 | | | Radio Municipal , Panao noted with weak signal 0950 after several days of not being there or too weak for log? 25 June [Wilkner FL] |
| 3205 | | | Radio West Sepik , Vanimo at 1025 to 1045 om and 1050 to 1100 yl,no music heard. 5 July [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3205 | | | Radio West Sepik July 5 th at 1035 to 1105 often threshold level, 1040 om and 1050 on yl,no music heard [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3235 | 1.7 | 0230 | R. Luz y Sonido - mx TBV |
| 3254.96t. | | | Radio Educadora 6 de Agosto , Xapuri 1000 to 1015 Portuguese om, fair signal. 2 July [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3280.0 | 1.7 | 0245 | OID SS med Palabras - kanske LV de Napo? 2 JOE |
| 3291.73 | | | Unid. carrier from 0000. [past 0230 on 28 June. This is <u>not there</u> at 0900 to 1130 [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3291.737 | | | "Voice of Guyana" GBC Sparendam 0150 to 2000 weak audio 1 January; 30 June no signal at 0100, 29 June signal one at 0130 No signal 0900 to 1100 noted same days! . [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3329.6 | 1.7 | 0240 | Ondas del Hullaga med ID 2 JOE |
| 3335 | | | Radio East Sepik , Wewak surprised to hear 1105 to 1112 with male announcer reading the news in English followed by 1110 Island music. Very late in the local morning for such a reception. 3260 and 3315 also in, alas with poor signals. 22nd June [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3390.20 | | | Emisoras Camargo , Camargo seems on at 0030 to 0050+ [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3390.20 | | | Emisoras Camargo , Camargo seemingly the Latin 0030 0040, weak audio, on 28 June [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3396 | | | Zimbabwe last logged on this frequency at 0030 to 0040 with fair signal on 21 June [Wilkner-FL] |
| 3905 | | | Radio New Ireland , Kavieng 1100 to 1115, yl with nx items on 4 July. Synchro Lock held on R8 [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4045usb | | | Belize, Sailing Vessel 1055 discussion of weather conditions for Caribbean. Advised to stay in port [Wilkner-FL] <i>These days will take what I can get on the tropical bands. Looking for Haiti on 4045usb. Medium Wave Caribbean stations seem to be leaving the air.</i> FM stereo popular in America Latina. |
| 4045 usb | | 1045 | BELIZE sailing vessel "I am in Belize..." talking re: trip to Caribbean -WCY. 30 June. [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4045 | | | HOGSTY REEF Ship moving from Hogsty Reef to Turks & Caicos 1042 to 1044 on 2 July. Checking Caribbean wx from Lakeland -WCY. [Wilkner-FL] <i>Hogsty Reef is "In the Southern Bahamas, approximately 50 miles north of Great Inagua Island. It is also a dangerous place. Almost invisible beneath deceptively tranquil waters lies a treacherous reef of jagged coral which has claimed hundreds of ships over the last 450 years".</i> http://www.nvo.com/treasure/hogstyreef/ [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4045 usb | | | KEY WEST , Florida 1050 to 1055 Sailing vessel check wx conditions -WCY. 29 June [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4689.90 | | | [tentative] Radio San Miguel , Riberalta 0050 to 0105 using narrow filter in lsb to avoid hash surrounding signal. Heard om in Spanish buried in the hash. Nothing like the Radio San Miguel formerly on 4900v. [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4717.19 | | | Radio Yura , Yura carrier on at *0952, program began at 1003 with ID by yl then traditional music. 2 July. *1017 sign on 29 June. [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4731.97 | | | Radio Universitaria , Cobija, Pando sign on 1015 with music, later om <i>en espanol</i> but under local t-storm, followed to 1045. 25 June. [Wilkner FL] |
| 4732.02 | | | Radio Universitaria , Cobija, Pando sign on *0958 with rock music cover in Spanish, reminiscent of the 1980's. No ID at beginning of the broadcast which began fading quickly. Signal strength is same as Radio Yura. No rty in the local morning 1000 GMT. 2 July [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4732.02 | | | Radio Universitaria , Cobija, Pando, tnx Eramo. 1004 tune in with bass driven music accompanied by male vocal; sounded more pop than Andean. 1023 Woman announcer may have shouted <i>"Univeraitaria"</i> . Only one word was shouted. 1030 first female vocal, music till 1045 when signal started to break up. Programme of only music with no ID other than the possible one mentioned above. Grey line to Bolivia from Southeast Florida at 1030 GMT. 23 June. Very poor signal on 24 June, same time [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4746.85 | | | Radio Huanta 2000 , Huanta Ayacucho *0950 sign on with om and ID, into music good signal 2 July[Wilkner-FL] |
| 4775.0 | 1.7 | 0235 | OID SS med Pelota - nämnde Cuenca så kanske Ecuador. 2 JOE |
| 4780 | 24.6 | 1855 | Radio RTD med somalisk musik. 2-3 CB |
| 4780 | 28.6 | 1800 | Radio RTD , Djibouti hade telefonprogram. 2-3 CB |
| 4781.35 | | | UNID Very strong carrier with subdued audio 0050 to 0105 30 June [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4790 | | | RRI Fak Fak , 0955-1005 Since this freq is clear lately, noted Fak Fak with Qu'ran type program of singing by a male up to the hour and through the hour. No break for ID or anything at 1000. Signal was fair during this time. [Chuck Bolland, July 4, 2007] |
| 4790.20 | | | Radio Visión Chiclayo, ex 4385 Radio Visión has been off the air for last 48 hours or more. Charles Bolland and I noticed this. 28 June July 1[Wilkner - Bolland-FL] |
| 4790.20 | | | Radio Visión Chiclayo seems off the air or on new frequency. Visión was on 4385 in the past; seems not to have returned to this frequency; Visión was on 24 hours a day. Radio Visión disappeared at the end of the month of June; this may indicate a budget cut? [Wilkner-FL] |

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| 4815.0 | 1.7 | 0227 | Unid. Fick ID till Radio Internacional . Körde rlg program fram till 03. 3 JOE |
| 4819.21 | | | La Voz Evangélica , Tegucigalpa has been silent for several months. [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4825 | | | R Canção Nova , Cachoeira Paulista, São Paulo 0945 om with ID into Portuguese music. 2 July [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4826.3 | 1.7 | 0225 | Trol Radio Sicuani 2-3 JOE |
| 4828 | 24.6 | 2015 | Zimbabwe (?) med non-stop musik. 2 CB |
| 4828 | | | Zimbabwe 0150 to 0200 noted for fair signal on 1 July. Nothing on 3936 [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4876.1 | | | Radio La Cruz del Sur , La Paz silent for over a year. [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4905 | 2.7 | 0300 | R. Anhanguera , Araguina - rlg mx non stop og S/off 0300 TBV |
| 4910 | | | VL8T Tennant Creek at 0830 to 0840 // 2485 VL8K Katherine with news items by om and yl. [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4957 | 3.6 | 2245 | R. Tropicico , Trinidad - svak med info. px - s/off 2300 TBV |
| 4960usb | | | Mutant 1045 two way conversation in Spanish [Wilkner-FL] |
| 4990 | | | Radio Apintie Paramaribo 0950 to 1000 usual om with signal much troubled by CODAR, much better in usb than AM mode. Have found no audio filter that works with CODAR; best I can do is ECSS. 25 June [Wilkner FL] |
| 5025 | 28.6 | 2030 | Radio Parakou med blandad musik. Mellan varannan sång hördes anropet "Radio Parakou". 2-3 CB |
| 5030 | 28.6 | 2105 | Radio Burkina med nyheter på franska. 3 CB |
| 5039.21 | | | Radio Libertad Junin *1030 early sign on for last week, formerly 1100 to 1110. Good signal in narrow lsb. 29 June/ "Radio Libertad... en el pais...Radio Libertad.." [Wilkner-FL] |
| 5470 | 24.6 | 2035 | Radio Veritas pratade om liberiansk politik. 2 CB |
| 5952.4 | 7.7 | 2200 | Emisora Pio Doce började komma fram under sista kvällen med Krök-gänget JOE |
| 7385 | 24.6 | 1700 | China-Tibet Broadcasting Station med "Holy Tibet" och brevlådeprogram och tibetansk musik. Det engelska programmet tog slut 1705 och man gick över till tibetanska och non-stop internationell lätt musik. 3 CB |
| 7385 | 3.7 | 1635 | Holy Tibet tycks ha 1635 som ny starttid. Programmet avslutas 1705. 2 CB |
| 9290 | 7.7 | 0920 | Radio Joystick via Ulbroka, Letland, med tysk udsendelse og mærkelig musik. 44444 BV |
| 9525 | 7.7 | 0700 | Cotton Tree News via Ascension Island med s/on - men først 0705 begyndte selve udsendelsen på engelsk med trommelyd og ID: " Cotton Tree News broadcasts programmes of news and information...." og "Cotton Tree News is funded by DC, the European Union, Irish Aid and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.". Tidligere sendte Star Radio kl. 0700-0730 efterfulgt af Cotton Tree News - nu med Star Radios midlertidige lukning pga. studio-flytning har Sierra Leone-stationen tilsyneladende fået hele timen fra 0700-0800. 34333 BV |
| 9704 | 30.6 | 0800 | La Voix du Sahel med lokalt språk. 2 CB |
| 9705 | 7.7 | 0615 | La Voix du Sahel med franske ann., afrikansk musik og flere "au revoir". Hørtes i mere end en times tid denne morgen. 24333 BV |
| 11720 | 7.7 | 1230 | Scandinavian Weekend Radio med popmusikoch engelska. 2 CB |
| 11780 | 28.6 | 2108 | Nacional Amazônia med programmet "Nossa Terra". 3 CB |
| 11785 | 28.6 | 2110 | Rádio Guaíba idade just när jag kom till frekvensen. 2 CB |
| 11990 | 3.7 | 1830 | Radio Kuwait har nu återupptagit utlandssändningarna på engelska. Vid denna tid nyheter. 4 CB |
| 15120 | 7.7 | 0600 | Voice of Nigeria kæmpede på engelsk om frekvensen samme med China Radio Int'l. Nyheder fra Nigeria og flere IDs. 42322 BV |
| 15345.3 | 28.6 | 2115 | RAE berättade på tyska att Adolf Eichmanns pass numera kan beses på ett museum i Buenos Aires. 3-4 CB |
| 15345.4 | 2.7 | 1815 | Radiodifusión Argentina al Exterior med engelska. Som vanligt off frequency. Bäst i USB. 3 CB |

Forty-Nine metres

Since the Luxembourg DRM noise is now switched off in our evening period on both 5990 and 6095, we are able to hear some real radio signals on these and adjacent frequencies once again. On July 4 I heard what is assumed to be Radio Ethiopia with some nice Horn of Africa music at 1900 (thanks to a tip from Martien Groot). 5995 had BBC news in English via Oman. There was no trace of Radio Congo 5985 at this time or later at 2200 (as also mentioned by Martien).

However, at 2155 I heard a loud signal in Brazilian Portuguese (S9+15dB) on 5990. I assume it was a debate from the Senate, and background murmur from many voices was also audible. The man doing most of the talking often mentioned the word "Senado", perhaps unwittingly identifying the station. At 2200 the talking was faded and an announcer introduced the programme "A Voz do Brasil" (not heard by yours truly for a loooooong time). And I didn't hear it for long this time tonight, as the transmitter dropped off air at 2203. It will be interesting to find out what time this one fades in. On 5995 meanwhile was Mali, also with a good signal in an unknown language and parallel 4835.35 (or thereabouts) with a strong het from a 'open' carrier on 4835.

At around 2210 I noticed that the BR DRM was off air on 6085, but there was a unknown buzzing noise using USB only on this frequency - using LSB there was no buzz or signal audible. 6080 was Belarus // 6115 while 6090 had Chinese (probably CNR-2 via Ge'ermu) and also a lady with an American accent, who sounded like Melissa of the Dr.GS network via Anguilla. And on 6100 there was a talk in the Spanish language - I assume via RCI Sackville. (Noel R. Green (NW England) via HCDX)

Stationsnyheter

ANGOLA. 7216.77, **R. Nacional**, July 4, 1856-1927, Vernacular talks, music, also at 2042 in French and on July 5 at 0312 - all not // 4949.96 (poor, blocked by ROU at 1928) (Mikhail Timofeyev, local DXpedition near St. Petersburg, Russia, RX: Drake R8B, ANT: various directional aerial systems, HCDX via DXLD)

BOLIVIA: Radio Chicha desde Tocla, Potosí, Bolivia escuchada a las 1050 en 4763 kHz, programa Impacto, noticias y comentarios locales se identificó como "Radio Chicha, en 100.5 MHz FM para Tocla y onda corta de 4760 kilociclos para el mundo"; a las 1115 cierra transmisión (Alfredo Locatelli, Uruguay, June 28, EIEskuch@ blog via DXLD)

BOLIVIA. More about **Radio Universitaria**. The station announces the following schedule on SW: 1000-1300 UT; 2200-0200 UT; the sign-off is variable Until June 30 relays the FM Station 97.9 MHz. The musical format is Latin American Pop Music. Require letters and e-mails: radiouap @ hotmail.com

Postal Address: Radio y Television Universitaria, Campus Universitario, Av. Las Palmas, Cobija, Pando, Bolivia, Tel 3-842-2141
From July 1, they announce a different shortwave format (Nicolas Eramo, Argentina, June 26, via DXLD)

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Continuando con el monitoreo de Radio Universitaria, nueva estación que opera desde Cobija departamento de Pando, Bolivia, en 4732 khz, también se la escuchó con buena señal por la noche pero muy interferida por una emisora utilitaria en modo digital lo que dificulta apreciar los contenidos. Se identificó como "en los 4730 kHz y en los 97.9 MHz Frecuencia Modulada, transmite Radio Universitaria, desde la ciudad de Cobija" cerrando transmisión a las 0200 UT (Alfredo Locatelli, Uruguay, June 25, EIEskuch@ blog via DXLD)

COOK ISLANDS. [Re new R. Cook Islands webcast:] Heard well in Denmark with Internet Explorer browser at *1545v-0950* on weekdays. On Sunday Jun 24 it first signed off at 1050* (local Sunday at 0050!) and signed on again on same day at *1700 (local Sunday morning at 0700 which was announced with "It is Sunday Morning" and time check! It is unusual for us Europeans to hear a station which is so many hours behind us because of its western longitude). They broadcast a mix of talks in Maori and English with lovely South Sea songs relayed from 630 MW (Erik Kjøie and Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window June 27 via DXLD)

ISRAEL. Interested only in themselves By Daniel Gavron Haaretz.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/876343.html>

As a former staff member of the English News Department at Israel Radio, I am not in the least surprised at recent media reports that the English-language radio and television news operations might be closed down. Nobody outside our department has ever been in the least bit interested in this very important operation on behalf of the State of Israel. Cabinet ministers, Knesset members, public figures and senior executives of the Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA) itself were all equally indifferent.

In view of the fact that these illustrious people naturally listened to (and viewed) the news in Hebrew - and were always very anxious about how they were portrayed there - they virtually ignored the English broadcasts. The director of English news and his staff carried out their work with a clear sense of mission, but with next to no encouragement from above.

In vain did we try to impress upon our superiors that the diplomatic corps, the neighboring Arab nations, the large foreign media contingent and listeners in the United States, Britain, South Africa, Australia and other locations around the world tuned in to every broadcast. We pointed out that the dissemination of intelligent, objective and credible news about Israel was a vital element of the nation's information effort. They could not have cared less. The same politicians and public figures, who sniveled and whined about the "lack of effective Israeli public relations, hasbara," were willfully ignorant of our highly competent operation. As they didn't listen to us - and consequently didn't hear about themselves in our broadcasts - they remained apathetic and uninterested. [Wilkner-FL]

GUYANA. Guyana may not be ready for end to radio monopoly - Prime Minister, Wednesday, June 27th 2007

http://www.stabroeknews.com/index.pl/article_general_news?id=56523369

Prime Minister Samuel Hinds yesterday questioned Guyana's readiness for a liberalized radio broadcast sector, a move President Bharrat Jagdeo had promised during the 2006 elections campaign.

Leaving the question unanswered, Hinds, who was performing the duties of President, cited the example of the United Kingdom, which, according to him, took some 53 years to de-monopolize radio.

He was addressing participants of a three-day workshop for broadcast workers organized by the Clerical and Commercial Workers Union (CCWU) with support from the Union Network Inter-national (UNI) which caters to special concerns of unions and similar association whose members engage in mass media, entertainment and the arts.

Hinds was tasked with delivering the keynote address on the current situation and future prospects of public and private broadcasting in Guyana.

After outlining the growth and development of radio and television in Guyana, Hinds said government had focused attention on opening up the radio-broadcasting sector from the time it came into office.

He noted that there had been some 40 applications from several individuals interested in starting community radio stations. This signalled the need for broadcast legislation, he said.

He alluded to efforts, which have been made in this direction, all of which have struggled fruitlessly.

"We are still in a position of a radio monopoly and as a nation we have not resolved the issue," Hinds noted to the audience, which included media workers from some Caribbean countries.

He later told reporters that the issue of broadcast legislation was a sensitive topic and one on which the government has been unable to gain consensus in the nation. However, he said it was a process in which every citizen could be involved.

It was pointed out to Hinds that these issues had been raised with stakeholders in the process and he was asked why there was still no consensus on the matter.

"The process is not complete," he responded adding that the government was now in a position where it could go ahead and enact a law, which while it might not get the full support of the opposition might not attract major objections.

Hinds said he hoped such a move could be made within a year and the previous draft broadcast legislation would be used along with laws

that obtained in other countries. He said there were still concerns that opening up the monopoly might create polarization similar to what obtained with some television stations in the past.

[Wilkner-FL]

LIBERIA. Star Radio sender ikke i øjeblikket fra Liberia via Ascension Island. Det gør i stedet **Cotton Tree News**, der i morges 07-07-2007 kl. 07.05 UTC hørtes på 9525 kHz med fint og tydeligt ID, jvf. vedhæftede lille lydfil.

(Bjarke Vestesen)

VANUATU. I have just heard **Vanuatu back on 3945 kHz** at 1010 UT with a lady reading news in English. I haven't heard them on this frequency for some months. New Zealand Aid is to provide Vanuatu with two 10 kW shortwave transmitters soon (Gordon Brown, location? NWDXC July 4 via BC-DX via DXLD)

Övriga radionyheter

Noteringar från ett ARC/SWB-konvent 2007.

Ett stående inslag vid de välarrangerade konventen är det vackra vädret, det är svårt att minnas något annat. Årets begivenhet ägde rum den 5 och 6 maj i Kanebergsstugan utanför Halmstad. Naturen är sig inte riktigt lik sedan stormarna Gudrun och Per passerat. Förutsättningarna för fina antenner har försämrats kraftigt. Vid en rikligt tilltagen fikastund infann sig deltagarna efter hand: TL, CB, RA, TN, LES, LSD, BD, RÅM, RÅ med äkta hälft, BE, WA, HM, IE och UQ och sist men inte minst nygamle NO som var hemma en period från Brasilien. Vidare hade vi nöjet att återuppta bekantskapen med JOE, mångårig SWB-redaktör. Mikael och Gun Aspenström från Halmstad var också med ett tag. CB förmedlade hälsningar från några vänner som inte kunde vara med, bl a JER, LR och THE. Sedan konstaterade vi, att vi saknade ett antal medlemmar som borde ha varit med och som det varit trevligt att träffa.



Mötet försiggick traditionsenligt med bra och soligt väder och i en god atmosfär. Traditions-enligt brukar den första punkten på programmet vara frågesporten. Nu fick vi inleda träffen med en tyst minut för vår gamle vän LB som lämnade oss sent i höstas, våra tankar gick också till Ulla-Britt och Anja som var med under en del av konventet. Därefter följde en förbered-ande diskussion inför ARC's årsmöte på söndagen. TN redovisade situationen för SWB, den framtida utgivningen är ett bekymmer beroende på krympande bidragsmängd, en konsekvens av minskat antal aktiva stationer och tilltagande inaktivitet hos många medlemmar. Det finns helt enkelt inte många intressanta saker att rapportera. Pappersbulletinen går nu till endast två medlemmar, övriga får den elektroniska varianten, vilket väsentligen underlättat publicering-en. TN, som fortsätter tills vidare som redaktör för SWB, avtackades för det gångna året som var en förnämlig prestation.

Därefter vidtog frågesporten med LSD som ansvarig. Minst ringrostig och därmed arrangör av nästa års frågesport blev BE till publikens jubel. BE får nöjet att arrangera kommande tävling. God tvåa blev CB med RÅ, HM och UQ på platserna efter. Vi övriga fick konstatera att är man inte hyggligt aktiv är det inte lätt att hänga med. BE berättade om den pc-baserade mottagaren SDR1Q, ett tidens tecken. Som avbrott fick vi en välsmakande Tacosmiddag med Anja som arrangör, stort tack för detta. NO svarade för en brasiliansk frågesport, där RÅ, CB och LSD gjorde bäst ifrån sig, och berättade om sin flytt till Brasilien och om livet i Brasilien. Radio Östsjälland i Faxö var en FM-station som presenterades av RA, som haft trevliga kontakter med stationen. BD redovisade några intryck från en resa i vintras till Barbados, en artikel kan komma i EKOT vid ett senare tillfälle. Situationen där liknar vad som sker på andra håll. Stationer övergår till FM eller bara försvinner, en tråkig utveckling för oss DX-are. Några tappra deltagare försökte sig på litet DX-ing under natten och tidiga morgonen, bästa resultat synes ha varit mexikanen på 4810 men i övrigt inte något märkvärdigt. Ett normalt konventresultat med andra ord.

Efter frukosten på söndagmorgonen följde årsmötet i ARC, som avverkades i god ordning. De vanliga punkterna avverkades snabbt och styrelsen fick ansvarsfrihet. Föreslaget utgivnings-schema godkändes och kommer i EKOT. CB valdes som ordförande och LES omvaldes som kassör samt valdes IE och TN som styrelseledamöter. En sedvanlig längre diskussion utspann sig om möjligheterna att övergå till internetpublicering av EKOT, bl.a. med ledning av SWB's erfarenheter. Synpunkter för och emot framfördes och resultatet blev att styrelsen fick i uppdrag att utreda saken. Nästa konvent bestämdes preliminärt till den 26/27 april 2008 på Kaneberget. Konventet avslutades med sedvanligt stort tack till arrangörerna CB och IE för ett trevligt och lyckat konvent. Vi återkommer gärna nästa gång.

/Vid pennan BD och bild från Bengt A Ericsson.

Latin America

Don Moore's decade old observations on the future of Latin American tropical band broadcasting have been sadly proved valid. Living in Broward County, the county north of Miami-Dade, one works with many people from Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru. The 18 to 35 year olds I have interviewed have seldom heard of radio onda corta, onda tropical, or banda corta. FM stereo transmitters have captured the audience.

Cubans recent arrivals interviewed have mixed views on Radio Marti; many have never heard of it.

The Bolivian on 4732 broadcasting 1970s style rock music seems unique as many of the Latins still on the 90 and 60 meter bands are religious. (-Bob Wilkner, Florida)

NEW GRUNDIG G1 LATER THIS YEAR <http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/portable/2001.html>

The Grundig G1 is a digitally synthesized, dual conversion shortwave receiver covers all shortwave frequencies. Adjacent frequency interference can be minimized or eliminated with a choice of three bandwidths [7.0, 4.0, 2.5 kHz]. The sideband selectable Synchronous AM Detector further minimizes adjacent frequency interference and reduces fading distortion of AM signals. IF Passband Tuning is yet another advanced feature that functions in AM and SSB modes to reject interference. AGC is selectable at fast or slow. High dynamic range permits the detection of weak signals in the presence of strong signals. All this coupled with great sensitivity will bring in stations from every part of the globe.

Organizing your stations is facilitated by 500 user programmable presets with alpha labeling, plus 1200 user definable country memories, for a total of 1700 presets. You can tune this radio many ways such as: direct shortwave band entry, direct frequency entry, up-down tuning and scanning. Plus you can tune the bands with a manual tuning knob. There is also a dual-event programmable timer. Whether you are listening to AM, shortwave, or FM you will experience superior audio quality via a bridged type audio amplifier, large built in speaker and continuous bass and treble tone controls. Stereo line-level output is provided for recording or routing the audio into another device such as a home stereo.

The absolutely stunning LCD has 4 levels of backlighting and instantly shows you the complete status of your radio. Many receiver parameters such as AM step, FM coverage, beep, kHz/MHz entry etc., can be set to your personal taste via the preference menu. The G1 has a built in telescopic antenna for AM, shortwave and FM reception. Additionally there is a switchable antenna jack [KOK] for an external antenna. There are jacks for Line Input, Line Output, earphones, and external speaker. The G1 comes with an AC adapter or may be operated from four D cells (not included). 13.1 x 7.1 x 2.3 inches 4 lbs. 3 oz.

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6. Direct Keypad Entry
7. 5.7 inches Oversized Illuminated Multi-Function Dot-Matrix LCD

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9. Dual Clocks and Programmable Timers
10. Adjustable Snooze/Sleep
11. Separate Bass and Treble Controls
12. Programmable preference settings

Availability Note: The information shown is preliminary. This new model is not expected until late 2007. Universal Radio is not accepting orders yet. [02/12/07] List price: \$500
(Universal Radio via DXLD)