

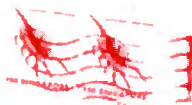
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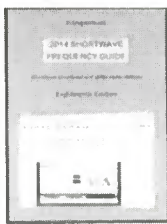
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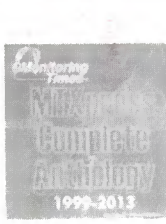
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We start this month off with some sad news. Long time club supporter and former editor **Bob Montgomery** passed away on March 6th. Bob edited a number of columns over the years and frequently helped out around the Levittown HQ. Bob was also a regular at the French Creek DXpeditions and the Winter SWL Festival over the years. Rest in peace, om!

We had another successful Winter SWL Festival at the Plymouth Meeting location on 14-15 March. About 115 radio hobbyists packed the Doubletree for the event. Thanks to Co-Festmeisters **Rich Cuff** and **John Figliozzi** and a big thank you to the usual large team of volunteers that make this event happen each year. Also, a special "thank you" to **Ed Mauger** who singlehandedly manned the club's table at the event. This year **Don Jensen** was posthumously selected by NASWA's Executive Council as the club's William P. Eddings award recipient as the member of the year. Don was the main force behind the club's move to all shortwave broadcast back in the mid-1960's and worked closely with Bill Eddings during the early years. Don remained a long time club supporter including donating many of this radio memorabilia to the club to turn into cash through sales to the hobby community. Next year we do it all over again on the 27-28 February 2015.

From **John Herkimer**, Chair, NASWA Country List Committee comes the following update on the radio country situation in the Crimea area: "Recent events in Crimea have caused speculation that a new NASWA radio country may be emerging. The NASWA Country List Committee has briefly discussed the implications of events in Crimea as it relates to the listening hobby and, specifically, the Simferopol transmitter site. For country counting purposes, the Crimea region has long been considered Ukraine. With the

formal annexation of Crimea by Russia on March 21st, the Crimean Peninsula simply becomes Russia (Russian Fed.-European). While the dust has not completely settled in the region, we feel Crimea does not merit separate radio country status at this time."


Kari Kivekäs, Secretary General of EDXC and **Jan-Mikael Nurmela**, Assistant Secretary General of EDXC have sent official notification about the 2014 European DX Council conference to be held in the Southern France on 19-22 September 2014. The first part of the conference (19-21 September) will take place in a beautiful small village Saint-Dalmas de Tende situated approximately 80 km North-East from Nice. The latter part of the conference (21-22 September) will take place in the city of Nice. The price for the basic package will be around 175 € (single) / 120 € (double) including: accommodation: 2 nights in Saint-Dalmas de Tende, banquet dinner, 2 Coffee breaks and Conference fee. The preliminary programme is as follows: Friday, 19 September 2014: 1630 EDXC conference check in starts; 1800-2000: Opening of the conference, some lectures and presentations; 2000 Dinner on your own. Saturday, 20 September 2014: 0700-0900 Breakfast, 0930-1230 EDXC programme, 1230-1400 Lunch, 1400-1600 A tour in Tende; 1630-1830 DX programme; 1900 EDXC Banquet. Sunday, 21 September 2014: 0730-0930 Breakfast; 1000 Check out from the hotel + the Excursion "Visiting three countries in one day": Ventimiglia, Italy: a short walk in the city & a coffee break, Monaco: a visit of the Radio Monte Carlo (Italian service) studios (to be confirmed), a tour around the city by walk, lunch on your own. 1800-1900 arrival in Nice, check in at the hotel(s). Our recommended hotel is Hotel St Paul (www.lesaintpaul-hotel.fr). 1900 Free time in Nice, dinner on your own. Monday, 22 September 2014: 0700-0930 Breakfast, 1000-1500 Excursion in Nice with

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possible visits at radio stations (Christian Ghibaudo is working hard to arrange visits at radio stations in Nice), around 1500 End of the conference. If you have anything to ask, please, do not hesitate to contact Kari (ksk@sdxl.org) or the main organizer **Christian Ghibaudo** (chr.ghibaudo@gmail.com). More information can be found also on EDXC blog (www.edxcnews.wordpress.com).

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The famous *Pacific Asia listener Radio Guides* have just been updated. Medium wave and shortwave stations from throughout the region, thousands of stations, useful data

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

Musings

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The BBC and its money wizards must be playing some sort of game. Who is it supposed to impress. Every so many years the big wigs juggle the funds so much they don't know themselves where all the funds are going.

Personally, I think someone is making their pocketbook fatter at the expense of the employees and listeners. Their magic dreams are neither intelligent nor funny. It's far from being a quick fix or even any sort of logical improvement. How can they expect any advancement in the programming? They have all these millions of listeners tuned into all their frequencies so why would anyone experiment with the funds and the programs just to brag about all the cuts in funding just to see how they can operate their transmitting stations with the least amount of funds and keep the so-called high standards of programs on the air. The old mechanic's saying applies, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Reducing shortwave transmissions to save money is not going to benefit anyone. BBC World Service management might think it will, but the idea to invest in "new" TV and digital programming seems to be somewhat off base. The World Service has more than 192 million listeners around the Globe. This number will fluctuate according to the desires of the audience.

The bottom line is: The BBC World Service should be funded by the Foreign Office, not by the British Radio Fee. The British Government must leave the BBC World Service to operate directly by its own BBC people. That is my two cents worth of mind-twisting thought.

Thank You, 73, Bob

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I had another great time at the annual Winter SWL Festival in Plymouth Meeting along with about 115 other radio hobbyists. Thanks to Rich Cuff, John Figliozzi and a big support team for a job well done. Some of the highlights included Australian Mark Fahey with two excellent presentations about broadcasting in North Korea (Mark made four separate trips to this strange land over several years), David Goren's Shortwave Shindig parts of which were heard live over WRMI (7,570 kHz at 0200 UTC Sunday) and the usual pirate and scanner forums. The food was good and the Presidential Suite was turned into our hospitality room. This year Don Jensen was posthumously selected by NASWA's Executive Council as the club's William P. Eddings award recipient as the member of the year. Don was the main force behind the club's move to all shortwave broadcast back in the mid-1960's and worked closely with Bill Eddings during the early years. Don remained a long time club supporter including donating many of this radio memorabilia to the club to turn into cash through sales to the hobby community.

The QSL returns continue to be strong with another healthy batch of QSL verifications to report. Bangladesh Betar verified an electronic report with a full data Kantajee's Temple Card and a short personal letter from v/s Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hasan, Senior Engineer, Research and Receiving Centre with the envelope covered with the usual pile of stamps. "Gruss an Bord" of NDR via Issoudun and Nauen verified an electronic report with a full data including site logo postcards. Radio Öömrang via Issoudun verified an electronic report with a full data PDF attachment indicating transmission site was Issoudun, not Nauen from v/s Michael Puetz, Sales Consultant, Business Unit Radio at Media Broadcast mentioning the report would be forwarded to the client. Voice of Russia - Tajikistan verified an electronic report with a full data Saint Basil's Cathedral card including a 2014 pocket calendar, holiday card and brief note.

Unfortunately, the QSL card did not mention the transmitter site which the old Radio Moscow used to do regularly. Radio Australia - Al-Dhabbaya kind of verified an electronic report with an electronic reply indicating they are not sending out QSL cards at this time but they can confirm the time and frequency as mentioned in my report from the Radio Australia Transmission group. WRMI - Okeechobee verified an electronic report for a PCJ Radio relay broadcast with a full data "Greetings from Okeechobee, Florida" card from v/s Jeff White.

73, Rich

Thanks to our contributors. 73, Jerry Thanks to our contributors. 73, Jerry.



NASWA Yahoo Group

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Easy Listening

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That Was The Fest That Was

It was great to meet up with approximately 115 fellow radio enthusiasts at the 27th (!) Winter SWL Festival that just wrapped up. It was great to meet up with old friends and make some new ones as well.

There were a couple highlights that made this Fest special; first was Mark Fahey's riveting two-part forum on North Korea's radio and TV broadcasting along with other aspects of propaganda dissemination and life inside this secretive country. The forum was entitled *North Korea: Behind The Curtain*, reflecting the fact that Mark gathered this information *while in the country*, surreptitiously recording audio and video and capturing a variety of still images. Mark's presentations were simultaneously riveting and horrifying with the juxtaposition of anti-American belligerence amidst typical "pop culture" memes one could see anywhere in Asia.

The second highlight of this year's Fest, for me, was our successful live one-hour broadcast from the Fest on **WRMI** on 7570 kHz. I can remember one previous instance of a live broadcast from the Fest, and that was back in the mid-1990s, when the media program *Spectrum* was on the air; in that instance, *Spectrum* originated at the Saturday night banquet and had three folks producing the program. I believe they used phone lines to get the program on air. However, this time around, yours truly acted as the broadcast engineer, as we set up a Shoutcast audio stream which WRMI then used to get us on their 100 kW transmitter. Considering that we sorted out how to get the program from Plymouth Meeting, PA to Okeechobee, FL exactly one week ahead of time, and it went off without a hitch, I am certainly relieved. I'm reasonably certain we'll try this again at a future Fest, but don't let that be your excuse to miss another one – and experience over two days what others only got to experience for one hour.

We've penciled in the dates of February 27-28, 2015 for next year's Winter SWL Fest, so go ahead and get that time reserved on your family calendar or work vacation calendar!

As part of that one hour broadcast, David Goren interviewed Jeff White to find out more about WRMI's investment in the Okeechobee facility and what that means for the future of shortwave broadcasting in North America. I know of at least one recording of the shortwave broadcast that you can hear online; visit the *SWLing Post* blog at <http://swling.com/blog/> and enter the term "shindig" into the search box; the first link will lead you to the audio.

We believe there will be another shortwave airing of the program at some point; I'll post an announcement in the NASWA electronic *FLASHSheet* when I know the date and frequency.

Keep in mind that you can hear several programs in English on WRMI that are hobby focused, including Adventist World Radio's *Wavescan*, WRMI's own *Viva Miami, World Of Radio*, and as mentioned last time, **Radio Prague** and **Radio Slovakia International**.

Radio Ukraine International

While **RUI** is no longer on shortwave, RUI has maintained a daily English language webcast that is streamed live on its website. The webcast was missing early in the Ukraine political upheaval, but as of March 19th the stream was up and operational. English was on live at 2200 UTC when I checked. Other airtimes for English include 0000 and 0300 UTC.

Check out <http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/en/> and click on the tab labeled <RUI> to see RUI's live programming as well as an archive of programming that dates back more than 60 days if your listening scheduling doesn't line up with RUI's schedule.

Program features include the following:

Ukraine Today - a digest of the day's events.

Ukrainian Diary - key events of the week.

Close Up - analytical program about current events in the life of Ukraine.

Roots - a cultural program.

Hello from Kyiv - RUI's listener contact / music program.

Outlook - themed radio magazine about modern trends in public life in Ukraine.

Music from Ukraine - A Sunday concert with Ukraine's finest folk bands and popular artists.

Reading Lounge - About Ukrainian writers and poets.

World.ua - Ukrainian media - about events abroad and foreign media about Ukraine and events in the country.

Highlights - a program of Ukrainians, their achievements and lifestyle.

Famous Ukrainians - sketches of prominent sons and daughters of the Ukrainian people.

Insight - a program of spiritual and cultural aspects of life.

BBC World Service easier to hear on smartphones and tablets

With multi-purpose devices such as smartphones and tablets becoming increasingly popular for portable Internet access, it's worth noting that the BBC World Service's *iPlayer Radio* website application now appears to work on Apple and Android devices, thus providing access to a greater variety and deeper archive of programming than is available through such multi-station apps as *TuneIn*.

The benefit of this approach is that programming is often available directly

from the BBC's on-demand links before it's available via podcast, and some World Service programming is not offered via podcast (though most is). Unfortunately the Kindle Fire uses an Amazon-curated version of the Android operating system as well as its own app store, and the website often points to the *iPlayer Radio* app for some programming...which isn't offered in the Amazon app store.

However, all is not lost on the Kindle Fire; live radio plays via the web version of the *iPlayer* using Amazon's "experimental streaming viewer" which can handle Flash streams; I was able to navigate to **The Newsroom** - which is not offered for podcast - via this manner.

This is admittedly a clunky approach to getting to BBC World Service content, but perhaps Amazon can be nudged to offer the BBC *iPlayer Radio* app in their own app store.

Deutsche Welle: Remember them?

Used to be that **DW** was the epitome of an "Easy Listening" broadcaster in North America, effectively using relays and Germany-based transmitters to send a reliable signal into the region. DW has served as a continental Europe voice balancing the influence and perspective of the BBC World Service, with steady, well-crafted programming across a variety of subjects, anchored by a daily current affairs program with a European bent. Most recently that program was **Newslink**; before that, **European Journal**.

Nowadays the only daily English language service of any ilk - either via the Internet or via shortwave - targets Africa. **Newslink** has morphed into **AfricaLink**, with topics selected to appeal specifically to an African audience. **AfricaLink** is the first part of each weekday program, with a rotating set of features rounding out the second half-hour. Thankfully some of the African services do make it here to North America, though the times of day aren't optimal - 2100 UT and 0400 UT; nothing in the evening hours when I used to listen on shortwave.

Interestingly, you can get a “shortwave-like” experience by listening to DW’s live audio stream; the URL <http://www.dw.de/program/africalink/s-30300> leads you to a site where you can bring up a live audio stream. That way you don’t necessarily know what you’ll hear when you tune in.

In addition to *AfricaLink*, the radio program schedule includes *Concert Hour*, *Inside Europe*, *Living Planet*, *Pulse*, *Spectrum*, *Worldlink* (a weekend hour-long, expanded view of *AfricaLink*), and *World In Progress*.

With the loss of Radio Netherlands, Deutsche Welle offers perhaps the most robust program offerings of any continental Western Europe broadcaster when considering content with a pan-European focus.

The place to start is the DW website, <http://www.dw.de>.

Radio Exterior de España improves program availability

REE was a relative latecomer to on-demand audio via the Internet, and its availability has been somewhat spotty, with delays and missing programs frequently the case on its website. I’m happy to report that a recent check of the REE website found all programs posted without delay – keeping in mind that the only new content is produced

on weekdays; the programs we hear on Saturday and Sunday evenings (Sunday & Monday UTC) are repeats of the features originally produced during the week.

REE’s English language broadcast is a bit hard to find on the Radio TV España website; click on <http://www.rtve.es> then click on <Radio>, then <Radio Exterior>, then look for the text *Lenguas Extranjeras* where you will see English listed.

Voice Of America keeps English in its FY2015 budget

Just a quick note that the VOA has kept shortwave in its budget for fiscal year 2015, recognizing that shortwave remains the most effective means of reaching listeners in parts of Africa and Asia where other delivery platforms and local relays aren’t reliable. While I’m sure the VOA budget was developed after the recent request for public comments regarding shortwave, NASWA – as an organization – as well as other individuals and groups – advocated for the continued use of shortwave as an important medium that works when other media are blocked by unfriendly governments or during times of political upheaval...precisely the times when reliable access to information is important.

That’s all for this month – 73 DE Richard 

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.

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The BBG hears about the future of shortwave

In late February, the Broadcasting Board of Governors sought "feedback from external experts and stakeholders on their perspectives on the role of shortwave radio broadcasting as a BBG distribution platform. We are particularly interested to hear views that consider the evolving media consumption of target audiences, changing access to shortwave and other platforms, and the need to prioritize in an austere federal budget environment."

I broadcast this BBG announcement on VOA Radiogram, an experimental weekly program that transmits digital text and images on an analog shortwave broadcast transmitter in North Carolina.

Listeners responded. Mark in Virginia wrote: "Shortwave broadcasting operates 'off infrastructure,' thereby offering listeners anonymity against potential government tracking attempts and/or denial of service disruptions. In areas of the world where conflict displaces people away from reliable power sources and robust infrastructure, shortwave radio still has tremendous benefits in being able to reach those in dire circumstances...."

"Over the past year, I have been an active participant in the VOA Radiogram program and have come to appreciate the possibilities this technology could offer shortwave listeners around the world. Even during non-optimal propagation conditions, text and graphic images have been successfully transmitted to listeners via the shortwave transmitter system in Greenville, NC. VOA Radiogram experiments have even shown that text and images can be transmitted simultaneously with voice and music content. The technologies being explored in the VOA Radiogram program suggest that new possibilities exist for shortwave broadcasting.... 7

"Given today's budget constraints, I would suggest that the BBG not abandon its high-power shortwave broadcast capability altogether but instead establish a separate organization dedicated to 'repurposing' the technology to support the needs of multiple Government users. For instance, I would recommend exploring DHS/FEMA applications for nationwide emergency broadcasts to augment automotive radio and cell phone-based systems. Also, I would recommend exploring potential applications for military and aviation users as a means of augmenting their existing HF communications infrastructure. By sharing this high-power transmission capability, the existing transmitter infrastructure could more readily be viewed as a unique, shared national asset rather than a burden for a single government agency."

New modulation type could bring savings

From John in Oregon: "The U.S. Military has ... been using for many years a completely AM backward-compatible modulation known as AME, Amplitude Modulation Equivalent, or Compatible Sideband (ITU designation R3E). AME can be received on regular shortwave receivers, as the received signal is effectively identical to AM. By using this modulation type the transmitted signals can be very close to 100% efficient with the amount of wasted RF power being nearly zero. By using AME with the same VOA 500,000 watt transmitter as the example above, nearly all 500,000 watts contain information thereby increasing the effective range of the signal. Alternatively the amplifier output power can be reduced 66% to 165,000 watts while maintaining the same level of received signal strength. This power reduction can help to reduce VOA's shortwave broadcasting budget without discontinuing or reducing broadcast services. ..."

"VOA shortwave can also be used to reliably transmit slow digital data as has been proven by the VOA Radiogram program. These digital data-streams are more resilient to shortwave interference and jamming than voice-audio and therefore can be transmitted with lower power than a voice transmission carrying the same information. If digital data-streams are combined with AME transmitters the power and therefore monthly cost saving benefits can combine to reduce broadcast costs even further. ... Unlike listening to voice transmissions, received digital data does not have to be consumed immediately but can instead be read at a more convenient time or shared with others."

Dongles are the future

The blog of trade publication *Radio World* summarized arguments in favor of the VOA Radiogram concept submitted by Benn Kobb and Christopher Rumbaugh: "Radiogram is soundly premised on modern digital techniques and mitigates longstanding impediments to HF transmission. Users around the world have documented reception of 50 VOA Radiogram programs in more than a thousand YouTube videos. BBG must not allow its own pioneering developments to wither, but should advance them toward operational status.' ...

"Radiogram broadcasts Web content via error-detecting/correcting AM tone modulation, using standardized formats commonly used by ham radio. They say this approach is robust and resistant to interference. "The user's ordinary shortwave receiver, tuned to a Radiogram transmission, feeds its audio to a user device. These could include mobile phones, tablets, laptop and desktop computers and the new ARM-based miniature computers and embedded devices. The user device decodes the tones and displays text and imagery despite propagation impairments and intentional interference — and without Internet connection."

"They point out that no hardware connection is required; putting the radio near the

phone or computer is usually sufficient. 'By adding a simple audio cable between receiver and user device, however, reception can be silent and covert. No specialized hardware is needed, and the software platform for decoding is long in the public domain.'

"They have further ideas. Another approach would use 'dongle' technology that puts a software-defined radio inside a USB enclosure. "The operating system and decoding software could also be incorporated into the device, which could boot the computer, eliminating the need to install any PC software."

"The user need not be present to receive content, and essentially receives a web magazine 'updated at will and always ready for use' that can be redistributed.

"Naturally, the audio tone transmission can be recorded for later playback. Even when buried well under music or noise, the nearly inaudible recorded broadcast can nevertheless deliver 100% copy upon decode."

"Sent over regular broadcast transmitters (no modifications needed), this approach effectively extends the reach of the transmitter. In other words, the digital text mode will decode in locations where the audible speech over the same transmitter would be too low for aural intelligibility. The audio recorded or captured could be replayed over another transmitter to even further extend the reach of the broadcast."

"They conclude that BBG should capitalize on Radiogram as a 'circumvention tool, readily consumable by mobile devices,' and integrate Radiogram into its media strategy and networks. They want the board to reconfigure HF facilities with Radiogram in mind, and support development and distribution of open-source Radiogram decoding applications for mobile devices and platforms."

Views expressed above are my own. More international broadcasting news at www.kimandrewelliott.com. See also voaradiogram.net.



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*[Editor's Note: Our space this month is taken up by what amounts to an important discussion—or rather several discussions—on the current state of U.S. shortwave and international broadcasting, especially that of its most recognizable entity: the **Voice of America**. The pieces that follow are presented in chronological order, including two authored by Dan Robinson, who retired in March after a stellar career spanning more than three decades as an international, Congressional and White House correspondent for the **VOA**. We were honored to have Dan—who also served as Log Reports editor in *The Journal* for many years--as our keynote speaker at the **27th NASWA Winter SWL Fest** last month. His remarks are reprinted here in full for those who were unable to attend. In the opinion of your editor, all the pieces speak for themselves and—in combination—paint a stunningly accurate picture of the state of things.]*

PRESS RELEASE

Shortwave Committee Request For Comment

February 28, 2014

Broadcasting Board of Governors

Shortwave radio has been a mainstay of U.S. international media since the 1940s. Over time, however, the number of countries in which shortwave is the medium of choice for audiences overseas has been shrinking. In many places, people are increasingly turning to other means to get news and information – including but not limited to FM radio, satellite television, web sites, social media, and their mobile phones.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), the independent federal government agency that oversees U.S. civilian international media, has been adjusting to these changes over the years and now delivers news and information programs on a wider variety of platforms in more languages than any other media organization. To support its commitment of reaching audiences on their preferred media, the Board recently established a Special Committee on the Future of Shortwave Radio Broadcasting, which has been conducting a thorough review of the agency's use of shortwave radio as a distribution platform, the associated costs, and

the likely reliance on it by next-generation audiences.

This Committee is now seeking feedback from external experts and stakeholders on their perspectives on the role of shortwave radio broadcasting as a BBG distribution platform.

We are particularly interested to hear views that consider the evolving media consumption of target audiences, changing access to shortwave and other platforms, and the need to prioritize in an austere federal budget environment.

The BBG is committed to sustaining shortwave broadcasting to regions where a critical need for the platform remains.

The Shortwave Committee has held two meetings focused on the shortwave audience's listening experience, the BBG networks' success in reaching target audiences, the role of shortwave in the networks' engagement strategies in various markets, the cost of operating shortwave transmitting facilities, and the BBG's research into how shortwave is being used and its impact on audiences.

Your input will better inform the Committee's recommendations and could help shape its comprehensive report to the plenary Board.

Please contribute questions, comments or suggestions via e-mail by March 14, 2014. To facilitate the review process, please limit your submission to 1200 words or fewer. The comment period is now closed.

All comments may be reprinted as part of the Committee's proceedings and may be made public.

The news and information provided by our networks helps bring the light of truth to some of the darkest corners of the world. By supporting the free flow of news and information, including combating Internet censorship and providing news and information tailored for specific audiences, devel-

oping local media, and creating access to global media, we purposefully support the freedom to speak, the freedom to listen, and the freedom of expression.

If you are aware of anyone with special interest in this topic, I encourage you to share this request with them.

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this process to help the BBG become more efficient and effective in supporting U.S. national security and foreign policy.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Armstrong

Chairman BBG Special Committee on the Future of Shortwave Broadcasting

Comments Submitted by NASWA to the BBG Special Committee on the Future of Shortwave Broadcasting

March 7, 2014

On February 28, 2014 the Broadcasting Board of Governors ("BBG") posted to its website a request by Matthew C. Armstrong, Chairman, BBG Special Committee on the Future of Shortwave Broadcasting for comments about the future use for U.S. international media of shortwave radio. These comments submitted on behalf of the North American Shortwave Association ("NASWA") support the continued use of shortwave radio as part of a balanced approach of utilizing multiple platforms to reach audiences in times of need. When a crisis arises, no other media platform is better than shortwave radio to communicate and to reach affected areas, however, that requires an ongoing presence on the shortwave bands to make sure that our voices are heard when it counts the most.

As you noted, people are increasingly turning to other means to get news and information (FM radio, satellite television, web sites, social media, and their mobile phones) on a daily basis. This trend has been hap-

pening all over the globe as more and more electronic communications tools become available at a reasonable cost. However, it is important to maintain some sort of shortwave radio presence while adjusting to these changes. For the end user (the listener), the use of shortwave radio is inexpensive and effective. Because of this, there will always be a certain shortwave radio audience which will grow substantially during times of crisis as other platforms are crimped by local governments attempting to cut off the local population from open news, information, dialogue and balanced opinions. We believe there is a strong likelihood of some level of reliance on shortwave by the next-generation audiences as an alternative when the usual array of communications tools become ineffective.

NASWA supports the BBG's commitment to sustaining shortwave broadcasting to regions where a critical need for the platform remains (Africa quickly comes to mind as a primary need as well as certain parts of Asia). NASWA also feels that it is

important for the BBG to maintain a shortwave platform – at a reduced level – in other areas of the globe for times when an international crisis brews and the use of FM radio, satellite television, web pages, social media and mobile phones are not available because host countries can eliminate those platforms seriously curtailing those seeking an open media dialogue.

We agree that the news and information provided by BBGs networks/stations helps bring the light of truth to some of the darkest corners of the world. By supporting the free flow of news and information, including combatting Internet censorship and providing news and information tailored for specific audiences, developing local media, and creating access to global media, the BBG is actively supporting the freedom to speak, the freedom to listen, and the freedom of expression. However, these freedoms are vulnerable to interference by local oppressive governments which do not necessarily share the same views as we do in terms of freedom of information, news and ideas. An active shortwave radio voice helps facilitate the BBGs goals of supporting the free flow of news and information effectively combatting local government censorship.

Dependence on the Internet, mobile or other electronic means of communication may be premature at this stage. The Internet and mobile isn't even yet universally available in highly economically developed countries like the United States, let alone in less developed areas around the globe.

Therefore, a premature over reliance on, and over emphasis of, the Internet and mobile devices in an information dissemination strategy means that whole and important populations residing outside urban and developed areas around the globe will be inaccessible. Also, over reliance on the use of the Internet introduces the possibility of "cyber-warfare". Internet radio is susceptible to such aggressive, intentional disruptions, in addition to the more "traditional" censorship strategies of jamming, closing down transmitters, revoking local licenses, etc.

One does not have to look further than the current situation in Ukraine where we do not have a shortwave voice in the region making the ability of the BBG to communicate news, information and the United States views next to impossible within the problem area. An effective shortwave voice is required to be able to effectively communicate when it matters most. Eliminating a shortwave voice makes it almost impossible to restore that voice when it is needed because the modern technology fails to deliver during times of crisis. Curtailing the use of shortwave radio at this time would be a major detriment to the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. D'Angelo, Executive Director

North American Shortwave Association
("NASWA")

Keynote Remarks by Dan Robinson At The 27th NASWA Winter SWL Fest in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania

March 15, 2014

"For decades the main anchor of U.S. government-funded international broadcasting, VOA is now just one among a number of outlets under the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG).

"VOA and other journalists have over the years taken big risks to cover the news. Some have lost their lives or remain missing. You can see a display of some of these names if you visit 330 Independence Avenue.

"The news business has been transformed. Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, You Tube and

other channels allow us all to basically operate our own personal news agency (and tell everyone what we had for lunch).

"Associated Press or Reuters "news alerts" are now relayed instantaneously. The moment a President, or White House spokesman, or a foreign leader say something, the Internet is filled with Tweets and re-tweets, photos that are Instagramed...something someone says or sees amid a gun battle in Syria, or Libya, in whatever language, is all instantly seen.

"VOA and other government-funded broadcasters have been challenged to adapt to technological changes and the imperative of maintaining relevance amid shrinking budgets, and questions about usefulness and efficiency.

"The tensions involved in what John Chancellor, who headed VOA at one point in the mid-1960's, called "the crossroads of journalism and diplomacy" continue.

"I was an enthusiastic supporter of international broadcasting. But when necessary also a critic, trying to ensure we do the best job possible. Because for me, that kid from Levittown, Pennsylvania with his ears glued to the radio, the job we do and who we are doing it for, always mattered.

"In a letter to the bipartisan Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) I made some blunt criticisms about news coverage and management issues in a place many Americans, and still many people overseas, don't know still exists, or why.

"Little reason to wonder why, by the way. VOA lacks a 24 hour live global TV presence, like BBC or CNN. It's unlikely you will see it in your hotel room, and VOA simply does not have the resources to compete on such a scale.

"Despite recent modifications to a 1948 era law few Americans know exists (the Smith-Mundt Act) government-funded broadcasters still cannot direct their programming at audiences in the United States.

"Russia's military intervention in Crimea, and other major stories laid bare the damage

done over the past decade to VOA's news gathering capabilities, especially its central newsroom, from a string of poor management decisions, and deficiencies hobbling its ability to compete.

"All too frequently VOA's English website has been unable to quickly reflect breaking news about Ukraine and U.S. responses, including statements by President Barack Obama and members of Congress.

"BBC, al-Jazeera, and Russian government outlets routinely clean VOA's clock even on U.S. domestic news. Chris Christie's January news conference was live on the BBC, but not VOA.

"Indeed, alarms should go off when an American president grants more interviews to foreign broadcasters and social media channels than to something called Voice of America, and officials in such places as the Pentagon bluntly question VOA's reach and effectiveness.

"VOA White House correspondents used to travel with the president on every foreign trip and years ago on domestic trips as well, but not anymore. VOA veteran reporters shook their heads when managers excluded them from attending the 2012 U.S. political conventions.

"Because VOA and other U.S. government broadcasters operate under the radar, so to speak, of more intense public scrutiny or congressional attention, other problems continue year after year.

"These range from the aforementioned failings in breaking news coverage to a multi-million dollar digital production system widely acknowledged as a disaster, and a reputation for poor management, and a hostile working environment that has placed the BBG at or near the bottom of employee satisfaction surveys.

"Anyone visiting VOA's website will find some superb journalism. But many current and former employees wonder whether money, employee hours, and other resources devoted to TV products moves the meter in

measurable ways with verifiable impact of programming and enough “engagement” with foreign audiences.

“Another issue involves “mission”, now being defined ever more unambiguously by the bipartisan Board as a tool for U.S. policy and national security interests.

“VOA journalists are supposed to be shielded from policy-related interference. But some reporters were admonished last year by one official to ensure that reports support the “BBG mission” — differentiated from the VOA Charter which upholds news standards.

“In the Columbia Journalism Review last year, former VOA correspondent Gary Thomas wrote: ‘The core problem afflicting the BBG and its various entities is institutional schizophrenia. It is simultaneously a news organization trying to be a government agency, and a government agency trying to be a news outlet. . . If the mission of US broadcasting is to be “messaging” and policy advocacy, then stop hiding behind the label of journalism.’

“Things are at a crucial juncture. At a proposed FY 2015 level of \$721 million, taxpayers and Congress should ask: Does the United States still need government-funded broadcasting (here referring also to social media and other methods)?

“If the answer is yes, can a new international broadcasting CEO, as is planned [with the BBG moving into more of an advisory

role] do more to help VOA journalists and support staff undertake consistent, quality work across media platforms, absent action to significantly increase funding?

“The new BBG chairman, Jeffrey Shell, has carried out some key personnel changes and also identified improving worker morale as a priority.

“More needs to be done, including identifying bad managers in the International Broadcasting Bureau (under the BBG), and in VOA’s central newsroom, which many believe has been permanently damaged as some of its best talent fled.

“VOA and other U.S.-funded media organizations have many excellent people, and reporters who take big risks to cover the news. But the overall appearance is of something that still just isn’t working very well, perhaps unfixable in any short period of time.

“Decisions Congress makes will determine whether VOA and the numerous brands in the BBG alphabet soup trying to compete with CNN, al-Jazeera, China TV, and RT (Russia) for global audience share will survive the budget axe.

“These issues may be seen as inside the beltway, but taxpayers across the country deserve at least to be aware of them, and if they so choose, have a voice in what happens next.

Transformation Is Upon Us: Handwriting Is On The Wall

Posted to BBG Watch Blog Page March 25, 2014

Dan Robinson

At VOA, with its devastated and still plummeting morale attributable to a string of poor decisions by a largely discredited IBB management structure, employees usually go from day to day hoping for some better news. They are usually disappointed.

Tuesday was such a day of disappointment as the “interim management team” appointed by the new BBG laid out initial information on impacts from FY 2015 budget-related proposals sent back to Capitol Hill.

Staff sources reporting from today’s “All Hands” meeting, and others being conducted in language services and the Voice of America (VOA) Central Newsroom, provided a summary:

- ¶ Closure of VOA's Jerusalem news bureau, and the US domestic bureau in Houston.
- ¶ Elimination of VOA Albanian, Bosnian, Macedonian and Serbian services for a projected \$2.25 million savings.
- ¶ Reductions in VOA's Latin American service at a projected savings of \$680 thousand
- ¶ A "realignment" of VOA English at a projected savings of \$550,000
- ¶ Some cuts in VOA's Indonesian, Georgian, Azerbaijani and Uzbek services
- ¶ Reduction in VOA Persian at a projected savings of \$2.3 million.

The Jerusalem closure could well be a trial balloon and stands a good chance of being reversed once news of it hits on Capitol Hill. It's likely that more than a few members of Congress would raise questions about the wisdom of shutting a bureau in such a strategically important place.

That is, those lawmakers who still care to any degree about the comedy show (funny if dysfunctions weren't so serious for staff) that continues just down the street at 330 Independence Avenue, and numerous questionable decisions made by the IBB bureaucracy.

As explained by the BBG-appointed triumvirate, and earlier by VOA Executive Editor Steve Redisch and VOA's Barbara Brady, the bureau closures are among proposals in which VOA would absorb approximately \$10 million in cuts.

Then there is the VOA newsroom. You remember — the place that Redisch and VOA Director David Ensor repeatedly extolled saying it would be the "core" of the grand scheme to bring together BBG resources to build a more efficient and aggressive news operation. . .

. . .but which actually suffers from a wide range of technical and human capital and management issues that were largely ignored as IBB managers left for home each day, leaving employees to suffer with Dalet (production software) and Pangea (content management) breakdowns, and arrogant managers.

Remember — the Newsroom ranks at the bottom of all divisions in VOA when it

comes to morale. That's a striking record for an Agency still struggling in the morale pit (remember, said a senior IBB official — repairing it will take 3-5 years!).

In 2014, the U.S. Senate rejected proposed cuts that would have eliminated many jobs in Central News. Under the proposals now sent to the Hill, the newsroom would absorb just over \$2 million of cuts. Nineteen positions, which have remained authorized but vacant, would be eliminated.

There is speculation among some staff members that the decisions to close Jerusalem and Houston could be related to the fact that veteran correspondents there could be close to retirement.

Redisch is reported to have said that VOA might co-locate in Jerusalem with MBN (Middle East Broadcasting Network). But — MBN faces its own budget difficulties, including potentially eliminating its own Jerusalem bureau. So — where does that leave things? Tune to this frequency (if VOA has any left) for further details.

As has occurred in other overseas locations, the focus continues to be on consolidation — combining what for decades were Voice of America bureaus with operations of other BBG entities (the popular new BBG-preferred word for these is "networks").

Remember, each network technically operates under its own journalistic code, though all were informed by, and conformed to one degree or another with, the VOA Charter. What everyone knows from the statutory and historical record is that missions and methods are not always the same.

At one time or another, every news organization has faced the difficult task of determining which foreign or domestic bureaus to close. Many factors come into play, when it comes to advantages and drawbacks, in terms of news strategy and impacts on human beings.

Are freelance stringers (and backups to stringers) available? What are the effects of losing on-the-ground presence — being seen not to have a full-time correspondent

in a particular location? What impact does a decision to close in Jerusalem have on regional coverage, in places like Syria and Iraq? (VOA would have to rely to a greater degree on its Cairo bureau or news reports sent from Europe.)

VOA managers have made some highly questionable bureau closure decisions over the decades that ended up leaving the organization in a difficult spot amid major breaking news.

At one point, consideration was given to shutting the East Africa bureau in Nairobi. Given events in South Sudan, Somalia and Central African Republic, Uganda and the threat from al Qaida-inspired groups, and the significance for U.S. policy, the IBB would have to have its head examined if it were to propose this today.

VOA's Islamabad bureau was slated for closure at one point, something that today would be inconceivable now given the situation in Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan.

VOA's bureau in New Delhi, capital of the other major South Asia nuclear weapons power, will be closing, an already-announced budget-linked decision.

Where Jerusalem is concerned, a case could be made that stringers can meet VOA needs for coverage of news. But a whole range of positives, obvious and below the surface, simply go away when a news organization shuts down an official presence.

The decision to close VOA's Houston bureau (actually located in the home of the resident correspondent there) removes one key base VOA has had to cover American domestic news with its own correspondent, one of the few remaining veterans in the reporting corps.

Back to the big picture. Remember that the current IBB management structure was responsible for the now infamous "43 Newsrooms" approach in which language services received formal access to raw news agency content, though the historical record shows many services were unprepared to shoulder new burdens.

The current IBB group was also responsible for attempting to implement several newsroom reorganizations based on a shaky foundation by reappointing someone who was removed from the position more than a decade earlier by a former VOA director.

As has already been mentioned, VOA managers say the newsroom staffing cuts will eliminate only vacant positions that were on the books. That's fine as far as it goes. But remember — in meetings with newsroom staff the current VOA director repeatedly vowed "I will cut you", while largely blaming the White House and Congress for the situation.

As additional information becomes available, let's review for a moment the record of the current VOA-IBB management team. These are individuals who:

- ¶ Stood by for years as a series of Internet/VOA website and other reporting failures played out in front of the world, and VOA was repeatedly embarrassed by BBC, Russia's RT and other outlets (see Ukraine).
- ¶ Set out to destroy what was once a robust VOA English radio operation, and failed to appreciate the effects of correspondents being thrown into labor-intensive multi-day "TV" projects that often sacrificed breaking news coverage.
- ¶ Ridiculed staff members, including veteran reporters who repeatedly raised concerns about these and other problems.
- ¶ Failed to adequately support some bureaus, domestic and foreign, with equipment they needed to do their jobs.
- ¶ Were apparently clueless until receiving vociferous complaints, about wastes of time involving mandatory Defense Department administrative training imposed on VOA's best foreign correspondents (VOA's Moscow correspondent recently resigned, reportedly in part over this issue).
- ¶ Tolerated and it would seem condoned destructive personnel practices carried out against staff that included efforts, using the official evaluation system, to denigrate performance and personal commitment as a pressure tactic.
- ¶ Amid all of this, merrily traveled across the country on government-funded trips

to wax enthusiastically to various groups about what a good “bang for the buck” American taxpayers were getting.

U.S. international broadcasting bureaucracy (see RFE/RL, RFA, etc) that still have more “throw weight” on Capitol Hill.

So, again as additional information emerges on the budget decisions announced Tuesday, keep all of this in mind, as well as many other aspects of the picture at 330 Independence Avenue.

What should not be forgotten is the extent to which the record of poor management of taxpayer-funded resources — financial, physical and human — has undermined the confidence that Congress and the American public have in these efforts.

It’s been observed several times in recent months that VOA may be getting a lot smaller, very quickly.

It’s going to take a lot of work by the new Board to persuade members of Congress that the dysfunctions in the agency can be transformed into something that can be described in any appropriate way as “nimble and streamlined”.

That may well be the picture for VOA, though the historical record shows that it may not be the case for other parts of the

PRESS RELEASE

VOA Seeks to Boost Services to Asia, Africa in 2015

March 27, 2014

Internet censorship.

by VOA News

[Editor’s Note: To this reader’s eyes, there’s something almost Orwellian in the disconnect between this release’s headline and the content of the release that follows it.]

The BBG is also planning to set up a new satellite television channel and expand FM radio in the Sahel region of north-central Africa. A new Lingala language service is planned for the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors, the U.S. government entity that oversees the Voice of America, has released details of a 2015 budget request that will cut Balkan language services but add spending aimed at Asia and Africa.

VOA’s English Learning programs would also be expanded.

The BBG is asking Congress for \$721 million, a reduction from a \$731 million budget in the current fiscal year. Agency officials say their goal is to reach a new generation of audiences through media that global listeners and viewers increasingly use.

But the 2015 budget would eliminate the VOA language services for Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, and Serbia. The Azerbaijani, Georgian, Persian, and Uzbek services would see reductions and broadcasting to Cuba would also see a very significant cut.

The proposal also calls for the closure of VOA news bureaus in Jerusalem and Houston.

The 2015 budget request includes youth-oriented video and digital initiatives for Cambodia, Vietnam, and Burma - also known as Myanmar.

Dave Allison, acting president of the union representing many VOA employees, said with the cuts in services VOA is “retreating” from its historic mission that began in 1942. He said Balkan broadcasters had tears in their eyes when they were told their shows face elimination.

In China, the BBG plans to increase the use of social media and programs to fight



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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

ABSTAINERS MOUNTAIN 11725, *Radio Abstainers Mountain* will begin its planned international service on April 1 with a 24-hour transmission featuring talks about abstaining from certain activities deemed reckless and unworthy. Since, for the most part, music should be abstained there will be no musical selections played. The regular broadcast schedule will begin the following day: 11725 from 1200-1500; 15425 from 1600-2200 and 6165 from 0100-0500. Abstainers Mountain is in the breakaway mountain range that is now classified by the Country List Committee as a separate radio country. (Absolution DX Association, Vatican City State)

AUSTRIA *Trans World Radio Europe* Summer A14 schedule - Moosbrunn:

0544-0559 on 5910 7320 Polish Mon-Fri
0700-0720 on 7400 English Daily
1400-1428 on 9800 Russian Tue-Sun
1400-1428 on 9800 Belorussian Mon
(Bernhard Schraut-Austria, TWR Europe)

AUSTRALIA Formerly known as OzyRadio (started 2011, from memory). Has used 2355, 5050 in the past. *Vintage FM* is only the content provider. ACMA database shows: Client; Craig Allen; Licence Type: Broadcasting; Licence Category: HF Domestic Service; Special Condition: 1) The propagation mode during transmissions authorised by this licence will be Near Vertical Incidence Signal (NVIS). (2) The continuation of authorisation under this licence is conditional on the successful completion of both Australian and International co-ordination. In the event of harmful interference operation will be required to cease. Site: Vertical site 75 Mount Hercules Road Razorback Range. Assigned: 3.21 MHz. (Craig Seager-Australia/ARDXC YG)

BANGLADESH *Betar* external service has changed their frequencies for Nepali and English broadcast:

1315-1345, Nepali, 9455 (ex 7250)
1745-1900, English to Europe, 13580 (ex 7250)

However, there is no change in schedule as appearing in their official website so far: <http://www.betar.org.bd/frequency.html>. Bangladesh Betar issues paper QSL card without any reply postage. Send your reception report by email to rrc@dhaka.net in attn. of Mr. Zia Hassan, Dy. Station Engineer. Postal address for reception reports: Bangladesh Betar, Research and Receiving Centre, 121, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh. (Swopan Chakroborty-India via Alan Roe-UK/NASWA YG) A very nice signal here in NY from 1850 t/in with continuous 80's pop mx ("Perfect Way" by Scritti Politti), ID, off 1900*. (John Herkimer-NY/NASWA YG) Bangladesh Betar in Bengali at 1925 tune-in on 11 March now on 13860 with excellent signal (ex 13580 - ex 7250). (Alan Roe-UK/NASWA YG) Bangladesh Betar is back again on 13580 on Sat, March 15. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Bangladesh Betar is back again on 13580 on Sat, March 15:

1745-1900 on 13580 English, instead 13860
1915-2000 on 13580 Bengali, instead 13860
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

BOLIVIA 3310.00, *R. Mosoj Chaski*, Cochabamba; at 1020-1040 on Mar 12. Folk mx and news, prgrm in Quechua, ID: "Mosoj Chaski" (PSE listen to the following recording). 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

CANADA The former *Radio Canada International* transmitter masts at Sackville, New Brunswick are being demolished. Some of the towers have been at the site since the late 1930s but recent budget cuts and a shift toward the internet have made the towers and shortwave transmission technology unsustainable. (CTV Atlantic 27 February via Mike Terry-UK/British DX Club) RCI towers near Sackville coming down: The first of 13 towers at the former Radio Canada International site outside Sackville will be coming down this week. After budget cuts in 2012, CBC announced that the shortwave service would end after 67 years of broadcasting around the world. At that time, CBC said it was trying to sell the towers and land together because of the high cost to dismantle the facility. Larry Wartman, senior manager of transmission operations for Western and Atlantic Canada for CBC, says CBC has been unsuccessful in

finding a buyer. So far over 1000 wooden poles and all of the antennas that used to stretch between the steel towers have been taken down. "Barring any unforeseen difficulty I would say in the next three weeks they'll probably have all 13 of them removed." Wortman says the property will be offered for sale again once the towers are gone. He says there are a couple of parties interested in the 222 acre property. "It's part of history it's part of the culture of the community so it's tough to take something down that served such a purpose for the country you know during the Second World War... there's just not many of them around the world anymore." (CBC News via John Chapman NASWA YG)

CHINA Voice of Jinling has new schedule on 5860: 1230-1505. (WRTHmonitor Update)

CLANDESTINE Syrian Opposition Radio Station Broadcasts from Istanbul: ISTANBUL — Over a million Syrian refugees have fled to Turkey. Most have been housed in camps along the border, but growing numbers are now fleeing to cities like Istanbul, which is estimated to have as many as 200,000 refugees. Others are looking for work or trying to get to Europe. But for others, Istanbul has become a center of resistance to the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, with Turkish-based opposition radio stations being set up to broadcast into Syria. **Radio Al Kul** broadcasts into Syria from atop a building in a commercial district of Istanbul. According to Obi Sukkar, Al Kul's founder, the station's strictly uncensored and independent news reaches an audience of around 100,000 via a network of secret transmitters. As Sukkar shows me around, he explains he fled Syria after his wife - a doctor - began fearing for her life when the regime found out she was treating opposition forces. Leaving with just a suitcase, they ended up in Istanbul, courtesy of the Turkish government's open door policy for Syrian refugees. "In Turkey, the situation is really good because we have what we need to be treated as human beings, more than people feeling sympathy. We don't need sympathy. We just need to live our lives normally," he said. Sukkar's radio station is backed by wealthy Syrians, making his transition in Istanbul relatively easy. But for others, Istanbul has not been a seamless transition. At a mosque in Istanbul's Fatih district, local residents give out food and aid to Syrian refugees. Many of them, like Ayse and her two children, are struggling to survive. "We fled Syria, after my brother was kidnapped by Islamic jihadists," she said. "The whole

region has become too unsafe." She says she did not want to go to the refugee camps. "Many say it's like prison - you cannot work, you cannot go out," she said. She thought she might find work in Istanbul and maybe even get to Europe. "But everything is so expensive," she said. In local parks and shopping districts, Syrians begging for money is an increasingly common sight. Bulent Yildirim, head of the Humanitarian Relief Foundation, an Islamic charity supported by Turkey's ruling AK Party, is critical of some of the refugees. "If you see refugees in the street, you can call us and we will take them to the camps of the government," he said. "But they don't want to go. For some of them, begging on the streets has become a habit." Observers warn the growing number of Syrian refugees in Turkey, especially on the streets of the country's main cities, is threatening to become a political embarrassment for the government. The AK Party strongly back the Syrian opposition and predicted the Syrian regime would quickly collapse. Kadri Gursel, diplomatic columnist for the Turkish newspaper Milliyet and al-Monitor website, says the growing number of refugees underlines a failed policy. "The AKP foreign policy is a wreck, because Syria is soaking up financial resources," he said. "We have a huge refugee problem right now. There are nearly one million Syrians on our soil and we don't know what we will do with them. Because this crisis can last years and years, maybe a decade more - we don't know." While Radio Al Kul primarily broadcasts to Syria, its founder says he is looking into broadcasting inside Turkey because of the growing number of Syrian refugees now living in the country. (VOA via Radio World Newsbytes)

New target broadcast to Rwanda called **Radio Impala** heard from sign-on at 1700 on 15 February with excellent signal here on 17540. WRTH update says this is on-air daily at 1700-1800 via Madagascar. Opening announcements and IDs in Kinyarwanda (presumed), English and French. Says it aims at promoting democracy in Rwanda and the Great Lakes region. Web site radioimpala.com says it broadcasts from London. Online audio feed not working when checked on. Appears to replace another Rwandan target station Radio Mara which had been on at the same time and frequency since November. (Dave Kenny-UK/British DX Club)

The following two transmissions of **NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave** via Radiocom already are jammed with white noise like broadband DRM:

Radio Xoriyo

1500-1530 on 15515 TIG Somali Fri

Radio Warra Wangeelaa-ti

1500-1530 on 15515 TIG Oromo Sat
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

New UNIDentified broadcast of **NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave:**

1530-1600 on 15515 TIG English Sat from March 8.
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency changes of **Radio Tamazuj** and **Radio Dabanga** in Sudanese Arabic:

Radio Tamazuj

0400-0430 NF 15530 DHA, ex 13800 // 11940
MDC, 7315 SMG
1500-1530 NF 15530 SMG, ex 15535 // 13800 MDC

Radio Dabanga

0430-0600 NF 15530 DHA, ex 13800 // 11940
MDC, 7315 SMG
1530-1630 NF 15530 SMG, ex 15535 // 13800 MDC
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency change of **Democratic Voice of Burma** in Burmese from March 13:

1430-1530 NF 11565 DB, ex 11560
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency changes of clandestine broadcast **Shio-kaze Sea Breeze:**

1330-1430 NF 6135 YAM, ex 5910 Japanese Mon/
Wed/Thu
1330-1430 NF 6135 YAM, ex 5910 Chinese/Korean Tue
1330-1430 NF 6135 YAM, ex 5910 English Fri
1330-1430 NF 6135 YAM, ex 5910 Korean/Japa-
nese Sat
1330-1430 NF 6135 YAM, ex 5910 Japanese/
Korean Sun
1600-1700 NF 5910 YAM, ex 5975 Japanese Mon/
Wed/Thu
1600-1700 NF 5910 YAM, ex 5975 Chinese/Korean Tue
1600-1700 NF 5910 YAM, ex 5975 English Fri
1600-1700 NF 5910 YAM, ex 5975 Korean/Japa-
nese Sat
1600-1700 NF 5910 YAM, ex 5975 Japanese/Korean Sun
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Frequency changes for **Voice of Tibet** from March 14:

1330-1345 NF 15563 DB Tibetan, ex 15582
1345-1400 NF 9338 DB Chinese, ex 9332
1345-1400 NF 15563 DB Tibetan, ex 15587
1400-1430 NF 15557 DB Tibetan, ex 15593
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Some changes in Alyx & Yey schedule of clandestine stations:

Radio Hilaac, new transmission probably from March 8 or March 15:

1700-1730 on 15180 ISS Somali Sat-Thu

BBN Radio, new transmission via Alyx & Yey effective March 9

1900-1930 on 15155 ISS Amharic Fri, carrier March 7
1900-1930 on 15160 ISS Amharic Sat, carrier March 8
1900-1930 on 15165 ISS Amharic Sun, program March 9. Please check other alternative frequencies 15170, 15175, 15180.

(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria) BRB Broadcast Belgium broker by Ludo Maes <ludo.maes@broadcast.be>. (TopNews)

Radio Assenna, ex Daily:

1700-1800 on 11720 ISS Tigrinya Mon/Thu/Sat. Transmissions are jammed by Ethiopia with white noise like broadband DRM. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Eritrean Forum, former Radio Medrek:

1700-1800 on 11720 ISS Tigrinya Tue/Fri/Sun
1700-1800 on 11720 ISS Arabic Wed
1800-1900 on 11720 ISS Arabic Sat.
Transmissions are jammed by Ethiopia with white noise like broadband DRM. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok:

1130-1200 on 17860 secret/hidden site on March 14
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

The new station, Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok, has only been on the air for a few days, as perhaps noted by other ARDXC members. I monitored its broadcast last night for the full 30 min transmis-

sion, and it puts a very solid signal into Mount Evelyn. Here is the entry from my logbook. 17860, TAJIKISTAN (perhaps....) Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok. Site is unconfirmed at this time. Hummy transmitter on at 1125 then s/on 1130 in Cambodian with ID and opening anncts. Then a short burst of instrumental music before long talks with occasional mentions of Kampuchea, Khmer and Phnom Penh. Later, another short burst of music before ID, website and email addresses, then music to s/off at 1200. Big signal throughout with some slight txer hum from the beginning of the broadcast until 1150 when the hum just disappeared! I guess they must have found the fault!! The sound of the txer does smack somewhat of Dushanbe. Mar 22. (Rob Wagner-Australia VK3BVW/ARDXC)

15515, *R Warra Wangeelaa-ti*, via NEXUS-IBA IRRS SW via Radiocom, via Tiganesti, Romania, Sa 1500-1530 in Oromo to East Africa is jammed with white noise like broadband DRM. (Ivanov-Bulgaria/DX Window)

New UNIdentified broadcast of *NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave*:

1530-1600 on 15515 TIG English Sat from March 8 (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

17500, *Radio Ndeke Luka* heard yesterday 17 Feb at 1700-1729 on 17500 (via Dhabbaya UAE) with weak but clear signal with mainly French programming to Central African Republic (CAR) SINPO 25432. Station website doesn't seem to mention this new shortwave relay, only local 6030 frequency (is this still on air?). <http://www.radiondekeluka.org/index.php>. Also there's a recent article about the station (in English) "Crisis in CAR: Radio Ndeke Luka - A Place to Be Heard" at: <http://www.hirondelle.org/home-page/8608/?lang=en>. (Alan Pennington-UK, BrDXC-UK Feb 18/TopNews)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA 5005, *R. TV de Guineea Ecuatorial* - Bata. Weak signal at 2035 featuring fabulous jivey Afro dance music and occasional Spanish anncts. Best heard in USB due to TVI, and finally faded by 2055. Nice to hear this one again, not too regular here! Mar 18. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

FRANCE Frequency change of *Radio TV Algerienne*:

0600-0605 NF 7295 ISS French news, ex 5865

0605-0658 NF 7295 ISS Arabic Holy Quran, ex 5865 (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

GABON Africa No 1 has not been heard on its shortwave frequency 9580 since early 2013, Tony Rogers recently emailed the station to ask about the shortwave transmissions and received this reply on 9 February from Dominique Guihot "Unfortunately, it doesn't work anymore. Technical problems. But the team is working on that." (Tony Rogers-UK/British DX Club)

GERMANY Trans World Radio Europe Summer A14 schedule - Nauen:

0700-0720 on 6105 English Daily
0830-0900 on 7215 Hungarian Daily
1400-1428 on 7320 Russian Tue-Sun
1400-1428 on 7320 Belorussian Mon
(Bernhard Schraut-Austria, TWR Europe)

Radio Öömrang from Amrum Island, German North Frisian Islands was heard on 15215 from 1559-1658 on February 21 as scheduled. Watch for them again on February 20, 2015 (Friday) possibly even the same time and frequency. Verificatins through Media Broadcast (QSL-Shortwave@media-broadcast.com) have been received with Issoudun noted as the transmission site. (Rich D'Angelo-PA)

3995, just heard an announcement on *HCJB Weenermoor* that the German Service for listeners in South America will stop its Nauen relay (9835 @ 2300-2330 UT) at the end of June. Costs are too high and reception quality is too low. They are now looking into the possibility of broadcasting the service directly from Quito again on 6050 and ask listeners in South America to send in reception reports for that channel. Some of their listeners in South America are living in remote areas and shortwave is the only way for HCJB to reach them. Maybe Jeff White can offer another solution. (Harald Kuhl-Germany/DXplorer)

GREECE ATHENS - The new Greek public radio-television NERIT and 12 regional radio stations will begin broadcasts within the next two months. The Deputy Minister revealed that past experience will play an important role in the recruitment of journalists and that about 20% of employees were recruited in positions irrespective of their qualifications. Journalists who will join NERIT will have to have at least five year's experience. (ANSAmEd))

INDIA 4990, *AIR Itanagar* one beautiful QSL today: Itanagar 4990 after one week: (via itanagar@air.org.in): *Sir, The reception of our SW Transmitter on Date: 11. February 2014, Time: 0549 - IST = 0019 - UTC time, is checked in consultation with my colleague of Programme wing of this station through audio file sent by you and it is to be confirmed that you have correctly monitored AIR, Itanagar. Thank you for monitoring and sending the reception report. Rajesh Chandra, Deputy Director (Engineering), All India Radio, Itanagar. Many reports since the last years, but now I have it. And the next reports are Golmud and Gangtok, than I have all Himalayan transmitters complete: Azad Kashmir, Srinagar, Leh, Shimla, Nepal, Bhutan, Lhasa, Qinghai, Imphal, Itanagar...* (Christoph Ratzer-Austria/SWBulletin)

INDONESIA Winter B-13 schedule of *Voice of Indonesia* from Jakarta:

1000-1100 on 9526v English
1100-1200 on 9526v Chinese
1200-1300 on 9526v Japanese
1300-1400 on 9526v English
1400-1500 on 9526v Indonesian
1500-1600 on 9526v Chinese
1600-1700 on 9526v Arabic
1700-1800 on 9526v Spanish
1800-1900 on 9526v German
1900-2000 on 9526v English
2000-2100 on 9526v French
9526v=9525.9 (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

IRAN *Saut Falestin* "Voice of Islamic Palestinian Revolution"

Arabic @ 0320-0420 on 9610kam 11875sir
(IRIB via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 15)

IRAQ *Radio Free Iraq*, BBG Mourn Dr. Al-Shammari: Members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors and employees of RFE/RL's Radio Free Iraq are mourning the death of their Baghdad bureau chief. Dr. Mohammed Bdaiwi Owaid Al-Shammari was shot and killed over the weekend (March 22/23) at a checkpoint near his Baghdad office in an area near the Presidential Palace, according to the BBG. The shooter has been identified as a member of Iraq's presidential guard, reports BBG, which also says Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki met briefly with members of Al-Shammari's family afterwards and promised them quick action. Dr. Al-Shammari had been working for RFI since 2006 and became its Baghdad bureau chief in 2012. A

journalist for two decades, he was on the editorial boards of several Iraqi media institutions and was an associate professor at Al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad. He is the third RFI journalist to be shot and killed since the service began broadcasting in 1998. The 46-year-old is survived by his wife and three children. BBG Chairman Jeff Shell described Dr. Al-Shammari as "a committed journalist working to ensure that the people of Iraq received reliable, unbiased news. In so doing, he faced many risks, making this final and apparently random act of violence all the more difficult to bear." The BBG called on the government of Iraq "to spare no effort to bring his killer to justice." The BBG is the independent federal agency overseeing U.S. civilian international media, including Voice of America, RFE/RL, Radio and Television Marti, Radio Free Asia, and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks. (Radio World NewsBytes)

IRELAND Both these facts indicate that the transmitter really is on Tenerife as also indicated by a QSL received by Andreas Schmid. (Anker-Petersen-Denmark/DXplorer) That's not true Anker. Best signal both the evening and the morning is coming from England / Ireland. Wolfy Bueschel heard today from some remote Perseus SDR and the best signal was in the area of Blackpool and Manchester. On my 300 degrees Beverage (> UK) the signal is very strong, from the direction of 240 degrees, (> Tenerife) only a very weak signal. And the sent QSL images show only the FM transmitter on Tenerife - there's not one picture of the shortwave transmitter on Tenerife. Why? This show reminds me of the broadcasting from „San Marino“ in the 80s. (Christoph Ratzer-Austria/DXplorer) Checking now via various remote receivers it looks like it has the strongest signal in Western Britain, so it must be coming from Ireland as Wolfy already said. (Mauno Ritola-Finland/DXplorer) So, maybe (during weekends) the program is produced in UK / Ireland and then web streamed from there to Tenerife for rebroadcasting on FM. This would explain why the shortwave program is around 40 seconds "faster" than the web streamed program. I discussed this last night with Wolfy. (Harald Kuhl-Germany/DXplorer) The response from Andy is also sent via a web access from Ireland. (Christoph Ratzer-Austria/DXplorer) Thanks, Christoph, this perfectly fits into the picture. There are btw several "stations" on the Canary Islands FM dial just rebroadcasting programs coming from other countries; like Radio Maria and several stations for "tourists" (expats). I suspect most of them are still doing this without

having an official broadcasting licence. They are all piratas. Harald Kuhl-Germany/DXplorer) No, these two tourist stations on Tenerife seems to be official. Their websites show under Contact: Address Horizon FM, Apartado De Correos 150, 38626 Valle San Lorenzo, Tenerife and You can send a text to the studio on (+34 616 834 758) any time or telephone (+34) 922 860 406 during office hours, or reach us by email - Office & Administration: info@atlantis.fm; Advertising Sales: sales@atlantis.fm; Atlantis.fm Studio: studio@atlantis.fm. Atlantis Media Europe, Avenida Maritima 13, Las Palmeras 10BV. 38683 Puerto de Santiago, Tenerife. Both FM-stations broadcast 24 hours all days. As a British broadcaster, I would certainly prefer to live in sunny and warmer Tenerife, than in cold and very rainy England. (Anker Petersen-Denmark/DXplorer)

Horizon FM 6245: "We had some antenna problems that resulted in a blown output device on the transmitter. Back on now on 6245 (our planned new SW home if it proves OK over the next few days). Power still at 75 watts but we plan an increase for next weekend if all goes to plan." (Mike Barraclough-UK/British DX Club via DXplorer) Canary Is. /Ireland, apparently ex-5780 (see below), decent on 6245, 2245 Mar 9, though declined a bit in last 15 min. //< <http://www.horizon.fm/listen.html>>. (Jerry Berg-MA/DXplorer)

Same-day reply from **Horizon FM**, "Ireland/Canaries," is below, and QSL is attached. I sent my rpt with MP3 file to studio@horizon.fm. I asked for info on the site, and you can see the reply. In my rpt I mentioned the fact that I could hear them on the internet as well as over the air, but I did not say anything about a delay. In fact there was a delay. I didn't measure it exactly, but it seemed like the internet stream was about 15 seconds behind the shortwave signal, and I didn't notice anything different during the hourly news (although I was comparing intermittently). From: Andy <andy@horizon.fm>, To: Jerry Berg, Subject: Re: Horizon FM heard on shortwave in Massachusetts, Hi Jerry, Many thanks for taking the time to email us. We moved to 6245 last weekend and were also testing a new antenna. Power is indeed still at 75w however we plan an increase this weekend from our site at La Corona, North Tenerife. We have had suggestions that the signal is not originating from Tenerife however as has been pointed out on some forums, the transmission has no delay. This has been noted during our 'Sky News' hourly broadcasts. An internet relay would have to include a small time delay

I enclose our latest QSL. I wish you all the best and hope you manage to hear us again. Kind Regards, Andy. (Jerry Berg-MA/DXplorer) Canaries? Ireland? 6255, Horizon FM, as reported yesterday by John Hoad-UK in BDXC-UK NL, ex-6245 & 5780, decent at 2300 Mar 15; website streaming <<http://www.horizon.fm/listen.html>> is about 17 secs. behind signal. (Jerry Berg-MA/DXplorer) Frequency change for weekly weekend broadcasts of Horizon FM and Atlantis FM from 2200 Friday to 1000 Monday: new 6255, ex 6245/5780. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria) I am finally hearing Horizon FM right now, been pretty good since tune in at 0230, and running nicely in parallel with their website audio, tho a slight lag. (Ralph Perry-IL) Nice to see this making it to the Midwest. (RAD)

Re 6245.003 maritime radio band pirate intruder, at 0945 March 10 do you know the un-licensed Pirate anorak stn relay location in Ireland? Re poor 75 watt power, even now on deep morning/noon time seen/heard only in SDR remote net at few posts in England like Manchester-Liverpool, and Ipswich posts, latter S=6 signal at G3XVL post. 500-700 kilometers distance from Ireland. Very weak in Belgium, some 1000 kilometers away. Nothing heard in Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece. Probably virtual produced and operated by 'Andy' like Andrew Yeates and Jelena Sevchenko in East Grinstead, West Sussex U.K., used two PC pre-recording files and fed also to Irish pirate relay station outlet on weekends. I'll never understand why this small tiny shortwave outlet is a most prestigious project in the ANORAK scene, so accordingly expect the effort will make everything make it appear the program is "legal" and "factual", so look at the F_B page. OFCOM England U.K. would do much sharper action in a non-license crimes matter. Even 6245 frequency selection is MIDST ON MARITIME RADIO BAND. But the Irish authorities are determined as much negligent on such crime? May you have contact to Baldock (IMS) OFCOM monitoring finding station staff and may ask them on azimuth measurement towards Ireland? http://www.itu.int/online/mms/mars/monitoring/l8_station.sh?lang=en&stationid=127&admid=84 read 7th line, like Direction-finding measurements 1.5 MHz to 10 MHz, 24hrs service. Better than + 0.5 degrees dependent on the signal to noise ratio of the wanted signal. (Wolfgang Büschel-Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 10) Seems to be active only weekends/irregularly and originating not from the Canary Islands, obviously from Ireland (Walter Eibl-Germany/WWDXC)

KUWAIT High-frequency antenna and dish manufacturer ASC Signal Corp., has announced a deal with Kuwait's Al-Rashed Holdings for equipment for Kuwait's Ministry of Information. The equipment listed includes 5.6-meter Ku and DBS band satellite dishes, a Next Generation Controller management unit and supporting equipment for the MoI's facility in Kuwait City. The design of the system is multi-frequency. The equipment is to be used for distribution of programming for the Middle East and African markets through Nilesat and Arabsat satellites. (Radio World)

Frequency change at IBB *Deewa Radio*:

0100-0400 NF 9765 Pashto, ex 9370
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

LIBERIA *ELWA R.* has returned to shortwave, operating with 1 kW on 4760 between 0530-1000 & 1700-2400. (WRTHmonitor Update)

MADAGASCAR Update on *Madagascar World Voice Broadcasting*: Ministry of Communications has held up project requiring 16 signatures including the Ministers to bring transmitters into country. Two 100-KW transmitters in Texas ready to be shipped. The two antennas are set up ready to go. The transmitters will be located two hours north of capital, Antananarivo. World Christian Broadcasting has built a school and a soccer field in the community. Location picked because previous president gave us 85 acres but he was overthrown in 2009. The new government was not helpful. Recent democratic election provides reason to be optimistic. Plans to have same programming as KNLS but will add Arabic, Spanish and English for Africa. Magazine format modeled after NPR. No Bible preaching. (Paul Ladd at Winter SWL Festival)

MONGOLIA Winter B-13 for *Voice of Mongolia*:

0900-0930 on 12085v English
0930-1000 on 12085v Mongolian
1000-1030 on 12085v Chinese
1030-1100 on 12085v Japanese
1400-1430 on 12015v Mongolian
1430-1500 on 12015v Chinese
1500-1530 on 12015v Japanese
1530-1600 on 12015v English
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

NEPAL 5005, *Radio New Nepal* will conduct a test of their new 500 KW shortwave broadcast transmit-

ter on April 1 from 1000-1400. The station will run a parallel channel in the 19 meter band to test the capability of their new international service antennas. (Asian DX Focal Group Newsletter, Paris, France)

NIGERIA 15120, *V of Nigeria*, 0915, 23 March. V of Nigeria audible with English programme (of Nigerian pop music) - again past it's normal 0900 frequency change to 9690. Is extension of 15120 to 1000 now a regular time for VON? EiBi (but not AOKI) now has VON scheduled 15120 from 0900-1000. (Alan Roe-UK/NASWA YG)

NORWAY *Bergen Kringkaster* has applied to the Norwegian Telecommunications Authority to get permission to broadcast regular programmes in 2014. The station expects to get permission in early 2014. (Lovstrom-Norway and Svenn Martinsen-Norway, via Erik Koie-Denmark/DSWCI)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA Both *Wantok R. Light* 7325 and *R. Maria* 4960 are inactive. (WRTHmonitor Update)

PERÚ 4835.00, *R. Ondas del Sur Oriente*, Quilabamba; at 2220-2240 on Mar 7. Prgm of romantic LA mx: "Estoy Feliz Contigo". In // w/ Radio Felicidad de Lima. 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4939.98, *R. San Antonio* (p), Villa Atalaya; at 2250-2310 on Mar 7. Contemporary modern and tropical mx. NOTE: TC at the end of some songs, but no ID given. 33333. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

4985.50, *R. Voz Cristiana*, Huancayo; at 1130-1155 on Mar 13. Rlg prgm in Quechua, ID "1470AM Radio Voz Cristiana", advs: "Gráfica Palomino en Huancayo", "Estudios Unión Record, los esperamos frente al estadio Huancayo"... "pasión por la música", ID "Radio Voz Cristiana, una señal que transforma tu vida", Rlg mx. 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

5980.00, *R. Chaski*, Cusco; 2315-2340 px "El Camino de la vida" (rlg) NOTE: Beware of this: it can be possible to hear an ID from Red Radio Integridad (Radio Integridad network), this happens when they carry pre-recorded canned rlg pgrms). 44444. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui-Perú/DXplorer)

PLANET MARS 34000, finally I was able to pick up *Station Red Dust* on 34000.00 MHz on April 1st from the Planet Mars in the early hours just before

dawn after many failed attempts with typical local programming. You do not find it in many frequency listings or club reports for this station so I am quite proud of this accomplishment. (Jack Often-PA/DX Universe Listener's Club, Old Delhi, India)

PRIDNESTROVIE (Moldavian S.S.R.) Frequency change of *Trans World Radio India* in various languages:

0030-0045 NF 7280 KCH Bengali Mon-Fri, ex 7545
0030-0115 NF 7280 KCH Hindi Sun, ex 7545
0045-0115 NF 7280 KCH Bhojpuri Mon-Fri, ex 7545
0045-0115 NF 7280 KCH Nepali Sat, ex 7545
0115-0130 NF 7280 KCH Dzonka Sun-Thu, ex 7545
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

RED DAWN ISLANDS 4700, Experimental Station
Red Dawn will be testing on April 1 from 0000 to 2400 using the newly developed slow audio broadcast tones methodology with a program of non-stop Stan Kenton music dedicated to Gerry Dexter. This station is rumored to be sponsored by Tiare Publications so it may just be possible. (Experimental DX Association-London, United Kingdom)

ROMANIA A-14 summer English schedule of *Radio Romania International*

0000-0056 on 9700TIG 11955TIG
0300-0356 on 7350TIG 9645TIG 11825GAL *15220GAL
0530-0556 on 7330TIG 9700GAL 17760GAL 21500TIG
1100-1156 on 15130TIG 15400GAL 17670GAL 17680TIG
1700-1756 on 9540TIG 11810TIG
2030-2056 on 9800GAL 11975GAL 15170TIG 17510TIG
2200-2256 on 7430GAL 9765GAL 9790TIG 11940TIG
(RRI-RRO schedule; via Radiocom facilities at Saftica, Galbeni and Tiganesti; via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 11)

RUSSIA *Tatarstan Wave* is no longer on shortwave; in January Tatarstan was using just one frequency [12095 via Krasnodar at 0810-0900] but the station has now closed. (Allen Dean-UK/British DX Club)

25900, *Radio MTUCI, R "Zeleny Glaz"* ("Green Eye") started to send QSL-cards by mail. Received acknowledgment from the station in 2013: Mar 31, 2013 on 25900 and Dec 31, 2013 on 1584. On the card lists all these radio stations, including location, transmitter power and antenna type used for broadcasts. Also interesting is placed for printing

QSL. Mailing address: 115326, Moscow, Pyatnitskaya str., 25, b.1, RBT Ltd. E-mail: arb@radiostation.ru. WEB: www.radiostation.ru, www.cqf.su. Plant manager Sergey Komarov said: "The station is in the air: On Fridays from 1200 to 1500 UTC. Frequency 25900 kHz AM - until the end of March. Then there will be a change of frequency - we are running out temporary permit for her." (Klepov in RUS-DX no. 756, Feb 23/DX Window)

Voice of Russia to close down shortwave broadcasts by 1st April, 2014: After several online stories & predictions about closure of shortwave services by Voice of Russia received this official response today.... "Dear Mr. Gupta, This is just a short message to thank you for your letter and let you know that the Voice of Russia is closing shortwave broadcasts as of April 1st. Our programs will be available online at <http://voiceofrussia.com/play>. We hope you will stay with the Voice of Russia and hope to hear from you soon again. Sincerely yours, Elena Osipova, Letters Department, World Service, Voice of Russia (via Alokesh Gupta-IND, DX soAsia March 20)

RWANDA New website, URL and parent organization for *Radio Rwanda*. Rwanda Broadcasting Agency is the new name for that country's state radio and television organisation, and they have a slick new website and URL at <http://www.rba.co.rw>. The site is presented in English, French and Kinyarwanda and offers live streams and on-demand archive files of their Rwanda TV and Radio Rwanda services, in addition to live streaming of Magic FM. There are also frequency details of five RBA community radio stations. (David Kernick-UK, intervalsignals.net Feb 18/TopNews)

SEYCHELLES The fate of the site and facilities is yet to be decided since the land was leased from the Seychelles government but definitely the towers will be decommissioned. Some of the test equipment and auxiliaries will be deployed to other BBC sites. The transmitters unfortunately will most likely be scrapped. Undoubtedly what was priceless in terms of the devices for the transmitters a few months ago will now be a worthless heap of metal. Regards, Jose. (Jose Tambara, Senior Engineer, Babcock International Group PLC)

SOLOMON ISLANDS SIBC correct address is P. O. Box 654, Honiara. The schedule is 1900-1200 on 1035, 5020 & 9545. (WRTHmonitor Update)

SOUTH AFRICA Frequency change of *Deutsche Welle* in Swahili from March 7:

0300-0400 NF 5925 MEY, ex 9800 DHA //5905
KIG, 7425 KIG
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

SRI LANKA Frequency change of *PCJ Radio International* from March 16:

1330-1430 NF 11835 TRM English Sunday, ex 9335
to avoid Voice of Tibet in Tibetan
1330-1345 on 9338 & 1345-1400 on 9332.
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

SWAZILAND Current schedule for English from *Trans World Radio* Manzini:

0255-0325 Sun 3200
0430-0500 Mon-Fri 3200, 4775
0500-0800 Daily 4775 6120 9500
1425-1455 Daily 6025
1525-1555 Sat/Sun 6025
1802-1847 Daily 9500
1847-1902 Fri/Sat 9500
1745-2045 Daily 3200
(TWR schedule via Rumén Pankov/British DX Club)

UAE Frequency change of *BBC* in Hindi:

0100-0130 NF 5980 DHA, ex 6165*//7325, 11995,
15510; * to avoid Thazin Radio Reg.Sce in
Karen.
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

UKRAINE 11980.089 the dubious rather amateur radio station of the transmitter engineering in 25mb listed 0800-1000 as *UKR Radio Dniprovská Hvylyá Ukr Zaporizhia* is now on air, heard at 0825 on 1st March, with S=7 here in western Europe, in eastern Europe and Russia a bit stronger like S=8 on air. But sounds more like a preserve program of religiosity, ideology, literature, tradition, - But I don't understand anything anyway ... now at 0826 a piece UKR Pop mx. Krym Tatar TV livestream on <http://atr.ua/live>. (Wolfgang Bueschel-Germany/PlayDX) 11980, "Dniprovskaya volna" from Zaporozhye, 0800 (start of transmission) to 0930 (end of transmission). SINPO: 35333. Ukrainian radio broadcast transmission. (Dmitry Kutuzov-Russia / "deneb-radio-dx")

UNITED KINGDOM The *BBC World Service* will further reduce its shortwave transmissions next

year as part of a £15m savings drive. The money will be used to invest in new TV and digital services, part of a programme called "Invest to Innovate". The World Service will also start carrying advertising. (Guardian.com 19 February via Mike Terry-UK/British DX Club) I understand that BBCWS DRM transmissions to Europe may cease from the start of the A14 schedule period at the end of March, but that there are unlikely to be any other substantial cuts to shortwave transmissions until next year. (Dave Kenny-UK/British DX Club)

URUGUAY *Radiodifusión Nacional del Uruguay* has reactivated its transmitter on 6125. (WRTH-monitor Update)

USA Agency tries to improve its low employee morale by Joe Davidson. When it comes to employee morale in federal agencies, the Broadcasting Board of Governors has long lived among the dregs. It's still there, but the BBG is trying hard to move to a better neighborhood. This isn't a success story, at least not yet. This is a story about a federal agency that recognizes it can't continue to live near or at the bottom of employee morale surveys. Success might be coming, but a lot of work remains. The BBG, which oversees the government's international broadcasting operations, is doing that work. Since 2007, the BBG has been at or near the bottom in the "Government" ratings, issued by the Partnership for Public Service and using FEVS data. Nonetheless, the agency's workforce "has an enormous belief in the mission," said André Mendes, BBG director of global operations. Management can use that to leverage morale. Mendes thinks having a CEO will be "a tremendous improvement." The board of director's setup was a big problem. In January 2013, Hillary Rodham Clinton, then secretary of state, said "our Broadcasting Board of Governors is practically defunct in terms of its capacity to be able to tell a message around the world." The week before that, a report by the State Department inspector general called the board "dysfunctional." (Washington Post via Radio World Newsbytes)

Broadcasting Board of Governors is asking for \$721.26 million for its fiscal 2015 budget, which would be a slight reduction from its enacted budget of \$733.48 million in 2014. The budget includes what BBG describes as "significant reductions in staff positions that are predominantly not tied to content production, as well as costs involving less-effective signal transmissions." The BBG is an independent federal entity responsible for U.S.

nonmilitary international broadcasting programs like the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, Radio and TV Marti, and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks — Radio Sawa and Alhurra Television. The FY 2015 request provides \$4.8 million in broadcasting capital improvements funding to maintain the BBG's transmission network, including the security requirements of facilities, maintenance, repairs and improvements to existing systems. Overall, the BBG's budget request includes what the broadcaster considers to be substantial reductions and also investments that rebalance the agency's resources away from legacy markets in Europe and toward current foreign policy priorities such as Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The BBG is rejiggering its platform resources as well, continuing to move funding from legacy platforms such as shortwave and medium-wave in order to devote more money to platforms such as FM, television, streaming and social media in markets where the audience prefers the latter. The BBG intends to reduce language service duplication in some markets. (Radio World)

Two new registered frequencies of **Radio Miami International**:

0000-2400 on 5030 English from March 9
0000-2400 on 5950 English from March 9
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria) Registered but will not necessarily be used for the full 24 hours. (Dave Kenny-UK/British DX Club)

Additional transmissions via **WRMI** Okeechobee, Florida from March 4:

2300-1100 on 5850 English TruNews + others
2300-1100 on 7455 English TruNews + others
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

RFE/RL Appoints Interim Managers: The board for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty appointed vice president of finance, chief financial officer and treasurer John Giambalvo and editor-in-chief for programming Nenad Pejic as interim managers of the broadcaster. The change became effective on March 2, following the departure of Kevin Klose as president and chief executive, and remains in effect until a new president is appointed. The RFE/RL board consists of all of the members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. We recently reported on the departure of Klose. Giambalvo joined RFE/RL as deputy CFO in 2009, after five

years on the BBG staff as policy and program coordinator. Pejic, who was named editor-in-chief in December 2013, joined RFE/RL in 1993 as the first director of RFE/RL's Balkan Service. Prior to that, Pejic held various positions with Sarajevo Television including head of the news department, Belgrade correspondent and program director. The board has a search underway for a new RFE/RL president. (Radio World NewsBytes)

KVOH Voice of Hope:

0200-0400 on 9975 English Sun/Mon, ex 0300-0500
1300-1900 on 17775 Spanish Mon-Fri, ex 1400-2000
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

The new **Radio Africa Network** broadcasting from Okeechobee, Florida is proving to be an exceptional Outreach for our ministries, and the broadcasts continue to be a blessing to all people that are listening to the station...Praise God! Since the first day we began broadcasting from the Florida site, December 1, 2013, we continue to monitor the effectiveness of the station, as well as fine tune the transmission in order to ensure that we receive optimum coverage and maximize the transmission quality of the signal. During our three months of broadcasting, we have received numerous reception reports, and we look forward to receiving more reports from listeners around the world! If you have sent us a reception report in the past couple of months, we thank you! It is amazing to receive your letters and reports, and they inspire us and the ministries to continue with the broadcast service. We are excited to announce that effective March 30th, 2014 The Radio Africa Network is adjusting its frequencies in order to provide optimum coverage to its targeted areas. The new schedule will be as follows: 17790 on 0800-2100 and 15190 at 2100-0800. Your reception reports are very important to us, and we look forward to receiving each and every one of them. We are excited to announce that we have 3 different QSL cards. Additionally, we continue to track where in the world the Radio Africa Network is being heard and you can see the results at <http://www.radiopanam.com/QSLmap.html>. Again, we thank you for tuning into the Radio Africa Network, and please continue monitoring the station and providing us with feedback and reception reports. Have a wonderful day! (Jeff Bernald & the Pan American Broadcasting Team INFO@panambc.com)

UZBEKISTAN CVC *Voice Asia* will probably leave shortwave from March 30. Nothing registered in HFCC database. (DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria)

CVC *Voice Asia* will probably leave shortwave from March 30. I know that many stations are missing in the public version of HFCC. But CVC has never been lacking so far. (Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 20) Ivo, the public file misses ALWAYS some few hundreds Asian and Australian entries like Radio Australia and others. Unfortunately WRN broking bookings contain only entries at ISS and SOF-Spaceline guys.

6260 0000 0400 Hindi UZB CVC
6260 1400 2000 Hindi UZB CVC
9660 1100 1400 Hindi UZB CVC
9975 0100 0400 Hindi UZB CVC
13630 0400 1100 Hindi UZB CVC
(wwddxc, BC-DX TopNews March 20)

VANUATU R. *Vanuatu* operates currently on shortwave at very low power only on 3945 kHz between 1830-1230. Transmitters repair is planned for March. (WRTHmonitor Update)


YEMEN 6135, *Yemen Radio* - Sana'a. Can't be heard here till the Korean jammer switches off, which on Mar 18 was at 1858. This revealed a fair signal from the English service of Sana'a with several news items, then ID and address before s/off at 1900. (Rob Wagner-Australia/ARDXC)

ASSOCIATION OF ADVANCED RADIO LISTENERS is offering a free copy of their hourly newsletter, DX This Hour, for only 25 cents per issue - or per hour - payable using only PayPal. Some selected items from DX This Hour have been used in this month's column with Papal permission. Contact editor Glenn Williams (glennismorethanokay@yahoo.com) for complete information and detailed payment instructions plus a lecture on how to report discreetly. (Glenn Williams-Undisclosed Location)

CUSIB URGES BBG TO KEEP RADIO AS PART OF MULTIMEDIA STRATEGY: The independent Committee for U.S. International Broadcasting (CUSIB) sent a letter to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) urging the bipartisan federal board to keep radio as part of a multimedia outreach strategy that would serve all foreign audi-

ences — billions of poor people around the world and especially those persecuted by repressive regimes or suffering other forms of political, economic or social oppression. The CUSIB letter was addressed to the Broadcasting Board of Governors' Shortwave Committee, chaired by BBG Governor Matt Armstrong, but it also deals with larger management of resources and programming issues at the BBG, the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB), and BBG's media entities. "Radio can be the lifeline for poor people in many places in the world where they don't have access to television, Internet access or electricity. Radio is cheap, and unlike Internet users, radio listeners cannot be tracked and monitored." The letter also said BBG should resist "suggestions or requests to cut or eliminate funding from Voice of America and Radio Free Asia's shortwave radio broadcast services to China and Tibet." CUSIB is concerned by the 37% growth of IBB positions in the last seven years while numerous news programs and programming positions at Voice of America (VOA) and grantees were being cut. CUSIB also sees the push for centralization as leading to possible further increases in the IBB non-programming budget, which at 34% in FY2014 already consumes the largest part BBG's Congressional budget allotment. "Radio can be the lifeline for poor people in many places in the world where they don't have access to television, Internet access or electricity. Radio is cheap, and unlike Internet users, radio listeners cannot be tracked and monitored." The letter also said BBG should resist "suggestions or requests to cut or eliminate funding from Voice of America and Radio Free Asia's shortwave radio broadcast services to China and Tibet." (Radio World NewsBytes)

WRTHMONITOR contains news items for the National Radio section of WRTH and other reference items. The updates are posted up to August each year. They consist of selected items supplied to us by our contributors, some other items of interest, and corrections to the previous edition of WRTH. Select items used in this LN.

Schedules, news and other information about shortwave broadcasting activity can be sent to Richard A D'Angelo, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610 or via e-mail to rdangelo3@aol.com (please indicate in the subject that your contribution is for Listeners Notebook). Thanks! 73, Rich 

QSL Report

Sam Barto • 78 Blakeman Road • Thomaston, CT 06787



COLOMBIA: Alcaravan Radio
5910 The station verified my Email rpt. w/ a f/d Email QSL in 5 ds. from v/s Russell Martin Stendal, Director and from Rafael Rodriguez R. QSL Manager. Email: rafa elcoldx@yahoo.com (D'Angelo-PA). **La Voz de tu Conciencia** 6010 same v/s and Email address as above. (D'Angelo-PA).

FRANCE: Radio Taiwan International 3965 via **Issoudun** f/d cd. in 35 ds. for a postal rpt. The face side of the QSL features an evening photograph of the MRT. (Roe-UK).

Taipei's subway system, better known as the MRT. (Roe-UK).
GERMANY: NDR "Gruss an Bord" Christmas Special broadcast 6125 via **Nauen**

STATION NOTES: Bangladesh Betar 7250 Email: rrc@dhaka.net v/s Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hassan, Senior Engineer Research and Receiving Centre.
Radio Mosoj Chaski 3310 v/s Victor Campos, Director. Addr: Abaroa 254, Entre Calle General Acha y Santivanes, Cochabamba, Bolivia.
Radio Alice 3905 Email: radioalice@hotmail.com **Bible Voice** 15180 via **Trincomalee** Email: mail@biblevoice.org **Radio New Zealand International** v/s Adrian Sainsbury, Frequency Manager. **Likedeeler Radio** 6201 Addr: P. O. Box 73, NL-7160 AB Neede, Netherlands. **Radio Twentana** 6235 Email: radiotwentana@gmail.com **Skyline Radio International** 3905 Email: skylinehorizon221@hotmail.com **Radio Hargeisa** 7120 Addr: Baldur Drobница, Konsularische Vertretung Somaliland, Zederweg 6, DE-50127 Bergheim, Germany. v/s Baldur Drobница, Secretary.

Radio Sonder Grense 9650 v/s Sikander Hoosen. Addr: Private Bag X06, Honeydew, 2040 South Africa. via **PLAY DX**

f/d Email QSL in 12 ds. from Media Broadcast for an Email rpt. to: walter.brodowsky@media-broadcast.com The QSL shows a photo of the transmitter site. (Roe-UK). **PCJ Radio International** 5995 via **Nauen** f/d Email

Metro Radio International
QSL



QSL in 2 ds. for an Email rpt. to: pcjgsl@pcjmedia.com The QSL shows some great fireworks from the Taipei 101 Tower. (Roe-UK).

LIBERIA: ELWA 4760 The station verified my Email rpt w/ a simple Email reply in 1 day from v/s Moses Nyantee who noted, "We are broadcasting on a 1 kilowatt transmitter from Monrovia. (D'Angelo-PA).

NEW ZEALAND: Radio New Zealand International 11725

f/d Email QSL (collected / downloaded from the RNZ web pages) in 8 ds. (Roe-UK).

OMAN: BBC Eastern Relay Station 9505 via A'Seela f/d QSL ltr. from VT Merlin Communications v/s Afrah Al Orimi. This was for an EG rpt. and \$3.00. (Tilley-WA).

STATION NOTES: Italcable Friends Viareggio - Stazione Segnale Orario Viareggio 10000 Addr: Indirizzo Postale, Via del Borgo 6, IT-55049 Viareggio, Italy Email: info@associazioneitalcable.it **Radio Luxembourg**

6210 Email: radioluxembourglive.com **Tango Italia** 5240 / 6265.5 / 6310 and 5205 Email: libertango58@libero.it **Radio AC/DC** 6242 / 6245 Email: radiocdc@gmail.com **Radio Adelaar** 6235 Email: derodea@delaar@gmail.com **Tip and Elvis Show** 6245 / 6305 Email: t,eshow@hotmail.com **Ronex Radio** 6245 Email: ronexradio@hotmail.com **Dutch Radio Telstar** 6255 / 6285 Email: dutchradio48@hotmail.com **Focus International** 6286 Email:

focus@live.co.uk **Radiomarabu** 6305 Email: info@radiomarabu **Radio Tarzan** 6320 Email: radiotarzan@hotmail.com **Radio Underground** 6324 / 6285 Email: radioundergrounds@gmail.com ...via PLAY DX...Sam

PHILIPPINES: FEBC Radio International 9430 via Bocaue The station verified my Email rpt. w/ an Email reply from Owen in 7 ds. who mentioned: "This broadcast came from Bocaue, on transmitter BSW2 - a Continental 418 model, 100KW transmitter, and the antenna is a TCI 611 curtain array. I look forward to hearing from you again. SWL is a

great hobby. I am an amateur radio operator and for 18 yrs. I operated as KHØEX when I lived in Saipan and worked on KPBS FEBC's shortwave station. (D'Angelo-PA).

ROMANIA: Radio City - The Station of the Cars 7290 via **Italian Radio Relay Service** at Tiganesti The station verified my Email rpt. w/ a f/d "1953 Lincoln Mercury Toast of the Town car featuring Ed Sullivan behind the wheel in 4 hrs. including a



GHANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 1633
ACCRA, GHANA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your reception report of our transmission(s)
on 3545 kc/s heard at 1910
1920 G.M.T. on 21-12-74

We have pleasure in verifying your report which is much appreciated.

17th March, 1975
PS/W75/L182



Shiraz
for Director-General



QSL CARD

GHANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
P. O. BOX 1633,
ACCRA, GHANA



Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your reception report of our transmission(s)
on 4915 kc/s heard at 20:52 - 21:00
G.M.T. on 18th SEPT. 1989

We have pleasure in verifying your report which is much appreciated.



Shiraz
for Director-General

13.2.1990
PE/mw90/4023

focus@live.co.uk **Radiomarabu** 6305 Email: info@radiomarabu **Radio Tarzan** 6320 Email: radiotarzan@hotmail.com **Radio Underground** 6324 / 6285 Email: radioundergrounds@gmail.com ...via PLAY DX...Sam

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QSL CARD

Ghana Broadcasting Corporation
P. O. Box 1633,
Accra, Ghana



Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your reception report of our transmission(s)
on 3366 kc/s heard at 22:34 - 22:41
G.M.T. on 4th SEPT 1993

We have pleasure in verifying your report which is much appreciated.

Shiraz
for Director-General

14.10.1993
PE/mw93/3262

Voice of Nigeria

BROADCASTING HOUSE, LAGOS

APRIL

2 APR 1973 197

Thank you for your report of 13/1

1973 at 0600-0614 hrs G.M.T.

I have pleasure in confirming that the

transmission was from our SIPAGUNLE

transmitter on 4940 kHz

JN CHIEF ENGINEER

STAMP

Hi Samuel L. Barto

Box 4028 RD #1

Harri's, Conn. 06763

U.S.A

photo of a 1966 Chrysler New Yorker. The reply mentioned that I was getting their new QSL ltr. which is updated every month w/ a different car and information about the music played on the program. The unknown v/s mentioned: "Unfortunately the staff in Romania is back to the old habit of switching off too early in order to change antennas before the top of the hour. We have another idea of what site in Romania is actually

being used but the location is not given by the IRRS. They only say "East of Milan". As you might guess we collect records and most of the music played in our shows are from original vinyl records. (D'Angelo).

STATION NOTES: Radio Twentana 6245 Email: radiotwentana@gmail.com
Radio Casanova 6265 Email: radiocasanova2hotmail.com Radio Telstar 6285 / 6300 Email: dutchradio48@hotmail.com Mustang Radio 6285 Email: mustangradio@hotmail.com Radio Shadowman 6290 Email: radio shadowman@hotmail.com Voice of the Netherlands 6325 Email: vothe planet.nl SDXF Swedish DX Club DX Program 7265 Addr: SDXF, P. O. Box 1097, SE-405 23 Gothenburg, Sweden. Sound of Hope Radio Network 7625 Addr: 06-04 Lane 84, Guotai Street, North District, Taichung 404, Taiwan. Voice of Africa Sudan 9505 v/s Adam Bakhit Bushra, Directeur Section Francaise, Email: bakhit02bb@yahoo.com Radio del Pacifico 9675 Email: gerencia@grupopacifico.org...via PLAY DX...sam.

RADIO RSA



Visit South Africa today

SOUTH AFRICA NHK World Radio Japan 11800 in 22 ds. for an Email rpt. Face side features photo view of a rising sun in Gunma Prefecture. (Roe-UK).

SRI LANKA: Radio Free Europe 9720 via Iranawila p/d cd. in 18 ds. for EG rpt. and ms. The QSL has a "Panda wearing a sable hat for the Sochi Olympics". (Tilley-WA). Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation 11905 via Ekala nice looking f/d "SLBC Transmitting Station" Email QSL in 12 ds. from v/s Victor Goonetilleke, SLBC Department Director Engineering. Victor indicated a postal QSL would be in the next days mail. Thanks to Victor for the terrific SLBC reply! (D'Angelo-PA).

Voice of Nigeria

BROADCASTING HOUSE, LAGOS

24 APR 1973 197

Thank you for your report of 24/3

1973 at 0551-0606 hrs G.M.T.

I have pleasure in confirming that the

transmission was from our SOKORO

transmitter on 6195 kHz

JN CHIEF ENGINEER

STAMP

Hi Samuel L. Barto

Box 4028 RD #1

Harri's, Conn. 06763

U.S.A

SWAZILAND: Trans World Radio - Africa 9500 f/d QSL sheet in 36 ds. for a postal rpt. v/s Lorraine S. My rpt. was sent to P.O. Box 4232, 1620, Kempton Park, South Africa; however the reply was posted from Box 64, Manzini M200 Swaziland. (Roe-UK).

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: NHK World Radio Japan 13640 f/d cd. in 24 ds. for an

受信確認証
VERIFICATION CARD

post card



受信報告をお送りくださいましてありがとうございます。
Thank you very much for your reception report

あなたがラジオNIKKEIのBSラジオNIKKEIを受信されたことを確認いたします。
We are pleased to verify that you have listened to our service

ラジオNIKKEI受信周波数 RADIONIKKEI Frequency
1st PRGR 93.1(50kw) 0 055(50kw) 9.595(50kw)/MHz
2nd PRGR 7.945(50kw) 6 115(50kw) 9.760(50kw)/MHz

BSラジオNIKKEI受信チャンネル BS RADIONIKKEI Channel
1300ch/301ch

受信年月日 Date 2005 / 4 / 1

時刻 Time 11:54 - 12:15 UTC

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Mr. James P. Ronda
8019 South 98th East Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74133-6518
USA

AIR MAIL

Email rpt. The face side features photo of two masked performers of Kyogen, a form of traditional Japanese comic drama. (Roe-UK).

USA: WBCQ The Planet

5110 f/d "Planet Earth" QSL cd. in 18 ds. for a postal rpt and ms. v/s Allan Weiner. (Tilley-WA).
KVOH Voice of Hope 9975 f/d "North and Central America" QSL cd. in 7 ds. for an Email rpt. v/s Ray Robinson. (Tilley-WA).
PCJ Radio In-

ternational 11880 via WRMI Radio Miami International The station verified my Email rpt. w/ a f/d Email reply. The QSL featured Tan Lam Soon, BBC Far East Relay Station Singapore, and Keith Perron, PCJ Radio International in front of transmitters. This was eQSL # 492 in 11 ds. v/s Victor Goonetilleke. (D'Angelo-PA).
WRMI Radio Miami International 7570 f/d "Greetings from Okeechobee, Florida" cd. in 84 ds. for \$1.00. v/s Jeff White. (Wilkins-MO).

STATION NOTES: Overcomer Ministry 3185 Email: brotherstair@overcomerministry.org
Radio Ciudad Global 9955 via WRMI Radio Miami International Email: radiociudadglobal@gmail.com v/s Omar Ortiz, QSL Manager.
Radio Vaticana 9955 via WRMI Radio Miami International Email: gestfreg@vaticradio.va
Radio Marti 11715 via The Edward R. Morrow Transmitting Station - Site R v/s WR4PMQ
Email: guimar123@gmail.com & martinoticias@ocb.ibb.gov
Radio Praga 9955 via WRMI Radio Miami International v/s Jeff White, QSL Manager. Email: espanol@radio.cz
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Email: George@WTWW.us..via PLAY DX...Sam.

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Walter Brodowsky, Account Manager Short-wave broadcasting
+49 24 61 697 - 350, email: walter.brodowsky@t-systems.com
April 18, 2005

Your reception reports about several transmissions of different Customers during 2003 and 2004

Dear Mr. Barto,

At first, we would like to thank you very much for your kind letters which included the very detailed reception reports about the following customers:

- Bible Voice Broadcasting (3 reception reports)
- The Overcomer (2 reception reports)
- Swiss Radio International (1 reception report)
- Voice of Russia (1 reception report)
- Radio Taiwan International (1 reception report)
- Voice of Croatia (1 reception report)
- Radio Miami International (1 reception report)
- Free People's Mission (1 reception report)
- Family Radio Inc. (2 reception reports)
- International Broadcasting Bureau (2 reception reports)

We confirm your reception reports and sent them to our customers, too, if possible. Please find attached the last edition of the actual summer schedule A05 which gives to you an overview about all the programs which we are broadcasting at present.

We have 2 NA pirate stations to report but we can do those next issue...best of QSLing...Sam.

Sam

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DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IS THE 10th OF THE MONTH

The following members sent in contributions:

Rich BARTON, El Mirage, AZ

Bob BROSELL, WI

John CHAPMAN

John COOPER, Lebanon, PA

Rich D'ANGELO, Wyomissing, PA

John & Sandra DAVIS, Columbus, OH

Jim EVANS, Germantown, TN

Elliot FEINBERG, Brooklyn, NY

John FIGLIOZZI, Sarasota, FL

Steven HANDLER, Buffalo Grove, IL

Glenn HAUSER, Enid, OK

Steve LARE, Holland, MI

William MCGUIRE, Cheverly, MD

Richard O. MICHAEL, Hartsville, OH

Kevin MURRAY, Jamestown, RI

Ralph PERRY, Wheaton, IL

Pamela PRODAN, Wilton, ME

Alan ROE, Teddington, UK

Mark TAYLOR, Madison, WI

Robert WILKNER, Cedar Key, FL

HQ-200, HQ-120X, SP-600, R8, PL-660, random w
NRD-545, Eton E1, Sony ICF SW 77

WR-G33DDC Excalibur Pro, RF Space SDR-IQ

RX340, Alpha Delta DX Sloper

R-390 & 391As, Mackay 5050A, WJ HF-1000A

RX340, R75, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, 90' lw, 100m loop

Sangean AT5-909, Tecsun PL-660, indoor whip

HF150

Icom R-75, Tecsun PL-660, 33' indoor wire dipole

FRG-7, DX-398/ATS-909, YB400, ICF SW-07

Drake R7, R8, R8A & R8B, 70' & 200' wires

DX-380

Grundig G3 with whip antenna

AOR 7030, R-8, Carolina Beam antenna

R8B, NRD-545, E1, 355' bi-dir LW

YachtBoy 400PE

Winradio G31 Excalibur, 17m long wire

Perseus, Winradio g313e, E1, Sat 800, 40m dipole

NRD-545, 535D, R8, IC746Pro, E1, Sat 800, Flex EWE

The A-14 Broadcasting Season has started. It provides an opportunity for you to try to log and perhaps QSL stations or countries which have eluded your grasp. I wish everyone Good DX, 73 -Steve Handler



Tropical Band Loggings

2000-5900 kHz

Scott Barbour • P. O. Box 893 • Intervale, NH 03845 • srbjrswl@yahoo.com

- 2325 AUSTRALIA *VL8T* Tennant Creek 1130-1140 Sig f/up w/ M & W ancr in EE banter; 3/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 2485 AUSTRALIA *VL8K* Katherine 1200-1220 F/in w/ M ancr; nothing on 2325; 2/14. (Wilkner-FL)
1120 Threshold sig; improved by 1135 w/ M & W ancres talk; 1137 great jazz blues fusion mx at
good strength; f/out 1150; 3/10. (Wilkner-FL)
- 2850 NORTH KOREA *KCBS* Pyongyang 1125-1136 W ancr talk; fair; 2/5. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3195 USA *WWRB* Manchester 0426 World of Radio 1708 monitoring: confirmed w/ previous preacher
stop at 0426:10, then some hum & dead air; no ancrment until 0427:05 WoR starts; 2/14.
(Hauser-OK)
- 3240 SWAZILAND *TWR* Manzini 0339 Hymn; announcer in listed N'debele; ID: 0340 off; 2/10. (Taylor-WI)
- 3310 BOLIVIA *R. Mosoj Chaski* Cochabamba 0030-0036 Noted w/ weak sig; same time previous days;
2/14. (Wilkner-FL) 0000-0020 Vclist in Quecha?; good; 3/7. Also: 1010-1030 Noted w/ vclist;
3/8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3320 NORTH KOREA *Pyongyang BS* Pyongyang 1157 (T); Tuned w/ ECSS to center a het heard on
this freq; //6400; 2/20. (Figliozi-FL)

- 3345 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa** Meyerton 0337 (P); EE discussion re markets; article on immunization in southern Africa to stop common communicable diseases among children by Nigerian specialist; fair; 2/10. (Taylor-WI)
- 3364.85 **BRAZIL R. Cultura** Araraquara 0110-0200 Noted here in PP; 2/14. (Wilkner-FL) 0000-0057 Tenor vcl in PP; 0005 new mx; good; 3/7 & 8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3375.1 **BRAZIL R. Municipal** São Gabriel da Cacheira 1020-1040 M anc in PP w/ mx; 3/10. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3480 **SOUTH KOREA V. of the People** Kyonggi-do 1159 (T); W vcls 1159; poor/fluttery sig; no apparent sign of noise jamming; actually N. Korea using powerful txmitter & domestic stn to jam?; 2/20. (Figliozzi-FL)
- 3925 **JAPAN R. Nikkei 1** Tokyo-Nagara 1203-1223 M anc in JJ; poor-fair; ham QRM; 2/8 & 20. (Figliozzi-FL)
- 4055 **GUATEMALA R. Verdad** Chiquimula 1208 SS; M anc w/ talk; ment. Puerto Rico several times; good; 2/20. (Figliozzi-FL) 0100 M anc in SS; ID; 3/8. (Wilkner-FL) 1236 Now that I'm awake this early, find R. Verdad still audible w/ hymnic harmony but about to f/out; our sunrise today is 1249; Chiquimula's was 1209, so getting out a semihour past LSR on this band is doing well; 3/10. (Hauser-OK)
- 4500 **CHINA Xinjiang PBS** Urumqi 0100 Poor sig in (P) Mongolian; weakest of the bunch; 50 kW; ND; 2/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 4699.9 **BOLIVIA R. San Miguel** Riberalta 2335-2345 M anc español; seems off 2300-0030 on some scans; weak; 2/6. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4716.65 **BOLIVIA R. Yura Yura** 0000-0025 Mx; fair; 2/15. (Wilkner-FL) 0020-0030 Weak sig in SS; 3/16. (Wilkner-FL) 4717 0058 R. Yura no doubt; on characteristic off-freq; vp-poor but enough for some mx to be heard; 2/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 4750 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar** Shavar 1150-1245 SC mx; M & W anc at 1210; f/out; 2/5. (Wilkner-FL) 1306 Talks in listed Bengali; fair; 2/14. (Brossell-WI) 1215 W w/ SC vocals; poor; 2/20. (Figliozzi-FL)
- 4750 **INDONESIA-SULAWESI RRI Makassar** 1246 (P); Fair sig rivalled only by 4940 China; with vcl mx & CCI; on the FRG-7 I can't decide whether the stronger one is on lo side, as RRI Makassar normally is vs. Bangladesh; mx seems more S Asian than SE Asian to me; 1254 W ancment is too brief & weak for me to pin it as Indonesian; however, Aoki shows the Bangladesh domestic svc is in EE at 1235-1255 & this was mostly mx; I gather that the two CC stns listed on 4750 are not much of a factor lately, maybe one or both not even on?; mx continues past 1300; 3/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 4765 **CUBA R. Progreso** 0410 Talk in SS; good; still no QSL after 23 weeks & multiple e-mails; 2/28. (Brossell-WI) 0047 R. Progreso is on already w/ mx; 3/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 4775 **BRAZIL R. Congonhas** Congonhas 1102 PP; Series of short musical themes w/ few words between; "Rádio (not clear if "Sora" or "Difusora") Congonhas"; into mellow Brazilian mx; f/out almost completely by 1115; poor; 3/15. (Taylor-WI)
- 4775 **SWAZILAND TWR** Manzini 0344 M & W anc in listed Lomwe; TWR theme; 0357 off; fair; 2/19. (Taylor-WI) 0415 Talks & hymns in GG; fair; 2/28. (Brossell-WI)
- 4780 **DJBOUTI RTD** Atta 0337 M anc in listed Afar; good; 3/3. (Brossell-WI)
- 4789.9 **PERU R. Visión** Chiclayo 0050-0100 (T); Weak distorted sig operating w/ hum on sig; 3/8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4810 **PERU R. Logos** Chazuta 1055-1100 M vclist in SS; v. strong sig; 3/10. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4815 **BRAZIL R. Difusora** Londrina 0050 (P); PP preacher vs some CODAR; PL-880 in USB mode, narrow BW, gets rid of the big ute on 4812; I still have no luck w/ its opposite neighbor, 4810 R. Logos, Perú; 3/15. (Hauser-OK)
- 4815 **EQUADOR Radio El Buen Pastor** Saraguro 2329-2342 (T); W anc w/ SS talk w/ some pleasant vcls; phone call w/ another W; weak w/ CODAR; no ID heard; poor; 3/1. (Murray-RI)
- 4824.49 **PERU LV de la Selva** Iquitos 1041 Instrumental mx noted to 1110 f/out; 3/10. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4834.57 **UNIDENTIFIED** 2350-2355 Español during band scan; 2/2. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4835 **AUSTRALIA VLBA** Alice Springs 1300 Nx bulletin; poor in noise; 3/4. (Brossell-WI)
- 4835 **PERU Ondas del Sureste** Quillabamba 0023 M anc en español; signal noted to 0050; 0000-0010 noted in español during band scan on & previous band scans same time; 2/14 & 15. (Wilkner-FL) 2330-2350 Noted here en español; weak sig; fading at times; 3/6. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4850 **CHINA Xinjiang PBS** Urumqi 0100 Second weakest in talk & splash from 4840 WWCR; this one is PBS Xinjiang in Kazakh, 100 kW ND from Urumqi; 2/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 4875 **BRAZIL R. Difusora Roraima** Buena Vista 0843 (P); Brazilian pop mx segued; fair; 2/13. (Taylor-WI) 0012-0015 Lively mx in PP; v. strong sig; 2/15. (Wilkner-FL) 0340 Contemporary Braz mx; poor; 2/14. (Taylor-WI) 0340 Songs & ancments in PP; fair; 3/3. (Brossell-WI)
- 4885 **BRAZIL R. Clube do Para** Belem 0643 Mx in PP; fair & better than usual, no doubt from the 24h stn, R. Clube do Pará, Belém, & not Acreana; 2/23. (Hauser-OK)

- 4915 **BRAZIL R. Difusora de Macapa** Macapa 0030 ID & talks in PP; fair; 2/25. (Brossell-WI) 0005 Talk in PP; fair; re-check of this at 0330 had Macapa at an excellent (almost lcl) sig lvl; 3/11. (Brossell-WI)
- 4920 **INDIA AIR Kolkata** 1220 Noted here w/ poor sig; //4800; 2/20. (Figliozzi-FL)
- 4930 **BOTSWANA VOA** Moeping Hill 0330 World nx; fair; 3/12. (Brossell-WI)
- 4939.9 **UNIDENTIFIED** 2330-2340 Weak SS; (P) Perú-Radio San Antonio de Atalaya Ucayali ?; 3/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4940 **CHINA V. of the Strait** Fuzhou 1305-1312 Talk in CC; poor-fair; 2/20 & 3/4. (Brossell-WI) 1231 Lively prg w/ incidental mx; M & W ancrs in CC; fair; 2/20. (Figliozzi-FL)
- 4980 **CHINA Xinjiang PBS** Urumqi 0100 5+1 timesig about one second late; fair, but rough distorted modulation; in (P) Uighur; 100 kW, 230 degrees; 2/16. (Hauser-OK)
- 4985 **BRASIL R. Brasil Central** Goiania 0010-0100 Mx w/ no RTTY for once; vcls; 0025 musica romantica, possible cover for English song; 0100 chorale mx; no ID heard; 2/15. (Wilkner-FL) 0101 Finds few sigs from S. America, & the only readable Portuguese here, i.e. R. Brasil Central, w/ the usual heavy RTTY taking Saturday night off; nothing audible on //11815; not propagating on off?; lots of flutter on all Brazilian sigs including RNA on 6180; 2/16. (Hauser-OK) 0035 Talks in PP; fair; 2/25. (Brossell-WI)
- 4985.5 **PERU R. Voz Cristiana** Huancayo 1103-1110 (T); M en español w/ sig f/out; 3/10. Also: noted f/out at 1125 on 3/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5010 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0629 Weak mx matching 5040 RHC, so the leapfrog mixing product over 5025 Rebelde at same site is in play; can also hear a vp sig on 5055, leapfrog across the other way; 2/19. (Hauser-OK) 0549 Rebelde is off already before 0600; 3/15. (Hauser-OK)
- 5010 **MADAGASCAR RTV Malagasy** Antananarivo 0423 M ancr in (P) Malagasy; fair; 2/26. (Brossell-WI)[watch out for that RHC leapfrog, see above-ed.] 0242 (P) M ancr; indigenous mx bridge to W ancr at length; fair; no indication of Cuban intermod; 3/13. (Taylor-WI)
- 5025 **CUBA R. Rebelde** Havana 0633 R. Rebelde is off again; 2/13. (Hauser-OK) 1022-1030 W ancr in SS; then M w/ nx; musical interludes; good; 2/27. (Prodan-ME) 0614 R. Rebelde is on, but distorted w/ modulation at peaks; 3/9. (Hauser-OK) 1207 SS prg in progress; poor; 3/11. (Handler-IL)
- 5040 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0552 EE svc w/ mx; //6000, 6060, 6100 & 6165, but 5040 goes to dead air by 0600 & off by 0602, while the 4 x 6 MHz overkills resume another hour of EE w/ IS; 3/10. (Hauser-OK)
- 5060 **CHINA Xinjiang PBS** Urumqi 0100 Fair in CC tho distorted, but less so than 4980 Uighur; as usual; the best strength of the bunch; 2/14. (Hauser-OK)
- 5085 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 0029 World of Radio 1708 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW-2; 2/16. (Hauser-OK) 0632 Bro. Stair via WTWW-2 is distorted & splattering considerably up & down, worse during mx; 2/28. (Hauser-OK)
- 5110 **USA WBCQ** Monticello 0403 CUSB; World of Radio 1707 monitoring: confirmed on Area 51 via WBCQ, starting at 0403.5, after Jean Shepherd ran a bit over; 2/16. (Hauser-OK) 0005 "Cold as Ice" by Foreigner; 0008 more rock mx; fair; 2/16. (Cooper-PA) 0103 "Allan Weiner Worldwide" remarking that he will be at some fest May 2-3; //9330 & 7490 but the three are not synched: 7490 about a semiminute ahead of 5110; 3/15. (Hauser-OK)
- 5460 **PERU R. Bolivar** Bolivar 0020-0039 Possible reactivation; first time noted this season; mx in deep fades; confirmed as Radio Bolivar by Pedro F. Arrunátegui, Lima-Peru; trx; 2/14. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5580.2 **BOLIVIA R. San José** San José de Chiquitos 2350-0010 Noted here in SS w/ deep fades; 3/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5830 **USA WTWW** Lebanon 0401 WTWW-1 is on w/ big sig to bring us successfully WoR 1712; 3/16. (Hauser-OK)
- 5860 **CHINA V. of Jinling** Nanjing 1308-1312 M & W ancrs in CC; v. weak sig w/ flutter; 3/12. (Evans-TN)
- 5865 **FRANCE RTV Algérienne** Issoudun *0359-0440 Mx opening followed by M ancr in AA; mx & a male w/ a recitation; ID at 0430 followed by the nx; mx prg began at 0435; fair; 1/18. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5875 **THAILAND R. Thailand** Udon Thani 1117 (P); M ancr in listed Khmer w/ theme type mx; poor; 3/15. (Taylor-WI)
- 5875 **UNITED KINGDOM BBC** Woofferton 0320-0359* M & W ancrs in AA w/ news features prg; several nice IDs & jingle at closedown at 0358; p-f; 3/7. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5885 **VATICAN CITY Afia Darfur** St. Maria de Galeria 0304 Off-AA talk w/ very heavy splash from 5890-WWCR; Aoki shows it's Afia Darfur/Hello Darfur in Sudanese dialect, 0300-0330, 250 kW, 146 degrees from Vatican; 3/1. (Hauser-OK)
- 5900 **RUSSIA V. of Russia** Irkutsk 1320 Talks in listed CC; fair; 2/20. (Brossell-WI) 1313-1315 W ancr in CC; weak sig w/ flutter; just above the noise; 3/12. (Evans-TN)

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
- 5910 JAPAN R. *Japan* 0400 SS Good. (McGuire-MD)
- 5980 USA *Radio Marti* Greenville Spanish; 1228 rap song then M & f ann and station ID at 1230; good 3/5 (Prodan-ME)
- 6020 ALBANIA *CRI* via Dervik 0017 S8 EE (Michael-OH)
- 6020 ALBANIA *RCI* out of Albania -0010-0030 English; "People in the Know" program on challenges of urbanization & environment in China; excellent 3/5 (Prodan-ME)
- 6045 AUSTRIA *Adventist World Radio* Moosbrunn, 0431-0443 Feb 12, Man announcer with ID and conclusion of program opening in French language. Two men began long discussion. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6050 ECUADOR *HCJB* Quito 1031-1105 talk & songs, Quechen; good 3/2 (Prodan-ME)
- 6050 ECUADOR *La Voz De Los Andes* (HCJB), tentative, 10:32 to 11:00, with a possible ID at 10:58, a broadcast in the Quechua language, SINFO=3,5,3,3,3, I heard the old hymn, How Great Thou Art, the 5050A and the 42' Windom antenna. 2/24/14. (Davis, OH)
- 6055 SPAIN *REE* S7 EE (Michael-OH)
- 6055 SPAIN *REE* 0000 EE. Good (McGuire-MD)
- 6055 JAPAN *Radio Nikkei* 1215-1219 Japanese language program male presenter joined by another male at 1218. Fair signal. 03/11/14 (Handler-IL)
- 6070 CANADA *CFRX* Toronto, 1553-1612 Feb 15, finally noted after hearing from Chris Lobdell that they were reactivated but noted with poor signal man and woman announcer with talk features, (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6070 CANADA *CFRX* Toronto, 2345-2349. Talk in English between two men regarding drug and alcohol addiction. Poor signal with some fading. 3/6/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 6070 CANADA *CFRX* Toronto 1144-1215 English; f & m talk show abt bringing up children; 1147 ID "News Talk 1010" then traffic report; more IDS & promos & ads; news at toh; then talk & interviews re Ukraine; loud & clear, but becoming fair-good, only fair at 1335 3/2 (Prodan-ME)
- 6080 AUSTRALIA *Radio Australia* 1026-30 English; m interviewing f physicist; fair 3/2 (Prodan-ME)
- 6090 ANGUILLA *Caribbean Beacon* 0740. Dr. Gene Scott monologue. Armchair. 3/9 (Barton-AZ)
- 6100 SERBIA 2200 EE. Poor (McGuire-MD)
- 6115 JAPAN R *Nikkei 2* 0750, talks by M in JJ. Good.3/9(Barton-AZ)
- 6145 ROMANIA R. *Romania Int'l* 0134 S9 EE. (Michael-OH)
- 6165 BOLIVIA (t) R. *Logos* Santa Cruz as recently reported, 1325 w/ soft F vocal fading rapidly, out by 1330. [Figliozzi, FL 2/20/14]
- 6165 CUBA R. *Havana Cuba* 0114 S9 EE (Michael-OH)
- 6170 NORTH KOREA *Voice of Korea* 1011 Patriotic chorus, M with news of the worker, observance of "Day of the shining star". Good 2/16 (Barton-AZ)
- 6175 VIETNAM *Voice of Vietnam* 0100 EE Fair. (McGuire-MD)
- 6180 BRAZIL R. *Amazonia da Amazonia* 0022 S8 PT. Great Signal (Michael-OH)
- 6240 CHINA *CNR-1* 1301-1305 Mandarin language program male and female presenters on 03/10/14. (Handler-IL)
- 6250 OPPOSITION *Echo of Unification* (tentative) 1219-1222 Male in Korean underneath Japanese Navy's digital transmission. Poor signal. 03/11/14 (Handler-IL)
- 6400 KOREA DPR *Pyongyang B/C Sta.* Poor w/W in KK at 1149. [Figliozzi, FL 2/20/14]
- 6400 KOREA *PYONGYANG BS* (tentative) via Kanggye 1225-1235 music. JBA 03/11/14 (Handler-IL)
- 6600 OPPOSITION-SOUTH KOREA *Voice of the People* 0820. Long monologue by M in KK. Didn't hear jammer over. Fair. 2/17 (Barton-AZ)
- 6925 PIRATE (No. Am.) *Wolverine Radio* 0202-0215* Feb 15, Man announcer with "Wolverine Radio" ID at 0206 surrounded by a bunch of Valentine's Day lyric musical selections. Off suddenly. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 PIRATE (No. Am.) *WHYP Radio* 0005-0107 Mar 9, playing old WLIS ("We Love Interval Signals") program material with All India Radio IS, followed by Radio Berlin International IS, WHYP ID at 0012 followed by parody songs and one for DX Survivor Fair to Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 PIRATE (No. Am.) *Radio Ronin Shortwave* 0132-0140 Mar 9, tuned in to hear Rolling Stones tune "Fade to Black" followed by seemingly introduction of "Satisfaction" for several minutes. Man announcer with ID followed by more rock music. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 6925 **PIRATE (No. Am.) Undercover Radio** 0250-0315 Mar 9, Dr. Benway with talk, IDs and rock music. Mentioned Radio Ronin program earlier; Dream feature about colonizing a new planet. Usual collection of interesting oddball material. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6930 **PIRATE-NORTH AMERICA Renegade Radio** March 17 at 0136, tune in to some pirate music, but soon stops, and dead air until resumes at 0139. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 6935 **PIRATE (No. Am.) UNID** 2257-2303* Feb 15, male rap song followed by instrumental music with slow scan sounds at 2301 until carrier terminated. Never heard any voice announcements. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6949 **PIRATE (No. Am.) Radio Blah Blah Blah** 0115-0201 Mar 6, music program (rock, blues, country, etc.) with a man and woman doing the hosting with "Radio Blah Blah Blah" IDs and radioblah-blahblah@outlook.com e-mail address for reports. Poor to fair with deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7120 **SOMALIA Radio Hargeisa** Somaliland, 0340-0417 Mar 2, man announcer with Somali language talk followed by Horn of Africa vocals. ID and news at 0400. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7290 **ROMANIA Radio City** via IRRS-Tiganesti, 1944-1957* Feb 14, deep, gravely voiced man announcer - who was difficult to understand - with brief talk in English hosting program of oldies. Noted a Simon and Garfunkel tune among others. Off suddenly before the last song ended without any formal closedown announcements. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7310 **ROMANIA Radio Romania International (RRI)**, 21:50 to 21:55 with an ID at 21:55, SINFO=3,5,4,3,3, I heard part of the DX Mail Bag Program hosted by a male announcer, I heard two letters from Sweden and another from Malaysia.. 2/16. (Davis, OH)
- 7325 **ASCENSION ISLAND British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** 5:05 to 5:12 with an ID at 5:08, SINFO=5,5,5,3,4, I heard that Russian troops had taken over all of Crimea, the Kaito 1103 and the telescoping antenna. 3/3. (Davis, OH)
- 7325 **ROMANIA R. Romania Int'l** 0100 EE. Good (McGuire-MD)
- 7375 **GERMANY Mighty KBC** 0115-0200 w Giant Jukebox Rock mx, and digital text test, fair signal 2/23/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 7445 **TAIWAN Radio Taiwan Int'l** 1120. Andrew Ryan and W co-host. Best reception of RTI on this sked in a long time. VG. 3/7(Barton-AZ)
- 7465 **ALBANIA R. Tirana** 0000 Good (McGuire-MD)
- 9265 **USA WINB** 2235 S6 EE (Michael-OH)
- 9330 **USA WBCQ** 2232 S9 EE. (Michael-OH)
- 9350 **TAJIKISTAN Radio Free Asia** Dushanbe in Tibetan under hvy. Jamming by CNR 1235. [Figliozi, FL 2/20/14]
- 9360 **N. MARIANA IS Radio Free Europe** Tinian in RR. Fair at 1237. [Figliozi, FL 2/20/14]
- 9390 **THAILAND R. Thailand**, Udon-Thani w/nx in EE by M at 1239, fair-good. [Figliozi, FL 2/20/14]
- 9400 **PHILIPPINES FEBC** Iba w/rlg. Prgm in CC by W w/soft hymn instr. in background. Fair at 1241. [Figliozi, FL 2/20/14]
- 9420 **GREECE Voice of Greece** tentative, 20:03 to 20:31 with no understandable ID, my logging is based on the information I found on the Internet, Greek, SINFO=5,5,5,4,5, I heard a number of Greek songs.. 2/24. (Davis, OH)
- 9420 **GREECE Voice of Greece** 2229 S8. All in Greek (Michael-OH)
- 9435 **CHINA China Radio International** Kunming, 0037-0100* Mar 5, man and woman with talk in Mandarin language, light vocals and ID at closedown with frequency announcements. Closed program at 0057 but kept transmitter on until top of the hour for some reason. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9445 **KOREA DPR VoK** Kujang in CC w/orch. mx and operatic vocals at 2234 under VOIRI in Indonesian. Poor-Fair 3/4 (Figliozi, FL)
- 9445 **INDIA AIR** 2154 in EE S6. (Michael-OH)
- 9450 **CHINA CNR1** obliterating RTI in CC; //9455 2245-2302. Also //9660 @ 2320 doing same, though there's a trace of RTI underneath. Also //9685, RTI better hrd, but still jammed. 3/4 (Figliozi, FL)
- 9465 **RUSSIA Voice of Russia** 2300 EE Good
- 9475 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 1240+ English; news reports, incl disc of Qantas Airline sale; only fair reception - same prog on 9580 excellent 3/5 (Prodan-ME)
- 9475 **USA WTWW** 2153 S7 EE (Michael-OH)
- 9480 **KUWAIT Radio Free Asia** (presumed), 0107-0158* Mar 5, man announcer with long talks in listed Uyghur language. Carrier cut at 0158 after brief announcement. Poor signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9515 **CHINA CNR2** Beijing w/ m/w in CC. 2304 Poor-Fair. 3/4. (Figliozi, FL)
- 9520 **CHINA PBS Nei Menggu** Hohhot 839, 1250-1254. Talk in Chinese by a man and a woman. Moderate signal strength with flutter. 3/12/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 9545 **PHILIPPINES FEBC** Bocaue w/ w/m in Hmong White Daw. Fair. 3/4 (Figliozi, FL)
- 9560 **RUSSIA RYOR** Novosibisk, central Siberia, 13:16 to 13:29 with an ID at 13:25, SINFO=3,5,4,3,3, I heard about Obama's attempts to increase the US minimum wage, See the WRTH. 2/12. (Davis, OH)
- 9570 **KOREA, REP KBS-WR** Gimje IN EE direct. Poor at 1343. [Figliozi, FL 2/20/14]

- 9570 **ALBANIA China Radio International** (CRI), 00:31 to 00:47 with an ID at 00:47, SINFO=5,5,5,4,5, I had a 90 to 100 db. signal, I heard a part of the News Plus program, I heard an interview with a man about a Chinese company (La Nova?) buying Google's Motorola Mobility to continue its growth and profits., 2/22. (Davis, OH)
- 9570 **CHINA CRI** 0000 EE Good (McGuire-MD)
- 9575 **MOROCCO R. Medi** Nador w/nx by M in FF, poor-fair, 2309. 3/4 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 1140-1210 English; m ann interviewing m author, followed by news & weather; good 2/25 (Prodan-ME)
- 9580 **CHINA CRI** China, out of Havana 0150+ English; disc on technology in everyday life; "The World According to Words"; 0155 sta ID & promos; good 2/23 (Prodan-ME)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 14:00 to 14:07 with an ID at 14:05, SINFO=3,5,5,3,4, I heard about the closing of several Ford plants and the loss of over 500 jobs. 2/6. (Davis, OH)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA R. Australia** 0759 S5 EE (Michael-OH)
- 9580 **CHINA CRI** 0100 EE. Good (McGuire-MD)
- 9580 **AUSTRALIA R. Australia** 1400 EE Good (McGuire-MD)
- 9600 **PHILIPPINES R. Vaticana** via Tinang w/tuning sig. 2311 into VV 2315. Fair. 3/4 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 9600 **CHINA CRI** 20:46 to 20:55 with an ID at 20:54, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2, I heard a relay from Easy FM, the Spotlight Show, in part, it covered the singer Amanda Perry., 2/16. (Davis, OH)
- 9610 **TURKEY Voice of Turkey** 21:25 to 21:32 with an ID at 21:31, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2, I tuned in to Turkish music, and then future broadcast times and frequencies for targets around the world, I also heard (again) that John Kerry was in Indonesia, his last stop on his Asian tour., 2/16. (Davis, OH)
- 9630 **BRAZIL @. Aparecida** in PP w/hymns. Poor @ 2316. 3/4 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 9635 **VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam 1** Son Tay in VV by M w/mx, apparent singing lesson. Fair at 1243. [Figliozzi, FL 2/20/14]
- 9645 **BRAZIL R. Bandeirantes** w/M in PP 2318. Poor. 3/4 (Figliozzi, FL)
- 9650 **RUSSIA Radio Voice of Russia** (RVOR), Irkutsk, eastern Siberia, 13:55 to 14:00 with IDs at 13:55 and 13:59, SINFO=2,5,3,3,2, I heard a discussion of cyber-bullying and the laws that need to be passed to protect children 2/6. (Davis, OH)
- 9690 **INDIA AIR** Bengaluru w/ EE GOS prgm details by W 1345. Fair. [Figliozzi, FL 2/20/14]
- 9690 **INDIA All India Radio** Bengaluru, 2314-0004 Mar 8, nice mixture of Indian vocals; ID at 2330 by a woman announcer for the General Overseas Service followed by the news in English. More Indian instrumental music at 2340 until 0000 when a woman announcer gave ID followed by another newscast. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9705 **INDIA AIR** Panaji w/GOS in EE and subcont. Vocals @ 2323. Fair but w/adj ch QRM from RHC on 9710. 3/4. (Figliozzi, NY)
- 9710 **IRAN Voice of Iran** from 3:55 to 4:19, with an ID at 4:18, SINFO=4,5,5,4,4, I heard two announcers making fun of the NSA, and the Turkish, and British governments' attempts to control the Internet., 2/14. (Davis, OH)
- 9720 **PHILIPPINES Radio Veritas Asia** Palauig, 2346-2352. Talk by a man and a woman in Burmese. Weak signal with minor fading. 3/8/3013 (Evans - TN)
- 9740 **SINGAPORE BBC** 11:09 to 19:20 with an ID at 11:17, SINFO=4,5,4,3,4, I heard that Crimea may leave the Ukraine, and that the EU Congress is going to have a debate about the Ukraine., 2/6. (Davis, OH)
- 9745 **BAHRAIN Radio Bahrain** Abu Hayan, 2326-2332. Non-stop Koran recitation in Arabic by a man. Moderate strength signal with fading, USB + carrier. 3/3/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 9765 **NEW ZEALAND R. New Zealand Int'l** 0913 S5 EE (Michael-OH)
- 9775 **KOREA NORTH [non] R. Free Chosun** March 18 at *1351 carrier on and soon adding usual musical prelude of romantic music in English, now with only a little hum, so R. Free Chosun is again listenable via RVA Palauig, PHILIPPINES site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 9775 **CLANDESTINE (North Korea) Radio Free Chosun** Palauig (presumed), 1354-1416 Feb 13, musical opening followed by a man announcer in listed Korean language with apparent opening of program. News which appeared to be followed by a conversation with several voices heard. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 9800 **RWANDA Deutsche Welle** (DW), 20:35 to 20:43 with an ID at 20:42, SINFO=2,3,4,4,3, I heard a segment about cyber-terrorism, and the Cyber-Defense Ministry who works with both the military and civilians, very interesting., 2/24. (Davis, OH)
- 9835 **MALAYSIA RTM Sarawak**, Kajang w/M in Malay reading nx & several mentions of "PPP". Fair 1303 //11665. [Figliozzi, FL 2/20/14]
- 9835 **MALAYSIA RTM Sarawak FM** Kajang, 1301-1305. Talk in Malaysian by a man. Appeared to be news. Moderate signal strength with some flutter. 3/12/2014 (Evans - TN)

- 9845 **BOTSWANA Afia Darfur Radio** 3:00 to 3:05 with the VOA ID tape at tune in, SINFO= 2,5,4,3,2, the miserable signal was cut at least three times while I was listening.. 2/16. (Davis, OH)
- 9895 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Taiwan International** 19:42 to 19:58 with an ID at 19:55, French, SINFO=3,5,4,3,3, I heard music by three different artists and then a woman announcer.. 2/10. (Davis, OH)
- 9910 **GUAM KTWR** 1223-1227* with Male presenter at 1226 gave url/email address at 1227 female ID as KTWR Agana followed by sign off. (Handler-IL)
- 9915 **UNITED KINGDOM BBC** 2100 EE Good. (McGuire-MD)
- 9965 **EGYPT R. Cairo** 2317 S3 EE (Michael-OH)
- 11625 **VATICAN Vatican Radio** Santa Maria de Galeria, 0404-0428* Feb 12, man announcer with Amharic language talk, some Horn of Africa music segments presumably slipping into listed Tigrinya language at 0415. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11645 **GREECE ERT** Avilis, 0322-0425+ Mar 2, thanks to Harold Sellers tip noted on this frequency with program of Greek pop music. Poor to fair signal with some very deep fades. //7475 and 9420 were very good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11665 **MALAYSIA RTM Sarawak Kajang** //9835 during nxcast. Poor 1304. [Figliozzi, FL 2/20/14]
- 11670 **INDIA AIR** 2125-2136 w Listener Letter show 'Faithfully Yours', then mood mx, good signal 2/24/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 11670 **INDIA AIR** 1900 EE Good (McGuire-MD)
- 11710 **NORTH KOREA Voice of Korea** 1740. Military march music. Fair at first, but quickly faded out. 3/9 (Barton-AZ)
- 11710 **NORTH KOREA Voice of Korea** 15:45 to 15:56 with an ID at 15:55, SINFO=2,4,3, 2,2, this signal started out stronger and became weaker with time, the usual military band music, and then a woman gave frequencies, times, and target areas, 2/18. (Davis, OH)
- 11715 **USA KJES** 1500 S3 SP. Very weak. (Michael-OH)
- 11725 **NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand Int'l** 0610-0620 w pop mx and birthday greetings to listeners, fair signal 3/1/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 11740 **IRAN VOIRI** Ahwaz, 0351-0355. Talk in Dari by a man and woman. Weak signal with fading and lots of noise. 3/10/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 11765 **BRAZIL Radio Deus e Amor Brazil** 0955-1012 Port; excited m ann; jingle, ID, then English language lesson; fair 3/2 (Prodan-ME)
- 11780 **BRAZIL Brasilia RN da Amazonia** 1012-18; Port, f ann, song; fair-good 3/2 (Prodan-ME)
- 11855 **JAPAN R. Japan** 2056 FF Good (McGuire-MD)
- 11905 **SRI LANKA Sri Lanka BC Trincomalee**, 0140-0145. Hindi vocal music. Brief announcements in Hindi by a woman at 0141 and 0144. Good signal with some flutter. 3/6/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 11915 **SAUDI ARABIA Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** 2240-2301* Mar 5, noted with man announcer with long Arabic language talk followed by another man with a recitation. Carrier closed at 2301. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11985 **INDIA All India Radio** Delhi (Khampur), 0119-0129. Hindi music. Short music segments alternating with talk in Sinhala (per schedule) by a man and a woman at 0124. Abruptly gone at 0129 (scheduled signoff is 0115). Good signal strength with some flutter. 3/6/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 12015 **KOREA (DPR) Voice of Korea** (KCBS), Kujang, 2314-2324. Talk in Korean by a very excited man. Talk by a woman and a man at 2323. Weak to moderate signal with fading. 3/5/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 12050 **USA WEWN** Alabama 1022-25 f spkg Spanish; fair-good 3/2 (Prodan-ME)
- 12095 **SEYCHELLES BBC** 1930-2000 w World Nx, then Business Report, which included a discussion of berets. Fair signal on 12095, stronger signal on 15420 was unreadable due to QRM from Overcomer Ministry 2/24/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 13600 **INDIA AIR** March 9 at 2241 noting DRM noise. at 2245-0045, 250 kW, 58 degrees from Bengaluru toward E Asia; doubt enough signal to have decoded here (Glenn Hauser, OK DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 13695 **INDIA General Overseas Service of All India Radio** (AIR) 18:28 to 18:31 with an ID at 18:29, SINFO=2,5,4,3,2, graded down, because of the weak signal, Indian music and then a male announcer gave the ID along with an introduction to an interview with an Indian diplomat (this sounded like a re-run).. 2/16. (Davis, OH)
- 13745 **THAILAND Radio Thailand** 0012-0030 w RT News including discussion of the King being a role model, comm'ls and Global Nx. Fair signal to 0030, then dropped, signal returned but was unreadable 2/25/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 14920 **CHINA CNR-1** 1343-1346 in Mandarin. This frequency is reported to be used by the Sound of Hope (not heard) for their Mandarin language broadcast. , on 03/14/14 (Handler-IL)


- 15140 **OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman** 14:22 to 14:32 with an ID at 14:29, SINFO= 2,5,4,3,2, the programming was a relay from a FM station on 90.4 MHz., I heard three or four R&R songs, with a woman announcer, and then the ID and news given by a male. In Lebanon five people were killed and about eighty wounded by a terrorist attack near Beirut, 2/19. (Davis, OH)
- 15170 **CHINA CRI** (via Jinhua), 0645. M presenter in CC with pop vocal music. Excellent. 2/17(Barton-AZ)
- 15190 **EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non] R. Africa Network** March 9 at 2237, R. Africa Network via WRMI remains here with preacher. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15235 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa** 1745-1800 w Africa Digest, including report on upcoming World Cup, into non-EE lang 1800, fair signal 3/3/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 15240 **SEYCHELLES BBC** 16:50 to 17:02 with an ID at 16:59, a heard a presentation about Aristide who was forced to leave Haiti by the US government, after he left Haiti he ended up in the Central African Republic. 2/27. (Davis, OH)
- 15240 **AUSTRALIA R Australia** (via Shepparton), 0800. Soccer matches right thru the hour, no ID. VG. // 12080. 3/9 (Barton-AZ)
- 15275 **GERMANY DW** 2000 EE Fair (McGuire-MD)
- 15275 **RWANDA Radio Deutsche Welle** Kigali, 1822-1840 Feb 13, man announcer with long talk in listed Hausa language with English heard in background which was being translated. Several IDs. More news features. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15390 **GUAM TWR** Agana, 1241-1244. Contemporary religious music. Talk in Burmese by a man and a woman at 1243. Moderate signal strength with some flutter. 3/12/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 15420 **SEYCHELLES BBC** Seychelles ~1805+ "World Have Your Say" on Ukraine & Russia; fair, some static 3/4; same program on both 12095 Seychelles and 15400 Ascension very poor. (Prodan-ME)
- 15480 **MADAGASCAR Adventist World Radio** 19:15 to 19:19 with an ID at 19:17 when a woman gave the Internet address: Arabic@AWR.org., SINFO=3,5,3,2,2, I heard a woman singing when I tuned in, 2/25. (Davis, OH)
- 15485 **FRANCE Radio Taiwan International** 16:11 to 16:32 with an ID at 16:31, SINFO= 2,5,2,3,2, I heard part of the Trends program and about youths going overseas to work at part time jobs called "working holidays" to expand their school experiences. 2/10. (Davis, OH)
- 15505 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar** March 18 at 1359, is JBA but with BFO I can make out the timesignal ending 11 seconds early today before 1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15505 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar** Dhaka, 1540-1545*. South Asian music. Announcements by a man at 1544. Transmission ended at 1545. Weak signal with some flutter. Low audio during closing announcements, in Hindi per schedule. 3/13/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 15515 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 0528-0558 w Pacific beat, nx from E Asia and S Pacific, including winning Rugby Team from PNG. Carrier dropped 0558, good signal 3/3/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 15540 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 1840-1900 w nx, pop mx. Excellent signal 2/28/14. (Feinberg-NY)
- 15540 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 2046-2100* Mar 8, pop music until ID by a man announcer at 2050 ("This is Radio Kuwait") followed by a news update. Back to pop music at 2057 with closedown announcements by another male announcer at 2059 followed by brief instrumental music (Anthem?). Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 15540 **KUWAIT Radio Kuwait** 19:25 to 19:35 with an ID at 19:35, SINFO=2,5,4,3,2, this signal was rated down, because of the weaker signal, worse than usual. I was able to catch a good ID the fourth time I tuned in. 2/24. (Davis, OH)
- 15550 **CHINA CNR-1** in Mandarin with het 1227-1230* time pips at run up to BoH and then abrupt off. (Handler-IL)
- 15575 **S KOREA KBS World Radio** 1259-1310 w IS, s/on, KBS World Nx, fair signal 2/26/14 (Feinberg-NY)
- 15575 **KOREA SOUTH KBSWR** March 10 at 1252, fair open carrier with flutter, as KBSWR is still turning this on way early, but now it's propagating, sufficiently to understand the 1300 English broadcast, good signal if you put up with the flutter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- 15580 **SAO TOME Voice of America (VOA)** 16:33 to 16:38 with an ID at 16:34, SINFO=2,5, 3,2,2, I heard about women ski jumpers, a new sport this year in the Olympics, 2/10. (Davis, OH)
- 15580 **VATICAN VOA** 17:53 to 17:59 with an ID at 17:57, SINFO=3,5,5,4,4, I heard part of the Encounter program, a discussion of the negotiations for two new massive trade agreements between the USA, Asia, and Europe, neither of which will be passed by Congress this year., 2/16. (Davis, OH)
- 15940 **CHINA CNR-1** 1235-1242 in Mandarin. 3/15/14 (Handler-IL)
- 16100 **CHINA CNR-1** 1343-1346 in Mandarin. on 3/15/14 (Handler-IL)
- 17540 **CLANDESTINE (Rwanda) Radio Impala** (presumed), 1741-1752* Feb 14, apparently this replaced Radio Mara although could not confirm ID. Local music followed by a man talking in presumed local language. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 17540 **CLANDESTINE (Rwanda) Radio Impala** Talata Volonondry, 1730-1755* Mar 8, program of local musical selections with periodic IDs in three languages (Kinyarwanda, English and a local language). Program closed at 1755 after song. Still none of the usual talk you would expect from an opposition radio station. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 17540 **MADAGASCAR Radio Mara** clandestine, 17:24 to 17:33 and 17:45 to 17:46 with an ID at 17:46, SINFO=4,5,4,4,4, I heard R&R music before lunch and then an English ID afterward.. 2/19. (Davis, OH)
- 17550 **KUWAIT R Kuwait** 2340. Interesting mix of Middle Eastern music and M and W cohorts. Off abruptly at the ToH, as per sked .VG. (IN spite of my usual equipment list, this was heard very good on Grundig portable with Wilson rooftop CB antenna). 3 / 6 (Barton-AZ)
- 17705 **USA WHRI** 1558 S9 EW (Michael-OH)
- 17775 **USA KVOH** 1558 S4 SP. (Michael-OH)
- 17790 **USA R. Africa Network** via WRMI 1859 S5 EE (Michael-OH)
- 17840 **IRAN VOIRI** Zahedan, 0539-0545. Talk in Arabic by a man. Short musical bridges. Mention of Iran by a woman at 0544 followed by more talk. Poor to moderate signal strength with fading. 3/9/2014 (Evans - TN)
- 21740 **AUSTRALIA R. Australia** 2059 S4 EE (Michael-OH)
- 21740 **AUSTRALIA Radio Australia** 2210-2215 GMT English language program with Good signal on 03/14/14 (Handler-IL)
- 25900 **RUSSIA Radio MTUCI** Moscow, 1310-1405+ Mar 7, thanks to a tip from Harold Kuhl in Germany noted with woman announcer in Russian hosting a music program with long talks. At around 1330 after a quick station ID, a man began hosting playing Iron maiden music. Fair signal with periodic deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA) 


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< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, February 23, 2014 -- Under "CPRV," in "The CPRV Gallery," we have posted a compilation of New Zealand medium wave QSLs (including the 1YA and 2ZP QSLs that had been posted previously). The date range is from 1929-1950, plus one from 1991. There are some real oldies here.

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, March 2, 2014 -- As shortwave stations developed foreign audiences, some offered language courses providing some basic knowledge of the language of the country where the station was located. Among these stations was "Zeesen," the Deutschen Kurzwellensender (German Shortwave Station). In connection with its German-language course the station offered a booklet, "Kleines Deutsches Rundfunk--ABC." Under "DX History/Stations" we have posted a version published in 1938. Subtitled "A Guide to the German Language for English-speaking Listeners of the German Short Wave Station," its 24 nicely-illustrated lessons are built around radio-related topics: announcements, greetings to listeners, music, talks, drama, news, etc. The course ends with a contest. The booklet's Introduction contains some background on the course. -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," there are two new "Wavescan" entries: "Focus on Asia Philippines-6: Navy Wireless Station at Cavite" (N260, February 16, 2014), and a continuation of Adrian Peterson's history of WYFR: "Tribute to Shortwave WYFR-8: The Final Years With Walter Lemmon" (N261, February 23, 2014).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, March 9, 2014 -- Previously we had posted a 1956 copy of the *Universalite*, bulletin of the Universal Radio DX Club. Now we have gone back another decade and posted two earlier issues, one from June 1, 1945 and another from November 1, 1946. These are under "DX History/Clubs & Publications." These bulletins belonged to the late Kermit Geary, and thanks go to Wayne Heinen of the National Radio Club, who provided them to John Herkimer. Many of the top DXers of the day belonged to the URDXC. -- And under "Specialized Resources," Adrian Peterson returns to the Philippines with a new "Wavescan" entry: "Focus on Asia Philippines-7: Tunnel Radio on Corregidor" (N262, March 2, 2014).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, March 16, 2014 -- In 1924, Irving Vermilya of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts operated his broadcast band station, WBBG, on 1250 kc., 240 meters. In those days people often held multiple licenses in different categories, and that was the case with Irving. His call letters as a "special land station"--reserved for experimental operations--were 1XAL (no relation to the later Boston SWBC station W1XAL), and he was authorized to operate on 200 meters and 1277-1304 meters (1500 kc. and 230-235 kc.). Irving used 1XAL to conduct long distance tests, and he made a series of broadcasts in which he hoped to reach Manchester, England. Whether he accomplished this is unknown, but he definitely was heard closer to home. Under "DX History/General Radio History" we have posted a group of 13 postcard reports that Irving received for a 1XAL test on Saturday night-Sunday morning, May 10-11, 1924. Most were from nearby places--Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine--but a few were from farther afield: Norwich, New York and New York City, Philadelphia and Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and distant Valparaiso, Indiana. Judging from these cards it looks like Irving used broadcast programming for these tests. Most of the cards are in the nature of applause cards rather than classic reception reports; in only two did the writer request a confirmation. -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," we have posted two new articles by Adrian Peterson: "Radio Broadcasting in Albania" (N263, March 9, 2014), and "Canadian Radio Panorama: The Intervening Years" (N263, March 9, 2014). Thanks for keeping these coming, Adrian.

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, March 23, 2014 -- The Voice of the United Nations Command was an American psychological warfare operation, inaugurated in 1950 with headquarters in Tokyo. Over the years it used both mediumwave and shortwave transmitters at various places in Japan and Korea, and Okinawa. From 1967 to 1971 it broadcast from Okinawa over 20 kw. transmitters on 9840 and 13830 kc. The transmitters were at Deragawa, while studios and Okinawa HQ were at Machinato. VUNC was DXer friendly, and in "The CPRV Gallery" under "Shortwave Broadcast/Asia" we have posted the station's QSL together with a copy of a VUNC-Okinawa newsletter from 1967 which contains some interesting details about the station. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan" we have posted three new entries: "BBC Indian Ocean Relay Stations: Five In a Row!", "Focus on Asia: On the Air Shortwave from India's First Capital City--The Calcutta Story," and "What is a Kilohertz?" (all N264, March 16, 2014).

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