

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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Time again for yet another SWB

After a very warm and nice September down here in the south of Sweden autumn came quickly. The leaves on the trees have rapidly changed color and are beginning to fall off.

When looking at various DX sites I stopped at arcticdx.blogspot where I found the first part of a very interesting article about his 50 years as a DX-er.

Bjarne Mjelde lives up at the top of Norway and is one of the KONG crew. He has also written a lot of technical stuff regarding SDR's, antennas, etc.

One of my Flag antennas needed some repair work after a storm. One of the 4 m round wooden poles broke.

I have expected this to happen as the antennas were erected about 10 years ago and despite the paint, the wood eventually rots.

It is much easier to repair a small Flag , 12x 4 m, than a 700 m long beverage and that is an advantage.....

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

Keep on

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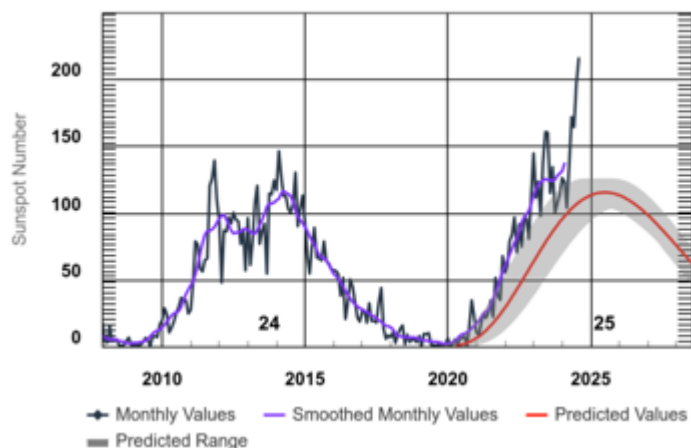
<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/swb/archive.htm>

QSL, comments, etc.

Ron Howard: Being housebound has forced me to begin using remote receivers. In the past I was never interested in this form of SWL, but now I find it is an excellent way to enjoy content!

With remotes, one has the opportunity to hear very readable programming. Today was a true marvel to decently hear several low powered Australian SW stations, that at my Calif. beach location I could only rarely catch with very faint audio. (Noted that you suffer from broken ribs and I hope you recover soon. That is something very painful, I know after a bicycle accident.)

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression



50 Years of MW DX-ing. 1 - The Beginning

Bjarne Mjelde has written a very interesting story about his journey as a DX-er which you must read. He says:

"This October marks my golden jubilee of DX-ing on the Medium Wave band. But the journey began even earlier. This fall, I'm penning a series on my evolution as a DX-er to the present day. It's packed with tales of camaraderie, elusive stations, the evolution of radios and antennas, the highs and lows of activity, cherished QSLs, and much more. Yet, the story starts not in October, but a few years prior. In September, actually."

You will find the full story here, just follow the link below.

<http://arcticdx.blogspot.com/2024/10/50-years-of-mw-dx-ing-1-beginning.html>



Radionette Kurér, the Rolls-Royce of portable radios back in its day. (photo: nrk.no)

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_1003_1009.txt

Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2024_0926_1002.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>

Shortwave Central radio blog: <https://mt-shortwave.blogspot.com/>

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 listener: <http://lhu-dx-log.blogspot.com/>

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

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

3310	Oct 6	0003	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cotaplachi, Quechua, comments. 1. (Méndez)
3940	Oct 5	1918	Music Wave Radio, pop songs. 2. (Méndez)
3955	Oct10	2106	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. E, rlg. propag., songs. 2 (CG)
3975	Oct9	2134	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pops, tks. 3 (CG)
3985	Oct 2	1832	R.Slovakia via Shortwave Sce., Kall-Krekel. Cast, nx, anns. 3 (CG)
4755	Oct 12	1200	Voice of Indonesia (Channel One) from via Cimanggis/Jakarta, heard via Bandung, Indonesia remote SDR; fair-good reception. 1200+: In Japanese; intro; news/commentary; patriotic RRI song "Mars Angkasawan RRI." 1306-1313: Tuned into the English segment; news (Laos holds ASEAN summit - news story "The 27th China-ASEAN Summit and the 27th ASEAN Plus Three Summit were successfully held in Vientiane, Laos on October 10. The summits were held in a positive atmosphere. Leaders at the summits carried out in-depth discussions on how to safeguard peace and stability in East Asia and maintain the momentum of rapid growth in a world of turbulence, transformation and rising protectionism.") 1313: "Commentary Today"; the situation with Israel/Lebanon discussed, with comments made by the US and France officials about recent activity. 1316: "Today in History" (Oct 11) 1968 - NASA launched the Apollo 7 mission 1984 - Aeroflot flight crashed into maintenance vehicles while landing at Omsk Airport 2012 - First observance of the International Day of the Girl Child // 3325 was also noted with weaker signal and noticeably distorted audio. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
4765	Oct 5	1823	Tajik Radio, Dushanbe, Tajik, comments. Very weak. 1. (Méndez)
4775	Oct 6	0004	Radio Tarma, Tarma, Peruvian songs. 2. (Méndez)
4835	Oct 12	1538	Shortwave Australia; Dave Stuart's SW station heard via Hunter Valley NSW, Australia SDR; relay of DJ playing older pop songs and talking about the singers and songwriters (UFO - "Too Hot to Handle," The Sandpebbles - "If You Didn't Hear Me The First Time [I'll Say It Again]," The Rose Garden - "Next Plane To London," The Dovers - "We're Not Just Anybody," etc.).
4940	Sept 30	0943	Estacion 4940 Onda Corta. LA songs, a religious song in English; 0958, ID, etc.; better than normal reception. My audio of one minute of instrumental music, followed by ID and announcers - https://app.box.com/s/4dzblhdh3590dd7dpqrbntialiw6dfwvxh . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) + (Méndez) + (CGS)

4965	Oct 5	1801	Voice of Hope Africa, Lusaka, English, religious comments. 2. (Méndez)
4970	Oct 12	1532	Radio 567 heard via Hunter Valley NSW, Australia SDR; pop songs (Harry Belafonte - "Jump In The Line," Stray Cats - "Rock This Town") and "Radio 5-6-7" ID. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
4985	Oct 6	2039	R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Songs. // 11815.045 rtd. 35433. 2 (CG)
5025	Oct 6	0505	Radio Rebelde, Bauta, comments, Cuban songs, program "A Esta Hora". 3.
5050	Oct 12	1513	// 9820, Beibu Bay Radio; heard via Hunter Valley NSW, Australia SDR; segment "One Word, One World"; Guilin (Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region), now has bilingual highway signage to help promote tourism; besides Chinese and English, some signage includes other languages depending on the nationality of tourists who frequent particular attractions; both frequencies fair-good and nicely readable. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
5895	Oct 5	2018	Radio Northern Star, Bergen, pop and country songs. 1. (Méndez)
5930	Oct 5	1837	World Music Radio, Bramming, Latin American songs, id. "World Music Radio". // 15700. 3. (Méndez)
5939.8	Oct 10	2104	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú. Rlgs. propag., songs. // 9665, 11750 5 (CG) + (Méndez)
5955	Oct 6	0518	Radio Veronica, Westdorpe, pop songs, oldies. 3. (Méndez)
5955	Sept 29	2109	Sunlite R, Westdorpe. Du, pops, tks. 3 (CG)
5970	Oct 5	1835	Radio 208, Hvidovre, rock songs. 2. (Méndez)
5995	Oct 9	2138	R. Mali, Kati. Vn, tribal songs. 5 (CG) + (Méndez)
6010	Oct 6	0454	Radio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs, "Memoria Nacional". 2. (Méndez)
6020	Oct 6	0611	Radio Casanova, Dutch, comments, music. 3. (Méndez)
6030	Oct 5	1702	Radio Oromiya, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments, East African songs. 3. (Méndez)
6050	Oct 6	-0500*	HCJB, Pichincha, Spanish, religious songs and comments, program "Vida Real en Familia", anthem and close. 3.
6050	Oct 6	0600	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, English, religious comments & songs. 2. (Méndez)
6090	Oct 5	-1812*	Voice of Amhara State, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments, East African songs. Transmission cut off abruptly at 1812. 2. (Méndez)
6110	Oct 5	-1812*	Radio Fana, Addis Ababa, Vernacular, comments, songs, transmission cut off abruptly at 1812. 2. (Méndez)
6150	Oct 6	0445	Radio Saturno, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs, program "Faixa Brasil". 2. (Méndez)
6160	Oct 9	2136	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pops, tks. 4 (CG)
6185	Oct 6	0448	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, comments, program "Datos y Hechos", "Nos encontramos aquí en Datos y Hechos de Radio Educación" comment about the Lebanon-Israel conflict", id. "Radio Educación, 1060 AM". 3. (Méndez)
7260	Sept 30	0630	Radio Vanuatu; intro and exit indigenous drums; public service "messages" in Bislama regarding the administration of the estate of several persons (one died 27 Feb 2024 and one who died on Santos Island, on 21 Oct 2023); anyone opposing these administrations has 28 days to reply to the court after the last broadcast; these messages authorized by the Public Solicitor's Office, on Santos Island, with phone number 33825 (https://pso.gov.vu/index.php/about-us/our-offices); mostly readable; the usual 0658:23* UT. Switched to 3945, which was unusable; checked audio streaming online for news/sports/weather in Bislama from 0700 to 0714 UT. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
7289.93	Sept 30	0826	RRI Nabire Pro 1, tuned-in at 0826 till suddenly off at 0940*. Playing all EZL songs, with some in English; Islamic segments, 0848-0859 (Shalawat Tarhim prayer and Maghrib [sunset] call-to-prayer); 0912-23, no modulation/audio, just an open carrier; heavier than usual QRN, making for mostly poor-fair reception, not the normal fair reception. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
7330	Oct 6	*1000-	Radio Joystick, The Charlie-Prince Show, interval signal, id. "The Charlie-Prince Show", German, comments, pop songs. 3. (Méndez)
7780	Sept 30	0817	Voice of Indonesia (Channel Two) via WRMI (USA). In English; promo for responsible tourism in Indonesia; playing a brief selection from the patriotic RRI song "Mars Angkasawan RRI," along with spoken "79th birthday wishes for Indonesia" - https://setkab.go.id/en/79th-indonesias-independence-anniversary-reflects-nations-maturity-cabinet-secretary-says/ . (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
9635	Oct 6	0846	Radio Mali, Bamako, African songs. 2. (Méndez)
9665	Oct 1	2115	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag. 5 (CG)
9695	Oct 6	*0800-	KNLS, Anchor Point, interval signal, English, id., religious program. 2. (Méndez)
9818.8	Oct 7	2034	R. 9 de Julho, São Paulo SP. Tks. Weak audio. 2 (CG) + (Méndez)
9960	Oct 12	0228	R Vanuatu, 0228-0259; heard via Rotorua, NZ remote SDR; non-stop American country & western songs (Dolly Parton - "Jolene," etc.); signal fading up. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.) + (Méndez)
11690	Oct 5	1522	Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Virrat, pop songs, comments, id. at 1600 "Scandinavian Weekend Radio...". 2. (Méndez)

11750	Oct7	2036	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., songs. // 9665.045 good, 5939.848 almost inaudible. 3 (CG) + (Méndez)
11815.1	Oct11	2206	R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Songs. Vy. poor readability due to faulty modulation. 3 (CGS) + (Méndez)
11875	Oct 6	*0800-	KNLS, Anchor Point, interval signal, Chinese, religious program. 2. (Méndez)
12085	Oct 6	*0900	Voice of Mongolia, interval signal, English, "Voice of Mongolia in English", comments, Mongolian songs. 2. (Méndez)
15375.013	Oct 8	1200	How to listen to Fu-Hsin Broadcasting Station: You can enjoy Fu-Hsin Broadcasting Station on your Radio Dial or on the internet. We are please to share the Station's schedule from WRTH's latest update for your radio dial. 9410 0500 - 0900 Guanyin 10 9774 0500 - 0900 Guanyin 10 15375 0500 - 0900 Guanyin 10 Die Station ist ab ca. 07 hier zu sehen und bis jetzt nur in Fragmenten zu hörensendet auf 15.375.013 und beendet wie im WRTH Update korrekt angegeben um 09 UT die Sendung. Ist allerdings jetzt nach 10 UT wieder auf Sendung. Das Signal ist aber sehr schwach. Vielleicht hilft uns die Sonne in den kommenden Tagen. Die Station Fu-Hsin ist auch später aktiv. Ich konnte den Sender sogar mit einer kurzen englischsprachigen Ansage zwischen 12 und 13 auf 15375 kHz schwach hören. Bei Stationen aus Taiwan muss man immer doppelt aufpassendenn zumeist senden „andere" Sender auch zufällig auf denselben Frequenzen ein chinesisches Programm... (Christoph Ratzler via A-DX)
15700	Oct6	1038	World Music R, Randers. Mx & songs. 2 (CG)
17600	Oct 6	0920	Ifrikya FM, Bechar, French, program "Africa Tech", about technology in Africa countries, news, comments, African songs. 4. (Méndez)
25800	Oct 5	1623	World Music Radio, Marslet, songs, id. in Spanish "Transmitimos cada día 24 horas 7 días a la semana, esta es WMR, World Music Radio". // 15700. 3. (Méndez)
25800.1	Oct6	1036	World Music R, Mårslet. Mx & songs. 2 (CG)

Reception from Irish churches on Oct 6 by Patrick Robic in Leibnitz, Austria

27022	Oct 6	Holy Cross Church Charleville, Co. Cork	0911
27601	Oct 6	SS Peter & Paul Church Bruff, Co. Limerick	1018
27631	Oct 6	St. Patrick's Church Wicklow, Co. Wicklow	0930 & 1200
27651	Oct 6	Sts. Patrick & Brigid Church Clane, Co. Kildare	1040
27661	Oct 6	St. Agnes' Church Crumlin, Dublin 12	1020
27681	Oct 6	St. Mary's Church Bellaghy, Co. Derry G	1012
27731	Oct 6	St. Joseph's Church Dunloy, Co. Antrim G	0958
27745	Oct 6	Church of the Assumption Howth, Co. Dublin	1058
27751	Oct 13	St. Brigid's Church Laragh, Co. Cavan IRL	1004
27791	Oct 6	St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church Portstewart, Co. Derry G	0947
27811	Oct 6	St. Patrick's Church Ballinderry, Co. Tyrone G	0905
27941	Oct 6	Church of the Assumption of the BVM Walkinstown, Dublin 12	1101
27971	Oct 6	Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea Sandymount, Dublin 4	0845

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

3480	Oct10	2101	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CG)
3910	Oct9	2132	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
3930	Oct9	2130	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 2 (CG)
4885	Oct11	1904	R. Echo Of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 3 (CGS)
6250	Oct9	2140	R. Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, pops, tks 3 (CG)
6340.2	Oct11	2158	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, Chin. songs, jingle, ID, tks. 2 (CGS)
6370	Oct11	2201	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CGS)
6520	Oct7	2038	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 2 (CG)
6600	Oct7	2040	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 2 (CG)
6600	Oct 4	1122	Voice of the People, 6600.0. Jammed as usual by N. Korea, but no longer with the severe audio problems I recently was reporting on ex: 6599 & 6601, so it would seem they became aware of this problem. Today also // 3480 // 3910 // 3930 // 4450 // 4560 // 6520. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)
7340	Oct 4	1239	National Unity Radio (National Unification Broadcasting - Unification Media Group), broadcasting from Taiwan; mostly in Korean, but also briefly in English with quotation;

fair/good with light jamming from N. Korea. Online info - "It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer" (Albert Einstein). (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, Calif.)

7720 Oct 1 2126 R. Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong (?) . Kor to KRE, tks, songs. 4 (CG)
 7810.1 Oct6 2044 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, mx, tks. Meas. 7810.076. 2 (CG)
 9140 Oct6 2042 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, mx, tks. 1 (CG)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

3485 Oct8 2053 VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
 4405 Oct10 1837 TAH İstanbul R. E, ocean wx. Superb signal on // 13128. 3 (CG)
 6230 Oct11 1848 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)
 6501 Oct5 2140 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 3 (CG)
 6501 Oct 7 -1230* NMO Honolulu HI. Maritime wx. USB. Ocean weather for Hawaii waters etc. Weak. (VHI)
 6507 Oct11 1850 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
 6604 Oct 3 *1820- VFG Gander NL. Volmet. USB. Weak. (VHI) + (CG)
 6676 Oct 1 2100 VKA-930 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT (?) Met rpt. Better on // VKA-931 on 11387 albeit under occ. uty. QRM. 2 (CG)
 6676 Oct10 *2047- ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. Unusually strg. 3 (CG)
 6676 Oct10 *2055- AWB Bombay Volmet. ID, met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
 6676 Oct11 2211- HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CGS)
 6676 Oct11 *2220- 9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. ID, met rpt. 3 (CGS)
 6679 Oct 1 1751 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 6765.1 Oct10 1827 HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. E, ocean wx, fqs.+sched. ann.,music box IS, Thai at 1832, fqs. ann., ocean wx. Uty. QRM. 4 (CG)
 8113 Oct11 1852 VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)
 8176 Oct11 1854 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
 8502 Oct 1 2130 NMG New Orleans R, GA. Ocean wx. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)
 8722 Oct 7 *0445- WDI Mobile AL. Maritime wx. USB. Cw-id in the end. Weak. (VHI)
 8740 Oct10 1839 ZSC Kaapstad R. Navig. warnings. 2 (CG)
 8764 Oct 1 2132 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. Should have started at 2130. 3 (CG)
 8782 Oct 6 *0815- KFS Palo Alto CA. Maritime wx. USB. Cw-id in the end. (VHI)
 8828 Oct 1 1752 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 8828 Oct 1 1812 JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 8828 Oct 1 1816 VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 10051 Oct8 2055 VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
 11387 Oct 1 1800 VKA-931 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT (?) Met rpt. 2 (CG)
 12356 Oct8 2117 ZLM Taupo Maritime R, Taupo. Ocean wx. 2 (CG)
 12362 Oct11 1856 VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)
 12365 Oct6 1639 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings. 1 (CG)
 13089 Oct5 2142 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 4 (CG)
 13089 Oct6 1632 NMC Point Reyes R (p), CA. Ocean wx. 1 (CG)
 13128 Oct 1 1803 TAH İstanbul R. Ocean wx. Adj. uty. QRM. 3 (CG)
 13146 Oct10 1838 ZSC Kaapstad R. Navig. warnings. 3 (CG)
 13149 Oct 4 *0845- KLN Long Island NY. Maritime wx. USB. Strong. (VHI)
 13158 Oct 4 *0845- KPH San Fransisco CA. Maritime wx. USB. Cw-id in the end. (VHI)
 13270 Oct6 1026 VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CG)
 13282 Oct 1 1813 JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
 13282 Oct6 1617 VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
 13282 Oct10 2052 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 15034 Oct8 2057 CHR Trenton Volmet, ON. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CG)
 16528 Oct 2 0837 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. Via west path. 2 (CG)
 17314 Oct6 1635 NMC Point Reyes R (p), CA. Ocean wx. Vy. faint. 1 (CG)

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Station news

ARGENTINA. RAE. I just noticed that RAE Argentina to the World in English has resumed (some time ago) daily one-hour broadcasts from Monday to Friday (rather than the weekly half-hour programmes that were introduced during Covid). WRMI currently broadcasts the last half-hour of RAE English on 5850 kHz at 2230-2300 joining the live stream mid-way through the programme.

The WRMI sked also shows RAE English at 1400-1430 on 7730, but checking today (3 October), the Overcomer is being heard instead. I did quick check of other WRMI freqs at this time, but no trace of RAE.

The web live stream is heard at http://vmf.edge-apps.net/embed/live.php?streamname=sc_rad35-100131&autoplay=true at 1400-1500 and 2200-2300 (maybe other times also, but not found yet).

An audio archive of (most) daily broadcasts can now be found at <https://www.radionacional.com.ar/category/english/> Alan Roe, Teddington, UK via WOR

FINLAND. 25000 kHz MIKES

Am 06.10.2024 um 17:23 schrieb Patrick Robic via groups.io: WWV mit Zeitzeichen und minütlicher Zeitansage, MIKES mit kontinuierlichen Zeitzeichen ohne Minutenimpuls.

(73, Patrick Robic via A-DX)

Andree Bollin via groups.io kirjoitti 6.10.2024 klo 18.46: hi, seit wann sendet Mikes denn wieder?? Der war doch seit Jahren abgeschaltet(?)

73, Abo via A-DX

They have been transmitting all the time, but with very low power, 1 W or less. They are moving the transmitter and antenna to another building and will use 100 W. Unfortunately it has been postponed many times, hopefully next year.

(73, Mauno Ritola via A-DX)

ZAMBIA: Voice of Hope Africa New schedule effective 14 Oct 2024 with 100 kW

0400-0800 9680 1400-1600 9680 1600-2000 4965

Wavescan DX program will be on Sundays at 0700 on 9680 & 1800 on 4965

(Via Ray Robinson, Wavescan program of 13 Oct 2024)

(VU2JOS JOSE JACOB, INDIA via WOR)

Other radio news

GÖRANS RADIOSIDA

Görans Radiosida om Radio Mercur, Skånes Radio Mercur, Radio Syd, DCR och Radio Nord

Välkommen till lite **Radio-Nostalgi** och min hemsida som jag väcker till nytt liv med ett nytt gränssnitt. Här finner Du information om de kommersiella radiostationer som fanns i skandinaviska farvatten under åren 1958 till 1966...

<https://www.radio4all.se/offshore/>

(Kari Kallio via nordx)

2024 Texas Radio Shortwave Program Schedule November & December (UT)

Month	Date (UTC)	Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Target	Program
Nov	2	2200	3955	Eur	
	3	0200	9670	NAm (East)	Music of Khruangbin
		0400	9670	NAm (West)	
	10	1300	9670	Eur	
		0300	Mixcloud	Worldwide	15 Texas Musicians to Listen To (Reprise)
28	0200	9670	NAm (East)	TRSW Fifth Anniversary	
	0400	9670	NAm (West)		
	1400	9670	Eur		
		1800	3955	Eur	
Month	Date (UTC)	Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Target	Program
Dec	7	2200	3955	Eur	
	8	0200	9670	NAm (East)	Music of Jimmy Dean
		0400	9670	NAm (West)	
	15	1300	9670	Eur	
		0300	Mixcloud	Worldwide	2022 Varied Merry Christmas (Reprise)
25	0300	TBA	NAm	2024 Texas Christmas	
	1400	9670	Eur		
		1800	3955	Eur	

This schedule is subject to change without notice.

Programs are transmitted on Channel 292 in Rohrbach, Germany, 10 kilowatts.

Texas Radio Shortwave verifies correct, detailed reception reports by electronic QSL. This includes reports from listeners using remote receivers (SDRs).

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Please credit Texas Radio Shortwave as the source of this information. Thank you.

Nearly Half of Cuba Without Power

Anybody notice any change among Cuban broadcasters? I think Radio Progreso 890 has been spotty lately <https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/arly-half-cuba-without-power-blackouts-deepen-2024-10-04/>
(Vince Cavaseno via groups.io & WOR)

Yes, 890 Progreso, besides having some of the worst audio on the band and those annoying side tones, seems to be absent a fair amount lately. This clears the deck for R. Vida from Colombia - becoming semi-regular here now (clip attached).

I've noted sketchy operation on some on the other Cubans - once in a while off or at substandard level, sometimes wobbly sometimes not, the weird 678 business a couple of weeks ago, audio quality varying night to night etc. A real clown show.

You do have to feel sorry for what the average person must be experiencing. The elites in the government power structure are probably still enjoying cocktails by the pool.

(Mark Connelly, WA1ION | South Yarmouth, MA, USA via WOR)

New Klingenfuss products for 2025: solar cycle maximum!

Dear friends,

says NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center on 9 August 2024 at www.swpc.noaa.gov

"Solar Cycle 25 likely reached the highest sunspot number yet - a value of at least 299. The SWPC non-official, estimated daily sunspot number for August 8th was 337, a value not observed since March 2001." By consequence, we'll see good to excellent high-frequency (HF) long-distance propagation conditions throughout 2025-2026 and far beyond.

More than 800 Kiwi-SDRs are now available at www.kiwisdr.com allowing easy global monitoring and decoding of professional HF digital data stations. Hundreds of pertinent screenshots will be published in our brandnew 2025 editions. See dozens of samples on our hotfrequencies website! We're now working on our new products to be published on 10 December 2024.

- 2025/2026 Guide to Utility Radio Stations
- 2025 Shortwave Frequency Guide
- 2025 Super Frequency List on CD
- 2025 Frequency Database for the Perseus SDR

If you are able to supply additional new frequencies and stations, your cooperation would be highly appreciated. Please let us have your data by 20 October 2024.

The continuously updated product Digital Data Decoder Screenshots on USB Stick now covers more than 27,000 (twenty seven thousand!) screenshots from 1997 to today. Feed your PC or Tablet with this data, and the "slide show" will keep you busy for a few days - or weeks!

Shortwave is dead? Well, we've been told so ... for 57+ years. More than 1,000 (one thousand!) selected new digital data decoder screenshots will be published on our 2025 Super Frequency List on CD ;-)

Latest references (full list at www.klingenfuss.org/ref.htm)

Best wishes, Joerg Klingenfuss

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MAHISHASURAMARDINI



The legendary program of Akashvani.

Every year on Mahalaya, Bengalis all over the Indian subcontinent, wake up in the wee hours of the morning to the sonorous voice of the legendary radio broadcaster and playwright, the late Birendra Krishna Bhadra's recitation of the "Mahishasuramardini". His ringing announcement: "Ashwiner sharada prate beje uteche alokomanjir...." is still the stirring signal for Durgapuja festivities to begin.

Scripted by Bani Kumar and composed for radio in 1931, the 90 - minute musical extravaganza "Mahishasuramardini" is a melodious combination of hymns, narration and devotional songs describing the creation of Goddess Durga to kill the evil Mahishasura. The whole program was organised by Pankaj Kumar Mallik, Birendra Krishna Bhadra, Premankur Aatorthi, Nripendra Krishna Mukhopadhyay and Raichand Boral - the then stalwarts of AIR Calcutta. Many famous vocalists like Dwijen Mukhopadhyay, Pratima Bandyopadhyay, Shyamal Mitra, Arati Mukhopadhyay, Manabendra Mukhopadhyay, Shipra Basu, Utpala Sen, Dhananjay Bhattacharya, Tarun Bandopadhyay, Haimanti Shukla and others - sang the melodious numbers.

In the 1930s, when the All India Radio was established and used to be India's national radio broadcaster, Birendra Krishna Bhadra worked there for several years. His rendition of the Mahishashura Mardini (1931) with his immaculate Sanskrit recitation that airs in the dawn of Mahalaya to this day after almost 8 decades is a true testament to his talent.

For the first 34 years, it was a live program. From 1966, Akashvani started broadcasting the recorded version of the program. However, its great popularity remains undiminished even today over 90 years later. Whenever Mahalaya comes, people search their old radio set Birendra Krishna Bhadra in the corner of the house, which remains unused other times.

In 1976, this popular program was replaced by "Debi Durgatiharini", the narration of which was done by the legendary Bengali film actor Uttam Kumar. But due to huge criticism from the listeners, Akashvani had to go back to its original version of the program.



It won't be exaggeration to say the Mahishasurmardini composition as a chartbuster has always been on the top spot. Every year, people religiously follow the ritual of getting up before sunrise to tune in to the Akashvani stations playing Mahishasurmardini, which has become synonymous to Mahalaya. Due to its increasing popularity, at present it is also broadcast by many other domestic stations of Akashvani across the country.

"Mahishasuramardini" is considered as one of the oldest radio shows which still find its relevance in contemporary times and what else can be anything better than archaic audio montage to cling on to the legacy of Mahalaya and Durgapuja for generations.

HAPPY DURGA PUJA to all of you.

(Pradip Chandra Kundu - VU3IOP via ADXR # 42)

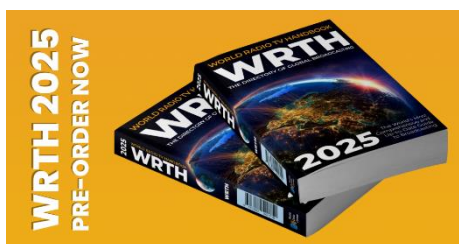
Port Blair renamed as Sri Vijaya Puram

The Government of India has renamed Port Blair, the capital of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to Sri Vijaya Puram on 13 September 2024. The Akashvani station there now operates on MW 684 kHz & FM.100.9 MHz/Till a few years back they used to operate on SW with a 10 kW transmitter which was widely heard by keen Dxers all over the world. They are still as Akashvani Port Blair. Hope they will change their id announcement shortly.

(Jose Jacob, ADXR # 42)



WRTH 2025 Book is now available for Pre-order



Immerse yourself in the world of radio like never before by securing your own copy of WRTH 2025. We are excited to share that the latest edition of the World Radio TV Handbook is on its way, offering an extraordinary journey into global broadcasting. Prepare for a wealth of updated frequencies, detailed station information, and captivating insights tailored for radio enthusiasts and explorers alike.

DX INDIA: Hello Friends, we are very pleased to inform that to DX India is celebrating its 23rd anniversary today, 1 Oct 2024!

DX India was started on October 1, 2001 in Yahoo groups specializing exclusively on broadcasting in India. Later it was added in Facebook. When Yahoo groups ended services it was moved to io groups.

DX India gives latest and up to date info on broadcasting stations in India on MW, SW & FM not normally found elsewhere. Though most of the Akashvani stations have left SW, there is still some activity going on there and also on MW and FM.

DX India website is www.qsl.net/vu2jos which gives lot of info on stations in India.

Many thanks to io groups, Facebook, Yahoo groups, qsl.net and to over 1400 members all over the world for your kind support.

Special thanks to Jeff White of WRMI for mentioning about this anniversary in AWR DX Program Wavescan of 29 Sept 2024.

(Yours sincerely, Jose Jacob, Founder, DX India & Alokesh Gupta, Moderator, DX India via WOR)

Stampfl Wave Block Preselector



Heinz Stampfl (HB9KOC) surprises us with a new preselector called "Wave Block". This preselector is a project by Heinz Stampfl, Ernst Kirschbaum (DL2EBV) and Hans Zahnd (HB9CBU). The latter is the manufacturer of the famous ADAT ADT-200A.

The Wave Block can be seen as the successor model to the Wave Star preselector. The device is delivered fully assembled and calibrated. It will be available in a very small series.

A preselector is a device that can have bandpass filters, lowpass filters and highpass filters built in. By selecting the appropriate filter, the input stages of the downstream receiver are protected from excessively strong sum signals and prevent it from being

overloaded. A bandpass filter only allows a defined narrow frequency range to pass through to the receiver. For example, if you are listening to Radio DARC on the frequency 6070 kHz, you will set the wave block to the bandpass filter 6.0-9.0MHz. Only this range will be allowed through. All other frequencies will be strongly attenuated. A preselector is of course not a panacea if the receiver suffers from high levels of noise, ghost stations, etc. A preselector only helps against "out-of-band interference". These are usually strong radio stations that are far from the set reception frequency, i.e. outside the bandpass filter's passband. However, if the interfering station is within the bandpass filter's passband, it is of course of no use. The only thing that can help is the receiver's attenuation element, which reduces the input level.

In this day and age of software defined radios (SDR) that have rudimentary preselection or none at all, such a preselector is the right tool when working with powerful antennas. But even older analogue receivers can benefit from a pre-selection (preselector).

Very large signal resistant IM3 50 dBm.

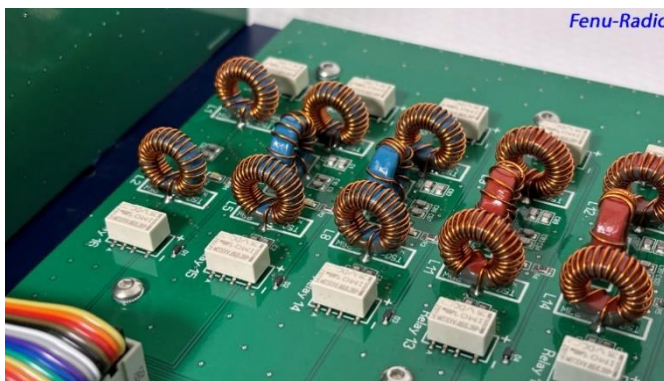
The preselector is delivered assembled and calibrated! Price: CHF 590.00

Frequency ranges of the bandpass filters:

- 0 – 1.7 MHz
- 1.7 – 2.5 MHz
- 2.5 – 3.8 MHz
- 3.8 – 6.0 MHz
- 6.0 – 9.0 MHz
- 9.0 – 13.0 MHz
- 13.0 – 20 MHz
- 20.0 – 30 MHz
- with bypass function

Appearance and structure of the Wave Block

If you look at the Wave Block from the outside, the relationship to its predecessor, the "Wave Star", is undeniable. The blue anodized aluminum housing is a typical indicator. You would not suspect that so few components are built into the device. The size of the housing is due to the TFT color display. The device is also lightweight for its size. If push buttons had been provided for the controls, the device might have to be held when pressing the buttons because otherwise it would slip. Thanks to the TFT display, this does not happen. A light tap on a button immediately switches the filter. The Wave Block is switched on or off with the rocker switch at the top right. When switched off, the bypass function is active. This means that the signal path via the bandpass filters is bypassed. A stand can be folded out for a comfortable operating position.



The innards reveal a lot about the builders of the Wave Block. Everything is set up and processed cleanly and clearly. The ferrite rings were all wound by Heinz in laborious handwork. Ernst designed the filters and specified how each ferrite ring should be wound. In order to minimize the interference from the display to the preselector, a shielding board was also attached behind the display.

What the Wave Block lacks compared to its predecessor is an attenuation element. An attenuation element always makes sense.

The remote controllability of the Wave Block is also sorely missed. In this day and age, that is almost a given. It could actually be implemented easily.

A big plus is that the Wave Block works purely passively and has a very low transmission loss of -1dB.

More info at https://www.fenu-radio.ch/Stampfl_Waveblock.htm

(via A-DX Fernempfang)

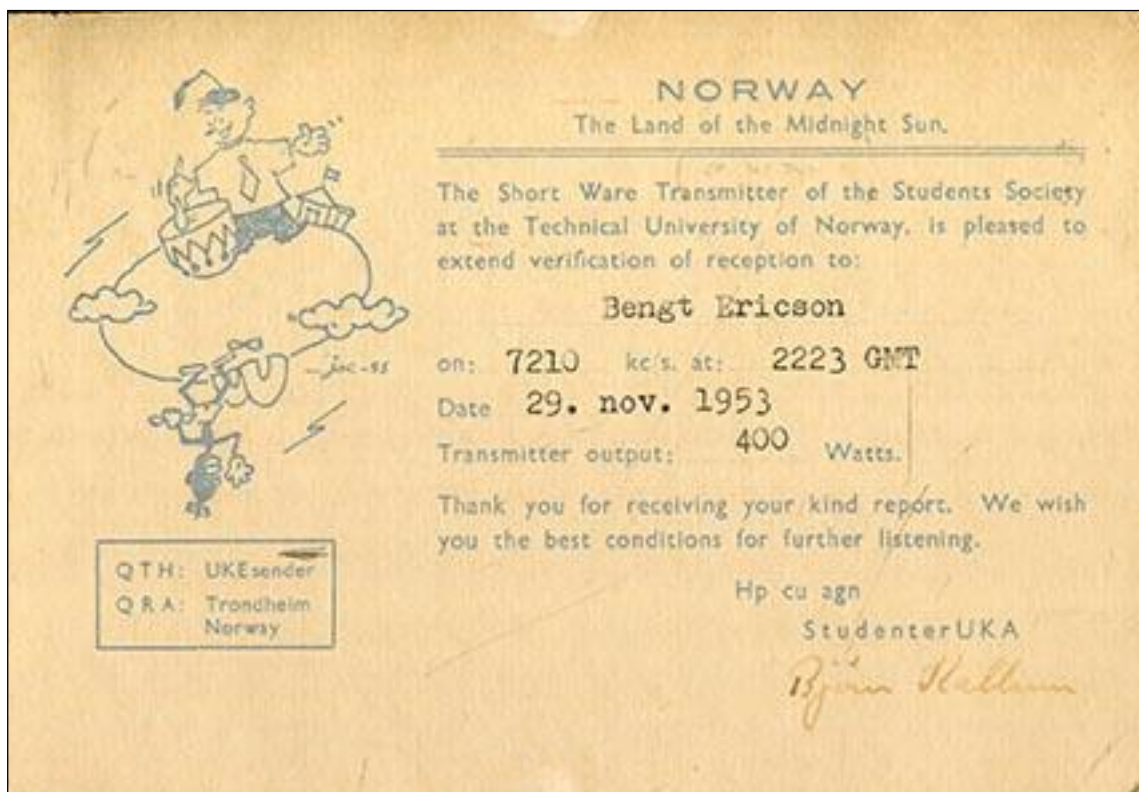
DX nostalgia by RFK

There's nothing quite like the simple joy and peace that comes with being a DX listener, nestled in the cozy confines of your radio shack. As you sit before your trusty receiver, the soft crackle of the fire in the stove fills the air, casting a warm glow over the room. Your faithful dog rests at your feet, a comforting presence in this tranquil haven. Outside, the world's worries and responsibilities seem distant, faded away by the magic of radio. In this moment, there is only the gentle hum of the radio, the subtle clicks and pops of distant stations coming through the ether. It's a world away from the constant buzz of modern life, a chance to unplug and immerse oneself in the timeless art of DXing.

Some may argue that the technical advancements of SDR receivers and digital recording have rendered traditional DXing obsolete. But tonight there's nothing quite like the tactile experience of turning the dial, the anticipation of what might come through the speakers. It's a hands-on, immersive experience that simply can't be replicated by a computer screen. Here, in the warmth of the shack, with the crackling fire and the contented snores of your dog, you find a profound sense of peace and fulfillment. The stresses of daily life melt away, replaced by a childlike wonder and excitement. Each station logged is a badge of honor, a result of the skill and dedication of the DXer.

As the hours slip by, lost in the magic of the airwaves, you feel a deep connection to the generations of radio enthusiasts who have come before you. In this moment, you are part of a timeless tradition, a member of a global community bound by a shared passion. And so, you sit and listen, content in the knowledge that, no matter what the future may bring, there will always be a place for the simple joy of DXing. In a world that moves ever faster, it's a reminder to slow down, to appreciate the beauty and mystery of the unseen world that surrounds us. And for that, we are truly grateful.

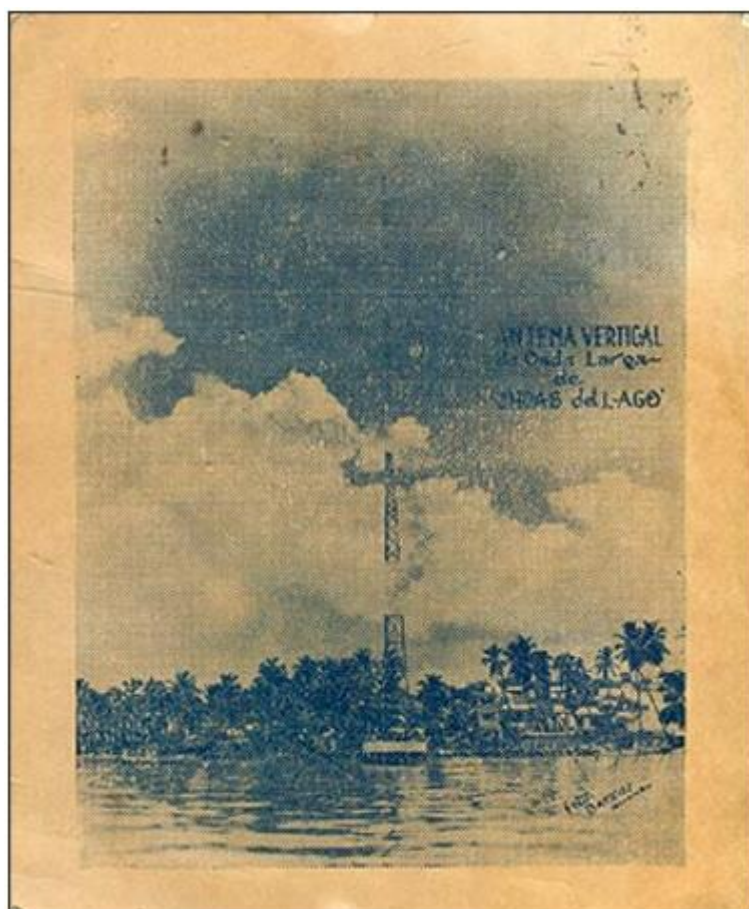
I think the DX feeling is still the same as all those years ago. Now let's go back in time. UKE-Senderen was a project operated by Norwegian students, run from different locations. In 1953, UKE-Senderen was broadcast by the Students Society at the Technical University of Trondheim. Bengt Ericson BE received this QSL.



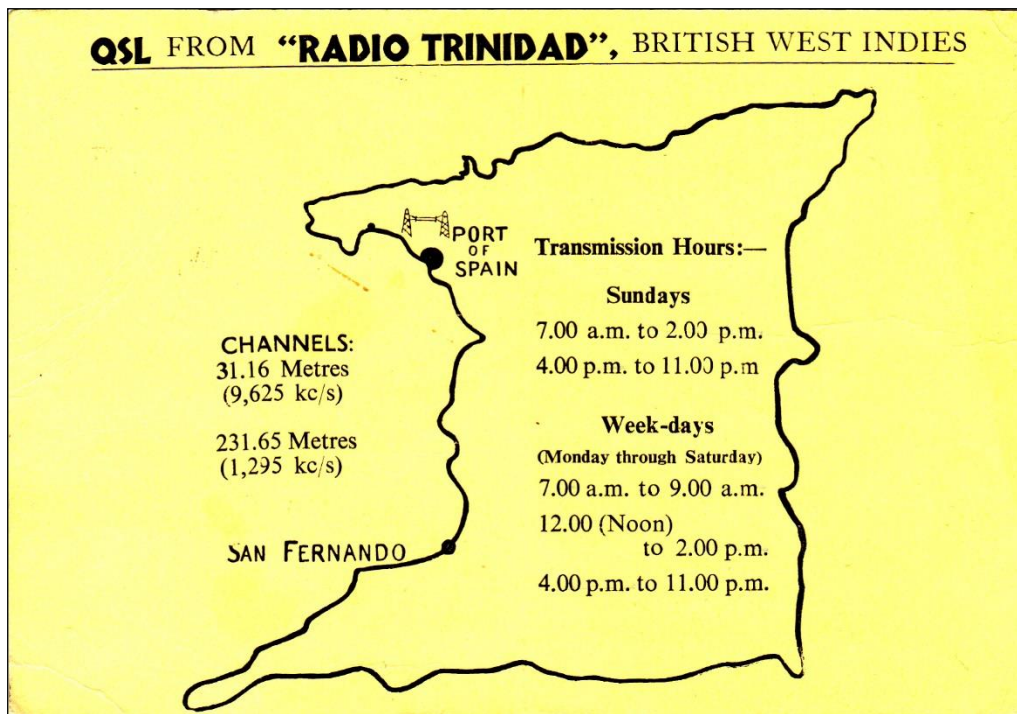
Station pennants are treasured memories of radios glorious past. Radio Sociedade de Feira de Santana of Brazil could often be heard surprisingly good in the 60 metre band despite the low power of 1 kW. Bengt Dalhammar BD received this pennant with his verification letter in 1962.



Our next nostalgia QSL comes from Ondas del Lago and the collection of Bengt Ericson BE. It shows the quarter wave tower used for the 10 kW transmitter on 1120 kHz. On SW 4800 kHz the station had 7,5 kW and a half wave dipole. The card does not indicate if Bengt heard the station on SW or MW, nor which year it was. But I would suspect some time in the mid-1950s.



Here we have a QSL card from an exotic country in the Caribbean: Radio Trinidad. Ullmar Quick UQ reported the station in 1951. Card scanned by John Ekwall JOE.



At last a QSL card from the collection of Jan Edh JE. Radio Barlavento was one of three SW stations in the Cape Verde Islands and it was heard often but seldom especially good in the 75 metre band.



As usual you are welcome to contribute to DX nostalgia, just mail me at info@rock.x.se. Take care and stay safe, 73 & GOOD DX!