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Hello again,

Welcome to another issue of our DX MAGAZINE. Since we have no news from inside the club this month, let's just start with our usual news from outside the club:

The **10th CEPT Conference** with the theme "On the Move ..." will take place in Vienna from April 17th to 19th, 2002. If you want to meet the experts on telecommunications regulation and get an update on important regulatory telecom developments in Europe this is the place to go. Furthermore, there will be high level presentations from industry on pertinent topics such as digital broadcasting, 3rd generation mobile, emergency services and more. The introduction of 3rd generation mobile is just around the corner and you will be able to witness a live UMTS demonstration with new applications in the exhibition area, plus many other new developments from our exhibitors. As in the past we expect about 200 participants and there will be plenty of possibilities to meet and discuss with people during coffee and lunch breaks. More information can be found at the ERO web page under: http://www.ero.dk/EROWEB/CEPTconf/conf.htm.

On 31 January 2002 the ERO launched a new Frequency Information System called EFIS, available to the public on the Internet. With this tool ERO is aiming at providing a valuable service to all parties with an interest in spectrum utilisation. EFIS will also contribute to CEPT policy objectives of harmonisation and transparency as well as EU policy objectives. For more information, see http://www.efis.dk or access EFIS via the ERO web site http://www.ero.dk.

At its meeting in Lisbon 2002 in January the Frequency Management Working Group of the ERC adopted an update of the ERC Report 25 - **The European Common Allocations Table**. The plan now contains European allocations and frequency utilisation for the frequency bands from 9 kHz to 275 MHz. The document of 179 pages is available from the ERO web site http://www.ero.dk/doc98/official/pdf/REP025.PDF> (size: 2 MB).

Es steht nun fest - auch in diesem Jahr wird es ein SWLCS-DX-CAMP in Merchweiler/Saar geben. Termin: 9. bis einschließlich 11. August 2002 in der Dorfstraße 13, 66589 Merchweiler. Leider wird uns die Wiese für die Übernachtungszelte in diesem Jahr nicht mehr zur Verfügung stehen, so dass es in dieser Hinsicht etwas eng wird. Das Gebäude gegenüber von Dorfstraße 13 wird komplett saniert und zu diesem Zeitpunkt eine Baustelle sein, was auch die angrenzende Wiese betrifft. Also steht in diesem Jahr nur mein Grundstück zur Verfügung. Vielleicht kann ich auch noch aufstocken, hi. Mal sehen, wie wir da alle unterbringen. Es wird schon gehen. Wir haben ja auch noch etwas Zeit. Zumindest steht schon mal der Termin fest. Beste Grüße aus Merchweiler - Peter Hell

And with this best wishes and good DX until next month from

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NEWS ABOUT BROADCASTING (+other) STATIONS

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AFGHANISTAN: Start Date of Radio Free Afghanistan Announced Spokesperson for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Sonia Winter, announced on 18 January 2002 that the target date for the start of Radio Free Afghanistan is 30 January 2002. She did, however, warn that there could be a "small delay". Broadcasts in Pashto and Dari will initially be on the air for one or two hours per day, increasing to a total of 12 hours a day within a few months. (RNMN 18 January 2002 via DXLD #2-011 via JKB)

ARMENIA: Voice of Armenia on 4810 noted on Feb.10:

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1230-1315 no propagation
1315-1400 in Armenian
1400-1415 in Azeri
1415-1445 in Turkish
1445-1515 in Kurdish
1515-1530 in Armenian or Georgian (OBSERVER #162 via WB, 12 Feb 2002)
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AUSTRIA: Everest Radio discontinued via Moosbrunn since 5 February, due to lack of budget. Radio Afrika International via Moosbrunn morning broadcasts 1100-1200 on 17815 ended 31. January, afternoon broadcasts 1500-1600 on 17895 continue, and will be kept during the summer schedule. So will the relays of AWR, TWR, RCI, and Voice (Wolf Harranth - Radio Austria International via WB, 12 Feb 2002)

BULGARIA: Radio Bulgaria B01 schedule effective October 28, 2001 to March 31,

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2002.
ADDR: 4, Dragan Tsankov Blvd., 1040 Sofia or P.O.Box 900, 1000 Sofia.
Fax.:+359 2 650 560.
Website: http://www.nationalradio.bg
Listeners E-mail: rbul@nationalradio.bg
Programme Director: Angel Nedyalkov E-mail: nedyalkov@nationalradio.bg
Frequency Manager: Ivo Ivanov E-mail: rbul1@nationalradio.bg
MW: Petrich (G.C: 23.18E/41.42N): 747 kHz 500 kW/non-dir
Vidin (G.C: 22.40E/43.49N): 1224 kHz 500 kW/205 deg
SW: P=Plovdiv/Padarsko (G.C: 24.42E/42.10N): 2 x 500 kW, 3 x 250 kW
S=Sofia/Kostinbrod (G.C: 23.13E/42.49N): 2 x 100 kW, 2 x 050 kW
ALBANIAN Days Target Freq/Tx/Pwr/Azi
0530-0600 Mon-Fri Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
0700-0800 Sat/Sun Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
1645-1730 -daily- Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
2000-2045 -daily- Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224, 747
BULGARIAN
0100-0200 -daily- South America 5900 P250/258, 11600 P250/245
0100-0200 -daily- North America 7400 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
0400-0500 -daily- Balkans 1224
0400-0500 -daily- East Europe 5900 S100/030, 7500 S100/030
1100-1130 -daily- East Europe 11700 S100/030, 15200 S100/030
1100-1130 -daily- West Europe 12000 P500/295, 13600 P250/306
1300-1500 -daily- Balkans 1224
1300-1500 -daily- West Europe 12000 P500/295, 15700*P500/306
1600-1700 -daily- Middle East 9400 P500/126
1600-1700 -daily- South Africa 17500 P500/185
1600-1800 -daily- East Europe 7500 S100/030, 9900 S100/030
1900-2000 -daily- Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224, 747
1900-2100 -daily- West Europe 6000 P250/306
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1900-2100 -daily- Middle East 7400 P250/140
ENGLISH
0000-0100 -daily- North America 7400 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
0300-0400 -daily- North America 7400 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
1200-1300 -daily- West Europe 15700 P500/306, 17500 P250/292
2000-2100 -daily- West Europe 5800 P500/295, 7500 P500/306
2200-2300 -daily- West Europe 5800 P500/295, 7500 P500/306
FRENCH
0200-0300 -daily- North America 7400 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
0700-0800 -daily- West Europe 12000 P500/295, 13600 P500/306
1800-1900 -daily- West Europe 5800 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
2100-2200 -daily- West Europe 5800 P500/295, 7500 P500/306
0600-0645 -daily- West Europe 5800 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
1100-1200 -daily- West Europe 15700 P500/306, 17500 P250/292
1715-1800 -daily- West Europe 5800 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
1900-1945 -daily- West Europe 5800 P500/295, 9400 P500/306
GREEK
0500-0530 Mon-Fri Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
0500-0600 Sat/Sin Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
1730-1815 -daily- Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224, 747
2045-2130 -daily- Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224, 747
RUSSIAN
0000-0100 -daily- Central Asia 7500 P250/045
0300-0400 -daily- East Europe 5900 S100/030, 7500 S100/030
1500-1600 -daily- East Europe 7500 S100/030, 9900 S100/030, 1224
1500-1600 -daily- Central Asia 9400 P250/045
1800-1900 -daily- East Europe 7500 S100/030, 9900 S100/030
SERBIAN
0600-0700 Mon-Fri Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
0800-0900 Sat/Sun Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
1600-1645 -daily- Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224
2130-2215 -daily- Balkans 5900 P250/248, 1224, 747
SPANISH
0000-0100 -daily- South America 5900 P250/258, 11600 P250/245
0200-0300 -daily- South America 5900 P250/258, 11600 P250/245
0200-0300 -daily- Central America 7500 P250/295
1700-1800 -daily- South Europe 9700 P250/260, 11700 P250/270
2200-2300 -daily- South Europe 6000 P250/258, 7300 P250/245
TURKISH
0530-0600 Mon-Fri Middle East 6000 P250/115, 7400 P250/140
0600-0700 Sat/Sun Balkans, Middle East 6000 P250/115, 7400 P250/140, 1224
1815-1900 -daily- Balkans, Middle East 7400 P250/140, 1224, 747
DX-MIX px in Russian will be on the air:
1545-1600 Saturday on 9900, 9400, 7500, 1224
1845-1900 Saturday on 9900, 7500
0045-0100 Sunday on 7500
0345-0400 Sunday on 7500, 5900
                                 (BCLNews.it, Italy)
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ECUADOR: HCJB World Radio English release to India will change from the current frequency of 11785 to 12035 as of 2330 Saturday, Jan-26. The change is being made due to interference on the current frequency. We would appreciate hearing from our listening friends in India as to the quality of the new frequency. Reception Reports and comments may be sent to <dxpl@hcjb.org.ec>. (Allen Graham - DX Partyline HCJB via EDXP-NET, 24 Jan 2002)

HCJB, the Protestant evangelical international broadcaster based in Quito, Ecuador, will end its French-language shortwave broadcasts on March 26th. The last French broadcast will be at 20 UTC that day. Curt Cole, director of HCJB's Latin American Region, said that a recent survey confirmed a diminishing French-language shortwave audience. One of the families involved with HCJB's French programming has moved to Cote d'Ivoire, and another will move to France, to work on HCJB programs to be

placed on local radio stations. Allen Graham, host of HCJB's DX Party Line, tells me that his station has changed its frequency for English to South Asia. At 2330 UTC, the new frequency is 12035 kilohertz, replacing 11785, which was suffering from interference. That's new 12035 at 2330 for HCJB English to South Asia. Allen says that reception reports from listeners in the region would be appreciated. If you have e-mail, send them to <dxpl@hcjb.org.ec>. (Communications World Script 26 January 2002 via JKB)

FINLAND: Radio Finland B01 schedule on shortwave. Transmitter site: Pori.

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FREQ	START	ST0P	CIRAF ZONES	POWR	
6055	0630	0700	27	250	
6095	0300	0500	29		
6120	0500	2300	18,27,28		
6120	1700	2300	27,28	250	
6135	1600	1700	29	250	
6180	0800	0900	19,29	250	
6190	2000	2100	29	250	
9510	0700	0900	27,36,54-56,58-60	500	
9560	0730	0800	27,28,36	250	
9600	1400	1600	29,30	250	
9630	1500	1600	27,28,36	250	
9630	1700	2000	27,28,36	250	
9715	0530	0600	4,7-9	500	
9745	0500	0630	29	250	
9775	0200	0300	12-14	500	
9775	0200	0300	6-9	500	
9745	0500	0630	38-40	500	
9730	2330	2345	43,44,50,59	500	
11800	1400	1500	43,44	500	
11755	0500	0600	288,38,39	500	
11755	0600	2100	27,28,36	250	
11755	1200	1300	28\$	250	
11755	1500	1700	28\$	250	
12010	2330	2345	43,44,49	500	
12035	0200	0300	4,7-9	500	
13690	1400	1500	39-41	500	
13755	1030	1300	27,28,36	500	
15400	1300	1400	4,7-9,11	500	
15400	1630	1900	4,7-9,11		
15520	1700	1800	38,48,53,57	500	
17670	0900	1000	30-33	500	
17660	1300	1400	4,7-9,11	500	
21670	0700	0930	43,44,50,55	500	
21800	1000	1200	43,44,55	500	
21800	1200	1300	12-14	500	
21810	1700	1800	38,48,53,57	500	
(DXA via	ADXN #434	- Jan/F	Feb 2002 via WWDXC-H	u)	

GERMANY: Germany's *Deutsche Welle* introduced a weekly program in Romani since beginning of 2002. Romani is the language of the Roma and Sinti ethnic communities of Europe, more traditionally known as the Gypsies, which is no longer the preferred term. The program reports about the Sinti and Roma communities and intercultural life in Europe. The schedule for Romani from Deutsche Welle is Sunday at 1830 to 1900 UTC on 3995, 6130, and 11885 kilohertz, and via the DW channels on HotBird 5 and Astra 1A.

(Comm. World #12 Jan 2002, via JKB)

GREECE: Voice of Greece English, 1930-2000, now on 11645 (ex 12110). (Mike Barraclough via Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD #2-001, 1 Jan 2002)

INDIA: Northeastern service of *All India Radio (AIR)*, Shillong. Shillong is well known as the Scotland of east. Their broadcasting equipment: Presently using a 50 kW Brown Brovery Co. (BBC), Switzerland made transmitter for SW & 100 kW Bharat Elec. Ltd. (BEL) made MW transmitter. Their is also an one kW transmitter for Shillong itself. Transmitter site is located at Mawgrong, another 30 km away from Shillong without any generator facility. Station has both uplinking & downlinking facility with INSAT. As a standby there is one no Sony communication type digital receiver. But model no. is not readable. In near future AIR Shillong will get two FM transmitter, 2x5 kW = 10 kW. Northeastern service started its test transmission from 1988 & regular prog from 3rd Jan 1990 to cater 7 northeastern states in Hindi & English language. Except relay from AIR New Delhi they have program in English on northeatern states culture, local festival, regional news etc. Present broadcasting time & freq of AIR Shillong:

0022-0400 4970 0655-0930 7130 1055-1630 4970

Address for communication: Station Director, Northeastern Service, All India Radio, Pomdngiem, Opposite GPO, Shillong - 793 001, India. (Swopan Chakroborty via EXDP-NET, 20 Jan 2001)

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Station review - kHz, kW, location, schedule.
 3223
                                        1300-1730(Sat, Sun 1741)
       50 Shimla
                             0045-0200
 3315
        50 Bhopal
                             0025-0215
                                        1200 - 1741
 3365
        50 Delhi
                             1220-1841
                             0100-0400
                                        1030-1600
 3390
       10 Gangtok
 3945+ 50 Gorakhpur
                             0130-0228 Nepali, 0228-0300 HS, 1330-1430 Nepali,
                                        1430-1735 Urdu
 4760
        10 Leh
                             s0100/w0215-0430 1130-1630/1700
                             2325-0300 1030-1630/1700/Sat 1730
 4760
        10 Port Blair
 4775
       50 Imphal
                             0025-0215
                                        1030-1700/1730
       100 Chennai
                             0000-0045 Tamil (to Sri Lanka)
 4790
 4800
       50 Hyderabad
                             0025-0215 1130(Sun 1145)-1744
        50 Kolkata
                            0025-0215 1220-1830
 4820
 4840
       50 Mumbai
                            0015-0400 1230-1730
                            0000-0450 1000-1600/1630/1700
 4850
        50 Kohima
 4860+ 50 Delhi
                            0025-0440
                                       1220-1330 HS, 1430-1930 Urdu (to Pakistan)
 4880
        50 Lucknow
                           0025-0400 1215-1741
 4895
        50 Kurseong
                           0055-0400 1130(Sun 1030)-1700/1741
 4910
        50 Jaipur
                           0025-0415 1130-1741
 4920
        50 Chennai
                           0015-0245 1200-1743
 4940
        50 Guwahati
                           0015-0415
                                        1150-1700(Sat 1741)
                                        (Ramadan 17 Nov to 17 Dec 2001)
 4950
       50 Srinagar
                             2345-0025
                                        s0025/w0120-0200 1130-1740
 4960
        50 Ranchi
                             0025-0435
                                        1125(Sun 1030) -1741
 4970
        50 Shillong
                             0025-0400
                                        1056-1630
 4990
        50 Itanagar
                             0030-0400
                                        1000 - 1630
        50 Thiruvanathapuram 0020-0215
 5010
                             0025-0436(Sun 0445), 1130(Sun 1030)-1741
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        10 Jeypore
                                       1130(Sun 1030)-1630/1700
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        50 Aizawl
                             0025-0400
 5985
       50 Ranchi
                             0700 (Sun 0630) - 0945
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       10 Leh
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       50 Shimla
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                             1430-1930 Urdu (to Pakistan)
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                           0315-0346 (Sat 0415, Sun 0505), 0700-0930 (Sun 1000)
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                           1615-1730 Farsi, 1730-1830 Malayalam (to West Asia)
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     100 Delhi
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                           0230-0430/0530 0630-1030
7150
      50 Imphal
                           2045-2230 English (to Au/Nz)
7150 250 Delhi
7160
      50 Chennai
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                           0545), 0710(Hol 0610, Sun 0630)-1030
                           (Sat, Sun 1130)
7170
      50 Delhi
                           0030-0040
      50 Bhopal
7180
                           0228-0430 (Sun 1135),
                                                  0700-0931
7210
      50 Kolkata
                           0230-0401v, 0730-0931
                           7220
      50 Delhi
7230
      50 Kurseong
                           0619-1030
      50 Mumbai
                           0530 (Sun 0430) - 1035
7240
7250+ 50 Gorakhpur
                           0700-0800 Nepali (to Nepal),
                           0830-1130 Urdu (to Pakistan), 1130-1140 HS
                           1315-1415 Dari, 1415-1530 Pashtu, (to
7255+ 100 Delhi
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7295
      10 Aizawl
                           0700-0930
7410 500 Bangalore
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11715
      250 Panaji
                            0215-0300 Pushtu, 0300-0345 Dari (to
      500 Bangalore
11735
                            Pakistan, Afghanistan)
11740+ 250 Panaji
                            0000-0045 Tamil, 2300-2400 Hindi (to
                            SE Asia) 1530-1545 English
                            0100-0200 Sindhi (to Pakistan)
11790
      250 Aligarh
                            0125-0225 0228-0355 HS
11830
      100 Delhi
11840
       - Delhi
                            1145-1315 Chinese (to NE Asia)
     100 Delhi
11850
                            0700-0800 Nepali (Nepal)
                                       Tibetan (to Tibet)
11900
      - Delhi
                            0130-0200
                            1745-1945 English (E.Africa)
      100 Mumbai
11935
                            0000-0045 Tamil,
11985
      - Delhi
                                               0045-0115 Sinhala (to Sri Lanka)
      250 Panaji
                            1615-1730 Hindi
                                               1730-1830 Malayalam (to West Asia )
12025
                            1745-1945 English , 1945-2030 French (to
13605
      500 Bangalore
                            W, NW Africa), 2245-0045 English (to Asia)
13620 500 Bangalore
                            0215-0300 Pushtu (to Pakistan,
                            Afghanistan), 0400-0430 Persian,
                            0530 Arabic, 0530-0600 Urdu (Haj S
                            Season), 1730-1945 Arabic (to West Asia)
                            0100-0130 Burmese (to Myanmar)
13630 500 Bangalore
13645 500 Bangalore
                            1115-1200 Thai (to SE Asia)
                            0315-0415 Hindi (to West Asia)
13695 500 Bangalore
13700 500 Bangalore
                            0130-0200 Tibetan (to Tibet), 1000-1100
                            English (to Au/Nz) 1115-1215 Tamil, 1215-
                            1245 Telegu (to SE Asia)
                            1330-1500 English (to E, SE Asia)
13710
      500 Bangalore
13720
      500 Bangalore
                            1515-1615
                                       Swahili,
                                                 1615-1730 Hindi (to
                            E. Africa, Mauritius)
13770
      500 Bangalore
                            1615-1730 Hindi (to West Asia)
13795
      500 Bangalore
                            0000-0045
                                       Tamil, 2300-2400 Hindi (to SE Asia)
                                       English (to NE Asia, Au/Nz)
15020
      250 Aligarh
                            1000-1100
                            1300-1500 Sinhala (to Sri Lanka)
15020
      250 Delhi
15075 500 Bangalore
                            0315-0415 (West Asia), 0430-0530 Hindi
                             (to E. Africa, Mauritius)
15135
      100 Delhi
                            0125-0205 0215-0225 0228-0355 HS
      500 Bangalore
                                       Russian (to E. Europe)
15140
                            1615-1715
      500 Bangalore
                                       English (to W, NW Africa)
15155
                            1745 - 1945
      500 Bangalore
15175
                            1515-1600
                                       Gujarati (to E. Africa)
                            0315-0415 Hindi, 0415-0430 Gujarati,
15185 250 Delhi
                            0430-0530 Hindi (to E. Africa, Mauritius)
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15185
      100 Delhi
                            0700-0930 1115-1140 HS
15200 500 Bangalore
                            1745-1945 English (to W, NW Africa)
                            1115-1200 Thai (to SE Asia)
15235 250 Panaji
                                            1000-1100 Énglish (to Sri Lanka)
15260+ 100 Delhi
                            0700-0930 HS,
15770 250 Aligarh
                            0400-0430 Farsi, 0430-0530 Arabic,
                            0530-0600 Urdu (Haj Season) (to West
                            Asia), 0845-0945 Indonesian, 1115-1215
                            Tamil, 1215-1245 Telegu (SE Asia)
15795
      250 Delhi
                            1145-1315 Chinese (to NE Asia)
                            0845-0945 Indonesian (to SE Asia), 1000-
17510 250 Delhi
                            1100 English (to Au/Nz)
17670
      - Delhi
                            0430-0530 Hindi, 1515-1615 Swahili,
                            1615-1730 Hindi, 1745-1945 English
                            (to E. Africa, Mauritius)
                            1145-1315 Chinese (to NE Asia)
17705 500 Bangalore
                            0315-0415 Hindi, 0415-0430 Gujarati,
17715 250 Delhi
                            0430-0530 Hindi (E. Africa, Mauritius)
                            1115-1200 Thai (to SE Asia)
17740
      - Delhi
                            1115-1215 Tamil, 1215-1245 Telegu (to SE Asia)
17810
      - Delhi
17800 500 Bangalore
                            1000-1100 English (to NE Asia)
17860+ 100 Delhi
                            1115-1215 Tamil (to Sri Lanka), 1220-1245 HS
17895 500 Bangalore
                            1000-1100 English (to Au/Nz)
Hol = Holiday, HS= Home Service, + = Fq used by both HS & External Service.
Power and Transmitter locations of External Services are presumed only!
(Jose Jacob via van Arnhem, DSWCI DXW Jan 2 via hcdx via DXLD # 2-002, 2 Jan 2002)
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IRAN: While many international broadcasters are depending more on rebroadcasting to reach their audiences, Iran is increasing its use of brute force radio transmitters to send signals across national boundaries. The Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran reports that Iran's Voice and Vision broadcasting organization, in cooperation with an Iranian university, has built a one-megawatt radio broadcast transmitter. The report does not say what frequency this transmitter will use, or even if it's medium wave or shortwave. It does say that this is only the world's sixth one million watt radio broadcast transmitter. On shortwave, transmitters rated at 500 kilowatts are much more plentiful, and some international broadcasters operate two 500-kilowatt transmitters in parallel, that is, on the same frequency, to achieve one megawatt of power. (Comm. World #12 Jan 2002, via JKB)

IRELAND: RTE renew broadcast contract with MERLIN. R Telefis Eireann (RTE), Ireland's national public sce being organisation, has renewed its contract with Merlin Communications to bc RTE progrming on Merlin's SW network for a further year. Merlin will transmit daily progrming from its UK sites, as well as SNG, ASC and Sackville-CAN, offering comprehensive coverage of RTE's key target areas. Merlin, now part of Vosper Thornycroft Holdings PLC, receives RTE progrming via satellite in its central London control room. Progrs are then bc to RTE's target regions, which include Ce and NoAM, AUS, AF and the ME. In addition to the standard contract, Merlin will also be the "All Ireland" Hurling & Football Finals' in Sept on behalf of RTE. RTE's Dir of Radio, Helen Shaw said: "Our audiences across the world are frequently part of the Irish community overseas and they greatly appreciate the ability to hear nx and information from Ireland and to enjoy special events like the All Ireland GAA matches. We are delighted that we can continue with this sce working with Merlin and improve the quality of the content, which will be developed to our overseas audiences this year". Recent B01 Radio Telefis Eireann -RTE schedule. Address: Radio Telefis Eireann, Broadcasting Developments, Dublin 4, Ireland.

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0130-0200 6155 CeAmerica

1000-1030 9895 ME

1830-1900 13640 Ce&Ea USA

1800-1830 15540 SoEaAS & Australasia

1830-1900 21630 AF (Press release via WB in BC-DX #562, 12 Feb 2002)
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ISLE OF MAN: The Isle of Man Communications Commission has announced on February 13th, 2002, the grant of a substantive licence to Isle of Man International Broadcasting plc (IMIB). The licence, under the Broadcasting Act 1993 (of Tynwald), is to enable IMIB to provide a long wave radio service broadcasting on 279 kHz, and will be for a ten-year period.

The service, provisionally called *MusicMann* 279, will be music led and will target an audience across Britain and Ireland. It is expected to launch towards the end of 2003.

IMIB plans to install the transmission antenna on an offshore platform in Manx waters some 9km northeast of Ramsey, Isle of Man, near the spot Radio Caroline was anchored in the 1960's. Some 50 new jobs, both full and part time, will be created in the town where the studios will be located.

As well as its Isle of Man broadcasting licence, IMIB will hold a Wireless Telegraphy licence from the United Kingdom Radiocommunications Agency.

Announcing the grant of the licence, the Chairman of the Communications Commission, the Hon Phil Braidwood, MHK, said "The Isle of Man first sought a high power broadcasting frequency four decades ago. IMIB now has the opportunity to demonstrate that the Island is again a vibrant source entertaining radio for the whole of the British Isles".

The Director of the Commission, Anthony Hewitt, added "It is now nearly 3 years since the selection of IMIB to exploit this opportunity was approved. With planning issues behind them, the way is now clear for IMIB and its backers to get the station on air and to realise its full commercial potential".

(Don Rhodes <donrhodes@pac.com.au> 14 Feb 2002)

ISRAEL: KOL ISRAEL overseas service schedule (Network in brackets), valid October 28, 2001 to March 31, 2002. Postal address: KOL, Israel Radio International, PO Box 1082, Jerusalem 91010, Israel. Fax: +972-2-302327. KOL website: http://www.israelradio.org and for correspondence regarding reception problems send to: Raphael Kochanowski, Director of Engineering Liaison and Coordination (email to <raphaelk@iba.org.il>).

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Hebrew (Reshet Bet - Second Network)
                                             15650
                                                      Europe + N. America
Includes TV news from Channel 1 at 1900-
                                             6280*
                                                      Europe + N. America
1950.
                                             9435
                                                      Europe + N. America
0500 - 1900
               15760 Europe + N. America
                                             15640
                                                      Africa
0600 - 1900
               17535 Europe + N. America
                                             French (REQA) 0600-0615
               9345 Europe + N. America
                                                      Europe + N. America
1900-0500
                                             15640
               9390 Europe + N. America
                                             11605
                                                      Europe + N. America
1900-2300
               7545 Europe + N. America
                                             French (REQA) 1100-1130
2300-0600
1900 - 1950
               15640 S.Europe + S America
                                             15640
                                                      Europe + N. America
                                                      Europe + N. America
2100-2215
               15640 S.Europe + S America
                                             17545
1700-0430
               11585 Europe + N. America
                                             French (Hei) 1630-1655
0430-0600
               15640 Europe + N. America
                                             11605
                                                      Europe + N. America
                                                      Europe + N. America
Arabic (Reshet Dalet - Fourth Network)
                                             15640
0400-2215
               5915 Middle East
                                             17545
                                                      Europe + N. America
0400-2215
               9815 Middle East
                                             French (Hei) 2030-2045
0400-2215
               12145 Middle East
                                             11605
                                                      S. Europe + C. America
English(Alef) 0500-0515
                                             15640
                                                      Latin America
9435
         Europe + N. America
                                             9435
                                                      Europe + N. America
         Europe + N. America
                                             6280*
                                                      Europe + N. America
11605
6280*
         Europe + N. America
                                             15650
                                                      Europe + N. America
17545
         Australasia and S.America
                                             Spanish (REQA) 1735-1745
English (REQA) 1130-1135
                                             15640
                                                      Spain + Latin America
15640
         Europe + N. America
                                             Spanish (Hei) 2045-2100
         Europe + N. America
17545
                                             11605
                                                      Spain + Central America
English (Alef) 1700-1730
                                             15640
                                                      Latin America
                                                      Europe + N. America
11605
         Europe + N. America
                                             15650
                                                      Europe + N. America
         Europe + N. America
                                             6280*
English(Hei) 2000-2025
                                             9435
                                                      Europe + N. America
         Europe + N. America
11605
                                             Spanish & Ladino (Hei)
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9435
Saturday only 1600-1625
                                                       Europe
         Spain+ Central America
                                              15640
                                                       Europe
17525
15640
         Spain + Latin America
                                              15650
                                                       Europe
                                              Yiddish (Hei) 1800-1825
17545
         Europe + N. America
                                              9435
Ladino (REQA)
                                                       Europe
1745 - 1800
               15640 Mediterranean
                                              15650
                                                       Europe
                                              Hungarian (Hei) 1745-1800
Moghrabi (REQA)
1725 - 1735
               15640 North Africa
                                              9435
                                                       Central Europe
                                                       Central Europe
Russian (REQA) 1830-2000
                                              15650
11605
         Russia
                                              Bukharian (REQA) 1300-1315
9435
                                              15640
         Russia
                                                       Central Asia
Persian (Hei) 1500-1625 Sun-Thurs
                                              17545
                                                       Central Asia
9985
         Iran
                                              Georgian (REQA) 1315-1330
11605
         Iran
                                              15640
                                                       Georgia
Persian (Hei)
                                              17545
                                                       Georgia
1500-1600 Fri-Sat and holidays
                                              Romanian (Hei) 1725-1745
17545
         Europe + N. America
                                              9435
                                                       Romania
Yiddish (REQA + Hei) 1700-1725
                                              15650
                                                       Romania
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* frequency in use from December 15, 2001 to February 28, 2002.

(KOL website last modified at 03 Dec 2001; via JKB)

The Israel Broadcasting Authority has announced its intention imminently to end all radio broadcasts in all languages directed overseas excepting those in Hebrew and Arabic. Some local broadcasts heard only within Israel may remain in English, French, Russian and Amharic. This will mean the end of English, French and all other programming produced for overseas on shortwave and all other media. No financial provision for production of these language services or their transmission has been included in the 2002 budget. (Marie A. Lamb in EDXP-NET via WWDXC-HQ, 1 Feb 2002)

KOREA (SOUTH): Radio Korea International - RKI broadcasts in 10 different languages on a total of 24 frequencies targeting 9 directions : Europe, North America, South America, Southeast Asia, Middle East & Africa, Australia, China, Japan and Non Direction. Latest B01 schedule valid to 03/31/02:

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0000-0100
             Japanese
                          7275, 11810
0000-0100
              Korean
                          15575
                          7275, 11725*
0100-0200
             Korean
                          11810*, 15575
0100-0200
              Spanish
             Enalish
                          7275, C-9650, 11725*, 11810*, 15575
0200-0300
0300-0400
                          7275, 11725*
             Korean
0700-0800
             Korean
                          7550, S-9535, 9570
                          5975, 7275
0800-0900
             Japanese
                          9570, 13670
0800-0900
             English
                          7550*
0900 - 1000
             Korean
                          5975, 7275, 9570, 13670
0900-1100
             Korean
1000-1100
             Korean
                          1170
                          7550*, 9580*, C-11715*
1000-1100
             Spanish
1100-1130
              Korean
                          9580*, C-9650
1100-1200
             Russian
                          1170, 5975, 6135, 7275
1130-1230
             Mandarin
                          6065
1130-1230
             English
                          C-9650
1200 - 1300
             Korean
                          7285
                          9570, K-9705, 13670
1200 - 1300
             Indonesian
1200 - 1300
             Japanese
                          1170, 5975, 6135
1300 - 1400
             Mandarin
                          1170, 5975, 6135, 7285
1300-1400
                          9570, 13670
             English
                          5975, 7275
1400 - 1500
             Japanese
             Indonesian 9570, 13670
1400 - 1500
                          7275, 7550
1600-1700
             Arabic
                          5975, 9515, 9870
1600 - 1700
             English
1600-1700
             Russian
                          15575
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1700 - 1800
                          7275, 9515, 9870
              French
1700 - 1900
                          5975, 7550, 15575
              Korean
                          9515, 9870
1800 - 1900
              Spanish
                          S-15360
1800 - 1900
              Russian
1800 - 1900
              German
                          6480, 7275
1900-2000
              English
                          5975, 7275
             Arabic
                          6480, 7550, 9515, 15575
1900-2000
1900-2000
              French
                          9870
2000-2100
                          5975
              Mandarin
2000-2100
              Spanish
                          7275, 9870
2000-2100
                          S-3955, 7550, 15575
              German
              English
                          S-3970
2100-2130
2100-2200
              French
                          S-3955
2100-2200
              English
                          15575
2100-2300
                          5975
              Korean
2200-2300
              Indonesian
                          7275, 9750
2300-2400
             Mandarin
                          5975, 7275, 9750
2300-2400
              Korean
                          15575
(*) directed to South-America.
Transmitter:
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- (C) Sackville, Canada
- (K) Kranji, Singapore
- (M. Cornachioni in CONEXION #143 via WWDXC-HQ, 27 Jan 2002) (S) Skelton, UK

MONGOLIA: The overseas service of the Voice of Mongolia was founded in 1964. Since then it has been introducing Mongolia to the rest of the world. The first broadcast in September 1964 was a half hour transmission in the Mongolian and Chinese languages, beamed to China. In the next few years, Mongolian international broadcasting expanded in terms of languages used, broadcast hours and target areas. The English service of Radio Ulaanbaatar, which was renamed The Voice Of Mongolia on January 1st, 1997, was launched on January 29th, 1965. Today the service transmits its broadcasts under the name "The Voice Of Mongolia" in the Mongolian, English, Chinese, Russian and Japanese languages. The Voice of Mongolia transmits a half-hour program on a daily basis in each of the mentioned languages. All of The Voice Of Mongolia's broadcasts come directly from its Khonkhor Transmitting Station, about 25 km east of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. It broadcasts through Soviet-made 100, 250, and 500 kW transmitters and curtain antennas built in the mid sixties. You may be able to hear some of our broadcasts which are not directed to your part of the world providing fair reception in South America and in Southern Africa and in Europe as well. The Voice Of Mongolia is the country's only overseas broadcasting service and is operated by Mongolian National Radio & Television, a public service broadcaster of the Mongolian Government. It broadcasts a total of 8 hours a day in 5 languages - Mongolian, English, Chinese, Russian and Japanese. All reception reports and personal letters should be sent to the station's address marked for a particular language section (e.g. English Section): Voice of Mongolia, C.P.O.Box-365, Ulaanbaatar 13, MONGOLIA or via Email: radiomongolia@magicnet.mn The Voice of Mongolia, Winter Broadcast Schedule. Eff Oct 28 2001 - March 31, 2002.

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English
          SoAS/AUS
                     1030-1100
                                 12085
          EUR
                     1500 - 1530
                                 12015
          EUR
                     2000-2030
                                 12015
          EUR
Russian
                     1330 - 1400
                                  7380
Chinese
          AS
                     1000-1030
                                   990 12085
          AS/SoAS
                     1130-1200
                                   990
                                         7380
          AS
                     0900-0930
                                12085
Japanese
          AS
                     1200 - 1230
                                  7380
Mongolian AS
                     0930-1000
                                   990 12085
          SoAS
                     1100-1130
                                   990
                                        7380
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Internet: <http://www.mongol.net/vom> (Rumen Pankov via BC-DX #562, 1 Feb 2002) **NEPAL:** *Radio Nepal* observed back on 5005 by several listeners in Europe and Asia 2315-1815. Fax: 977-1-221952 and postal address Radio Broadcasting Service, P.O. Box 634, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal. (JKB, Feb 2002)

POLAND: In *Radio Polonia*'s Media Magazine as well as discussing leasing of time from Juelich and Slovakia there was a suggestion that they might, in the future, use a long wave transmitter with the Digital Radio Mondiale system for their external service.

(Mike Barraclough, England, Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD #2-001, 1 Jan 2002)

SAUDI ARABIA: Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - BSKSA complete schedule for B01 season. Address of Technical/Frequency management: P0 Box 61718, Riyadh. Fax: +966-1-404-1692.

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MAIN PX in Ar
                    0600-0900 17560 17760
                                           21505 21705
                    0900-1200 21505 21705
                    1200-1500 17585 21505
                                           21705
                    1700-1800 11785
                                   15315
                                           15435
                    1800-2300 9555
                                      9870
                    0300-0600 9578.9
SECOND PX in Ar
                    0600-1700 11855.1
                    1700-2200 9578.9
CALL OF ISLAM in Ar 1500-1700 11785 15315
                                           15435
                    0300-0600 11820 15170
HOLY KORAN in Ar
                                           15435
                                                  21495
                    0600-0800 15380 17895
                    0800-0900 15380
                    0900-1200 11935 17615
                                           21495
                    1200-1400 15380 17895
                                           21600
                    1400-1500 17745 17895
                    1500-1600 13690 17745
                    1600-1700 13690 15205
                                           17560
                                                   17745
                    1700-1800 13690 15205
                                           17560
                    1800-2100 11820 11935
                                           11950
                                                  15230
                    2100-2300 11820 11935
                                           15230
FOREIGN SERVICES
Bambara
             1700-1800 17775
Bengali
             1600-1700 15345 << retimed (x1400-1500)
French
             0800-1000 21600
             1400-1600 21600
Indonesian
             1000-1200 21670
Pashto
            1700-1800 9695 << new lang
Persian
            1400-1600 11745
            0400-0500 17760
Somali
Swahili
            0500-0600 17760
Turkish
            0400-0600 15275
Turkmen
             1400-1600 9730 << retimed (x1500-1700)
                               (OBSERVER via BC-DX #559, 2002 Jan 24)
Urdu
            1200-1400 15345
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SWEDEN: Finally, this news about another maritime radiotelegraph station closing down. **Stockholm Radio** will ends its radiotelegraph operations on 500 kilohertz on February first, after a century of operation. In the past few years, many coastal stations operating of the emergency calling frequency of 500 kilohertz have ended operations. Satellites are now used to locate and communicate with vessels on the high seas. For more information, visit http://www.coastal-radio.org.uk. Iceland may soon be ending all of its shortwave broadcasts. The Radio Netherlands Media Network Web site Radio Netherlands Media Network Web site said the shortwave transmissions, all in Icelandic and aimed mainly at the Icelandic fishing fleet, resumed on

December 22nd after several months' absence. But they may be taken off the air again for budget reasons. In the meantime, if you would like to try to hear Iceland on shortwave, here's the schedule. To Europe at 1215 to 13 UTC on 13865 kilohertz and 1755 to 1825 on 12120. And to the United States at 1410 to 1440 and 1835 to 1905 on 13865, and 23 to 2335 on 12120. (Communications World Script 26 January 2002 via JKB)

USA: World Wide Christian Radio - WWCR has four 100 kW state-of-the-art transmitters which serve the world on 10 different broadcasting channels. Together our transmitters provide over 400 religious and talk programs direct from Nashville, Tennessee to a global audience. WWCR (Nashville) B01 Winter Schedule:

Transmitter #1 - 100 KW - 46 Degrees

21 Jan-28 Feb 1 Mar-31 Mar 1000-1100 9475 1000-1100 15685 1100-2100 1100-2200 9475 2100-2300 2200-0000 3210 2300 - 1000 0000 - 1000 Transmitter #2 - 100 KW - 85 Degrees 1Dec01-28 Feb 1 Mar-31 Mar 13845 1400-0000 1300-0100 5935 0000 - 1400 0100-1300 Transmitter #3 - 100 KW - 40 Degrees 15 Jan-28 Feb 1 Mar-31 Mar 1300-2200 1300-2300 12160

5070 2200-1300 2300-1300

Transmitter #4 - 100 KW - 90 Degrees

21 Jan-28 Feb 1 Mar-31 Mar 9475 1400-2100 1400-2200

7435 2100-0500 2200-0500

7560 0500-1400 0500-1400 (ADXN #434 - Jan/Feb 2002 via WWDXC-HQ)

Latest X-band list thanks to Patrick Martin:

1610

KALT TX ATLANTA (REP. SILENT)

1620

WPHG AL ATMORE (SILENT)

KSMH CA AUBURN REL (ETWN)

KBLI ID BLACKFOOT SPT (ESPN)

WDND IN S.BEND SPT (ESPN)

KOZN NE BELLEVUE SPT (ESPN)

WTAW TX COLLEGE STN TLK

KYIZ WA RENTON UC-AC

1630

*WTEL GA AUGUSTA TLK/SPT

KCJJ IA IOWA CITY AC/OLD

KKWY WY CHEYENNE C&W

XEUT BCN TIJUANA JAZZ

1640

KDIA CA VALLEJO TLK

KPBC OR LAKE OSWEGO REL/GOS

KBJA UT SANDY SS (UNICA)

WKSH WI SUSSEX REL

1650

KWHN AR FT SMITH NX/TLK

KFOX CA TORRANCE KK

KBJD CO DENVER REL-AC

KDNZ IA CEDAR FALLS NX/TLK/SPT WHKT VA PORTSMOUTH NOS/SPT

1660

**KAXW CA MERCED SS

WODX FL MARCO ISLAND NX

KXTR KS KANSAS CITY CLAS

WQSN MI KALAMAZOO SPT(ESPN)

WWRU NJ JERSEY CITY SS (UNICA)

KQWB ND WEST FARGO NOS

KRZX TX WACO NX/TLK/SPT

KXOL UT BRIGHAM CITY OLD

WGIT PR CANOVANAS SS

1670

KNRO CA REDDING SPT (ESPN)

WRNC GA WARNER ROBINS C&W

WTDY WI MADISON TLK/SPT

1680

KAVT CA FRESNO KID (DISNEY)

WTIR FL WINTER GARDEN TOURIST

***KYEA LA MONROE UC-GOS

WJNZ MI ADA UC-CHR

WTTM NJ PRINCETON SPT (ESPN)

1690

KSXX CA ROSEVILLE SS/ETH

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KDDZ
      CO
          ARVADA KID (DISNEY)
                                             WJCC
                                                   FL
                                                        MIAMI SPRS SS/REL
                                             KBGG
                                                    IΑ
WPTX
      MD
          LEXINGTON PK SPT9SSN)
                                                        DES MOINES NX
1700
                                                    \mathsf{TX}
                                             KQXX
                                                        BROWNSVILLE OLD
WEUV AL HUNTSVILLE UC-GOS
                                             KTBK
                                                    TX
                                                        SHERMAN SPT (SSN)
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- * WTEL also reported using WRDW calls.
- **KAXW soon will change to KTIQ and go Sports.
- ***KYEA also reported using KRJO calls. (ADXN #434 Jan/Feb 2002 via WWDXC-HQ)

<u>UZBEKISTAN:</u> Radio Tashkent Postal address: Radio Tashkent, 49 Khorezm Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. E-mail: <uzradio@uzpak.uz>. Radio Tashkent transmission schedule valid 10/28/01 al 03/31/02. Postal address: R. Tashkent, 49 Khoresm Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

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0000-0030
             Uygur
                          5040
0100-0130
                          5955, 5975, 7215
              English
0130-0200
             Dari
                          5955, 5975, 7215
                          5955, 5975, 7215
0200-0230
              Pashto
0230-0330
                          5955, 5975, 7215
             Uzb.
                          15165, 15330
0600-0630
             Turkey
                          5955, 5975, 6025, 9715
1200 - 1230
              English
1230-1300
             Urdu
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1300 - 1330
             Hindi
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1330 - 1400
              English
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1330 - 1430
             Uygur
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1430-1500
             Hindi
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1500 - 1530
             Uzb.
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1520 - 1550
             Dari
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             Uzb.
                          5975, 6025, 7285
1630 - 1700
              Farsi
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1700 - 1730
             Turkey
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             Arabic
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1730 - 1830
             Uzb.
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1830-1900
             Farsi
1900-1930
             Arabic
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1935-2030
             German
              Enalish
                          5025, 11905
2030-2100
2130-2200
              English
                          5025, 11905
             Mandarin
2330-2400
                          5040
(Marcelo Cornachioni in CONEXION #145 via WWDXC-HQ; February 10, 2002)
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VENEZUELA: Anker Petersen just returned to Denmark from a DXpedition to Aruba. The only active Venezuelan SW stations he heard from Aruba were:

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4830 R Tachira, San Cristobal
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4939.5 R Amazonas, Puerto Ayacucho

4980 Ecos del Torbes, San Cristobal

9640 Ecos del Torbes, San Cristobal (Anker Petersen in EDXP #238, 2002-Feb-08).

YUGOSLAVIA: A dispute that has silenced Radio Yugoslavia's shortwave transmissions shows no signs of being settled. A note on the station's Web site informs listeners that the silence is due to "technical problems". Indeed, there is a technical problem at the transmitter site at Bijeljina, which is actually located in the Serbian part of Bosnia. The Bosnian Serb Electric Power Company has cut off its power supply because Radio Yugoslavia has not paid an outstanding electricity bill of 9 million dinars (around 150,000 EUR). Radio Yugoslavia is, in fact, in

dispute with its own federal government as well as with the Bosnian Serbs. Yugoslav Assistant Minister of Information Slobodan Orlich says that Radio Yugoslavia has refused to accept a financial rehabilitation programme proposed by the government. The station's budget is currently lumped together with several other media operations, and the current funding is not even sufficient to pay the salaries of the remaining employees. The loss of power at Bijeljina has caused material damage to the transmitting facility due to the cold weather now affecting a large part of Europe. Radio Yugoslavia Director Milena Jokich says that the well-pump and the network of pipes have been cracked by the melting ice. Zoran Kalicanin, Assistant Federal Minister of Information, claims that the damage is not too serious. He also stresses that the shortwave broadcasts are a "priority" but that the budget for 2001 was exceeded. Federal Information Secretary Slobodan Orlich says that he has written to Radio Yugoslavia promising that the debt will be paid from the budget for 2002. Meanwhile, as politicians and officials bicker in Belgrade, the shortwave transmitters in Bosnia remain silent, and the only way to hear Radio Yugoslavia is via its Web site http://www.radioyu.org.

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ZIMBABWE / UK: A new station called Shortwave Radio Africa is broadcasting to Zimbabwe from studios in London. It is staffed by journalists who formerly worked at Capital FM, an independent station in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe, which operated for a few days in 2000 before being closed down by authorities. Shortwave Radio Africa's schedule is daily at 16 to 19 Universal Time on 6145 kilohertz. Roger Tidy in the U.K., reporting to DX Listening Digest, saw a report on Channel 4 news which said that the transmitter is in South Africa. The SW Radio Africa Web site is http://www.swradioafrica.com. The Zimbabwean government has been placing restrictions on journalistic activities in the run up to March presidential elections in that country. (Communications World Script: 19 January 2002 via JKB)

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<u>Abbre</u>viations:

Target: Target Prefix:

ITU country code or N North
Af Africa E East
Am America S South
As Asia W West
Eu Europe C Central

ME Middle East FSU Former Soviet Union

Languages: Other common abbreviations: Ar Arabic bc broadcast Lower Side Band Mode Ch Chinese lsb Dutch non-directional Du nd Ε English рх program F French sce(d), G German sked schedule Gr Greek ssb Single Sideband Mode Ι Italian transmitter tx(er) J Japanese usb Upper Side Band Mode K Korean mm/dd/yy Date (month/day/year) Ρ (daymonthyear) Portuguese ddmmyy (day.month.year) R Russian dd.mm.yy Spanish Sp

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DIGITAL AUDIO BROADCASTING - AN AUSTRALIAN OVERVIEW by Bob Padula

1. OUTLINE

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The new year of 2002 has opened with a flurry of activity across the industry, associated with the introduction of Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB).

Here in Australia, the Government has authorised experimental transmissions in the L-band (UHF), for assessing consumer reaction to this new delivery platform, and many other countries are also moving towards broad roll-out of DAB.

This paper is a general overview of the subject, from an Australian perspective, and if you are interested in this emerging technology, there are a range of Links given which you are invited to visit for detailed information.

2. WHAT IS DAB?

Simply put, "DAB" is the replacement for existing VHF-FM audio broadcasting, and there has been acceptance of the "Eureka 147" technical standard in many countries as the preferred platform.

Th proposed replacement for LW, MW and SW is the Digital Radio Mondiale standard, ("DRM"), currently undergoing technical development and compatibility trials in various regions.

Digital television is a third category, with consumer acceptance worldwide not being quite what its developers had anticipated at this stage! The Australian Government would like to introduce digital TV widely, as soon as possible, but is aware of negative perceptions from the UK, where 92% of respondents to a recent survey said t hey didn't believe they should have to pay for the conversion from analogue!

There are two main Web sites of particular interest, devoted to digital radio broadcasting:

http://www.drm.org (covering the DRM technology) http://www.worlddab.org/ (covering DAB technology

The WorldDAB Forum issues a regular free on-line newsletter, available from its Web site, and archived editions may be viewed or downloaded.

As the technology is continuously evolving, there are very few printed references available on the subject, are very expensive, and useful mainly in academic/educational and design/development/research areas.

My view would be that we should not hide our heads in the sand with these incoming technologies. WorldDAB reports that in Canada, General Motors has announced that it will be delivering factory-installed DAB receivers in its Chevrolet Impalas and Monte Carlos from 2003 in their Canadian models. There are 55 DAB stations serving a potential 10 million people in Vancouver, Toronto, Windsor and Montreal, with others due on line this year.

Once this new technology is available, the term "DX" will cease to have any meaning, whether DRM or DAB. Put simply, digital signals are either "on" or "off" and there is no concept of "fading". Once the received signal level drops below a threshold level, there is no signal at all - rather like cell-phone technology.

The proposed shortwave version of DRM would mean a major intellectual adjustment to what we have grown up with: receivers will not have tuning "dials" as such, and will respond to digitally modulated signals from an array of transmitters globally, with a combined output, with the receiver continually "searching" for the desired program over a very wide frequency spectrum. You will not "tune" to "frequencies" but to "stations"! The same sort of thing may happen with long-wave and medium-wave. But that's a long way off still...

One thing that worries some of us in the industry is the progressive dismantling and closure of the HF transmitter infrastructure for international and domestic broadcasting, which is quite inconsistent with DRM's objectives of maintaining HF radio to deliver digital signals globally.

Information coming forward from the industry focuses heavily on the rapid commercial introduction of DAB for domestic purposes using VHF, but relatively little details are available for the DRM initiatives.

Indeed, one could wonder if there is any future at all in HF broadcasting, whether AM or DRM, if the existing rate of termination of existing transmitters is maintained, with widespread migration to satellite, and VHF, supported by streaming Audio on the Internet. As many private HF international broadcast operators have realised, revenue streams from commercial advertising are negligible, and many governments are no longer prepared to invest vast sums into HF broadcasting where the main audience is "technical monitors or hobbyists"!!!

3. INDUSTRY INFORMATION

3.1 WHAT DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE?

A number of different digital radio systems are currently under consideration to become the preferred standard in Australia.

Of the systems under consideration, only the European Eureka 147 system is sufficiently developed to allow for the commencement of initial planning for digital radio services in Australia. However this does not preclude other planning options and transmission standards being adopted to ensure the best possible

outcomes for digital radio in Australia.

Other digital radio standards include in-band systems, digital systems that use satellites for delivery of services and a digital radio system intended to replicate the large coverage areas of current AM broadcasters and shortwave broadcasters.

The two main in-band systems under development in the USA are In-Band On Channel (IBOC) and In-Band Adjacent Channel (IBAC). The IBOC system transmits a digital signal simultaneously within an existing analog AM or FM signal. The IBAC system transmits a digital signal within unused spectrum adjacent to the spectrum used by existing FM signals. In-Band Reserve Channel (IBRC), which is based on using "spare" spectrum not able to be used for other services, may also be used.

3.2 EUREKA 147

Eureka 147 was developed in Europe by a consortium of broadcasters, Government research bodies and a segment of the electronic manufacturing industry. Eureka 147 is being adopted in Europe and Canada.

Depending upon the particular technical and spectrum arrangements adopted, the Eureka 147 system may offer:

- use of one receiver for both terrestrial and satellite reception;
- the commencement in early 1998 of markets for domestic receivers, and transmission and studio equipment;
- higher quality sound than AM or FM radio, providing an appropriate bit rate is used;
- the capability to re-configure services for different programming requirements;
- greater flexibility in coverage than analog services;
- reception to fixed, portable and mobile receivers with fewer impairments (eg. noise or multi-path distortion) than current AM or FM radio;
- program-associated information and ancillary multimedia services;
- more effective use of spectrum than analog services;
- lower radiated power requirements for coverage of a given area than analog services;
- the ability to operate over a range of frequency bands; and
- generally lower or comparable capital and operating costs than AM or FM radio.

3.3 WHAT RECEIVERS ARE NEEDED?

Reception of digital radio requires new receivers to separate and decode the transmitted signals. These receivers may incorporate a screen as well as the traditional speakers to allow for reception of the new multimedia applications.

Eureka 147 receivers are currently under manufacture for the European and Canadian markets. The first consumer receiver models were displayed at the World of Consumer Electronics fair (Internationale Funkausstellung, IFA) in Berlin in August 1997.

Eureka 147 receivers have only been on the European market since summer 1998. Nevertheless, there now exists Eureka 147 car radios, hi-fi units, PC cards and software as well as portable receivers, and other exciting new developments and prototypes such as the Eureka 147 palm top receiver.(ABA)

4. INFORMATION FOR THE LISTENER

Digital radio broadcasting (DRB) is a new method of assembling, broadcasting and receiving communications

services using the same digital technology now common in many products and services such as computers, compact discs (CDs) and telecommunications.

4.1 DIGITAL RADIO CAN:

- provide for better reception of radio services than current amplitude modulation (AM) and frequency modulation (FM) radio broadcasts;
- deliver higher quality sound than current AM and FM radio broadcasts to fixed, portable and mobile receivers; and
- carry ancillary services-in the form of audio, images, data and text-providing
- program information associated with the station and its audio programs (such as station name, song title, artist's name and record label),
- other information (e.g. Internet downloads, traffic information, news and weather), and
- other services (e.g. paging and global satellite positioning).

A fundamental difference between analog and digital broadcasting is that digital technology involves the delivery of digital bit streams that can be used not only for sound broadcasting but all manner of multimedia services.

4.2 HOW DOES IT WORK?

Digital radio systems use advanced digital techniques to convert the audio signal from an analog waveform to a digital signal, sampling the amplitude of the wave and creating a stream of ones and zeros which accurately represent the original sound. The sampled information is digitally compressed before being transmitted. In some digital radio broadcasting systems, several audio channels are brought together and encoded into a single data stream by means of a multiplex. Data and other services are added. The whole digital stream is referred to as an ensemble. Receivers separate and decode the signals in the digital stream. (ABA)

5. DIGITAL BROADCASTING IN AUSTRALIA

5.1 AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

A very useful and comprehensive paper by Margaret Cassidy, discussing the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's digital radio broadcasting plans, is available at: http://www.aba.gov.au/abanews/conf/1999/broad sem99/Margaret Cassidy.htm

5.2 COMMERCIAL RADIO AUSTRALIA (CRA)

In August 2001, Australia's commercial radio apex body CRA (Commercial Radio Australia) approved a plan to extend existing Eureka 147 technical trials in the L-band into a comprehensive consumer trial. These expanded trials are now in progress and include industry participation, along with the existing participants, and a continuing commitment from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

These trials will concentrate on measuring consumer response to a range of audio and PAD/PID content and receiver functions. The trials consortium is in discussion with technology providers to gain access to both receiver and transmission technology for the remainder of the project. Negotiations are also under way to access VHF spectrum in the Sydney metro area, to allow the industry to conduct parallel trials in the L-band and VHF to assess transmission and receiver capabilities.

CRA is also looking to other countries for strategic partnerships, including France and the World DAB Forum. (Pacific-Asia Broadcasting Union, and WorldDAB Forum)

6. SOUTH AFRICA RECOMMENDS EUREKA 147

After nearly a year of deliberation, the Southern African Digital Broadcasting Association (SADIBA) has recommended that Eureka 147 technology be adopted as the standard for Digital Radio in South Africa.

SADIBA determined that "Digital Radio according to the Eureka 147 technology provides a low-cost information distribution system that delivers the multimedia radio of the future and will contribute to establishing a knowledge economy in South Africa."

The Association further recommended that Band III and L-Band frequency allocations be made for Digital Radio, that both existing and new services are accommodated, and that a commercial multiplex licence be issued first.

The Digital Broadcasting Advisory Body (DBAB) is expected to present final recommendations on digital broadcasting to the Minister of Communication in May 2002.

Last July, a team from WorldDAB attended a two-day workshop in Johannesburg to debate the various issues facing South Africa's broadcasters and regulators. The team was able to share its accumulated knowledge on such issues as policy, regulation, technology, and commercial and marketing strategies, which other countries around the world have identified as core to the successful implementation of digital broadcasting.

For more information on the recommendations and DAB in South Africa, visit http://www.sadiba.co.za/ (WorldDAB Forum)

7. DENMARK TO INCREASE COVERAGE

On Jan-29, Denmark's Tele Danmark received government approval for the final phase of transmitter rollout that will bring 100% DAB Digital Radio coverage to the country.

Currently, coverage stands at 30% of the population. A national network of transmitters is due to roll out this year increasing coverage to 75% by August 1, 2002, building to 100% by March 2003.

National public broadcaster, DR, plans to introduce a wide range of new programming, which will be unique to DAB Digital Radio. Listeners will be able to tune in to several youth music channels, a jazz channel, a children's channel, and services offering news and traffic information.

First to benefit from DR's upgrading of transmitters will be Copenhagen, the location of this year's WorldDAB Forum, October 10/11.

For further information contact Ms Karen Marie Zeuthen at mailto:MZ@dr.dk or visit http://www.dr.dk/dab/(Danish). An English version of this web site will be available very soon. (WorldDAB Forum)

8. KOREA BEGINS TESTING

A pilot DAB service using the Eureka 147 standard begins testing in Korea in February. The Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) received approval last year from the Ministry of Information and Communication for a five-month trial, after which the MIC will decide whether Korea will adopt the Eureka 147 standard. The MIC hopes to begin official Digital Radio services in 2003, and has set up a committee to look at the legal aspects of introducing Digital Radio services and examining ways of activating DAB related industries. (WorldDAB Forum)

9. SINGAPORE LAUNCHES MULTIMEDIA ON SMARTRADIO

MediaCorp Radio Singapore has launched new and innovative multimedia programming for its DAB service, SmartRadio. With SmartRadio, listeners can view up-to-the-minute information including news, traffic reports, airport flight information, entertainment news and an events guide, all in the easy-to-read, familiar style of a website browser.

For more information about DAB in Asia please contact Ms Pearlynn Pek at the Asia DAB Committee of the World DAB Forum mailto:pearlynn PEK@asiadab.org or visit http://www.asiadab.org/ (WorldDAB Forum)

10. A "CHORUS" OF APPROVAL FOR DAB

On Jan-17, at a London forum for manufacturers organised by Digital One, a new fabless semiconductor company, Frontier Silicon, announced the availability of the Frontier Chorus FS1010, a single-chip DAB/Audio processor based on the licensed META DBX-1 design from Digital One and Imagination Technologies. Production quantities of the new processor are planned for March, and Frontier expect the sub-£100 digital radio to be available the second half of 2002.

The forum was designed to highlight the trends and opportunities presented by DAB Digital Radio following indications at the end of last year that the medium was ripe for mass market adoption. Digital One's aim was to share this information and give encouragement to current and future manufacturers.

Among those attending the forum were more than 40 senior executives from Alpine, Arcam, Atlantic Technology, Audio Partnership, Dixons Stores Group, Hitachi, Imerge, JVC, Kenwood Electronics, LG Electronics, Linn Products, Mercedes-Benz, MG Rover Group, Mitsubishi Electric, Modular Technology, Pace Micro Technology, Psion Digital, Quad, Wharfedale, Bosch, Roberts Radio, Samsung, Sanyon, Sharp UK, Toyota, and TTP.

The event was oversubscribed, and Digital One is planning to host a second forum elsewhere in Europe later this Spring.

- The full press release on the new Frontier Silicon chip can be downloaded at: http://www.worlddab.org/pressrelesses/Frontier Silicon02.pdf
- For more information on the London Forum, please contact the Mr Kevin Franklin at mailto:kevinfranklin@digitalone.co.uk (WorldDAB Forum)

11. SLOVAKIA DRAWS UP PLANS

Slovakia received government approval for DAB Digital Radio using Eureka 147 in June 2000. This year, the Research Institute of Posts and Telecommunications is expected to submit to the government, a document outlining the strategy and technical criteria necessary for the implementation of T-DAB.

Regular DAB transmission in the L-band is planned for 2006 in the western part of the country. (WorldDAB Forum)

12. SWEDEN LOBBIES BRUSSELS

Representatives of Swedish Radio's Board of Governors travel to Brussels in March to discuss DAB Digital Radio with the EU Commission, and then go on to Geneva for talks with the EBU. Digital Radio in Sweden is undergoing a change in dynamics following a cut in DAB services to 40%. (WorldDAB Forum)

13. ISLE OF MAN 3G/DAB TRIALS

Trials are currently underway on the Isle of Man, off the UK coast, to test the possibilities of convergence of both 3G and DAB. Partners mm02, Virgin Radio and Crowncastle International have developed the network, while Unique Interactive and XY Networks are supplying data facilities on 3G/DAB and DAB only platforms.

A carefully selected closed user group on the Isle of Man has been given 3G handsets and Psion WaveFinders so that public reaction to audio and data services over both DAB and 3G can be assessed. Six services are currently available, five from Virgin Radio and the local Manx Radio service. An additional Manx audio service is to be added to the trial this Spring.

Please contact Mr Peter Dews mailto:Peter.Dews@crowncastle.com) for more information on the trials taking place in the Isle of Man. (WorldDAB Forum)

14. CET'S VISUAL RADIO DAB RECEIVER CARD

CET Technologies Pte Ltd from Singapore launches an enhanced Visual Radio (VR) DAB receiver capable of receiving both DAB Eureka 147 and proprietary Conditional Access (CA) DAB broadcasts in VHF Band III and L-Band, in the first quarter of this year.

Please contact Ms Pearlynn Pek for more information mailto:perylynn PEK@asiadab.org (WorldDAB Forum)

15. "WHAT'S NEW FOR RADIO?" WORLDDAB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

The Technical Committee is holding a two-day workshop entitled "What's new for radio?" on May 23 and 24 in Zurich. The aim of the workshop is to provide a complete briefing on the possibilities of DAB. Among topics under discussion will be DAB and mobile technology, DAB and car systems, EPG possibilities and a round up of the market situation around the world. The presentations will consider the whole value chain for the benefit of content providers, transmission providers and manufacturers.

For more information on this Workshop visit the WorldDAB Web Site at http://www.worlddab.org/ (WorldDAB Forum)

16. NEW ZEALAND

The Eureka 147 standard is the preferred platform in NZ. Planning will initially concentrate on terrestrial delivery, but possible long-term satellite delivered is being considered.

The timing for large scale introduction of DAB services is at least five years away, and possibly up to 10-15 years. The Radio Spectrum Management Group of the Ministry of Economic Development has recommended that a policy framework be progressed for the allocation and eventual use of DAB L-band spectrum. (WorldDAB forum)

17. RUSSIA

Network Service Co. now offers high-quality digital radio broadcasting in digital TV format (DVB-S). Programming from various radio broadcasting stations is retransmitted via ground-based facilities, radio networks, cable TV networks, and direct-to-home systems. High-quality stereo digital programs are available using a parabolic 90-120 cm antenna across all of Russia, the CIS and former Soviet Republics. (Intersputnik Today via ABU)

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TROPICAL BANDS

Frequ.	UTC	SINPO	ITU	Radio Station	Language	Programme Details	Date	Rep.
2310.0	2325	23332	AUS	ABC,Alice Springs	English	C & W Program	2801	GVG
3214.8	1028	22222	INS	RRI,Manado	Indonesian	Local Pop Music & News	2601	JY
3215.0	1820	33333	AFS	South African Amateur Radio	English	Program	2101	GVG
3215.0	1530	33333	MDG	Adventist World Radio	French	Program	2801	GVG
3220.0	0233	24432	EQA	HCJB,Pifo	Quechua	Talk and short music	1002	ALS
3220.0	1245	22332	KRE	Radio Pyongyang	Korean	Music	3101	GVG
3265.0	1300	33333	INS	RRI,Gorontalo	Indonesian	Relay from Jakarta	3101	GVG
3291.3	0856	43343	GUY	Radio Guyana, Georgetown	English	Talk,ID and News	3101	RAD
3310.0	0901	33332	BOL	Radio Mosoj Chaski	Quechua	Flute Music, ID & Talks	3101	RAD
3315.0	1230	44444	IND	All India Radio, Bhopal	Hindi	Program	2901	GVG
3325.0	1415	44444	INS	RRI,Palangkaraya	Indonesian	Musical Program	2801	GVG
3344.8	2045	43333	INS	RRI,Ternate	Indonesia	Talk & News from Jakarta	1801	JY
3380.0	1600	44444	MWI	Malawi Broadcasting Corp.	English	News	0302	GVG
3390.0	1430	44444	IND	All India Radio,Gangtok	English	Musical Program	2701	GVG
3960.0	1325	33333	INS	RRI,Palu	Indonesian	Pop Music	3101	GVG
3976.1	1405	33333	INS	RRI,Pontianak	Indonesian	Local News	2401	JY
4485.0	1700	24332	RUS	Radio Rossii,Ufa	Russian	News	1201	НО
4635.0	1650	35333	TJK	Tajik Radio	Tajik	Local News	1301	НО
4725.0	1442	22432	BRM	Myanmar Radio & TV	Bamar	Talks by woman	2101	ZL
4795.8	1206	23322	VTN	Son La BC,Tuyen Quang	Vietnamese	Talks	1102	GI
4815.0	0016	33332	В	Radio Difusora Londrina	Portugese	Talk,ID & Pop Vocals	1901	RAD
4820.0	0254	22222	BOT	Radio Bostwana	English	IS,Anthem,ID and Ann	2201	RAD
4825.0	2000	34333	RUS	Radio Rossii, Yakutsk	Russian	News	2901	НО
4830.0	0249	24332	VEN	Radio Tachira, San Cristobal	Spanish	Salsa Music	1002	ALS
4834.9	1055	32222	PRU	Radio Maranon	Spanish	Vocals and Talk	2201	RAD
4850.0	0920	35333	MOL	Khokh Tenger(Blue Sky Radio)	Mongolian	Western pops & Rock	0301	НО
4860.0	1232	33333	IND	All India Radio,Delhi	English	News & Hindi vocals	0502	RAD
4874.6	2102	33222	INS	RRI,Sorong	Indonesian	News relay, English Music	1801	JY
4920.0	1227	33222	IND	All India Radio, Chennai	Hindi	Vocals and Talks	0502	RAD
4925.0	1427	33333	INS	RRI, Jambi	Indonesian	Local Pops, News,ID	3001	JY
4930.0	1650	24332	TKM	Turkmen Radio	Turkmen	Local Program	1301	НО
4940.0	0815	35333	RUS	Radio Mix Master, Yakutsk	Russian	Pop Music	0112	НО
4980.0	0255	24332	VEN	Radio Ecos del Torbes	Spanish	Romantic Music & Ann	1002	ALS
4990.0	0028	55555	IND	All India Radio,Itanagar	English	Program	2901	GVG
5005.0	1535	44444	NPL	Radio Nepal	Nepali	Program	2901	GVG
5010.0	0020	55555	IND	All India Radio, Thiruvanthapuram	Tamil	ID and Program	2901	GVG
5019.9	0925	34443	SLM	Solomon Is.Broadcasting Co.	English	News,Ad and ID	2101	GI
5025.0	1020	25432	PRU	Radio Quillabamba, Quillabamba	Spanish	Latin Music Time check	1002	ALS
5040.0	0030	55555	IND	All India Radio, Jeypore	Hindi	News relay	2901	GVG
5050.0	2003	44333	TAN	Radio Tanzania	Swahili	News and ID	2701	ZL

5050.0 0037 33333 IND All India Radio, Aizwal English News 2901 GVG

SHORTWAVE BANDS

Frequ.	UTC	SINPO	ITU	Radio Station	Language	Programme Details	Date	Rep.
5290.0	1700	35333	RUS	Radio Rossii, Krasnoyarsk	Russian	News	1201	НО
5500.0	0354	43333	ETH	Voice of Tigray Revolution	Tigrina	IS and Opening Ann.	2201	RAD
5925.0	0933	33443	VTN	Voice of Vietnam	Vietnamese	Regional Pop Music	2101	GI
5990.0	2228	32222	В	Radio Senado, Brasilia	Portugese	Brazilian Pop Music	0702	DC
5994.9	0855	45544	AUS	Radio Australia	English	IS.Opening Ann & Music	2101	GI
6010.5	1300	24432	URG	Emisora Ciudadde Montevideo	Spanish	Ads & ID, Music	2601	ALS
6010.2	0708	23322	CHL	Radio Parinacota, Putre	Spanish	Romantic Andean style music	0202	ALS
6020.0	0417	54443	TUR	Voice of Turkey	English	Letterbox	1701	RL
6045.6	1025	33422	PRU	Radio Santa Rosa, Lima	Spanish	Romantic Music	1002	ALS
6055.0	0550	45443	Ε	Radio Exterior de Espana	English	Radio Waves	2001	RL
6060.0	0910	33332	RUS	Amurskoe R. Blagoveshchensk	Russian	Program	0301	НО
6071.2	2010	23222	INS	RRI,Jayapura	Indonesian	Talk and Music	1801	JY
6090.0	0655	34433	CHL	Radio Esperanza, Temuco	Spanish	Gospel Music and ID	0202	ALS
6125.0	1216	24422	URG	SODRE, Montevideo	Spanish	Tangos Musical program	2601	ALS
6140.0	1221	44444	URG	Radio Monte Carlo, Montevideo	Spanish	Songs, ID and Weather Report	2601	ALS
6180.0	0744	34333	В	Radio Nacional de Amazonia	Portugese	Talk, Music and ID	2401	KH
6249.4	2202	22222	EQG	Radio Nacional, Malabo	Spanish	Talk & Highlife vocals	1301	RAS
6265.0	1558	24322	ZMB	Zambia Nac.Broadcasting Corp.	Vernaculars	IS, Drums and Talks	0901	KH
6265.0	0900	44333	TWN	CBS, Taipeu	Mandarin	Music Program	2101	ZL
6280.0	0506	55533	ISR	KOL Israel, Jerusalem	English	Daily Newscast	2501	RL
6355.6	0710	25332	PRU	Radio Union ,Lima	Spanish	ID, Romantic music	1002	ALS
6458.5	2330	23532	PUR	AFRTS, Isabella	English	ID Public Radio Intl.	0901	DC
6496.6	1200	32332	VTN	Cao Bang BC, Cao Bang	Vietnamese	Ann, Music and songs	1102	GI
6940.0	0358	32222	ETH	Radio Fana, Addis Ababa	Orofima	Horn of Africa Music	2101	RAD
6956.6	0245	35343	PRU	La Voz del Campesino, Huarmaca	Spanish	Music and Ann.	1002	ALS
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7171.4	0910	23322	INS	RRI,Serui	Indonesian	Holy Koran. Local News	0202	JY
7230.0	0106	45543	SVK	Radio Slovakia Intl.	English	Slovakia Today	3001	RL
7230.0	0644	54333	G	Radio Japan via Rampisham relay	English	Let us learn Japanese	2901	RL
7235.0	1533	43433	SNG	Radio Singapore	Malay	Ads & Program	2101	ZL
7260.0	0815	35333	VUT	Radio Vanuatu	English	Talk, ID	2401	KH
7325.0	0033	44443	LTU	Radio Vilinius,Sitkunai	English	Outgoing 2001 and New 2002	0201	RL
7375.0	0402	53333	UKR	Radio Ukraine Intl., Via Mykolaiv	English	Dairy Events Past Week	1401	RL
7384.0	0425	53333	USA	Radio Prague via WRMI	English	Mailbox	1401	RL
7385.0	0429	45443	USA	WRMI	English	Viva Miami Mailbag	1002	RL
7445.0	0658	55553	CTR	Radio for Peace Intl.,	English	Radio Nation	1601	RL
9390.0	2046	35433	ISR	KOL Isreal, Jerusalem	Hebrew	Music Program and ID	1801	IN
9370.0	0753	34333	USA	WTJC	English	Music, Yalk and ID	2301	KH
9435.0	0420	53433	CZE	Radio Prague	English	Magazine Orange day	0902	RL
9515.0	0900	34333	В	Radio Record	Portugese	Religious Program	2701	IN
9530.0	0440	43333	RUS	Magadan Radio	Russian	Vocal Music and Interview	0701	SM
9530.0	0608	53434	ROM	Radio Romania Intl.,	English	Newsreel	0502	RL
9535.0	1950	44553	THA	Radio Thailand, Udon Thani	English	Thai Culture Rice & Cuisine	3001	RL
9560.0	0248	55333	CAN	Radio Korea International	English	Multi Wave Feedback	2801	RL
9586.0	1940	24432	В	Radio Globo, Rio de Janeiro	Portugese	Football Commentary,ID	0902	ALS
9590.0	0519	55554	NLA	Radio Nederland via Bonaire relay	English	Good Life, Elephant poaching	1201	RL
9605.0	0309	55333	CVA	Vatican Radio	English	Sunday Gospel	2101	RL
9620.6	1209	33422	URG	SODRE,Montevideo	Spanish	ID and Music	2601	ALS
9630.0	0850	44444	В	Radio Aparecida	Portugese	Talk,Informa	1102	GI

9630.0	0436	44444	CTR	Radio Exterior de Espana	Spanish	Comments on Argentina	0701	SM
9645.0	2218	33333	MRC	VOA via Tangier relay	Arabic	Talks on Palestine	2801	SM
9660.0	1429	45444	PHL	Radio Blagovest via Radio Veritas	Russian	ID and Religious Talks	0901	IN
9704.2	1459	35333	ETH	Radio Ethiopia	Amharic	IS,ID and Talk	0901	KH
9705.0	2150	33432	NGR	RDTV Niger	French	Talk & Local Music	1401	KH
9725.0	0815	34443	В	Radio Clube Paranaense	Portugese	Talk and Music	1102	GI
9737.7	0718	44433	PRG	Radio Nacional de Paraguay	Spanish	Music ID and Announcement	2301	KH
9745.0	0121	53433	EQA	HCJB, Quito	English	DX Party Line	1002	RL
9845.0	1544	53433	JAP	Radio Japan,NHK	English	Musical Masterpiece	1102	RL
9875.0	2345	53333	LTU	Radio Vilinius,Situkunai	English	Euro,Ice fishing,	1901	RL
9885.0	2354	54433	SUI	Swiss Radio Intl.	English	Newsnet and Mardi Gras	1002	RL
9990.0	2230	33333	EGY	Radio Cairo	Arabic	Arabian Music	2801	SM
9925.0	2040	45333	RUS	R.Vlaanderen Intl. via Armavir	English	Belgium Today Cannabis	2401	RL
9960.0	2035	43333	ARM	Voice of Armenia	English	News and Mailbox	1301	RAD
11590.0	1000	43443	CHN	Voice of the Strait	Chinese	Music, Talk and ID	1201	HY
11675.0	0038	44444	KWT	Radio Kuwait	Arabic	Music,IS and Comments	2201	SM
11690.0	1609	45533	JOR	Radio Jordan	English	Music, Creed & A.Morissette	0302	RL
11725.0	0804	32442	В	Radio Novas de Paz	Portugese	Talk	2301	KH
11765.0	0030	44444	ASC	BBC World Service	Spanish	Interview	2201	SM
11765.0	1905	24432	В	Radio Tupi, Sao Paulo	Portugese	ID and Religious Program	2901	ALS
11785.0	0654	34332	В	Radio Guaiba	Portugese	Talk, Music & ID	2301	KH
11815.0	0805	34232	В	Radio Brasil Central	Portugese	Music, ID	1501	KH
11915.0	0757	34333	В	Radio Guacha	Portugese	Talk & ID	1501	KH
11925.0	0734	33332	В	Radio Bandeirantes	Portugese	Talks,ID	2301	KH
11990.0	0226	55533	CAN	Radio Canada International	English	Maple Leaf Mailbag	1401	RL
12015.0	2114	33333	SWE	Radio Canada International	English	Maple Leaf Mailbag	2001	IN
12060.0	0427	33333	MDG	Radio Voice of Hope	English	ID and Program	1901	RAD
12085.0	0925	33332	MNG	Voice of Mongolia	Russian	Music and ID	3101	RAD
12095.0	0003	44444	ASC	BBC World service	English	News and Outlook	2201	SM
12160.0	0000	33333	USA	WINB	English	Bible Sermon	2201	SM
12172.0	2235	35552	USA	WWFV, McCaysville	English	Religious Music	1801	RL
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13640.0	1837	55333	CAN	RTE Radio Dublin via Sackville	English	Saturday Sport	2601	RL
13650.0	2325	33333	CUB	China radio International	Chinese	Comments and Music	0901	SM
13680.0	2322	44444	CAN	China Radio International	English	News on Co-operative farmers	0901	SM
13700.0	2251	54433	NLA	R. Vlaanderen Intl. Via Bonaire	English	Brussels 1043	1301	RL
13715.0	2320	33333	SVK	Radio Slovakia International	Spanish	Talks and interviews	0901	SM
13780.0	2314	33333	RWA	Duetsche Welle	German	Comments	0901	SM
13820.0	2310	33222	USA	Radio Marti	Spanish	Comments	0901	SM
15110.0	0500	35333	KWT	Radio Kuwait	English	ID,History of Kuwait	1301	IN
15120.0	0245	44343	PHL	Radyo Pilipinas	English	Pop Songs	1301	HY
15120.0	0644	43443	NIG	Voice of Nigeria	English	Drums, ID and News	0801	KH
15225.0	0527	33333	AFS	Adventist World Radio	Igbo	Soft music and ID	1901	RAD
15345.0	2045	34333	ARG	RAE,Buenos Aires	French	Music Program	0802	IN
15450.0	1551	35322	TUN	Radio Diffusion TV Tunisienne	Arabic	Music and Announcements	1201	KH
15475.9	1915	34443	ARG	LRA36 Radio Nacional Arcangel	Spanish	Romantic music and ID	2901	ALS
15785.0	1404	35322	ISR	Galei Zahal	Hebrew	Music Program & ID	2101	KH
15820.0	0727	44444	ARG	Radio Diez	Spanish	ID, Talk	1701	KH
17595.0	1329	34433	EGY	Radio Cairo	Bengali	ID,IS and Koran	2701	KH
17675.0	0730	44444	-	Radio Liberty	Farsi	News	0602	ZL
17705.0	1728	45543	USA	Voice of Greece via Delano	English	Talk on Embassy in mexico	0202	RL
17735.0	1233	35433	TUN		Arabic	Music Talk and ID	2101	KH

17735.0	2138	33333	PHL	VOA	English	Interview. War on Terrorism	1501	SM
17740.0	2034	44444	GRC	VOA via Kavala relay	Arabic	Comments	0602	SM
17775.0	2353	35322	USA	KVOH	Spanish	Music,Talks and IN	2701	KH
17815.0	1059	35322	AUT	Radio Africa International	English	ID, Music and Talk	0801	KH
17825.0	2124	44444	CLN	Radio Japan	English	Mines in Cambodia/Afghan.	1501	SM
17830.0	2030	33333	ASC	BBC Worl Service	English	News	0602	SM
17835.0	2122	44444	RWA	Duetsche Welle	English	Comments on 2002 Olympics	1501	SM
17865.0	1657	55353	CAN	Radio Austria via Sackville relay	English	Postbox	1201	RL
17870.0	1808	54433	AFS	Channel Africa	English	South Africa Today	2801	RL
21485.0	2116	44444	USA	VOA	French	Comments on Microsoft plus	1501	SM
21550.0	1323	35433	CHL	Voz Cristiana	Spanish	Music,Talk and ID	2101	KH
21670.0	0905	45444	FIN	Radio Finland	Finnish	News	1102	GI
21670.0	2132	44444	CLN	Radio Japan	English	Comments . Food items	1501	SM
21675.0	2113	44444	USA	Radio Marti	Spanish	Comments	1501	SM
21700.0	2014	44444	Ε	REE	Spanish	Football commentary	0602	SM
21815.0	2105	33333	CTR	Radio for Peace Intl.	English	Religious Programs	1501	SM

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the second issue of Logbook for this year.

This time we welcome Victor with his loggings from Sri Lanka besides our regular contributors.

I find it difficult to convert loggings with SIO code into SINPO code. So from next issue onwards I have decided to use SIO code. Loggings with SINPO will be converted into SIO after removing the N & P codes. Please inform if it is acceptable to the Club members.

Till next issue it's 73's from your Editor,

Ashok Kumar Bose

HOBBY AUDIO RECORDING IN THE 21st CENTURY

by Chuck Rippel

Throughout the radio hobby, establishing and maintaining a record keeping system is an important facet of active participation. Regardless of which segment of the electromagnetic spectrum the listening enthusiast chooses to pursue, keeping track of what, where and who was heard is important. This allows the hobbyist to set and meet goals, as well as document exactly what was heard. Many listening enthusiasts use strictly written records, while some use a combination of written records and some form of audio archive. With the increasing difficulties in obtaining written QSLs, many DXers are taking the position that a clear recording of a broadcast with a station ID confirms that a given target was heard. The purpose of this article is to help those who make audio recordings of what they hear utilize the latest technology to capture their audio.

In the past 20 years, cassette recording of radio programming was the format of choice. The medium is small, easy to handle and portable. Recording equipment which was capable of making very faithful recordings could be purchased at reasonable pricing. Technological improvements produced reliable, portable equipment which was equally useful at home, or it could be taken into the field on DXpeditions, allowing the DXer to return with exciting clips of audio from rare stations.

For all its convenience, tape recording has its shortcomings. Audio recorded on cassette tapes tends to be "hissy," even when Dolby noise reduction is used. The low, 1-7/8 ips speed allows for quick tape saturation when a signal fades up suddenly, resulting in distortion or sometimes inaudible passages in the recording. Finally, indexing, or keeping track of what is actually on a tape, is cumbersome at best. Written notes must be kept against tape index counter readings. If the notes become lost, or accuracy during an active listening session is compromised, the usefulness of the recorded audio is academic at best.

Time and technology have presented several new formats of audio recording. Digital Audio Tape (DAT), writeable CD and Minidisc (MD) are but a few. Because of the unique capabilities offered to the radio hobbyist, this article will focus on integrating the Minidisc format into your listening hobby. Also, we'll look at a few Minidisc models to illustrate the various useful features the medium offers.

The recordable Minidisc is a reusable medium whose appearance is approximately that of a standard 3-1/2 computer floppy disk. However, the MD is about 2/3 the size of the floppy. The discs are offered by the major magnetic media manufacturers such as Maxell, TDK, Sony, etc. As of this writing, a pack of four Maxell Gold MiniDiscs sells for \$7.99 http://www.planetminidisc.com/maxellgmd744.html with a free case offer on the Internet at Planet MiniDisc http://store.yahoo.com/planetminidisc/index.html.

That's about 600 minutes of mono recording time, representing the equivalent of 6.6 90 minute cassettes.

Through its digital ATRAC coding system, a single Minidisc is capable of faithfully recording an exact digital copy of up to 74 minutes of stereo audio on as many as 254 separate tracks or individual cuts. On hardware so equipped, the recording time is approximately doubled when program material is recorded in mono.

An important feature for the hobbyist, a Minidisc can hold up to 1,700 characters of user programmable text, numbers and characters that are used to label each track or selection recorded.

The MD disk itself is written and read with a low power laser. Thus, typical specifications are about the same as a CD. Frequency response is 20-20,000 cps +/- .3 db, undetectable wow and flutter, signal-to-noise ratio in excess of 100db, etc. Audio can be input to and output from most Minidisc equipment by a variety of methods. This includes conventional line level audio connected via RCA plugs. For the musical purest with compatible equipment, some machines offer direct digital input via a single coaxial input. In the case of the more upscale equipment, the digital signal is opto-coupled from the audio source via a single fiber-optic cable. The radio hobbyist will most likely use the RCA inputs to couple line level audio from their receiver to the recorder.

Minidisc recorders are available from most of the major Japanese electronics manufacturers. There are home units about the size of a CD player which run off the commercial power mains. Some manufacturers also offer portable models whose footprint is no bigger than two credit cards, yet are full featured and can operate for many hours on various types of batteries. Sony seems to offer the broadest line of home recorder/players, and there are several excellent brands of portable and even car units (players) on the market as well.

As the hobbyist begins to read the product literature from the various models in order to choose one which best suits his or her needs, they can be quickly overwhelmed by the many product features that recording in the digital realm offers.

A good way to start the selection process of an MD unit is by visiting the Minidisc Community page on the Internet http://www.minidisc.org/whole_page.html. It's available by clicking the logo at the left. Here you can learn about the various features, such as editing modes, track indexing and synchro-recording offered by the MD format. What is easy about selecting a Minidisc recorder for hobby use is identifying a few features that are important to the DXer, and then use that criteria to help make a hardware choice.

Perhaps one of the more unique characteristics of the format is the ability to add user chosen titling information to each recorded track. As the selection is played back, the titling information appears on the player's main display in one or more lines, usually by scrolling. The titling information is entered as the initial recording is being made, or during a later edit.

Were I recording a 25 m. reception of All India Radio, a basic entry might consist of the following, which the recorder would encode as data onto the disc and display as the audio is played back: AIR Bangalore 11.620 MHz 2142 UTC 08/19/00 With this 45-character note scrolling across the screen of the player, there is little doubt as to what the program material is. I noted the station name, frequency, and start time of 2142 UTC (more on time labeling later). The date was August 19, 2000.

A more detailed description for the same logging might read: AIR Bangalore 11.620 MHz 2142 UTC 08/19/00. Note ID by OM @ 0:18.0

In the case of the detailed description (68 characters), some additional detail was added to indicate that at 18 minutes into the recording there was an ID by a male announcer. You may title each selection if you wish; what is written and its format is completely your choice.

Because the Minidisc recording system works in real time, most hardware offers several modes of accounting for both playing and recording time. Time into track, length of track and time remaining on disc are but a few of the time display modes. On a personal note, I always label my recordings with the exact time they start. At a later date I can then refer to the time into track and correlate the occurrence of a recorded event with the actual time.

The titling feature is key and can be a very powerful aid to the radio hobbyist.

Because of the potential power of titling, pay special attention to whether a particular piece of hardware, be it a home or portable unit, offers the ability to title tracks. Nearly as important is how the user must go about adding the text. Most home and all portable units allow the text to be entered via multi-function keys or controls on the front panel. Some home units allow the text to also be entered via a remote control.

I particularly like a feature offered on both the Sony MDS JB-930 http://www.supremevideo.net/ product.asp?stkcode=sonmdsjb930> (street price, \$319) and the soon-to-appear MDS JB-940 which allows a standard computer keyboard to be plugged right into the front of the machine. All text entry, including upper and lower case alphabet, numbers and punctuation can be conveniently typed in from that keyboard. Additionally, some functions of the machine can also be controlled by entries via the keyboard as well as by the usual front panel and included remote controls. Additional information about Sony MD Products may be obtained at their www site http://www.sel.sony.com/SEL/consumer/ss5/>.

Hardware equipped with the mono recording feature (sometimes called "extended play") is becoming increasingly difficult to locate but is an important feature for the hobbyist. There was some controversy concerning high frequency loss caused by the algorithm used to digitally encode and thus enable monaural recording. The frequencies where the loss occurred were well beyond the range needed by the hobbyist. Yet some manufacturers may be bypassing the issue by simply deleting the feature on newer machines. Indeed, the Sony MDS JB-940, which will replace the MDS JB-930, does not list monaural recording as a product feature. That issue can be reviewed at the Minidisc Community web site.

If you cannot locate a home player with monaural recording, there is an easy workaround, albeit with the loss of the double record time advantage. Simply combining the right and left RCA inputs with a simple Y adapter from your local Radio Shack works fine.

Home recorder/players range in price from \$159 to over \$700.

Portable players offer many of the same features but in a much smaller package. All of the MD format advantages, including the excellent specifications, apply to portables. The footprint of the typical portable is tiny, and approximates two credit cards layed side by side, or about 3-1/8 x 3-1/2" (78.8 X 18.8 X 86.8 mm). The players are just slightly larger than the actual MiniDisc.

Battery life for a typical new technology portable is excellent. One machine quotes 34 hours of playback or 13 hours of recording time on just 3 AA cells. Newer machines even offer latest technology, rechargeable Lithium Ion cells which have excellent capacity but none of the charge memory issues associated with conventional NiCads.

Interestingly, most of the portable machines are so small that standard AA cells will not fit in the case and must be placed in a separate battery case. Some players come equipped with a specially sized rechargeable battery that will fit inside the case, making a neat, easily portable package that is great for DXpeditions.

Due to their size, portables have a few additional issues, including the ones mentioned for home units, to be aware of. Some portables do not offer manual input gain controls. Instead, an audio ALC circuit is employed which, while sophisticated, may not be able to properly ride gain on something like a static crash.

Because of their small size, the controls are likewise small. This can cause operations such as titling and editing to be a bit challenging. However, when faced with the choice of using a cassette or a portable MD, the MD wins hands down every time.

Like portable CDs, MiniDisc players are very rugged. Many use an anti-skip design which remembers a certain number of seconds of previously played material, but on an ongoing basis. Should a shock occur and the data feed from the disc is interrupted, the player will digitally reconstruct the audio from the previously memorized audio data. Know that like all home electronics, getting a MiniDisc player wet is its death knell. The lead in the solder used in the assembly of the circuits will begin to corrode, and the process is not repairable or reversible.

Finally, make sure the model of choice offers a Line Level Input. It is this input which connects to the line level audio output of your receiver. Pass up units which offer only a microphone or digital input.

A couple of portable models which offer the features used by the hobbyist are the following:

Aiwa AM-C80 http://www.planetminidisc.com/aiwampormdpl.html

 $Sharp\ MD-MS722\ < http://www.jandr.com/JRProductPage.process?Merchant_Id=1\&Section_Id=153\&Product\ Id=679\&Sort=Current\ Price>$

Both offer titling and mono-recording. I chose the Aiwa model, as the US model features an included "Car Kit" which enables the unit to play through my car stereo via a special cassette configured as an input device. A cigarette lighter plug, regulated to the appropriate voltage, is also part of the "Car Kit."

Portable recorder/players range in price from \$100 all the way to \$1300 for the Marantz PMD-650.

Watch the sales, but be very careful about Internet purchases. Many of the US-based divisions of Japanese manufacturers will not honor warranty coverage on products generally bought over the Internet unless it is through an "Authorized Internet Dealer." http://www.sel.sony.com/cgi-bin/SEL/consumer/ss5/cgi/aid list.pl>

(Chuck Rippel via Numero Uno)



America's Oldest Private International Shortwave Station

WINB is broadcasting to the world from the state of Pennsylvania on the east coast of the United States of America. Located in the town of Red Lion, WINB came on the air in **October 1962**, which makes us the United States' oldest private shortwave radiostation. Since that time we have informed, entertained and inspired listeners in over 120 countries worldwide. You can tune in WINB as follows:

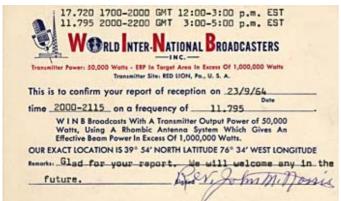
Transmitting Days		Eastern Standard Time (EST)	UTC	Frequency in kHz
Monday to Friday	s/on	07:00 AM	12:00	9320
Saturday and Sunday	s/on	06:00 AM	11:00	9320
all days		08:00 AM	13:00	13570
all days		06:00 PM	23:00	12160

The Mission

WINB is a commercial, International Shortwave radio station. Its purpose is to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We began transmitting on the shortwave bands in October 1962, and have been used mainly by religious broadcasters to transmit programs as a missionary outreach. Every 30 minutes of bc WINB identifies as following: "This is WINB, Red Lion, Pennsylvania, the United States of America, broadcasting to the world on kHz. For more information on broadcast on WINB call 17172445360, that's 17172445360. You can also write to us at P.O. Box 88, Red Lion, PA, the postal code is 17356, the United States of America, that's P.O. Box 88, Red Lion, PA, the postal code is 17356, the United States of America.

40th Anniversary in 2002

Dr. Kim Andrew Elliot's message on WINB in VOA-Communication World at February 9, 2002: The last private US shortwave station licensed before the moratorium was WINB in Red Lion, Pennsylvania, marking its 40th anniversary this year 2002. **As part of the celebration** WINB will sent an **pennant** to anyone who sent an audio recording and reception report of WINB from February 9 to 23, 2002, between 11:00 and 12:00 UTC on the frequency 9320 kHz. They never had pennants before that!



WINB-QSL-card from September 23, 1964:

"Glad for your report. We will welcome any in the future".

Signed by Rev. John M. Morris

Happy birthday, dear WINB, and all the best in future - god may bless you all!