

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Time again

Next weekend I will attend the annual convention for ARC and SWB in Jönköping.

Another 20 DX-ers will attend and this year we will see Jorma Mäntylä from Finland. He has been around on SW and MW for many years and it will be exciting to meet him.

Ilpo Parviainen, the inventor of the Jaguar software for Perseus has now incorporated both Shazam (music recognition) and Translate (language translation) and it seems to work very well. Indeed a fantastic achievement and of great help for us DX-ers.

In this issue we also read that the MFJ is ceasing their production of parts for us hams and DX-ers.

We have also noted that there are a few new receivers now entering the market. Very interesting is the new FOBOS SDR made in Ukraine.

We eagerly await the first tests and reviews.

Ronny - thanks a lot for compiling the DX-Nostalgia column for each issue.

Keep on

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<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/archive.htm>

QSL, comments, etc.

Christer Brunström: KBS World Radio 3955 eQSL, Reach Beyond 15460 eQSL, Radio Martí, Greenville 17680 nice QSL-card + info sheet.

ANYONE THINKING ABOUT TRAVELING TO THE UK?

Interesting places to visit:

Bletchley park Website: <https://bletchleypark.org.uk/>

Bletchley Park National Radio Centre: <http://www.nationalradiocentre.com/>

Interesting to look at:

Geochron at Bletchley Park UK with King Hussein's gold plated morning key in the closet! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37J7AawAfcU>

Inside Britain's Top Secret Codebreaking Organization That Cracked Enigma / Station X / Timeline: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FDeLnxCOXA>

The Imitation Game (Based on the real life story of Alan Turing):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oMDSthscZQ>

Why the Toughest Code to Break in WW2 WASN'T Enigma - The Story of the Lorenz Cipher: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCWgOaDOzpY>

(Delsbo Radioklubb, Dan Andersson)

MFJ is ceasing its on-site production in Starkville, Mississippi.

April 25, 2024



Dear Fellow Hams and Friends,

It is with a sad heart as I write this letter.

As many of you have heard by now, MFJ is ceasing its on-site production in Starkville, Mississippi on May 17, 2024. This is also the same for our sister companies' Ameritron, Hygain, Cushcraft, Mirage and Vectronics.

Times have changed since I started this business 52 years ago. Our product line grew and grew and prospered. Covid changed everything in businesses including ours. It was the hardest hit that we have ever had and we never fully recovered.

I turned 80 this year. I had never really considered retirement but life is so short and my time with my family is so precious.

I want to thank all of our employees who have helped build this company with me over the years. We have many employees who have made MFJ their career for 10, 20, 30, 40 and more years.

We are going to continue to sell MFJ products past May 17, 2024. We have a lot of stock on hand. We will continue to offer repair service work for out-of-warranty and in-warranty units for the foreseeable future.

Finally, a special thanks to all of our customers and our dealers who have made MFJ a worldwide name and a profitable business for so many years. You all are so much appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

(73s, Martin F. Jue, K5FLU via Dan Robinson, WOR)

GLENN HAUSER LOG ROUNDUPS. Please note and spread the word - for those not on a list where my almost-daily all-band but mainly SW log reports appear -- or for those who are but find this a more convenient archive, weekly merged roundups of all these reports in their original form are posted early every Thursday via WOR:

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

The latest ones direct: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2024_0418_0424.txt

Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2024_0411_0417.txt

Useful log links:

WOR: <https://groups.io/g/WOR>

WWDXC Top News: <https://www.wwdxc.de/topnews.shtml>

DXplorer: <https://groups.io/g/DXplorer/messages>

SWLDXBulgaria News: <https://groups.io/g/WOR/messages>

DX Fanzine: www.dxfanzine.com (also pirate stations)

Liangas: <https://zliangaslogs.wordpress.com/2022/> (mostly using KIWI's around the world)

Pirates: <https://shortwavedx.blogspot.com/> <https://betajbk.blogspot.com/>

<https://ukdxe.wixsite.com/my-vxw-site-di06oi>

Here are some pirate tips links that might be worth spreading. /Per Eriksson, Sweden:

Achim Bruckner: <https://www.achimbrueckner.de/>

Lars Jeppesen, active pirate listener: <http://lhu-dx-log.blogspot.com/>

Rick, Finland: <http://pirateradiolog.blogspot.com/>

Irish Paul: <https://irishpaulsradioblog.blogspot.com/>

3310	Apr23	0003	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi, unreadable comments, extremely weak today. (Méndez)
3325	Apr20	1300	Voice of Indonesia (Channel One) from Palangkaraya, with well above average reception; fairly readable with good audio level. A few highlights of the English segment: 1300-1311: Intro (frequencies of 3-3-2-5 & 4-7-5-0), news (Indonesia regretted the US veto in the UN Security Council for Palestine's bid for UN membership, etc.), patriotic song "Bagimu Negeri." My local sunrise was at 1326 UT. My audio - https://app.box.com/s/uqmv4m2z8boc05y4g3txgf8znjcb66j . 1315-1319: "Today in History": 1977 - Jakarta's Cultural Park, 1998 - Indonesia's Islamic Justice Party, 2023 - hybrid solar eclipse (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
3325	Apr19	2137	RRI/Voice of Indonesia, Palangkaraya E, western pops, tks, local pops. 4 (CGS)
3955	Apr22	1810	Channel 292, Rorhbach German ann and songs 3 (AP-DNK)
3975	Apr22	1815	Shortwave R, Winsen English ann with song from 1964: "What are we fighting for ?" 3 (AP-DNK)
3985	Apr22	1825	Shortwaveservice, Kall-Krekel R Slovakia International in French with ID, talk and song 3 (AP-DNK)
3995	Apr22	1830	HCJB, Weenermoor German prayer, ID, music and hymn 4 (AP-DNK)
4750	Apr22	1800	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar, Dhaka English news 2 (AP-DNK) + (CGS) + . (Méndez)
4765	Apr22	1805	Tajik R 1, Yangiyul, Dushanbe Tajik ann, songs 2 (AP-DNK) + (Méndez)
4765	Apr23	0123	Radio Progreso, Bejucal, Cuban songs. (Méndez)
4775	Apr24	2328	Radio Tarma, Tarma, comments. (Méndez)
4800	Apr22	1750	Voice of China, Golmud, Qinghai Chinese talk 3 (AP-DNK)
4820	Apr22	-1800*	Xizang PBS, Baiding, Tibet Local piano music, closing Chinese ann 3 (AP-DNK)
4940	Apr24	0436	Estación 4940, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
4955	Apr23	0003	Radio Cultural Amauta (presumed), unreadable comments. Extremely weak. (Méndez)
4965	Apr23	1837	Voice of Hope Africa, Lusaka, English, religious comments. (Méndez) + (CGS)
4985	Apr24	0510	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs. Strong teletype QRM. (Méndez)
5025	Apr24	0512	Radio Rebelde, Bauta, Cuban songs, at 0600 news, "Éstas fueron las noticias de Cuba y el Mundo", "Rebelde, la Habana, la emisora de la revolución", "A Esta Hora". (Méndez)
5860	Apr23	1812	Radio Farda, Kuwait, Persian, songs, comments. (Méndez)
5895	Apr24	0517	Radio Northern Star, Bergen, music. (Méndez)
5905	Apr23	0604	Deutscher Wetterdienst, Pinneber, German, weather report. // 6180. (Méndez)

5920	Apr23	1821	HCJB Germany, Weenermoor, German, religious comments and songs. (Méndez)
5930	Apr22	1835	World Music R, Bramming German ID, 4 // 927 MW (AP-DNK) +(CGS) + (Méndez)
5940.1	Apr23	0527	Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, religious comments, id. "Radio Voz Missionaria", religious songs. // 9665. (Méndez)
5955	Apr22	1755	Radio Veronica, Westdorpe, Dutch, comments, advertisements, songs in English, oldies, id. "Radio Veronica". (Méndez)
5970	Apr24	2047	R. 208 (p), Hvidovre. Pops. 1 (CG) + (AP-DNK) + (Méndez)
5985	Apr19	*1118-	Myanmar Radio, started at *1118; // to 9730, which was already broadcasting and would shortly close down; from *1130 to 1158*, had 5985 being totally blocked by a very strong CRI signal. 9730 observed suddenly going off the air at 1148*, while 5985 continued on. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5995	Apr18	0645	ORTM in French, S7/S9 rather than noiseblob. BTW, press freedom has a problem there; Ricky Leong forwards this April 12 report to the WOR iog: <i>AP: Mali's junta bans the media from reporting on political activities in a deepening crackdown, Mali's ruling junta on Thursday banned the media from reporting on activities of political parties and associations, a day after suspending all political activities in the country until further notice. The order, issued by Mali's high authority for communication, was distributed on social media. The notice said it applied to all forms of the media, including television, radio, online and print newspapers. [...]</i> https://apnews.com/article/mali-junta-bans-media-reporting-72032e4b4b14d6717f42b495d1d20b89 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR 2239)
5995	Apr23	*0552-	Radio Mali, Bamako, open with African songs, at 0559 id., comments in French, more african songs, at 0600 program "Au Chant du Coq", "Au Chant du Coq sur Radio Mali", Vernacular, French, news, comments, African songs. (Méndez)
5995	Apr24	2049	R.Mali, Kati. Vn, tks. 5 (CG)
6000	Apr27	2335	Something strange here: long narration in English but only an occasional word understood, with continuous Chinese music background; like storytelling. Bigsig has to be Cuban relay, not direct from China; no CRI English relays are supposedly sked at this time nor frequency. This is Sat, but on a weekday, 6000 would be running the alt RHC service, `Mesa Redonda`, // 11950, which is not on now. At first during AC power outage due to storms, I'm monitoring on the D808 or DX398 portables. AC back on at *2345, then on the NRD at S9/+10 including the HSNL. 2358 ``until next time, goodbye``; 2359 promos in Chinese/English. 0000 no timesignal or ID but into song, strange ToH behaviour for CNR domestic or CRI external. By 0044 next check into Georgia SDR, 6000 is mixing Spanish and RHC English at equal audio levels. Spanish mentions China, so that may be from CRI, S9+40/50. Something's always wrong at RadioCuba. None of this is accounted for in latest EiBi or Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
6010	Apr23	0449	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs, some songs in English, id. "Inconfidencia". // 15190.1. (Méndez)
6040	Apr17	*1300-	Shiokaze/Sea Breeze/JSR, via Japan, 6040 // 6070. The usual Wednesday in English; the normal intro and "Today's News Flash"; announcer's accent makes for challenging understanding of what is being said. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
6050	Apr24	*0555-	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, interval signal, at 0557 English, id. "ELWA Radio...", religious songs and comments. (Méndez)
6070	Apr23	0623	CFRX, Toronto, news. Strong QRM from Channel 292 on the same frequency. (Méndez)
6085	Apr22	-1700*	Radio Mi Amigo International, Kall Kregel, pop songs and comments in English, id. "Radio Mi Amigo". (Méndez)
6160	Apr23	1822	Shortwave Radio Gold, Winsen, pop songs and comments in English. (Méndez)
6180	Apr23	2031	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments. // 11780. (Méndez)
6185	Apr23	0455	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, comments, "Nos encontramos la próxima semana a la misma hora por la frecuencia de Radio Educación", songs, music. (Méndez)
7260	Apr24	-0701*	R. Vanuatu. Problem with the transmitter; at 0701* the audio was lost; open carrier still on past 0925+. Some highlights: 0615-0628 UT: Island pop songs. 0628: In Bislama with an announcement about South Malekula. 0632+: Series of pop songs in English (C&W) and Bislama. 0658: Series of PSAs and promos (Press Club of Vanuatu, on April 26, from 12:30 to 2 PM, will hold a political discussion with Jean-Pierre Nirua, Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Vanuatu, et al., along with a moderator; singing health PSA; etc.). My audio - https://app.box.com/s/2sctitrhredews309h4t6jt0resbllfq0 . 0701*: local time check; audio cut off during the intro indigenous theme music that always starts and ends the news segments; then open carrier, which was still there after 0925+. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) + (Méndez)

7340	Apr17	1238	National Unity Radio, broadcasting from Taiwan. Very brief English language lesson; mostly in Korean, but twice saying "Love the moment and the energy of that moment will spread beyond all boundaries"; fair, with moderate N. Korea jamming. This segment is weekdays only. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
7345	Apr19	1150	Thazin Radio, from 1150+, definitely heard faintly underneath a stronger China (CNR7 - Voice of the Greater Bay); CNR7 solely with announcers, while Thazin had music and announcers. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
7385	Apr23	1715	Xizang RTS, Lhasa, Tibetan, comments and songs. (Méndez)
9500	Apr25	0528	Ifrikya FM, checked at 0528-0650, on air on 9500 with program in Arabic and French. Good signal. At 0559 closed on 9500 and open on 17600 and 15160 with African songs and program in French, at 0630 news in French and comments. At 0638 transmission cut off abruptly on 15160 and returns at 0642, no cut off on 17600, at 0645 news in French and Arabic. No English segment today. Fair on 17600, good on 15160 (Méndez)
9635	Apr22	1710	Radio Mali, Bamako, Vernacular, comments, African songs. (Méndez) + (CGS)
9665	Apr22	2022	Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, religious comments, id. "Voz Missionaria". (Méndez)
9670	Apr23	1555	Channel 292, Rohrbach, oldies, id "Channel 292". (Méndez) + (CGS)
9695	Apr23	*0800-	KNLS, Anchor Point, interval signal, English, religious comments. (Méndez)
9819	Apr23	0456	Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious comments, Portuguese. (Méndez)
11665	Apr20	1228	Wai FM. Yet another day with good reception. Heard "Pantun Bulan," which seems to mean "poetry of the month" and is non-stop chanting/poem, similar to this older audio - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZr3WA9CxiU . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) + (CGS)
11665	Apr23	0716	being in // with Wai Fm stream. Radio Kayan Miri noted as ID on 0716 reception via Jakarta kSDR. Lots of talks in between this ID. 0719 " Miri FM " also noted. Audio is at 7.5 kHz occupying to 15 kHz in the band. Nice pop music https://mirifm.rtm.gov.my/ (Zacharias Liangas)
11690	Apr19	0941	R.NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, interview. 3 (CGS)
11725	Apr23	*0959-	Radio New Zealand International, Rangitaiki, interval signal, time signals, English, comments. (Méndez) + (CGS)
11780	Apr22	2004	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments, id. "Nacional". (Méndez)
11815	Apr22	0701	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Brazilian songs, "Madrugada Musical", id. "Radio Brasil Central". (Méndez) + (CGS)
11894.945	Apr16	0649	S5/S7 direct, at first unseems Chinese, then it does seem. RFA sked at 0300-0700, surely jammed, but this may have a propagational advantage and more likely to be off-frequency. However, per Aoki, also on 11895 is CRI English via East Turkistan at 05-09. The SSOB except for similar signal on 12065, BBC Hausa via Ascencion (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
12085	Apr23	*0900-	Voice of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, interval signal, unreadable comments. Extremely weak today. (Méndez)
13690	Apr23	-0958*	Radio New Zealand International, Rangitaiki, English, comments, 0958"Radio New Zealand Pacific now closing on this frequency..." , interval signal, close. (Méndez)
15140	Apr16	1415	RHC. Spanish flanked by diffuse spurblobs about plus/minus 3.5 kHz, and a weaker pair +/- 7~ kHz. 15230 also on, S5/S7 but suported = modulation suppressed and distorted. Somethings` always wrong at RHC. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
15190.1	Apr22	1947	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horiznte, comments, id. "...Emisora da Rede Inconfidencia de Radio, Belo Horizonte, Minas Geraris, Brasil", "inconfidencia.com.br", at 2002 "A Hora do Fazendeiro". (Méndez) +
15700	Apr21	1643	World Music R, Randers. Mx & songs. 3 (CG) + (Méndez)
15720	Apr24	2100	R.NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, Pacific nx & sport. 3 (CG)
17600	Apr24	0626	Ifrikia FM, Bechar, African songs, at 0630 news in French, more French comments, at 0634 English program, news, comments, songs, at 0645 French, news, comments. (Méndez)
25800.1	Apr18	1753	World Music R, Mårslet. Mx & songs. 3 (CGS)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

3480	Apr14	2103	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CGS)
3910	Apr14	2058	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, songs, tks. 2 (CGS)
6600	Apr19	2147	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks, songs. Jammed. // 6520 better. 1 (CGS)
6970.1	Apr23	1845	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, songs. Meas. 6970.122. 1 (CG)
7750.2	Apr18	2100	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, ann., mx, tks. Meas. 7750.213. 2 (CGS)
7810.1	Apr16	2149	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, songs. Meas. 7810.091 1 (CGS)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

4405	Apr15	1821	TAH İstanbul R. Ocean wx, E at 1823. 3 (CGS)
6230	Apr14	2047	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
6676	Apr14	2052	9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
6676	Apr15	1826	AWB Bombay Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CGS)
6676	Apr19	1833	VKA-930 Australian Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
6676	Apr19	2143	HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CGS)
6679	Apr17	1845	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. ID, met rpt. 1 (CGS)
6679	Apr26	1844	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
6765.1	Apr23	1843	HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. Music box ID, fqs. ann., ocean wx. Uty. QRM. Fair on // 8743. 3 (CG)
8113	Apr14	2044	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
8176	Apr25	1841	VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 1 (CG)
8740	Apr15	1818	ZSC Kaapstad R. Ocean wx. // 13089 fair~good. 2 (CGS)
8743	Apr14	2114	HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
8828	Apr18	1820	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
8828	Apr26	1843	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
8828	Apr26	1845	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CG)
10051	Apr19	0956	VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
11387	Apr20	1030	VKA-931 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs N (?). ID, met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
12356	Apr14	2117	ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 2 (CGS)
12365	Apr19	0935	VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)
13089	Apr19	1814	NMO Honolulu R (p). Ocean wx, ref. NPacific. Time not consistent w/ NMC Point Reyes R. 2 (CGS)
13089	Apr6	2215	NMN Chesapeake R. * typing mistake of 13989 in the 6-13 April rpt. My apologies* (CG)
13089	Apr20	1011	NMC New Orleans R (p), GA. Ocean wx, s/off ann. 2 (CGS)
13128	Apr15	1822	TAH İstanbul R. Ocean wx, E at 1823. 4 (CGS)
13146	Apr15	1816	ZSC Kaapstad R. Ocean wx. Vy. good signal. // 8740 poor. 3 (CGS)
13270	Apr21	1620	VFG Gander Volmet, NL. ID, met rpt. 2 (CG)
13282	Apr21	1646	VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. Fair later at *1845. 2 (CG)
13282	Apr21	1650	ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
13282	Apr26	1842	JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
15034	Apr16	2257	CHR Trenton Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 1 (CGS)
16528	Apr19	0938	VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)

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Station news

CHINA. [WOR] CNR5 "CMG Cross-Strait Radio"

According to the announced A24 shortwave schedule by China National Radio

(<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/HMmtlDayiQQB2tmhhJ40Jw>), A24 shortwave schedule of CNR5 "Cross-Strait Radio" or "Voice of Taihai" is as follows.

2055-2300 7385	0000-1000 9685	1000-1705 9665 5925
2055-0000 9665 5925	0900-1705 7385	0000-1000 11620
2300-0900 11935		

All frequencies are from Beijing Doudian Transmitter site 100kW 163deg. on the official A24 schedule (Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan via WOR)

CHINA. China Radio International announced that they added new frequency 9880 kHz to Existing 11895 kHz for Chinese Service of "Voice of the South China Sea" in A24. 0900- 1000 9880 11895 to South East Asia and South China Sea area Both frequencies are from Nanning 954 transmitter site. These 2 frequencies will be used also in B24. Original article is at <https://cahcn.github.io/posts/2024-04-09-cri-voice-of-the-south-china-sea.html> HFCC A24 lists 9880 100 kW 142deg, 11985 kHz 100 kW 200 deg
URL <https://vscs.cri.cn/>
(Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan via WOR)

DR CONGO [WOR] Radio Kahuzi Update

It's been several years since Radio Kahuzi, in the midst of reorganization in DRC, has been on shortwave. The latest newsletter from Radio Kahuzi contains indications that the long road to resuming on SW may be coming to an end. According to the newsletter:

"Our ministry in Bukavu, DR Congo continues daily with improved FM and SW reaching the local population with local news, and Christian programming from familiar voices our listeners have come to love over the past thirty-two years. Most Christian organizations and churches use Internet streaming to reach a larger audience and our future plan is to also stream Radio Kahuzi directly from Bukavu online. Our faithful and talented staff, Samuel, Gregoire, Feza and Danny continue day by day to share the precious Word of God in French, Swahili and many other dialects to Bukavu and beyond."

Unclear from this was whether RK is, in fact, already on the air on shortwave or if not -- and there have been no reports of it being heard -- when this might take place.

So, I sent an email to RK asking for clarification and received the following response:

"Greetings in the Lord from Bradenton, Dan ! Kathy and I are recuperated and working with our team to upgrade our systems including Short Wave, as the technical problems get worked out for good quality broadcasts. We are making changes to our SW antenna at present and will keep you posted when the testing is ready to begin. We are also re-searching the How to... of Podcasting as we work on it with our Blog type site <radiokahuzi.com> which is bringing in the Far East and other new interest!"

So, from this -- RK is not back yet on shortwave but I think we can still have hope that we may be able to hear them again in coming months. Radio Kahuzi, which by the way was a superb verifier of reception reports, was last on the air on 6,210.20 khz. That frequency was quite consistent and the station was heard on a daily basis via European SDR sites, in the hour or so before Kahuzi signed off somewhere in the 1815 to 1830 UTC range. The station was frequently mistaken by Europirate listeners as a pirate, and at times the Radio Kahuzi signal was so good that it scored S5 to S7 levels before sign off.

(Dan Robinson via WOR)

Other radio news

DX Guides updated



Reiner Schneider berichtet in unserer Facebookgruppe:

Tony Rogers hat seine DX Guides auf die aktuelle Sendeperiode A24 (April 2024) aktualisiert.

Das aktuelle "Africa on Shortwave" trägt als Aktualisierungsdatum den 11. April und ist, wie auch die aktuellen anderen Frequenzübersichten, kostenlos downloadbar auf <http://www.dxguides.info>

(73 Christoph Ratzler, <https://ratzer.at>, via A-DX)

SWL / Media Programs in English, German & Spanish

DX & Media news, receiver reviews, radio features, letterbox programmes, tuning tips, propagation, satellites, computers, amateur radio and radio theory. Direct link: <https://www.wwdx.de/swl.pdf>

(Worldwide DX Club, Germany)

A review of the Radioddity RADDY RF320



The RADDY RF320 is a rather attractive, if not slightly curious-looking radio, which breaks from the more recent offerings from Raddy and other small portable radios.

Compact, but not pocket-sized, the radio comes in at roughly 3-3/4" x 4-1/2" almost square (not counting the tuning dial on the side, the slightly raised antenna on top, or the light on the side).

The radio can receive AIR, FM, VHF, MW(AM), SW, and Weather Band signals. (For those interested in the U.S. Aircraft Band, this model does feature AM modulation, so civil aircraft can be monitored).

While the radio does have AM SWL bands, there is no SSB reception. SW bands run from 90m thru 13m, with tuning in 5kHz single steps and scan mode.

Read the full review here: <https://swling.com/blog/2023/07/a-review-of-the-radioddity-raddy-rf320/> (SWLing Post + nordx)

MALACHITE V5 SDR RX

This is Malachite DSP SDR Receiver, new version 2023 - V5. It is a standalone SDR receiver in a metal enclosure with a 3.5" 480x320 LCD. The receiver has a frequency range of 10 kHz to 2 GHz with an exception between 250 MHz and 400 MHz.

It supports all AM, SSB, DSB, CW, NFM and WFM modulations. Stereo RDS is supported for WFM with information at LCD display. You can also view the signal spectrum on the LCD in 160kHz, 80kHz or 40kHz bandwidths. Thanks to the built-in 3.7V 5000mAh battery, you can listen for up to 12 hours.



The USB port allows connection to a PC with CAT support, IQ data output and audio. You can use popular SDR softwares and transfer CAT and IQ data from SDR receiver to PC. There you can use more SDR SW features!

The antenna is connected via a 50 Ohm SMA connector, with the option to connect a high impedance antenna - automatic switching inside. There is also a built-in preamplifier and an adjustable attenuator from 0 to 30 dB. RF filter switching is automatic. <https://hamparts.shop/malachite-v5-sdr-rx.html> (A-DX Fernempfang)

FULL BANDRADIO RECEIVER TEF6686



Gestern ist der "soundsovielte" Empfänger bei mir eingezogen und wird in diesem Sommer beim Sporadic-E UKW-Fernempfang outdoor (aber sicherlich auch indoor) eingesetzt. Ich liebäugelte bereits einige Zeit mit dieser chinesischen Lichtorgel (aus niederländischer Entwicklung), welche besser als TEF6686 bekannt ist. Meine Seele musste ich dafür nicht an, wie sagt Christoph immer so liebevoll, Ali Baba und die 40 Räuber verkaufen und auch meine Ehefrau wird den nächsten Hochzeitstag am schönen Niederrhein erleben dürfen.

Der Preis mit versandkostenfreier Lieferung und nach Empfehlung von Noobish's TEF Guide mit Rabattcode unter 70,00 EURO. Lieferzeit 6 Tage mit täglichen Updates über den Paketweg.

Erster Eindruck: sehr saubere Verarbeitung, stabiles Metallgehäuse, wirklich überraschende Trennschärfe und bereits beim ersten drehen über den UKW-Bereich einige Stationen hörbar, welche an anderen Geräten im Rauschen untergehen oder den Nachbarstationen zum Opfer fallen. Bandscan am Niederrhein für die FM-List in Arbeit (Reiner Schneider via A-DX fernempfang)

More info and evaluation can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1EO4z6tGmE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihtx5yUeiqw>

Fobos SDR

The Fobos SDR is a high-performance Software-Defined Radio (SDR) receiver with a USB 3.0 interface.

This device offers a continuous operating frequency range from 100 kHz to 6 GHz and up to 50 MHz bandwidth with 14-bit signal sampling resolution, ensuring full data integrity.

With two auxiliary input channels, HF1 and HF2, for coherent direct sampling and a primary RF reception channel, Fobos SDR provides flexibility and precision in signal reception.

Support for an external clock input, straightforward driver installation, and wide compatibility with popular software such as SDRSharp, HDSDR, and GNURadio make Fobos SDR an ideal solution for hobbyists, researchers, and professionals in the field of radio communication seeking to leverage the capabilities of SDR technology fully.



Operation modes:

- double conversion heterodyne
- two-channel direct sampling

Frequency range:

- 100 kHz – 25 MHz (direct sampling)
- 25 MHz – 6 GHz (double conversion heterodyne)

IQ sample rate (bandwidth):

- 4 - 50 MHz

ADC resolution:

- 14 bits

(via SDR-Radio)

Frequency stability:

- ± 0.5 ppm

Blocking Dynamic Range;

- 82 dB UHF/VHF
- 86 dB in HF

Selectivity:

- -110 dBm combined selectivity

Price: \$395 + VAT.

Ah, so the IQ is always HF1 and HF2 - would be good for diversity, a challenger for the Perseus22?
(Simon Brown SDR-Radio)

The mystery of the mysterious radio station MJB.

In the middle of a swampy area, not far from St. Petersburg, there stands a rectangular iron gate. Behind the rusty bars is a cluster of radio towers, abandoned buildings and power lines surrounded by a wall of stone. This sinister place is the center of a mystery that dates back to the height of the Cold War.

Details in Russian - <https://muromdx.ru/articles/radio-broadcasting/tajna-zagadochnoj-radiostantsii-mdzhh>
(<https://muromdx.ru/>)

(RUS-DX # 1286)

Listen to trains with your SDR. Beginner SDR++ and Railfanning. Software Defined Radio with RTLSDR



did you know train transmit signals we can detect and hear with a software defined radio? In this mission you'll learn to configure SDR++ to receive signals from trains. RF enthusiasts...

(That's Railfans and Radio Frequency enthusiast join together in this mission to learn more about each others interests). Grab you favorite SDR (we will be using the inexpensive RTLSDR for this job). Report back here in the comments what you find.

Your info and recon helps everyone here. Thank you.

If you would like to get the bookmark list of the original AAR train frequency list it can be downloaded from the Tuned signal Kofi page. <https://ko-fi.com/s/f743a4eaad> Thanks for your support!!

Per Zufall bin ich auf diesen Youtube Beitrag gestossen "Listen to trains with your SDR. Beginner SDR++ and Railfanning". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqN7E6NvXdc>

Interessanter Beitrag in englisch, plus kurze Einführung mit SDR++

(73 Benno HE9BEF via A-DX Fernempfang)

[WOR] Another item about that Russian OTH radar destroyed

Article with link goes into a lot greater depth .

https://www.kyivpost.com/post/31192?utm_source=Kyiv+Post%27s+Ukraine+Digest&utm_campaign=d8ec4d8270-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_04_16_12_45&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-d8ec4d8270-%5BBLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

(Walter R Salmaniw, MD CD CAME via WOR)

On April 17, 2024 "Container" over-the-horizon radar came under attack by 2 to 7 Ukrainian drones. This Russian military unit is located near the city Kovytkino in Russia's Mordovia Republic.

Not any information about possible damage was given at first. Also, it was unknown, which site was a target - the receiving or the transmitting one. The sites are 15 km apart.

Hitting any site is equally important for Ukraine, because with its expanded radar coverage (115, 215, and 275 degrees), "Container" can detect the targets all throughout Ukraine. It is very important for NATO as well. I believe that it was a joint military plan.

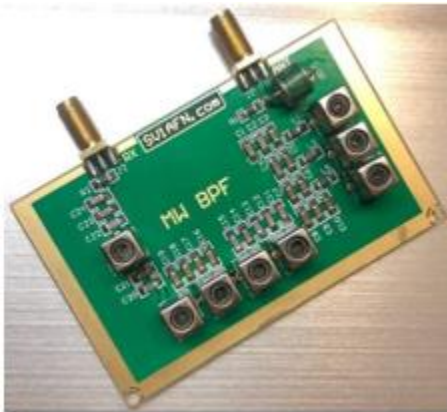
Later there was a report that the building, where the command post used to be, was damaged and a Russian source confirmed that. The same source said that the radar was destroyed and its repair could be difficult, because the companies which built the "Container" were closed down long ago.
(lev.lyt via shortwavesites)

Mittelwellen Band-Pass Filter 500 - 1700 kHz

Mittelwellen Band-Pass Filter 500 - 1700 kHz, jetzt im Test bei meiner Station. Damit empfängt der SDR nur mehr das Mittelwellenband.

Description

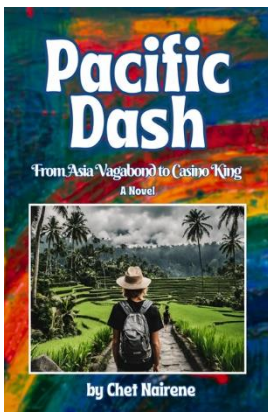
- Gas-Dicharge Tube protection at the Antenna-input Connector
- Static discharge Resistors at both the input and output ports
- 7-pole High-Pass and 11-pole Low-Pass design 500-1700 KHZ (can be tuned at 550 - 1600 KHZ)



<https://www.sv1afn.com/en/>

(Christoph Ratzler via A-DX Fernempfang)

PACIFIC DASH



One more time . . . The newly-revised edition of PACIFIC DASH will be available for three days of FREE DOWNLOAD at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) on April 18-19-20!

This humorous story of expatriate adventure was written by US DXer Ralph Perry, drawing on his many years residing in Southeast Asia. It is hoped all DXers, folks way more attuned to cross cultural themes than most, will enjoy this novel and favor the author with positive reviews on Amazon.

This second edition features a brand new cover and updated formatting of the novel to come into line with that used in the new, just-published Chet Nairene book, PACIFIC ODYSSEY, also available at Amazon.

(And whatever you do, don't miss Ralph's brand new novel just published under the pen name Chet Nairene, "PACIFIC ODYSSEY - The Curious Journey of Lew 2.0". It's been described as a real rocket ride, like 'Poltergeist meets Wall Street, deep in tropical Asia!')

And thanks to Glenn Hauser for allowing this announcement in WOR!

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B093QYS47V>

SDR RX MSI M1 RSP1 10kHz to 1GHz

Der hamparts.shop vertreibt einen kleinen SDR, der mit 65 Euro sehr günstig ist. Als Software kann verwendet werden:

SDRPlay RSP1 driver, HSDR, SDR console, Winrad, OpenWEBRX

This is **another simple but powerful SDR receiver based on the MSI001 and MSI2500**. This SDR has a wide range of applications. From monitoring HF bands, VHF traffic, APRS to ADS-B aircraft radar. The receiver can also be used as a Web RX - OpenWEBRX.

The MSI001 chip operates as a multiband tuner. At its input are individual RX filters that separate different frequency segments. Each filter has its own SMA connector. It also contains preamplifiers.

The MSI2500 is an ADC tuner. The analogue baseband signals from the tuner are digitised by a dual analog-to-digital converter (ADC).

The ADC is designed to handle a wide range of transmit signal bandwidths at low power consumption and provides a resolution of 12 bits, but the actual ENOB is ~10 bits.

The frequency range is 10kHz to 1GHz with a radio BW of 500kHz to 10MHz. **Fully compatible with popular SDR SW.**

(A-DX Fernempfang)



Tales of a Vagabond DXer

I Eter-Aktuellt nr 1-2024 har Christer Brunström skrivit en recension av denna bok.

Christer skriver: Det skulle visa sig att Don Moore hade åstadkommit en bok som var en blandning av memoarer, reseskildringar och radiostationsbesök och allt med betoning på Latinamerika. Flertalet texter hade tidigare funnits med i andra sammanhang men de hade både fräschats upp och aktualiserats. Resultatet blev en bok på 300 sidor. (via Eter-Aktuellt nr 1 – 2024)

QSL FROM RONG – RADIO OMROEP NIEUW GUINEA

Intressant QSL-kort fra før min tid som dx-er. Sendt til Sverige i 1954.... bare 70 år siden!

(Rolf Mong via Svensk DX-Historia)



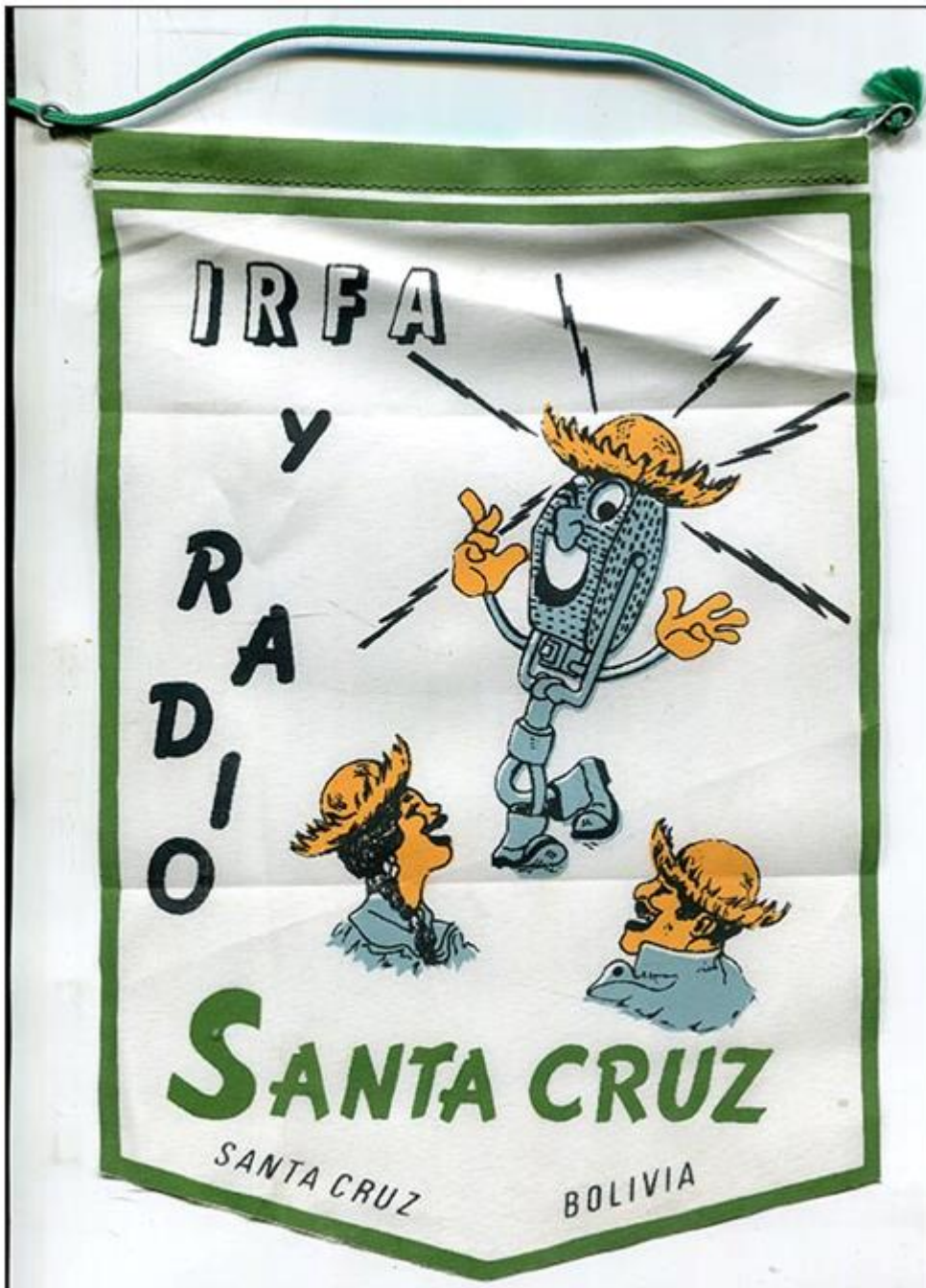
Netherlands New Guinea was part of the Dutch colony of Netherlands East Indies until 1949 when Indonesia was granted independence. After Indonesian independence, The Netherlands retained control of the western half of island of New Guinea. Netherlands New Guinea was placed under "temporary" United Nations administration on 1 October 1962. Elections were to be held to determine the future of the area but Indonesia took over administration of the area before the elections could be held and it is now known as province of Irian Jaya. Power was 5 kW.

(From <http://k6eid.com/rong.htm>)

DX nostalgia by RFK

Hello all! First a shameless plug: Over the years I have been very much involved in broadcasting and each week I produce a programme called “The Ronny B Goode Show” which has been running for decades. It can now be heard over Radio Northern Star in Norway on SW 5895 kHz Wednesdays and Sundays at 1800 UTC. Yes there is much nostalgia in it but also lots of musical gems you will not have heard before. Welcome to listen in! Reception reports are welcome to info@rock.x.se – and of course they will be verified. I am especially interested in hearing how reception is where you live, not just through the usual Kiwi receivers which everybody seems to use nowadays.

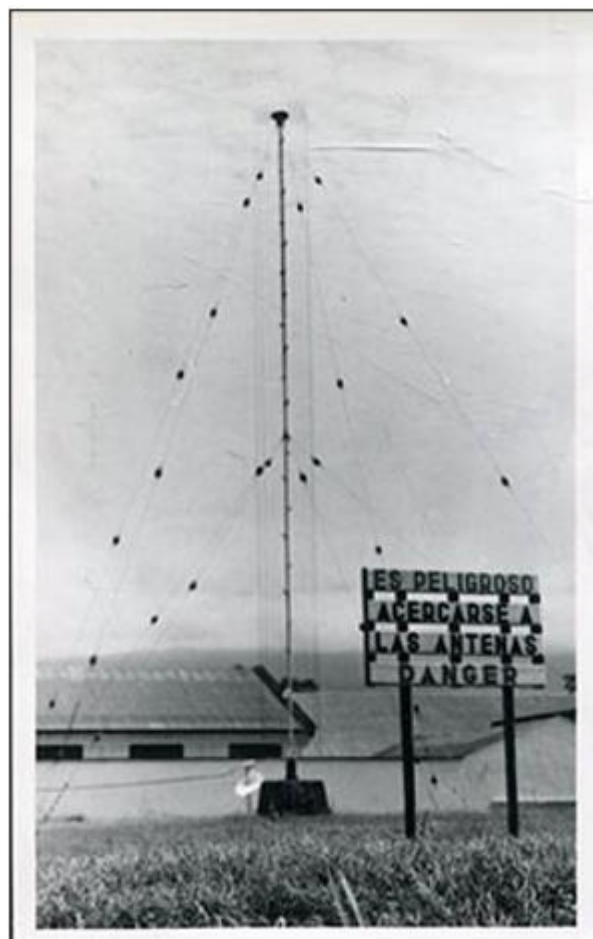
That said now let’s get over to this edition of DX nostalgia. Bolivian stations have always had a fine tradition of sending out pennants to their listeners. I got this one from Radio Santa Cruz on 6135 kHz in 1998 together with a letter confirming the details of my reception.



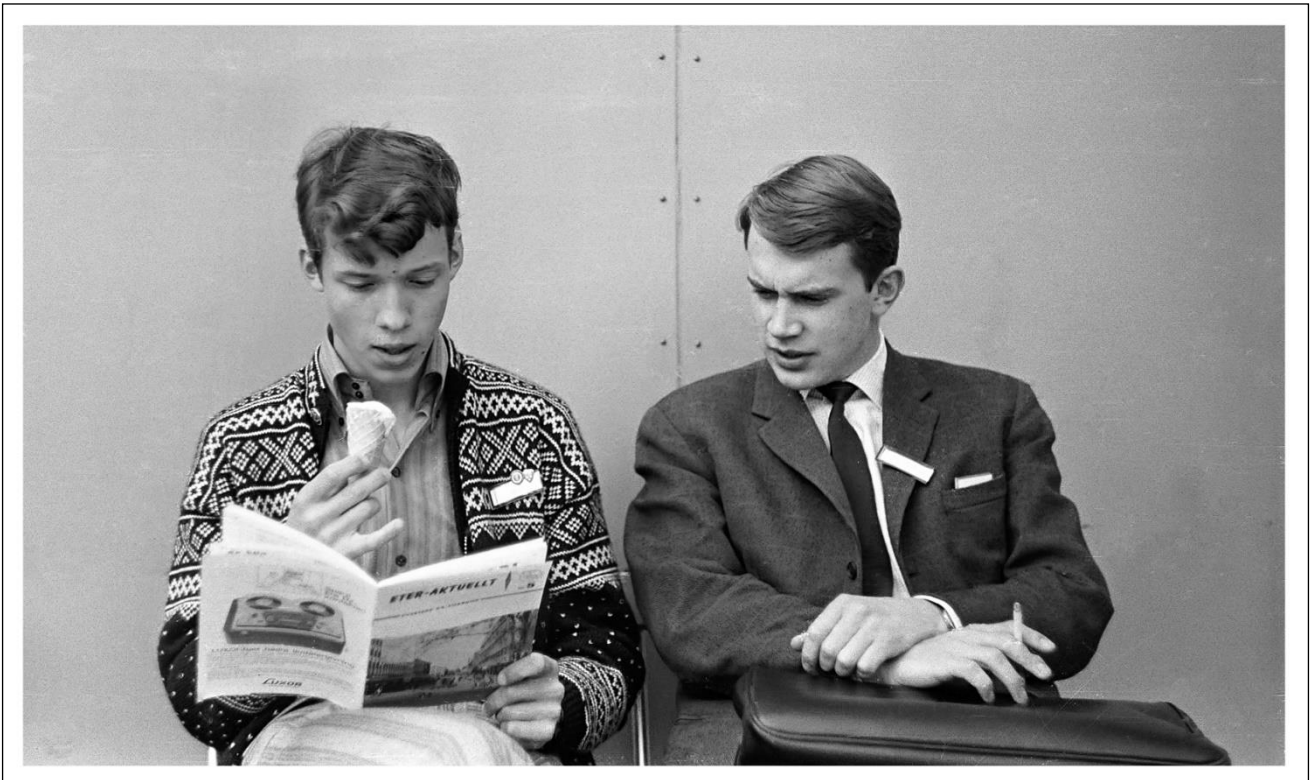
Radio Japan has always had nice QSL cards and here is one which Bengt Ericson BE received in 1958.



Don't go near the antenna – it's dangerous! Sr. Margallo of Radio Santa Isabel in the then Spanish Guinea sent this QSL card to Jan Edh JE in 1963.



Here we see two wellknown Swedish DX-ers at the DX Parliament in Umeå 1967: Torkjell Bang Pedersen and Björn Fjaestad. They are studying Eter-Aktuellt, the magazine of the Swedish DX Federation. Photo by Bang.



Bengt Dalhammar BD got this QSL card from Radio Barlavento on 3960 kHz in 1958. The Cape Verde Islands were once known to be the largest consumers of Scotch whisky per capita but nowadays this role seem to have been taken over by the USA.



Finally a mimeographed letter with some personal notes which Sauti ya Unguja, Zanzibar sent to Bengt Dalhammar BD in 1957. I hope you can see the text.

صوت زنجبار
SAUTI YA UNGUJA

INFORMATION OFFICE ادارة الاخبار

*Mr. Bengt Dalhammar
Sannadal, Lidings 2
Sweden.*

INFORMATION OFFICE.
ZANZIBAR.

Date: *2nd July, 1957*

OFFICIAL VERIFICATION OF RECEPTION.

Call letters: (Cable & Wireless assignment)

Station: Zanzibar Calling (Sauti ya Unguja i.e. Voice of Zanzibar) Government controlled.

Location: Zanzibar Town.

Transmitter: (a) Frequency: 4,735 Kc/s: 3,339 Kc/s
(b) Wavelength: 62.5 metres: 89.9 metres.

Type of transmitters:
Marconi TGS 571

Power Output: 250 watts approximately

Type of antenna: Dipole - directed just about Aden.

Times of transmission:
1300 - 1500 GMT.

Frequency allocations:
International.

Future Plans: It is intended to increase the time of broadcast up to 5 hours daily. At the present the broadcast is in Kiswahili, but we may include Arabic, English and Gujarati in our broadcast in the future. We shall be over the air in the mornings, lunch times and in the evenings.

Name of Director:
Information Officer (Programmes)
Cable & Wireless Ltd. (Technical).

Postal and telegraphic address:
P. O. Box 222, Zanzibar
"Information"

Remarks: *Thank you for your reception reports (number No. 10 231) of 7th April, 1957 and of 1st May, 1957. During the month of Ramadhan, we were over the air from 1830 - 2000 G.M.T. From yesterday we increased our time of transmission for half an hour.*
With best wishes and kind regards.

My friends, your contributions to DX nostalgia are always welcome. Please mail me at info@rock.x.se if you want to share something with us. Take care and stay safe. 73 & GOOD DX!