

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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The weeks are moving on very fast and before you know it it is time again for another issue of SWB.

It seems that the only contributions I get from DX-ers on the sendlist are mostly log items.

To be able to produce SWB I also need other type of contributions.

There are today roughly 100 DX-ers on the mailing list and it should be nice to hear from you occasionally. Something interesting must have happened worth sharing with the rest of us, or?

As you can see in the log my personal view is that SW is more or less dead. Basically the stations return in issue after issue.

There is one positive aspect – it is long time ago we faced such good conditions on MW. This is not only true for the Nordic countries but you also see extremely good logs from more or less all countries in the press. Hopefully it will continue like that.

Keep on

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QSL, kommentarer, mm.

Christer Brunström: WRMI 15770 Nice QSL-card featuring a caricature of Station Manager Jeff White by a listener in Brazil.

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World Radio Day and special broadcast by Sveriges DX-Forbund



Many thanks to SWLing Post contributor, Harald (DL1ABJ), who writes:

Just noted that SDXF (Sveriges DX-Forbund) on 13 February will have a program via Channel 292 on 7440 kHz from 0800 UTC and again from 1300 UTC.

Each year on February 13th UNESCO celebrates World Radio Day (WRD).

The WRD 2019 website will give more information about this years event in around two days from now:

<https://www.diamundialradio.org/>

Many thanks, Harald, for spreading the word! World Radio Day is a great reminder of how important radio still is in many parts of the world. (via SWLing Post)

DX-PEDITIONS

Don Moore: PUBLICATION NEWS: A few weeks ago I self-published my first book, an historical travelogue about northern Peru. This is not a DX book, but more a book inspired by DXing. But I do work in a few tidbits about Peruvian radio and some station visits, although those only total maybe ten to fifteen pages.

You can read about the book at the link below and see the accompanying photos. I'll be putting up a detailed DX-related website from my travels last year in the next few weeks (it's about 80% finished). <http://www.donmooredxer.com/books/peru.html>

[WORLD OF RADIO 1966]

PERSONAL NEWS: I'm back in South America for five months, and this time I'm way down south. Currently I'm in Buenos Aires where the temperatures are around 90 and the humidity not much lower. For the first four weeks I'm traveling with my daughter, Rebecca (who in mid-February is off to Panama for two years with the Peace Corps). On Thursday the 10th we take a boat across to Uruguay and then will make a loop through sout-

hern-most Brazil and then back through northeastern Argentina back to B.A. for her flight home.

Then I'll be heading to central Argentina and on to Chile. On Sunday we had lunch with longtime Argentine DXer Daniel Camporini and his wife, and this coming Sunday we're going to meet several Uruguayan DXers in Montevideo. As with my last trip, I've got the SDRs and portable antennas along and will do some DXing whenever I'm in a suitable place. I'll upload a few sample SDR files for those of you who would like to see what the bands sound like down here. (Don Moore, channeling Willie Nelson...on the road again)

(Don Moore, MARE Tipsheet 11 Jan via DXLD)

Log

(UTC)

- 3260 Jan21 1118 NBC Madang, (Maus Blong Garamut - Voice of Indigenous Drums). Clearly off the air today. Jan 20, noted 1149 with usual religious Sunday program in Pidgin; 1159 full ID and frequency; 1207 DJ in English (must be the start of the relay of "NBC National Radio"?), till cut off 1208*. Jan 19, heard 1214*, cut off during a song by Cher (Ron Howard, Calif., Etón E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)
- 3320 Jan11 1846 SAUK/R.Sonder Grense, Meyerton. Afrkns, songs, tks. 25342 (CG)
- 3325 Jan21 -1128* NBC Bougainville (Maus Blong Sankamap - Voice of the Sunrise). Cut off during a political speech given in Pidgin; some light VOI QRM. Cut off time varies. On Jan 20 (Sunday), cut off 1146*; usual religious programming (preaching and songs) in Pidgin (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)
- 3325 Jan21 1259 Voice of Indonesia, via RRI Palangkaraya. Filler music; English segment; "program summary"; news and commentary (Asian & Indonesian tourism); "Today In History" (this date in 1968, in Vietnam, the Battle of Khe Sanh started; this date in 1985, bombs detonated at Buddhist temple in Indonesia and this date in 2016, groundbreaking for China/Indonesia railroad project); reception much better than normal (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etón E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)
- 3900 Jan17 2135 Hulun Buir PBS, Hailar (p) Chinese talk - very weak (AP-DNK)
- 3930 Jan11 2201 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 34332 (CG)
- 3955 Jan17 2140 R Korea Int., via Woofferton. FF talk about South Korean President (AP-DNK)
- 3985 Jan17 -2201* SW Service, Kall-Krekel Non-stop interval signal, QRM Echo of Hope (AP-DNK)
- 3985.02 Jan17 2201 Korean news by man and woman jammed // 4885 and 6250 jammed (AP-DNK)
- 4055 Jan20 0532 Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, English., religious comments and songs. Very weak, audible on LSB. (Méndez)
- 4750 Jan17 2210 Voice of China, Hailar Chinese talk 25242 // 4800 (AP-DNK)
- 4765 Jan19 1915 Tajik R.1, DSB, Tj, mx px ID ID TJK mx px. (TB)
- 4765 Jan19 1835 Tajik Radio, Dushanbe, Tajik comments and songs. (Méndez)
- 4810 Jan14 0040 UNID. Glenn, Referencing your 4810 UNID – listening to KiwiSDR in Bjargtangar Iceland on 14 Jan at 0040, heard gospel music and what sounded like a sermon in SS and then more gospel and choral music to past 0120 – mixing with another station co-channel. Tuned in LSB to avoid the Ute just above freq. My guess would be Radio Logos based on religious programming but no idea who the co-channel QRM might be – the only other station here at this hour is AIR Bhopal, but tent. R Logos is slightly dominating. I may be able to contact Ray Rising at Wycliffe Bible Translators to see if this could be Radio Logos – the station is supported by SonSet Solutions out of Elkhart IN (the old HCJB Technical Center). Now it appears that tent. R Logos ceased transmitting circa 0124 and underneath the QRMing station now in the clear sounds like an AIR outlet. The only fly in this ointment is that R. Logos is supposed to be broadcasting in local dialects but what I heard was quite normal Spanish... (Bruce Churchill via WOR)
- 4810 Jan19 1731 AIR, Bhopal, English news. (Méndez)
- 4835 Jan13 1110 AIR Gangtok (tentative). Not completely sure what is happening here? Heard music and announcer (too weak for any meaningful details) till about 1119, when the modulation started to break up and after that was only able to hear a strong hum; later at 1204 check, again with modulation breaking up and quickly back to only the strong hum again. This would seem to fit the Gangtok transmitter problem they have had for a long time now, but today's signal strength was much stronger than normal for AIR. I believe there is no chance that this is Ozy Radio with the strong hum, as I think Craig is still off the air.
Thanks to Hiroyuki Komatsubara (Japan), who reported Jan 12, via his "Now On The Radio" website: "1053 - 4835kHz Fair signal, who ? , -1059- OM talk but weak modulation and heavy QRN, Music by whistle at -1100-" (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
- 4885 Jan20 0516 Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, Brazilian songs, Portuguese, comments, id. "Clube da Madrugada, bom dia para você". (Méndez)

4895	Jan22	0919	Mongolian Radio 1 (presumed), prominent carrier (no modulation) heard on Jan 22, checking at 0919, 0943 & 1115; some Voice of Strait (China) QRM from 4900. This was confirmed today by Hiroyuki Komatsubara via his "Now On The Radio DX" website. Thanks to Hiroyuki for his monitoring! "-0923- 4895kHz MONGOLIA, Radio 1, //Live : http://www.mnb.mn/live/radio1 ----- Updated info from WRTH Facebook (Jan 22) - <i>Mauno Ritola</i> - "AIR Kurseong seems to have restarted also the evening transmission today on 4895 kHz." <i>Alok Kr Dasgupta</i> - "Yes but weak." <i>Mauno Ritola</i> - "Yes, here in Finland co-channel Mongolia is stronger. Jose Jacob said, that they should run at 30 kW, but maybe even less now after reactivation to see, how it works." (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
4895	Jan23	-1545*	AIR Kurseong, 1512-1545*, Jan 23. Back on the air again; start of the New Delhi audio feed; became // to 5040 (AIR Jeypore); usual commercial segment in Hindi; 1515, the news in Hindi (one brief commercial announcement) till 1530, when the news given again, this time in English; cut off just after the news in English, while AIR Jeypore continued on in English. Kurseong with very weak signal to start out, but by 1530 doing somewhat better and positive English. Very nice to have this one reactivated! Helping my reception was my local sunrise at 1515 UT. FYI - Re: Mongolia on 4895 kHz., via Mauno Ritola - ". . . Today [Jan 23] it operated only a few hours 0030-0500 and is definitely off now at 1100. . ." (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, WOR iog via DXLD)
4910	Jan19	1730	AIR, Jaipur, English news. (Méndez)
4920	Jan19	1730	AIR, Chennai, English news. Interference from China on the same frequency. (Méndez)
4950	Jan19	1725	AIR, Kashmir, Vernacular comments, at 1730 English news. (Méndez)
4960	Jan15	0648	VOA relay indeed with dead air halfway+ thru the semihour break between French and Hausa. Another example of USG waste of taxpayer money. Or is their juice maybe free from own hydro? (Glenn Hauser, OK)
4980	Jan17	2215	WRMI, Okeechobee English talk (AP-DNK)
4985	Jan19	2121	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs, Portuguese, comments, id "Radio Brasil Central". (Méndez)
5005	Jan20	*0518-	Radio Nacional, Bata, open with African songs, pop and Spanish songs, at 0559: "En breve el boletín informativo en conexión con Radio Malabo, todos los días en Radio Bata", at 0600 "Boletín Informativo", news in Spanish. (Méndez)
5010	Jan9	1714	AIR Thiruvananthapuram, Muttathura. Indian songs, ID, E, nx. 35342 (CGS)
5025	Jan10	1035	R.Rebelde, Bauta. Nx & the usual régime propag. F/out. 1110 35433 (CGS)
5040	Jan19	1702	AIR, Jeypore, E, Hin, mx ID AIR Nat. Music px from Delhi. (TB)
5040	Jan19	1718	AIR, Jeypore, Hindi songs. (Méndez)
5055	Jan19	1125	Radio 4KZ. Was able to ID the following songs: 1125, with The Mamas & The Papas - "Monday, Monday," and at 1158, with Billy Paul - "Me And Mrs. Jones"; 1200 - news not readable; 1205 - music fanfare after news, into sea conditions(?) - "winds . . ." (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, WOR iog via DXLD)
5055	Jan26	1158	Very poor music JBA, presumably 4KZ Queensland; snooze and next check at 1450, still a JBA carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK)
5055	Jan20	0750	Radio 4KZ, Innisfail, strong carrier and some songs detected in LSB. Extremely weak audio. (Méndez)
5840	Jan16	1901	World Music R, Karup. Songs & mx. 25341 (CG)
5840	Jan20	0835	World Music Radio, Randers, pop song, id. "World Music Radio". (Méndez)
5850	Jan14	1921	Zenith Classic Rock R (IRL) via UNID - pir. E, pops. ID via DX press. 35342 (CG)
5939.71	Jan17	2220	Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, SC Portuguese religious talk, hymn (AP-DNK)
5950	Jan19	1635	Voice of Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, East African songs. (Méndez)
6010	Jan20	0758	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, program "Trem Caipira". Very weak. Méndez
6035	Jan13	-1046*	BBS. Well above the norm; level of reception made for entertaining listening; all in English; 0946-1020 with mostly non-stop Western pop songs (Bruno Mars with "Marry You," etc.); 1020-1030 interview about women's issues ("and with that I would like to wrap up this interview. Is there anything at all you would like to say?"), but not very readable; 1033+ back to Western pop songs in English; cut off in mid-song; early cut off; no PBS Yunnan QRM. Sample of my reception today - https://app.box.com/s/7mm8lzkagq7bch1eyegsptdblfpqpyhx (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
6035	Jan22	-1047*	BBS. Some of the pop songs heard today - Whitney Houston - "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," The Beatles - "Hey Jude," etc.; 1020 seemed like an English lesson(?), talking about the meaning of words ("indestructible"); cut off at 1047*; very respectable signal, but not very readable. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)

6050	Jan13	2225	Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet Chinese ann and songs // 4820, 5935 and 7240, 2230 ID: "Zhongy-ang Renmin Guangbo Dientai", news relay from Voice of China // 4800 (AP-DNK)
6055	Jan20	0735	Radio Nikkei, Chiba Nagara, Japanese, comments, songs, instrumental music. (Méndez)
6070	Jan20	0514	CFRX, Toronto, English, news, comments, advertisements. At about 0620 eclipsed by Chan-nel 292 when the German station open transmission. (Méndez)
6080	Jan19	0610	VOA, Pinheira English ann, pop music (AP-DNK)
6090	Jan19	1714	Voice of Amhara State, Addis Ababa, Vernacular commens, East African songs. (Méndez)
6110	Jan19	1710	Radio Fana, Addis Ababa, East African songs, Vernacular comments. (Méndez)
6115	Jan9	1702	R.Congo, Brazzaville. Vn, tks. 35433 (CGS)
6115	Jan20	*0538-	Radio Congo, Brazzaville, open with Vernacular comments, at 0600 French, news, African and Afropop songs. (Méndez)
6115	1534	19/1	R.NZi, Rangitaiki. E, interview, mx, ..., tks. Deteriorating fast, w/ adj. QRM right prior to 1600. 45332. (CG)
6155	Jan22	0641	Classical piano music from Ö1, as they always play for a few minutes to gently wake up the Austrians, also here during their only SW service left. Reception usually too poor to enjoy, but almost succeeds today. We must treasure every precious moment of classical on SW, since there is so little of it. Is there ever *any* on US SW stations, public or private? Sacred music overlapping with classical genre does not count since it's for the glory of God, not Art (Glenn Hauser, OK)
6155	Jan19	0615	ORF, Moosbrunn German comments about Angela Merkel (AP-DNK)
6185	Jan20	-0601*	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, comments, songs. (Méndez)
6190	Jan19	0720	Hamburger LokalRadio, Gohren, English, program "Media Network Plus" and at 0730 Glenn Hauser's "World of Radio". (Méndez)
6210.19	Jan18	1640	Radio Kahuzi, Bukavu, 1640-1710, Frech, comments, mentioned "Congo", "Les Congolais", at 1700 English, religious comments. At first fair signal but now deteriorated and became almost inaudible. Heard via SDR Kiwi remote receiver in Switzerland. Here in Lugo only weak carrier. Tomorrow if on air, I will try to hear it in Friol, where conditions are much better than here in Lugo. (Méndez)
6240	Jan13	-1600*	TWR India, Tashkent. Uighur, tks, mx. 25341 (CG)
6318	Jan11	2152	R.Sovereign - pir. Pops. ID via DX press . 25331 (CG)
7140	Jan15	1440	Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea-1, Asmara Tigrinya talk (AP-DNK)
7140	Jan19	1702	Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara, Vernacular comments. Radio ham interference. (Méndez)
7180	Jan19	1705	Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara, East African songs, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
7180.02	Jan15	1445	Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea-2, Asmara Arabic talk (AP-DNK)
7205	Jan15	1450	R Omdurman, Al-Aitahab Arabic dialogue (AP-DNK)
7210	Jan22	1048	PBS Yunnan (ethnic minority broadcasting), again broadcasting here after a considerable ab-sence; tuned in to hear the usual IS of a non-stop loop of EZL instrumental music till 1100; some Chinese and into vernacular; QRM underneath. Nice that this is now reactivated and 6035 kHz. (FM99 - Voice of Shangri-la - relay via PBS Yunnan) was activated some time ago (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
7259.988	Jan24	1527	UNID. JBA carrier slightly offset, vs LSB QRhams. I don't have any other carrier nearby. Others have been trying to unravel Mongolian Radio 3 (per Mauno Ritola, not 2), from PBS Xinjiang on slightly different frequencies, but at this hour X should be off. Aoki/NDXC has Mongolia until 1600, while EiBi says irregular until 1500. But there is another possibility on 7260 at 15-16 M-F: Channel Africa in English (Glenn Hauser, OK)

Today Jan 26 at 1030 I have Xinjiang on 7259.990 and Mongolia on 7260.000 kHz. (Mauno Ritola, WOR)			
7265	Jan20	1100	Hamburger LokalRadio, Gohren, English, "Media Network Plus" and at 1130 Glenn Hauser's "World of Radio". (Méndez)
7289.92	Jan22	-0917*	Pro 1 RRI Nabire, 0739-0917*. Has been a long time since I last checked on this, so very pleased to find them still active; started out extremely poor, but slowly improved; 0801 time pips (late); into the news, followed by announcers (not sure just when news ended?); 0839 into music segment till 0914; started reciting from the Qur'an (in the past this Qur'an segment was always started at 0900, but not so today); cut off at 0917* (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
7370	Jan15	1225	China Business R, Beijing Chinese ann. // 7375, 9515, 9755, 9775 and 9820 (AP-DNK)
7440	Jan20	*0620-	Channel 292, Rohrbach, non stop Simon&Garfunkel songs "Simon&Garfunkel Greatest Hits", at 0700 "Radio Waves International", at 0800 "Super Clan Radio". // 6070. (Méndez)
7465	Jan24	1524	S9+10 fading to S7 of almost dead air, trace of modulation. Only thing sked is BBC Pashto this hour via Kranji. At first thought it might be a closer carrier like Radio Martí, atop a weak one, but not //11930 and 7465 is not on current RM roster anywhen. (BTW, Aoki still lists YHWH on 7465 at 0000-0700 altho not heard for several months) (Glenn Hauser, OK)
9410	Jan12	1219	Fu Hsing BS (tentative), unlike yesterdays (Jan 12) reception heard in H3E (USB+carrier), had

			a definite signal in LSB and only slightly weaker than the USB output; in Chinese; H3E of course is the normal format here (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
9443	Jan16	1706	E11 Polish Spy Numbers, Puchaly, Falenty, E, 5-number group USB. (TB)
9505	Jan19	1650	Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio, Al Aitahab, African songs, French, comments, id. "L'Voix de la Afrique", English, news, comments. (Méndez)
9630	Jan15	1245	CNR 17, Lingshi Kazakh conversation, music // 6180 QRM Taiwan (AP-DNK)
9630.5	Jan19	2050	Radio Aparecida, Aparecida, religious comments, "A Nossa Senhora Aparecida", at 2101 DX program "Encontro DX", news about short wave stations, Celio Romais report, from Porto Alegre, "DX Clube Sem Fronteiras". // 11856.2. (Méndez)
9650	Jan20	*0630-	Radio Guinea, Conakry, open transmission with catholic religious program "Le Jour du Seigneur", French. (Méndez)
9664.7	Jan9	1710	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., donations request, rlg. songs. 35343 (CGS)
9664.7	Jan19	2050	Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, religious songs and comments. (Méndez)
9664.72	Jan13	2210	R Voz Missionária, Camboriú, SC. Discussion with hymns in between // 5939.72 (AP-DNK)
9749.82	Jan15	1235	Nei Menggu PBS, Hohhot Mongolian ann, local songs by choir (AP-DNK)
9835			(Sarawak FM) & 11665 (Wai FM), checking randomly on Jan 20, from 1120+; clearly both off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, WOR iog via DXLD)
9860	Jan15	1215	Voice of China, Beijing Chinese talk with a child, songs by child // 9830 (AP-DNK)
11665	Jan22	0946	Wai FM (presumed), actually did heard them at 0946 with distorted audio; certainly them, but unable to make out a clear Wai FM ID. So this goes off the air extremely early now. In the past the sign off was at 1600, so a radical schedule change recently. Thanks very much to Rob Wagner (Australia), who pointed out Wai FM was still on the air, but at a very different time than heard in the past (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, WOR iog via DXLD)
11780	Jan19	2000	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments, id. "Radio Nacional, no coração de Brasil", "Estamos apresentando musi-show". (Méndez)
11815	Jan20	0915	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, program "Goias Caboclo", "Para Brasil, para o mundo, Goias Caboclo", comments, Brazilian songs. (Méndez)
11856.2	Jan19	2057	Radio Aparecida, Aparecida, religious, "Santuário Nacional da Nossa Senhora Aparecida", at 2100 "Encontro DX". (Méndez)
11855.8	Jan9	1707	R.Aparecida, Aparecida SP. Mass. Adj. QRM. 33442 (CG)S
11895.1	Jan9	1441	R.Boa Vontade, Pt.º Alegre RS. Rlgs. songs, fqs. ann., more propag. Improving, rtd. 35443 at 1600. 25442 (CGS)
15190.1	Jan19	1631	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, comments, Brazilian songs, id. "Você esta sinonizando a Inconfidencia o melhor da musica brasileira". (Méndez)
15805	Jan20	0935	World Music Radio, Randers, pop songs, id. "World Music Radio", Latin American songs, song "Colegiala de mi Amor". Excellent signal. (Méndez)
16680	Jan20	*1157-	Voice of Hope, Lusaka, tuning music, id. "From Zambia to the world, this is The Voice of Hope Africa", DX and short wave program "Wavescan". (Mendez)

Pirate stations:

3920	19/1	1813	Mike R - pir. Pops. ID via DX press. 15241 (CG)
6295	20/1	1533	Reflections Europe - pir. E, rlg. propag. pxs. // 12255 worse. 35342(CG)
12255	20/1	1537	Reflections Europe - pir. E, rlg. propag. pxs. // 6295 better. 25342 (CG)

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(CG)=Lisbon. JRC NRD-545DSP & PERSEUS sdr; homemade amp. (W7IUV version); 20 m & 16.7 m T2FDs, 5 MHz dipole, 6x19x6 m Ewe 135°, raised, 4 loop K9AY

(CGS) = SW coast JRC NRD-545DSP & DRAKE R8-E; Advanced ReceiverResearch amp.; 20 m T2FD, 30 m 180°/0° mini-Bev., 80 m 300°/120° Bev., 200 m 270°/90° Bev., 270 m 145°/325° Bev., 300 m 225°/45° Bev., raised, 4 loop K9AY.

Station news

AUSTRALIA. [WOR] Will ABC Shortwave Broadcasts Really Be Restored?

It looks like ABC resurrection is still not a completely dead topic:

<https://www.radioworld.com/columns-and-views/will-abc-shortwave-broadcasts-really-be-restored>

(--Rodney <http://swldx.tumblr.com> via WOR)

GERMANY (non). 7265 Nigerian Fulfulde

Ivo Observer: New clandestine via MBR Issoudun - Radio International, Jan.22: 1900-1930 on 7265 ISS 100 kW / 175 deg to WCAf Nigerian Fulfulde, good signal

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2019/01/new-clandestine-via-mbr-issoudun-radio.html>

Which still doesn't tell us anything about the source. Anyhow the next broadcast should be underway now at 1922 UT Jan 24.

We welcome clips, but unless you can post it somewhere else it would be better not to use up 3 MB of bandwidth in the groups for 30 seconds` worth, rather convert it to something more compact. I finally got it to play on Quicktime, not Winamp, but nothing is readable.

(73, Glenn Hauser)

It's **Koode Radio International** [thanks to Mauno Ritola via WRTH Facebook group for the ID]. Details on their website here: <https://www.kooderadio.com/koode-radio-live-transmission/>

(David Kernick, Interval Signals Online via WOR)

INDIA. Re: [WOR] AIR Kurseong on 4895 kHz. Reactivated. - - - email received Jan 16, at 0549 UT:

I contacted AIR Kurseong just now and the info is that they are back on SW from January 1, 2019 after being off air (on SW) for some months.

Currently they are on air for the morning transmission only on 4895 at 0055-0400 (Sat Sun 0430).

After about 10 days they will be on in the evening hours also on 4895 at 1130-1700 (Sat, Sun 1741)

After about 20 days they will be on the daytime frequency of 7230 at 0620-1030

The transmitter is of 50 kW but it is being operated now at 30 kW

<http://www.allindiaradio.gov.in/station/KURSEONG/Pages/default.aspx>

(Yours sincerely, Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India via WOR)

INDIA. Re: [WOR] AIR Gangtok (4835 kHz.) transmitter problems

Thanks very much to Avijit Mondal (India) for his helpful posting to the Facebook page UNION OF ASIAN DXERS on **Jan 16**:

"AIR Gangtok is having transmitter problem again. There was loud electrical hum on 4835 khz (Their morning transmission frequency). Called the station engineer of AIR GANGTOK this afternoon [Jan 16] and informed him about the problem. He assured to look into the matter immediately."

----- Here is my recent tentative log:

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INDIA. 19 January 2019. Devarajan S reports on the Union of Asian DXers Facebook group:

"Shocking news for all dxers.AIR is winding up all m.w. stations from April 2019". (source not quoted) (Mike Terry via WOR)

Re: [WOR] All India Radio to close on MW. After having ordered 33 new transmitters in the last few years, as proudly presented by the supplier at <https://www.nautel.com/products/digital-radio/drm/>? This definitely needs a more serious source than a single sentence that appears under an unfamiliar name in a fake news slingshot (the spread of fake news via so-called social media has become a really big problem in India).

This must be said although some reports indeed could be read in such a way that the closure of the overnight service was only the first in a row of cost-saving measures. Consider also the possibility that not mediumwave but instead shortwave could be slated for complete closure.

(Kai Ludwig via WOR)

<https://swling.com/blog/2019/01/all-india-radio-to-shut-down-national-channel/> demnach sollen nur 5 Standorte davon betroffen sein.

(73, Willi Westrup via A-DX)

Mauno Ritola schrieb vor wenigen Minuten in der Liste des Medium Wave Circle: "I also discussed this with a Delhi tx engineer and he didn't know anything about plans to close any MW transmitters.". Danke Mauno für deine Arbeit!

(Christoph Ratzer via A-DX)

ZIMBABWE. VOA to Zimbabwe. In the current crisis, the US Embassy in Harare is telling people to tune to "Voice of America on Channel 909 AM in Harare and on short-wave 4930, 7210 and 12120 kilohertz frequencies".

See: <http://www.newsдзеimbabwe.co.uk/2019/01/us-issues-zimbabwe-security-alert.html>

But are those frequencies out of date? Current frequencies for VOA to Zimbabwe are given by EiBi and WRTH 2019 as 6175 and 9825 (at 0400-0500 GMT) and 4930, 13860 and 15460 (at 1700-1900).

(Chris Greenway via WOR)

Other radio news

[WOR] China HF news

Two interesting recent news stories involving HF and China.

China's new ship-based over-the-horizon (OTH) radar system that appears to use HF, given the mention of the ionosphere ...

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/2181251/chinese-navys-new-compact-radar-will-allow-it-keep-watch-over>

China's Chang'e-4 lander on the far side of the moon opens new possibilities for astronomy, including the monitoring of frequencies below 30 MHz (astronomers refer to these as "low frequency"), which is difficult from Earth due to pesky interference ... <https://newatlas.com/ncl-radio-astronomers-universe-moon/57929/>

(Kim kd9xb via WOR)

RADIO PHILATELY, HISTORY OF RADIO THROUGH STAMPS

For those philatelists within our membership, you may like to see an article in the January issue of Gibbons Stamp Monthly by Christer Brunström entitled The History of Radio Through Stamps (Jan BDXC_UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1966, DXLD)

Also: for those without our membership (gh)

[WOR] Pacific Asian Log Updater

Hello everyone: I recently completed the January 2019 edition of the Pacific Asian Log. This edition has many changes and updates for stations throughout Asia and the Pacific.

The PAL has been posted on the Radioheritage website: <http://www.radioheritage.net/> The link for the PDF version is at the top center of the site's main page.

You can also use an interactive version of the PAL by going through a couple of the site's internal links.

The next update will be published in a couple of months.

Corrections and updates from users are always welcome and can be sent to bportzer@comcast.net or portzerbt@gmail.com.

First issued in 2001, The PAL lists medium wave and domestic shortwave broadcasting stations in southern and eastern Asia and the Pacific. It includes about 5000 stations in over 50 countries, with frequencies, call signs, locations, power, networks, schedules, languages, formats, networks and other information.

(Bruce Portzer via WOR)

Time Pips Catalog

In response to an earlier question, I had mentioned that in the course of reviewing our SDR files from October's LBI DXpedition, Brett Saylor and I had started to compile a listing of time pips. We have decided to share what we have to this point covering Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

The information includes loggings from the PEI 2018 and QH12 DXpeditions as well as some recent loggings published in IDXD and DXWW.

A downloadable pdf document is now available at <http://www.radiodxing.com/TimePipsCatalog.pdf>

We will be accepting updates, additions or corrections along the way for future revisions. Those may be sent to me at <amfmd...@bcdx.us>. [sic, tnx a lot for truncating]

Thanks- (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, Grid FN20id, 9 Jan, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

A revised and enhanced version of this document is now available at

<http://www.radiodxing.com/TimePipsCatalog20190119.xlsx>

The document is now in Excel spreadsheet format, as that permits the inclusion of links to audio clips, and graphics, and make updating easier. An explanation of the changes is contained in the "Intro" tab.

(Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, Grid FN20id, nrc-am gg via WORLD OF RADIO 1966, DXLD)

Languages on QSL Cards

Around the world today, it is estimated, there are 7,100 living languages. The same authorities state that the population in India alone speak 880 languages, and in the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh there are 90 different languages. The international translation organization known as the United Bible Societies states that all or part of the Holy Scriptures have been translated into more than 3324 languages (and also dialects, we would suggest).

The most widely spoken language on Earth is English, with a total of 1.121 billion people who speak this language as a primary or secondary language. The Guinness Book of World Records (1988) lists a Frenchman who was the world leader in the number of languages he spoke. This polyglot was French born Georges Henri Schmidt, a United Nations official in the middle of last century, and he was fluent in 31 languages.

A perusal of any issue of the WRTVHB clearly indicates that radio programming is on the air throughout the world in a multitude of languages, though obviously not in all of the world's total list of spoken languages. All India Radio speaks to its homeland listeners in 202 languages, and in its international shortwave services AIR speaks in 28 languages. The Voice of America, together with its subsidiary program broadcasts speaks to the world in about 50 languages; and currently, the BBC London is on the air in its shortwave services in 18 languages.

Several of the Christian shortwave stations are also on the air in a multitude of languages. For example Trans World Radio TWR presents programming on shortwave in 230 languages; and Adventist World Radio AWR speaks around 120 languages. The Far East Broadcasting Company iFEBC in the Philippines is on the air in 113 languages; and Vatican Radio presents programming in 20 languages.

With so many languages on the air from so many radio stations around the world, it is to be expected that QSL cards would also be printed in many different languages. Many shortwave stations around the globe issue QSL cards in their own national language. For example, it is rather obvious that VOA the Voice of America and Radio New Zealand International RNZI issue their QSL cards for example in the English language. So did Radio Australia before it was abruptly closed two years ago.

Interestingly, the shortwave stations in some countries have printed their QSL cards only in English, even though their people speak other languages. For example the QSL cards from All India Radio AIR and Radio Bangladesh are always in English. QSL cards from Radio Canada International RCI when they were on the air were always printed in both of their official languages French and English.

Then too, the shortwave stations in many other countries also issue QSL cards in English as well as in their own national language. Germany's Deutsche Welle has printed QSL cards in German, as well as in English. Back in the mid 1990s, the German service of the BBC London also issued their own QSL card which was printed in German. Other stations that have issued QSL cards printed in the German language have been KBS South Korea, Radio Pyongyang North Korea, and the Voice of Vietnam in Hanoi.

China has issued separate QSL cards in Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese and English; Radio Australia has issued QSL cards in Asian languages such as Japanese and Thai. Radio New Zealand International has also issued cards in the Japanese language. Vatican Radio has issued QSL cards in English and Latin; and Switzerland has issued QSL cards in four languages, German, French, Italian and English.

In addition to internationally known languages on QSL cards, at least two of the artificially constructed auxiliary languages have also been presented on QSL cards. In 1957, amateur station SP8CK in Lublin Poland made a QSO contact with station CX1AK in Montevideo Uruguay in South America. The QSL card from Poland was printed in Esperanto, the most popular of all the constructed auxiliary languages.

A very rare language was used for the text on a QSL card in 1930. This card was issued by amateur spark station SKW in the city of Uman in the Ukraine and it confirmed a QSO with an American amateur station, NU1BES in Providence Rhode Island.

The holder of the callsign NU1BES was Lewis Bellem, an engineer with the Universal Winding Company that manufactured radio coils in Providence under the trade name Cotoco-Coils. In 1938, both Bellem and Granville Lindley, a fellow engineer from the Universal Winding Company, went out to Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific and installed the amateur radio broadcasting station VR6AY.

The text on the QSL card from amateur station SKW in the Ukraine is printed in the Ido language, which is a modified dialect descendant from the better known Esperanto language. These days there are no more than 200 people throughout the world who have learned to speak the Ido language.

Finally, in our perusal of languages on QSL cards, we come to the print language for the blind, which was named Braille in honor of its founder Frenchman Louis Braille who was blinded in childhood by an accident. As a fifteen year old teenager in 1824, Braille invented a system of six raised dots that enable blind people to read and understand the dots with their fingers.

In 1955, amateur radio station F9KX in France issued a QSL card to K6GW in the United States. The QSL text on this card is printed in the French language, and a French Braille message composed with raised dots is also embossed onto the card.

In 1994, Arthur Cushen at Invercargill in South New Zealand received a QSL card and letter from the ABC station 2PB in Australia's capital city, Canberra. At the time, station 2PB was on the air as an ABC news station, and the transmitter was the old 2 kW 2CY that had been rejuvenated and retuned to 1440 kHz. The QSL letter was four pages long, and it was prepared in Australian Braille.

And finally, several years ago, Adventist World Radio in Indianapolis issued a limited number of QSL cards that were printed with an English text and also with a brief message in American Braille. These cards were borrowed from the Adventist operated Christian Record Services in Lincoln Nebraska.

(Adrian Peterson, IN, script for AWR Wavescan Jan 13 via DXLD)

2019 EDXC CONFERENCE: ANDORRA. January 3, 2019

The 2019 EDXC Conference will take place in Andorra, over the weekend of September 6th to 8th. We are still at the planning stages of organising accommodation, visits, talks and other travel arrangements. Full details will be given in due course, but please put the dates in your diary!

We invite all EDXC members to the conference. As always, we extend a warm welcome to other DXers plus EDXC member organisations' partners, significant others and any friends who may also wish to experience the fun of an EDXC conference and the opportunities to explore before, during and after the conference itself.

Andorra is a small (468 sq km) and mountainous principality, nestled in the Pyrenees between France and Spain. It will be exciting to hold an EDXC Conference in another new destination, especially a place where many of us may not have visited before.

We would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all EDXC member organisations and individuals, to say a huge "thank you/merci/kiitos" to Kari and Jan-Mikael for their fantastic and successful work over the past six years in their roles as EDXC Secretary-General and Assistant Secretary-General. We (Chrissy and Christian) will try to match their shining examples of positive leadership as we take over the running of the EDXC for the next three years. Wishing you all good DXing and a happy and healthy 2019!

Chrissy Brand, Secretary-General, Christian Ghibaudo, Assistant Secretary-General

<https://edxcnews.wordpress.com/2019/01/03/2019-edxc-conference/>

(via Rus-DX 20 Jan via WORLD OF RADIO 1966, DXLD)

REVIEW OF LAST TRAIN TO HILVERSUM --- by Charlie Connelly

Now a broadcaster in his own right and the author of a previous book on the shipping forecast, he proves to be an enthusiastic and entertaining guide to radio's history, personalities and hallowed sites.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/jan/19/last-train-to-hilversum-by-charlie-connelly-review-in-search-of-the-magic-of-radio>

(via Kim Elliott, WOR iog via DXLD)

Mobile application "Radio. XX century".

The free mobile application "Radio. XX Century", created by the State TV and Radio Fund, gave a new life to the half-forgotten radio recordings of the Soviet times. Users will be able to hear the works of 1946-1966 which are carefully digitized from a magnetic tape: the best voices of the epoch, theatrical performances, concerts and children's educational programs. To make listeners comfortable, all published entries are divided by age and thematic collections. The smallest ones

can be carried away for a long time with poems and fairy tales by Korney Chukovsky, Agnes Barto, Samuel Marshak and other authors. Under the heading "Kids. 0-6 years old" there are fairy tales in prose, which are read by outstanding theater actors, and fairy tale performances based on works by Soviet and foreign classics, and a collection of the best lullaby songs.

Younger students are offered larger works, and more serious tales. By the way, many of the materials selected for application are included in the framework of the school curriculum in reading from grades 1 to 4 and in literature for high school students. Schoolchildren of all ages will also be interested to listen to performances on masterpieces of world literature. But the largest number of entries published in the section for an adult audience. This is, first of all, radio shows and recordings on the broadcasts of performances by leading Soviet theaters based on works by Russian and foreign authors.

As interesting digitized entries appear in the application, new interesting collections are published that will brighten up everyday life and allow you to join the true radio art of an audience of any age.

Download the application "Radio. XX century" in Google Play and the App Store. vesti.ru
(Source: http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID_72004/)

(Anatoly Klepov, RUS-DX # 1013)

Radio museum

Museum of Radio. Creator: Semenov Gennady Petrovich. Pereslavl-Zalessky, Yaroslavl region, Russia.
24 photos.

Photo album: https://vk.com/album-124092979_260310184

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOlorHdwe2U&featu>

(<https://vk.com/radioreceiver>)

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DE-32 manueller Antennentuner für Empfänger von 150 kHz bis 30 MHz

Produktinformationen "DE-32 manueller Antennentuner für Empfänger von 150 kHz bis 30 MHz"

THIEKING & KOCH DE-32 ist ein spezieller manueller Antennenkoppler für Empfänger. Der besondere Clou bei diesem Anpassgerät ist, es verfügt sowohl über hochohmige wie über 50 Ohm Eingänge und Ausgänge. Mit dieser Kombination lassen sich nahezu alle Antennen, Drähte und Empfänger kombinieren.



Zum Lieferumfang des THIEKING und KOCH DE32 gehört ein Kabelstück mit Klinkenstecker für Radios und Empfänger mit Klinkenbuchsen als Antennenbuchse (z.B. Sangean AT5-909X, Tecsun PL-660, PL-680, etc.) und ein Mini Kopplungsstück für Mittelwelle, speziell für Radios, ohne Mittelwellen Antennenbuchse.

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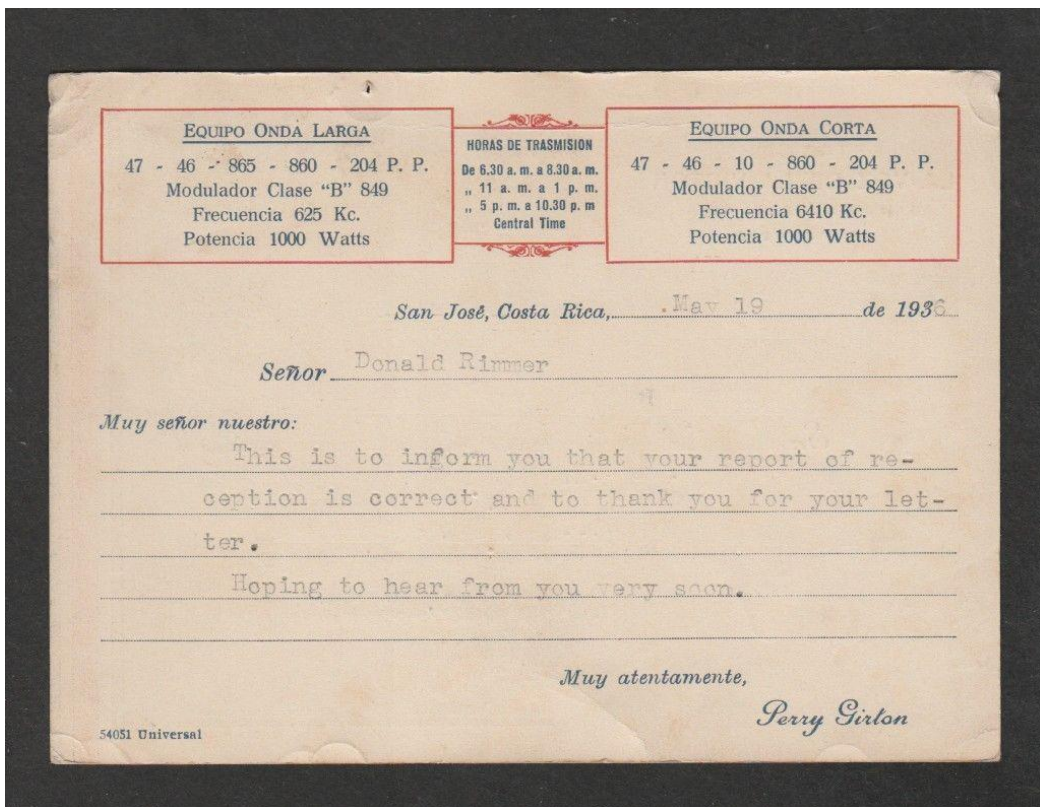
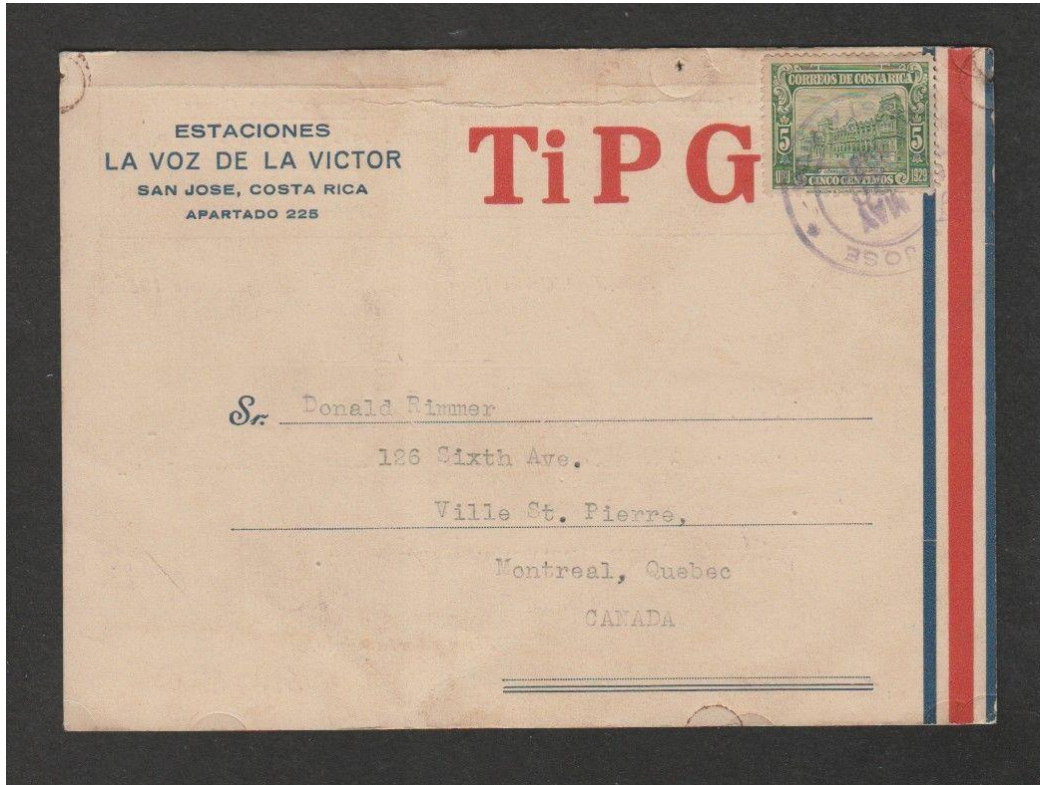
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- PL-Buchsen für 50 Ohm Eingang bzw. Ausgang
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- Mehrstufiger schaltbarer Q-Selektor zur Einschaltung eines Resonanzkreises
- 2 Tuning Regler
- THRU Schalter für Durchlass
- **Abmessungen ca.** 162 x 55 x 101 mm
- Klinkenkabel und Mini Mittelwellenkoppler im

<https://www.funktechnik-bielefeld.de/de-32-manueller-antennentuner-fuer-empfaenger-von-150-khz-bis-30-mhz>

OLD QSL'S

John Ekwall has again found some interesting old QSL cards on the web. Maybe some of them have been published here before but it was a long time ago. John, thanks a lot for sharing those nice QSL cards with us. More to come in next issue.
/TN

La Voz de la Victor, San José, Costa Rica, 6410 kHz from 1936
Emisora Atlantico, Barranquilla, Colombia, 6040 kHz from 1946





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<p><i>Mr.</i> William Sparks</p> <p>#2258 - 30th Ave.,</p> <p>San Francisco - California</p> <p>E. U. A.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Agradecemos su reportaje de fecha</i> We take pleasure to verify your report of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 29 1936.</p> <p><i>el cual concuerda con nuestro diario de</i> which agrees with our station-log.</p> <p><i>transmisión. Nuestros programas se di-</i> Our programs are transmitted</p> <p><i>funden diariamente de 11 de la mañana</i> daily from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m., and on</p> <p><i>a 11 de la noche, y los domingos de 11 de</i> Sundays from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m.</p> <p><i>la mañana a 8 de la noche.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sabremos agradecer sus futuros in-</i> We assure you appreciation for all your future reports.</p> <p>formes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EMISORA ATLANTICO</i></p>
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