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Sommaren har kommit av sig helt. Temperatur max 24 grader den senaste veckan och en del regn, ibland med åska på avstånd.

Andra aktiviteter får planeras. Vi var en sväng ute på Ivön häromdagen och åkte senare till Hörvik på Listerlandet. I hamnen där finns en liten restaurang av god klass, Kajutan. Väl värd ett besök. För den som är intresserad – ta sedan båten till Hanö från Nordersund. Ön är till salu - om man har runt 20-25 mkr!

En del av er har ju varit ute på äventyr, bl a SHN som åkt riktigt långt bort. Mycket intressant att komma till platser som normalt inte drar turister.

Vi åker snart på en liten tur till Polen på några dagar för en biltripps utefter Östersjökusten. Det blir en 40-50 mil i gamla svenskybger.

Gdansk, Hel och Darlowo lär vara platser som är väl värda ett besök.

Keep on ....

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## QSL, kommentarer, mm.

**Christer Brunström:** WINB 9265 svarade med QSL-kort och programschema. Märkligt nog hade man inte med några frekvenser i schemat. Stationen har inte ett enda egetproducerat program; utbudet är till 100 % kristet.

**Arne Nilsson:** (sign ANE) Äntligen kan jag bidra med en del tips i stället för att bara dregla över andras fångster! Tillsammans med en kompis, SM0BYD, har vi dragit upp till min sommarstuga som ligger strax norr om Storforsen (för er som inte vet vad det är, fråga någon tysk eller holländare, dom vet!) vid Piteälvens strand. QTH:t ligger strax söder om (ca 5 km) robotbasen i Vidsel och ganska nära (ca 70 km) polcirkeln. Vi kör båda amatörradio och jag (SM2EJB) varvar det dessutom med en del DX-ing. Det har faktiskt gått långt över förväntan, och här kommer några tips på det jag hört. Jag kör en IC-71E och en minibäver på ca 150m, riktad mot väst. Tyvärr har jag inga hjälpmedel som phasing units eller ens någon inspelningsmöjlighet, så det blir DX-ing i "real time"! Rena 60-tals nostalgin! Vi håller på till slutet av månaden, så än hinner jag utöka min logg! Det blir inga rapporter, jag har så gott som lagt av med det. Det räcker med att ha dem i loggen!

Men nästa gång ska jag ha med mig inspelningsutrustning, det blir lite jobbigt med ID annars! Som bäst har konditionerna varit runt 8-10/7 och nu, den 19/7 ser det ut som om det är på väg uppåt igen!

Jag hoppas att jag kan komma med mer!! Det verkar som om vi haft stora problem med Aurora, sprak o störningar!! Vi får se!

Ska nog se om jag ska göra ngt halvpermanent med detta QTH, det har sett riktigt bra ut "so far".

På ham-sidan har det sett riktigt bra ut, vi har kört DXCC under den tiden vi varit här, länder som Amerikanska Jungfruöarna och Cayman Islands!! Inte dåligt...

Men erfarna amatörer har tyckt att vi har ett riktigt bra QTH för radio här. Får hoppas att dom har rätt!!

Ha en bra semester!!!

**Lars-Erik Svensson:** Den sista veckan har varit blåsig. Konditionerna mot LA har varit som bortblåsta också. Knappt minsta lilla viskning sedan förra SWB. Det är väl bara att vänta och se, någon gång skall det väl dyka upp något intressant att lyssna på. Några QSL har det inte kommit så på den fronten är det lugnt.

Ha det så bra Thomas, Som pensionär finns det inget som heter semesterväder men jag önskar alla semesterfirare ett bättre väder. Enligt vad som stod i tidningen skall vi kunna hoppas på detta i början av veckan som kommer.

**Rolf Åhman:** QSL har kommit från AIR/Guwahati 4940 som svarade med kort från Delhi och från Rádio Educadora Bragança 4825 som svarade med brev, turistbroschyr samt en CD med musik i mp3-format.

Tillönskar alla SWBare en fortsatt trevlig sommar.

**Dan Olsson:** På lyssnandet hör jag fortfarande en del nytt. Mest pirater förstås då det är lite jobbigt att sitta upp till sena natten för att höra kortvågslattar. Lite QSL har jag fått de två sista veckorna: 6275 Summermeeting 2008 e-brev och kort, 6275 R Boa e-brev och kort, 6310 R Condor e-brev, 6925 WTCR kort (min första jänke pirat som är direkthörd) samt 9250 Wadi Al Nil med kort, brev och schema.

**Stig Hartvig Nielsen:** Har lige holdt to ugers sommerferie med mine teenage-børn i Aserbajdsjan - uden nogen kortbølgeradio, så jeg kan desværre ikke fortælle noget radionyt fra Kaukasus-området. Forsøgte dog en eftermiddag at finde frem til Voice of Azerbaijan/Radio Dädä Qorqud - men forgæves. Selve området i Baku var ikke svært at finde, men selv om vi spurgte om vej 4 gange lykkedes det os ikke at finde noget radiohus. Tilbage i Danmark - så kan jeg fortælle, at det pga. sygdom er slut med udsendelser fra Ilskov ved Karup på 5815. Definitivt sidste sending herfra var den 15. juni. Jeg kan endnu ikke fortælle, om senderen bliver stillet op et andet sted i Danmark eller solgt til udlandet.

## LOGGEN - ALL TIMES ARE UTC

2379.86			<b>Brasil?</b> with yl weak at 1010 to 1027 being heard. Anyone closer with help on this one? [Wilkner]
3204.85			<b>Radio West Sepik</b> presumed per John Wilkins logs 1030 to 1100 most days this week. PNG noted in by four Florida DXers. ~11, 12 and 13 July~ [Wilkner]
3220			<b>HCJB</b> Pifo, 0940 to 1005, exotically melodic vocal by yl with local level signal. 6 July [Wilkner]
3220			<b>HCJB</b> Pifo continues very strong 0900; less strong at 0000. Synchro lock on the R75 Kiwa 9 July [Wilkner]
3279.6			<b>La Voz del Napo</b> Tena subdued conversational Spanish at 0950 with good signal 9 July [Wilkner]
3329.53			<b>Ondas del Huallaga</b> , Huánuco 2357 to 0010 with om over music 8/9 July. [Wilkner]
3390.29			<b>Emisoras Camargo</b> , Camargo noted 2350 to 0012 8/9 July. [Wilkner]
3905	6.7	19.35	<b>Blue Star Radio</b> med känd musik som Alice Cooper och Bettie Midler till Q 4 DO
4052.5			<b>Radio Verdad</b> , Chiquimula, noted with religious music by female artist, strong signal at 0600 on 7 July [Wilkner]
4410	9/7	01.45	<b>R Eco</b> i Peru. Spelade folkmusik. 2-3 ANE
4451 A	9/7	23.55	<b>OID LA</b> . Borde vara R Santa Ana, BOL? 2-3 ANE
4699	10/7	00.25	<b>R San Miguel</b> , BOL, gick väldigt bra. Nyheter och kommentarer och klockrent ID. 3 ANE
4699.35			<b>Radio San Miguel</b> , Riberalta, 0940 to 1020. 1015 chorale religious with om talk over, 1020 slow female alto vocal; signal improved permitting AM synchro lock on R75. 6 July [Wilkner]
4716.19			<b>Radio Yura</b> , Yura absent both 6 and 7 July; 1000 to 1110 [Wilkner]
4716.19			<b>Radio Yura</b> , Yura 1030 with good signal, music de Bolivia y locutora, noted 13 July return to broadcasting after several days off. [Wilkner and LOB, Brasil]
4732.			<b>Radio Universitaria</b> , Cobija, Pando Universitaria remains off the air [Wilkner and LOB, Brasil]
4755	8/7	23.00	<b>R Immaculada Conceicao</b> med religöst program. 2-3 ANE
4780	9/7	18.55	<b>R Djibouti</b> stark med lokal musik. 3 ANE
4790	19/7	00.10	<b>OID Peruan</b> . Har inte lyckats få ID. Hörd även tidigare denna månad. 2-3 ANE
4799.81			<b>Radio Buenas Nuevas</b> , 1030 to 1055 rustic vocal music, ID by locutor, more music [Wilkner]
4800			<b>XERTA</b> 0940 "Cumbia Cumbia Para Dios..." vocal into 0945 ID in English by yl "in the 60 meter band" and dot com www internet location; immediately followed by om ID en español, ments de "Voz Popular"; 6 July, similar ID. 1003 by yl in English followed by om en español 7 July [Wilkner]
4800			<b>XERTA</b> from 0930 to 1045 transmitter on with no audio 9 July [Wilkner]
4800			<b>XERTA</b> absent 1000 to 1030 13 July [KM~ Cedar Key, also Boca Raton] [Wilkner]
4805			<b>Radio Difusora do Amazonas</b> , Manaus 0955 with om in Brazilian Portuguese, strong signal 9 July [Wilkner]
4814.95			<b>Radio El Buen Pastor</b> , Saraguro Loma Loja, 0950 to 1005 om slow melodic vocal, good in usb and AM synchro lock with PBT to avoid the hash below signal 6 July [Wilkner]
4824.49			<b>La Voz de la Selva</b> , Iquitos signed on after 1100 9 July. [Wilkner]
4826.45			<b>Radio Sicuani</b> , Sicuani 0010 very weak 9 July [Wilkner]
4826.45			<b>Radio Sicuani</b> , Sicuani either off or a late sign on 9 July, signal is not strong here and is dominated by Zimbabwe on 4828 around 0000 unless lsb narrow filter is used. [Wilkner]
4835	8/7	21.35	<b>Alice Springs</b> inte alltför stark, försvann efter tre kvart. ANE
4835.6			<b>Radio Marañon, Jaen</b> , 2355 to 0010 return noted after several weeks off the air 8/9 July. [Wilkner]
4835.6			<b>Radio Marañon</b> Jaen 1022 to 1130 with very strong signal, good synchro lock on the R75 Kiwa, "...Miércoles ...campisino... ademas en el centro de.....departamento de....." energetic programming with shouted announcements by om and yl. Simply "Radio Marañon" 1032, ID shouted in midst of flute and drum solo by om, Held in well after 1100. Radio Marañon the strongest Peru this morning. 9 July. [Wilkner]
4950	9/7	19.00	<b>R Nac de Angola</b> inte alltför stark denna gång. 2 ANE
4990.94			<b>Radio Manantial</b> , Huancayo, 1000 on 6 July [Wilkner]
5030	17.7	2330	<b>Radio Burkina</b> , anropade så, med kultur på programmet, 3+ LES

5039.21			<b>Radio Libertad</b> , Junin, 1102 to 1120 "...en action Radio Libertad ... nueva voz..." [Wilkner]
5580.23			<b>Radio San Jose</b> . San Jose de Chiquitos 0000- 0010 music de Bolivia [Wilkner]
5870 A	19/7	23.30	<b>OID</b> med brassstök på programmet. Svag, 1-2 ANE
5910	9/7	23.20	<b>Marfil Estereo</b> , COL, riktigt stark och spelade fantastisk folkmusik. 3 ANE
5915	10/7	00.40	<b>R Dif Macapa</b> . Brukar vara starkast brassen på 60M hos mig. Typiskt brassstök på programmet. 3 ANE
5939	9/7	01.50	<b>R Melodia</b> , Peru med folkmusik. 2-3 ANE
5952	9/7	00.05	<b>R Pio XII</b> gick ganska starkt. Pratprogram. 3 ANE
5980.57	18.7	2300	<b>Radio Guarujá</b> , Florianópolis på portugisisk, freq. ann. 2-3 SHN
6010	19/7	00.15	<b>OID</b> med religiöst program, följt av mx non-stop 00.45- 00.55 då en bön togs upp. God styrka. Drunknade under R Sweden strax före 01.00 Kanske LV de tu Conciencia, COL? 2-3 ANE
6019.43	18.7	2320	<b>Radio Victoria</b> med spansk rel. prædiken. Virkelig kun 5 kW? 2-3 SHN
6035	9/7	02.10	<b>LV Del Guaviare</b> , COL, med långt folkmusikprogram. 2-3 ANE
6160	17.7	2358	<b>CKZN</b> St. Johns med engelsk CBC ID og vejr på helt fri frekvens. 3 SHN
6174 A	9/7	00.45	<b>R Tawantinsuyo</b> , en gammal bekant från 60-talet! Inte så stark, BCI och pratprogram. Fick faktiskt QSL från dem då det begav sig! 2 ANE
6275	6.7	0915	<b>R Schadowman</b> med Dire Straits o Madonna. Även hörd av BEFF på Gotland. DO
6280	16.7	2030	<b>R Paradiso</b> är en tysk pirat med Roman som programledare DO
6310	18.7	2030	<b>R Kakadu</b> spelade tysk folkmusik för sina lyssnare DO
6310	5.7	2105	<b>R Condor</b> sände hälsningar till R Mazda DO
7284.5	19.7	0800	<b>Radio Mali</b> med s/on og officiel ID. Børnesange, musikprogram med mange ID's. Kvindelig vært på fransk. Nyheder kl. 09 UTC - stadig rimelig modtagelse. Fortsat hörbar kl. 10 UTC (!) omend svagt. Kl. 8-9: SINPO 25433. SHN
9290	21.6	0814	<b>Spaceshuttle Radio</b> fra Finland med musik og bare 8 Watt. 0-1 SHN
11905	17.7	1200	<b>SLBC</b> høres af og til fint ved denne tid, tamil, lokal musik 2 SHN
13680	19.7	2300	<b>RNV - Canal Internacional</b> (via RHC) med spansk ID og derefter blandet program på engelsk og spansk. Rigtig god modtagelse. 4 SHN
26000	17.7	1220	<b>Radio Maria</b> , Andrata i NV Italien. Italiensk religiöst snak. Sagde Radio Maria - eller var det mon Ave Maria. Forsvandt igen efter ca. ½ time. 0-2 SHN

----- July logged in Florida-----

A = Logged 1000 to 1130, B = Logged 2330 to 0200, I = Irregular, XXX = Off the air

3329.7	Peru, Ondas del Huallaga, Huánuco	A B
4484.91	Peru, Radio Frecuencia V H	B
4746.9	Peru, Radio Huanta 2000 Huanta, Ayacucho	A B
4774.9	Peru, Radio Tarma, Tarma	A B
4789.7	Peru Radio Nueva Atlantida	XXX
4790.1	Peru, Radio Visión, Chiclayo	A B
4824.4	Peru, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos	A B
4826.4	Peru, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani	A B
4835.6	Peru, Radio Marañon, Jaen	A B
4857.4	Peru, Radio La Hora, Cusco	I
4949.9	Peru, Radio Madre de Dios, Puerto Maldonado	<u>A only</u>
4955	Peru, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta	A B
4974.8	Peru, Radio del Pacífico, Lima	A B
4990.8	Peru, Radio Manantial, Huancayo	A, B more often
5014.5	Peru, Radio Altura, Cerro de Pasco	B
5039.2	Peru, Radio Libertad Junin	<u>A only</u> ; never B
5120.4	Peru, Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba	A B
5460.1	Peru, Radio Bolivar, Bolivar	A B
5470.8	Peru, Radio San Nicolás, San Nicolás, Rodriguez de Mendoza,	A B
5486.7	Peru, Radio Reyna de la Selva, Chachapoyas	A B

Cooperation with dxers in the US, Brasil, Denmark, Colombia, Bolivia and Argentina [Wilkner]

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**. There seems some cooperation between Mexico and Guatemala on the shared frequencies below:

4799.8 Guatemala, Radio Buenas Nuevas 1023 "Radio Buenas Nuevas" ID by om followed by stations telephone number on 19 July. No XERTA.

4800 Mexico XERTA 1040 to 1100 male vocalist who has listened to Bob Dylan with Dylan like songs in espanol. 18 July. No Radio Buenas Nuevas.

Have not heard the two stations on at the same time in monitoring for last week. This confirmed by Florida club members.

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4716.19 Bolivia Radio Yura, Yura noted 1010 and 0000 on irregular basis here and in Brasil by Lúcio Otávio Bobrowiec.

4732. Bolivia Radio Universitaria not being heard here or in Brasil this week.

[Wilkner]

## Stationsnyheter

**BRAZIL. 5870, Radio Voz Missionria**, Florianopolis, SC, 2045-2055/2145-2205, July 08, Portuguese, different religious programs, many announcements, ID as: "...transmisso da Rdio Voz Missionria da Florianopolis...", other announcement: "...Voz Missionria... estamos todos os dias....", 34433 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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I am hearing this station from around 0200 fade in and its still there as I type this at 0600 UTC on 19 July. Mainly talkback with callers phoning in, but today there have been some contemporary Christian vocals (eg across the hour at 0500) and short periods of evangelistic preaching (a la Radio Victoria Peru). A comprehensive identification was heard at 0256 a few days ago. Have heard identifications as Radio Missionaria and Voz Missionaria.  
(Bryan Clark, Mangawhai – NZ via DXLD)

**CAMEROON. R. Cameroon, 6005**, news in English at 1400 May 20, SIO 333 (Dzever Ishenge, Benue State, Nigeria, Sony ICF-7600G, July World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

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This is an intriguing logging, as no Cameroon stations are believed to be active on SW. The hour, 3 pm local, suggests the transmitter may not be too far away, altho some schedules show 6005 in use by Yemen, Sri Lanka, and Shiokaze from Japan, as an alternate frequency. BBC Ascension uses 6005 a lot, but not at this hour.

Let`s consult the two major sources of info on Africa. BDXC, Africa on Shortwave, updated May 2008 says:  
``Official shortwave broadcasting from Cameroon Radio and Television has ceased. The main station at Yaounde was last heard in early 2000 on 4850 kHz. The CRTV regional stations at Bafoussam, Bertoua, Buea, Douala, and Garoua are also inactive on shortwave. The CRTV website indicates that regional stations are now only on FM.``

Was there ever one on this frequency?

Thorsten Hallmann`s Africalist, updated 26 June 2008: ``Cameroon: inactive on SW, last frequencies heard in 2000/2001: 4850 Yaoundé, 5009 Garoua, 6005 Buea.``

Ah yes, so if there is a reactivated Cameroonian on 6005, it should be Buea (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**INDONESIA 3578.75, 7/12 unknown station** here from 1149 tune with vocal music just above threshold level. At 1228 a woman was clearly heard to past 1245 - language unknown but had the sound of Indonesian. SINPO 1V25231. WRTH shows RSPK Ngada on Flores Island (Lesser Sunda Islands) in the town of Bajawa while PWBR shows RSPD Maluku Tengah on Seram Island in the Moluccas (same Island as the old RRI Ambon) in the town of Masohi. No ID's heard so anybody's guess what this really is. Either way, the power should be at or less than 500 watts. Either RSPD (Radio Siaran Pemerintah Daerah) or RSPK (Radio Siaran Pemerintah Kabupaten) would be District government stations (Bruce W. Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

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Bruce: QSL from the station indicates the following: Radio Siaran Pemerintah Daerah (RPD) Kabupaten Daerah TK. II Ngada. The term "Pemda" that might be indicated means "Pemerintah Daerah" - an abbreviation. This was from a reception in 1996 from the state of Washington during a DXpedition at Whidbey Island. Power is 500 watts.

If you have this, then you have to try for the more powerful station - RPDKTII Manggarai 2960 kHz. I found this one louder from N. Australia than the one in Ngada, but the one in Ngada was easier to verify. RPDKTII Ngada is in the town of Bajawa on Flores. The other one you mention is Radio Siaran Pemerintah Daerah Tingkat II Sumba Timur 3578 kHz in Soe, Sumba Timur. Its power is 250 watts. This from QSL I received for logging in Australia (Darwin) in 1998.

The WRTH is right re the location of the Ngada station, although the station you are listening to is probably the one from Sumba Timur; it was initially reported by the DuDXers back in the 1970's, and has been on 3578 ever since per my information. It sounds to me like the PWBR is incorrect in this instance.

Incidentally, a great, and for my perspective the best, source of information on Indonesia (geographically) is a series of books (a total of 8 books in all) called PERIPLUS Adventure Guides put out by Periplus Editions, published in Singapore. My set was purchased in various stores in Australia back in the mid 1990's. You want to see detailed maps of Flores? It's in this set. You want a street map of Kupang? It's there. The books are, in my judgement, priceless, although I may be biased in this judgement. They sometimes are hard to find also, almost as hard as getting a QSL from Bali was. Hope this helps.  
(Dan Henderson, DXplorer via Wolfgang Bschel, DXLD)

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I bow to Dan as the preminent expert on Indonesian DX and, especially, those wonderful but mostly gone "RPDKs," that is, the various non-RRI outlets. I recall well Dan's periodic expeditions to Whidby Island. I would hang on his almost realtime reports to NU in those good old days, because I learned if certain RPDKs were being well heard in the Pacific NW, sometimes, they were at least audible here in the Midwest along the GC path extended.  
Thus, in a certain sense, Dan's tips allowed me a certain amount of "piggybacking." For that I am surely grateful! Thanks, Dan.

The result being that during those wonderful Golden Years of Indonesian DXing, I was able to hear and verify 38 non-RRIs (plus all, or nearly so, of the RRIs), mostly the so-called RPDks. While this must pale beside Dan's totals, it isn't too bad for a Midwesterner. Sadly, those days are long gone.

I did want to expand a bit on Dan's observations, below. Pemda, indeed, is the abbreviation of Pemerintah (government) Daerah (district). Though DXers tended to simply call these "county" SW stations RPDks (Radio Pemerintah Daerah Kabupaten, or radio of the "county" government administrative district), in reality, some of them had longer, more elaborate names, also stringing into the name change words like Khusus, (or khusus) meaning special, Siaran, meaning broadcasting, and, commonly, Tingkat II, meaning Level 2, the level within the Indonesian administrative system that included Kabupaten.

One also would see Kotamadya, which means it was a municipal, not "county" station. However, both the Kotamadya and Kabupaten were at Tingkat II, the second administrative level. The first level was provincial, and Propinsi means province, another word that appeared in some station names, indicating its administrative level. A Propinsi was Tingkat I.

Some of the more exotic examples of name combinations:

Radio Khusus Pemerintah Daerah Propinsi Jawa Timur in Surabaya, a provincial level station.

Radio Pemerintah Daerah Kabupaten Simalungun in Pematang Siantar in Sumatra.

Radio Khusus Informasi Pertanian in Surabaya, (pertanian is agriculture)

Radio Universitas Gajah Mada (a university station, obviously, that went by the abbreviated version, Suara Gama, meaning voice of Ga(jah)ma(da), in Yogyakarta.

or how about THIS one:

Radio Khusus Pemerintah Daerah Kabupaten Daerah Tingkat II Pasuran (Special Radio of the "County" Governmental District at the District Level, Pasuran) in Pasuran, Jawa Timur!!!

In the glory days, the 1980s and 90s, there were 27 propinsi, 241 kabupaten and a parallel 40 kotamadya. Then there were other special stations that, for practical purposes, I lumped in to the RPDk definition, though they were not at all "county" level stations. There was R. Angkatan Udara, the Air Force station, with its great IS, the sound of an old pre-jet aircraft engine "winding up." There was a technological college station in Bandung, also fairly well heard at times. There was an agricultural SW station that also was often heard.

While there were and are sub-districts within the Kabupaten, so-called Kecamatan, which would be Tingkat III (level 3), I think these were too small, hamlet level entities, to have their own radio stations. I don't recall ever hearing of any Kecamatan, Tingkat III stations.

I am sure that there were many more than the several dozen "county" and "municipality" Kabupaten and Kotamadya stations that I was able to hear. Maybe Dan has a better count. Surely not all 241 Kabupaten had SW radio voices, and probably not even half, but I would suspect there may have been 60 to 80? Dan?? Today virtually all are gone. What remains? I'd guess fewer than four or five at most. That Bruce has heard at least one of them currently is a real delight to me, for it brings back happy memories!!

As to maps, for years I had a wonderful, highly detailed Indonesian atlas that Ralph Perry brought back for me from his month-long tour of Indonesia. Sadly, like so many other references from my DXing past, it has come up missing. Fortunately (or, truthfully, unfortunately), I no longer need it, since there are so relatively few Indonesians on SW, RRI or RPDks. But it is nice to know of the reference set Dan mentions, should I one day -- against all odds -- need detailed maps again (Don Jensen, *ibid.*)

**U S A. WRNO**, New Orleans, is finally back on the air, testing. First tuned in 15590 at 1938 July 18 to hear strong open carrier with slight whine, then tone test faded up. Level increased briefly before 1944 and then cut off at 1945\* \*1946 back on with open carrier, 1947 tone fading up and down again. Cut off again at 1950\* So far, no announcements or IDs. It's off-frequency, more like 15590.4. Left a receiver on, but nothing further heard past 2300.

If current registrations are to be believed, this is WRNO, New Orleans, on the air finally after years and years of delays, under new ownership as 15590 is for it in A-08 since KTBN went dark.

I quickly posted the above report on the DXLD yg and sent it to some who might know for sure. Consulting engineer George Jacobs in Maryland confirmed they were on the air as of July 18; he's glad to have WRNO back after 7 years, and said programming should start August 1.

Tho I heard no IDs, this was also quickly confirmed by Dan Brown, Boston, who had photographed the site and wrote a story about WRNO last year for Monitoring Times; he phoned HQ in Fort Worth and they said the transmitter had indeed started on-air tests, with program tests expected a week later. However, Dan heard preaching rather than tones already the next day, July 19 at 1620-1640\*.

It was a few minutes later at 1657 when I checked 15590, nothing, nor on occasional later chex. No doubt it's sporadic in testing period, and not yet heard on 7505 at random day and night chex. Could be they will test 7505 during daytime working hours rather than at night when it will be scheduled. Those sitting on one frequency or the other are bound to hear it eventually. But it won't be commercial rock as originally, just another religious station as long promised by the new owner (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)



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### What's Wrong with the Sun?

NASA Science News for July 11, 2008.

**The sun is entering its third year** of eerie calm. Sunspots are rare and solar flares simply aren't happening. Is this "solar minimum" lasting longer than it should? A NASA scientist has examined centuries of sunspot data to find the answer, revealed in today's story from Science@NASA:

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/11jul\\_solarcycleupdate.htm?list1066436](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/11jul_solarcycleupdate.htm?list1066436)

(Mike Terry via DXLD)

### Propagation - something is seriously wrong

**The sunspot numbers continue to be zero** for most of the days in the last month. Experts are doubting whether the next sunspot cycle 24 has really started. Others are fearing that his prolonged low of sunspot cycle 23 could be one like the Maunder minimum (1645-1710) when the prolonged sunspot low brought in an "ice age" in Europe with prolonged winters and crop failures. Why does this abnormal low sunspot activity bother me as a DXer? I am perplexed when on most of the days in Mid July 2008 I cannot get usable signals on DW German 12095Khz and 9505 kHz at 0130 UTC. I have never experienced DW signals so poor in their target area. On the other hand Myanmar, Yangon 594 kHz at 1515 hrs was coming in with booming signals, albeit some deep fades, which was even better than their sw 5985 kHz. That prompted me to look for the Bangladesh MW frequencies. I was not surprised at finding Khulna 558 kHz because it is just across the border from Kolkata. But Chittagong 873 kHz with 444 signals at 1530 hrs is a treat!. What caps it all is that this is summer and not winter when the MW bands are supposed to be difficult and I still remember how weak Chittagong was the whole of last winter.

(Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata July 18th 2008 via DXLD)

### MW/SW brasilian radio stations update - Version 20080707.01

[http://www.dxclube.com.br/arquivos\\_lista\\_br.html](http://www.dxclube.com.br/arquivos_lista_br.html) [http://www.dxclube.com.br/DXCPR\\_LISTA\\_OM\\_OT\\_OC\\_BR.htm](http://www.dxclube.com.br/DXCPR_LISTA_OM_OT_OC_BR.htm)  
[http://www.dxclube.com.br/db/LISTA\\_RESUMIDA\\_list.asp](http://www.dxclube.com.br/db/LISTA_RESUMIDA_list.asp)

*New denomination:*

1550Khz - Guarujá AM, Guarujá-SP (nova afiliada a rede Jovem Pan)

*New frequencies:*

5870Khz - Vóz Missonária, Florianópolis-SC 11750Khz - Vóz Missionária Florianópolis-SC

*Updated radio networks:*

MIL - Rede Milícia Sat

JP - Jovem Pan

*News Web links:*

770Khz - Vale do Salgado, Lavras da Mangabeira-CE - 10Kw 850Khz - Tropical AM, Porangatu-GO 1240Khz - Nova AM 1240, Alagoinhas-BA 1480Khz - A Voz do Sertão AM, Serra Talhada-PE 1510Khz - AM Trapiá, Pedra Branca-CE

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### WRTH Summer schedules supplement now available

**WRTH is pleased to announce that a supplement file** for the summer schedules is now available for download from the WRTH website at <http://www.wrth.com>.

The file is in Adobe pdf format and you will need the free acrobat reader (from <http://www.adobe.com>) to be able to read this file.

The file runs to 6 pages and includes updates from international and target/ clandestine broadcasters.

We hope that you find this file a useful accompaniment to both the printed WRTH and also the additional Summer schedules supplement.

(Regards from WRTH Editorial team, via HCDX)

**NEWFOUNDLAND. Re ``Turkey Farm``** --- Yes, I heard the story of the "Turkey Farm" on the radio! As I grew up in Gander I know it well - I used to ride on bike up to the airport and the turkey farm but you can't get inside the "fence" though because there were warnings about being shot on sight, etc.! This was during the Cold War of course and Russians were around all the time. Aeroflot used to refuel all the time in Gander (I flew to Moscow on them). When you fly into Gander you see the giant radar fence, which is actually an antenna. Great to hear that story! (Sue Hickey, NL, via Drita io, Albania, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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This made me interested in Gander, and found this very informative article with some photos, including the 'giant radar fence' that Sue describes: <http://jproc.ca/rfp/gander.html> Good luck, (Erik in Copenhagen Kie, Denmark, DX LISTENING DIGEST)