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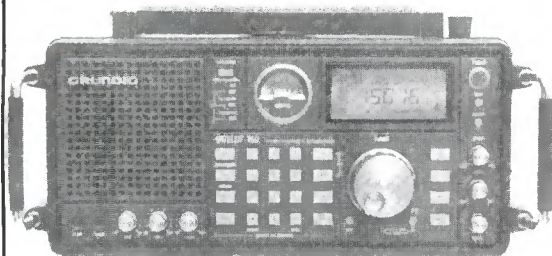
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I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends. The D'Angelo's are in the midst of enjoying 9 days in Barcelona, Spain as the editorial deadline occurs over the holiday period. We enjoyed the first four days in Barcelona prior to the deadline and anticipate a good time the next few days post-deadline. As we move into the peak of the winter DX season, I hope your results from tuning the bands are good. Be sure to continue reporting to the Flashsheet, Log Report and QSL Report as well as the other columns as time permits.

Shortwave Center Editor John Figliozzi has just completed his new book, *The Worldwide Listening Guide - 5th Edition*. The Guide is available through Universal Radio, Amazon and possibly Radio Shack in the near future. The new edition came in handy during our December DXpedition to French Creek on several occasions to identify program names. The *Worldwide Listening Guide - 5th Edition* is a handy reference which not only addresses shortwave broadcasters still using our favorite medium, shortwave, but other platforms that many favorite broadcasters have migrated to in recent years. I'll have a full review next month but *The Worldwide Listening Guide - 5th Edition* is a neat program guide worth adding to the bookshelf.

Making a re-appearance on the club's Scoreboard is Country List Committee Chairman Don Jensen. DNJ sports an impressive 256 countries heard and 256 countries verified with the next continent (Asia) to appear on the Scoreboard at 73 heard/verified. Nice! Thanks to Scoreboard compiler Gary Neal for sending that information along. Is this Jensen a new kid in the hobby?

Speaking of verifications, Harold Sellers informs us that the Ontario DX Association (ODXA) has been appointed QSL Manager for radio stations CKMX Classic Country

AM 1060 (1060 kHz) and CFVP Shortwave (6030 kHz), owned and operated by Astral Media, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Following on from over 20 years of serving as the QSL Manager for Astral Media's Toronto CFRB (1010 kHz) and CFRX (6070 kHz), the ODXA is expanding this volunteer service to DXers worldwide. Serving as the QSL Manager will be Harold Sellers who lives in Vernon, British Columbia. Harold has regular reception of both the medium wave and shortwave signals from Calgary, providing familiarity with the programming content. QSL cards have been printed and will be sent in response to accurate reports for either 1060 or 6030 kHz. Reports may be sent by postal mail or e-mail to any one of the following: Harold Sellers, 3211 Centennial Drive, Apt. 23, Vernon, British Columbia V1T 2T8, Canada or QSLcalgary@gmail.com or Director of Engineering, Astral Radio Calgary, 300 - 1110 Centre St N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 2R2, Canada. In the near future the Ontario DX Association website [www.odxa.on.ca] will also permit the submission of reception reports. Photographs of the CKMX-CFVP transmitter site may be found at <http://www.odxa.on.ca/broadcasting.html>.

For the first time in Danish Shortwave Club International's (DSWCI) fifty-five years history, the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held outside of Denmark on 1-3 June 2012. DSWCI members will meet at Ochsenkopf, Germany, in the Dübener Heide natural preserve, 22 km east of Dessau. This will give more of the club's many members in Central and Southern Europe a good chance to attend its important get-together at another good DX location. Member Bernhard Hein has offered to organize the event. At the same time the European DX Council (EDXC) has decided to hold its annual Conference at the same hotel from 30 May 30 through 4 June 2012. This gives everybody a chance to attend both events, either in

total or just for a few days. The EDXC Conference is organized by Harald Gabler, Robert Kipp, and Bernhard Hein. The Conference Fee is 95,00 Euro per person, including visits to interesting places in Germany and the Banquet Dinner. You do not have to pay the Conference fee, if you only attend the DSWCI AGM on Saturday afternoon. More details on EDXC program will be available at a later date. Accommodation at Hotel Landgut Ochsenkopf: Special price "EDXC-2012" per person per night including breakfast is 33,00 Euro in a double room or 48,00 Euro in a single room. If all rooms at Hotel Landgut Ochsenkopf become fully booked, other accommodation will be found nearby. For more information about the venue (unfortunately only in German at the moment) at the following link: www.duebener-heide.com. The street address is Hotel Landgut Ochsenkopf Dübener Heide, 06733 Rotta, Ortsteil Ochsenkopf, Germany.

The organizers of the EDXC Conference and the DSWCI AGM stress registering as soon as possible for these events but not later than 30 April 30 2012. To book your accommodation, please send an e-mail to Dr. Harald Gabler at DrGabler@t-online.de with copies to Bernhard Hein at info@funkverlag.de and to Anker Petersen at anker.petersen@mail.dk. If you cannot send e-mail, please send a letter to Anker Petersen, Udbyvej 11, DK 2740 Skovlunde, Denmark. Remember, do not send any money at this early stage.

Oh how the times are changing. AJ Janitschek of Radio Free Asia (RFA) sent us information about RFA having a Facebook account, RFA QSL, meant for DXers, hams and listeners in general. For those that have friended RFA already, you can see that their new QSL card for December was already on Facebook last month. Everyone else received notification after the posting. AJ encourages everyone who has access to Facebook to add RFA as your friend. While you are at it, visit the club's Facebook page moderated by Richard Murphy.

The National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters (NASB) announced that long-time Secretary-Treasurer Dan Elyea of WYFR retired at December 31 although he is assisting with a smooth transition into 2012. As

of January 1, 2012, Jeff White will resign as President of NASB and he will become the new Secretary-Treasurer. Jeff will continue to serve his current term on the Board of Directors until May 2012. Glen Tapley of WEWN will become the new NASB President on January 1, and Brady Murray of WWCR will be the new Vice President. Thais White of WRMI will continue to serve as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

The 2012 NASB-DRM USA 2012 Annual Meeting will take place May 10 and 11, 2012 at the headquarters of Radio Free Asia, 2025 M Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036 USA. Registration for the meeting is free of charge, and it is open to anyone with an interest in shortwave broadcasting or listening. To register, send your name and e-mail address to Jeff White at radiomiami9@cs.com. Although the meetings will be held at Radio Free Asia, the NASB has arranged a special hotel rate of \$99.00 per night (plus tax) at the Country Inn & Suites in Camp Springs, Maryland – just outside of Washington, near Andrews Air Force Base. The hotel also offers a free hot breakfast and free high-speed Internet access. The hotel address is: 4950 Mercedes Blvd., Camp Springs, MD 20746. Telephone +1-240-492-1070. Fax +1-240-492-1089. The hotel's reservations line, which is toll-free in the US and Canada, is +1-800-596-2375. To get the special NASB conference rate, call the hotel and ask for the NASB rate when you make your reservation. You must guarantee your reservation with a credit card. Reservations can be canceled until two days before arrival with no penalty. Most meeting participants will arrive on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 (since the meeting will begin at 9 am on May 10) and will depart on May 11 after the meeting ends in the afternoon, depending on flight arrangements. Or you can e-mail Ms. Ranak Patel, Director of Marketing at the hotel. Her e-mail is: ranak.patel@countryinns.com. If you have any problem making a reservation at the NASB rate, please contact Jeff White at radiomiami9@cs.com and we will help you make the reservation or make it for you. Transportation from the hotel to Radio Free Asia will be possible by a combination of the free hotel shuttle and a low-cost Metro ticket to a station near Radio Free Asia.

Here's a reminder about the availability of the 7th edition of their unique QSL-Calendar for 2012. Harald Gabler <DrGabler@t-online.de> CEO of the Rhein-Main-Radio-Club (RMRC), Frankfurt, Germany and ADDX announced last month the availability of the 2012 calendar. The full color art print calendar offers real treasures from their historical QSL archives, covering QSL cards from the 1930's to present. The calendar is in English and costs 15 Euro including shipment world wide. This year there is a QSL card inside from 1935 - a real treasure! The RMRC does this non profit activity only to support the DXing hobby. The 2012 calendar is a beautiful marketing instrument, it is rare, unique and a special holiday season gift for the DXer and radio enthusiast. Further information is available at the club's website: www.rmrc.de. You can order now direct from Harald (Am Gänsborn 9, 61476 Kronberg im Taunus, Germany) or from their website.

The following electronic Flashsheet participant has had the e-mail Flashsheet returned to me in recent weeks: Charles R. Foxx, Jr. (extended inactivity new mail not being accepted). Charlie, if you are still out there with a valid e-mail address, please send it along for me to restore distribution of the Flashsheet to you each week.

Please remember to direct all communications about subscriptions, bulletin delivery issues, Christmas gift ideas, the use of PayPal as a payment method, etc. to **Bill Oliver** at the club's Levittown address or to his new electronic address, billoliver@verizon.net. The regular postal address is the familiar 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA 19057. Inquires sent to Wyomissing only slow down the process. Thanks!

That's it for this month. Enjoy this month's edition of the *Journal*; it's another good one.



FRENDX: Twenty-Five Years Ago (January 1987)

Publisher Bill Oliver announced that Robert J. Hill became the new Update editor replacing Tom Alleman who stepped down because of work load. The French edition of Language Lab was now available from Tiare Publications for US\$12.95 plus \$1.00 shipping. Paul Lannuier returned with another edition of Soundwaves, the first since August. In Technical Topics, Editor Skip Arey reviews a number of books available for hobbyists looking to increase their knowledge of electronics. Tom McElvy's first Computer Corner column featured a brief history of the ANARC BBS by former editor Bill Cole. The Awards column featured awards for John Kapinos (North American Continental DXpert), Kevin Mikell (Master Pacifica DXer, Australian DXer and Senior Radio Moscow DXer), and Roland Schulze (Senior DX Centurian with 180 country endorsement, Senior Tropical Band DX'er and Master Papua New Guinea DX'er). Bill Plum compiled the FrenDX Latin America QSL Survey based on items appearing from January 1985 through December 1986. In the QSL Report column, Editor Sam Barto noted that Gerry Dexter's Secrets of Successful QSLing is the best analysis he has read on the subject. In Log Report B, Editor Jerry Berg noted interesting Colombian activity on 5569 kHz, 5991 kHz and 6015 kHz. Rules for the 1987 North American DX Championship sponsored by Numero Uno appeared.



Contribute!

Send your loggings and QSL information off to our Distributing Editor, **Bob Montgomery** (Address: 86 Pumpkin Hill Road, Levittown, PA 19056). He will forward them to the appropriate editor. Remember, Bob also distributes QSL report information and totals for the **Scoreboard** column. He can also be reached through the Internet at: rmonty23@verizon.net.


Calendar Of Events

- Jan 13 Meeting. Boston Area NASWA Chapter.** The Boston Area DXers have found a new location for meetings. Inquiries about BADXers may be sent to Paul Graveline at 978-470-1971 or Internet: ctreditor@aol.com. The URL for the BADX guys is <http://www.naswa.net/badx/>
- Jan 14 Meeting.** The **Columbus, Ohio NASWA Chapter** is planning to hold its monthly meeting at Universal Radio in Reynoldsburg at 10:30 AM. Further information is available from Mike Rohde at 614-527-1398 or via e-mail at merohde@columbus.rr.com. The purpose will be to gather other SWL/ DX listening enthusiasts together for informative discussions and sharing of knowledge and information about the hobby.
- Jan 16 Meeting. Tar Heel Scanner/Shortwave Listening Group.** Red, Hot and Blue restaurant, 6615 Falls of the Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC. Dinner at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:30 PM. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month. Further information is available from Curt Phillips, 919-599-4902, curt@w4cp.com.
- Jan 20 Meeting.** The **Reading Area DXers** will hold another meeting at The Flying Dog in majestic Earlville, PA (Route 562 and Airport Road). Members gather around 6:00 PM in the restaurant for drinks, dinner and informal discussions. Contact Rich D'Angelo (2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610; 610-678-0937 or rdangelo3@aol.com for further information about future meetings.
- Jan 21 Meeting. The Cincinnati/Dayton Monitoring Exchange (MONIX)** meets at the Lebanon Citizens' National Bank (LCNB), 425 West Central Avenue (Ohio 73), Springboro, Ohio at 7:00 PM. For more information contact Mark Meece at 937 743 8089 or e mail at [<radioscan@siscom.net>](mailto:radioscan@siscom.net). For additional information about MONIX, check out their web site at <http://www.siscom.net/~mmeece/monix.htm>
- Mar 1-3 Convention.** The **25th Annual Winter SWL Festival**, sponsored by NASWA, will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Plymouth Meeting, PA on 1 through 3 March 2012. Richard Cuff and John Figliozzi co-chair the organizational committee. Updates and additional information will be posted at the Fest website <http://www.swlfest.com>. See you there!
- May'12 Annual Meeting. The National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters** will hold its next annual meeting at the headquarters of Radio Free Asia in Washington, DC on May 10th and 11th, 2012. Registration for the meeting is free of charge, and it is open to anyone with an interest in shortwave broadcasting or listening. To register, send your name and e-mail address to Jeff White at radiomiami9@cs.com. Although the meetings will be held at Radio Free Asia the NASB has arranged a special hotel rate of \$99.00 per night (plus tax) at the Country Inn & Suites (4950 Mercedes Blvd., Camp Springs, MD 20746. Telephone +1-240-492-1070. Fax +1-240-492-1089 and reservations line +1-800-596-2375) - just outside of Washington, near Andrews Air Force Base. The hotel also offers free hot breakfast and free high-speed Internet access. To get the special NASB conference rate, call the hotel and ask for the NASB rate when you make your reservation. Transportation from the hotel to Radio Free Asia will be possible by a combination of the free hotel shuttle and a low-cost Metro ticket to a station near Radio Free Asia.
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e-mail to Dr. Harald Gabler at DrGabler@t-online.de with copies to Bernhard Hein at info@funkverlag.de and to Anker Petersen at anker.petersen@mail.dk. If you cannot send e-mail, please send a letter to Anker Petersen, Udbyvej 11, DK 2740 Skovlunde, Denmark. Further details to follow.

June '12 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Danish Shortwave Club International will hold its AGM at the Hotel Landgut Ochsenkopf in Sachsen-Anhalt between Berlin and Leipzig at Friedrichsee in Naturpark Dübener Heide 25 kilometers east of Dessau in Germany on 1-3 June 2012. Organized by member Bernhard Hein. For more information about the venue (unfortunately only in German at the moment) at the following link: www.duebener-heide.com. The street address is Hotel Landgut Ochsenkopf Dübener Heide, 06733 Rotta, Ortsteil Ochsenkopf, Germany. The organizers stress registering as soon as possible but not later than 30 April 2012. To book your accommodation, please send an e-mail to Dr. Harald Gabler at DrGabler@t-online.de with copies to Bernhard Hein at info@funkverlag.de and to Anker Petersen at anker.petersen@mail.dk. If you cannot send e-mail, please send a letter to Anker Petersen, Udbyvej 11, DK 2740 Skovlunde, Denmark. Further details to follow.

August '12 Get Together. The 19th annual **Madison – Milwaukee Get together for DXers and Radio Enthusiasts** will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2012 starting at 1:00 PM until whenever. This year's venue will be Madison, Wisconsin hosted by Bill Dvorak. This is an informal event where you can meet and socialize with other radio hobbyists and enthusiasts. More information will be available at a later date.

Members are invited to submit items to be included in this calendar to Rich D'Angelo Internet: rdangelo3@aol.com). 

Musings

Please e-mail your Musings to Rich D'Angelo at rdangelo3@aol.com or by postal mail to 2216 Hurkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610.

Eric Bueneman, 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042-1347

I've been fairly active on not only SWBC lately, but also on the MW (AM) broadcast band. I've also been recording some of the DX using the Magix Music Maker 2005 program and posting them in MP3 format to my Box account. The links have also been posted in the UMBRE DX group on Facebook. Speaking of Facebook, I have set up a new Facebook group for DXers in the U.S. states of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas called "Midwest DXers on Facebook". The group is open to those who DX shortwave, MW (AM), FM, analog and digital TV, as well as NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts. Just enter "Midwest DXers" into your Facebook search engine. I've also been posting my DX in my group. I must admit, I haven't been keeping as good of track of my shortwave logs as I've had of my 4W (AM), FM, analog/digital TV and NOAA Weather Radio logs. I did add a new country to my QSL list when I QSLed CVC Africa from Zambia on 4965 kHz in January 2011. The remaining milestones came this year on bands I kept track of: the 1,200th and 1,250th 4W (AM) stations were logged in 2011, along with the 1,100th FM station and the 100th NOAA Weather Radio station. I've also been making my fair share of contacts on the HF Amateur Radio bands this year; I've worked some 55 countries since purchasing an ICOM IC-745 HF transceiver in January 2010. In addition, I also added two new countries on the 6 meter VHF Amateur Radio band: the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Dominican Republic. In October, I marked another milestone: 30 years in the hobby. I look forward to many more years in the DX hobby. 73 and have a DXingly good 2012.

Bill Patalon <bpatalon@moneyappress.com>, Maryland

I came across this and just wanted to pass it along. I know many members are like me and have a big collection of radios, and are always adding more. Not sure if you like portables or not, but I have a couple of these, and they're actually kinda cool. The vertical form factor (Tecsun PL 360) is neat, and what I really like is that the AM antenna is carried externally as a plug in. I have actually used the Kaito portable loop with this (it can switch between MW and SW, and you can sometimes find these new – under an off brand called “kestrel,” though it's the same device – on eBay for \$20, shipped) with pretty nice results. I recently took one of these (and the loop) to Jamaica, and sat at the poolside with the loop hanging from my umbrella.

I also picked up HUGE plug-in ferrite bar antenna that one of the ultra-light DXer guys made ... it's a hot little am radio with that plugged in (like putting a 426 Hemi in a Toyota Corolla). Even without that, though, it's an interesting little radio.

This matches the lowest price I've seen for it. http://www.amazon.com/Tecsun-PL-360-Digital-Portable-Shortwave/dp/B004QJK052/ref=sr_1_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1322672130&sr=8-7

Again, just passing it along. I know many members are radio junkies like me, and are always interested in what's out there.

Richard Parker KB2DMD, 1205 Sleepy Hollow Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073

Since I'm too young to have participated in Little Orphan Annie's “Secret Circle”. Sitting in front of the parlor Philco and decrypting Pierre's weekly Ovaltine messages with my decoder, I've a profound sense of deprivation. Doubtless many of my peers feel likewise.

Perhaps Arnie Coro, international friend of DXers, could start a similar feature for those of us who've missed out — “Little Orphan Annie's DGI Amigos”. Members would receive colorful one-time “Arnie Pads”, and each week the station would broadcast a 5-digit numbers transmission especially for us.

Join me in writing Arnie at Apartado Postal 6240, 10600 La Habana, Cuba.

Stephen Zolvenski, Ph.D. <s_zolvenski@hotmail.com>, 9606 W. 400 N., Michigan City, IN 46360 Telephone: 1 (219) 872-4077

As the major European international broadcasters continue to wind down their operations to nil, it appears Radio France International still has a relatively good presence on the short waves. Just got a friendly e-mail from Aidan O'Donnell (Irishman in France?) apologizing for the nine-month delay in responding to my reception report “because we've been very busy setting up our new morning broadcasts.” They are running English language to Africa from 0400-0800 GMT on 19, 25, 31 and 41m, in addition to a pretty robust schedule of other languages to other parts of the world. He encouraged direct reports to their morning team: parislive@rfi.fr, and also gave the link for the winter frequencies: <http://www.english.rfi.fr/general/20100208-how-listen-rfi-english>. He closed by indicating they've received reports from North America, Australia, New Zealand, across Africa, Asia and Europe, ending, “So there are a lot of you out there!” Since they aren't afraid to admit they get reports from outside their usual target areas, it always indicates to me they actually want the reports.

I may be naïve to be encouraged by such a positive response. It felt like the glory days of shortwave. But Audience Relations Departments are notoriously separated from the management that cuts out frequencies and hours behind their backs. Just a few short years ago Deutsche Welle would send out wonderful materials on Germany, while the

organization itself was scheming to pare down service. So a cheery reply from Audience Relations isn't necessarily the management speaking. One thing that strikes me about RFI is how happily un-French-like their international broadcasting has become. The French are notoriously protective of their language and culture. Some would even say snobbish. Back in the days of DeGaulle, it was "Ici Paris!" and nothing else from French international broadcasting. But when you tune in to the English services of RFI, there's a contemporary, cosmopolitan feel in their broadcast, as if they are making an effort to reach the non-Francophone world.

Their English schedule, some of which can be picked up in North America:

East Africa & Indian Ocean; 0400-0500 GMT: 7425, 9805, & 11995 kHz; 0500-0600 GMT: 11995 & 13470 kHz; 0600-0700 GMT: 15160 & 17850 kHz.

Central Africa: 0600-0700 GMT: 9765 & 11615 kHz; 0700-0800 GMT, 15615 kHz.

West Africa: 0600-0700 GMT: 9765, 11615 kHz; 0700-0800: 15615 kHz.

For Western Hemisphere, they are broadcasting out of Montsinéry, which includes shipping forecasts to North America on 22 m, plus shipping forecasts and Spanish to Central America and the Caribbean at 31 and 16m.

Bob Fraser, 255 Lincolnville Avenue, Belfast, ME 04915-7404

I did enjoy your profile of the 909X and hope you do a lot more. I miss Passport to World Band Radio and their pages of profiles. The WRTH is a faint shadow. I particularly like the profiles of the cheap pocket sets just to see how they perform. Many profiles of these say that they are perfect to introduce a kid to shortwave but I say no. The kid has no idea of international radio and with poor inaccurate read-out, except for those with a frequency counter, the kid would very quickly get discouraged and turn him or her against any further attempt. Any introductory radio should be quite sensitive and have a very accurate read out if nothing else.

I recently came across an unusual station on 7450 kHz. Fades in around 1700 UTC, quite loud by 1710 UTC, and goes to 2250 UTC, seven days a week. Sundays it seems on from 1815 UTC to 2250 UTC. All non-stop music, all types from European classics to U.S. musicals, to Latin American, to Black America. No jazz or rock so far. A woman makes the same announcements at 20 or so minute intervals although I did hear a man speak for about a minute on a half hour. Can't quite recognize the language tho. [Bob, it sounds like ERT3 Radio Makedonias, Greece.]

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A new DX season brings new DXpeditions. Our first outing to French Creek was 11-13 December 2011. Cool but sunny and dry weather greeted us as we arrived. I arrived after Bob Montgomery by 15 minutes and began bringing in equipment. The surroundings experienced a lot of tree damage from the major snow storm the struck the region in late October. Many trees were down making our walk through the woods to erect out long wore antennas a bit of an adventure.

Dave Turnick arrived as Bob and I began tuning the bands. Shortly thereafter, Ed Mauger arrived followed by John Figliozi. Rich Cuff, who could only do Sunday, was the last to arrive, however, it was still light out making antenna work easy. John Figliozi brought along copies of his new The Worldwide Listening Guide which is available through Universal Radio. The new edition came in handy on several occasions to identify program names. This is a handy reference which not only addresses shortwave broadcasters still

using the medium we love to listen to but other outlets for our favorite broadcasters that have left shortwave for other technology or reduced their shortwave presence because of other platforms. A neat guide worth adding to the bookshelf.

The higher frequencies showed a lot of promise with 13 MHz channels providing nice reception from radio Thailand and The Voice of Korea. Even Thailand's signal after the 0029 antenna change was heard at a fair level. However, the first day highlight for me was a tentative log of Radio Bayrak International with a pop music program and what sounded like Turkish announcements around 2302 UTC. The evening session closed with Radio Luz Y Vida appearing and Rich Cuff departing somehow managing to back his way down the long winding driveway in pitch black conditions.


I was the last of the early morning crowd to hit the dials. The tropical bands were strangely quiet but the international bands were alive with signals. Plenty of good stuff noted from the Asia and Pacific region. Radio Thailand seems quite regular these days with good signals frequently noted. Vietnam from Son Tay was heard during the morning as were a host of other stations and relays. The morning session closed for me with a log of Radio Oman in English on 15,140 kHz with pop music followed by the news at 1430 UTC.

Casual tuning dominated the slow afternoon sessions with DX'ers coming and going as well as a nap or two being the main event. Conditions to Asia and the Pacific remained good throughout. I was able to log RTE Ireland via Meyerton on 5,820 kHz prior to 2031*. This was much harder than the old 6,225 kHz channel they were using last year. However, late afternoon Indonesians were non-existent. Quite a disappointment. Napping in my chair, I woke in time to catch Dave Turnick packing up to leave around 2130 UTC. Shortly after leaving, Bahrain was heard with a decent signal. However, Dave's departure brought this once rousing group of six down to four for the evening DX'ing session and the evening banquet.


The banquet was a lengthy affair. Pasta, meatballs, two types of bread (garlic and regular) and a bottle of wine. After a leisurely banquet, we enjoyed a relaxing evening behind the dials. A handful of pirates were heard. Madagaskara on 5,010.1 was heard with a nice signal at 0215ish but quickly faded down to poor by 0240. The threesome was beginning to slow down as fatigue set in. One more morning to go!

I finally got up by 1000 UTC and found some Latin's floating around for a change. Nothing spectacular but it was good to hear Radio Yura, Radio Huanta 2000, Radio Tarma, Radio Libertad, etc. since these guys had been missing earlier in the trip. The morning highlight was a log of Voice of Mongolia. Their mailbag program had a letter from Alan Loudell so it was good to hear a familiar name on shortwave. As we were ready to close things down, John noted All India Radio on 5,010 and then 4,920 kHz. It was a good way to end the DXpedition.

Here is a rundown of verifications received this month. Radio Austria 1 International verified with a full data letter from Ö1 Service Listeners' Relations Department, a History of Radio Austria International and a schedule good through 24 March 2012 in response to a postal report. The letter stated "Your criticisms and comments are important to us. We look forward to receiving your mail. A couple of Euro pirates from the Netherlands round out the month. Black Arrow Radio verified an electronic report with a full data "QSL 86" electronic attachment from v/s Alex. Previously, he sent a note indicating he received 20 reception reports over the two days and he had been heard in Japan, California, East Coast USA, Spain, Finland and Russia. Alex sent pictures of some of his equipment as well as a "Japan Test Weekend" greeting to all listeners' attachment. Cupid Radio verified an electronic report with an e-mail reply from v/s Rinus indicating power was up to 350

watts carrier but he did see the meter peaking around 600 watts. He had many reports from around the globe including during his beam east 16 different people in Japan sent him a reception report plus one phone caller. Also, he received a report from the Russian border with North Korea, one from New Delhi, one from Uzbekistan, and one from New Zealand. He says "it was crazy working never got so many reports from the other side of the pond" mentioning "it took hours to send all a reply". I was glad he recalled our previous contact in 2007. 


NASWA Yahoo Group

Join moderator **Dan Ferguson**, the club's Yahoo Group, and other club members to discuss reception of shortwave radio broadcasts, program content, propagation, reception conditions, loggings, hot news and information as well as radio equipment and accessories and any topics related to shortwave radio in general. Please keep in mind that loggings, QSL news, schedule changes should also be reported to the appropriate column editor of the Journal for publication. This forum is a supplement to, not a replacement of, The Journal. Subscribe by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NASWA/>. Any club members wishing to participate in the NASWA Yahoo Group, moderated by Dan Ferguson (k4voa@zerobeat.org), but not interested in registering direct with Yahoo should contact Dan direct by e-mail for further information. Dan can manually add you to the group. 

NASWA Flashsheet

Are you getting the latest hot information about what is happening on the shortwave bands? If you have not signed up for the club's electronic *Flashsheet* service, you are missing out on timely news and information about the DX scene that will enhance your shortwave listening pleasure. If you are a current member of the club and want to receive the electronic Flashsheet just drop **Rich D'Angelo** (rdangelo3@aol.com) a note with your e-mail address, location and membership expiration date from your mailing label. You can participate by sending your latest logs to the electronic *Flashsheet* edited by **Mark Taylor**, markokpik@gmail.com. The club's electronic *Flashsheet* helps members stay on top of the action with breaking shortwave news and information. The electronic newsletter is an excellent supplement to the monthly *Journal* for the timely dissemination of DX loggings and breaking news.

NASWA Facebook Page

Join moderator **Richard Murphy** <richard.murphy@swri.org> at the club's Facebook page which provides members with another way to keep in touch. This group is intended for social interaction between the club members and will not be used to publish loggings, articles, or other materials that would normally appear in The Journal, the NASWA Yahoo group, or the Flashsheet. While the existence of the group is visible to all Facebook users, the online postings are available only to group members and group members must be NASWA members. Comments and suggestions from the membership are welcome. To locate the NASWA Facebook page, simply enter "North American Shortwave Association" into the search box on the top toolbar. If you are into social media, give it a try. 

Easy Listening

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What will 2012 bring?

I often like to gaze into my totally fallible crystal ball as we approach January 1st to envision what international broadcasting and shortwave listening will be like in the new year. I expect the move away from shortwave and towards mobile device-optimized access will continue, and I also expect many broadcasters to find themselves confronting budgetary challenges throughout the year.

Europe's fiscal woes keep the pressure on
As countries across Europe deal with financial reform and deficit pressures, they'll be looking to cut expenditures across many programs traditionally held as sacred; I'm expecting State-funded international broadcasters to be particularly squeezed. The United Kingdom went through this process in 2010 and 2011; the restructuring of funding for the BBC World Service, with the resulting job losses and transmission cuts, will likely be a harbinger across the continent.

Europe has always been particularly well-represented in the signals that reach eastern North America, and further reductions by broadcasters based in Europe will certainly reduce their presence on our shortwave radios. Even Internet and satellite platforms will be under threat given these budget pressures, as we've already seen **Deutsche Welle** scale back its programming and Internet offerings, with **Radio Netherlands** likely to do so this year as well.

Shortwave usage – to developed regions – will continue to erode

It's no secret that shortwave transmitters and transmissions are the most difficult for broadcasters to defend when their budget minders and policy chiefs are putting pressure on them. Transmitters –

particularly those at relay sites that serve Africa and North America – frequently are powered by diesel generators, and getting diesel fuel to these remote locations isn't cheap. Also, the audience for shortwave broadcasts is difficult to assess, as broadcasters must find some way to survey audiences. Without quantitative data in hand, programmers find it difficult to characterize their audiences and determine if they're reaching the people they want to reach.

By comparison, Internet use leaves a very digestible trail in its wake. A broadcaster can see where its listeners are based, when they're connecting, and how long they're listening...only those listeners who must use some type of proxy connection (i.e. listeners in Iran, China, and the like) do not leave a trail that's easy to follow. One reads of "Big Data" in IT journals, as enterprises try to figure out how to use all the transaction logs and system logs created by their web presence and by our use of electronic communications and transactions; broadcasters, too, now have a lot of data to work with, versus a paucity.

Since all this data can be measured and tracked, it's a lot easier for broadcasters to show their managers how well they're doing...or how poorly.

Increased Internet portability drives an emphasis to mobile devices

When Internet radio first started being used in the mid- to late-1990s, a big stumbling block was portability: You had to be sitting at a computer, which was then connected to the Internet via a phone line, in order to use this newfangled concept.

Nowadays, with WiFi access and 3G / 4G smartphones pervasive in urban and suburban areas, an untethered handheld device makes it easy to connect with ar

audio source (which might even be a radio station!) and listen away. Broadcasters are continuing to develop and enhance their own smartphone programs (“apps”), and there also is a range of third parties that aggregate audio providers. By comparison to video usage, radio usage won’t rapidly deplete one’s allotment of data: a 2 GB monthly data plan would allow you to listen to a 64 kbps station more than two hours per day, every day, over a month’s time, let alone those times when that smartphone is connected to the broadcaster via a WiFi network.

Also keep in mind that countries in developing areas will leapfrog other communications technologies – while the peoples of Upper Freedonia might not have access to decent telephone “land lines”, you can bet their cellular networks will be top notch, since it’s cheaper to establish cellular infrastructure than wired infrastructure if you’re starting with a green field.

You can expect broadcasters to continue to find ways to get their content on mobile devices, even if it’s print and not audio...I read an interesting New York Times article that shows how **CNBC** and the *Wall Street Journal* – two media efforts traditionally using two divergent platforms – now compete. This means you won’t be “listening” to radio, you’ll be “reading” it.

It just doesn’t “feel” like radio

This phenomenon is likely the toughest hurdle we shortwave enthusiasts have to confront. It’s a lot different to sit in front of a box with knobs, dials, and frequencies than it is to push a virtual button on a smartphone. I’ll admit – even as someone who has largely embraced this shift in technology – that there’s no substitute to sitting down with my ‘2010 or my ‘E-1 and seeing what’s on.

Conversely, as I look at my own children and how they interact with the world around them, they wouldn’t *dream* of sitting down in a stationary place with a radio...they wouldn’t have the patience to

consult a program and frequency schedule and arrange their day around what’s on and when. They expect to listen to what they want, where they want, and when they want. It’s a different way of interacting with the world around them, and broadcasters – who want to keep attracting new audiences as their listeners and viewers age – have had to adapt as well.

There’s still an awful lot of good “stuff” out there

Despite these morose observations, there is a lot to listen to out there, especially when you consider the five international domestic English-language public service broadcasters that now make their programming available over the internet: ABC’s Radio National, New Zealand National Radio, BBC Radio 4, Ireland’s RTE Radio 1, and Canada’s CBC Radio One. While some of this programming is provided in the international services of these broadcasters, much is not.

Further, while you might not want to think of US public radio in the same class as traditional “shortwave radio”, it’s worth reflecting on how much the US public radio scene has matured since 1970; there is a lot of interesting analysis and documentary programming available from domestic sources that can be as compelling as what you’ll find from these international sources.

Voice Of Russia keeps on trucking

While each month seems to bring new news of an international broadcaster decreasing shortwave usage or scaling back services due to funding cuts or an emphasis on TV, the Voice of Russia – as noted a few months back – has been revamping its programming, adopting a more youthful sound, and increasing access to its services. Taking a page from **China Radio International**, the Voice of Russia now has 24/7 English language programming on mediumwave stations in the NYC and Washington areas.

It will be interesting to see how the Voice of Russia handles the dissent that has followed

the recent Russian parliamentary elections; initially these protests were not mentioned on newscasts; we'll see if their persistence is ultimately recognized by the Voice of Russia.

Rushing For Success

One of the new programs is *Rushing For Success*, a program about expats now living in Russia and the ways in which they have adapted to Russia's challenges to thrive in their new adopted home. In some ways this series parallels the long-established CRI series *Voices From Other Lands*.

A recent edition of *Rushing For Success* featured an interview with Steven Brown, an American who came to Russia in 2000 with the Peace Corps after obtaining his MBA. My initial expectation was that the program would be more of a cultural perspectives program, like, say, *Living In Germany*, but the program focused more on Brown's business perspectives and growth opportunities. Nonetheless, it was an interesting perspective on doing business in Russia.

Unfortunately, it appears *Rushing For Success* doesn't air on shortwave during the time block (2200-0600) when the Voice of Russia airs on shortwave to North America. If you're lucky enough to listen in Washington or New York, or via the live webcast, you can catch *Rushing For Success* after the news at 1300 on Saturdays and Sundays, and at 2100 on Sundays and Mondays. You can also download the audio or stream it from the Voice of Russia website, <http://www.english.ruvr.ru>; click on <Radio> and then look for the program on the left side of the page. The program doesn't show up on the list of podcasts (see <Podcasting> along the top menu bar of the website).

CBC Radio One's Ideas worth a listen

In the past I've cautioned that *Ideas*, a nightly documentary program from CBC Radio One, was generally not archived for

on-demand listening, though one episode each week has been offered as a podcast. This has changed in recent months, as most episodes are posted for on-demand listening within a day or two of the original airing of each program.

What I tend to do is to regularly visit the *Ideas* website and look for interesting programs to fill in my listening schedule. Some recent subjects covered in recent *Ideas* programs:

- A story on mythical Cree beings called Wihtigo
- Whether or not complexity in life is good, or bad – from the Calgary Institute for Humanities Community Forum
- The decline of trustworthiness of newspapers

Ideas remains a staple of Radio One programming weeknights at 9 PM across Canada's time zones. The archive of on-demand programming is complete, with some exceptions, back to October 2010; roughly 1/3 to 1/2 of programs from January 2009 through September 2010 are also available.

You can directly reach the *Ideas* website at <http://www.cbc.ca/ideas>.

BBC World Service: Outlook remains a staple

Back when the BBC World Service was in the midst of shifting to a heavier focus on news, there was some talk that the weekday personality interview program, *Outlook*, would be cut from the schedule. However this did not happen – rather, *Outlook* continues strong, as a platform for interviews of interesting people. The program sometimes will take the road – a series in December originated in Delhi India. Some other interesting recent programs include these examples:

New ABC Radio National schedule

- Interview with an astronaut who spent 18 months in a space capsule in Russia as part of a simulated mission to Mars – how would a person fare when confined in this way?
- An interview with a former Libyan prisoner who witnessed a massacre, and a real “Slumdog Millionaire” from India
- A Pakistani barber who reunites missing children with their parents

In some ways, this program somewhat resembles the CBC program *As It Happens* in that interviews emphasize the unusual and not necessarily the newsworthy, that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Online archives can be played on-demand dating from June 2009, though in some instances you'll have to listen to a program to ascertain its subject matter – the subject matter isn't listed in the program archive.

When you think about that, it's quite an archive – representing 621 individual programs, or roughly 279 hours of programming available for consumption!

The best way to find the program is to navigate to the main BBC World Service website, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice>, and enter “outlook” in the search box in the upper right corner of the page.

Starting in late January after the summer holidays, ABC's Radio National will be revamping its schedule. Particularly interesting (to me anyway) is the return of *The Philosopher's Zone* to the schedule, again hosted by Alan Saunders, and *Nightly Planet* with Lucky Oceans; I know many folks used to enjoy *The Planet* in USA mornings over shortwave in times past. Other changes of interest:

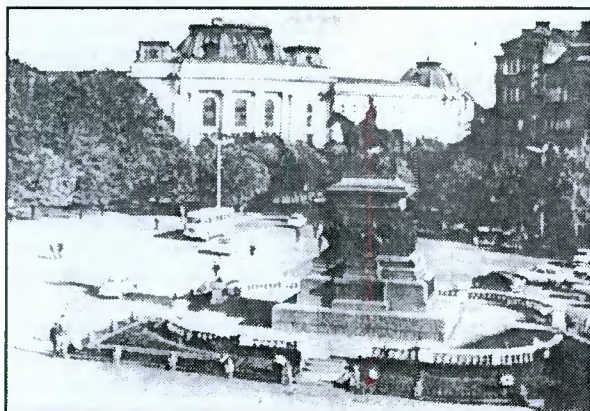
Drive is a new weeknight news analysis program airing after the 6 PM (local AEDT) news, which corresponds to 0700 UTC.

Late Night Live is reduced to four nights per week at 10 PM local time; on Friday a news interview program, *Friday Late*, includes long-form interviews by Mark Colvin, nowadays regarded as one of the ABC's best interviewers (and the host of the weeknightly PM news program).

For more details on the new ABC Radio National schedule, check out <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/> and look for the graphic along the right side of the web page.

That's all I have time for this month...here's to good listening wherever you find it!

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[Happy New Year! Let's hope that, apart from lots of love, luck and good health, 2012 brings us many more sunspots and great DX. May I suggest one New Year's Resolution? Go to the back page of The Journal and fill out the registration form for the upcoming 25th year celebration of the Winter SWL Fest. It would be great to see you there and I guarantee that you won't be sorry that you came. This month, we start with the promised second British view of their BBC World Service.]

A week listening to... the BBC World Service

From The Guardian, 2 November 2011

It may seem to embody stiff-upper-lip broadcasting but the station is full of treasures you won't find elsewhere on the BBC.

My previous exposure to the BBC World Service has been limited to that moment during Radio 5 Live's Saturday afternoon football commentary when Alan Green or John Murray announces: "And I'd like to welcome listeners from the World Service". It always makes me imagine some soccer-loving Laplanders, or footy obsessed desert dwellers glued to their transistor radios listening to the same match as me. That somehow the world is briefly united by a 3-1 scoreline from the Etihad stadium.

This weekend, however, I was listening to BBC World Service when it linked up with 5 Live. It wasn't as exciting as I'd hoped – even though the moment of union did coincide with a goal – but then I suppose listening to the World Service from north London loses some of the frisson you might get in more far-flung destinations.

In fact, if you're not listening to the World Service outside of the UK is there any point in tuning into it at all? Pretty soon the BBC may be trying to persuade us that there is. Currently it exists thanks to grant aid from the Foreign Office, but in 2014 that is set to change, leaving the World Service funded entirely by the licence fee. So what does it

offer home-based listeners? I spent a week tuning in to find out.

The World Service is about as old-fashioned as you'd expect a radio station with a title including the word "service" to be. In brief, it makes Radio 4 sound as gaudy and brash as TalkSport. But there are plenty of bonuses to this old-fashioned, decaffeinated approach – the biggest being the news which is treated with the reverence that elsewhere it is so often denied.

Despite sounding slightly as though it is being read by a 1930s butler, World Service news manages to light upon international events that I suspect go ignored elsewhere. Saturday afternoon's World Briefing, for example, included items on riots at a Metallica concert in India, the Kyrgyzstan elections and why Russia is not putting the clocks back this winter. (Among other reasons, Dmitry Medvedev was concerned about the nation's cows.)

Despite its global agenda the World Service often feels like a local radio station – albeit a rather exotic one, with its pseudo-dramatic roll call of international cities "Melbourn ... Shanghai ... New York" which sound uncannily like the Alan Partridge jingle that boasted that his audience reached "Wivenhoe ... Flitwick ... Tiptree...". Opinions on the discussion programme World Have Your Say on Monday, which asked if the UK should cut aid to anti-ga-

nations, also sounded sadly familiar – the only difference being the homophobia was being broadcast from Lagos instead of Essex.

While the menu of world affairs is expansive, the World Service is predominantly a station that broadcasts around the planet through the lens of British culture. Many non-news and sport programmes would sit comfortably in the Radio 4 schedule. Some, such as the woefully titled Stephanomics, already do, while others strangely don't.

Among them last week's The Documentary – The British Establishment: Who For? was a fantastic listen. US journalist Michael Goldfarb left no doubt that the ruling elite is far from a myth – 68% of the coalition cabinet went to Oxford or Cambridge universities compared with 16% in Tony Blair's first term – it was a surprise to learn what a relatively recent notion "the establishment" is. It wasn't until the 1950s that people began to see the matrix of well-connected people who dominated power.

There's lots of philosophical debate and esoteric pondering on the World Service. Last week's Heart and Soul attempted to define the word evil; The Forum contemplated death and how best to prepare for it and Discovery: Tribes of Science asked a group of volcanologists how they cope with the "terrible beauty" of their chosen profession, introducing us to a professor who "once studied the mathematics of droplets in agricultural sprays before being seduced by molten ash clouds".

I doubt you'd find much space for volcanology or agricultural sprays anywhere else but the World Service, which is part of its charm. Also brilliant – and superbly condensed into 10 minutes – is Witness, which recalls historical events as told by the people who were there and spans incidents as diverse as the Mau Mau uprising and the publication of The Joy of Sex. Again. Where else would the BBC put this stuff?

The World Service is an interesting, and sometimes strange, listen. I loved it and will definitely return. But what do you think? Have you ever tuned in at home or abroad

– and are you happy that the licence fee will soon fund it?

A Selection of Comments

tscrimshaw 2 November 2011 3:18PM WS is indeed a treasure trove of stuff you won't find anywhere else. It does try to be a bit trendy - the strapline for World Have Your Say is "join the global conversation". Tuning in, it depends where you are. Budget cuts meant that the UK 648AM service got axed, so you are indeed left with DAB or the internet. I have bluetooth on the car radio, so I use my cellphone to pick up the stream and BT it across to the radio. A lot simpler than it sounds. If you're abroad, 1323AM is good around Cyprus and the Middle East. In the Far East, there are apparently a lot of FM relays. Otherwise, try shortwave - although that may not be around for too much longer. Not entirely sure whether I like the funding being moved away from the FO directly to the BBC. On the face of it, it sounds ok, but it depends whether the BBC has enough money to maintain the service properly.

Ruinart 2 November 2011 3:18PM I agree these are good listens, but it's getting harder to find the really wonderful stuff these days (God bless i-player). There is a greater emphasis (and some might say preponderance) on news - and recurring news themes. I'm not saying get back to the Bob Holness/DLT days that Aung Sang Suu Kyi remembered with such fondness and ignore global warming and genocide in Africa, but we have lost a few of the slightly more off-the-wall programmes I remember with fondness, and a slightly lighter touch throughout. Nostalgically again, I wish they'd just call it the World Service and not keep repeating 'BBC' as though there's an hourly quota that has to be met. Okay, that's enough sniffy comment. It's still very good, and insomniacs everywhere give thanks to it and the utterly civilised Through The Night on Radio 3.

kukuna 2 November 2011 3:24PM I love the World Service and listen to it practically every day - and often when I am having

a sleepless night. There is real depth to many of the programmes, and many cover subjects you will not find elsewhere. My interests are very broad and there is always something interesting and relevant to listen to. So far as I am concerned it is a National Treasure. The international perspective is also a great bonus. Sadly, the old banger which I drive only does AM and FM so my listening times have to be in front of my home DAB radios. Keep up the good work, World Service. I am very happy to have you included in my License Fee.

cheminchia 2 November 2011 3:27PM ... and when I'm often listening as someone with an "irregular sleeping pattern". The WS is an underappreciated and very important part of what the BBC does in my opinion. As the author mentions, there are loads of interesting shows presented with what I'd describe as a "warm impartiality" which is sadly lacking in other media. Their coverage of arts and culture is really broad too. Hearing listeners' letters read out sent in from places ranging from Lima to Delhi really does give the impression that the station's still doing something useful globally and the government's decision just further erodes Britain's cultural landscape. Bloody shame

Geologybob 2 November 2011 3:29PM In recent years, the WS of China has spread across the globe's airwaves to a point where it can be heard on almost every band. What is it about a true World Service that they know, that we, with BBCWS retreating from the airwaves, dont know?

ranelagh75 2 November 2011 3:36PM The World Service is simply excellent - the programmes are always interesting, and they try very hard to be inclusive, interesting and informative. I almost never listen to a programme and wish I hadn't bothered - rather, it's almost always the opposite. I'm only gutted that the 648 long-wave service got scrapped earlier this year; now I either have to buy a new radio or listen through the laptop. In any event, the World Service is a fantastic gem and deserves far more attention than it currently gets.

gingerjon 2 November 2011 3:45PM Your point about the news they cover is one of the reasons I prefer it to Radio 4's news which is often the same (albeit better covered) as you can easily find elsewhere.

KevinDaviesEyes 2 November 2011 4:12PM The key thing with the World Service is the news service - and in highlighting the superb range of material on the air (from World Briefing to things like Newshour) you're absolutely on the money. However, this is probably the area most under threat from its partial amalgamation with the wider BBC. At the heart of the news service is the newsroom, which has been crafting the stories 24 hours a day since the dinosaurs roamed the earth. This set the tone for the news programmes and the various language sections, and was responsible more than anything else for the exceptional standards of the WS. However, as the language services get axed or spun off to form TV-based monsters (Arabic, Persian etc...), that newsroom is now far less visible. The programmes are also becoming more independent (finding out what taxi drivers in Monrovia think of the crisis), and they can of course be spun off themselves into the type of self-standing entities familiar to us from R4 (Today, WATO etc...). What, then, is the future of the newsroom, beyond a massively reduced R4-type function? Believe me, if the newsroom is nobbled the service will become a shadow of its former self, and little more than R4 with a tan, dodgy foreign accent and the legal right to smoke in restaurants. With it will die a little bit of what made this country rather more than the sum of its parts. Sad.

teebol 2 November 2011 5:16PM Still mourning the loss of 648 AM here on the Continent. I had listened to it for over 20 years!

toba 2 November 2011 5:24PM It's a fantastic asset and long may it go on..... reminds me of late nights when living in Taiwan trying to get a decent signal on my manual short wave radio by hanging it out the window etc. to hear James Alexander Gordon reading the footie scores. Invariably

it would be 'Chelsea 1, Liverpool *fuzz* and I'd miss it, but luckily his inflection usually gave the winner away. That maybe sounds like about 1960, but was actually only 1997!

Lockhurst 2 November 2011 5:31PM I absolutely love the World Service. Got used to listening to it when I worked abroad, now hear it in the early morning before Radio4 starts as I get up very early to go to work. The coverage of the major important world issues is absolutely fantastic. Shows up the petty domestic political squabbles that are the main fodder of 'serious' channels such as radio 4 for what they are - self-indulgent trivia. I would rate the work of the World Service far higher than that of the the FCO - FCO talks to supposed world leaders, BBC World Service talks (and listens) to the people of the world. One of our very greatest exports, next to Scotch whisky.

Spinkat 2 November 2011 5:49PM I would never forget listening to the World Service on crackly short wave in South Africa in the 1980s. It was amazing to hear what was happening in my own country. Some things were just never mentioned on South African radio or tv. I guess people in Somalia and Iran still have those experiences and for that alone the service should continue. For a long time I had access only to the World Service, but fairly recently I discovered BBC 4 through my satellite television. The output is often the same, with many documentaries being repeated after about two weeks. Some programmes, like Start of the week, has a World Service equivalent. Forum would be more internationally orientated. I guess the real importance of the World Service lies in its foreign language output and its output to places in Africa where the local radio services are not as good. Last week's Analysis had a good discussion of the role of the World Service as a part of Britain's cultural soft power. It did however make the point that with cuts looming it is not sure how long the British public would be prepared to pay for the service. Eastenders or World Service? If people will be given a democratic vote, I'm sure the soap will win. So in the long term I am not sure if the World Service can survive. I for one would be prepared to pay for the privilege

of listening to it and I am sure many other people around the world would feel that way. But that apparently is not possible.

Quietly 3 November 2011 9:22AM Bring back the "Merchant Navy Programme" ! A regular listen for me when the only way you could hear the WS in the UK was via shortwave.

RogerD 6 November 2011 4:25AM Being a Yank, my perspective is a little different. I started listening to Short Wave as a teen growing up in Wisconsin in the 60s. At that time, the WS was still called "The General Overseas Service", and presented a somewhat more diverse schedule than today's. Those were the days when they warmed up the transmitters and relays by repeatedly playing the notes "BBC" with sympathetic harmonisation on the harpsichord. Programme breaks that took place on the quarter hour were marked by the airing of Big Ben live from Westminster. I believe that is still done at midnight, GMT on New Year's, with all twelve "bongs." The on-air sound back then was even more formal and stentorian than described today. In addition to "World News" "News about Britain", and "From the Editorials", the WS gave us outsiders a sampling of domestic British radio, with dramas, comedies, quiz shows, and even musical excerpts from the Proms and "Desert Island Disks", as well as jazz and pop shows. I have only visited the UK once. One of my stops was Bush House, but alas, it wasn't really open to the public for security reasons. I did, however, purchase a number of souvenirs from the BBC Store. Thanks to the Internet streaming, I now listen to more British radio than ever: the WS, sans short wave fading and noise, along with domestic services like Radios 3, 4, and 5. I've also sampled commercial outlets like Classic FM, Jazz FM, and LBC 1152 News. Domestic radio here in the states has its good points, mostly in the better "NPR" stations, but even so, I find myself listening more frequently to the web streams of stations from outside my local area, especially Chicago, New York, and Minneapolis-St. Paul. Incidentally, many NPR stations use the WS overnights or even placing "World

Briefing" and "The World Today" within their daytime schedules. Before becoming too verbal, I would note that as a U.S. citizen, contribute financially to the WS by way of tax support of domestic public radio stations that pay user fees for use of the WS, and, like many thousands of listeners, I voluntarily contribute to those stations' "pledge drives." The WS is one of the UK's greatest exports, and it truly is the town hall of the world.

jonathanmarks 7 November 2011 3:45PM Make a little video tribute to the transmitter site at Orfordness <http://vimeo.com/20996209> which carried BBC WS on 648 kHz. I now listen to World Service via the web, usually on an iPad. The cuts have not damaged the quality of reporting, which remains excellent. But they have damaged the range of programming (some great features have gone) for which WS was

famous. I note that some of the podcasts (like Click!Radio) are better than the radio broadcast because they are longer - and the presenters sound much more human when they are off the radio. Strange because the way I listen now, it's all coming out of the same device. I don't think the author of the article has listened to the sports coverage or Saturday afternoons on WS. For me, it's much more comprehensive than Radio 5 live. And the presentation? The author implies that it's a sort of Radio 3 for Africa. That's unfair. It stands up to anything on Radio 4. It would be great if they broadcast a few comedy programmes like the News Quiz from Radio 4. But the last time I heard laughter on BBC World Service was years ago when they carried Just a Minute. After 9/11, World Service became much more World Serious

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Radio World

U.S. international broadcasting may soon look very different, at least to anyone familiar with its structure and distribution methods.

By Paul McLane

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Either planned, requested or being considered by the Broadcasting Board of Governors are some big changes indeed that are spelled out in a new report from BBG.

Those changes include a further "sharp drawdown" of U.S. shortwave capacity outside of a half-dozen key target countries; proposed repeal of the 1948 ban on "domestic dissemination" of content to listeners and viewers in the United States; a merger of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting Networks into one corporate structure; de-federalizing some of the agency's work; ending language services in countries that have more developed, independent media; and moving substantial news and production assets from Washington, nearer target nations. Smaller changes include steps like putting up FM antennas at U.S. embassies to further BBG's reach.

A merger of the staff of the BBG and the International Broadcasting Bureau is already in progress.

The BBG says it "will not accept that our audiences and our impact will shrink." It stated new goals: to become "the world's leading international news agency by 2016, focused on the agency's mission and impact," and to grow weekly audience by 50 million people, to 216 million.

To accomplish that, BBG laid out the plan to restructure itself and U.S. international broadcasting. It released a "framework" of a strategy to enhance the impact of its services (Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Alhurra TV and Radio Sawa, Radio Free Asia, and Radio and TV Marti). Chairman Walter Isaacson said this report "frames the future direction of U.S. international broadcasting." It outlines steps to overcome its structural limitations, ongoing censorship and the "profound, ongoing changes in audience media consumption habits."

The board wants to integrate elements of U.S. international broadcasting into a single organization while preserving those familiar brands. The BBG, it said, is a "complex amalgam of broadcast entities created by Congress at different points in time over the last 70 years in response to specific foreign policy challenges," with a structure that is inefficient and complicates the job of managing resources and involving users. "We must break down a stove-piped bureaucracy of separate, semi-autonomous entities, and shape a robust, integrated, international media network with multiple brands targeted to markets where they still strongly resonate."

On the topic of how content is distributed, BBG promises "wholesale changes." "We are currently configured largely as we were in the 1980s, with substantial resources devoted to shortwave broadcasting. Global media use now strongly favors TV, the Internet and FM radio as well as social media. Shortwave is vital in a half-dozen countries. But elsewhere we will sharply draw down our shortwave capacity to reallocate the resources to the new platforms our audiences are using." The role of shortwave has been a contentious one, with some politicians and veterans of the organization arguing that shortwave should not be scaled back further than it has been.

The board also will seek to repeal the ban on domestic dissemination in the 1948 Smith-Mundt Act. "Adopted in the age of cross-border communication via radio, this act did not envision either the Internet or satellite broadcasting, which do not honor national boundaries," the report states. "With all of the BBG's 59 languages available via the

Web, the agency cannot comply with this outdated statute." Also, the law obstructs BBG from reaching significant expatriate communities in the United States. The Obama administration supports legislation to repeal the Smith-Mundt ban as it applies to the BBG.

Also among its plans: to create a global news network out of its 59 different language services; develop automated translation to help users; expand delivery technologies such as satellite video for China, Central Asia and Southeast Asia; explore new ways to counter Internet blocking and other forms of censorship; launch a prototype TV channel in Latin America that features "crowd-sourced" content for young people; and place FM antennas at U.S. embassies in Africa as a low-cost additional radio outlet.

Some changes will require congressional approval; a BBG spokeswoman said the organization would be working with Congress and the administration to implement the plan. Some steps are underway including integrating the IBB and BBG staffs and building a shared website content management system.

And the name Broadcasting Board of Governors itself will be eliminated. "The new identity will be corporate in nature. Our current brands will remain the public faces for our audiences, who have come to know and trust them." However, it emphasized, none of the proposed restructuring or new identity changes its mission, which is now stated as "To inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy."

euronews to launch radio station

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pan-European TV news channel euronews will soon also be available as a radio service.

We want to introduce euronews radio to the market by early 2012 at the latest," general director Michael Peters told German

industry magazine Digitalmagazin. The Lyon-based broadcaster initially plans web-radios, transmitting on the internet in five to six languages. "We have formed a joint venture with a large radio group, which will adjust our content for radio broadcasting," said Peters. Further details are not known yet.



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Václav Havel was a supporter of RFE/RL and VOA

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Recalling Václav Havel's support for US international broadcasting. Broadcasting Board of Governors press release, 19 Dec 2011: Václav Havel, who died December 18, "was a frequent contributor to and ardent supporter of U.S. international broadcasting. 'Like the citizens of Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Russia and Saudi Arabia,' he commented in the New York Times in May 2009, 'I know what it is like to live in a country where the state controls public discourse, suppresses opposition and severely curtails freedom of expression.' As President of the Czech Republic in 1994, Havel was instrumental in offering to house Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) broadcast operations in the former Czechoslovak Federal Parliament building in Prague for the symbolic rent of one Czech crown a day. In the wake of a decision by the U.S. government to cut RFE/RL's budget by two thirds, Havel's offer helped make possible the organization's survival in the post-Cold War era. 'It was with great satisfaction that we could welcome RFE in Prague after the fall of the Iron Curtain and thus start to repay our debt for its credible work,' said Havel in a statement in May 2011 on the 60th anniversary of RFE's Czech and Slovak language broadcasts. 'I hope that RFE continues to pursue its mission in today's postmodern and politically unstable world: defense of human rights, civic rights and human dignity.' Havel championed the freedom of the press and its important role in a democracy. On a visit to the Voice of America in February 1990, Havel, left with then VOA Director Richard Carlson, observed 'You (VOA) have informed us truthfully of events around the world and in our country as well, and in this way you helped to bring about the peaceful revolution which had at long last taken place.'"

North and South Koreans should "be able to freely listen to whichever broadcasts they choose." Daily NK, 17 Dec 2011, Mok Yong Jae: "Calls have again been made for civilian short-wave broadcasters focusing on North Korea issues to be allocated frequency in South Korea for the purpose of enhancing efforts to improve North Korean human rights. A senior researcher with the Hansun Foundation for Freedom and Happiness, Lee Young Hwan [said] 'Those currently broadcasting on North Korean issues in this country have never been assigned a frequency, and as such they rent frequency abroad,' before emphasising, 'We need to make it so that these civilian broadcasters on North Korea actually have a frequency to use.' He also spoke of the need to 'Overcome difficulty and be patient in pursuing liberation of broadcasting in both countries, and finding a route for the peoples of North and South Korea alike to be able to freely listen to whichever broadcasts they choose.'" *There are several stations, operated by defectors and other opponents of the Kim dynasty, broadcasting into North Korea. These include Free Radio North Korea, Radio Free Chosun, and Open Radio for North Korea. (Some of these stations receive funds from the National Endowment for Democracy.) They all use leased shortwave transmitters located in countries other than South Korea. Mr. Lee is probably calling for the allocation of one or more medium wave frequencies from inside South Korea to reach North Korea. FM frequencies could also be assigned, but they would only be able to reach 100 km or so into North Korea.*

We are likened to crazy uncles. Esquire, The Politics Blog, 15 Dec 2011, Charles P. Pierce: "[T]hey're going to have to treat Ron Paul as something more than just the crazy uncle who listens to the short-wave, collects Jack Chick tracts, and has four tons of tinned beef stashed away in the root cellar. Paul is more than competitive in Iowa."

You are invited to “play around” with the renovated Radio Australia website. “We’ve been busy renovating our website over the past six months to be more relevant and immediate in our coverage of breaking news, major stories, activities and events as they occur around Asia, the Pacific and Australia. Thus far we’ve implemented new, improved services for sharing, participating and collaborating, as well as a new look, style and feel. Please explore and play around with what we’ve developed over the past few months. In early 2012 we’ll be launching our new interactive multilingual website. Accessing our stories and radio streams will be easier than ever, and you’ll be able to tailor your Radio Australia experience. You’ll also be able to share our stories with your friends using your favourite social media tools as well as share your stories with us through our new online communities.” URL is radioaustralia.net.au .

BBC World Service staff preparing for “farewell to Bush House” party. London Evening Standard, 14 Dec 2011, Gideon Spanier: “Such is the parsimony of the BBC that, despite the huge salaries of its top brass, it’s likely past and present members of staff at the World Service will be expected to contribute to funding its ‘farewell to Bush House’ party. The World Service is quitting the Aldwych site for other BBC sites next year. Staff are expected to contribute on a sliding scale, with top executives paying £20 a head, the middle ranks £10 and junior members £5.” *I would gladly pay £20 to attend that party, even though I’m more of a £5 functionary on this side of the Atlantic. I have good memories of past visits to Bush House and, of course, of listening to World Service during its shortwave heyday in the 70s and 80s.* See also photos of Bush House at www.flickr.com/photos/47903765@N00/sets/72157626188396223/

VOA obituary: Ferdinand Ferella. Inside VOA, 14 Dec 2011: “VOA French to Africa reporter Ferdinand Ferella, one of the most respected and well-known journalists in Central Africa, passed away December 13 following a battle with lung cancer. He was

59. Born in Rouen, France in 1952, Ferdinand worked at Radio Canada International before joining VOA in the late 1980s. As a reporter for VOA he traveled frequently to the Democratic Republic of Congo, where his dedication to balance and accuracy built credibility and a loyal audience. Friends called his influence in the Democratic Republic of Congo ‘astounding.’ Many journalists held him in such high regard they named their children after him. One of his listeners once wrote he should be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his reporting.”

VOA obituary: Pat Gates Lynch. BBG Watch, 8 Dec 2011: “Celebrated Voice of America Breakfast Show host Pat Gates Lynch died after a struggle with cancer Sunday at her home in Fort Belvoir [Virginia]. From the mid-50s until 1969, Pat served for about 15 years as host and interviewer on the VOA Worldwide English Breakfast Show, which drew significant audiences around the world that even surpassed at times those of jazz impresario host Willis Conover. She interviewed presidents, prime ministers and many famous figures in the arts and music during those years. After VOA, Pat served as First Lady Pat Nixon’s press aide for radio and television from 1969 until 1974, and later was U.S. ambassador to Madagascar in the 1980s. After returning home from her post in Africa, she became Director of Corporate Affairs at RFE/RL headquarters in Washington, retiring from that job in the late 1990s. Pat Gates Lynch wrote a book on her experiences, ‘Thanks for Listening: High Adventures in Journalism and Diplomacy,’ Countinghouse Press, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 2008.” — *Her name was just “Pat Gates” on the air. Her co-host was Phil Irwin.* See also patgateslynch.com.

Shortwave helps spread news in Afghanistan’s Zabol province. Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System, 15 Dec 2011, Sgt. Francis O’Brien: “Soldiers of the Virginia Army National Guard’s 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team are deploying technology in a revolutionary way in Afghanistan using a short wave radio transmitter that can reach almost every

radio in Zabul province. This is the first time a province-wide transmitter has been used in Afghanistan. The transmitter allows the Zabul provincial and district government to send messages to rural Afghan homes. ... Radio and word of mouth are the primary means of spreading news and information in rural Afghanistan. Listening to the radio – thousands of which were distributed by NATO-ISAF – is a cultural norm for Afghans, many of whom follow both the BBC and Voice of America. ... "The government was looking for ways to communicate with people on a greater scale, but there were gaps in the coverage. Short wave radio is the solution we came up with." ... The transmitter owes its success to a technique called NVIS – Near Vertical Incidence Skywave – which involves bouncing radio signals off the ionosphere – a layer of the atmosphere. Two NVIS antennas are placed horizontal to the ground unlike a traditional vertical transmitter. The second part of the NVIS antenna is called a ground wire and helps to boost the signal by forcing it to go straight up instead of outward and limited by the curve of the earth. ... "Using NVIS and our reflector wire, the signal goes up at a very steep angle and straight back down which can penetrate deeper into mountain valleys. When we were looking at this system, it was a no brainer," he added. ... "It has resulted in a savings of around 3,100%," said Fix. "It would take 30-32 FM systems to cover the same area." *"Well, OK, as long as enough Afghan households have radios with shortwave bands to make this worthwhile."*


Iran's Spanish-language HispanTV launches.

Tehran Times, 17 Dec 2011: "The Iranian-run Spanish language TV channel Hispan TV will be officially launched on Wednesday to provide a variety of programs for the Spanish-speaking countries around the world. The TV channel has been launched with the aim of reinforcing cultural ties with the

Spanish-speaking nations and helping to introduce traditions, customs and beliefs of the Iranian nation, the Persian service of Fars News Agency reported on Saturday. Hispan TV has employed a group of reporters out of Iran to better cover the news and is working 16 hours a day and will soon extend its working hours to 24 hours. ... All the reports, news and interviews collected by international reporters are available on the website of the channel, www.hispantv.com and www.hispantv.ir. ... A selection of top Iranian movies, historical TV series, documentaries, comedies and dramas are among the programs arranged for the channel." *HispanTV becomes the third non-Farsi Iranian international television channel, following the English-language Press TV and the Arabic Al Alam.*

Remembering Pepe del Río, host of VOA's

Buenos Días América. Washington Post, 15 Dec 2011, George Gonzalez: "For many Spanish-speaking people throughout the world, Pepe del Río was a trusted voice for news. Known across Latin America for his reports and smooth delivery, del Río spent 25 years as a broadcaster and host of 'Buenos Días América,' the morning radio show for the Spanish branch of the Voice of America. Although he was mostly unknown to English audiences within the United States, del Río did much to shape international coverage of the major political and social events of the second half of the 20th century. Del Río, who died Feb. 13 at age 84 from a blood disorder, was born in Tampico, Mexico, where he ran errands at a nearby radio station before emigrating to Texas as a teenager. In 1961, he was recruited by Voice of America producers away from a Spanish-language radio station in San Antonio."

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Listener's Notebook

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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

Welcome to Listener's Notebook. Thanks to all who contributed material. The continued success of LN will depend on **your** contributions, so please help me by contributing.

AFGHANISTAN 7200, *Radio Afghanistan*, tentative, 1535, December 10. Sounded like news and possibly English, 1540 music bridge and more talk, depending on ham radio QRM either LSB or USB was best, but very difficult copy. Very poor. (Sellers-BC)

ALBANIA 7465, *R. Tirana*, Shijak, 2031-2037, December 6. GG; S/on in progress w/ several IDs; W announcer w/ nx. Fair. (Barbour-NH)

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS 4760, *Port Blair*, 1200, December 5. Some audio confirmed by Indian dxer FB same time. (Wilkner-FL)

BAHRAIN 9745, *Radio Bahrain* (presumed), 2153-2225, December 12. Program of continuous Middle Eastern vocals without any announcements. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

BANGLADESH 4750, *Bangladesh Betar Shavar*, 1150-1203, December 5. Listed Bengali; Wailing, Hindi-like vocals; very brief W announcer at 1154; tentative IS at 1200 followed by announcer; vocal mx coming thru OK; vox not so much. Poor-v. poor. (Barbour-NH)

BELARUS 6155, *Radio Belarus*, 2157-2213, December 11. Group singing followed by musical fanfare at Top of Hour, ID and news with a woman announcer in English. News ended at 2205 followed by another ID into features. Poor to fair. No // heard. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

BRAZIL 4805, *Radio Difusora do Amazonas*, Manaus, 1016-1020, December 7. Portuguese om into music. Good signal. (Wilkner)

4825, *Radio Cancao Nova*, 2320-2337, December 11. Man with preaching in Portuguese language. Poor to fair with //9675 fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

BOLIVIA 4699.6v, *Radio San Miguel*, Riberalta, 0930. Was on 4700.00 at 0930 on 6 December. (Wilkner-FL)

4716.19, *Radio Yura*, Yura on both 1000 and 2335 on December 6. Strong signals in Florida on a daily basis. (Wilkner-FL) 4716.7, *Radio Yura*, 1008-102, December 13. Woman announcer with long talk followed by rustic vocals. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4795.87, *Radio Lipez*, Uyuni, 1000, December 7. Español, musica. Not noted from 2330 to 0100 recently. (Wilkner-FL)

5952.488, *Radio Pio XII*, Siglo XX, Llallagua, Potosi, December 10. Om and yl en español. (Wilkner-FL)

BHUTAN 5030.03v, *BBS*, 1244-1500:44*, December 15. Decent reception; an excellent frequency choice as it has been vacant since Sarawak closed down in the middle of this year. Mostly in what sounded like French although I thought I heard a different dialect too? Slowly drifted down to 5030.0. Very nice! Their external service? Played a lot of nice indigenous music!

1244-1330 on air phone calls. 1330-1359 cute on air phone calls from young children singing songs. 1400-1423 talking followed by indigenous music. 1500 - English "This is the new service of the Bhutan Broadcasting Service" and shortly off. MP3 edited audio in no particular chronological order, with ID in English at 1:01 <http://www.box.com/s/jd191ljp5lruprrrqorkr>. (Ron Howard-CA)

6035, *BBS* (tentative), 1258, Dec 16 with two stations mixing together; stronger station at ToH with pips and clear "This is the Voice of Shangri-La brought to you by Yunnan Radio"; two station continue mixing; both in talk; 1303 tuned away; checked at 1337 to find only Yunnan. Another early sign off again.

6035.05, *BBS* (presumed), 1248*, Dec 18. Suddenly off the air during their phone in program; according to their website schedule was in the "Sharchop" language. Sharchops are considered descendants of the earliest inhabitants of Bhutan, and a large number speak Sharchhophka (also known

as Tshangla). With PBS Yunnan being unusually weak here today, I was actually able to get an approximate measurement. Clearly higher in frequency than Yunnan.

5030.0, **BBS** (presumed), 1244, Dec 16. Testing their transmitter here; no audio just strong open carrier; believe they were alternating between running full power and reduced power as the signal strength continually changed (please see following email from BBS). Carrier not heard later after 1300. Not broadcasting here on Dec 17 and 18.

Received the following in response to my reception report for 5030 of Dec 15:

Dear Sir,

I got your reception report about our short wave transmission. Thank you for the your kind report. We are broadcasting alternatively on 100 kw and 50 kw short wave transmitter.

Our transmission starts from 0:00 to 14:00 Hours GMT in different languages.

Thanking you

Thinley Dorji

Transmission head

Thimphu, Bhutan (Ron Howard-CA)

CANADA 6030, **CFVP**, Calgary, 0610, December 12. Xmas song by Loretta Lynn, must be CFVP, as DentreCuban jamming is again absent this UT Monday while R. Martí is resting at 04-10. Still QubaRM tnx to overload from RHC 6010 and 6050, with Morse code introduction of DXers Unlimited at 0612 vs this hectowatt signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHAD 6164.96, **RNT**, 2330-2359+, December 7. Still here with extended schedule. Vernacular and French talk. Fair but covered by Radio Netherland at their 2359 sign on. (Alexander-PA)

CHILE 17680, **CVC La Voz**, 1530, December 12. CVC La Voz with fully-detailed announcement about their \$500 contest. One listener per month wins that; seems they are more interested in knowing

why you listen to them on SW, than getting formal reception reports. Gave text number and postal address. Winners also get to meet (? in some way) their favorite announcer. I assume saying "Escucho para ganar quinientos dólares" would be a bit crass, but eligible? Are the winners chosen by truly random drawing or does what they say matter? You never really know, dealing with stations on a politico-religious mission, and not subject to FCC rules. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA 4800, **CNR-1**, Geermu, 1108-1122, December 5. CC; W announcer until ad string at 1110; various announcers w/ talk show-like banter. Fair in ECCS-USB. (Barbour-NH)

4940, **Voice of Strait**, 1509, December 10. English. "Focus on China" news about China. Poor. (Sellers-BC) **CHINA**. 4940, **Voice of Strait**, 1506-1530, December 17. Their Saturday only English "Focus on China" in progress (scheduled 1500-1530); items about the start of construction after a long delay for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau bridge; vigil by students, teachers and monks to mark the anniversary on Tuesday of the Nanjing Massacre by the Japanese, etc; moderate to heavy QRM from AIR Guwahati also on frequency. (Ron Howard-CA)

4950, **V. of Fujiang**, Shanghai, 1142, December 5. CC; R & B blues-like mx!!; M & W banter over mx. Poor, //5075-fair. (Barbour-NH)

5050, **Beibu Bay Radio**, Nanning, 1140-1200, December 6. In listed Vietnamese; W announcer w/ lengthy talk; ballad at 1150; poor & pretty much unusable by ToH; //9820-audible under co-channel CNR-2; first time at my locale I've had so much as a whiff of BBR on this frequency. (Barbour-NH) 5050, **Beibu Bay Radio**, random checking from 1311 to 1537, December 14. Unique format of long running bi-lingual drama in Chinese and Vietnamese; by 1537 back to normal format of pops songs and DJ in Vietnamese; moderate to strong AIR Aizawl QRM. (Ron Howard-CA)

6035, **PBS Yunnan/Voice of Shangri-La**, 1256-1303, December 14. As Alokesh Gupta (India) has already reported in dxldyg, BBS/Bhutan was off the air today, so Yunnan again had sole possession here; pips and ID in English at ToH. Subsequent check at 1403 also found only Yunnan. (Ron Howard-CA)

6115, *Voice of the Strait* via Fuzhou, 1054-1116, December 12. Amoy language program with talks and music with 5+1 time pips at 1100. Poor to fair with flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7270, Presumed *Nei Menguu PBS*, Hohot, 1042-1103, December 5. In listed Mongolian; M & W announcers w/ alternating talk & mx bridges; indigenous mx at 1055; brief M & W announcers at ToH; presumed ID over mx into M & W w/ nx. Fair-poor in ECCS-USB, tentative //9705-v. poor. (Barbour-NH)

CHINA *Firedrake*, before 1500, December 12. None at all found between 1450 and 1455, tuning down the entire range from 19 to 7 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CROATIA 3985, *Croatia Radio*, 0310-0330, December 13. Noted with English segment with a man and woman talking providing schedule and contact information. Then it was back to music programming including some Christmas stuff. Good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

CLANDESTINE 9380, *Radio Free North Korea* via Tashkent (presumed), *1200-1224, December 13. Man and woman with Korean talks. Poor to fair with some fluttery conditions. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

ECUADOR 4815, *R. El Buen Pastor*, Saraguro, 1038-1050, December 6. SS; M announcer w/ relig talk & Santa Maria's; choral mx at 1041; ancment/ad string at 1045; instrumental mx at 1049. Poor. (Barbour-NH)

ETHIOPIA 6110, *Radio Fana*, 0414-0438, December 12. Nice Horn of Africa vocals followed by two men with discussion in Amharic language. More HoA music followed by a woman with ID and long talk from 0426. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

FRANCE [and non] 9765, // 7220, *RFI*, 0619, December 12. Hilife musique fill on RFI English frequencies, as the strike rolls on. *Au contraire*, 7390 French service is in French, not musique at 0628. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRENCH GUIANA 17690, *RFI*, 1419, December 12. RFI Spanish service is not music-filled, instead promoting its near-worldwide availability on various iphone apps. 17620 French service direct en musique. But at 1504, 17620 has news in French.

Of course the non-struck French service already plays musique part of the time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUATEMALA 4055, *Radio Verdad*, 0045, December 10. With a very strong signal. (Wilkner-FL)

GUYANA 3290, *Voice of Guyana*, still in at 1030 with audio, unusual for this time, December 7. Also heard with pop music at 0930 on December 4. (Wilkner-FL) 3290 *Voice of Guyana*, 2231-0300+, December 11, Noted early but heard all evening with music programming and man announcer with English talk, IDs, announcements, etc. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

HONDURAS 3250, *Radio Luz y Vida*, San Luis, 0030, December 5. Religious music, good signal. (Wilkner-FL) 3250, *Radio Luz y Vida*, 0336-0402* December 12, English language religious program. It has been a while since I last heard them seemingly gone around 0402. Weak but clear. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

INDIA 4810, *A.I.R.*, Bhopal, 1513, December 10. Jingles, promos, Hindi, @1514 woman with what sounded like news. Poor, CODAR QRM. (Sellers-BC)

4835.00, *A.I.R.*, Gangtok, 1409, December 5. Heard carrier (presumed Gangtok) at 1409 on December 5. At re-check they were gone at 1420. Received an e-mail from Jose Jacobs that Gangtok was back on the air today (6th). I found them (presumed) on frequency at 1512 on the 6th. They were parallel with other 60-M AIR regionals with news headlines by female announcer after 6 time pips at 1530. They (presumed) were also heard with their carrier coming on at 0051 this evening (7th), but lost in the splatter from WWCR at *0059-. Gangtok was heard often in Oregon in late October through the 9th of November in the 1400-1530 time frame. They had transmitter problems on the 9th and 10th, then have not been on the air until December 5. On the 10th between 1445 and 1518 they (presumed) had various testing carriers and sub-carriers on and off. The signal was extremely strong, and I had hoped they were testing a higher powered transmitter. Will continue to check. (Jim Young-OR)

4840, *A.I.R.*, Mumbai, 1514, December 10. Hindi. Parallel 4810. Fair. (Sellers-BC)

4920, **All India Radio** – Shimla, 1234-1255, December 13. Woman announcer with news in Hindi Language. Some talk followed by flute music. Poor to fair but fading quickly. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4950.00, **A.I.R.**, Srinagar, 0053. Heard daily, sometimes as early as 0053 with carrier and continuous test tone until 0118. Then AIR IS to 0120, into a national song by a chorus. Into language at 0121. This AIR station is usually the strongest AIR regional in NAs evening. When strong, usually Dushanbe (4765.07) is likewise. (Jim Young-OR)

4990, **AIR**, Itanagar, randomly from 1332 to 1433*, December 14. News in vernacular till 1336; into subcontinent music; 1415 local news in Hindi followed by local news in English; Itanagar weather forecast (rain) and max-min temperatures; followed by talk in English; poor with persistent heavy CW QRM. Dec 13 till 1431*. (Ron Howard-CA)

5010, **All India Radio** - Thiruvananthapuram, 1233-1242, December 13. Woman announcer with news in Hindi language. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5050, **AIR**, Aizawl, 1400-1440, December 16. Equally strong and mixing with Beibu Bay Radio (BBR); best ever reception; 1400-1429 with rock & roll Christmas songs in English ("Run Rudolph Run", "Blue Christmas", etc); 1430-1435 news bulletin in English; 1435-1440 sports bulletin; amazing level. No Ozy Radio yet. (Ron Howard-CA)

6165, **AIR**, 1355, December 12. What a pleasure to hear something besides Chinese all over the 49m band! Instead, S Asian songs, 1400 timesignal (maybe from QRM), brief announcement in unknown language, and change to other music. Aoki shows this is the **AIR** Sindhi service from Delhi/Khampur site. BTW, 6165 is really crammed full of overlapping usages, such as Vietnam VOV4, and China CNR6, both supposedly also on before and after 1400, not to mention Chad and Zambia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INDONESIA 9526, **Voice of Indonesia**, 1418, December 10. Indonesian. "Voice of Indonesia" ID, talk and music bridges. Back on this frequency from 9525. At 1458 **CRI** was on 9525 in English causing a big het that destroyed VOI. Poor. (Sellers-BC)

9526, **Voice of Indonesia** presumed the one at 1427, December 8. In listed Indonesian with a woman with talk then brief gamelon music and a man with talk at 1428 then more music and back to the woman at 1430. Weak with het. They must be using the other transmitter as this is the first time I have noticed them at this hour here in quite a while. (Coady-ON)

9526, **VOI**, 1400-1545, December 12. Before 1400, nothing but the **VOI** carrier detectable aside huge China radiowar on 9530; at 1453 in the clear with piano music, 1456 Indonesian ID mentioning English word "dignity", IADs in more piano music. But *1457.5 **CRI** 9525 carrier came on making het, while **VOI** remained atop! Until **VOI** cut off at 1458*. Yet, I could still hear a weak het, so maybe **VOI** had just switched to another antenna. By 1545 I could make out some weak Chinese on 9526 so **VOI** was still/again on the air, bettering **CRI** 9525 Kashgar, **EAST TURKISTAN** in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JAPAN 6055, **Radio Japan**, 1403, December 12. Jappop (or should I say J-pop), with EltonJohnish heavy beat, sounds like Japanese syllables pronounced with gaijan accent, impure vowels. Bring back Isao Tomita on R. Nikkei! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9595, **R. Nikkei**, Tokyo-Nagara, 1121-1134, December 6. Listed JJ; W & M announcer into classical-like mx; animated announcer at 1125 into plodding, caliope-like mx thru BoH, sounded like a vinyl album played at the wrong speed. Fair, //6055-poor. (Barbour-NH)

9625, **Radio Japan**, 1028-1030*, December 13. End of English program with ID, closedown announcements and contact information. Fair but //9840 was poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

KASHMIR 4747.6, **AIR**, Leh (Radio Kashmir, Leh), presumed to still remain on about 4747.6 (ex 4760). I consistently hear on open carrier, but no luck so far with any audio. Noted from about 1300 to past 1500. Hope that one day I can pull in some audio for this rarely heard station while they are still on this unique frequency. Dec 18 (Ron Howard-CA)

KAZAKHSTAN 6225, *Democratic Voice of Burma*, via Almaty-Nikolayevka, 1434, December 10. Woman and man in presumed Burmese. Poor. (Sellers-BC)

MADAGASCAR 5010.19, *Radio Madagasikara*, *0208-0240, December 10. Sign on with local African music. African choral music. Short 25 second IS at 0232 followed by National Anthem. Opening ID announcements at 0235. Malagasy talk. Local choral music. Poor. Weak in noisy conditions. (Alexander-PA) 5010.1, *Radio Madagasikara*, 0216-0239, December 13. Non-stop music program to opening by a woman announcer in Malagasy with ID and announcements. Back to music but the fair signal was deteriorating rapidly. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

MALAYSIA 9835, *Sarawak FM via RTM*, via Kajang (near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), 1539-1606, December 14. In vernacular with EZL pop songs; ads; IDs; ToH choral National Anthem (Negaraku - Lagu Kebangsaan Malaysia); more pop songs; "Sarawak FM" singing jingle. Fair-good. (Ron Howard-CA) 9835, *Sarawak FM*, 1126-1202, December 13. Woman announcer with Malay talks hosting traditional music program. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

11665, *Wai FM*, via Kajang (near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), 1539-1600, December 14. In vernacular EZL pop songs; 1559 nice "Wai FM" singing jingle; light jamming by CNR1. 11665, *Sarawak FM*, 1600 till off in a matter of minutes, December 14. Became // 9835 at ToH. *Sarawak FM* audio at <http://www.box.com/s/yy0io3vvqo55fuk555b8> *Wai FM* audio at <http://www.box.com/s/l3rrg98r744imk2up9or>. (Ron Howard-CA)

MONGOLIA, 12085, *Voice of Mongolia*, *1030-1058*, December 13. Woman announcer with ID and opening of English program followed by news. Later it was time for the mailbag program with a letter from Alan Loudell. Closed with a Mongolian folk tune. Poor to fair with a lot of flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

NETHERLANDS [non] 5955, *RNW*, 0614, December 12. Dutch in the clear, no jamming from Cuba any more vs absent R. República. If its in Dutch, the odds are very high its RNW, and even higher that its not transmitted from Netherlands. This hour is via Vatican. Later, compared this channel to the

trio of 31m channels, and found no pair of the quartet were synchronized. At 0623 in time order: 9865 first, 9895 second, and 9830 third. In strength order, 9895 first, 9865 second, 9830 third. Sites: 9895 Pridnestrovye, 9865 Bonaire, 9830 Wertachtal. Note Bonaire is not on top in this case; see also RUSSIA. At 0626, 9865 cut away from the others to play NA due to its semi-hour instead of full-hour broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NEW ZEALAND 5950, *Radio New Zealand International*, 1318-1351, December 12. Man talking about Kiribati. ID at 1319 ("You are listening to Radio New Zealand International, Dateline Pacific"). End of program at 1329 followed by another ID "Radio New Zealand International, the Voice of the Pacific." The Mailbox program began at 1330 with Silent Night opening followed by a DX Report about utilities listening. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

NORTH AMERICA [Pirate] 6924.66, *Captain Morgan Shortwave*, 2330-2335*, December 10. Christmas music. ID. Fair. (Alexander-PA)

[Pirate] 6924.6v, *Family Radio - WFMT*, *2347-0025, December 10-11. Sign on with bells/chimes. IDs and lite instrumental music. Rap music and pop music followed. Fair. (Alexander-PA)

[Pirate] 6925, *Red Nose Radio*, *0015-0018*, December 8. IDs. Blues Christmas music. Fair. (Alexander-PA)

[Pirate] 6925, *Radio 20-12 International*, 2214-2030, December 11. Program of techno music with periodic IDs by a man and woman as Radio Twenty-Two International." Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

[Pirate] 6925, *Unidentified*, 0157-0233*, December 13. Played many songs about Christmas Fruitcakes that seemed like a loop that was played 2 or 3 times. No ID noted and just cut off during another fruitcake bit. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

[Pirate] 6930.1, *Northern Relay Service*, 0240-0305*, December 13. Noted with bits including some miscellaneous CW letters, a cappella singing, often repeated phrases. Poor with deep fades. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

NORTHERN CYPRUS 6150, *Radio Bayrak International* (tentative), 2234-2311, December 11. Program of pop music with only announcement heard at 2302 in presumably Turkish language. More music programming. Periodically, heard some Chinese language programming fading up mixing with this. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

NORTH KOREA [and non] 6400, December 19 at 0630, *P'yongyang BS* is audible with sad music, ute QRM. 0650, YL in Korean sounds distraught. Harold Frodge, MI, noted that VOK transmissions were missing earlier on Dec 17 and 18; that should have been a clue that something significant had happened! However, VOK was back when I checked:

9335, 1414, December 19. French about Kim Jung Il [hereafter KJI]. Poor signal but could still hear mixture with NK-style jamming noise bleeding into the broadcast. At this moment WBCQ was missing from 9330-CUSB, tho it was there a few minutes earlier. At 1441, it was back, impeding weakish signal from Kujang. // 11710 not propagating. At 1500 could make out *VOK* IS and English IDs on 9335, but too weak vs WBCQ and still no 11710 making it. Here's one convenient source of latest VOK info and scheduling, clips: <http://www.northkoreatech.org/2011/10/29/voice-of-korea-b11-schedule/> And as pointed out by Mark Fahey, NSW: <http://www.northkoreatech.org/2011/12/19/kim-jong-ils-death-monitoring-north-korean-tv-and-radio/#comments>. Tnx to Martyn Williams in Tokyo.

By lucky coincidence, KJI garnered the top spot in this week's issue of *Parade* magazine, Dec 18, printed far in advance, but who was the Second Worst Dictator in the World? Isaias Afewerki. Who? Where? Eritrea. He's certainly managed to maintain a lower profile abroad. Now must be temporarily #1 pending KJU making his mark. See <http://www.parade.com/dictators> (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9335, *Voice of Korea*, 1302-1318, December 12. Tuned in during orchestral National Anthem, ID followed by Song to Great Leader plus another march type song. After another ID a man announcer began English program with the news which was the same program as the previous night. Good signal with some flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

11680, *Korean Central Broadcasting System*, 1114-1132, December 13. Long-winded Korean talk by man and woman announcers. This is what they must listen to domestically ... ouch! Fair and //9665 was also fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

13760, *Voice of Korea*, *0100-0136, December 12. IS with multiple IDs followed by National Anthem Song to Great Leader and another march type song. After another ID a man announcer began English program with the news. Korean vocals at 0122 followed by 2nd installment of Restoration of the Fatherland. Fair but //11735 was fair to good. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

OMAN 15140, *R. Sultanate of Oman*, 1430, December 12. YL with news in English, S9+15 peaks, but undermodulated and hard to follow. Something about Syria. This is not BBC as claimed by some. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 15140, *Radio Oman*, 1420-1442, December 12. Pop music program to 1430 ID followed by news in English. News ended at 1438. Poor and fading badly by tune out. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

PERU 3329.55, *Ondas del Huallaga*, Huánuco, 1040, December 7. Om and yl exchanging comments 1042, yl extended talk ...1047, fading out. CHU notched on 746Pro. (Wilkner-FL)

4746.9, *Radio Huanta 2000*, 1014-1023, December 13. Talk in Spanish by a man announcer. ID and TC followed by OA vocals. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4775, *Radio Tarma*, 1017-1032, December 13. Rustic OA vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk. Poor to fair with slight CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5039.18, *R. Libertad*, Junin, 1029-1035, December 6. SS; Huayanos at t/in; M & W announcers from BoH. Poor. (Barbour-NH) 5039.1, *Radio Libertad*, 1018-1033, December 13. Nice selection of OA males hosted; male announcer with Spanish talk. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5459.898, *Radio Bolivar*, Cd. Bolivar, 0048, December 10. With om en español with music. Better reception on 10 December, but also noted 6 December at same time with a poor signal. (Wilkner-FL)

6173.9, **Radio Tawantinsuyo**, Cusco, 1030, December 7. Om identificación en español, signal out in the open. (Wilkner-FL)

PHILIPPINES 9615, **RVA**, Palauig, 1016-1031, December 5. CC; "Live" discussion of sorts; ballad w/ M & W talk over; W announcer w/ banter at 1027, a few bars of Amazing Grace at 1030 into more banter. Fair-good. (Barbour-NH)

9760, **VOA**, Tinang, 1547, December 12. Special English talk about violinist Itzhak Perlman; big signal, but also with humbuzz and undermodulation. Now I am leaning toward this being a defect in the IBB Tinang, transmitter itself rather than another carrier atop (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12095, **FEBC Radio**, *2252-2329*, December 12. IS mixing with ID announcements under BBC-Ascension which eventually closed at 2259 leaving this in clear with fair signal. Hmong program featuring a very long talk by a man announcer after one song. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

RWANDA 6055, **Radio Rwanda**, 2040-2100*, December 10. Afro-pop music. Euro-pop music. French and vernacular talk. Poor to fair. (Alexander-PA). 6055, **R. Rwanda**, Kigali, 2039-2100*, December 6. Vernacular; W announcer w/ Afropops & familiar call-in program format; W announcer over mx at 2053; vocal mx NA over native strings at 2057, not instrumental NA as I've always heard in the past; pulled the plug at 2100; language definitely not French. Fair. (Barbour-NH) 6055, **Radio Rwanda**, 2047-2100*, December 11. Man announcer with French talk followed by local vocal selection. Man returned at 2049 and continued talking until program ended at Top of the Hour when broadcast ended suddenly. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

RUSSIA 5935.00 and //7205.00, Saint-Petersburg, *1500, December 6. At sign on (after TT) at 1500 in Persian. Both channels buried by PBS stations in PRC, and both poor on December 6. On 6135.00 at 2345 with transmitter turn on, then TT started at 2350 to 2359. Pause, then into Spanish language program at 0000 (7th). Have been in contact with

Mikhail Timofeyev prior to these receptions as well as after. He will verify reports via snail mail with QSL card and pennant. Sent short mp3 recordings of these receptions. (Jim Young-OR)

6075, **Radio Rossii** via Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskij, 1343-1300*, December 12. Techno music until brief announcement in Russian by a man announcer at 1258. Music continued until 5+1 time pips at 1300 before carrier was terminated. Fair with flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6115, **Trans World Radio**, Samara, 1523, December 10. Man with prayer in English and translator in Urdu. Fair. (Sellers-BC)

7260, **Radio Moscow World Service** via Vladivostok, 1118-1140, December 12. Man and woman in English with program about hobbies in Russia. ID at 1129 followed by promo announcements. Russian Hits music program followed at 1230. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

9840, **R. Rossii**, Moscow, 0657, December 12. Site is absent. No signal, despite RWM binary audible on 9996, and Turkey q.v. in better than usual on 9820. Can the ptb finally have moved this off 9840 colliding with VOR English to NAM from DVR which runs until 0600? Need to check further nights, before 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SOUTH AFRICA 5820, **RTE Radio Worldwide** via Meyerton, 2012-2031*, December 12. Could make out tail end of features program in English but hard to distinguish words although seemingly getting slightly better each minute. Closed with instrumental music followed by World Radio Network ID at 2029, news headline followed by UN Radio program before carrier was terminated. Weak. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

TAIWAN 6240, **Family Radio**, 1438, December 10. Chinese. Choir, strong utility QRM was causing audio distortion; check at 1450 and ute gone and a preacher was speaking in very slow English. Poor-fair. (Sellers-BC)

6280, **Family Radio**, 1503, December 10. English. Bible reading. Very weak. (Sellers-BC)

9280, **Family Radio** via Huawei, 1210-1240, December 12. Mandarin program with slow special English Bible reading from Roman's at 1239. Prior to that was Oakland address information and familiar Family Radio theme music. Fair to good. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

TAJIKISTAN 4765, **R.Tajikistan**, Dushanbe, 0215. Tune in @ 0215 to barely audible signal with flute music. Extremely high noise level with lots of static crashes likely associated with approaching storm. Gradual increase in signal level revealed more music. String instrument selection w/vocals followed by brief announcement by YL. More music with distinct Mid Eastern character mixed with Indian influences. Very unique style. YL announcer returned with longer talks in likely Tajik lang. Various music continued to TOH then deep voiced OM into probable news. Nice to see 60 meters conditions improving. Last couple of weeks even usual Brazilians haven been tough catches. (Steve Wood)

THAILAND 7255, **Radio Thailand**, 1114-1118, December 12. Tuned in to familiar bells followed by English ID by man announcer ("This is HSK9, Radio Thailand World Service"). Into Khmer program. Good signal but fluttery. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7465, **Radio Thailand**, 1303-1323, December 13. Woman announcer with talk (news?) in Japanese language. Male vocals at 1311 followed by closedown at 1313 in Japanese then in English followed by bells. Poor to fair with flutter. Carrier cut but antenna apparently re-oriented as returned with slightly stronger signal and Mandarin language transmission. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

9535, **Radio Thailand**, 2035-2047, December 11. Man and woman announcer with news in English. ID at 2040: "You're listening to Radio Thailand news." Promo announcement from Air Asia followed by International Update. Bells at 2045 followed by opening of Thai language program. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

9680, **Radio Thailand**, 1932-1959*, December 12. Man and woman announcers in English with news.

ID at 1939 followed by a couple of ads for power company and insurance outfit. More IDs followed by Sports, Bells at 1959 followed by closedown announcements for this European Service. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

13745, **Radio Thailand**, 0008-0032, December 12. Usual man and woman announcer with live news in English and several IDs: "You're listening to Radio Thailand news." Announcements for Bangkok Airways Cargo, Department of Trade International Promotion, Air Asia and Hyatt Regency. Mention of The King and many wonderful things he has done. Apparent antenna change at 0029 when signal briefly lost but came back at slightly reduced level with Business Report. Promo announcement from Air Asia, followed by International Update. Bells at 2045 followed by opening of Thai language program. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

TURKEY 9820, **TRT**, 0625, December 12. This eastward TRT Turkish frequency with music is unusually sufficient, still better on the westward // 9700. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED 7260, 1036, December 5. Two stations colliding; presumably Xingjiang PBS-China w/ CC talk & Mongolian Radio 2-Mongolia w/ indigenous mx. Fair-poor. (Barbour NH)

UZBEKISTAN 6260, **CVC - Voice Asia** via Tashkent, 1450, December 10. Hindi. Songs and female speaker. Poor. (Sellers-BC)

VIETNAM 9840, **Voice of Vietnam** via Son Tay, 1138-1158*, December 12. Woman announcer with news in English, several IDs plus a commentary. Closed with ID and traditional Vietnamese vocals. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

Schedules, news, and other information about shortwave broadcasting activity and comments and suggestions for LN may be sent to Jerry Lineback via e-mail to jerrylineback@comcast.net. Please indicate in the subject that your contribution is for Listener's Notebook. Thanks for your contributions.

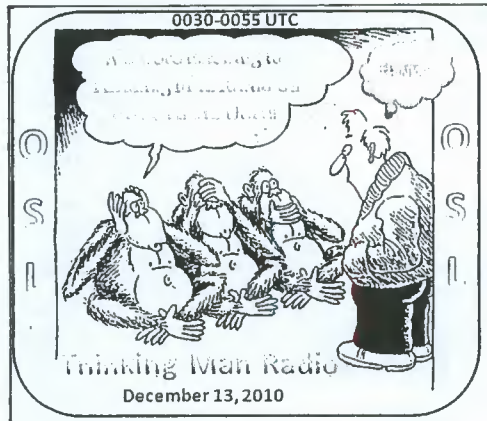
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comments are important to us. We look forward to receiving your mail". (D'Angelo-PA).

CLANDESTINE: Radio Y'Abaganda (Uganda) 15410 via TDF Issoudun, France I rcvd. a f/d email w/ station details and goals of the station in 8 ds. after my third f/up rpt. in 7 mos. v/s Alex K. Kigonagu, Admini-

STATION NOTES: Radio Powerliner 6303 Email: radiorpi@live.nl Boomerang Radio 6320 Email: box73@gmx.net Radio Marconi 6325 Email: radiomarconi@msn.com Radio Elvis AM 6401 elvis.am@hotmail.com Radio Universe 6420 Email: radiouniverse@hotmail.com

AUSTRALIA: Radio Australia 9590 via Shepparton f/d "Shepparton Transmitter Site" cd. in 225 ds. for \$3.00 and a local post card. Also rcvd. ARDX Club folder and a program schedule. This is my first reply from Australia in almost two years. (Kivell-FL).

AUSTRIA: Radio Austria 1 International 9830 The station verified w/ a f/d ltr. from the Service Listeners Relations Department. I also rcvd. A History of Radio Austria International and a program schedule good through 24 Mar. 2012 in 37 ds. The ltr. stated: "Your criticisms and



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station Team. (Kusalik-ALB).

CROATIA: HRT 3985 via Deanovec f/d cd. less site in 295 ds. for a local post card and \$2.00 v/s J. Romer, Assistant Program Director. (Kivell-FL)

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Black Arrow Radio 21490 The station verified my email rpt. w/ a f/d "QSL 86" electronic attachment in 2 ds. from v/s Alex. He said that he had been heard in Japan, California, East Coast USA, Spain, Finland and Russia. Alex also sent pictures of some of his station equipment as well as "Japan Test Weekend" greetings to all of his station's listeners. (D'Angelo-PA). **Cupid Radio 21460** The station verified my email rpt. in 2 ds. w/ an email reply from v/s Rinus

indicating that the station was running 350 watts with a few peaks around 600 watts. The station operator said he had many reports from around the globe including 16 different people in Japan sent him a reception report plus one phone caller. He also received reports from the Russian border with North Korea, one from New Delhi, one from Uzbekistan and one from New Zealand. He says "it was crazy working...never got so many reports from the other side of the pond" mentioning it took hours to send a reply to everyone. I was glad that he recalled our previous contact in 2007.

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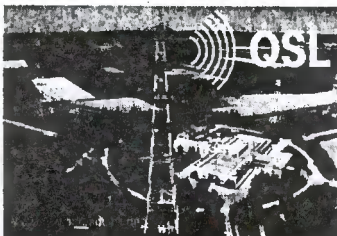
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Tatarstan 15110 via Samara f/d "GTRK Staff" cd. in 58 ds. for ms., a local post card and \$3.00 (Kivell-FL). Voice of Russia 6135 via Saint Petersburg Regional Center f/d "10th Anniversary" cd. w/ a night scene of the city. This was rcvd. in 9 1/2 hours for an email rpt. The v/s Mikhail Timofeyev promised to mail a hard copy of the cd along w/ a station pennant. Mikhail is

also a member of the DSWCI. (Wood-MA). 9865 via Samara f/d "50th Anniversary of Manned Space Flight" cd. less site in 247 ds. for a local post card. (Kivell-FL).

GERMANY: WYFR Family Radio 15495 via Wertachtal "50 Years World and Portable Radio" cd. w/ station stickers and decals in 5 mos. after a second f/up rpt. Also rcvd. an out of date program schedule. (Kusalik-ALB).

STATION NOTES: KBC Radio 6095 via Wertachtal Email: themighty.kbc@gmail.com WBNY 6925 Addr: P.O. Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711 Email: wbnyradiobunny@gmail.com Radio Habana Cuba 6060 v/s R. Lafita. Radio 9 de Julho 9820 v/s J.R. Ferreira

Radio Trans Mundial 11735 v/s R. Grimm Alcaravan Radio 5910 v/s R. Rodriguez The Cross Radio 4755.4 v/s S. Kalau WRMI Radio Miami International 11690 v/s A. Peterson KTWR Trans World Radio v/s Kathy also K. Gregowske for the Russian Service and K. Iwasa for the Japanese Service Radio Symban 2368.5 v/s J. Wright...via PLAY DX and QSL Corner...Sam

NIPPON HOSO KYOKAI

(JAPAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION)
Osaka Station
4-1-20 Otemae, Chuo-ku, Osaka
540-8501 JAPAN

October 18, 2005

Mr. Ronald Howard
1581 Hoffman Ave.
Monterey, CA,
93940
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Ronald Howard:

Thank you very much for your reception report of March 19, 2005.

You had received our short-wave radio station operated in Osaka for the purpose of program relaying. The detail of the transmission which you received are as follows:

Call sign	JOBB
Frequency	828 kHz
Output power	300 w
Programs	JST 18:20~19:05 Basic English(1)~(3) JST 19:05~19:20 Listening English

We don't have the card that can confirm your report such as Verification Card right now so we hope this letter helps you to prove your reception report. Instead of that card, we will send you our NIK Osaka Station's brochure.

Thank you very much again for listening NIK radio program. We are very pleased to have your report.

Yours sincerely

大塚 隆
Takasui Otsuka

Associate Director

Planning & General Affairs Division

Short Wave Radio Station
WYFR

INDIA: All India Radio 11620 via Aligarh f/d "AIR 75th Anniversary Special QSL" in 27 ds. for 2 IRCs. Also rcvd. station pennants, pocket calendar, personal note on the "ganesha temple", a post card, current AIR schedule and a station decal. (Kivell-FL)...Jackpot...Sam.

ITALY: Italian Radio Relay Service 9435 QSL was for a Special Test Broadcast from the Slovakia transmitter. The cd. was f/d and celebrated the "Theatre

VOICE OF INDONESIA
VERIFICATION CARD

Dear Ross Comeau
This is to verify your report dated Oct 14, 1991
on our English language broadcast
on a frequency of 9.675 kHz.
Thanks for listening.

LANGUAGE	DAY/TIME	V. I. T	TRANSMITTER (kHz)
ENGLISH I	01.00-02.00	05.00-09.00	11.735-11.785
	08.00-09.00	15.00-16.00	11.735-11.785
	20.00-21.00	03.00-04.00	11.735-11.785-7.125
INDONESIAN I	02.00-03.00	09.00-12.00	11.735-11.785
	12.00-13.00	19.00-20.00	11.735-11.785-11.790
A R A B I C	03.00-04.00	10.00-11.00	11.735-11.785-9.675
MALAYSIAN	09.00-10.00	16.00-17.00	11.735-11.785
MANDARIN	10.00-11.00	17.00-18.00	11.735-11.785
T H A I	11.00-11.30	18.00-18.30	11.735-11.785
JAPANESE	11.30-12.00	18.30-19.00	11.735-11.785
SPANISH I	17.30-18.00	00.30-01.00	11.735-11.785-7.125
	00.30-01.00	07.30-08.00	11.735-11.785
G E R M A N	18.00-19.00	01.00-02.00	11.735-11.785
F R A N C I S	19.00-20.00	02.00-03.00	11.735-11.785-7.225

V. I. T = Western Indonesian Standard Time

Royal della Scala in Milano. Total time was 8 mos. and 40 ds. after a postal f/up. (Kusalik-ALB). 11910 another **IRRS** * transmission for this time the **Arab Women's Today Service** via the **Trganeshi Romania** transmitter site. Same QSL cd. as above. **Oversomer Ministry** 15610 same f/d cd. as the previous two QSLs. (Kusalik-ALB).

MALAGASY REPUBLIC: Deutsche Welle 17800 via **Talata - Volondry** f/d "20 Years of German Unity" cd. in 22 ds. for a postal rpt. (Kusalik-ALB).

MOLDOVA: Voice of Russia 9665 via **Kishinev** f/d "First Manned Space Flight" cd. w/ site in 33 ds. for a local post card. (Kivell-FL).

SINGAPORE: Radio Australia 6140 f/d "Radio Australia In Touch with the World" cd. in 7 mos. for an email rpt. to: broadbent. (Kusalik-ALB).

ent. roger@abc.net v/s Roger Broadbent. (Kusalik-ALB).
SRI LANKA: Radio Nederlands 9800 via **Trincomalee** f/d "Canal in Diemen" cd. in 20 ds. (Kusalik-ALB). **WYFR Family Radio 15210** via **Colombo - Ekala** site in 7 mos. I received this QSL after several reports and the assistance of Victor Goonetillece who secured the QSL. Thank you. (Kusalik-ALB).

USA (Pirates): XFM Shortwave 6925 p/d email QSL #100 in 3 ds. for a direct report to the station.

STATION NOTES: Radio Ukraine International 11550 Email: vsru@ncrc.gov.ua **WYFR Family Radio 7485** via **Kopani** Addr: Your Family Radio, 290 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland, CA 94621 **Deutsche Welle 9715** via **Dhabbaya** v/s Horst Scholz, Transmission Management, Addr: Deutsche Welle, DE-53110, Bonn, Germany. **IRIN News 13685** Email: louise@irinnews.org v/s Louise Tunbridge WEB: www.irinnews.org Addr: United Nations, OCHA IRIN, P.O. Box 30218-00100, Nairobi, Kenya. **Polskie Radio 9670** via **Skelton** v/s Michael Puetz. Addr: Medienservice, Seestrass 17, DE-19089 Goehren. Germany... via PLAY DX.

Verification Card

Dear Richard A. D'Angelis
We thank you for your reception report and keen interest in our programmes.

We are pleased to verify that you heard: **Voice of Korea** from 01.01 to 01.07 on 15720 kHz on 05.03.1991.

Your valuable opinions on our programmes will always be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

The Radio-Television Broadcasting
Committee of the DPRK, Pyongyang

Adventist

World

Radio

P.O.Box 893
Intervale
N.H. 03845
USA

18 June 2002

Dear Scott R. Barbour Jr.,

I apologize for the delay of this reply. Anyway, thank you for writing to Adventist World Radio. I am pleased to verify your reception report.

Please listen for AWR again and send us another reception report. I have enclosed our current schedule, newsletter, calendar, sticker and a QSL card.

Happy listening!

Sincerely,



Listener Services

39 Brendan Street

London W1H 5HD

England

[Signature]
Niki de Vera
Listener Services
Adventist World Radio

Email: xfm
shortwave@
gmail.com
(Kivell-FL).

6925 the station kind of verified in 24 hrs. after my report to them stating: Excellent, good to hear from you again! I plan to get QSLs out this weekend. Redhat, X-FM Shortwave. Unfortunately that

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Standard Time and Frequency Service



The hourly broadcast schedule of BPM

UTC	UTC	北京时间
24	07:30-07:50	15:30-15:50
25	08:00-08:00	08:00-08:00
10	00:00-24:00	00:00-24:00
VL0	09:00-09:00	06:00-17:00

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P. O. Box 10 · Lintong, Shaanxi · China
Website: www.ntsc.ac.cn
E-mail: ntsc@ntsc.ac.cn

VERIFICATION

We are pleased to confirm your reception of BPM on:

Date 2007-12-11
Time 23:10 ~ 23:30 UTC
Frequency 5 MHz
Signature *Jie Shu Hong*
Title

didn't happen but I am hopeful something will arrive soon! (D'Angelo-PA). **Radio True North** 6925 f/d red and black email QSL in 3 ds. for a rpt. to: radiotruenorth@gmail.com (Lobdell-MA). **Radio Free Euphoria** 6925 "Green Grass Field" Email QSL in 7 ds. for a rpt. to the FRN. (Kivell-FL). **Eccentric Short Wave** 6925 p/d "Special Hall-oween" cd. in 30 minutes for

STATION NOTES: Armed Forces Network - Diego Garcia 4319

Email: QSL@dodmedia.qsd.mil **HCBJ** 6015 via **Wertachtal** v/s Renate Schwarz. **Voice of Tatarstan** 15195 v/s Ildus Ibatullin Addr: Tatarstan Wave, Ulitza Gorkoga 15, Kazan, Tatarstan, Russia 420015. **Radio Marti** 11930 v/s Margarita Ray de Arenas, Secretary. **Observatorio Nacional** 10000 via **Rio de Janeiro** v/s Ricardo Carvalho, Gerente. Email: carvalho@on.br **Atlantic 2000** 6005 via **Radio 700** (Germany) Email: atlantic2000international@gmail.com **Radio Orion** 5815 Email: info@orionradio.nl **Spaceman Radio** Addr: P.B. 73, NL-7160, AB Neede, Netherlands...via **PLAY DX**...Sam.

27.01.2008
GALEI-ZAHAL
BROADCASTING STATION
OF ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCES
MILITARY POST OFFICE
ZAHAL, ISRAEL

Hello MARK
Thank you for your report on our station.

6973 43 -AM
date 05/01/2008
from 23:21 to 00:25 GMT
UTC

Your report has been checked and never will our log

also: *Praying for Israel*
15.7 PPT MHz


MARK SCHIEFELBEIN
1350 S KIMBROUGH
SPRINGFIELD, MD 65807
USA

an email rpt. to: eccentrics@yahoo.com (Kivell-FL). **Northern Relay Service** 6930 "Old Transmitter Room" cd.

in 1 day for a rpt. to: Northernrelayservice@gmail.com (Kivell-FL). **Rave On Radio** 6925 Email verie ltr. for reception of "After the Gold Rush" show for a rpt. to: raveonradio@gmail.com (Kusalik-ALB). **Renegade Radio** 6925 Email "Halloween Special" QSL in 1 day for a rpt. to: renegadeshortwave@gmail.com (Kivell-FL). **WBNY Commander Bunny** sent a strange but interesting package of goodies postmarked from Lansing, Michigan. The package consisted of two blank QSL cds.

The first was "WBNY and Commander Bunny Presents!" This was a 3 ring circus QSL attacking The Poet of **The Crystal Ship** noting that "WBNY is Real Pirate Radio". The second card "Pirate Radio's Biggest Cry Baby!" also attacks **The Crystal Ship**. Also included were two refrigerator magnets

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Dear Friend,
thank you for your report, which we herewith verify as fully correct.
IBRA was heard over
Wertachtal, Germany, in Somali

Date: 2008-02-24
Hour: 2022-2045 UTC
Frequency: 9845 kHz

We are glad to understand that you are listening to our programs.
Our latest broadcast schedule can be found at:
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Bible Voice

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Reception Confirmation

Air Mail Par avion

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Date: April 12 + 13 / 04

Richard A. D'Angelo

Bible Voice TRANSMISSION TO THE AMERICAS

2216 Burkay Drive

Frequency 6100 → 9690

Wyomissing, PA

Apr 12 0830-0858 EDT 0830-0858 EDT

19610 USA

Apr 13 0835-0958 EDT 0835-0958 EDT

mail@biblevoice.org www.biblevoice.org

featuring the QSL design; one was the same size as the card and the other was the size of a standard business card. Round-out this rather bizarre package of goodies was a business card of the later QSL card design. I guess the Commander Bunny / The Poet pirate war continues to rage on (D'Angelo-PA)...I can't wait to read the FCC agent's report when these two get busted...Sam.

UZBEKISTAN: Voice of Asia 9965 via Tashkent I received a very nice Email ltr. in 23 ds. for a report sent to the Indian address w/ 2 IRCs and ms. v/s Timotheus Bahl. He can be reached at: gracewithin.tim@gmail.com. Interestingly the ltr. thanked me for listening and wishing I understood Urdu / Hindi so I could get the full blessing of the broadcast. (Kivell-FL).

CARTE POSTALE

Vous avons le plaisir de confirmer votre receipt

d'écoute du 22/11/2004

de 21h-19 heures G.M.T. à 22h-17

Notre station émet aux heures G.M.T.

Lundi 05h-00 à 00h-00

Mardi 05h-00 à 00h-00

Mercredi 05h-00 à 00h-00

Jeudi 05h-00 à 00h-00

Vendredi 05h-00 à 00h-00

Samedi 05h-00 à 00h-00

Dimanche 05h-00 à 00h-00

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UTILISATIONS

5047 KHZ

15h00 à 17h00

16h00 à 00h

Langues employées: Français, Anglais
Langues maternelles



M. SCOTT R BARBOUR

P.O. Box 293

Intervale NH 03845

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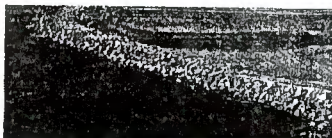
ZAMBIA: One Africa 13590 via Lusaka f/d ltr. in 69 ds. for \$3.00, ms. and a local post card. The confirmation was received via Email. (Kivell-FL).

STATION NOTES: Scotland International 6290 Email: radio.scotland@hotmail.com **Paard-enkracht 6305** Email: paard-enkracht@drecht.nl **Star International 6400** Email: rsi@live.co.uk

Radio Amica Italia 7610 Email: radioamica@gmail.com
Radio Kahuzi 6210 Addr: **BESI / Radio Kahuzi**, P.O. Box 110173, Bradenton, FL 34211
Voice of Croatia 3985 Email: milton.arandia.antezana@hrt.hr
Radio Habana Cuba 6140 v/s Manolo de la Rosa and Malena Negrin. Email: radiohc@enet.cu
INOCAR 3810 Email: inocar@inocar.mil.ec
AFRTS 4319 via **Diego Garcia** Email: QSL@dodmedia.osd.mil...via **PLAY DX**...Sam.

I guess its time to end another fine QSL Column. It is hard for me to express what a joy this has been over these many years. See you next month...Sam.

Club de Oyentes de Radio Taiwán Internacional



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Playa Vareso

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- Tarjeta QSL -

Nombre y Apellido: Henry Weissborn

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Country List Committee Report

Don Jensen • 5204 70th Street • Kenosha, WI 53142 • dnjkenosha@acronet.net

The NASWA COUNTRY LIST is more than 40 years old. One might think that over that span of time there could remain no unresolved interpretive questions about whether this or that station site is located in radio country A or radio country B.

But not so! International Bands Loggings editor Steve Handler's sharp eyes caught something we all have missed for many years. In question is the Wooferton site, formerly owned by the BBC, but currently by Babcock.

Steve emailed the CLC with this question: "I have a 1970 VOA QSL for the Wooferton relay site.... Which does the QSL count for? England or Wales?"

A fascinating question, it turns out. Steve raised the point because he noted something in the first paragraph of Chapter 1 of FIFTY YEARS OF BBC WOOFERTON, (available on-line), a history of the site written about five years ago.

It says: "The county boundary between Herefordshire and Shropshire runs through the aerial site and so the station is actually situated in two counties." This becomes interesting to DX country counters because Herefordshire is in Wales; Shropshire is in England. We can infer from the above that some of the antennas are in England, some in Wales and, presumably some are in both England and Wales. Handler's question, indeed, is a valid one.

DXers may wonder, "So why is Wales even on the NASWA list?"


A good many years ago, when unlicensed pirate broadcasters began operating in such parts of Great Britain as Scotland and Northern Ireland, it became desirable to

add them as "radio countries," in the same way the list considers Alaska and Hawaii as separate "radio countries" from the United States.

So when a pirate broadcaster began operating from Wales, it, too, was added to the list. In retrospect, it may have been a premature decision, since the Welsh pirate soon disappeared. But no real harm. Wales simply became another in a now disappointingly long list of "dead countries," still on the list but with no active stations operating.

But as Handler's question suggested, perhaps Wales is not so "dead" a country. The CLC needed to clarify the issue.

The CLC, after discussion, concluded that :

- 1 The Wooferton transmitter site spans the boundary of Herefordshire (Wales) and Shropshire (England)
- 2 Seemingly, individual antennas may be in Herefordshire OR Shropshire OR may span BOTH counties.
- 3 It is virtually impossible to know which antenna was used during any particular transmission and reception. Since we cannot know, the CLC simply must make an arbitrary blanket decision.
- 4 Historically, DXers have considered Wooferton transmissions to be from England, and, lacking further, specific information, information we believe is unobtainable, the CLC does not wish to overturn traditional practice.
- 5 Therefore, the CLC has concluded that a transmissions from the Wooferton site be counted as England and not Wales. 

Scoreboard

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This month we are highlighting our members' totals from Asia. Ranking is based upon Asian Countries Verified. This is your chance to show everyone how well you are doing. The next deadline is February 15th for the March 2011 issue of the Journal. The spotlight will be on Europe.

Name, State	Total		Asia		Best Asia QSL
	C/H	C/V	C/H	C/V	
Don Jensen, WI	256	256	73	73	RKPDT2Sumbawa (Indonesia-Nusa Tenggara)
Edward Kusalik, ALB	250	249	73	72	Maldives, 4754
Marlin Field, MI	246	246	70	70	RRI, Serui, Irian Jaya (500 w.)
Dan Henderson, MD	249	245	73	70	R. Voice of Justice
Jerry Berg, MA	244	244	70	70	Em. De Radiodifusao de Timor
Steven R. Lare, MI	239	225	71	66	Bhutan (10 Kw)
Harold Cones, VA	234	232	65	64	BBCS Bhutan
Rich D'Angelo, PA	225	223	63	61	R. Afghanistan
Chris Lobdell, MA	229	225	61	60	Bhutan 5030
Sheryl Paszkiewicz, WI	225	219	64	59	Myanmar
Wendel Craighead, KS	233	222	64	58	Giai Phong Radio, Vietnam (South)
George Maroti, NY	206	200	59	57	Bhutan
Ron Howard, CA	212	200	61	56	Azad Kashmir
Stephen Price, PA	198	183	61	56	DPRK & Burma
Paul Buer, FL	219	208	56	53	The Voice of Peace (400 w.)
Christos Rigas, IL	217	198	60	53	R. Bahrain
Jim Evans, TN	213	203	57	51	R. Bangladesh
Stephen Leite, MA	210	197	48	48	Campuchea Peoples Republic
Allan R. Loudell, DE	192	167	53	46	Goa
Ross Comeau, MA	193	172	49	45	VO Meteorology
James R. Renfrew, NY	189	161	49	42	Cambodia
George L. Glotzbach, MN	154	136	46	38	V. of Mongolia
Mark Humenyk, ON	169	148	47	36	Kol Israel
Gary R. Neal, MD	137	127	38	36	Voice of Hope, Lebanon
Jerry Johnston, KY	210	141	56	33	AIR-Andaman Islands
Bill Smith, MA	176	162	32	29	Lebanon
Scott R. Barbour, NH	168	115	49	29	AFN Diego Garcia
Paul Brouillette, IL	148	121	32	27	BPM-China
Dan Srebnick, NJ	156	121	35	24	Pyongyang
Edward G. Stroh, IL	135	104	30	23	V. of Vietnam
Scott C. Newman, IN	148	113	33	22	V. of Mongolia
Richard Bradley, MA	145	130	23	21	Korea, Dem. Peoples Rep.
Jilly Dybka, TN	145	108	36	20	R. Pyongyang
Doug Tilley, WA	117	89	22	15	Kol Israel
Richard E. Lawrenson, RI	145	129	14	14	V. of Mongolia
Gary W. Froemming, AZ	184	44	49	7	BSF Time Station (Taiwan)
James W. Young, CA	252	237			
Alex Vranes, Jr. WV	226	216			
Jerry Klinck, NY	220	202			
Dan Robinson, MD	230	196			
Bob Raymond, NH	175	150			
David Turnick, PA	144	129			
Larry Colton, FL	154	125			
John Mosman, WI	120	120			
Ken McCartney, OH	125	73			
Jerry Irvine, TX	110	60			

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DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IS THE 10th OF THE MONTH

The following members sent in contributions:

Brian ALEXANDER, Mechanicsburg, PA	IC-7600, two 100' LW
Scott R. BARBOUR Jr., Intervale, NH	NRD545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole
Mark COADY, Peterborough, ONT	Alinco DX-8RT, G5RV & Angler antennas
Rich D'ANGELO, Wyomissing, PA	TenTec RX340, DX Sloper
Elliot FEINBERG, Brooklyn, NY	Sony 2010 with longwire
Steve HANDLER, Buffalo Creek, IL	Icom IC-7200, Tecsun PL-660, ICF-7600 GR
Glenn HAUSER, Enid, OK	FRG-7, SW-07, YB400 random wires
Ron HOWARD, Asilomar Beach, CA	etón E-1
Victor JAAR, Longueuil, QUE	R75, longwire
Jerry LINEBACK, Grantham, NH	RFSpace SDR-IQ and vertical closed loop
Chris LOBDELL, Salem, MA	etón E1-XM, 40m dipole
William McGUIRE, Cheverly, MD	DX-380
Robert MONTGOMERY, Levittown, PA	R390a, SE3, 5BTV vert., Clifton Labs active antenna
Richard PARKER, Pennsburg, PA	51S-1-X, R390A, SE3, ant. farm
Curt PHILLIPS, Raleigh, NC	Icom 756PRO III, R8B, R4B/FS4, E1
Harold SELLERS, Vernon, BC	E-1 and Sony AN-1 antenna
Mark TAYLOR, Madison, WI	Winradio g313e, E1, Sat 800, Flexenna, EWE
Robert WILKNER, Pompano Beach, FL	NRD535D, IC746Pro
Joe WOOD, Greenback, TN	Eton E1



2000-5900 kHz


Tropical Band Loggings

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- 2310 AUSTRALIA *VL8A* Alice Springs 1046-1049 EE; W ancr w/ pop mx prg in progress; 12/13. (Montgomery/FCDX-PA)
- 3195 USA *WWRB* Morrison 0434 World of Radio 1593 monitoring; confirmed on WWRB 3195 & 5051; after a respectful 40-second pause following the SC preacher; amen & amen; 12/2. (Hauser-OK)
- 3250 HONDURAS *R. Luz y Vida* San Luis 1120-1133 SS; Lite mx; M ancr w/ ID ancrment at BoH; talk over mx; W ancr at 1132 & sig rapidly f/out; poor; 11/18. (Barbour-NH) 0336-0402* EE lang relg prg; it has been a while since I last heard them; seemingly gone around 0402; weak but clear; 12/12. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 3290 GUYANA *GBC* Georgetown 0502 EE; BBC nx; poor; 11/15. (Sellers-BC) 2231-0300; Noted early but heard all evening w/ mx prgrming & M ancr w/ EE talk; IDs; ancrments; etc.; f-g; 12/11. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 3320 SOUTH AFRICA *R. Sondergrense* Meyerton 0210; Mx prg at t/ in; Kelly Clarkson tune; (T) ID; 12/12. (Montgomery/FCDX-PA)
- 3350H USA *WCBM* Chicago 2318-2330 EE; Football game Buffalo vs San Diego; a little over modulated but clear ID at t/in; dropped out at 2321; 12/11. (Montgomery/FCDX-PA)
- 3365 PNG *R. Milne Bay* Alotau 1140-1153 (P); Brief ancr between island mx; poor; 11/17. (Barbour-NH)
- 3975 VATICAN *Vatican Radio* Sta. Maria di Galeria 0459; IS; 0500 musical s/on; M ancr in listed Polish; very difficult through ham QRM; 11/15. (Sellers-BC)
- 3985 CROATIA *Hrvatski Radio* Deanovec 0310-0330 EE; M & W ancrs providing sked & contact info; then it was back to mx prgming including some Xmas stuff; good; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

- 4055 **GUATEMALA R. Verdad** Chicuumuls 0550-0607* Relg mx; Xmas mx; closing multi-lingual ID ancmnts at 0555; s/off w/ NA at 0602; poor in noisy condxs; 11/25. (Alexander-PA) 0526 Some Bach performed by vox w/ chorus instead of Klavier; nice S9+12 sig; 12/10. (Hauser-OK) 2334-0030 SS; Bird sounds; M ancw w/ Bible talk; M ancw w/ organ mx; ID at 0025 by M ancw; 0028 preacher w/ long talks; fair; 12/11 & 12. (Montgomery/FCDX-PA)
- 4450 **SOUTH KOREA V. of the People** Kyonggi-do 1325 W singing; w/ buzz jamming; //3480 where no jamming audible, but lcl noise lvl remains high; am lucky to pull anything thru it on either; 12/15. (Hauser-OK)
- 4716.7 **BOLIVIA R. Yura** Yura 1008-1024 W ancw w/ long talk followed by rustic vcls; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4746.9 **PERU R. Huanta 2000** Huanta 1014-1023 SS; M ancw w/ talk; ID & TC followed by OA vcls; poor; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4750 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar** Shavar 1150-1203 listed Bengali; Wailing, Hindi-like vcls; v. brief W ancw at 1154; (T) IS at 1200 followed by ancw; vcl mx coming thru OK; vox not so much; poor-v. poor; 12/5. (Barbour-NH)
- 4775 **PERU R. Tarma** Tarma 1017-1032 SS; Rustic OA vcls hosted by M ancw; p-f w/ slight CODAR; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4789.97 **INDONESIA RRI Fak Fak** 1207-1238 Heard again after having been off for a while; Jakarta nx relay already in progress at 1207; sound bite of the address given today by Secretary of State Clinton at the ASEAN summit being held in Bali; most nx items dealing w/ the summit; 1237 usual song that follows the nx; nx & song //Palangkaraya-3325 & Jakarta-9680; 1238 no longer //; not heard Nov 19 during this same time period; 11/18. (Howard-CA)
- 4800 **CHINA CNR-1** Geermu 1108-1122 CC; W ancw until ad string at 1110; various ancws w/ talk show-like banter; fair in ECCS-USB; 12/5. (Barbour-NH)
- 4810 **INDIA AIR Bhopal** 1513 Jingles & promos; W ancw in Hindi at 1514 w/ (P) nx; poor w/ CODAR; 12/10. (Sellers-BC)
- 4815 **BRASIL R Difusora Londrina** 1057-1059 PP; Heavy CODAR over mx prg; weak but totally audible; 12/13. (Montgomery/FCDX-PA)
- 4815 **ECUADOR R. El Buen Pastor** Saraguro 1038-1050 SS; M ancw w/ relg talk & Santa Maria's; choral mx at 1041; ancmnt/ad string at 1045; instrumental mx at 1049; poor; 12/6. (Barbour-NH)
- 4824.54 **PERU LV de la Selva** Iquitos 1053-1055 SS; V. weak; near noise floor w/ CODAR; 12/13. (Montgomery/FCDX-PA)
- 4825 **BRAZIL R. Canção Nova** Cachoeira 2320-2337 PP; M preaching; p-f; //9675-fair; 12/11. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4840 **INDIA AIR Mumbai** 1514 Hindi prgrming; //4810-Bhopal; fair; 12/10. (Sellers-BC)
- 4840 **USA WWCR** Nashville 0524-0539 EE; Prg network ID as "GCN Radio Network with Alex Jones"; prg re financial malfeasance of the world's bankers; ads for survivalist supplies such as food & gold; v. good; 11/25. (Wood-TN)
- 4860 **INDIA AIR Delhi** 0127 Hindi; M & W announcers w/ talk & vcl mx thru BoH; v. weak & poor; 11/16. (Barbour-NH)
- 4875 **BRAZIL R. Difusora Roraima** Boa Vista 0353-0403 PP (P); M & W ancws; getting murdered by "bubble jammer"; p-f; 12/7. (Parker-PA)
- 4885 **BRAZIL R. Clube do Para** Belem 0419-0425 PP; ID by M ancw & slow tempo pop ballads; poor; 11/25. (Wood-TN) 0602 Pounding in w/ PP pops; 80dB sig; exc.; 11/30. (Parker-PA)
- 4920 **INDIA AIR Shimla** 1234-1255 Hindi; W ancw w/ nx; some talk followed by flute mx; p-f but fading quickly; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4920 **TIBET Xizang PBS** Lhasa 1117-1132 listed Tibetan; M & W ancws over mx; mx bridges & ballads; no // noted; f-p; 11/29. (Barbour-NH)
- 4930 **BOTSWANA VOA** Moeppeng Hill 0301-0325 EE; M ancw w/ nx followed by several rpters re Africa from VOA News rpters; poor; 12/7. (D'Angelo-PA) 0317 "VOA Africa"; 40dB sig; good; 12/7. (Parker-PA)
- 4940 **CHINA V. of the Strait** Fuzhou 1509 EE; "Focus on China"; nx re China; poor; 12/10. (Sellers-BC)
- 4950 **CHINA V. of Puijiang** Shanghai 1142 CC; R & B blues-like mx!!; M & W banter over mx; poor; //5075-fair; 12/5. (Barbour-NH)
- 4960 **SÃO TOME VOA** Pinheira 0426 EE; "Daybreak Africa" w/ sports rpt & letters from listeners; fair; 11/15. (Sellers-BC)
- 4965 **ZAMBIA CVC** Lusaka 0344-0350 EE; Book of Jeremiah done like an animated radio drama; quite good!; big 70dB sig & outstanding audio; easily overcoming adjacent QRM; g-exc.; 12/7. (Parker-PA)
- 4970 **INDIA AIR Shillong** 1511 EE (P); W ancw w/ "end of our program" & listing some freqs; 1512 mx bridge; 1513 Hindi mx & talk; poor; 11/18. (Sellers-BC)
- 4974.9 **PERU R. Pacifico** Lima 0328-0337 (P); Traces of M ancw & mx; sig to 30dB & good, but audio was neck-in-neck w/ the noise; 12/7. (Parker-PA)

- 4985 **BRAZIL R. *Brasil Central*** Goiania 0324 PP; M & W ancrs; slow ballad; troubled by adj. channel "warble" QRM; still f-g w/ 35dB sig; 12/7. (Parker-PA)
- 4990 **INDIA AIR *Itanagar*** 1420-1425* Musical fanfare; "Good evening. This is All India Radio Itanagar. The news read by...The nation today remembered the first woman Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her 94th birth anniversary with President Pratibha Patil and Vice President Hamid Ansari among other prominent personalities...at her memorial Shakti Sthal on the banks of Yamuna", "The Union Minister was speaking at the 2nd Interstate Regional Conference of Tourism Ministers of Eastern and North Eastern States in Shillong on Friday", etc; lcl Itanagar wx conditions & temperatures; off after musical fanfare; poor; light China QRM. MP3 audio posted at <http://www.box.com/s/Oamt7gy2fOg0zdcjaeq7>; 11/19. (Howard-CA)
- 4990 **SURINAME R. *Apintie*** Paramaribo 0323 Motown song; colliding w/ (P) co-ch. AIR Itanagar; p-f; 12/6. (Parker-PA)
- 5010 **INDIA AIR *Thiruvananthapuram*** 1233-1242 Hindi; W ancr w/ nx; p-f; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 5010.18 **MADAGASCAR RTV *Malagasy*** Antananarivo 0211-0245 T/in to lcl vcl mx; IS at 0229; choral NA at 0229:22; Malagasy talk at 0231; lcl mx; poor in noisy condx; noted in pure AM mode for a change; 11/19. (Alexander-PA) 0218-0235 Lcl choral mx; short 20 second IS at 0226 followed by choral NA; opening ID ancmnts at 0228:30; Malagasy talk; lcl mx; fair; still b/casting in AM mode; 11/25. (Alexander-PA) 5010.19 0227-0240 T/in to lcl African mx; short 20 second IS followed by choral NA at 0231; opening ancmnts at 0233:30; Malagasy talk & lcl African mx; still in AM mode; weak & poor; 12/3. (Alexander-PA) *0208-0240 S/on w/ lcl African mx; African choral mx; short 25 second IS at 0232 followed by NA; opening ID ancmnts at 0235; Malagasy talk; lcl choral mx; poor & weak in noisy condx; 12/10. (Alexander-PA) 0226 Lcl lang; clear ID by M ancr at 0228 & sudden off; back at 0229 for a few seconds & off several times; finally back w/ mx at 0231; nice recepex w/ slight fades; 12/12. (Montgomery/FCDX-PA) 5010.1 0216-0239 Non-stop mx prg; W ancr in Malagasy w/ ID & ancmnts; back to mx but the fair sig was deteriorating rapidly; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 5019.9v **SOLOMON ISLANDS SIBC** Honiara 1144-1204* Island mx; ancr in (P) EE between selex's, sounds like taking listener requests; mx bit & W ancr at 1202 followed by NA; poor but audible when 5025-Rebelde not playing mx; 11/18. (Barbour-NH)
- 5025 **CUBA R. *Rebelde*** Havana 0428-0435 SS; Sounded like a Friday night dedication prg w/ many torch songs w/ W ancr; ID at BoH as "Radio Rebelde, Habana, The Voice of the Revolution." into nx; v. good; 11/12. (Wood-TN)
- 5030.03v **BHUTAN BBS** Thimpu 1244-1500:44*; 1244-1330 on air phone calls; 1330-1359 cute on air phone calls from young children singing songs; 1400-1423 talking followed by indigenous mx; 1500 ID in EE, "This is the new service of the Bhutan Broadcasting Service" & shortly off; MP3 edited audio in no particular chronological order w/ ID in EE at 1:01 - <http://www.box.com/s/jd191lp5lruprrrqorkr>; decent recepex; 12/16 they were testing txmitter; alternatively running full power & reduced power until about 1300; 12/17 not broadcasting here; 12/15. (Howard-CA) [reactivated/testing on 6035 too-ed.]
- 5035 **BRAZIL R. *Aparecida*** Aparecida 0133-0146 PP; M ancr w/ romantic ballads & pops; tuned them on 5034 w/ 2kc passband to eliminate splatter from mammoth 5040-RHC & their 40dB sig was actually pretty good; 12/6. (Parker-PA)
- 5039.1 **PERU R. *Libertad*** Junin 1018-1033 SS; Nice selex of OA mx; M ancr w/ talk; poor; 12/13. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA) 5039.18 1029-1035 Huayanos at t/in; M & W ancrs from BoH; poor; 12/6. (Barbour-NH)
- 5040 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0015 EE; For the third night in a row, RHC is in EE; the correct lang now according to its own skedinstead of Creole as on Nov 19; 11/22. (Hauser-OK)
- 5050 **CHINA *Beibu Bay Radio*** Nanning 1140-1200 listed Vietnamese; W ancr w/ lengthy talk; ballad at 1150; poor & pretty much unusable by ToH; //9820-audible under co-channel CNR-2; first time at my locale I've had so much as a whiff of BBR on this freq; 12/6. (Barbour-NH)
- 5580.17 **BOLIVIA R. *San José*** San José de Chiquitos 0020 (T); Noted here in S. Florida w/ fair sig; 11/19. (Wilknor-FL)
- 5790 **UNITED KINGDOM BBC** Wooferton 0440 AA; Ancr w/ talk; enormous 100+dB sig; exc.; 12/9. (Parker-PA)
- 5810 **JAPAN NHK** 0523-0529* EE; Talk re Japanese history; ID & abruptly off; 50dB sig w/ co-ch. DRM QRM; good; not listed here; 12/6. (Parker-PA) [probably some anomaly via 6100 & 5975 NHK, both via Sackville. How I have no clue. I think G. Hauser remarks about this from time-to-time in DXLD-ed.]
- 5820 **SOUTH AFRICA RTE *Radio Worldwide*** Meyerton 2012-2031* EE; Could make out tail end of features prg but hard to distinguish words although seemingly getting slightly better each minute; closed w/ instrumental mx followed by World Radio Network ID at 2029; nx headline followed by UN Radio prg before carrier was terminated; weak; 12/12. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

- 5830 **KUWAIT R. Farda** Umm Al-Rimam 0124 (P); Persian style mx w/ M ancr; poor; 12/6. (Taylor-WI)
- 5850 **SRI LANKA R. Farda** Irana Wila 2112 M ancrs w/ Farsi talk; poor; 12/15. (Lineback-NH)
- 5865 **FRANCE R. Algérienne** Issoudun *0358-0432 Opening instrumental w/ 5+1 pips at ToH as mx continued; 0401 M ancr in AA w/ ID & ancments; prg of recitations & short AA talks followed; fair; 11/27. (D'Angelo-PA) 0446 In talk w/ blockbuster 100+ dB sig; exc.; 12/9. (Parker-PA) 2115 Qur'an chant; good; 12/15. (Lineback-NH)
- 5875 **THAILAND BBC** Nakhon Sawa 2120 EE feature; poor; 12/15. (Lineback-NH)
- 5875 **UNITED KINGDOM BBC** Limassol 0448 AA; In talks; 75dB sig; exc.; 12/9. (Parker-PA)
- 5890 **USA WWCR** Nashville 0615 Brother Scare really in a lather, w/ self-imposed echo, just for emphasis?; 12/12. (Hauser-OK)
- 5900 **BULGARIA R. Bulgaria** Plovdiv 0550; Very interesting piece of mx; best described as techno/jazz/classical mix; pile driving 100dB sig; exc.; 12/6. (Parker-PA) 2123 FF; Instrumentals & M ancr w/ talk; good; 12/15. (Lineback-NH) 

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- 5910 **COLOMBIA Marfil Estéreo** 0352-0436 SS Christmas music with time pips at 0400 during music. M ancr in SS with ID and talk followed by more music programming with some light talking. Fair to good. 12/4/11 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5910 **COLOMBIA Alcaravan Radio** via Peurto Lleres 0816-0832 SS. M ancr w/ brief talk between LA mx selections; fair. 11/16/11 (Barbour-NH) Also heard 0847-0850 SS w/playing guitar with drum accompaniment and singing upbeat songs. M ancr between selections. Excellent. 11/12/11 (Parker-PA)
- 5925 **CHINA CNR-5** Beijing *1000 CC; Carrier & crash start w/ W announcer talk; //7620; fair. 11/21/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 5940 **RUSSIA Radio Rossii** via Magadan 0745-0802 RR; Two W announcers in discussion, joined by M; mx bridge & promos at 0758; pips & ID at ToH; W announcer w/nx; fair w/ lite 5930-MGS splash. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH) Heard also at 0834-0845 RR; M & W announcer over mx. Fair. //5930 Petro K -poor. 11/16/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 5950 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** 1318-1351 M talking about Kiribati. ID at 1319 ("You are listening to Radio New Zealand Int'l, Dateline Pacific"). End of program at 1329 followed by another ID "Radio New Zealand Int'l, the Voice of the Pacific." The Mailbox program began at 1330 with Silent Night opening followed by a DX Report about utilities listening. Fair. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 5975 **SINGAPORE BBC** 1517 English. Correspondent report on protests in Egypt. Fair. 11/18/11 (Sellers-BC)
- 5980 **RUSSIA BBC** via Krasnodar (P) 0142, in Hindi. Man with short items (apparently news.) Poor. 11/4/11 (Taylor-WI)
- 5990 **BRAZIL Radio Senado** via Brasilia *0750-0805, sign on with local music. Portuguese announcements at 0753. Opening ID announcements at 0801. Good. 12/2/11 (Alexander-PA) Head also at 0805-0830, local music. Portuguese anmts. ID. Fair to good. 11/25/11 (Alexander-PA) Also heard 0859-0906 long campo f/by talk by W. Excellent. 11/12/11 (Parker-PA)
- 5995 **MALI RTV Malienne** via Bamako 0657-0711 FF w/Indigenous mx; ancment into "tinny" percussion; ID at ToH; musical bridge & news w/ancmts. Mali & several sound bites; fair. 11/29/11 (Barbour-NH) Also heard 0740-0800* Vernacular talk. Local Afro-pop music. Local rustic African music. Sign off with flute IS. Poor in noisy conditions. Co-channel QRM from Radio Australia IS starting at 0758. 11/19/11 (Alexander-PA) Also heard 2156-2211 FF; Indigenous mx; ancr at ToH; discussion via phone w/different M; mx at 2211; poor. 12/11/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 5995 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** via Brandon 0854-0857 author speaking of US war crimes in the Middle East. Excellent. 11/12/11 (Parker-PA)
- 6010 **BRAZIL R. Inconfidencia** Belo Horizonte 2217-2227 PP; Ballads; "Inconfidencia!" zinger at 2224; brief announcer into familiar sounding '70s cover tune; good. 12/11/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 6010.08 **COLOMBIA LV de tu Conciencia** 0825-0840. English religious talk with SS translations. Slightly distorted audio. Poor with QRM from weak station on 6009.95. Probably Radio Mil. 11/19/11(Alexander-PA)

- 6030 **CANADA CFVP** (tent) Calgary 0849-0909 Noted here during the UTC Monday window when Radio Marti & Cuban jammer are both silent w/ snatches of ballad poking thru noise floor; sounds like C & W mx; no discernible ID noted at ToH; mx noted at 0902; talk at 0909; v.poor & barely audible during deep fades; will try again this coming Monday. 11/21/11 (Barbour-NH) Also heard 0923 w/country music, "Classic Country AM 10-60" promo. Fair. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 6055 **RWANDA Radio Rwanda** Kigali 2039-2100* vernacular; W announcer w/ Afropops & familiar call-in program format; W announcer over mx at 2053; vocal mx NA over native strings at 2057, not instrumental NA as I've always heard in the past; pulled the plug at 2100; language definitely not French; Fair. 12/6/11 (Barbour-NH) Heard also at 2040-2100*, Afro-pop music. Euro-pop music. FF and vernacular talk. Poor to fair. 12/10/11 (Alexander-PA) Also heard at 2047-2100* M ancr with FF talk followed by local vocal selection. Man returned at 2049 and continued talking until prgm ended at Top of the Hour when broadcast ended suddenly. Poor to fair. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6060 **CHINA PBS-2** via Sichuan (Presumed) 1415. Very interesting string instruments and also flute, possibly Tibetan. Fair. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 6075 **RUSSIA Radio Rossii** 1243-1300* techno music until brief announcement in Russian by a man announcer at 1258. Music continued until 5+1 time pips at 1300 before carrier was terminated. Fair with flutter. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA) Also heard 1259 ID, time signal 1300 and off a few sec later. RR Pet/Kam itself was much weaker than usual 11/24/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 6075 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** 2150 AA stronger than adjacent 6070 CFRX. Y11/26/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 6105 **GERMANY TWR Europe** via Nauen 0809-0817 EE; Relg talk re David & Psalm 58; brief schedule & TWR contact info at 0815; more relg talk re Martin Luther & priesthood; fair. 11/21/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 6110 **ETHIOPIA Radio Fana** 0414-0438 nice Horn of Africa vocals followed by two men with discussion in Amharic language. More HoA music followed by a woman with ID and long talk from 0426. Fair. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6115 **CHINA Voice of the Strait** via Fuzhou 1054-1116 Amoy language program with talks and music with 5+1 time pips at 1100. Poor to fair with flutter. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6134.83 **BOLIVIA Radio Santa Cruz** *0859-0925, sign on with choral music and Spanish talk. Flute IS at 0901 and opening Spanish ID announcements. Santa Cruz song at 0903 followed by local pop music. Fair. 11/25/11 (Alexander-PA)
- 6135 **BRAZIL Radio Aparecida** Aparecida 0938-0955 PP. LA ballads & talk. Fair-poor. //5035-poor. 11/17/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 6145 **SOUTH AFRICA BBC** via Meyerton, 0310-0330, EE. News items at tune in. Fair signal with fades. Talks about the Euro and the banks in Italy. id at 0314. 12/6/11 (Montgomery, PA)
- 6150 **NORTHERN CYPRUS Radio Bayrak Int'l** (tentative), 2234-2311 prgm of pop music with only ancmnt heard at 2302 in presumably Turkish language. More music programming. Periodically, heard some Chinese language programming fading up mixing with this. Poor. 12/11/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6155 **AUSTRIA "Radio Austria International"** 0559 IDs still being used, in German, English, French, Spanish, languages it no longer broadcasts otherwise, 0600 cut too late to news in German already in progress 12/6/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 6155 **BELARUS Radio Belarus** 2157-2213 group singing followed by musical fanfare at Top of Hour, ID and news with a woman announcer in English. News ended at 2205 followed by another ID into features. Poor to fair. No // heard. 12/11/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA) Heard also at 2240-2300* RR; Two W announcers w/ banter; folk like mx; ID in passing at 2254; brief announcer & mx bridge at 2258; W announcer into brief mx at 2300, then pulled the plug; fair-poor. 12/11/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 6160 **CANADA CKZN** Newfoundland 0255-0315 EE. Id and news items at toh. I noticed the xtmr power is 300 watts. A bit suprised. Fairly weak signal drifting below noise floor and back. 12/6/11 (Montgomery-PA) Also heard at 2100 EE w/report on global warming, and changing ocean species. Fair with deep fades 11/20/11 (Fraser-ME)
- 6165 **CHAD RN Tchadienne** via N'Djamena. *0427-0449. FF. S/on with national anthem and ID. OM anncr with prgm of African mx and US Blues. Much of the indigenous mx featured the "Thumb Piano." Fair. 11/25/11 (Wood, TN). Also heard 0429-0446 tuned in to hear a M ancr in French with phone calls from listeners with short music segments between phone calls. Must have opened earlier than usual *0430 today? ID by male host at 0436 between phone calls. Fair. 12/4/11 (D'Angelo-PA) Also heard omn 6164.96 at 2225-2359+, still on the air with an extended schedule. French and vernacular talk. Wide variety of Afro-pop, African hi-life music, Euro-pop plus a US pop ballad by Celine Dion. Poor to fair with some adjacent channel splatter. Covered by Radio Netherland at their 2359 sign on. 12/3/11(Alexander-PA)
- 6185 **MEXICO Radio Educacion** 0950-1000 SS Female announcer at 0952 with id then to male ann with station jingles. Nice reception with slight fades. Seemed to improve at toh. Mostly musical programming. 12/3/11 (Montgomery-PA)

- 6225 **OPPOSITION Democratic Voice of Burma** via Almaty-Nikolayevka, Kazakistan (Targeting Myanmar) 1434 M&W in presumed Burmese. Poor. 12/10/11 (Sellers-BC)
- 6260 **UZBEKISTAN CVC The Voice of Asia** via Tashkent 0044-0120, in possible Hindi Language. First noticed 11/23/11 but audio so low. Id is tentative. At ToH did hear a jingle but missed most of the id. "The voice of something" at 0107. Signal much better at 0110. 11/26/11 (Montgomery-PA) Also heard 1406 Hindi. Songs and man talking. Poor. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC) Also heard 0224, in Hindi. South Asian music, man joined by woman with extended talk. Poor. 11/4/11. (Taylor-WI) Heard also at 0327-0400* instrumental music followed by long talk in listed Hindi language for broadcast to India. Mentions of Pakistan later followed by two men talking. Soft instrumental music from 0357 until carrier cut at 0400. Poor to fair. 12/8/11 (D'Angelo-PA) Also heard 1450 Hindi. Songs and female speaker. Poor. 12/10/11 (Sellers-BC)
- 6270 **EGYPT Radio Cairo** 2331 in English about architecture of the pyramids. The modulation level was OK this time, but breaking up, plus a continuous loud whine of roughly half a kHz. This was not a heterodyne from some other signal, but transmitted by R. Cairo. 11/18/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 6285 **KOREA DPR VOK** 1407 Russian. Band and choir, male speaker. Fair. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 6348 **OPPOSITION Echo of Hope** via Korea (Targeting DPR Korea) 1420 Korean. W speaking. Poor, noise jammer. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 6600 **OPPOSITION Voice of the People** via Korea (Targeting DPR Korea) 1423 Korean. Man with a speech or commentary. Poor, noise jammer. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 7200 **AFGHANISTAN Radio Afghanistan** (tentative) 1535. Sounded like news and possibly English, 1540 music bridge and more talk, depending on ham radio QRM either LSB or USB was best, but very difficult copy. Very poor. 12/10/11 (Sellers-BC)
- 7240 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** 0423 EE. Ending "Ataturk, Rebirth of a Nation" feature, ID, 0424 "Foods of the Courts" recipe prgm. Fair, occasional hams, //9655 good. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 7245 **MAURITANIA Radio Mauritanie** 2258 FF & AA. M to top of hour with ID by W apparently in both FF & AA, brief talk, into interesting hybrid Afro - Arabic music. Fair. 11/28/11 (Taylor-WI) Also heard 2317-2343 AA w/male presenter speaking to people by telephone. I checked their web site and played the live broadcast audio and it was identical to the shortwave broadcast except the web audio was behind the shortwave broadcast by about thirty to forty seconds. Good. 12/3/11 (Handler-IL) IGIM also heard *0552-0630, abrupt sign on with AA talk. Local guitar music at 0557. Local chants and wailing with guitar accompaniment at 0601. Fair. 12/2/11 (Alexander-PA) Head also at 0633 AA talk over music, frequently mentioning Allah, crescendo to 0659, then 0700 break for ID, seems heavily accented FF or AA with a few FF words mixed in, such as 'Mauritanie', 'dimanche', into strumming with more talk. 11/27/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 7250 **RUSSIA/CHINA VOR** via Krasnodar & CRI via Urumqi, 2322 w/VOR on top with mailbag program in English. CRI audible under was // 7290 via Cerrik, Albania. Either would have been fair by itself, both together poor. 11/26/11 (Taylor-WI)
- 7255 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** 1114-1118 tuned in to familiar bells followed by English ID by man announcer ("This is HSK9, Radio Thailand World Service"). Into Khmer program. Good signal but fluttery. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 7260 **UNIDENTIFIED** 1036 Two stations colliding; presumably Xingjiang PBS-China w/ CC talk & Mongolian Radio 2-Mongolia w/ indigenous mx; fair-poor. 12/5/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 7270 **CHINA Nei Menguu PBS** Hohot (presumed) 1042-1103 listed Mongolian; M & W announcers w/ alternating talk & mx bridges; indigenous mx at 1055; brief M & W announcers at ToH; presumed ID over mx into M & W w/ nx; fair-poor in ECCS-USB; tentative //9705-v.poor. 12/5/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 7315 **OPPOSITION Radio Dabanga** via Issoudun (Targeting Sudan) *0428-0452. Arabic. Man singing "Radio Dabanga" song until 0429 opening ID and announcements in Arabic by another man. New followed at 0430 by a man announcer. Features followed after the news. Good signal. 11/19/11 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7320 **RUSSIA R. Rossii** Magadan 0725 is now one of the best signals on band, rivaling Tunisia 7335, but with BFO can tell the carrier is wobbling slightly, also producing a hum in the AM mode. Playing songs in FF at 0730 to dramatic reading in RR 0733 two Ids. 12/2/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 7330 **RUSSIA Voice of Russia** via Moscow 1830 English. ID, "News in Brief". Poor, //7270 Moscow very poor with ham QRM, 11985 Armenia poor, 12060 Moscow very poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC) Also heard 1837 EE w/story of a troublesome family. Fair-poor. 11/20/11 (Fraser-ME)
- 7335 **CHINA CNR 2** via Baoji 2347 Mandarin w/OM, 2 OM's maybe interview, 2353 YL, interview, OM, 2259 music 4+1 time pips, ID, NA, YL, 2 OM's alternating (interview?). Poor. 11/26/11 (Taylor-WI)
- 7365 **CHINA CNR-1** 1335-1345 Mandarin M & F presenters. Good signal. 11/20/11. (Handler-IL)
- 7375 **TUNISIA IWT** 0630*closes abruptly, apparently ex -0627* so reset the timer? IWT = short for the Arabic ID as in WRTH 2011: "Idh`atu-l-Wataniya at-Tunisiya". Since it's all in Arabic, why keep referring to it by French name? // 7335 continues, free of co-channel Vatican after 0620 12/4/11 (Hauser-OK)

385 **SEYCHELLES BBC** 0223-0245, EE w/nice copy with nice audio quality. News items at tune in. id at boh with news continuing. Signal level starting to fall off at 0237. Nice to hear the beeb on shortwave once again. 11/25/11 (Montgomery-PA)

385 **ASCENSION BBC** WS 0324-0345 EE M with report from Morocco. World Today ID at 0328 followed by BBC ID at 0329 and promo announcements for upcoming Libya program. TC at 0330 followed by BBC Network Africa. African news including a report from Nigeria . Fair to good. 12/1/11(D'Angelo-PA)

395 **MADAGASCAR Family Radio** 1846 English. Bible reading. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

400 **BULGARIA Radio Bulgaria** via Plovdiv 1845 EE w/Events & Developments program. Good. 11/15/11 (Fraser-ME) Also heard 1845 English. Discussing trade unions in Bulgaria. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

405 **CHINA CRI** 1839 English. Interview discussing economic development. ID. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

420 **CHINA Nei Menngu PBS Hohot** 1155-1205 CC; W announcer thru ToH; M & W announcer over mx at 1202; presumed nx at 1203 w/ remote rpt; poor; //9520-fair. 12/13/11 (Barbour-NH)

425 **MADAGASCAR Radio Netherlands** 1906 English. "The State We're In" interviewing a jailed US Senator. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

425 **KUWAIT VOA** 2233-2238 EE; Obama soundbites re Iraq & Afghanistan; voanews.com URL & promos; more nx re Syrian gov't ; fair in ECCS-LSB; //7560-same. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH)

450 **GREECE Radiofonikos Stathmos Makedonias** ERT-3 2149-2217 Greek music until 2200 ID by woman announcer in Greek over music. Man with news until 2204. Another ID and several announcements. More Greek music. Fair to good. 11/19/11 (D'Angelo-PA)

465 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** 1303-1323 W ancw w/talk (news?) in Japanese language. Male vocals at 1311 followed by closedown at 1313 in Japanese then in English followed by bells. Poor to fair with flutter. Carrier cut but antenna apparently re-oriented as returned with slightly stronger signal and Mandarin language transmission. 12/13/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

465 **ALBANIA Radio Tirana** 2031-2037 GG; S/on in progress w/ several IDs; W announcer w/ nx; fair. 12/6/11 (Barbour-NH)

490 **THAILAND BBC** 2333-2336 EE w/story about Ecuadorian hydroelectric project. Excellent. 11/13/11 (Parker-PA)

530 **ALBANIA Radio Tirana** 2215 S9+22 signal which ought to be plenty, but it's under modulated, and already in the music-fill portion of the semi-hour broadcast in EE. Comparing to India 7550, slightly weaker at S9+20 and less solid, but quite louder with its music 11/26/11 (Hauser-OK)

570 **KOREA DPR VOK** 1901 SS. Nat'l anthem, s/on ancmts, chorus. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

620 **CHINA CNR-5-V. of Zhonghua** Beijing 1105-1113 CC; W announcer & mx bits; CNR fanfare; brief ballad at 1109; announcer over mx; fair as was //5925. 12/13/11 (Barbour-NH)

235 **ISRAEL Galei Zahal** 0453 Hebrew. Man speaking with music in background, later into Israeli song. Fair. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

305 **EGYPT Radio Cairo** 0659 AA extremely distorted audio but they're right on the button in closing down: 0700 full strike of the Cairo version of Big Ben (what do they call him?), and immediately off the air at 0700.6*. 11/23/11 (Hauser -OK)

370 **SRI LANKA Deewa Radio** via Iranawila (P), 0114, in Pashto. Male announcer speaking slowly with mention of Afghanistan several times. Fair. Weak station peaking at 9369.9 barely audible - WTJC? 12/6/11 (Taylor-WI)

380 **OPPOSITION Radio Free North Korea** via Tashkent (presumed) (Targeting DPR Korea) *1200-1224 M&Ww/Korean talks. Poor to fair with some fluttery conditions. 12/1/311 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

390 **KAZAKHSTAN Family Radio Int'l** via Almaty 1205-1224 M announcer in vernacular; mx at 1217 & W announcer; ballad; WYFR URL at 1223; fair-good. 11/29/11 (Barbour-NH)

405 **PHILIPPINES FEBC** via Bocaue (P) 2305 in Mandarin. Announcer talk, vocal song, woman announcer, Western instrumental hymn, male leading into longer talk by woman, 2313 another Western hymn. 11/3/11. (Taylor-WI)

410 **CHINA CNR-5** via Beijing 1100 CC. M & W announcers over mx; //7620; both fair-good. 11/15/11 (Barbour-NH)

410 **SEYCHELLES BBC** 1833 English. ID, website, interview with a protester at Occupy Wall Street. Fair. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

425 **INDIA AIR National Channel** via Bangaluru 1319, AIR IS we never tire of hearing, 1320 to Vande Mataram; 1321 announcement mentioning kHz and meter bands, 1322 music. // 9470 where the strength is about equal, but much weaker modulation, 11/15/11 (Hauser-OK)
Also heard 1355-1406 Hindi w/W presenter and songs. At 1500-1505 tuned back in and they were in English w/M newsreader. Poor-Fair but in the clear and understandable. 11/20/11. (Handler-IL)

- 9430 **PHILIPPINES FEBC** via Bocaue 1108-1117 EE/CC; M announcer in EE re film "The Sound of Music; W w/ CC translation; mx from film; URL at 1113 that I couldn't fully copy & Manila contact info; M&W ancrs at 1115 w/ talk; phone fx & talk over mx. Good. 11/15/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9445 **INDIA AIR** via Bangaluru 1900 English. ID, news. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC) Also heard at 2215, ending commentary on Syrian crisis, into feature on arts/film festival in Panaji. Best here but // 11670 and hummy 7550. Enjoy the dynamic sound of ionospheric India while you can, as they vow to replace *all* 54 SW transmitters, domestic and external, with DRM by 2015, all analog off by 2017 11/20/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 9470 **PAKISTAN Radio Pakistan** via Islamabad, 1702-1717 woman announcer with English language news. ID at 1710 followed by presumed Urdu language program with male vocals and ancmts Poor but presumably will get better as winter approaches. 11/19/11 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9490 **PHILIPPINES RCI** Tinang (presumed) 1136-1159* CC. M anc w/ talk; remote rpt w/ crowd noise at 1142; ballad; soundbites in unid. language w/ CC translation; M & W ancrs over mx at 1158; pulled the plug mid-sentence; no discernible ID noted. Fair-good. 11/15/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9500 **GERMANY Family Radio** via Wertachtal 1933. Signature hymn music, man with s/on, Arabic is listed, but very difficult to understand. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9520 **CHINA PBS Nei Menggu** via Hothot, 1359 Mandarin. M&W announcers alternating, 1400 time pips, group singing, apparent ID, alternating ancrs. Poor at about the same level as Radio Veritas Asia in Sinhala switching to Tamil on the same frequency. 12/11/11 (Taylor-WI)
- 9526 **INDONESIA Voice of Indonesia** 1418 Indonesian. "Voice of Indonesia" ID, talk and music bridges. Back on this frequency from 9525. At 1458 CRI was on 9525 in English causing a big het that destroyed VOI. Poor. 12/10/11(Sellers-BC)
- 9535 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** 2035-2047 man and woman announcer with news in English. ID at 2040: "You're listening to Radio Thailand news." Promo announcement from Air Asia. Followed by International Update. Bells at 2045 followed by opening of Thai language program Fair. 12/11/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9595 **JAPAN Radio Nikkei** Tokyo-Nagara 1121-1134 listed JJ; W & M announcer into classical-like mx; animated announcer at 1125 into plodding, caliope-like mx thru BoH, sounded like a vinyl album played at the wrong speed; fair; //6055-poor. 12/6/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9570 **CHINA CRI** 0000 EE Id, report on Syria and ment. Of Italy. Good. 11/16/11 (McGuire-MD)
- 9580 **GABON Africa Numero Un** 1915 French. Pop music, male announcer, 1918 ID. Good. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9600 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** 2200 CH IS, Bells, ID relg primg. Good. 11/10/11 (McGuire-MD)
- 9605 **SPAIN REE** 1938 English. Pop music, announcer, more music. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9615 **PHILIPPINES RIVA** Palauig 1016-1031 CC; "Live" discussion of sorts; ballad w/ M & W talk over; W announcer w/ banter at 1027, a few bars of Amazing Grace at 1030 into more banter; fair-good. 12/5/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9620 **INDIA AIR** via Aligarh 1311-1329 Listed a Sindhi with music/male singing. Fair-poor. Overcome with noise by 1329. //7340 JBA. 12/2/11 (Handler-IL)
- 9635 **MALI RTVM** *0800:37-0820 French sign on with flute IS and opening French ID announcements. Continuous local rustic African tribal music at 0801. Fair to good. 11/19/11 (Alexander-PA)
- 9655 **TURKEY VOT** *0357-0409 EE. IS with periodic "This is the Voice of Turkey" IDs by a woman announcer. EE program opened at 0400 with 5+1 time pips. ID, opening ancmts and news ready by a woman announcer. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. 11/19/11 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9680 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** 1932-1959* M&W ancrs in EE with news. ID at 1939 followed by a couple of ads for power company and insurance outfit. More IDs followed by Sports, Bells at 1959 followed by closedown ancmts for this European Service, Poor to fair. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9690 **INDIA AIR** via Bengaluru 1438 English. Man and woman acknowledging listeners' reception reports and letters. Poor. 11/21/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9700 **BULGARIA Radio Bulgaria** 0000 Bulgarian IS, Id, Freq. Sch. And Nat'l news. Good. 10/30/11 (McGuire-MD)
- 9705 **ETHIOPIA Radio Ethiopia** *0258-0315, sign on with IS and opening announcements. National Anthem at 0259. Chimes at 0300 and into Amharic talk. Some Horn of Africa music. Fair. 11/24/11 (Alexander-PA) Also heard 2040-2101* Amharic Local Horn of Africa style music. Amharic talk. Sign off with National Anthem at 2059. Poor in noisy conditions. 11/18/11 (Alexander-PA)
- 9705 **CHINA Voice of Pujiang** Shanghai 1159-1218 CC. Mx at t/in; brief M at 1201 followed by more ballads; format of W announcer between selections from 1206 thru t/out. Fair. //5075-poor. 11/16/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9705 **SOUTH AFRICA Family R.** 1904 EE. Bible reading from Judges. Fair. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9725 **TUNISIA Radio TV Tunisia** 1951-2010* Arabic Middle Eastern music to 2000 ID followed by man announcer with news in Arabic. Carrier cut at 2010 in mid-sentence but seemingly at end of news. Fair. 11/20/11 (D'Angelo-PA)

- 1730 **VIETNAM V. of Vietnam** via Sontay 2050-2103 EE/FF; W ancw w/ soundbites in (P) Vietnamese w/ EE translation; lite, jazz-like ballad; W ancw at 2057, cut off mid-sentence; IS at 2100 into FF service; M & W ancws w/ nx; fair at t/in; booming signal after 2100. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 1740 **SINGAPORE BBC** 1026-1035 EE w/slight flutter with weak reception. Sports talk at tune in. "Sports World" Id heard at 1029 by male announcer. 12/3/11 (Montgomery-PA)
- 1745 **BAHRAIN Radio Bahrain** (presumed), 2153-2225 program of continuous Middle Eastern vocals without any announcements. Poor to fair. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 1785 **CANADA RCI** 2301 SS Id, mainly national, regional news, ment. Nebraska. Good. 11/10/11 (McGuire-MD)
- 1805 **FRANCE Radio France Int'l** 0444 English. "Paris Live" with news from France. Good. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 1820 **BRAZIL R. 9 de Julho** (presumed) Sao Paulo 0848-0915 PP; Ballads & W ancw over mx; ancmt at ToH tho discernible ID noted; M & W ancws w/ talk; ancmt mentioning Brazil at 0910 & tentative ID jingle; poor at t/in; much improved by t/out. 11/21/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 1830.03 **ERITREA Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea** 0320-0335 Vern. Local Horn of Africa pop music. Vernacular talk. // 9730.03. Both 9 MHz frequencies with weak modulation. Good signal on // 7174.99. 11/19/11(Alexander-PA)
- 1835 **MALAYSIA RTM Sarawak FM** (presumed) Kajang 1109-1133 listed Malay; W announcer at t/in; mx bridge at 1110 & tentative jingle ID; ballads & pop mx; M & W announcers at BoH; mx at 1133; fair; would really like to check //11665 but freq dominated by CRI from 1100. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH) Also heard 1126-1202 woman announcer with Malay talks hosting traditional music program. Poor. 12/13/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA) Also heard at 1500 Bahasa Malaysian. Time pips, woman with mention of "Salam" which might have been a "Salam FM" ID, also heard "RTM" ID, into news headlines and news. Fair. 11/21/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9840 **VIETNAM V. of Vietnam** via Sontay 1042-1102 listed Indo/JJ; M announcer w/ talk; lengthy format of W ancw between mx bits; off at 1058; back with JJ service at *1100; fair at best; //12020-good; after 1100, 12020-inaudible & 9840-fair. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH) Also heard 1138-1158* W ancw with news in English, several IDs plus a commentary. Closed with ID and traditional Vietnamese vocals. Poor. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9840 **USA WRMI** 1946 English. Preacher quoting Bible verses. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9855 **RWANDA DW Radio** 0441 English. "Spectrum" science and technology news. Good, //7350 good, 6180 very poor under QRM. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 9870 **INDIA AIR** via Bangaluru 0120-0135, Hindi. ID hrd at 0126 by female ann. Fair signal with co-channel noise. News items with music mix. Nice local music at 0130. 11/19/11 (Montgomery-PA) Also heard 1346-1355 Hindi w/W presenter and songs. Fair but clear signal with no interference. 11/20/11 (Handler-IL)
- 9880 **GUAM AWR** Agat 1242-1230* KK; M announcer w/ relg talk; W announcer at 1253; ballad at 1257 & pulled the plug at 1230 sharp; fair. 11/22/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9885 **BOTSWANA VOA** 0417-0429* EE M ancw interviewing Congressman Frank Woolf who had just written a new book discussing human rights. VOA News ID as program closed followed by editorial. Good signal. 11/19/11 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9890 **CHINA CNR-13** via Lingshi 1114-1134 listed Uighur; Alternating M & W announcers between mx bits; talk over dramatic mx & police sirens at 1128, sounds like a radio drama promo; lite mx at BoH & M announcer w/ ID; CNR fanfare into M talk; fair-good; //9420-poor. 12/13/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9895 **MOLDOVA Radio Nederlands Int'l** via Kishnev 0614 Dutch with talk about Amsterdam barber shops. Excellent. // 9865 via Bonaire. 11/11/11 (Parker-PA)
- 9900 **SINGAPORE BBC** WS 1343, fair signal with B-B-C- chimes; 1344 opening in Burmese. 11/23/11(Hauser-OK)
- 9920 **GUAM KSDA-AWR** 1407-1412 Mandarin with women presenter speaking. Fair-Good. 12/5/11 (Handler-IL)
- 9930 **PALAU T8WH** Koror 0939-0957 EE w/contemporary relg mx; M ancw at 0957 w/ book offer & South Bend contact info; fair-poor. 11/21/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 9965 **PALAU T8WH** 1409-1423 w/M&W presenters talking. Fair-poor. 12/5/11 (Handler-IL)
- 9965 **OPPOSITION Nippon no Kaze- il bon ue baram** via Koror, Palau (Targeting DPR Korea). 1542-1559 Korean with talk by M&F along with music and what appeared to be the mentioning of name of abductee. Fair. 11/24/11 (Handler-IL)
- 9975 **GUAM KTRW-Trans World Radio** 1424-1430 in Mandarin. female presenter speaking. Freq listed by Aoki as Cantonese and by HFCC as Mandarin. BC I heard was Mandarin. 12/5/11 (Handler-IL)
- 11520 **KAZAKHSTAN Family Radio** 1434 Urdu (listed). Instrumental hymn, male preacher. Fair. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC)

- 11530 **OPPOSITION Denge Mezopotamia** via Simferopol, Ukraine (Targeting Kurdistan region) 1325-1340 Kurdish music and talk by M&W ancrs. 12/3/11 (Handler-IL) Also heard 1407-1420 Kurdish with songs and music. 11/20/11 (Handler-IL)
- 11600 **LIBYA Radio Television Libya** 1654-1718 FF w/light instrumental music with M ancr talking. ID at 1700 followed by more instrumental music programming and occasional FF language talks. Poor with deep fades but steadily improving to fair by tune out. 12/4/11 (D'Angelo-PA) Heard also at 1700-1806* audible after Radio Bulgaria's DRM broadcast sign off at 1700. French talk. Many music bridges of "Douce France" song. Classical music. IDs as Radio-Télévision Libye - Radio Libye de la capital Tripoli." Poor in noisy conditions at 1700 but improved to a fair level by 1710. 11/24/11 (Alexander-PA) Also heard 1722-1804* French talk. Many music bridges of "Douce France" song. Lite classical music. IDs as Radio Télévision Libye and Radio Libye. Sign off with "Douce France" song. Fair. 11/15/11 (Alexander-PA)
- 11605 **SOUTH AFRICA R. France Int'l** via Meyerton 0512 FF with talk. Good. 11/22/11 (Parker-PA)
- 11610 **OPPOSITION Radio Voice of the People** via Madagascar (Targeting Zimbabwe), 0400-0422 M ancr with news in EE with ID and frequency announcements at 0402 inviting listeners to "Stay tuned". After a brief segment of instrumental music news in a local language commenced. Several IDs as local languages continued to tune out. Fair. 12/8/11 (D'Angelo-PA) Also heard (Tentative, listed in B-11 HFCC) via Talata-Volonondry Madagascar (Targeting DPR Korea) in Vern w/talks, abrupt off. Poor-fair. 11/22/11 (Parker-PA)
- 11620 **INDIA AIR** via Delhi-Khampur1338-1356 English. News followed by main points, commentary, and music. Fair declining to poor. 12/2/11 (Handler-IL)
- 11655 **MADAGASCAR Radio Netherlands** 1822 English. Believe it was the "Earthbeat" program with a feature on "The Endangered Muslims". Good. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC) Also heard 1900 EE w/The State We're In program. Good w/slight flutter //11615 via Santa Maria Galeria, Vatican. Good. 11/20/11 (Fraser-ME)
- 11660 **TAJIKISTAN Voice of Russia** 1442 English. Interview followed by discussion, 1446 ID. Very poor. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 11670 **INDIA AIR** via Bangaluru 1819 English. Talking about history of Delhi College. Fair, //7550 Delhi fair. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 11690 **SOUTH AFRICA Radio Okapi** via Meyerton 0445 in Lingala. M&W ancrs, short bridges of tribal music. Excellent. 11/22/11 (Parker-PA)
- 11710 **ARGENTINA RAE** 0227-0300, EE. F ancr. Weak but audible. M ancr at 0236 w/news items. Tentative id heard at 0237 by F ancr. Reception at times marginal to difficult. Local mx at 0246. 0250 dx in cw heard. Dropped down but think it to be dx report.0254 dx in cw heard again. IS started at 0258 till 0300. 11/29/11 (Montgomery-PA) Also heard on 11710.8 at 0251-0307 w/English features with a M ancr followed by a woman with closing ID and ancmts at 0254. Tango music closed program. Multi-lingo IDs beginning at 0259 with 5+1 time pips at 0300 with a M commencing the FF program. Fair but fluttery. 12/7/11 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11765 **BRAZIL R Tupi** 0225-0240, PP. Preacher ranting on and on. Id presumed. Fair signal. Some fades but audible. 11/30/11 (Montgomery-PA)
- 11765 **BRAZIL Súper Rádio Deus é Amor** 2302 full ID for MW, SW on 6060, 9565, 11765, "24 horas no ar". Poor signal with flutter, 11/26/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 11780 **BRAZIL Rádio Nacional de Amazona** 0202-0222, PP. Lots of jingles and local tunes. id heard at 0216 by male announcer. Nice audio with some fades. Good signal level. id again at 0220 with station jingle. 11/30/11 (Montgomery-PA) Also heard 2246, PP. Music. 12/3/11 (Handler-IL)
- 11800 **OPPOSITION Sudan Radio Service** via Dhabayya, UAE (Targeting Sudan/Darfur area) 0524 Arabic with IDs mentioning "Darfur", talks and music bridges. Excellent. 11/22/11 (Parker-PA)
- 11820 **OMAN BBC World Service** 0422 Arabic with talks. Excellent. 11/22/11 (Parker-PA)
- 11880 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 1909 English. News, ID. Fair. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 11890 **SINGAPORE BBC** 1452 English. Report on involvement of the Arab League in recent North Africa events. Poor. 11/18/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 11960 **JORDAN Radio Jordan** 0547. Great lively ME music. 0600 widely-spaced (2 seconds apart?) time signal ending 5.5 seconds late! Arabic ID starts "Sawt ul-Urdan" I think, before cut off the air abruptly. 11/18/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 12020 **VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam** via Sontay, 2325 Indonesian. Few words by an ancr traditional Vietnamese music, 2328 announcer with program end. Dead air for about 1 minute. 2330 s/on in Indonesian with ID. Fair. 12/5/11 (Taylor-WI)
- 12085 **MONGOLIA Voice of Mongolia** *1030-1058* W ancr with ID and opening of EE prgm followed by news. Later it was time for the mailbag prgm with a letter from Alan Loudell. Closed with a Mongolian folk tune. Poor to fair with a lot of flutter. 12/13/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 12095 **CYPRUS BBC** 1835 English. Interview with Occupy Wall Street protester. Poor. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)

- 12095 **PHILIPPINES FEBC Radio** *2252-2329* IS mixing with ID announcements under BBC-Ascension which eventually closed at 2259 leaving this in clear with fair signal. Hmong program featuring a very long talk by a man announcer after one song. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 12140 **KUWAIT Radio Azadi** 0520-0524 Pashto. Good. 11/22/11 (Parker-PA)
- 13570 **GERMANY VOA** via Lamperheim 1517 English. "Border Crossings" program reporting on the American Music Awards. Fair, ute QRM. 11/21/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 13590 **ZAMBIA CVC-1Africa** via Lusaka 2012-2023 EE; Contemporary relig mx; M announcer w/ "Kick-start" prg; question re definition of love; CVC promos; more mx; listener (e-mail?) from Zimbabwe; talk re "Kickstart on 1Africa Radio" Facebook page; good. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 13645 **INDIA AIR** via Bangaluru 1513. IS, 1515 s/on in Gujarati. Very poor, //15175, poor, which I had first heard a couple of days ago. 11/21/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 13745 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** 0008-0032 usual man and W ancr with live news in EE with several IDs: "You're listening to Radio Thailand news." Ancmts for Bangkok Airways Cargo, Department of Trade Int'l Promotion, Air Asia and Hyatt Regency. Mention of The King and many wonderful things he has done. Apparent antenna change at 0029 when signal briefly lost but came back at slightly reduced level with Business Report. Fair to good. s and Promo announcement from Air Asia. Followed by Int'l Update. Bells at 2045 followed by opening of Thai language program. Fair. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 13970 **OPPOSITION Sound of Hope** via Taiwan (Targeting PRC-China) 1350-1400 Mandarin W speaking. In the clear with no jamming. Unusual as Firedrake normally jams this frequency. Fair-poor signal. 12/8/11 (Handler-IL)
- 15075 **INDIA AIR** via Bangaluru 0241 nice S Asian vocal music, with flutter, 0247 talk. 11/16/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 15120 **NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria** via Ikorodu 1816 English. Program about entrepreneurship in Nigeria. Fair. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC) Also heard 1817-1833 EE; W announcer w/ "Beyond Poverty Lines" prg re "broken populations & broken economies"; soundbites from various gov't officials; prg ID at 1828 & VoN ID in passing; filler mx; Talking Drums at BoH into new prg, whose name I did not copy; fair. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 15140 **OMAN Radio Oman** 1420-1442 pop music program to 1430 ID followed by news in English. News ended at 1438. Poor and fading badly by tune out. 12/12/11 (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA) Also heard 1430 is no longer so rare with improved conditions, but never a very good signal. At tune-in playing military march tune, presumed their version of news theme. Into headlines with music underneath, undermining readability even tho American accent. At 1431.5 kills the music for body of news, but still tough copy 11/18/11 (Hauser-OK) Heard also at 1936-2002 AA; M announcer between mx bits; occasional talk by M announcers via remotes; mx fanfare at ToH & (P) ID; NA "The Sultans Anthem" into M announcer w/ nx; poor at t/in; much improved by 2000. 12/12/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 15175 **INDIA (GOA) AIR** via Panaji 1514. IS, 1515 man with s/on, mentioning New Delhi, language listed as Gujarati, Indian music. Good. 11/19/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 15189.89 **BRAZIL Radio Inconfidência** 2229-2244 Portuguese talk. US pop ballad by the Bee Gees. Brazilian ballads. IDs. Fair. Weak // 6009.99. 12/3/11 (Alexander-PA) Also heard on 15190 at 2311 is playing the 2nd movement from Beethoven's "Pathétique" piano sonata. Signal is pretty rough with flutter, like Argentina on 15345+. Perhaps this is a regular classical program on Sundays 11/20/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 15200 **TURKEY VOT** 1543-1612 AA Middle Eastern music programming until 1551 when Arabic announcements were heard followed by VoT IS. Several multi-lingo IDs until 5+1 time pips and more Arabic language programming with news. Poor. 12/4/11 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15215 **UAE FEBA** via Dhabayya 1222-1229* listed Tibetan; Hindi-like ballad; M ancr at 1226; mx bit & diff. ancr w/ s/off ancm; IS at 1229 & pulled the plug; Fair. 11/22/11 (Barbour-NH)
- 15320 **GUAM KSDA AWR** 2238 w/Wavescan underway cut off the air at 2259* 11/20/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 15345.0+ **ARGENTINA Radio Nacional** 2159 escaped collision with Morocco as the latter unexpectedly shifted yesterday to 15349.5 and then 15349.1. LRA has heavy flutter unlike Morocco, and a big 4+kHz het between them now allows separation; LRA is closer to 15345 than IMM is to 15349). Song in progress keeps playing thru accurate auto-time signal at 2200. Not totally in the clear until IMM cuts off around 2215 rather than nominal 2200, and then LRA continues into the evening, but copy is tough with all the flutter and only fair signal. 11/20/11 Also heard 2159 RAE IS at end of foreign-language block, German, about to go to weak and fluttery Spanish, but with splatter from MOROCCO 15349.1, 4+ kHz het. 11/21/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 15349.1 **MOROCCO IMM** 1811 has shifted down to here after being closer to 15349.5 in the 15 UT hour as heard earlier same day. Sounds like sports discussion in Arabic. IMM has a constant whine on its own transmission here, distinct from any hets it may cause with on-frequency stations. 11/19/11. Also heard at 2158 is still on its latest frequency choice, away from Argentina on

- 15345.0+ (the latter is closer to 15345 than IMM is to 15349), which is a big improvement, but not quite enough, as het beats away between them now; 2200 is the nominal closedown time of IMM, but keeps going with Arabic ID, news. Finally cuts off around 2215. 11/20/11. Heard also at 2200 Arabic modulation stops at 2200 sharp, no time signal, cuts off the air at 2200:25*; unlike previous days when ran to 2215 or even 2235+; 11/23/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 15535 **OPPOSITION Radio Dabanga** via Wertachtal (Targeting the Darfur Region), Germany 1537-1550 Arabic w/male presenter and male speakers. Id by M at 1543 followed by a W speaking and then a M speaking interviewing others. Radio Dabanga is a project of Press Now/Free Press Unlimited which is headquartered in the Netherlands. Fair-Good w/het. 12/6/11 (Handler-IL) Also heard 1623 R. Dabanga jingle with multiple singing IDs as soon as I tune in. Also with continuous 1000 Hz tone jamming; recheck at 1707 Radio Dabanga is over, but the tone jammer is still running with a considerable carrier of its own. 11/24/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 15580 **BOTSWANA VOA** 1831 English. Report on African sports. Good. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 15650 **GREECE V. of Greece** 2315 Greek music on VG signal, then Greek announcement. // 9420 11/20/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 17650 **MADAGASCAR NHK** 2032, surprised to hear NHK IS & IDs in JJ and EE until 2033:40, plus open carrier until 2035:20*. It's the new French broadcast 11/22/11 (Hauser-OK)
- 17695 **ZAMBIA CVC-1Africa** 1919 English. Christian rap music, British DJ with "Kick Start" program. Very good. 11/15/11. (Sellers-BC) 21840 **ASCENSION Family Radio** 1530 English. Man giving address in Nigeria, into "Searching the Scriptures" Fair-good. 11/19/11. (Sellers-BC)
- 17745 **OPPOSITION Sudan Radio Service** via Woofferton, England (Targeting Sudan Area) 1508- with woman presenter interviewing people via either telephone or sound clips. Good. 12/6/11 (Handler-IL)
- 17790 **CANADA Radio Canada** 1850 EE M&W hosting a pop music program. Good. //9770 via Skelton Good 11/15/11 (Fraser-ME)
- 21480 **MADAGASCAR RNW** 1437 test from Madagascar of used transmitter from Sweden heard again, 'Earthbeat' show [...] Good strength but flutter and heavy Doppler effect making the frequency wobble with BFO on. 11/23/11 (Hauser-OK) Also heard 1545-1557* test transmission with English talk about Africa. IDs. Very good. 11/24/11 (Alexander-PA)

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WORLD OF RADIO SHORTWAVE SCHEDULE

as of December 25, 2011 --- Days and times strictly UT

Note: WRMI has reduced its SW schedule, including WOR repeats, adding more relays of Radio Marti. Additional airings on webcast only continue. Further changes expected in January. Link to WRMI program grid, audio: <http://www.wrmi.net>

Thu 2200 WTWW 9479

Thu 2230 WBCQ 7490 [sometimes 2200]

Fri 0430v WWRB 3195 [// 5050 suspended?]

Fri 0600 WRMI 9955

Sat 0900 WRMI 9955

Sat 1600 WRMI 9955

Sat 1830 WRMI 9955

Sun 0500 WTWW 5755

Sun 0900 WRMI 9955

Sun 1630 WRMI 9955

Sun 1830 WRMI 9955

Mon 0330v WBCQ 5110v-CUSB Area 51 [alternate weeks?]

Tue 1030 Hamburger Lokalradio 5980 - Germany

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<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

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Podcasts, from WORLD RADIO NETWORK:

<http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541>

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Best of DX in 2012 to all NASWAnS, 73, Glenn Hauser

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