

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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For those who want to attend the annual convention in Jönköping – it's high time now to sign up.

The creator of the fantastic MW software Jaguar will attend on Saturday. He will talk about future development and is keen to know what the MW DX-ers will prioritize.

In this issue as usual there is an extensive log. But we are also able to show some nice verifications and old QSL's.

Looking at old QSL's are highly valued by most of our readers.

Most of the stations today verify by mail or via Facebook/Messenger and a beautiful verification is not high on their list.

As I have said before, I need more input from you members to be able to create a more interesting bulletin. If you have something to tell don't hesitate to send me a mail.

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

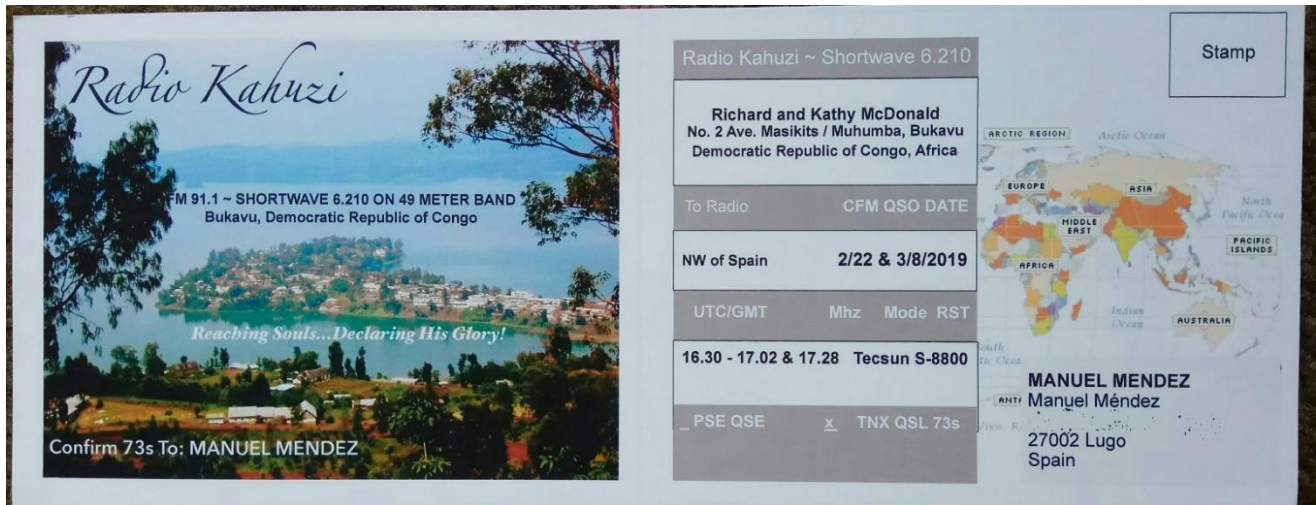
Bernt-Ivan Holmberg. Fick något så ovanligt som ett kortvågs QSL för några dagar sedan, brasse dessutom! Lyckades på 80-90 talet aldrig att få svar från **R Clude do Pará - 4885**, men nu i moderna tider så har man skaffat sig en QSL Manager vid namn Daniel Wyllyans danielnx18@gmail.com som svarar fint med png-QSL se bifogad bildfil.



Sveriges DX-klubbar och -förbund

Efter en längre paus, på grund av sjukdom, har jag på nytt så smått börjat intressera mig för min lista över DX-klubbarna i Sverige. Listan upptar för tillfället 424 klubbar och förbund. Tyvärr finns det på listan flera klubbar för vilka jag inte har kunnat fastställa under vilka år de varit verksamma. För några har jag inte ens uppgift om hemorten. Och naturligtvis garanterar jag inte att listan inte innehåller fel. För den intresserade, och naturligtvis också för andra, så finns listan på <http://www.surfnet.fi/~tosso/dx/sk.htm> Behöver jag tillägga att jag naturligtvis är tacksam över att få kompletteringar och rättelser? (Torsten Söderström via Svensk DX-Historia)

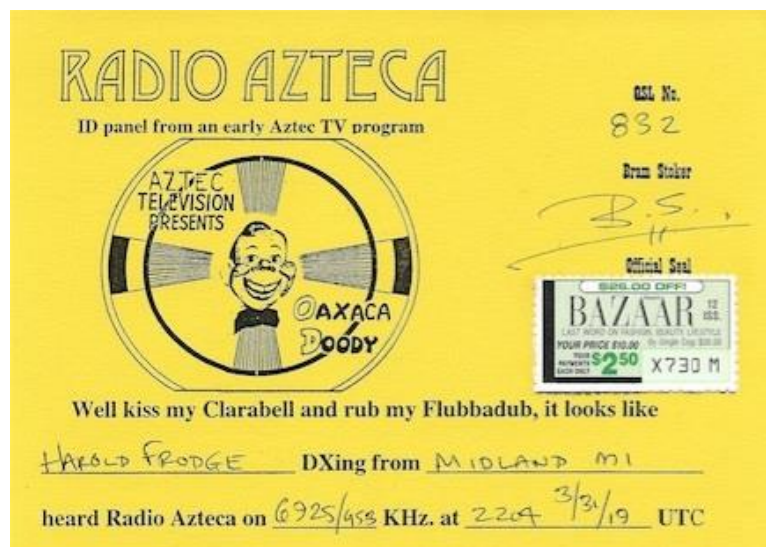
Manuel Méndez. Radio Kahuzi, Bukaku, 6210.2 kHz, sent email reception report 23-02 to the station email address. Received snail mail letter with QSL card, stickers, brochures with the station history, schedule, in 38 days. Letter sent from the Florida address of Radio Kahuzi. Email: radiokahuzi@sbcglobal.net P. O. Box 110173, Bradenton, FL 34211, USA.



Radio Azteca: 6925/U, 2204-2205:40*, March 31;

Bram Stoker w/pgm #8 close; off w/Rocky & Bullwinkle theme IS.

(Frodge-MI via WOR)



Log

(UTC)

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| 3260 | Apr5 | 1021 | NBC Madang, (Maus Blong Garamut - Voice of Indigenous Drums). DJ in Pidgin playing various songs; 1029, ID and frequencies; 1031, talk in Pidgin about "local government" and "Parliament"; a day with above average reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA) |
| 3310 | Apr2 | 0100 | Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, Quechua, deep faded one music bridge. (Wilkner) |
| 3320 | Mar21 | 2201 | SAUK/R.Sonder Grense, Meyerton. Afrkns, pops, tks. Occ. uty. QRM. 35332 (CG) |
| 3325 | Apr5 | 1016 | NBC Bougainville (Maus Blong Sankamap), noted not on the air 1016+ (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA) |
| 3325 | Apr5 | 1049 | Voice of Indonesia, via RRI Palangkaraya, on April 5, checking 1049+ and found only a carrier with no hint of any audio (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA) |
| 3910 | Apr4 | 2101 | Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks, mx. Jammed. 23331 (CG) |
| 3945 | Mar27 | 1255 | Nikkei 2/Echo of Unification. The North Korean just mumbling in the background of RN2's bouncy programming this morning. (Sheedy) |
| 4010.23 | Apr3 | 1720 | Birinchi R, Krasnaya Rechka Kyrgyz conversation (AP-DNK) |
| 4055 | Apr4 | 2350 | Radio Verdad Marimba music, SP om good signal. (Wilkner) |
| 4750 | Apr3 | 1227 | Bangladesh Betar, still carrying only the External Service, preempting the usual Home Service; 1227, test tone off and start of IS; at 1230, started broadcasting in English, but with strong CNR1 QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA) |

4750	Apr3	1710	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar <u>New Foreign Sc. fq to South Asia</u> Bengali talk, local music . Also heard 29.3 1910-1925 music, 1911 timesignal, Bengali ID mentioning Bangladesh twice, talk and flute (AP-DNK)
4747.20	Apr4	2310	Radio Huanta 2000 Huanta Ayacucho om in Spanish under dominant CODAR. (Wilkner)
4765.05	Apr3	1715	Tajik R 1, Yangiyul Tajik talk, local music (AP-DNK)
4775	Apr2	0355	Radio Congonhas, Congonhas, after various months without heard it, now on air. Brazilian songs, pop songs in English, at 0414: "Uma e quatorze", at 0424: "Radio Congonhas AM...", "Radio Congonhas a emisora do Bom Jesus". Weak. (Méndez)
4800	Mar30	1723	AIR, Hyderabad, Hindi music, at 1730 English, news. Strong QEM from China on the same frequency. (Méndez)
4800	Apr3	1725	Voice of China, Golmud Chinese talk, songs, weak QRM AIR, Hyderabad (AP-DNK)
4810	Mar30	1724	AIR, Bhopal, Hindi music, at 1730 English news. (Méndez)
4810	Apr3	1730	AIR, Bhopal English news // Chennai 4920 (QRM Xizang), Srinagar 4950 (CWQRM) and Jeypore 5040. (AP-DNK)
4875.1	Apr4	2350	Rdif Roraima, Boa Vista RR weak signal , PT vocal. (Wilkner)
4885	Mar31	0615	Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, Brazilian songs, id. "... Radio Clube do Pará...". (Méndez)
4885	Apr4	2340	Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, PA fair to good signal with music and comment by om in PT. (Wilkner)
4885	Apr5		This morning (April 5) two stations from Brazil heard on 4885kHz – Acreana and Bandeirantes. Yesterday Acreana was off, only Bandeirantes active, probably relayed by Clube do Pará? At the moment this is the most active frequency in otherwise almost empty band. Something very very weak on 4775 kHz here in the middle of Europe – probably Congonhas. (Karel Honzik via HCDX)

Yes, it is almost a frightening feeling to tune into 60 mb these days. Now at 0900 via Brazilian remote receivers 4885 kHz is // the stream https://radiosaovivo.net/clube-belem/ and announcing Rádio Clube do Pará. So what is going on at night and which Bandeirantes? (73, Mauno Ritola via HCDX)			
4885	Apr4	1835	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Nowon-gu. Kor to KRE, tks, pops. 45343 (CG)
4905	Apr3	1735	Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet. Ann, local music // 4920 (QRM Chennai) (AP-DNK)
4910	Mar30	1725	AIR, Jaipur, Hindi music, at 1730 English news. (Méndez)
4920	Mar30	1726	AIR, Chennai, at 1730 English news. Strong QRM from China on the same fq. (Méndez)
4949.732	Apr1	0132	JBA carrier, presumed RNA on signature off-frequency - checked just as I am mentioning on 9395 during WOR that Ron Howard had found them missing. Also an even weaker carrier close to 4950.0, likely AIR Srinagar, Kashmir --- neither in HFCC but in Aoki/NDXC (Glenn Hauser, OK)
4949.75	Apr2	0405	Radio Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, Portuguese and other songs. (Méndez)
4950	May1	0257	R Nacional de Angola, presumed, threshold level talk. (XM)
4965	Apr1	1733	Voice of Hope Africa, Lusaka, English, religious comments. // 6065. (Méndez)
4965	Apr3	1740	Voice of Hope, Makeni Ranch English ann, music and hymn (AP-DNK)
4980	Apr3	1745	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi Uighur ann, music // 3990, 6120 and 7205 (AP-DNK)
4985	Mar29	0615	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs. Teletype interference. (Méndez)
4990	Apr2	0500	Radio Apintie, Paramaribo, pop songs in English. (Méndez)
4990	May1	0256	R Apintie, presumed, talk, best in LSB. (XM)
4990	Mar22	0030	Radio Apintie (tent), Paramaribo, deep fades. (Wilkner)
5005	Apr2	*0550-	Radio Nacional, Bata, program "Panorama Nacional", news. (Méndez)
5010			AIR, Thiruvananthapuram, seems to be out of air for about two weeks. (Méndez)
5020	Apr5	1001	SIBC - the Voice of the Nation. Tuned in to hear a second day of respectable audio level; ID for "SIBC, the Voice of the Nation"; only bits and pieces made out; DJ in Pijin, playing EZL Pacific Islands songs till transmitter off at 1013*; later checking through 1200*, did hear their carrier, but no trace of any audio. Certainly transmitter problems! My audio at http://bit.ly/2FU7wr9 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
5040	Mar30	1721	AIR, Jeypore, Hindi songs, at 1730 English news. 15311. (Méndez)
5055	Mar30	1211	Radio 4KZ. Segment of pop songs (The Mindbenders with "A Groovy Kind Of Love," Seal with "Kiss From A Rose," etc.); some commercial announcements that were close to being readable; some OTH radar; noted the current cut off time of 1302*; QRN (static) (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach, CA via DXLD)
5060	Apr3	-1800*	Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi Chinese talk with musical interludes, closing ann and timesignal // 3950 and 5960 (QRM Arab station) (AP-DNK)
5800	Mar31	0900	FRS Holland, pop songs, German, comments, "German Show". // 7700 (Méndez)
5840	Mar25	2142	World Music R, Karup. Songs & mx. 25342 (CG)
5915	Apr2	0415	Zambia NBC, Radio 1, Vernacular comments, African songs. (Méndez)
5915	May1	0255	R Zambia, Lusaka, presumed, threshold level talk. (XM)
5939.7	Apr4	2109	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag. 25331 (CG)

5945	Apr4	*0659-	R.NZi, Rangitaiki. IS, E, Pacific nx, ..., mx, nx at 0900. Deteriorating; vy. fluttery & weak at 0900. 55444 (CG)
5950	Apr1	1701	Voice of Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
5985	Apr3	1208	Myanmar Radio. Live coverage (TV audio feed), in vernacular, of the football/soccer match between Myanmar and Nepal (Olympic games qualification for Asian women); 1225 music provided for half time break, till match resumed; mostly fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
5995.0v	Apr1	0550	R. Mali is already on with song of lament in French, S9 and best heard yet. 0556 apparent switch to IS repeating; 0557 military-band NA, sign-on in French I copy partially vs distractions, including ``Ici l'Office de Radiodiffusion Télévision du Mali, émettant de Bamako,`` and decades-outdated frequency list including 4783 and another on 60m! And 92 MHz FM (four-score and twelve). With BFO, frequency wavers very slightly. By 0602 is in non-French, probably Bambara. Anker Petersen, Denmark, has reported this on 5995.02, such as March 25 at 2120, but again I think his measurement is way off. Please calibrate (Glenn Hauser, OK)
5995	Apr2	*0605-	Radio Mali, Bamako, Vernacular comments, African songs, at 0700: "Bon jour il est sept heures, le journal". news, French, id. "Radio Mali", Vernacular. (Méndez)
5995	Apr4	-0800*	R.Mali, Kati. Vn, tks, mx. Deteriorating. Moved to 9635 at 0800. 25342 (CG)
5995	Mar24	2012	VOH, JNM, Kor, tent OM tk noise jmm, . (TB)
6005	Mar30	0905	R Belarus via Shortwaveservice, Kall-Krekel German talk about Belarus (AP-DNK)
6015	Apr2	0359	Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, tuning music, time signals at 0400, Swahili, comments.(Méndez)
6015	Mar25	0327	ZBC (Dole). Abrupt sign-on (mid-chat in Swahili), short 'live' speech around 0345, more chat, possible ads @ 0355 & nice long drum bridge to TOH pips. (Sheedy)
6030	Apr1	1657	Radio Oromiya, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments.. (Méndez)
6035	Apr5	-1120*	BBS. Pop songs till transmitter off. The good news is that the recent jamming spur heard here from 6045, has ended, as National Unity Radio has moved away from 6045, taking the N. Korea jamming with them (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)
6050	Apr2	0227	HCJB, Pichincha, Quechua, comments. (Méndez)
6060	Mar31	2218	ELWA, man with talk, threshold level, best in LSB on 6061. (XM)
6070	Apr2	0430	CFRX, Toronto, English, news, advertisements. (Méndez)
6070	Apr5	2310	CFRX Toronto favourite Canadian Station, local and national news. (Wilkner)
6085	Mar28	1712	Radio Mi Amigo, Kall Krekel, pop songs in English, id. "Mi Amigo, Mi Amigo". (Méndez)
6085	Mar30	0920	R Mi Amigo International, Kall-Krekel English ann, pop songs, ID, web: www.shortwaveservice.com (AP-DNK)
6090	Apr1	1615	Voice of Amhara State, Addis Ababa, Vernacular comments. (Méndez)
6110	Apr1	1651	Radio Fana, Addis Ababa, Vernacular comments. (Méndez)
6110	Apr3	1832	R.Fana, Geja Jawe. Vn, tks, interviews. 35332 (CG)
6115	Apr2	0551	Radio Congo, Brazzaville, Afrop songs, id. "Radio Congo", news, comments. (Méndez)
6115	Apr2	0715	Radio Nikkei 2, (presumed), non stop pop songs in EE. Extremely weak. (Méndez)
6134.8	Mar29	0735	Radio Aparecida, Aparecida, religious, "Santo Rosario". (Méndez)
6185	Apr2	0420	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, comments, music, at 0501 id. "1060 AM, Radio Educación, la radio cultural de México", at 0601 anthem, identification, music, at 0607 Radio Francia Internacioal news in Spanish. QRM on 6180. (Méndez)
6190	Mar30	*0700-	Hamburger LokalRadio, Gohren, English, id. "Hamburger LokalRadio", programs "Media Network Plus and "World of Radio". (Méndez)
6210.2	Mar27	-1733*	Radio Kahuzi, Bukavu, Vernacular, comments. Extremely weak due to increase of day light in he northern hemisphere. In a few days will be impossible to hear this station here. Signal cut off abruptly at 1733. Usual close at about 1800. (Méndez)

<p>They have a much more limited schedule than what the web page shows due to power availability in the Bukavu region and it's all after 1200 UTC. Not sure of actual start time but they go to about roughly 1800 UTC (it has gone past 1800 UTC on a couple of occasions but lately seems more like 1745 UTC or so). The sign off occurs with a Country & Western tune, very out of character with the usual Central African highlife music played during some programming. Here is a link to a recording I made from a KiwiSDR in SW England on Jan 2 this year (starting at 1655):</p> <p>https://goo.gl/UetgZN . I also have one from a KiwiSDR in Iceland on 29 Jan but this is the best one to hear their programming style. (Bruce Churchill via WOR)</p>			
6230	Mar26	1913	Coast FM (Canary Is. stn) via UNID, Irish? - pir. E, pops, advs. 35342 (CG)
6230	Mar30	2209	Sound Of Hope R Int'l (cland.), unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, mx. 45433 (CG)
6250	Apr4	1837	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Nowon-gu. Kor to KRE, tks, pops. Uty. QRM. 44432 (CG)
6280	Apr5	1100	Sound of Hope. The usual OM & YL with "Xiwang zhi sheng guoji guangbo diantai" (Sound of Hope international broadcast station) ID (thanks to Amano-san's assistance); // 6230. My audio at http://bit.ly/2UxfYGd (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, USA)

6280	Mar30	2207	Sound Of Hope R Int'l (cland.), unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, mx. 45433 (CG)
6350	Mar28	2202	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed, but also QRM de UNID BC stn. 34432 (CG)
6870	Mar30	2208	Sound Of Hope R Int'l (cland.), unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, mx. 25331 (CG)
7140	Apr1	1644	Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
7180	Apr1	1647	Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara, Vernacular, comments. (Méndez)
7205	Apr2	0440	Sudan Radio, Al Aitahab, Arabic, comments, Arabic and East African songs. (Méndez)
7265	Mar31	0908	Hamburger LokalRadio, Ghoren German, comments. (Méndez)
7280	Mar24	1900	VoV, VNI, E, ID IS IS ID NX (TB)
7289	Mar2	0827	Unid carrier only, best in USB. (XM)
7435	Mar25	0244	R. Marti/Cuban jammer. Nice program of 80s New Wave songs (Adam Ant, Bananarama, Sisters of Mercy) well above the jammer // 6030 just the opposite, with "DCJC" thrashing Marti. (Sheedy)
7465	Mar24	1959	VOA, PHT, Kor, E-LL tk jin-VOA tk. (TB)
7490.15v	Apr1	0045	Sacred choral music, S9+10 on `Encore` from Radio Tumbril via WBCQ. Brice Avery in Edinburgh is disappointed in lack of listener response to his new WBCQ broadcasts, in the form of QSL requests. Lack of any listing on the outdated WBCQ program schedule, nor any publicity on its website, surely do not help. Still showing for UT Mon 00-01 on 7490 is `Shoot the Darn Messenger`. He welcomes music requests and has had much better response to broadcasts via Channel 292 in Germany. Let's show him some support! (Glenn Hauser, OK)
7700	Mar31	1045	FRS Holland, program "FRS Holland goes DX" with Peter Verbruggen, English. (Méndez)
7730	Mar30	2210	Sound Of Hope R Int'l (cland.), unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, mx. 35332 (CG)
9100	Mar31	2112	R.Echo of Hope (cland.), Taereung. Kor to KRE, tks, songs. 34432 (CG)
9310	Apr6	1640	VOA Deewa R., UDO, Pashto, IND mx tk ... DC Washington Kí..., . (TB)
9445	Mar24	1940	AIR, BGL, E, IND mx OM tk ID mx //9910, . (TB)
9505	Apr1	1701	Voice of Africa, Al Aitahab, French, at 1715 English, id. "Voice of Africa", news. (Méndez)
9515	Apr1	2052	Radio Marumby, Curitiba, religious songs and comments. (Méndez)
9515	Mar31	2108	R.Marumby, Curitiba PR. Songs. 25342 (CG)
9630	Mar31	0553	RNZI with C&W music on NF for A-19, S9+10, the SSOB by fair, virtually the OSOB, and ex-25m is essentially dead. No het, as R. Aparecida, Brasil, has been missing from 9630.5v lately, but it'll be a hetmess should it resume! A bad pick for RNZI, now sked daily 0459-0658; then 5945, and from 1259 on 5980 as yet unchecked here. RNZ National program times within will shift one UT hour later on April 7 when NZ go off wacky DST of UT +13. At least that match DST offdate in Australiaparts now (Glenn Hauser, OK)
9635	Apr1	-1802*	Radio Mali, Bamako, Vernacular comments, African songs, id. in French at 1800. Close at 1802 and open on 5995. (Méndez)
9635	Mar31	1647	R.Mali, Kati. F/Vn, chatter, mx. 45444 (CG)
9650	Mar30	*0630-	Radio Guinea, Conakry, comments, id. "Radio Gunée", at 0800 French, news. (Méndez)
9650	Mar31	2221	R Guinea, very strong, clear signal, hi-life mx, apparent nx in FR, also cmntry. (XM)
9664.5	Apr4	2114	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag. 35443 (CG)
9818.7	Apr1	2039	Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
9875	Mar24	1917	Vo.Korea, KUJ, E, YL ID romantic piano mx, . (TB)
9910	Mar24	1929	AIR, DEL-Khampur, --, IND mx //. (TB)
9925	Mar24	1909	R.Pilipinas, PHT, Phl, mx 1911 ID // Far Q. (TB)
11735	Mar28	1740	Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, Swahili, comments. (Méndez)
11745	Mar31	2225	ZBC, tentative, carrier only, best in USB on 11744 (XM)
11780	Apr1	1959	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments, id. "Nacional, 5 da tarde en Brasilia", "Nacional informa, o Brasil e o mundo em 3 minutos", news, id. "Radio Nacional da Amazonia, ondas curtas, faixa de 25 metros, 11780 kHz, 49 metros, 6185 kHz....". (Méndez)
11780	Mar24	0150	RNA (Brasilia). Always a treat to catch RNA during the late afternoon in Encinitas--today they were rolling with bossanova & the usual zippy DJ. (Sheedy)
11895.1	Apr1	2035	Radio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, religious songs and comments. (Méndez)
13640	Mar23	0158	CNR1 (jammer). Just breaking through the noise with TOH pips/TC v. (unheard) SoH. (Sheedy)
15476	Apr2	*1425-	LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, open with song, id. and anthem, more id. "Transmite LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, en la frecuencia de 15476 kHz..., pueden comunicarse con nosotros, apartado ..., lra36@hotmail.com ", Spanish, females, comment about Malvinas (Falkland) war. Extremely weak, audible on USB. At 1500 eclipsed by China on 15475, or other station with Chinese program. Later no interference and a long program of non stop songs, especially Latin American and Argentinian songs. Extended program today, usually no more than two hours program this year and last year. LRA 36 seems to be on air since its reactivation this year only Tuesdays and Thursdays. (Méndez)

Pirate stations:

5780 Mar27 2151 Harmony R - pir. E, songs. 35343 (CG)
5800 Mar31 1645 Free R Sce. Holland - pir. E, pops, tks. // 7700.2. 25342 (CG)
6205 Mar31 2103 Laser Hot Hits - pir. E, pops, tks. 35342 (CG)
6280 Mar29 1948 R.Mustang - pir. Light mx, pops. 55433 (CG)
6280 Mar26 2200 R.Parade Int'l - pir. E, mx, tks, pops. 25342 (CG)
7700.2 Mar31 1633 Free R Sce. Holland - pir. E, pops, tks. // 5800. 35343 (CG)
12255 Mar24 -1934* Reflections Europe - pir. E, rlg. prop. pxs. // 6295 rtd. 35443. Both abruptly closed at 1934. 25442 (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. Sad news coming out of Australia. Craig Allen, the owner and operator of Ozy Radio (4835 kHz.) has passed away.

From Craig's Facebook page, posted by Grant Allen: "To our friends and family. It is with a heavy heart to let you know that our brother Craig Allen passed away on Thursday afternoon [March 28]. We will let you know details of the funeral once it is confirmed." (Ron Howard, California)

CANADA. 2749-USB, April 2 at 0637 UT, unusual to hear anything in the nightmiddle, but marine weather info in French with English accent; millibars and direxions mentioned, also Matane several times which is a Québec city on the Gaspé coast NE of Rimouski. Stops at 0639* and nothing now on 2598-USB either. I cannot find a 2019 schedule on the Canadian Coast Guard site, just 2018: <http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/Marine-Communications/RAMN-2018/Part2#21> which does not show any station ending around 0640 UT; and it has never been clear to me whether these stations stay on UT or make DST shifts! CCG 2018 sked does show VCO Sydney NS *starting at 0740 UT via Port Caledonia site, English only, which would now be *0640 if DST be observed. Nor does this version: <http://dxinfocentre.com/mb.htm#O%20ATL>. Bill Hepburn replies already to an advance copy of the above:

``Hi Glenn, That could've just been an unscheduled broadcast with a marine warning or an amended forecast. Unscheduled broadcasts are not that uncommon. I've heard lots of them over the years. They also interrupt the VHF continuous marine broadcasts.

From the RAMN: "MCTS Centres broadcast marine safety information through continuous, scheduled and unscheduled broadcasts to provide mariners with information such as weather bulletins, ice information, and notices to shipping (NOTSHIP) concerning the operational status of navigational aids and dangers to navigation."

BTW, broadcast times noted in UT remain on UT regardless of ST/DT status. The RAMN's are now updated on an ongoing basis - so it's always the latest issue. You can check the amendment dates on the Amendment Register on page i. The "year" changes in April, the official annual issue time.

My guess is that you heard Escoumins Coast Guard Radio broadcasting from its site on Grindstone Island, QC. Regards, Bill Hepburn``. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EUROPE. Dear friends!

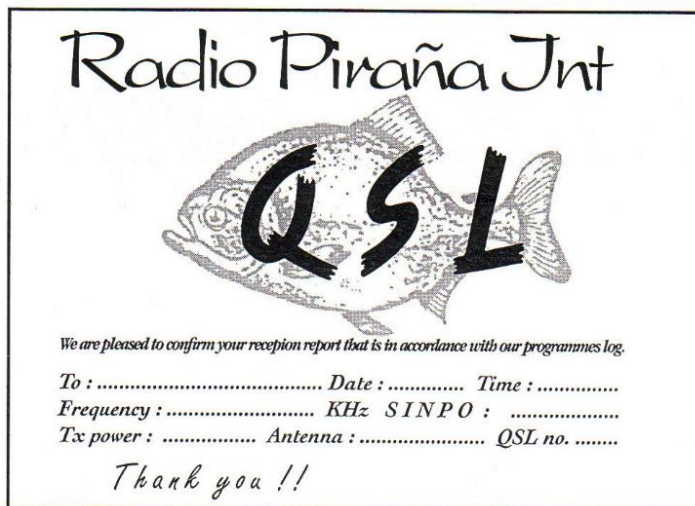
We have been now been on with our 8-10 watts Beacon transmitter from Europe for a week. This coming night will be the last one with this power in a time. From tomorrow we will reduce the power to 1 watt making it a more challenge to catch it. So try it ;-)

The 8-10 watts CW Beacon transmitter has been heard in the east coast of th USA, as well as in the southern part of South America. Lets see what a 1 watt can do :-)

The frequency is 6342 kHz CW. Sched. is: 19.00 to at least 08UTC, sometimes even later. If you are in doubt, you can check it at our website www.radiopirana.com where we will have a sign of, if it is ON or OFF.

This coming week we will also sending out replies for reports for our broadcasts from South America. Most have already received a preliminary answer from us, but this week a more complete reply.

(73' Jorge, rpi@radiopirana.com www.radiopirana.com or www.radiopirana.com via HCDX)



JAPAN. NHK will continue to broadcast on AM, April 06, 2019

Full article here: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/03/28/national/japanese-broadcasters-call-end-mandatory-radio-due-cost-lack-listeners/>

(The Japan Times, Japan, via Mike Terry-UK, March 28)

According to March 27 edition of Sankei Shimbun and April 4 edition of Tokyo Shimbun, Japan Commercial Broadcasting Association (JBA) required the following main items at the meeting of experts in Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIT) held on March 27.

- 1) System modification before 2028 to enable AM broadcasters to convert FM by their own judgment,
- 2) Permission before 2023 to enable AM broadcasters to stop AM broadcasting experimentally for a long period.

It is said MIT fears China will occupy and dominate the vacant AM(MW) band.

The president of NHK, Ryoichi Ueda, said at the press conference on April 4, NHK will continue to broadcast on AM, because, by the Japanese broadcasting law, NHK is under the obligation to completely cover the whole territory of Japan.

According to JBA, there are 207 members in April 2018. Among them 15 MW, 1 SW, 32 AM+TV broadcasters.

Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan,

(via Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX #1378 TopNews April 6, <https://www.wwdxc.de/topnews.shtml> via Hardcore-DX mailing list)

Other radio news

The book "Shortwave and earthquake in Armenia (1988)." In Russian. George Chliyants (UY5XE).

Read, download the book "Shortwave and Earthquake in Armenia (1988)" in PDF format - <https://deltaclub.org.ua/images/Leninakan-knigaWEB.pdf>

Dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the tragedy.

Dear friends!

You have in your hands - an attempt to collect together the materials preserved in history about this terrible tragedy - the strongest earthquake in Armenia, which occurred on December 7, 1988.

This book is built in the form of chronology - both general earthquake data and reflecting the main points of the role of shortwave in works - both on radio communications during rescue operations and on providing radio communications for earthquake zones with many regions of the country. Also included are the memories of the direct participants in these works and about the corresponding awards they received.

Found the place and the publication of scans from some of the "Logs" of shortwave coordinators and publications in the media of those years, as well as the history of the creation of the USSR PAC and subsequent stories of the creation of the Russian PAC and Ukraine. For quite natural reasons, the stated material cannot claim the right of absolute historical truth, but the author conscientiously processed the materials available to him. Successfully the book is done or not - to judge you!

I would be grateful for your feedback and critical comments.

<https://vk.com/radioreceiver>

(RUS-DX # 1023, Anatoly Klepov)

Kev-Flex Stealth Kevlar Antenna Wire: an incredibly durable wire for field radio



My good friend [David Cripe \(NMOS\)](#) has recently informed me about a new product he's offering to the radio community via [his eBay store](#): **Kev-Flex Stealth Kevlar Antenna Wire**. It looks like a superb option for field antennas of all stripes especially since it has such an incredibly high tensile strength. It's available in 75' bundles, but he can also cut custom lengths. NMOS is a trusted retailer in the ham radio world.

Here's the product description and link:

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/254172905818> :

Kev-Flex is a unique antenna wire manufactured exclusively for NMOS Electronics. The lightweight center core of the wire is made from Kevlar

fiber, giving the wire its incredible strength. The Kevlar core is wrapped with six tinned strands of 30 AWG copper. The effective surface of the wire creates an effective skin area capable of handling well over 100W.

The cable is protected from the elements by a coating of UV-resistant black polyethylene. With a total diameter of only 1/16" (incl. insulation) and a weight of just 16 feet per ounce, the tensile strength 125 lbs allows lengthy unsupported horizontal runs. Kev-Flex is ideal for extremely long LW-antennas and Beverages and is great for balloon or kite-supported antennas. Its low weight and high break-load makes it most suitable for SOTA activations and other field operations.



The outer insulation makes the wire kink-resistant, and its slippery finish makes it ideal for stealth antennas that must be passed through trees or other obstacles without snagging.

This antenna wire is sold in 75 foot long bundles, which is enough for a 40M dipole or EFHW. Two 75 foot bundles would make a great 80M dipole. Custom lengths are available on request.

Specification

- Kevlar fiber core wrapped with six 30 AWG copper strands
- Weather-proof black polyethylene (PE) insulation, 1/16" O.D.
- Weight: 16 feet per ounce
- Breaking-load: 125 lbs
- Velocity factor 0.97

<https://swling.com/blog/2019/04/kev-flex-stealth-kevlar-antenna-wire-an-incredibly-durable-wire-for-field-radio/>

(From The SWLing Post)

[WOR] Ascension Island

A good article on current operations at the Ascension relay station: <https://www.radioworld.com/columns-and-views/managing-sw-broadcasts-from-ascension-island>

It confirms that there are six active transmitters: two of the 1966 Marconis (originally there were four) and four RIZs (installed in 2009 says <https://www.swcountry.be/g.html>). This means that the two Marconis moved to Ascension from Daventry in 1988 are no longer active.

And as today is the 37th anniversary of the start of the South Atlantic Conflict, here's my look (from 2017) of what was going on at Ascension in 1982: "The Requisitioning of Sender

302" <https://radioatlanticodelsur.blogspot.com/2017/12/the-requisitioning-of-sender-302.html>

(Chris Greenway via WOR)

[A-DX] CSV UserlistBrowser 4.17

Den hilfreichen und unverzichtbaren CSV UserlistBrowser gibt es seit heute in der Version 4.17 zum Download.

<https://www.df8ry.de/htmlde/csvub/features.htm> (Christoph Ratzer via A-DX)

QSL CARDS FROM THE PAST by: W8JYZ



The legacy of "Old Time" Ham Radio Operators can be found in the QSL Cards they left behind. This Website is dedicated to those Old Time Radio Operators.

I have a Collection of Old (US and Canadian) Ham Radio QSL Cards dating from the early 1920s.

A complete list of Old QSL Cards now totaling 53 THOUSAND can be accessed by clicking on the [Master File](#) Links below. Over 22 Hundred Online Scans of Old QSL Cards are also available by clicking on the required

Scan Link.

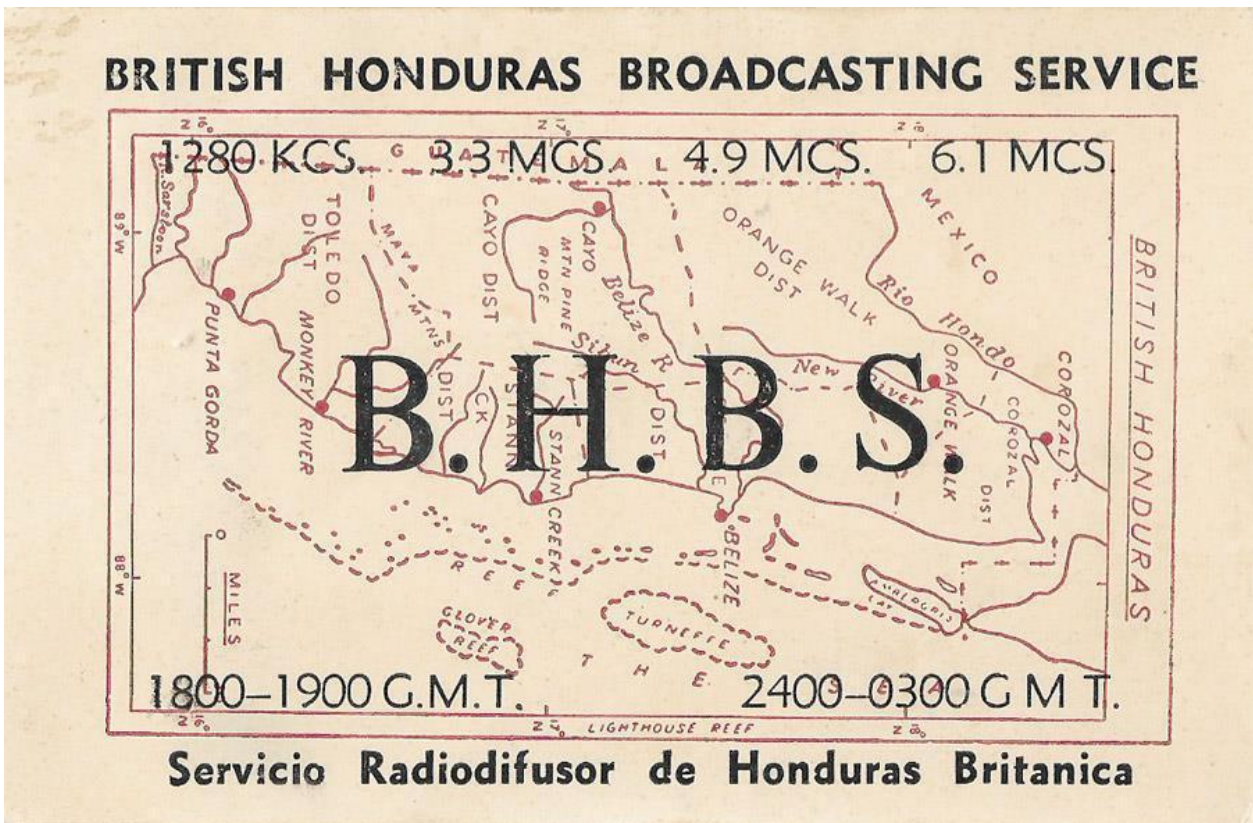
Improvements and updates will continue to be made, as the Collection grows and I learn more about this WEB PAGE DESIGN "stuff", so check back often.

(From <http://www.oldqslcards.com>)

[NORDX] Ollie Ross en fenomenal dxare
See http://www.oldqslcards.com/Ollie_Ross.pdf
(Kari Kallio via NORDX)

Some old QSL's from the Web

John Ekwall, thanks for sharing those nice QSL's with us. /TN.



DX nostalgia

A letter to TL from Radio France Asie in French Indo-China. The station was active from 1950 to 1956 broadcasting from Saigon. The enclosed programme schedule for December 1955 tells of features like Indochina Letter, Gypsy Music, Letter From Paris, Cinema Organ and so on.



QSL from Radiodifusora Venezuela received by Tore Larsson TL in 1962. According to the QSL the transmitters were home made in 1932. The station used to be very common on 4890 kHz.

ESPECIFICACIONES TECNICAS DE RADIODIFUSORA VENEZUELA	
YVKB - 4890	Kilociclos Onda Corta
YVKC - 790	Kilociclos Onda Larga
TRANSMISOR:	5 KW. - Hecho en Venezuela-
ANTENA:	Folded Dipolo Media Onda
ORIENTACION:	Este - Oeste
ALTURA:	25 Metros

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS RADIODIFUSORA VENEZUELA	
YVKB - 4890	Kilocycles Tropical Short Wave
YVKC - 790	Kilocycles Medium Wave - Broadcast-
TRANSMITTER:	5 KW. - Home Made in 1932-
ANTENNA:	Folded Dipole Half Wave
DIRECTION:	East - West
HEIGHT:	25 Meters - Approximately 75 Feet-

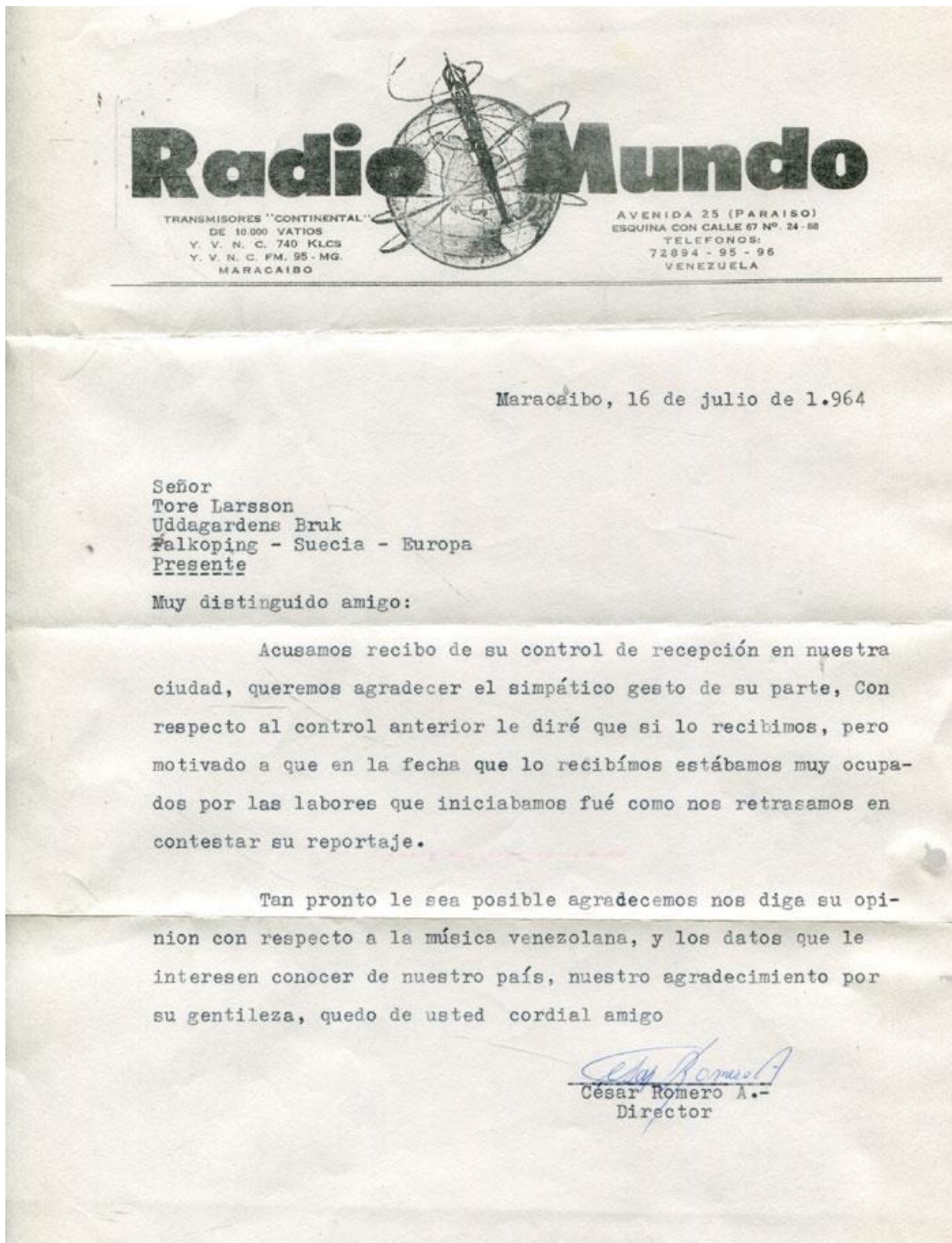
QSL from Ondas del Lago in Maracaibo, Zulia, Venezuela sent to TL in 1963. The station was quite regular on SW. It also ran a television network for a brief time in 1957 before giving up the project.



Yes, you have seen this card before and many of you have it in your own collection. Radio Globo used to be one of the most common signals from Brazil in the SW bands. Sadly it turned into a non-verifier over the years. TL received this QSL in 1956.



Finally another QSL from the collection of Tore Larsson: Radio Mundo 740 kHz in Maracaibo, Venezuela. Received in 1964.



Ronny, thanks for sharing those rare verifications with us. /TN