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SWB-friends

The year is slowly coming to an end, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone of the SWB mailing list, active or inactive, who has contributed with interesting information to SWB.

The heyday of SW DXing is largely over, but despite that, there are still many active DXers out there and it is very pleasing that some of these people continuously contribute to our ability to publish an interesting bulletin every fortnight.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas, a nice weekend, and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to a good DXing year in 2025.

In this issue you can find information about Don Moore's interesting journey to Albania. Borth Part & 2 can be found on the SWLing Post website.

Interesting also to note that DX-Fanzine will issue a bi-weekly log – D-Express.

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

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.



Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This is one of many illustrations made by Jenny Nyström.

Throughout her life, Jenny Nyström was a hard-working professional woman, entrepreneur and sole breadwinner who was very creative and driven.

She began studying at the Art Academy in Stockholm, aged just 19, and became the first woman to receive the Royal Medal in 1881 for her art at the academy. This was accompanied by a travel scholarship which enabled her to continue studying at various art schools in Paris and became a very talented and recognized artist and illustrator.

Christer Brunström: Radio Free Asia, Saipan 9990 kHz RFA's 28th anniversary QSL-card.

Michael P Olbrich, El Paso, Texas: Good morning from Texas. I haven't been doing anything interesting here this past two weeks.

I believe you also send the SWB to my friend Sean-KD6CUB. He and I got together about 3 weeks ago. Icom lowered the price of the IC-905 Microwave Radio by \$500 US dollars. So Sean and I each bought one. We will be experimenting with microwaves. We have discovered that building antennas for 1,296-MHz, 2,304-MHz and 5,760-MHz isn't too difficult. Really, the 10,368-MHz (3cm) band begs for a dish antenna. I don't know a thing about dishes, so we will be learning. In the process it seems that 5,760-MHz (5cm) can also share the same dish as 10,368-MHz. I am told that a 60cm dish will be 29-dB gain on 5cm, and 33-dB gain on 3cm. The IC-905 has 2-watts output at 5cm and 0.5-watts output at 3cm. This dish would make it 1.5-kW ERP on 5cm and 1-kW ERP on 3cm.

Hope you are doing well and will be enjoying the holiday season.

Vy73 – Mike – KD5KC SOTA W5T-Texas Association Manager.

<https://summits.sota.org.uk/association/W5T>

David Potter, Gainesville, FL. Greetings from sunny but chilly Florida.

Here are a few logs, so feel free to use them as you see fit for SWB. You might have seen my logs in the past via Bob Wilkner. In fact, I was the one who started the trade between our club and SWB back in the 80s. I'll submit more logs in the future, including some utility stations.

73 and Christmas greetings

(You are very welcome with information and nice to see you back. /TN)

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_1212_1218.txt

Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2024_1205_1211.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	Dec12	2243	R. Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba. Quechua, Indian songs, tks. 3 (CGS)
3955	Dec14	2309	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. Pops. 4 (CGS)
3975	Dec9	1834	Shortwave Gold, Winsen. E, pop oldies, tks. 4 (CGS)
3985	Dec9	1836	R.Slovakia via Shortwave Sce., Kall-Krekel. E, infos. on Slovakia. 4 (CGS)
3990	Dec16	2223	Gannan PBS, Tianshui. Tradit. mx. // 5970. 1 (CGS)
3990	Dec14	-1800*	Xinjiang RTC, Urumqui, Uyghur, comments. (Méndez) + (CGS)
3995	Dec13	1945	HCJB, Weenermoor. G, rlg. propag. 3 (CGS)
4755	Dec16	2100	Voice of Indonesia (Channel One), via Kiwi SDR at Bogor, Indonesia; programming in English; news (more Indonesian citizens were evacuated from Syria; the foreigners in Fiji who were sent to hospital for suspected poisoning after drinking pina coladas at a five-star resort's bar, were released from the hospital, etc.); "Today's Commentary," five convicted drug dealers transferred to Australia; patriotic song "Bagimu Negeri" (For You, Our Country); 2117: "Today In History" (Dec 16) 1960 - NY mid-air collision. 1965 - About the Indonesian military organization. 1991 - Kazakhstan independence. 2120: "My Indonesia," item about the economic growth for Indonesia. (Ron Howard, California)
4775	Dec11	2249	R. Tarma, Tarma. Cast, px hosted by a curandero, a healer. 3 (CGS)
4820	Dec10	0136	Radio Senda Cristiana (The Christian Way Radio), via SDR remote at Mbutuy, Paraguay; OA type music/singing; frequent time checks and IDs; fair with QRN; this religious station is part of the Cotahuasi Ministry Center Project. My brief remote audio attached. Station info in Spanish. I'm unable to get the file translated or edited. Can anyone translate it? Appreciate any help! https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/465102/FREDY_HANCCO_HANCCO.pdf . (Ron Howard, California)
4835	Dec8	1001	"VL8K, domestic Shortwave Australia," brief check at 1001+, via Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia remote SDR; DJ today playing all songs with "cow bells," starting with a skit from Saturday Night Live. Well heard daily! (Ron Howard, California)
4900	Dec16	*0842-	Thanks to Mauno Ritola for the reminder to check on the CHBC and VOS schedule, due to the following: https://cahcn.github.io/posts/2024-12-15-chbc.html . My monitoring on Dec 16: Voice of Strait (4900), at *0842, suddenly on with EZL song, already in

			progress; via Kiwi SDR remote in Northern Taiwan. My remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/sjr6ieqbwgh1jenzzykb21bhrofxys9q . Voice of Strait (4900), at 1131*, via Kiwi SDR remote in Northern Taiwan. My remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/jcufqdccka4hms28ftkht2a93p1xxc7kc . (Ron Howard, California)
4905	Dec8	1600	"Xizang Radio and Television Station," good reception via remote SDR at Dimapur, India; with the daily English hour of "Hello Xizang" and today with the Sunday only program "Music Shangri-la," with teenagers introducing themselves and singing or playing a Tibetan musical instrument. My remote five minute audio - https://app.box.com/s/9a7wfj9zsdpgc5n444io4vwmp7yuiel3 . (Ron Howard, California) + // 7385. (Méndez)
4940	Dec15	2220	Estación 4940, Arauca. Cast, tks. 3 (CGS) + (Méndez)
4965	Dec14	1908	Voice of Hope Africa, Lusaka, religious songs, English. (Méndez)
4970	Dec8	0956	Radio 567, brief check via remote SDR at Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia; The Beatles - "A Day In The Life"; ID musical montage for "Radio 5-6-7." Also well heard every day! (Ron Howard, California)
4985	Dec15	0617	Radio Brasil Central, Goiania, Teletype QRM. // 11815. (Méndez) + (CGS)
5010	Dec21	0634	Just to confirm WRMI at 0634, on 5010 kHz. Remote Kiwi SDR at Reunion Island - no signal. Remote Kiwi SDR at Johannesburg, RSA - no signal. Remote Kiwi at Vermont, USA - WRMI with preaching in English. BTW - YHWH (7475) still being heard with a readable signal at 0640 UT, via N. Utah remote Kiwi SDR. (Ron Howard, San Francisco)
5020	Dec20	1408	SIBC via Wanganui, NZ, Kiwi SDR remote; non-stop loop of Xmas good wishes from Global ICT Office Supplies (https://global-ict.com.sb/), Solomon Island Electoral Commision (https://siec.gov.sb/), etc. My seven minute remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/41ddiv8q6kim6ttvaobdoat5a2kqumeq . (Ron Howard, California)
5025	Dec15	1823	Radio Rebelde, Bauta, comments, id. "Radio Rebelde". (Méndez)
5045	Dec8	0956	Bay Islands Radio, brief check via remote SDR at Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia; this station is not often on the air; today playing pop songs. (Ron Howard, California)
5930	Dec13	1534	World Music R. Mx & songs. 2 (CGS) + (Méndez)
5939.7	Dec13	1947	R.Voz Missionária. Rlgs. propag. 2 (CGS) + // 9665 and 11750. (Méndez)
5955	Dec15	0556	Radio Veronica, Westdorpe, pop, oldies, Dutch, id. "Radio Veronica". (Méndez)
5970	Dec16	2214	Gannan PBS, Tianshui. Tradit. mx. // 3990. 2 (CGS)
5970	Dec14	1954	Radio 208, Hvidovre, rock and pop songs, id. "Radio 208". (Méndez)
5995	Dec16	2213	R.Mali, Kati. Vn, tradit. mx px. 5 (CGS) + (Méndez)
6010	Dec15	0718	Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, Brazilian songs, program "Memoria Nacional". (Méndez) + (CGS)
6020	Dec15	0716	Radio Casanova, pop, id. "Radio Casanova, promoting love and peace all over Europe", "Radio Casanova", Dutch, comments. (Méndez)
6030	Dec18	0350	Radio Oromiya, via Kiwi SDR remote at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; nice Horn-of-Africa music/singing; this is a good site to enjoy this type of music; 0400, news. My remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/jt8itxa5fahhx9q2cyllkdatmw1lfb3p . BTW - Recently checking for Zanzibar (6015) and Zambia (5915), confirming their long standing silence. So it seems I will be unable to hear my favorite African "Happy Christmas, Happy New Year" song that was formerly played frequently in late December, via Zambia. https://app.box.com/s/x2ixtfih3too8qfsglo (Jan 1, 2015 recording). (Ron Howard, California) + (Méndez)
6050	Dec15	*0923-	HCJB, Pichincha, religious songs and comments, Spanish, Quechua. Very weak and fading out due to daylight here in Friol. (Méndez)
6050	Dec14	0603	ELWA Radio, Monrovia, 0603-0633, 14-12, English, religious songs, Christmas songs, comments, id. "ELWA Radio...". (Méndez)
6055	Dec15	0728	Radio Nikkei 1, Chiba-Nagara, comments, male. (Méndez)
6070	Dec15	1018	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. G, tks. // 9670 rtd. 45444. 2 (CGS)
6070	Dec15	0627	CFRX, Toronto, comments, news, advertisements. Strong QRM from Channel 292 on the same frequency. (Méndez)
6085	Dec15	0811	Radio Mi Amigo, Kall Krekel, pop, oldies, id. "Radio Mi Amigo", English. (Méndez)
6115	Dec16	1233	National Unity Radio (National Unification Broadcasting - Unification Media Group), broadcasting from Taiwan; fair reception with light N. Korean jamming, via the remote SDR at Okayama, Japan; program "Arim Sam's Singing Class"; played a pop Korean song and announcers talked about the song and sang portions without music. My remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/uq9s5dqgbfw60sa2am6336szoqhifor8 . (Ron Howard, California)
6115	Dec15	-0759*	Radio Nikkei 2, Chiba-Nagara, comments, music. (Méndez)
6130	Dec14	1943	Radio Europe, Alphen, techno-pop, id. "From the hard of Holland, this is Radio Europe, 6130 kHz, shortwave". (Méndez)
6140	Dec15	0618	Radio Onda, Borculo, id. in French, "Ici Radio Onda", classical music. (Méndez)

6150	Dec15	2227	R. Saturno, Belo Horizonte MG. Songs. 3 (CGS) + (Méndez)
6150	Dec14	0709	Europa 24, Datteln, pop, comments, German. id. "Europa Vierundzwanzig". (Méndez)
6180	Dec14	2045	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, Brazilian songs. // 11780. (Méndez)
6185	Dec16	*0931-	CHBC Fuzhou, via Kiwi SDR remote in Northern Taiwan; with announcer. My remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/o3h7bl9y2cmwy5h50hfxo83mqswoty8k . CHBC unable to confirm what happened at 1200; 1156-1159 VOK was off the air, but too confusing after they returned. Sounded like a National Anthem at 1206, which was probably Mexico? Perhaps they continued on? Korea was just too strong! Via Kiwi SDR remote in Northern Taiwan. (Ron Howard, California)
6185	Dec7	1709	R. Experience (Dutch stn on 1008) via R. Piepender, Zwolle. ID via DX press. 2 (CG)
6185	Dec15	0544	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, Mexican- & classical music. (Méndez) + (CGS)
7330	Dec15	*1104-	Radio Joystick, The Prince-Charlie Show, Moosbrunn, open with pop, German, comments, instrumental music. (Méndez)
7370	Dec15	*0800-	KNLS, Anchor Point, Interval signal, Mandarin, comments, songs. (Méndez)
7390	Dec15	1259	R.NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. IS, E, nx at 1300. 3 (CGS)
7390	Dec 15	1259	Radio New Zealand, Rangitaiki. 1259 chirping bird IS, 1300 5+1 pips, ID and into English news by woman; 1308 program of acoustic vocal music w/ woman ancr to 1315 t/out. Their overnight frequency had a fair, somewhat noisy signal with a slow fade. I had been listening to their late-night program earlier on 13755 from 1240 w/ long-form piece from a farm including ambient noises, 1253 acoustic music, 1258 ID, and frequency change anmt by a woman, chirping bird IS 1258 off. Fair signal. Always makes for pleasant listening. 15 Dec (David Potter)
9490	Dec 19	1240	VOA via Tinang. Yet another frequency for VOA Korean, noted at 1240 //11510, 11570. Poor. EiBi lists this as 1200-1300, ie identical to 11510. 19 Dec (David Potter)
9635	Dec15	0834	Radio Mali, Bamako, French, comments, advertisements, id. "Bamako, la Radio Nationale du Mali", African songs. (Méndez) + (CGS)
9665	Dec11	1943	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag. // 11750.0, 5939.726. 3 (CGS)
9670	Dec15	1239	Channel 292, Rohrdorf. G, tks, oldies. 3 (CGS)
9818.6	Dec15	0553	Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious comments and songs. (Méndez) + (CGS)
9830	Dec 13	2325	CNR1 via Hohhot, Nei Menggu (per Eibi). 2325-2330+ with M+W. Weak to fair. //9845 (CNR1 jammer), etc. Still going at 2345 but weak, 9845 faded, but //9850 (also a jammer) faded in. Nei Menggu is a/k/a Inner Mongolia or formally (in PRC speak) as Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. 14 Dec (David Potter)
9875	Dec 13	2315	FEBC via Bocaue per (Eibi) seemingly the one with fervent Asian man 2315-2328, then flute and instl mx, mix anmt; 2330 off. Listed in lu Mien 2300-2330; 2330-2400 is listed M-F only, which means the sked matches if it is local M-F. 13 Dec (David Potter)
9900	Dec 19	2300	CNR1 jammer and TAIWAN Radio Taiwan International, Tanshui, Taipei. The two have been battling it out on this channel near and after local sunset, generally heard in the 2300-2330+ block for the last several weeks. I got home earlier tonight and checked these two out again and they were readily separable for a change. Heard 2250-2300 with martial music (PRC?) mixing with man talking, Followed by a woman talking after the music, mixing with the same man and so on. The two stations took a dip around 2300-2310+. 19 Dec (David Potter)
9960	Dec18	1430	BTW - VOA heard in Burmese (not Vanuatu), after 1430+. (Ron Howard, California)
9960	Dec19	0436	Radio Vanuatu, via Kiwi SDR remote at Wanganui, NZ; fair reception with Island pop songs and updated quake info about power outages. Good to have the back on the air! My remote audio - https://app.box.com/s/fljdah03v4o6hd32ebhibi6t2lnvvekd . (Ron Howard, California) + (Méndez)
11665	Dec18	1021	Wai FM via RTM. Xmas carols, anns., pops. 3 (CGS)
11750	Dec11	1945	R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag. // 9665.0, 5939.726. 3 (CGS)
11780	Dec14	1922	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, , Brazilian songs, at 2001 id. "Radio Nacional da Amazonia, emissora da Empresa Nacional de Comunicação". (Méndez)
11815	Dec13	2151	R.Brasil Central. Px Brasil Sertanejo. 5 (CGS) + (Méndez)
12084.5	Dec15	*0900-	Voice of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, interval signal, id. "Voice of Mongolia in English", English, comments, Mongolian songs. (Méndez)
13755	Dec15	1237	R. NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, interview in a farm. 5 (CGS)
13770	Dec 13	1245	CNR7 Greater Bay Radio via Kashi, Xinjiang. Likely this at 1245 woman in listed Cantonese with an apparent reading, w/ instl mx, slowly fading; better earlier. Definitely not CNR1. Seemed 5+1 pips at TOH, otherwise pretty much faded out. It's also there at night, after CRI Vietnamese; eg 0400 or so when conditions are good. 13 Dec (David Potter)
13840	Dec 13	0020	CNR1 Jammer. 0020-0030 low-key instl mx with M+W; jamming V of Hope. Weak and WWCR splatter; //13805 (also jamming Voice of Hope), and 13610 CNR1 from Nanning, both weak. A generally good Asian night with. 13770 CRI Vietnamese (via

Xian), 13580 CRI Mandarin (Beijing), and 13750 Thailand EG rolling in. 13 Dec (David Potter)

13920 Dec 20 2315 CNR1 Jammer via Xinzhaicun, Fujian per Eibi. Chinese music with strident man 2315-2325. W-F. //9900. Jamming Voice of Hope. 20 Dec (David Potter)

15160 Dec15 0822 Ifriky FM, Ourgla, oldies, French, comments, id. "Ifriky FM, la Voix Africaine", at 0831 English segment, id. "Ifriky FM, The Voice of Africa", frequencies, African news in English, at 0840 French, comments, Afro-pop songs. // 17600. (Méndez)

15700 Dec13 1532 World Music R. Mx & songs. 3 (CGS)

17675 Dec9 2316 R. NZ Pacific, Rangitaiki. E, interview. 3 (CGS)

25800.1 Dec13 1530 World Music R. Mx & songs. 3 (CGS)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

6350.1 Dec 7 1720 R. Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks. 3 (CG)

6970.112 Dec 9 1840 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Occ. uty. QRM. 2 (CGS)

7750.183 Dec 9 1849 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, Chinese songs. 2 (CGS)

3480 Dec 10 2205 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Never hrd. this fq. so strong & clear. 4 (CGS)

3910 Dec 10 2207 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. // 3930 better. 3 (CGS)

3985 Dec 10 2201 R. Echo Of Hope (cland.), Gyengi-do. Kor to KRE, nx (p). Jammed. 4 (CGS)

4560 Dec 10 2203 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Occ. adj. SSB QRM. 4 (CGS)

5995 Dec 10 1556 R. Echo of Hope (cland.), Gyengi-do. Kor to KRE, songs, tks, mx (p) at 1600. 3 (CGS)

6250 Dec 10 1604 R. Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, nx (p). 3 (CGS)

6370 Dec 11 1939 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 6369.984. 1 (CGS)

7720 Dec 11 1323 R. Echo Of Hope. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CGS)

4885 Dec 12 2241 R. Echo Of Hope. Kor to KRE, pops, tks. Jammed. 4 (CGS)

6520 Dec 14 2150 Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, songs. Jammed. 3 (CGS)

7810.1 Dec 14 2204 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Man to CHN, tks. Meas. 7810.060. 1 (CGS)

9119.9 Dec 14 2202 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Man to CHN, tks. Meas. 9119.883. 2 (CGS)

6340.2 Dec 16 1704 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, anns. Meas. 6340.198. Occ. adj. uty. QRM. 2 (CGS)

6369.1 Dec 16 1706 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks, anns. Meas. 6369.085. 2 (CGS)

6279.9 Dec 18 1916 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. Meas. 6279.893. 1 CG

9705 Dec 19 1258 **Nippon no Kaze** via Paochang, Yunlin, Taiwan per EiBi, Aoki. Directed at Japanese abducted by DPRK in the late 70s/early 80s. Carrier popped on the air at 1258, 1300 into distinctive musical theme [*] that lasts ~2min, with apparent ID and voiceover anmts by W into non-stop talk. M at 1310, musical flourish 1321 W anc into vocal music. Signal fair to weak w/ some shallow fades. Listed Korean. Woman anc at 1327 w/voiceover instl background. 1330 what seemed to be the theme again so presumed into **Furusato no Kaze** in listed Japanese at 1330, relatively short spoken segment by woman, 1337 into more low-key music with W anc. 1345 orchestral music, some sounding similar to the s/on theme. 1357 off with no announcements. Signal was not quite as good as Dec 18th. Still, on both days, the signal held up fairly well, surprisingly so for a non-PRC station. Originally heard on Dec 17th at 1310-1320. Logged seemingly identical programming timing/format on 18 Dec.
 [*]<https://shortwavearchive.com/archive/nippon-no-kaze-il-bon-ue-august-4-2024>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHR9qQv5RII> starting at 30 seconds in.
<https://www.vk5pas.com/furusato-no-kaze-japan.html> multiple recordings of Furusato.
 (David Potter)

11830 Dec 20 1159 Mizzima Radio, Tashkent, Uzbekistan; against Burmese military government. 1159 instrumental music theme, 1200 SE Asian language woman anc w/ ID into what seemed like news/feature. 1215 alternating M and W spoken word pieces. Brief filler mx between some segments. 1259 end after W anmt, 1300 carrier off. Started as fair with noise at tune-in, peaking at good around 1210 or so, then beginning a slow fade. (David Potter)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

2598U Dec11 0724 S7 YL voice in French, no doubt marine weather. CCG website does NOT account for this, nothing until *0737 from VCP Placentia via St. Lawrence, NL. Likewise dxinfocentre.com but which shows that as VCP-4 with 3000 watts, no lang specified so presumed EE only, and just Placentia, not St. Lawrence. EiBi also has extensive 2598 listings for VCP, VCF, VOJ and VOK, but nothing at this hour. In case there be non-DST one-hour time confusion,

at 0824 there would be VOJ, Port aux Basques NL in EE and FF via Stephenville site
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

3485 Dec15 1954 VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
 4375 Dec17 1824 ZSC Kaapstad R. Navig. warnings cf. // 8740 & 13146. 1 (CGS)
 4405 Dec17 1804 TAH İstanbul R. Ocean wx. Inaudible on // 8812. 3 (CGS)
 6230 Dec17 2252 VMW Marine Weather Station. Warnings. // 8113, 12362. QRM de CHN pr TWN. (CGS)
 6501 Dec14 1007 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 2 (CGS)
 6507 Dec17 1757 VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
 6604 Dec15 1257 VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. Uty.QRM. 2 (CGS)
 6676 Dec9 1910 HSD Bangkok Volmet. ID, met rpt. // 2965 rtd. 15341. 3 (CGS)
 6676 Dec13 1718 ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. // 2965 rtd. 25341 2 (CGS)
 6676 Dec13 1720 9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. ID, met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CGS)
 6676 Dec14 1957 AWB Bombay Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. at 2000+. QRM de AUS volmet *2000. 2 (CGS)
 6676 Dec14 2000 VKA-930 Australian Volmet. Met rpt. QRM de IND volmet at 2000+*. 1 (CGS)
 6679 Dec10 1553 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 2 (CGS)
 6679 Dec13 1715 VRK Hong Kong Volmet. ID, met rpt. 1 (CGS)
 6754 Dec14 0954 CHR Trenton Volmet, ON. Met rpt, s/off ann. 3 (CGS)
 6765.1 Dec17 2254 HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. Fqs. ann. mx box IS, E at 2258, fqs. ann., ocean wx.
 Sudden closure. Uty. QRM. 3 (CGS)
 7906 Dec12 2256 XVD Hue R. Ocean wx. Occ. uty. QRM. 1 (CGS)
 7906 Dec13 2226 XVK Kien Giang R. Ocean wx. 1 (CGS)
 7906 Dec16 2235 XVI Quy Nhon R. Ocean wx. 1 (CGS)
 8113 Dec17 2250 VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
 8176 Dec17 1755 VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
 8502 Dec13 2212 NMG New Orleans R. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
 8740 Dec17 1820 ZSC Kaapstad R. Navig. warnings, e-mail addr. ann. 3 (CGS)
 8743 Dec17 2256 HSW Bangkok Meteorological R. Mx box IS, E, ocean wx. Sudden closure. 3 (CGS)
 8764 Dec14 1009 NMN Chesapeake R, VA. Ocean wx. 3 (CGS)
 8812 Dec11 1020 TAH İstanbul R. E, ocean wx. 2 (CGS)
 8828 Dec15 1947 VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 1 (CGS)
 8828 Dec15 *1950 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. ID, met rpt. 1 (CGS)
 8828 Dec16 *1740 JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
 10051 Dec15 1255 VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. 3 (CGS)
 11387 Dec10 1017 ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. Still reporting when Singapore Volmet s/on. 1 (CGS)
 11387 Dec10 1020 9VA-43 Singapore Volmet. ID, met rpt. 3 (CGS)
 11387 Dec13 1040 HSD Bangkok Volmet. ID, met rpt. 3 (CGS)
 11387 Dec17 1202 VKA-931 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT (?) Met rpt. 1 (CGS)
 12362 Dec17 2248 VMW Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 2 (CGS)
 12365 Dec17 1753 VMC Marine Weather Station. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)
 12546 Dec13 1528 ZLM Taupo Maritime R (p), Taupo. Ocean wx (p). Extrem. weak. 1 (CGS)
 12788 Dec14 1556 NMG New Orleans R, GA. Ocean wx. Vy.faint. 1 (CGS)
 13089 Dec14 1553 NMN Chesapeake R. Ocean wx. 2 (CGS)
 13128 Dec17 1801 TAH İstanbul R. Ocean wx. Inaudible on // 8812. 4 (CGS)
 13146 Dec17 1817 ZSC Kaapstad R. Navig. warnings, e-mail addr. ann. 4 (CGS)
 13270 Dec15 1253 VFG Gander Volmet. Met rpt. 4 (CGS)
 13282 Dec16 1742 JIA Tokyo Volmet. Met rpt. Vy. faint. 1 (CGS)
 13282 Dec17 1747 VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. 1 (CGS)
 13282 Dec17 *1750 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. ID, met rpt. 2 (CGS)
 15034 Dec17 1256 CHR Trenton Volmet. Met rpt, s/off ann. Uty. (?) QRM (marker?). 1 (CGS)
 16528 Dec10 0943 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)

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AWR.



Dear Kari,

Warm greetings from Adventist World Radio! My name is Elizah and I'm so glad to connect with you. Knowing that you've been tuning in to our programs fills our hearts with gratitude—we truly value your time and support!

At AWR, our mission is to share messages of hope and inspiration that uplift your heart and strengthen your faith. We'd love to hear your thoughts about our programs. Are there any specific ones that have inspired you? Or perhaps you have suggestions for topics you'd like us to cover? Your feedback is invaluable in helping us serve you better.

To make it even easier for you to stay connected, we've prepared a **Broadcast Frequencies Schedule** for you. You can access it here: [Broadcast Frequencies Schedule](#).

Also, you can go ahead and explore more about us by visiting our website at [awr.org](#). We're also happy to connect with you through WhatsApp at +1 251 297 3600 or on Facebook at **Adventist World Radio**.

We're excited to hear from you, Friend. Thank you for being a cherished part of the AWR family. May God's blessings surround you always!

With warm regards,

Elizah | Digital Missionary

"PS: Helt klart en representant för "det gamla förbundet" på radiovågorna, dvs är en radiostation som skickar information även till dem som har en gång i tiden skrivit till dem.."

(Kari Kallio via nordx)

FINLAND. Radio Ambience. JMN har fått följande brev... "Ända sedan jag var liten har jag själv sysslat med radioutrustning och idag är det redan mitt yrke (i Teleme Oy). På vinterkvällarna får man mixtra ännu mer när det inte finns något riktigt angeläget att pyssla med i mörkret ute. Snart ska jag bygga en lite starkare sändare med vilken 100% modulering kan uppnås, nuvarande set-up kommer att ligga kvar på 80% clean, vilket såklart minskar hörbarheten. mvh Toni Hallikas - Radio Ambience."

En youtube -länk om Radio Ambience.. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Pb7dOG1xUw> (nordx)

GERMANY. Uncle Bill's Melting Pot, December 21, 2024

NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE

This month, we will feature music from Greenland and sneak in a couple of surprises along the way.

Times & Frequencies are:

0400-0500 UTC 9670 kHz with beam R towards eastern North America but usable in parts of Europe and Eurasia

1800-1900 UTC 9670 kHz with beam E-F towards South Asia but usable in Europe and parts of Eurasia

2200-2300 UTC 3955 & 6070 kHz (omnidirectional for Europe and beyond)

All transmissions from Channel 292, Rohrbach, Germany

Happy Holidays to all our listeners and supporters!

SWEDEN. SAQ. On Christmas Eve morning, Tuesday December 24th 2024, SAQ Grimeton is scheduled* to be on the air, to send out the traditional Christmas message to the whole World, using the 200kW Alexanderson alternator from 1924, on 17.2 kHz CW.

Program and transmission schedule:

Transmission & YouTube Live stream:

08:25 CET (07:25 UT): Live stream on YouTube begins.

08:30 CET (07:30 UT): Startup and tuning of the Alexanderson Alternator SAQ.

09:00 CET (08:00 UT): Transmission of a Christmas message from SAQ.

Live Video from World Heritage Grimeton Radio Station

The transmission event can be seen live on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Test Transmissions

We are planning to carry our test transmissions on Friday, December 20th, 13:00 – 16:00 CET (12:00 -15:00 UTC). SAQ will be on the air shorter periods of time during this interval, when we will be carrying out tuning, tests and measurements. Your comments are welcome to info@alexander.n.se

Your QSL reports to SAQ, alexander.n.se/receptionreport, are most welcome and much appreciated!

The Amateur Radio Station with the call “SK6SAQ” will be QRV during the day on the following frequencies:

– 3 517.2 kHz CW – 14 017.2 KHz CW – 7 140 kHz SSB
– 7 017.2 kHz CW – 3 755 kHz SSB

QSL-reports to SK6SAQ (NOT SAQ) are kindly received via:e-mail to info@alexander.n.se

(Ralf Bender, DO5RBB, <https://www.youtube.com/c/RalfBender/> via WOR)

Other radio news

Don Moore’s Photo Album: Albania – Part Two: Bunkers and Bugs

[Click here to read Part One: Finding Radio Tirana](#)

More of Don’s traveling DX stories can be found in his book [Tales of a Vagabond DXer](#). Don visited Albania in March 2024.



Façade of the National Museum of Albania on Skanderbeg Square

Albania has a lot to offer foreign visitors. The country has coastal beaches, beautiful mountains and historical sites hundreds and thousands of years old. Tirana is a fascinating city filled with good restaurants and friendly people. It’s inexpensive. The central city is easy to get around on foot. I’m already planning my next visit.

Read the full story here: <https://swling.com/blog/2024/12/don-moores-photo-album-albania-part-two/>

(SWLing Post)

Here we go loop de loop . . . in which your humble correspondent tests a hypothesis

<https://swling.com/blog/2024/12/here-we-go-loop-de-loop-in-which-your-humble-correspondent-tests-a-hypothesis/>

It was this post by Alan — <https://swling.com/blog/2024/11/bbc-rd-how-to-test-a-loop-antenna/> — that set me off. After downloading the BBC report on how to test a loop antenna, I noticed the following in it:

“Polarisation Illustrations of the antenna usually show it mounted upright; that is, with its axis parallel to the ground. This is fine for the reception of LF and MF transmissions, which are vertically polarised, but most HF transmissions are horizontally polarised.”

BBC Report: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/rd/publications/measurement-magnetic-loop-antenna-performance>

(SWLing Post)

There are also some very interesting comments, don’t forget to read. /TN

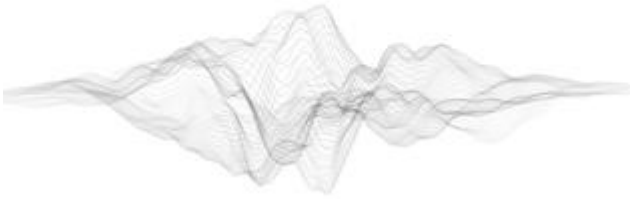
[DX-Fanzine] D-Xpress No. 2 - 16th December 2024 (Supplement to DX Fanzine)

“D-XPRESS” Welcome to the second edition of “D-Xpress!”, a separately mailed, mid-month newsletter. It has been introduced with the aim to supplement the monthly DX Fanzine, which is issued at the end of each month. D-Xpress! has been created to allow a faster release of medium and short-wave loggings and, therefore, it does not include other columns such as “QSL Review” which will exclusively appear in DX Fanzine. As not every subscriber to DX Fanzine is receiving this new supplement, loggings that have appeared in “D-Xpress!” will also be repeated in DX Fanzine. “D-Xpress” is planned to be sent out on the 16th day of every month (except for August). NB: “D-Xpress” will be assembled and distributed on an experimental basis, between now and February 2025. A final decision about its continuation will be taken at the end of this experimental phase. In the meantime, Merry Xmas and Happy New Year (Antonello Napolitano).

SANGEAN 50th Anniversary: Celebrating The past.

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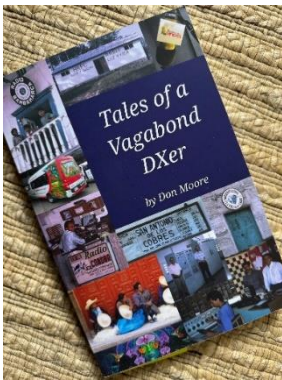
print. The company's steady growth has been made possible by the dedication and hard work of our employees.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bx20i3aRbr4>
(Yimber Gaviria, Colombia)

In 1936, C.S. Yang assembled his very first radio with the dream of connecting with the world through music and sound. He was then conscripted into the military as a communications officer, where he developed a deeper passion for radio innovation. 38 years later, SANGEAN was established as a brand and manufacturer in 1974 with the hope of sharing that same dream with the world through his innovations.

Some clients who manufactured radio brands eventually dissolved their entire departments, presenting us with the challenge of building SANGEAN as an independent brand. In response, we expanded our presence to Hong Kong, the U.S., Europe, and the Netherlands, establishing a robust global footprint.

Perfect Gift or Holiday Read: Tales of a Vagabond DXer by Don Moore



It was while working on these articles that I was reminded of how much I enjoyed Don's book, [Tales of a Vagabond DXer](#).

If you're a fan of radio or travel—or ideally both—this book is a must-read. Don masterfully weaves his experiences as a DXer with his extraordinary adventures in Latin America, where he visited over 150 radio stations. Beyond the technical and radio-related aspects, his storytelling captures the vibrant and often unexpected encounters that come with exploring remote regions.

<https://swling.com/blog/2024/12/perfect-gift-or-holiday-read-tales-of-a-vagabond-dxer-by-don-moore/>

(SWLing Post)

SI4732 0.5 - 108 mhz Pocket Mini Radio

Neues Spielzeug kam heute ins Haus:) so etwas kleines habe ich schon lange gesucht. Jetzt geht das Testen los 😊 (Toni Sandner via A-DX Fernempfang)

LSB USB AM FM FM/AM Radio with Antenna All Band Radio Receiver HF SW MW VHF Radio. (Ali Express)



Technical data antenna:

Size: about 110 x 100 x 3 mm
Range: 9.9 kHz – 181 MHz

Technical data radio unit:

Control unit: ESP-32-S3
Screen: 1.9 tum IPS, 170*320
Battery capacity: 800mAh
Size: 7.3 x 3.2 x 1.2 cm
Weight: 54g



Most likely this pocket mini radio is not aimed for DX, more just for fun. /TN



Daishin sell filters for those who have receivers suffering from harmonics. Especially the MW band pass filter is necessary when you get overload from strong stations on SW. Cheaper SDR receivers usually have a Low Pass Filter at 2-5 MHz and a few Band Pass Filters above.

If you notice overload maybe some of the parts below can be of help.

Here is the link to their website: <https://www.ddd-daishin.co.jp/jyushin/index.htm>

AM radio band pass filter for receive only

500 kHz~1900 kHz

Type: DRF-AM-BNCJ

Low insertion loss

Price: 9,680 yen (tax included)

M / N / SMA variants

We also manufacture DRF-AM-FJ 75Ω

Convenient item for receiving SWL, BCL filter.

Size: 55W:80D:30H mm

Documents ⇒ <https://www.ddd-daishin.co.jp/b-daishin/jyushin/shiryou/df/df/df-am/df-am-bncj.htm>



High Pass Filter (1900 kHz) for receive only

Type: DF-1900

Price: 16,500 yen including tax

A 50 Ω filter that attenuates the AM broadcast band and passes 1900 kHz and above

Attenuation

1500 kHz⇒-60db	1600 kHz⇒-46dB
1700 kHz⇒-30db	1800 kHz⇒-13dB
1900 kHz⇒-5dB	3000 kHz⇒-1.5dB

Size: 55W:80D:30H mm

BNC type also available

Documents ⇒ <https://www.ddd-daishin.co.jp/manual/jyushin/df-1900hpf.pdf>



Low-pass filter (1700 kHz) for receive only

Type: DF-1700L

Price: 16,500 yen (tax included)

A 50 Ω filter that passes AM broadcast bands and below, and attenuates 1700kHz and above

Attenuation

~1600 kHz⇒-2dB or less	1700 kHz⇒-3db
1800 kHz⇒-7dB、	1900 kHz⇒-19dB
2000 kHz⇒-30dB	2100 kHz⇒-40dB、
2200 kHz⇒-50dB	2300 kHz⇒-60dB

Size: 55W:80D:30H mm

BNC type & N type also available on request

Documents ⇒ <https://www.ddd-daishin.co.jp/jyushin/shiryou/df-1700l.htm>



Bandpass Filter vs. Low-Pass Filter: Which is Better?

So, which is better: a bandpass filter or a low-pass filter? The answer depends on your specific requirements and the nature of your application. If you need to isolate a specific band of frequencies while rejecting others, a bandpass filter would be the ideal choice. Bandpass filters are more effective at frequency selectivity and can provide sharper roll-off characteristics compared to low-pass filters.

Both bandpass filters and low-pass filters have their own strengths and weaknesses. The choice between the two will ultimately depend on your specific requirements and the goals of your electronic circuit. It is important to carefully evaluate your needs and consider the characteristics of each type of filter before making a decision.

DX nostalgia by RFK

Time is a bit short right now as I will be going to the DX shack in Hälsingland tomorrow so let's just delve into the DX nostalgia and dream about how it used to be. I will not go into how disappointed I am with the publishers of the World Radio TV Handbook, especially their logistics. Why is it that delivery to Sweden takes such a long time compared to other countries? The book has arrived in India, Australia and many other places a long time ago. As for Sweden I haven't even got a tracking number yet which probably means the books have not been shipped. Hopefully the WRTH will arrive during 2025.... I will not order it again. I have tried to support this project much out of nostalgia but this is it! After all, you really don't need this book today.

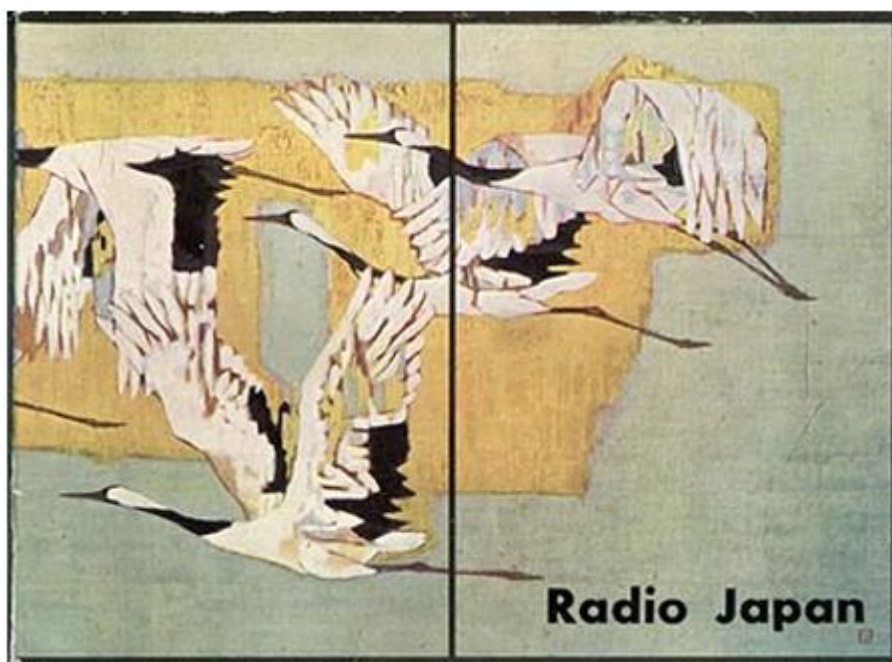
Oh yes, about DX nostalgia.... When the Soviet Union collapsed and was split up into many new countries several of the new nations started their own external broadcasting service on SW. One example was Radio Tbilisi of Georgia. Bengt Dalhammar BD received this QSL card for a reception report on 11910 kHz.

May, 1994
Tbilisi Georgian SSR-USSR

TV-RADIO TBILISI

To *Bengt Dalhammar*
Confirm our SWL and Program *Radio, Tbilisi, Georgia*
Date *30 VI 1993* at *11910 kHz* msk
1st July 1993 on *3930 150401 11910* kc
Vy Tranks QSL! 73!
Remarks *warm greetings from...*
Georgia.
Sincerely, editor Helena Apkhadze

Below a QSL folder from Radio Japan commemorating the station's 25th Anniversary in 1960. Received by Lars Rydén LR for a report on 9525 kHz.



Radio Grenada was a station that almost always seemed to be covered by jammers on its frequency 15105 kHz so it wasn't exactly an easy catch. This QSL card was received by Jan Edh, JE.

Medium Wave Frequency Schedule						
<input type="checkbox"/>	535 KHz	From	6.00 a.m.	To	2.00 p.m.	Local GMT.
			1000	To	1800	Local GMT.
	1000 Watts	From	3.45 p.m.	To	10.30 p.m.	Local GMT.
			1945	To	0230	Local GMT.

Short Wave Frequency Schedule						
<input type="checkbox"/>	9.550 MHZ	From	11.45 a.m.	To	2.00 p.m.	Local GMT.
			1545	To	1800	Local GMT.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15.105 MHZ	From	3.45 p.m.	To	6.00 p.m.	Local GMT.
			1945	To	2200	Local GMT.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.300 MHZ	From	6.05 p.m.	To	10.30 p.m.	Local GMT.
	5000 WATTS		0230	To	0230	Local GMT.

Radio Grenada,
Broadcasting House,
St. George's,
Grenada, West Indies.

Verifying Reception Correctly Reported

Date25th APRIL, 1975

Time .20.45 TO 21.15 GMT .

OTC of Leopoldville, Belgian Kongo was a very DX-friendly station that often carried special programmes for DX clubs. This card verifies the reception of a programme celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the very active club Göteborgs DX-Klubb in 1952. The card was received by Ullmar Quick, UQ and it was scanned by John Ekwall JOE.

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DX-KLUBB
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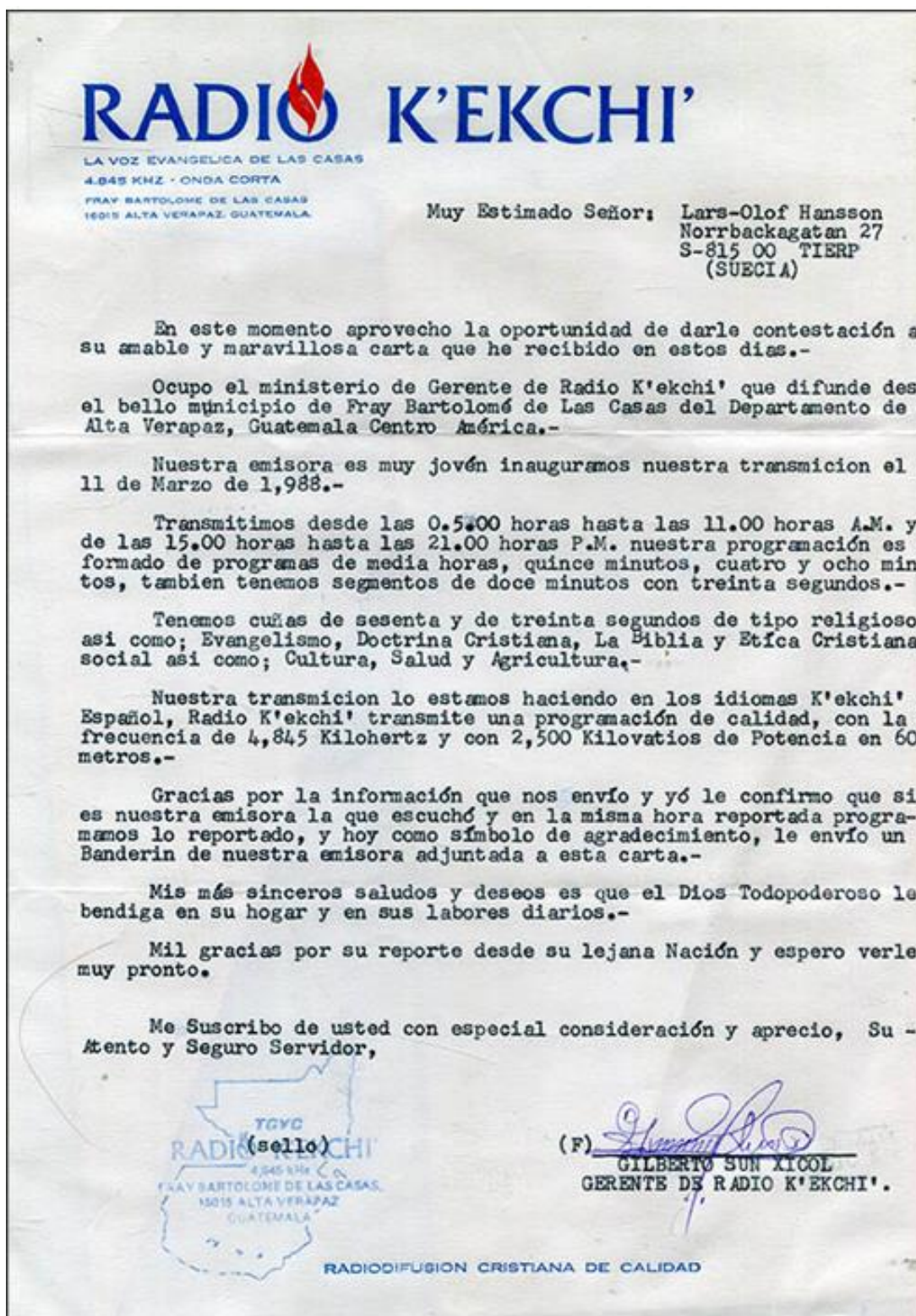


1947 17.1 1952



SPECIALPROGRAM FRÅN
OTC LEOPOLDVILLE 16.1. 1952

Finally a letter which Lars-Olof Hansson, LOH received from Guatemalan station Radio K'ekchi' in 1988. They also enclosed a pennant which we will show some other time.



Please feel free to contribute to DX nostalgia. Just mail me at info@rock.x.se if you want to share something with us. Take care and stay safe, 73 & GOOD DX and have a great 2025!