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
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**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 30th JULY 2012**

**WOLVERINE RADIO COMPLETE WITH SSTV:**

I recorded 6.9mhz again on Saturday night in the hunt for North American pirates. Again Wolverine Radio was powering out over any others heard recently. What a great signal on USB on 6950, closing with an SSTV transmission around 0300. I have included an audio clip, as well as the SSTV part, which should be playable using MMSSTV113A.exe (search google)

 120729\_0256\_6950u\_wolverine\_radio\_inc\_sstv.mp3



CAPTAIN MORGAN SHORT WAVE was also heard on 6925 AM around 0200

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 28th JULY 2012**

**CORRRRR - WE HAVE MW DX:**

I recorded 0400 last night, and was pleasantly surprised to hear some MW dx from across the pond again. The last night I recorded during the week, showed virtually nothing. Yes, I have only heard common East Coasters to use a well worn phrase, but there was an abundance of signals!! And can you call WOOD, Grand Rapids a common East Coaster. Well it is certainly a common every day station, yes. East Coast?? Well it was only a catch phrase, used in the dx community for years to describe summer band conditions.

So what was heard?? Below are some that were logged. There were others in the mud. As you can hear on the montage, signals at this time of year are particularly poor.



Short montage of this mornings weak signals

950 CKNB  
 1010 WINS  
 1020 KDKA  
 1130 WBBR pres with sport  
 1190 WLIB  
 1300 WOOD  
 1360 WDRC inc multiple calls  
 1370 WDEA  
 1500 WFED & multi calls  
 1510 WWZN  
 1560 Radio Disney  
 1540 CHIN  
 1590 WARV Warwick / Providence  
 1600 WUNR

**BAND 1 AND 2:**

I seemingly missed a band 2 opening to the east the other day, Thursday I believe. I had the FM tuner switched on, but volume off. I came into the shack at one point and saw there had been RDS but signals were gone by the time I noticed. I had been in and out the shack quite a bit.

I do like the Eastern openings, probably because they are rarer than Southern openings to Spain and Portugal. This year for me has been a complete wash out as far as sporadic E goes. But at least I did manage to log a few stations. I speak as though it is the end of the season. Well it may be.. But then again, it may well have more to offer. Who knows.

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 25th JULY 2012**

**THE BOYS WIRELESS ANNUAL - 1925 - MICHAEL EGAN:**

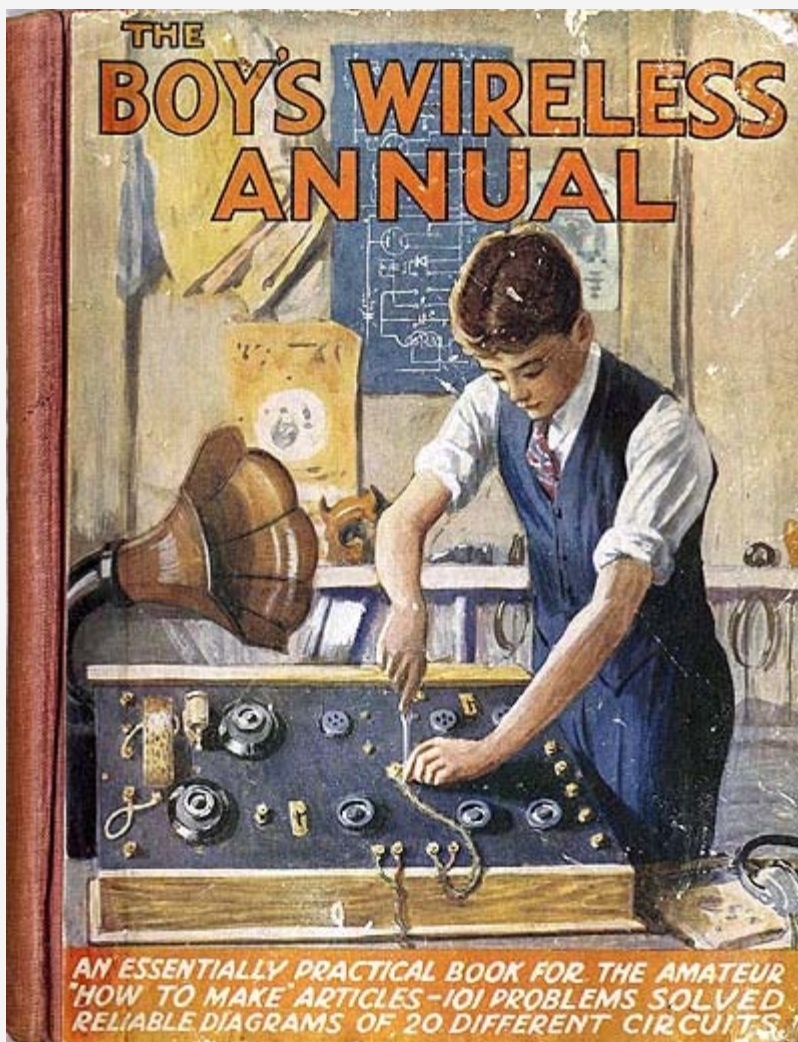
Since the bands have been pretty poor here, both MW and VHF sporadic e, I have been belting on with archive work. A recent aquisition here has been an old 1920's book I was bidding for on ebay earlier in the year, but was hopelessly outbid. The ebay auction made almost forty quid!! I found the same book for a tenner on Amazon, with another one available also at 40 odd quid!! So I am pretty pleased with the buy. Now I have got around to scanning and creating a pdf file with the said book.

Some of the text is quite advanced to be called a boy's annual!! There are a couple of interesting listings within, of both European stations, as well as British stations on MW. (Pages 36 and 48)

There are also some good plates of antennas of 2LO, as well as others. If historical wireless is an interest to you, then this is surely worth a read.



THE BOYS WIRELESS ANNUAL - 1925 - MICHAEL EGAN (85,249k pdf)



## WEATHER REPORT FROM SW SCOTLAND:

The weather conditions here in Scotland this summer must be getting on for one of the wettest. Or maybe it only seems like this?? I had to do a google search today to find out what the strange glowing light in the sky actually was. Yes, we should be used to wet weather coming from the SW of Scotland, but it doesn't help when every other day seems to be like autumn. And time is slipping past. Soon it will be Autumn and another summer will be behind us, with no real recollection of days in the sun, with a cool beer sitting by the river, or hillwalking, or whatever. No wonder some of us become ex pats!! I have not even had the big short trousers on so far this summer, bar maybe a couple of days in March and possibly a day in June!! And June, I am uncertain of.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 17th JULY 2012

### PERSEUS SERVER UPDATE - JULY 2012

I will have my Perseus server on line more regularly from this summer, as I have the spare box mounted next to the web PC. It will not be on line 24/7, but at times that suit me!! Remember a few things though....

**1:** Normally it will be connected to a 500m MW beverage and preamp, so don't expect great results on SW. If I see SW frequencies being used, I may change to a top band dipole or something, but only if I am around to see what is being listened to.

**2:** The beverage / preamp combination works better here with 10db att on. I tend to keep it on all the time. It is just enough to stop slight overload on some frequencies.

**3:** Please use **only 125khz** sampling. The web pc is only a single core PC. I may be using the web as the server is being used, and draining resources, and hence, possible stuttering may occur.

**4:** I am not interested in allowing access to anyone that has their own Perseus server passworded. If I am around and see any of them using it, I will cut them off. There was one on the Isle of Wight in July 2012 that was passworded for example.

**5:** Anon users may also find themselves being cut off. If I take the time to make my receiver live, the least that users can do surely is give their name and QTH, for no other reason than curiosity.

As a final observation, I had someone sitting on a completely empty 49mb channel for an hour or so recently. What were they up to?? What was the point?? Had they collapsed and died in front of the PC, while tuned to my server?? This seemed odd to me. I was sitting with another receiver waiting for something to start testing, but no, nothing..

It is such a pity there is no chat box incorporated, like that in dx tuners is it, the receiver sharing network??

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 3rd JULY 2012****TRANSATLANTIC TVDX / BAND 2:**

Davie H up the street today received a couple of Canadian TV channels on band 1 with sound and video, and sound on 87.7 from ch A6??

The best I could do here was hear some snatches of kids programming on 59.740mHz. I also received a reasonable CBC id. Check out Davie's videos.

<http://band1tvdx.blogspot.com/>



Listen to my own audio from Ch A2 sound on 59.740 ish.

At this stage I am usure why I couldn't pull in any video today.

Update: The video Davie had was not perhaps what I would call armchair quality. I too had some shadowy but non usable video signal!!! Davie's was somewhat stronger than mine all the same.

**SPORADIC E FROM YESTERDAY:**

For a time Belarus on R1, as well as 1+1 Ukraine were coming through on TV, while of R2, RTL (Hungary) and Lithuania TV were both fighting it out.

OIRT band was open to Eastern Europe for a little while. During this opening, I had a Radio Delta, which seems to be Italian. Of course many Italian band 1 transmitters are off air nowadays, so if there is a lift to Italy, who would know, unless it reaches band 2. (Well there are hams on 50mHz of course)



120702\_1208\_65.5\_radio\_delta\_poss\_italian.mp3



120702\_1224\_66.06\_radio\_rossi\_and\_tune\_parallel\_just\_lf.mp3



120702\_1229\_69.31\_unid\_jingle.mp3 (Update, Ukraine tnx Artie)

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 2nd JULY 2012****SHORTWAVE CLOSEDOWNS:**

I still find it quite amazing that we are being witness to the demise of international broadcasting as we know it. Radio Netherlands made it's final broadcast on 29th June from 19-21UTC on 6065kHz, the old Radio Sweden channel. I took the liberty of recording a 100khz Perseus file for that duration as a keepsake. Both Radio Netherlands / Nederlands and Radio Sweden were firm favourites with SW listeners and dxers. Both stations carried excellent dx programmes in their day.

But just what is left on SW?? Or who has thrown in the towel??

Well lets start with Radio Norway, Radio Sweden and Radio Finland, and Radio Denmark.

How many more of the well known English language stations are no more?? Bulgaria, Switzerland, Austria, Portugal, France etc. I wonder if anyone has produced an accurate listing??

### **AMERICAN PIRATES AGAIN:**

Captain Morgan SW was heard here on Friday night / UTC Saturday around 0200-0241 on 6925 AM. They announced a gmail.com address of captainmorganshortwave. Again, as with Wolverine Radio the other day, this transmission seemed only to be music and canned voice ids. No programmes!!

I seem to remember the North American stations I used to hear in the 1990's always seemed to have programmes and comedy or music with announcements and presentation???

However on Saturday night, absolutely nothing was noted!! Conditions were really poor!!! Remember that July 4th is coming up and is usually a hive of activity, as is Halloween. Sunday night was a dead loss also.



Listen to Captain Morgan SW heard in Scotland

### **SPORADIC E - MASSIVE STRONG OPENING TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL:**

After my complaints the other day that we haven't had much sporadic e this season yet again, on Thursday 28th June the band was wide open to Spain, right up to 108 for a few hours. I was fortunate enough to be able to be by the receiver for the opening. Loads of stations were heard, and loads of RDS was noted as well.

A few audio clips are included below.



120628\_1403\_102.8\_antenna\_3\_port.mp3



120628\_1353\_107.4\_tsf\_portugal\_exc\_id.mp3



120628\_1404\_102.1\_antenna\_3\_port.mp3



120628\_1439\_100.9\_cadena\_ser\_radio\_astudias.mp3



120628\_1312\_103.5\_radio\_marca\_madrid\_exc\_id\_short\_vs.mp3



120628\_1500\_106.4\_rpa\_radio.mp3



120628\_1314\_107.2\_fiesta\_fm\_madrid.mp3

### **RADIO NORD REVIVAL:**


Radio Nord Revival has been heard on SW 5895kHz. It has an odd characteristic, in the fact that it broadcasts in LSB + carrier mode. There is no USB content.

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## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 26th JUNE 2012

### ALIVE AND WELL:

No worries, I am still alive and kicking here. There has been little to report on really in the last little while. Rather than having nothing to say, I chose to say nothing!! I have been working on the archive section of this site, scanning all the old [Anoraks UK weekly reports](#), from the 1980's. This has been very successful, and has attracted a large amount of traffic so far.

I am also busy with a local history archive, so to say I have been idle would certainly be untrue.

### SPORADIC E SEASON??? WHERE??

Only a few short openings have been noted here so far this season. Highlights have been a very brief fade in of Jordan on E3 tv, an English station called Bay FM broadcasting to Spain, heard on a couple of channels, 89.2 and 98.5, The audio clips are not sorted out as yet. This season, I couldn't say we have had any particularly exciting long strong all day openings any time I have been at the receivers. Another thing of course is the fact that most of the European countries have now switched off their band 1 television transmitters, and apart from the odd R1/ R2 signal, there has been very little seen.

### DIAGONALE 1630 HEARD REGULARLY:

Station from Argentina, Diagonale 1630 is one of the few regulars here this summer. Rebelde 1620, and unid SS on 1640 have been heard a few times as well, and the PR station on 1660. I have been using the westerly beverage for the Latin's, but conditions have not been exactly wonderful here. With the North American antenna, VOXM 590



was quite respectable at 0300 the other night, although this can hardly be classed as a great dx catch..lol



Diagonale 1630 15th June 2012 at 0305

### **MW DXING ON THE DECLINE HERE, BUT CERTAINLY NOT A DEAD LOSS:**

I have not done too much SW dxing in the last few years. Since the "invention" of the Perseus in fact, my mind has been carried away with the MW band. During the last year however, the MW band seems to have taken a dive as far as Transatlantic dxing goes. Even in the winter months here, I had the opportunity to use the field across from me as an antenna farm, but the beverage erected at great effort I hasten to add, proved to be a noisy affair. Local QRN has certainly risen here in the last couple of years. There are so many of the wandering carriers all over the band (switch more power supplies??) that some frequencies are pretty hopeless.

It is NOT, I repeat NOT a dead loss or anything. It is just very much noisier than it used to be. I have been to locations in the town, where listening to strong local stations on MW indoors is a task!! Now that location, on the west coast of Scotland, would for me, be a dead loss. At the weekend there, I gave the SW a whirl.

### **NORTH AMERICAN SW PIRATES AND SSTV LOGGED:**

On Saturday night, I decided to record 6.8 - 7.0 in the hunt for some of the North American pirates that use those frequencies. As I was going out for the night, which I often do, the Perseus was set to record from 0000 - 0400 GMT. Antenna used was a half wave dipole for top band, which is pretty high and in the clear. The results?? I have logged two stations so far in the files. The stations heard all broadcast in SSB, although from time to time an AM station is heard.

One of the most powerful signals in the mid 1990's was Radio Metallica Worldwide, which used to come on the air on AM. I will have some recordings made at the time, but finding them could be a problem.

Anyway, a few logs from the last two Saturdays.

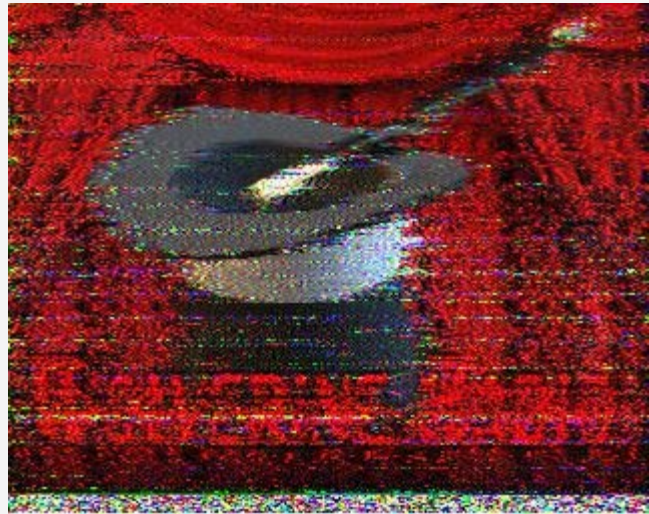
### **WOLVERINE RADIO:**

Wolverine Radio, heard many times before although unfortunately they never do any shows. This station has only ever been heard here with non stop music, and a rather poor sounding "Microsoft Sam" computer generated voice id. They were often heard around 6850 a few years back, but on Saturday night they were strong on 6950USB. They were first noted around 0220ish with Sinatra style music, TANGERINE!! They were heard past 0333, with close down around 0338. Signal was kinda fading by that time here, maybe because we were well into daylight by that time.

A little treat was in store from Wolverine Radio. I discovered from reading a web

board, ([THE FREE RADIO CAFE](#)) that there were a couple of Slow Scan TV images transmitted. It has also been a few years since I tried any SSTV, but after searching the web again, I found the software I had used in the past, MMSSTV113A.exe. (search google for this)

At 0243 and 0333 the following two images were transmitted.



AS SEEN IN SCOTLAND



AS SEEN IN THE STATES, COURTESY OF [THE FREE RADIO CAFE](#)

The above image shows Tangerines, and the words WOLVERINE RADIO at the bottom, and the image to the right has a top hat and wand in front of a red curtain, with the same caption at the foot. That was about the best I could achieve here, but there were some photos up on line from North American dxers, which were a bit clearer.

I am unsure if Wolverine Radio has an email address.



Wolverine Radio clips with two ids and sample of music approx 0230 6950USB 24th June 2012



Wolverine Radio 23 minute clip, as a demonstration of the loud and clear signal the station throws into Scotland, 0230 6950USB 24th June 2012

### THE BALTIC SEA RADIO - UPDATE:

The station heard on 6920 LSB was identified as The Baltic Sea Radio, initially sounding like THE VOICE OF FREE RADIO / THE BOSS OF FREE RADIO?? It was heard on 6920 LSB, as well as around 0130 on 6900 also LSB. The address was given as balticseapirates <a t> gmail <dot> com

A station was heard on 6920 LSB, although the SSB was a little difficult due to having a strong CW station right in the middle of the SSB signal. I was not able to make out the email address for this one. There seemed to be some Chinese talk or something similar, but music played included Boney M Rivers of Babylon, Rasputin, Daddy Cool, Ma Baker, and Baccara Yes Sir I can Boogie.

So this in fact turned out not to be a North American pirate, as first thought.



The Baltic Sea Radio approx 0120 6920LSB 24th June 2012

### HARD TACK RADIO:

This station was heard on Saturday night / Sunday morning 17th June 2012 GMT at 0050 - approx 0100 on 6925USB. There was an email address.. hardtackradio <a t> gmail <d o t> com

I guess it was this log that inspired me to change the antenna system a little and cable the Perseus into the top band dipole for recording on a Saturday night, if I am out.

I am really not certain why I have not been taking advantage of the summer time reception conditions for the North American pirates before this.



Hard Tack Radio 17th June 2012 0100

### SPIRIT RADIO 549:

The long awaited MW transmissions of Spirit Radio from Dublin have come on line as of last week. The signal on 549 from the former UCB site near Emmyvale, in Co Monaghan is absolutely powerhouse signals here, even on a clock radio, or any other crap portable. What a shame that 550 will be gone as a dx channel again. The signal is too strong to let anything past it I believe. Audio from this new service seems somehow overly processed or something. Maybe it is processed twice. Once for their web stream, which we assume the MW site is fed by, and again at the MW site??

As the name suggests, it is religious based, and not exactly the kind of station that could be described as listenable.

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 1st JUNE 2012****PHONES AND BROADBAND DOWN:**


I was wondering why I couldn't connect to the web today. Rebooted a few times and then thought, let's lift the phone. Dead. So what was wrong. Well a digger was working on near the phone pole where the thick underground wire goes. They had already pulled the cable out the ground by the time I went around to see. I was hoping that they had sliced a wire or something that I could have joined up myself. But no. The cable looked fine, and must be broken up in the junction box on the pole or inside the thick cable. Job for the phone company sadly.

**RADIO TT 365:**

MANX Radio is again on the air for the TT week. Motorbike racing. AM 1368 is carrying the racing, as well as web streams. There are always little quirky amusing inclusions in the programmes, eg someone has stolen a dozen pints of milk. Police are taking it as a serious inconvenience. The cream of the police force seemingly were investigating!!! LOL.. I have never went to the island for TT week. I believe it would be a great week, especially if the weather was reliable.

**SPIRIT RADIO ON 549 - ANOTHER QRM SOURCE:**

Nothing more heard from Spirit tests on 549. Maybe they have given up!! A report one of the boards suggested there was a large carrier on 567 at one point, but I am not sure how reliable that was. Most folks on the board in question are anon. So who knows.. Below is a sample of their very compressed sounding audio. Compressed in a bad way I must say. The old optimod in Nova days had a lot to answer for. What superb audio quality Nova had with 50kW on 738..Ah yes, those were the days.

120526\_0400\_549\_spirit\_radio\_crap\_audio.mp3 

**WEATHER REPORT:**


At the end of May, we had a mini heatwave, starting a week past on Tuesday, and last weekend was spent basking in the sun, barbeque, beers etc. But since Wednesday I think it was, the weather has broke again, and we have had some rain and overcast days. Let's hope it brightens up for the holiday weekend. All too often in the west, this may well be the end of our summer!!!!

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## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 25th MAY 2012

### SPIRIT RADIO ON 549 - ANOTHER QRM SOURCE:

What a load of bollocks, as far as MW dxers go. Spirit Radio has come on 549, noted on Thursday night, and at 0400 on the overnight recording. By 0800 it was off air, so no chance to check daytime signal, but from the signal at 0400, I would say for sure it is from the UCB site, in Co Monaghan.

There is virtually nothing worth listening to on MW any more as far as entertainment goes. The last of the big Dutch signals (10 gold and Arrow Classic Rock) now long turned into religious propaganda. And here is another one on 549, and messing up the clear 550 dx channel as well.

Of course I know the band is there to be used, and is not set out only for mw dxing!! But just once it would be nice to have a station that was listenable. Who after all can listen to non stop hymns and chants?? A sad reflection on radio in 2012. No wonder the audiences are measured in the dozens.

There are only a couple of pirates left from Ireland that can be heard with any kind of a signal. Radio North mon - fri only have about 3 hours of programming, and Radio Star, well you get fed up switching off when the bible stuff comes on.

Cheers to Stu for the typo error!!

### WEATHER U TURN:

I really should make a point of keeping a weather record here, of temperatures and wind direction etc. It wouldn't be hard, and is simple to settle a pub arguement!! But it wouldn't last if I started that, I know. But I am simply overwhelmed by the summer weather here in Scotland. Super. Send it on. More More....lol.. After the wintery weather we have had up until the other day, let's make the most of it!!

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 24th MAY 2012****GOOD OPENING TO IRELAND:**

Today has been a rather good day here for Tropo from Ireland. Normally at the local high spot most of the following will be available most days, but one I heard jumped out at me. It was a promo for none other than BIG O. The station was part of the Q network, and was from the Newrey area. Big O was well known on the MW bands in the west of the UK during the Irish pirate heyday on the 80's. One of the best ads I ever heard was Cars Cars Cars of Newrey!!! Jolly Olly, to use another of his "handles" was a real character of the airwaves, although I sadly never got the chance to meet up with him at Boyneside Radio, Rainbow Radio, or any of the other stations. The band seemed to die pretty quickly, but a few things heard include the listing below.

I had a much stronger lift last year at some point or other, when some really low powered local stuff was coming through. Still at least I managed to hear Sunshine and Q102 from Dublin, but no sign of Nova!! (Stealing legendary station names...I don't know..LOL)

87.8 RTE Border Booming  
 96.3 Northerrn Sound  
 97.0 RTE 2 Border Booming  
 100 Today FM  
 100.1 Today FM  
 100.5 Q Network, Newrey area, inc BIG O!!  
 100.9 Today FM  
 102.2 Q102 Dublin  
 102.3 DTR  
 102.7 RTE Na Gaeltachta Border Booming  
 102.9 Q102 Derry  
 103.3 Highland Radio  
 104.8 I Network  
 105.0 Prob ICR  
 105.5 Today FM  
 106.8 Sunshine Radio Dublin  
 107.9 Rave stn. Poss Lanarkshire??

Various other RTE and Newstalk transmitters were coming through as well..

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY 2012**

**UPDATES AND NOTES:**

Another month that there has not been much dxing done. A couple of days brought in some Latins, but the days I wasn't recording, Paul C and Davie have heard interesting North American dx on 1320 and 1370 (Stations I have never heard of before). I shall have to get a list made of the personal firsts that have not been mentioned on here over the last few months of poor dx.

I had a couple of items in my head for inclusion in the last few days. One was the closure of the analogue Astra services at 19 degrees east, the old UK Sky location. The other was along the same lines, but has escaped my memory. It may have been the TEST CARD thing, see below.

**MAIN BEVERAGE NEEDS ATTENTION:**

UPDATE: On test again, wire was pulled off at the ballun at the feed. Deer?? So up and working again.

My main antenna that runs through the woods at the back is as suspected, though not proven until now, not working up to scratch. A low powered txer from Ireland was on the air the other day on the LF part of the band, testing, and although it usually booms in on that aerial, had a zero signal level. On another beverage the signal was fine, though a little more noisy than I was used to. Coax seems fine, proved by feeding audio up it. Walking up and down the full aerial length shows no breaks. So maybe I have a break on part of the cable that is wrapped around a tree or stick. Anyway, I shall have to spend some time on the said antenna.

That said, the antenna of 420m through the open field in the winter months was not particularly impressive. Noisy and much lower signal levels than the now duff antenna. Yet a few years before, the open field antenna whipped the pants off the main permanent aerial.

Yes, a bit of time needs to be taken to improve the set up here. Conditions during the peak of the season did not however help my enthusiasm this winter.

**AUTOHOTKEYS - TIMER RECORDINGS, WHERE'S THE PROBLEM???**

A while back, a dxer asked me why I didn't use a certain piece of software to record during the night with the Perseus. "Why should I", I asked. I have used autohotkeys files since Dr. Matthias Zwoch in Germany came up with the script. It has worked more or less flawlessly since 2008.

I altered the script to keep it working with the latest version of Perseus, because Nico had changed a pop up box, and the location of the button had to be updated as well. I also got rid of a very silly pop up box that asked "Are you sure the antenna is connected". Having said that, maybe that would have reminded me the times that I HAVE forgotten to plug in the antenna or even connect the Perseus...LOL.



So I have a folder with pre prepared script/ files for every hour and every half hour. There are also odd full hour scripts, and any others that are required are only a few keystrokes away.

But it works fine, and fails no more or no less than the other software. ie once in a while.. The guys that use the other software also complain of the odd failure.

I always meant to show a movie of how long it takes me to set hotkeys before I turn in for the night. The video is 13 seconds long, and that includes I'm sure a couple of seconds to physically reach around the camera which isn't usually parked there, and switch off the screen, leaving only the pc tower powered up, which also powers the Perseus. For the example on the video, I click on 02, 03, 04 and 0500, (4 clicks) and switch the separate mains plug, to kill the screen, and reduce possible QRM. Job done, not remotely complex.

I am not sure why this is judged by some that have never even used hotkeys as complicated and slow. I can usually afford 13 seconds before switching off for the night. And anyway, life with your PC is not black and white. No one way to achieve the same goal is better than the other. It is simply another way. How many ways are there on a PC to get to Control Panel for example. Anyone that has used a PC for any length of time knows that there are always multiple ways to achive many of the common functions.

Of course I agree with the general opinion of dxers that a Perseus built in timer should really be available within the main software, but development seems to have come to a halt for the time being, which is a pity.

[HOTKEYS SETUP MOVIE \(14MB\)](#)

## **RADIO TRANQUILITY HEARD IN SCOTLAND:**

UPDATE: Thanks to W for reporting the broken link to the audio file below. File spelling repaired, and link wasn't. OK now!!

The other week, while chasing through some old cassettes from 1980 looking for recordings of an old station called Sonic Independent Radio, I came across a log and a recording of an unid station. I listened a few times and couldn't make the ID out. It sounded similar to Radio Saint Paulina, but not quite. I knew it was a London pirate by the accent, although quite why I never pursued the log at the time is anyone's guess. A partial ID is written in the log, but that was about it.

After I listened the next day, the ID jumped out at me. Radio Tranquility. They were in QSO with Radio Buccaneer, which was heard a few times north of the border. Note the time, of 0150. I wonder what the power of this transmission was??

[801221\\_sunday\\_0150\\_1327\\_buccaneer\\_and\\_tranquility.mp3](#)

[ireland\\_a\\_to\\_z\\_irish\\_pirates\\_sonic\\_independent\\_radio.html](#)

## **RADIOWAVES.FM FORUMS TO CLOSE:**



A great source of information on broadcasting in Ireland has come to an end. The Radiowaves forums have been running for 12 years time now, and although mostly about current legit stations in Ireland, there were often threads about the 1980's pirate heyday. No idea what if anything will come out of the offers to rehost the site. Let's hope someone can rescue plans to simply delete the site. (Like Guy's former excellent Perseus site, which was wiped from the map).

### **WEATHER HERE IN SCOTLAND:**

After a number of real hot early summer like days towards the end of March, April and May up until now (18th) have both been particularly chilly and non summer like. The trees etc are very slow to open, and you feel a good few days of real sunshine would give new greenery and life to the woodlands and the fields. Last year, many of the beech trees were actually burned brown in June because of the exceptionally cold weather we had last year as well in the early summer. So I am still in the winter woolies here!!

Thought. Where are all the Global Warming crooks / money grabbers hiding in this weather???

UPDATE: At last some real hot weather arrived on 22nd May, after a bitterly cold and miserable few weeks, that felt like October, and not a mid summer..

### **ASTRA ANALOGUE SERVICES CLOSE:**

After many years on air, the Astra analogue services at 19 degrees east have gone off air. Eurosport was on the air until I guess the end of April, as well as a bouquet of other German channels. It has been long enough since I have even checked out the satellite channels, but many of the German free to air stuff we used to see beside Sky One and Screensport etc are still on the 19.2 degrees Astra, in digital mode.



### **PORTUGAL SAYS GOODBYE TO BAND 1:**

The other day I saw just a tiny bit of TVDX on Euro channel E3. It was Portugal, on their last gasps before closing the transmitter. All that remains of this regular from previous years, is a text caption. There isn't even any sound!! As this is my first tvdx of the season, I wasn't really prepared, and while I saw the caption pretty clear, I

never managed to take a decent photo of it. Camera not ready etc. Maybe it will come in again before the final switch off?? Who knows?

UPDATE: According to a report that came to David H from Portugal, the signal is sadly gone.

I hear it said amongst some tv dxers about their joy of most of the Euro countries now being off the air on band 1. I personally liked those wide open sporadic e days. You never knew what was going to pop up. There were many of the Euro channels that were seen as pests to some dxers. But when there is nothing from Spain or Portugal now, no French, German, Swiss, Austrian, Scandinavian etc left, there is precious little going to be seen in general. Sure on a really good day there may be the odd arab. But the TVDX hobby is certainly in serious decline. To keep me interested I would say I have to see pictures fluttering up. If all I ever have now is blank screens, it is hardly going to keep me keen. The novelty of seeing carriers on a speclab screen wore off quickly the first summer I saw them. Still, at least we have some fine photographs and short movie clips from previous years to look back on.

### TEST CARD BACK ON THE TELLY:

Who of a certain vintage will not remember the good old test card and music. There are even web sites with old test cards. But did you know that the test card is available on Freeview in the UK?? It is available on most receivers as far as I am aware. OK then, where is it??

It is hidden behind a series of button presses.

1) Go to channel 105 (BBC Red Button channel) and wait till the screen appears



2) Press the Yellow button within 30s, and then wait 5 seconds or so.

3) Switch to any other channel, eg 12, (or channel up then channel down or whatever)

4) Switch back to channel 105, and wait till the mainly green setup screen appears



5) Press the Green button, and the BBC Widescreen test card will appear, complete with the lassie and the clown. (The test card sometimes takes a little while to appear)



### TELETEXT ON TWO:

I saw the other night when I was up kinda late, that the BBC is still showing TELETEXT ON 2 at certain times during the night. Interesting. I was under the impression that the recently publicised London switch over was the last analogue. In actual fact after searching through the web, I did finally find a page that tells us that Northern Ireland is not switched over, and neither is the South East coast of England. I guess Teletext will then become a thing of the past. So for old times sake, I did record a few hours on a DVD, of the last of the Teletext on 2. These little quirky pieces of info are the things you used to get on some of the techie / media shows. I don't think there are any of these type of shows left now either. (Such as the one Bob Tomalski used to present on Sky News, or "Satellite Surgery" on whatever channels it was on) Anyone know different??

### MEDIA NETWORK ARCHIVES:

On the subject of Media programmes, Media Network was a great radio show from Radio Nederland that evolved into a firm favourite with dxers. Johnathan Marks the main presenter has been archiving many of his old recordings. One of his latest to be archived includes the amazing tale of Radio Nova Dublin boss, Chris Carey escaping from an open nick (prison) in England before fleeing to New Zealand!! He was caught and flown back to serve his time. This was after flogging hooky cards for Sky. Sadly Chris died a few years ago, and never quite recovered from a stroke he suffered in the

nick.

## **BBC SCHOOLS:**

I had a favourable e mail from an old kronie about last month's school pamphlets which I reproduced here. (photos, not a full reproduction) I was also reminded about a kind of thing we used to get when we were 5-6, in the very early primary school days. Music and Movement. Yes, I do remember that and it was a kind of a girlie prancey type thing, not exactly running and jumping. LOL.. I'd forgotten about this one!!

Other TV programmes I do recall were "WATCH" with a chic called "Roseanne" or similar, "Music Time", "A Year's Journey", "Around Scotland". On the radio we had "Singing Together", "Nature", "From Seven To Nine", and on a Friday in the early years at primary school, we had the afternoon story. It always followed "Listen With Mother", which we used to hear the tail end of, including the unforgettable theme tune. This would have been in 1968 / 69 I guess. There was something called "Poetry Corner" on a Tuesday I believe, from memory.

I remember "Look and Read" with the little series, "Len and the River Mob". I think I may have seen this just before I went to school, and not actually during school. "Len" appeared in Minder as a dodgy motor mechanic pal of Arthur.

On a Thursday we had the dreaded Religious Service first thing in the morning. It was a good time to fall asleep and daydream, but just sometimes the teacher would quiz you about this crap as well! Why o why did they insist on wasting kids time by ramming religious dribble down their throats.

I also remember making things like ink blotters at woodwork. But everyone was using biro pens in my day, not the inkwell and nibs!!

## **DEMONISING HOARDERS - SOMEONE WITH A VILE DISEASE, OR A WISE MAN? ?**

I was bemused the other night while sitting doing nothing but flicking through the tv channels (In itself a sign of not being able to get my head around anything more constructive, usually to do with a drunken weekend..lol). Anyhow, I came across some amusing programme or other about Britain's worst hoarders. I watched as some folks were assisting to get the homes and gardens of these so called hoarders cleaned up. But I got to thinking. Who are these jumped up college girls, and penguin impersonators that judge others anyway??

Well if the BBC had employed more hoarders and not stupid "clear out the old stuff" types some years ago, there wouldn't have been any lost episodes of Dads Army or Z Cars etc.

But luckily for our heritage, the museums are full of "stuff" which has been collected by similar "hoarders" in years gone by. Much more has been lost and thrown away when falling into the hands of fools.

Back to the story, and I was amused that these silly little green college girls go on public TV and openly talk about the so called hoarder's "serious illness" and his "psychological problem". They were quite frankly extremely rude, and I 'd have shown the likes of that the door. Straight away!! I'm sure they actually believed in what they were saying.

HOWEVER.. Some of the places visited, the folk are seriously only keeping a hold of old papers and empty beer bottles and drinks cans, not as a collection of newspapers like a local library, or radio enthusiast for that matter, but more of a simple pile of old rubbish. Cat shit, years of fag ends, and dirty old shirts lying around the place, bathtub too full of crap to take a wash however is less like a hoarder, and more like just a dirty black b\*\*\*\*\* LOL... I think there is a major difference between someone that has run out of room for the stuff they wish to keep a hold of, and the "black, manky ba\*\*\*\*\*s, that are just simply too fat and bone idle lazy to clean the hoose!!! LOL

I however have a few old sheds that are piled to the ceiling with junk that may or may not be used for something or other one day. That cracking old hi fi amp that works only on one channel now, that I may fix some day... that kind of thing. If I am looking for lengths of wood I could find enough for whatever wee job I am looking for. Or bits of metal for some project or other. Or spare PC monitors. Gees yes, I don't know how many I have piled up as spares!! I have had the need to use quite a few over the years. And old scrap PC's I have for spares, and old video recorders, incase the last one dies on me when a historical VHS tape requires to be transferred to DVD. Yes, quite a pile up of old videos are lying around here.

The "auld fermers" used to go to sales and cart home mountains of "stuff". My own farmer grandfather had sheds full of lengths of wood, and other bits and pieces. I remember as a boy, playing amongst all his stuff. And there was never any shortage of timber whenever any major jobs were being done around the farm, or by his offsprings.

I was in a house last year which is pretty local to me. The guy there did have only sitting room for one, among all this rubbish piled on his living room easy chairs and couches and table. And it was rubbish that seemed to be waiting to go into the bin. Carrier bags with old soap powder boxes and bean tins..LOL.. Another old farmer I used to visit had similar room in the kitchen, where he really spent most of his time. The big old kitchen table was piled high and no room even for a cuppa to sit!! How I wished for a rake through the place. That was one of the places that had worthwhile historical artefacts around the place. I have seen some very interesting historical collections come out of places like that!!

I recently "lost" I have no idea how much local material. An old acquaintance was clearing out his "old hoarder" of a father's loft before selling the house, after a bereavement. I was given a loan of a small album of photos to scan. They were of celebrations from the 1935 jubilee. But despite his late father hoarding all his old original glass negatives he had in his loft, the son came around and threw the lot out.

"Aye", he told me, "You have no idea the amount of those old gless things that I threw out".

The old boy was a press man and a photographer, so I am in no doubt that he had good camera gear even in those days. I turned a funny colour when he told me this

story, and cursed and swore and ranted and raved at him!!! LOL.. How can anyone now not be aware of the historical value of these things, after all the programmes that are on the television these days about antiques? There is a local history group on his doorstep, a publisher of history books, museums, and I live only a couple of miles away from his old folks house!!

Anyway, back to the old hoarders, and I bet the self acclaimed experts that judge these old hoarders would be happy to obtain a second hand part for their cars at their local scrap yard, despite the scrappie's so called "obvious illness".

Maybe some folks with the "illness that never was" stems from living in the country, when you just can't go down the local shop and get xxxx without a 30 mile round trip. Or maybe it's a case of "Why buy something new when something old will work". My own main PC, a well respectable dual core / processor thing came from a bin. What was wrong with it? A twenty quid power supply, that I had lying around anyway, because I am a hoarder. Maybe the so called experts have too much money around them, and judge everyone else in the same way, being completely clueless to being flat broke. I personally would have judged the jumped up shrink with his weird penguin outfit and bright yellow thing around his neck as an oddity LOL.

Whatever the reasons, I seem to be in the category of being a hoarder!!!


In the words of an old kronie of mine. "A tidy office is no' a busy office".

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## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 6th APRIL 2012

### MW DXING - TERM USED LOOSELY:

Remember this term? It was once used to describe the multitude of transatlantic radio stations heard on a nightly basis on the overnight MW band from "Perseus" recordings.

I use the above phrase tongue in cheek, but in the last couple of months, dx has been a dead loss here at this qth. I seem to be getting jammed out by local qrn from somewhere, and not only on one antenna. This seemed to start in late January I think it was, when I noticed a lot of noise on the main antenna. The aerial I had in the farmers field over the winter months was also a noisy affair, and qrn levels were much higher than they were even from the aerial through the woods, which is permanent.

But even that antenna is very noisy now. I have replaced the coax along an underground stretch that was definately duff, but it has not really been beneficial, and I feel the antenna is either "not what it was" or maybe being overpowered by the dreaded QRN, giving the impression it is faulty. I can send audio down the long feeder and hear loud music at the far end. That's no problem. New earth rods etc are also installed.

One worrying thing is the local primary school, which is no more than 100 yards away. That has been received a huge renovation grant recently, and has been closed for a year or so, and the kids using a neighbouring village school. But in another neighbouring village, I have been led to believe that their primary school does not even have a blackboard. They use the latest large electronic screens nowadays, and thus I have no reason to doubt that my little local school will now be any different. They will no doubt now have the latest computer and fastest broadband capabilities to add noise to the rumble. This can only be a nightmare for a local radio enthusiast, when it comes to local QRN. And the best of it, I would be able to do little about this.

The school is due to reopen before summer recess, or so local rumour says.



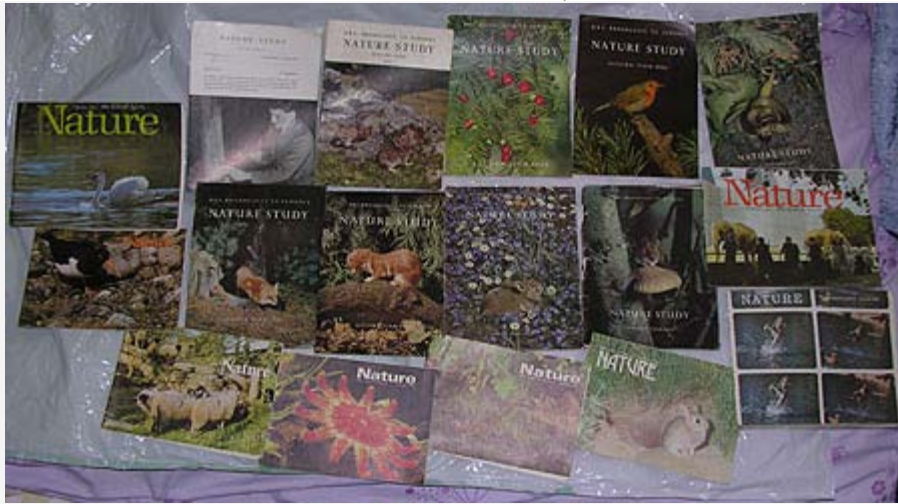
## OLD BBC RADIO SCHOOLS PAMPHLETS:

I have done a lot of rooting around the place here, tidying up and putting all sorts of stuff that was mixed up for years, into some kind of a retrievable accessible order. This includes these little magazines that I have had since the 60's and early 1970's. They are the old school pamphlets that used to accompany radio and television shows for schools. Do the BBC produce any radio and TV shows for schools now?? There are no shows on the normal TV channels. All are taken up by crap daytime tv talk shows. So it makes me wonder. Are TV and Radio programmes for Schools a thing of the past???

You can also see from the bottom image that I have a load of NATURE STUDY pamphlets from the 1940's and 1950's, I believe they were kept by my old man. (Or maybe someone gave him them, but they were lying around the place for many many years). I had a look on ebay, but never saw any the same, and can only assume that these items are relatively rare. My local primary used to give out these booklets to pupils that might want to keep a copy, at the end of term. I always stuck my hand up. I guess I was a hoarder even back then!! I may scan and pdf a few or the old ones in the near future.







### RUPERT AND HIS ITV DIGITAL CARDS:

After the so called phone hacking scandal in the UK, I watched an amazing documentary on possibly BBC4 the other night about something which always bemused me. Years ago, and maybe I am talking about the late 90's, I am unsure now, there used to be adverts all over the papers for hooky satellite cards. The codes were being broken regularly, and Sky and the terrestrial digital services were forever changing their encryption systems.

The TV programme went to the extent of suggesting that the frequent code breaches of the ON Digital / ITV Digital systems was done by none other than Sky themselves, making short work of their opposition!! It was suggested that Sky were deliberately retrieving the codes of their opposition, and they were being distributed freely on the net, for the use of pirate card operators!!

I can remember being at the Glasgow market place (The Barras) and seeing queues waiting for their cards to be reprogrammed after a code change, which the guys sitting with the old laptops were charging a fiver a time I think!! (Bet they had a steaks and champagne those nights)

It was quite an eyeopener of a programme. I did record it, but the disk it was on failed to finalise for some reason. It may be on again.

The ironic thing about the whole affair, is that Sky even went to the trouble of tracking down well known offshore radio personality, and Radio Nova Dublin boss, Chris Carey to New Zealand, after he escaped from an open prison, and fled to New Zealand!! He had been in the nick for selling hooky Sky cards reasonably openly from the Radio Nova base in Camberly, Surrey.

The small ad below was found in a box of junk recently, and probably from the Sunday Sport. I presume it was from the Sport as there is a big bare erse on the "back side" (bad joke) of this cutting. The Satellite magazines, such as What Satellite TV, and others like it, all carried these kind of ads at one time, before Sky managed to become established as part of the UK broadcasting system and persuaded the government to

legislate against this type of white collar crime.

... fund-raising event for a local soccer team at a hotel in Manchester. But when George failed to turn up 49-year-old Marsh admitted: "He blew £16,000 on Monday night and no one has seen or heard from him since."

chapel... bury, Glos... even though it pays 50p a week. It includes use of a cottage.

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TYPICAL 90'S ADVERT SEEN IN DUBIOUS NATIONAL PAPERS LIKE THE SUNDAY SPORT



Thursday, September 7, 1995 Daily Record 9



**DARLINDA** ... raised thousands for charity

**Star gazer Rita dies**

**SCOTLAND'S** most famous clairvoyant has died.

Rita Madbok - known as Darlinda - lost her brave fight for life in Glasgow's Western Infirmary on Tuesday night. She was 55.

She was the regular astrology columnist with the Record's sister paper the Sunday Mail for the last 16 years and the country's first ever registered clairvoyant.

Diabetic Rita had a history of kidney failure and had a transplant in 1987. Recently the new kidney failed and she was on daily dialysis.

**Research**

She was a tireless fundraiser for charity and collected nearly £200,000 for kidney research.

Sunday Mail editor Jim Cassidy said: "Thousands of Scots have lost someone who had won a place in their heart."

She is survived by husband Dr Rajan Madbok and four children, Selma and Gary.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday at 10am in St. John's RC Church, Barrowhead.

## EXCLUSIVE: GANGSTERS TARGET THE TELLY

# Drug kings battle for Sky-high profits

By STUART GRIFFITHS and CHARLES BEATON

**D**RUG barons are out to make millions by flogging forged satellite TV cards.

Teams of crooks are hiring jobless computer experts to take the smart cards viewers need to watch most Sky channels.

And they plan to sell the counterfeiters for just £60, against the £276 maximum price of a genuine card.

With Scotland's police cracking down heavily on the drug trade, the hoods are looking for new money-making schemes.

And a gangland source said: "This scam is really set to take off. I'm surprised you've discovered it."

The potential is there, it could be worth millions. A lot of money has been put up by drug dealers UK-wide.

A young computer programmer involved in the scheme told the Record how simple it was to produce the forgeries.

And he claimed Sky will never be able to stop the crooked trade.

At his shop in Glasgow's south side, he took three seconds to reprogramme an expired card.

All he needed was a nine-digit identification number from one Sky customer. And once one fake card is made, it can be used to run off 200,000 copies.

The whip-kid said: "There is a lot of heat on the streets at the moment, and this is the simplest way for the big men to make some easy money."

"We sell the cards for about £60 at the beginning of the year. That amount will reduce every month, finally getting down to about 15 just before the year-long subscription period runs out and Sky change over to new cards."

The information needed to take the cards comes from hackers who break into Sky's computer system.

Our source said he paid £40 for the four programmes required to get into Sky.

For that £40, he also got the tiny piece of equipment for reprogramming a smartcard.

With it, expired cards, or new ones imported from France, can be easily set up so buyers can watch any Sky channel.

**Fuse**

Sky are being in a new card in December, fitted with an electrical fuse which will be blown when the card is no longer valid.

But the underworld source bragged: "We have already blown out a few fuses and we will be up and running with new cards in a couple of weeks."

A spokeswoman for Sky said: "Obviously, we would be very grateful for any information you may have about this."

"But it is not our policy to comment on programme security systems, for obvious reasons."

**HOW THE CARD WORKS**

TO watch Sky's sports and movie channels, you need a smartcard.

Prices vary, depending on which channels you want to see. It costs £276 for the card which gives you the full service. The pirates usually include all the channels on their cards, to make sure they sell well on the black market.

Sky do all they can to make sure they have no competition.

They threatened court action last year, when an Irish firm produced a much cheaper card and put it on sale.

### Fight to beat the fakes

**SKY** fight the forgers with teams of security experts.

They tear pubs and clubs trying to buy up fake cards.

"Once the company get their hands on the counterfeiters, they immediately cancel them."

And because the crooks use the identification number from one card to make many thousands of copies, Sky can catch off thousands of black market customers by finding just one fake.

**Happy**

This hurts the viewers, but the crooks themselves aren't too badly hit.

If they're left with a bunch of cancelled cards, they simply reprogramme them with a new number.

And the gangs say that because their customers have only paid £60, many are happy to just go out and buy a second crooked card if the first one is cancelled.

WAS THIS STORY OF DRUG KINGS ALSO CIRCULATED BY SKY I WONDER??

With regards to the phone hacking scandal in the UK. I really do not know what all the fuss is about. That was the reason that so many scanners were sold by Tandy in the 90's, to eavesdrop on the analogue mobiles around 920 and 940mhz. Remember the Diana affairs in the papers??

There were also the frequencies around 1.6MHz on the MW band that some tuners on music centres and radios would tune up to, to pick up the old round the house phones. MW dxers are well aware of these, when dxing the top end of the MW band, but rightly kept quiet about it in their local pubs, otherwise they would miss the latest local gossip!!

Frequencies around 31MHz were a favourite for a time as well.

In Scotland as listed in the Scanner books, there was a network audible around 168MHz. The old scanner used to be jam packed with these analogue frequencies.

But sadly there are barely any signals left to listen in to. Even the "Polis" have left the analogue radios for secure radios. Who can remember the broadcast band up to about 1988 or 89 still had the emergency services around 101, which you could hear clearly on a normal radio. How clever was that, when it was being allocated!!!

**NEW WRTH - 1954:**

I have recently found an excellent copy of the 1954 WRTH, or to be more exact, the World Radio Handbook as it was called. It is priced at 8/6, which is about 42.5p in new money. The price tag is printed, it is not a round sticker.

The book came from a seller on ebay who was none other than Jack Webster, a mw dxer and fellow Perseus owner. I never knew this at the time though. I had a wee drink on the night that the bidding was ending. I was down the pub, and asked a pal to keep an eye on it!! The book had sat at a modest sum for a while, but I was quite keen to get this one.

"Ach, stick in 20 quid max", I said to my amused pal.

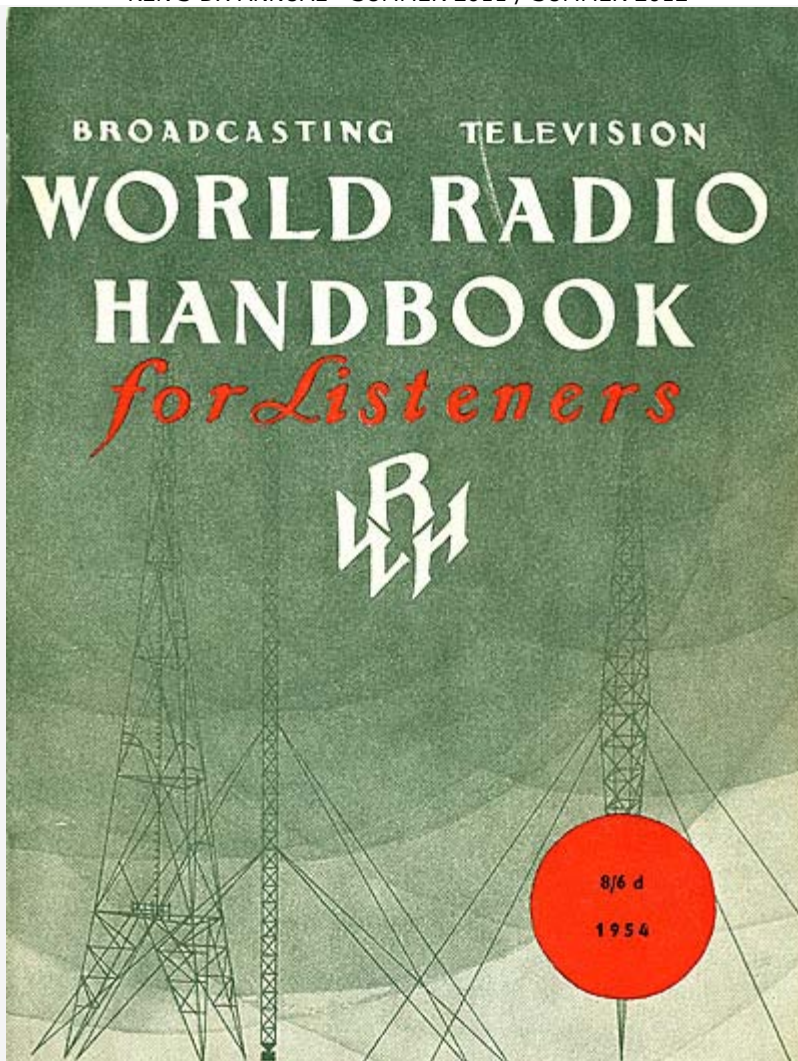
Aye, the price rose to about £18.50 at the last minutes, and I got it by the skin of my teeth.

I probably would have said a tenner if I hadn't been down the pub!!

I may well make this into a pdf shortly and reproduce on here. There is only 136 pages in this early 8th edition.

There is a German company, and also NASWA in the States, offering the early WRTH collections until about 1970 on disk. This is EXTREMELY overpriced at around 100 dollars. If the price had been around twenty quid, I'm sure they would have moved a whole lot more than they have.

Now if anyone wants to make themselves a quick 20 quid, and sell me a second hand copy..... do get in touch!!!



**RACAL RA17 SERIES SPOTTED:**

An auld pal here in Scotland e mailed the other week about a Racal receiver spotted in a new movie, TINKER TAYLOR SOLDIER SPY. Well spotted, in the titles obviously.



### **AUDIO INDEXING UPDATE:**


A lot of indexing work has went into this site this past month, and I think the initial changes are complete. Anyone that can find any broken links to files within this site, let me know. I also need to go through the links page. It's amazing how many change and vanish over a relatively short time.

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## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2012

### AUDIO INDEXING UPDATE:

A lot of indexing work has went into this site this week, and sister site, dxarchive.com. It is mainly in connection with a large archive of audio files that were at one time stored on another server, but are now on the same server as these html files. It makes life easier once the initial indexing is completed, and makes it easy to find broken links and orphaned files etc. It perhaps created a little more work, as the files are all going to be listed in text, instead of simply being dumped in a folder.

File names can be a nightmare to work through if they are named in a random fashion. There are recordings on the dx archive area from more than one source, and I guess everyone has their own ways of naming mp3 files. Anyway as far as I can see the job is more or less complete. I apologise if anyone has been looking for audio files in the last few weeks during the transition.

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Radio Reloj, Cuba



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**AUDIO STRUCTURAL UPDATE:**

NB: There is a large audio structural update to this site in progress. Many of the archive audio files will not be working at present. Especially those files associated with the DX Archive web site. Bear with us on this. A few different ideas are being thought about. Back to normal by later this week.

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2012****DX TESTS THIS WEEKEND:**

Let's hope for better conditions than last dx test a few weeks ago when the band was real miserable.

**KRPI 1550 kHz**, Ferndale, WA. February 26, 2012 at 0400 to 0430 ET (0900-0930 UTC). Test includes voice announcements, CW IDs, distinctive music and audio tones. EMail reception reports with digital recordings to 1550radio@gmail.com. Or, via postal mail to Mr. David Harris, Chief Engineer, KRPI Radio, P.O. Box 3213, Ferndale, WA 98248. Please include an SASE and return postage.

National Radio Club <http://www.nrcdxas.org/> via Mike Terry, mwdx yg (12/2-2012)

**WHP 580 kHz**, Harrisburg, PA. February 27, 2012 at 0005 ET (0505 UTC), 0033 ET (0533 UTC), 0105 ET (0605 UTC), 0133 ET (0633 UTC), 0205 ET (0705 UTC), 0233 ET (0733 UTC), 0305 ET (0805 UTC), 0333 ET (0833 UTC), 0405 ET (0905 UTC) and 0433 ET (0933 UTC) for 1 minute each time. Test includes voice announcements and CW IDs. EMail reception reports with digital recordings to rjharris@clearchannel.com Or, via postal mail to Mr. R. J. Harris, Operations Manager, WHP Radio, 600 Corporate Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Please include an SASE and return postage.

National Radio Club <http://www.nrcdxas.org/> via Mike Terry, mwdx yg (12/2-2012)

**WTKT 1460 kHz**, Harrisburg, PA. February 27, 2012 at 0015 ET (0515 UTC), 0045 ET (0545 UTC), 0115 ET (0615 UTC), 0145 ET (0645 UTC), 0215 ET (0715 UTC), 0245 ET



(0745 UTC), 0315 ET (0815 UTC), 0345 ET (0845 UTC), 0415 ET (0915 UTC) and 0445 ET (0945 UTC) for 1 minute each time. Test includes voice announcements and CW IDs. EMail reception reports with digital recordings to [rjharris@clearchannel.com](mailto:rjharris@clearchannel.com) Or, via postal mail to Mr. R. J. Harris, Operations Manager, 1460 The Ticket, c/o Clear Channel Communications, 600 Corporate Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Please include an SASE and return postage.

National Radio Club <http://www.nrcdxas.org/> via Mike Terry, mwdx yg (12/2-2012)

### **MORE VA FROM PAUL C:**

DX neighbour Paul C has been hearing a few interesting stations from VA in the last days. Again I have heard the oldies on 1420 this morning, but the elusive ID of WKCV Warrenton still evaded me. I heard Beatles "Yellow Submarine", "While My Guitar Gently Weeps", as well as "Photograph" and "I Love The Rainy Nights". There was another Beatles track as well. But was there any ID?? No.

Paul has also recently logged 1400 WKAV Charlottesville, and 1480 WPWC Dumfries. Amazing. No sign of the latter two here.

### **THE FUNNY LITTLE THINGS WE REMEMBER:**

I was having a carton of pineapple juice the other night and as often happens, the taste of fresh pineapple juice has an eerie effect on me. It always or almost always takes me back to 1982, when two young fellows were setting sail late on a Friday night to try and catch a 3am ferry at Stranraer, to go to Ireland. I was driving, and couldn't have the usual pint or two in our local pub before we went. However, my pal did!! I bought a few very small bottles of pineapple juice in the pub, to take with me. The ones you buy with a vodka for example to top up the glass.

And thats the complete story, nothing more, no punchline. The taste of pineapple juice always takes me back to two of us trying to get some sleep in a mini van till the first ferry at 6am or so. What about the 3am sailing?? It didn't sail on weekends at that time, which we only discovered when we arrived!!

I remember sitting at the harbour waiting for a boat, maybe it was even at Cairnryan, maybe at Stranraer, with Radio Nova 88FM coming out the Grundig radio. Or was it 819 am? Could we hear 88fm at the port? It is now 30 years ago, half a lifetime, and memory is failing. But the taste of the pineapple juice always reminds me of that miserable night, waiting for the first sailing. We never even had a bag of crisps between us!!

Who can verify this story. No one. It is one of those little memories that will remain with me and only me, and has done already for 3 decades. My old pal from 1982 died at a young age, and thus the story of the pineapple juice is only in the memory cells of one person. Myself! I just thought I would share the memory.

Incidentally my old friend was less than impressed the following night when we had to sleep in the van again, after getting lost in Dublin at night!! After that, things became

much more fun when we met up with a motley crew at Suirside Radio in Waterford, where we knocked the top off a few bottles!!

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2012


### CENTRAL AMERICAN STATIONS ON SUNDAY / MONDAY:

The MW DX has shifted around a little towards Cuba and PR. I had some nice signals on Sunday on 1660, with // 1390 PR. Also Radio Islas, PR on 1320, probably the strongest I have heard them.

There were no logs here today because I was using the USB port the Perseus was connected to and forgot to reconnect last night after setting the timers!! Silly Billy...

### LOGS:

1020 Radio Reloj, Cuba 0702 19/2

1320 Radio Islas, PR 0702 19/2 Gd peak 

1390 PR // 1660 19/2 0700

1430 WOIR Holmstead / Miami SS ID 0701 20/2 hrd before here... 

1540 Bahamas Ann 104.5, and catchy ad about going to school 0713 20/2

1700 WJCC Fairly good 20/2 0702

### RADIO CORO 780:

A log from January had me mistakenly believing the station was something else. At 6s I thought Radio Globo or something was being said, but it is basically Radio Coro saying Happy New Year. Phew, my SS skills are almost nil. Tnx to Paul C for the assistance. He even noticed a weak CORO id at 16s!!

780 Radio Globo?? Doesn't sound like Radio Coro.. 1/1 0800 

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2012

### UPDATE TO THIS SITE AT LONG LAST:

The MW DXING part of this site, these pages, have not been updated since early January, mainly due to the dx being rather poor of late, poor enough for me personally to drift off and do other projects. I spent a little time listening to some files I gave Davie H away with him. They came from December 2009. What a season. Some really rare and great DX there. What a difference to those noisy boring files I record almost daily here.

Almost daily!! I never recorded on Sunday night after the stinking rotten conditions on the MW band for the DX test. Of course Paul C, my dx neighbour, has logged a rare daytimer!! Typical. (1420 WKCW)

Back to these pages. Logs have been listed below from the last few weeks, dating back to New Year. Just before I don't get around to it at all.

Do have a look at the January page which includes some other entries which have not been added to the on line version, and thus unread except by myself!!

January also included the personal firsts which seem all to have been from January.

### **DX TEST ON 560 - SHOCKING BAND CONDITIONS:**

There was no trace of the DX test that took place at 0500 on Sunday morning UTC. Sadly there has been a power of solar activity, which has simply messed up the whole band.

### **LOGS FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS:**

#### **530 Unid Indian type sound 0800 1/1 Not the usual Encyclopedia from Cuba (Asian Indian)**

550 WSAU 0800 1/1 But with company. Can't quite get the second station. WSAU also 0900 better.

570 Radio Reloj, Cuba very loud 8/2 0700 

570 CFCB Good 790 CFCB id 19/1 2201 


570 WSYR 0600 20/1 Also other times as well recently. 0200 + 0700 22/1 ann **106.9**

#### **600 WMT, Cedar Rapids IA. 0800 1/1.**


600 CBC Old toth chimes 19/1 2300. Heard on rest of network as well

610 WIOD 18/1 0300 A million various ways to listen to WIOD!! 

640 Strong CBC / AM 6-40 mix 0800 1/1

680 6-80 News, Toronto Particularly strong and clear at 0800 20/1  I don't normally even log 680 nx. Common station.

720 WGM Chicago good 0400 20/1 


780 WBBM ann 105.9 WCFS Elmwood Park, Chicago 1/1 0758 

#### **780 Radio Globo?? Doesn't sound like Radio Coro.. 1/1 0800**

820 Radio Reloj, Cuba 0600 27/1


820 TBN 0300 27/1

900 CHML gd @ 0900 1/1

**920 R Encuentro, Bolivia 0900 1/1 "WKM Radio Oruro" Personal First**  (I think this may be my first Bolivian??? Maybe not, but can't recall another)

950 unid below CKNB. Just too wk 0900 1/1

980 WOFX Albany 0800 22/1

1000 WMVP ESPN Chicago 21/1/12 0900 


1020 KDKA particularly good 0100 20/1 I don't normally even log KDKA. Common


station.

1070 Radio Santa Fe Columbia 0600 and 0602 7/1

1120 KMOX Less usual id. voice only. 0800 1/1. Hrd ann 102.5 0800 10/2


1130 KWKH 0400 20/1

1170 WWVA 0800 10/2 loud signal 

**1230 Radio Progresso Hababa 0302 27/1 (Tnx Paul C for the help with id) (Pers 1st)** 

1230 Unid SS 0058 27/1 Not got decent audio clip yet

1230 CBC 0900 1/1 no local id sadly. News about people helping drivers by warning where police roadblocks are on twitter!! (One up to the people, well done, keep it up!!)

1240 VOXM 2200 19/1 quite good tonight, and at 0900 20/1 

1250 WSSB Milwaukee Fox Sports 0900 1/1

1280 WNAM fairly good 20/1 0900. Don't usually log this common one

1290 WMCS Greenfield / Milwaukee 0900 20/1

1290 WHIO 0600 20/1, 0300 18/1

1290 WRNI 0200 22/1 Public Latino

1290 WKBK Keene, NH 0700 20/1, 0500 22/1

1290 KIVY Tx 0400 22/1 odd jin at toth as well. poss same stn?? messy ch.

**1300 KGLO Mason City 0900 1/1, Also 21/1 0900 mix with WOOD.**


1310 WCCW Heard in the mush 0900 20/1, 0900 21/1

1340 RCN Columbia 0602 7/1

1340 CBC Unid QTH 0900 20/1

1360 WSAI Cincinnati 0500 22/1

1390 WLPM gd 0400 20/1


1400 Radio Mariana de Bogota, Columbia Pretty good 0604 7/1 

1430 WENE Loud and clear 0900 20/1 This common stn not usually logged.

1470 Unid seemed to cut advert mid ad. Thought maybe daytimer, but just ad failing half way thru. Heard same on 1510, so it was only WLAM, // 1510 Boston!! 2200 19/1

**1490 Radio Antenna Punto Cinco, Columbia 0604 7/1 (Personal 1st)** 

1520 Libertad Columbia 0559 7/1

1540 WDCD Good ids and ann **96.7** 2346 19/1 


1580 Caracol, Columbia 0600 9/1

1590 unid mx stn Americas best mx 0900 1/1


**1590 WHGT Maucansville, MD Daytimer still on QRO pres 2200 19/1** 

**1590 XEVOZ Mexico. ID and call 7/1 0800 (Personal First)** 

1590 Unid SS Tk on Columbia 0601 7/1 - Not sure if an id in here or not

1590 Unid SS "Musica Nacional Radio" 20/1 0800 Too fast SS for me. 


1590 WAKR with test of OH emergency services thing 0104UTC 20/1. Fair 0800 10/2


**1590 WCGO EVANSTON, IL. weak, poor ID 0200 20/1 Personal First** 


1590 WARV 0400 8/2

1650 WHKT / K Talk 0100 6/1

1650 CINA Regular gd 0500 22/1

1660 WWRU 8/2 0300 loud 


1660 The Avenue FL 10/2 0200 gd signal 

1660 PR station SS multi call 0600 10/2 

1700 KLIF TX Fox Nx 2300 19/1


1700 KVNS Booming 22/1 0500

1700 XEPE Mexico ESPN stn now. Hrd in dec as unid, but found yl mumbled id as per

web stream. 0800 24/12/11 

(Click here for XEPE id via a remote Perseus) 


### **RADIO FREE EUROPE:**

I noted a Radio Free Europe ID 0200 11/2 on 1593. Is this VOA Kuwait? Who do Radio Free Europe think is listening these days? 

### **DUTCH QSO WITH SERBIA:**

Radio Happy Miner, and Radio Readymix from Holland were QSOing with a Serb pirate called Radio Texas on 17th January. I noted these QSOs around 2300. The biggest problem was that the cloggies kept jumping on top of the Serbian station and jamming him. As a result, I failed to hear any ID on the Serb station, although I could hear him chattering away. Frequencies around 1650 / 1653.

### **AMUSING JINGLE ON RADIO STAR 981:**

I heard this little jingle on Radio Star Country in December which amused me no end. Have a listen!! 

### **RADIO SOFIA CLOSES:**

What listener to SW would believe in 1980 during the cold war, that so many of the International broadcasters that were once heard across the world would be gone!! Radio Sofia, or Radio Bulgaria as they were called in recent times closed at 2200 on 31st January 2012. I began making a list of stations that have closed, in the January pages. This probably deserves a page to itself, as an article. The inclusion of International broadcasters would also be interesting. Remembering stations from the past.

## **KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2012**

### **BEVERAGE PULLED DOWN YESTERDAY:**

I have not had the same success with my temporary beverage in the open field this season as I had a few years ago. This is temp only, when the farmer was not using the field over the winter. The direction was a few degrees farther to the North, and the termination was near to a house and power lines. But it was no closer to the power lines than it was the last time I used the field.

Since day 1, the antenna has been noisier, and gives more Euro QRM than the

permanent antenna through the woods. The exact opposite was the case a few years back, and the antenna picked up stations that were unheard on the antenna through the woods.

So what was wrong this season?? Well to begin with, when we (Davie and I) put the aerial up, there had been a blow out, and the band was very poor. In fact the DX has not been such that I have been interested enough to mess around and tear down the aerial and resite it. Finally yesterday, I took it down and hauled in the cables. It saves anyone nicking the wire, especially when the results have been poor. In fact, I think I have been so "proud" of this performance, I have not a single photo, which is quite unlike me!!

### **DELETED PERSEUS FILES AGAIN BY MISTAKE!!**

While I was clearing out a hard drive from the last month, I have again deleted a particular file by mistake, which I was going to keep. Three high power German transmitters were switched off on 8th January. (1017, 666, 576) I was going to keep the particular file with the transmitters going dark, but of course like what happened with Radio Sweden 1179 final files, I was a little over enthusiastic when deleting the files!!

UPDATE: After deleting the files, I thought I should try one of the data recovery programmes you get. Voila - success. I managed to retrieve the files in question for the archives!!!

I went to the hard drive that would have once held the Radio Sweden files, but the file was not available, due I suppose to the drive being used and filled with perseus files many months after that time.

### **GOOD TIMES BAD TIMES:**

Another month that I would call absolutely \*\*\*\*\* average!! During January, there were a variety of days, from good strong signals and good separation from the Euros, to the other end of the spectrum when there was absolutely nothing to hear due to aurora. Many nights I have not recorded.

I have managed to pull in a few new stations, ie personal firsts, including a daytimer.

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A site mainly dedicated to Mediumwave Dxing

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920		R Encuentro, Bolivia	 01/01/12 0900
1230		Radio Progreso, Cuba	 27/01/12 0302
1490		Radio Antenna Punto Cinco, Columbia	 07/01/12 0604
1590	WHGT	Maucansville, MD	 19/01/12 2200
1590	XEVOZ	Mexico	 07/01/12 0800
1590	WCGO	EVANSTON, IL (Chicago area)	 20/01/12 0200 Daytimer

New / Personal first's this month = 06

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### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2012

#### LATINS AGAIN OVER THE WEEKEND OF 7th JAN:

Another good opening to LA was observed over the weekend of 7th Jan. I am only now having the chance to check the signals on my recorded Perseus files. As ever, SS not being my strong point, I find IDs difficult, if they are not like the type of IDs you hear on Rebelde, or Puerto Cabello.

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 6th JANUARY 2012

#### IS THE AERIAL KNACKERED?

Another one of those overnights when you think the antenna is broken. Virtually no signal levels to talk of this am. Checked against two other antennas at 0900 and all aeriels report the same situation. Shocking band!! Still it saves on hard drive space. If the band is wide open, it takes some time to check your Perseus files properly... and I tend to have a clogged up drive!!

## **BBC 4 DOCUMENTARY ON SETI - SEARCH FOR EXTRA TERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE:**

Last night I was bemused by the BBC4 documentary on SETI. At least I think it was on BBC4. At any rate, the presenter made a bold statement.

"Maybe the wrong type of transmissions are being looked for and we are only able to imagine that the reception has to be the same as our own technology", was his correct statement.

He then went on to demonstrate the difference between a MW radio, full of noise and hardly ever used nowadays, and a busy FM band.

"You can't use a MW radio to pick up an FM station", was his point.

True, but wait. Go back to the previous statement. "Hardly ever used nowadays??"..

Haw, Hey, Hello... Are you making a true documentary?? Show me a clear channel then!!!!

True, amongst the public there is probably a lowish percentage of listeners compared to FM. Or is there? I am not convinced that there are the listeners to radio stations there used to be. In my travels through this adventure of life, I honestly see more people listening to music of their choice on silly little mobile phones, and tiny headphones from i-pods and their derivatives. (I am a big bass speaker man myself)

I believe that there are many listeners to MW to both Five Live and Talk Sport, as well as BBC Radio Scotland for sports. I personally do not listen to sports, but I know many that do. But as far as radio goes. Well who do I know that really does listen to the wireless for music? Most car drivers run their CD's at the very least. Many have some form of MP3 players "in car". So what is the true figures? It is difficult to tell.

Who do I know that can name presenters on my local ILR? Maybe it is just me?? I never was able to name the presenters on BBC Radio 1 after the 80's, and certainly not in the last few years. I would never have heard of any of them. What I do know is that there is no way it is anywhere near the amazing saturation point that Atlantic 252 managed in this area. There were an amazing amount of listeners in SW Scotland to Atlantic 252 when it came on the air, back about 1989 or 1990.

I don't watch any of these silly screaming and clapping shows that seem so popular nowadays, but I do know that this type of TV is far far more popular now than radio. I personally would rather watch an old movie or more so, documentaries. But when you see bold statements made in documentaries about a subject you happen to be well clued up on, you may have a tendency to think, "Well that is just not quite right, or it is a little misleading in the context in which it is portrayed", it makes you think about the other documentaries that you have watched, and ask if they too are full of incorrect statements and misleading contexts??



**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAPPY DXING:**

Another year come and gone. Where has the time gone to?? Phew.

DX was very poor here in December, and although the antennas were checked and rechecked, there was nothing of value coming through. Sure I could have filled the log book with common stations, but I don't even make logs of stations like KXEL, or WBBM, WYLL etc. You could probably id them more nights than not in mid winter, and when the conditions pick up they are often quite good signals. But the band here has been so noisy and shushy, when in the past there have been big signals. This only dampens my enthusiasm for MW. I can't get overly excited when dxers report CBC 1400, or WWKB 1520. I'm looking for better dx than this.

Over the Christmas period, it was good to hear the signals on MW pick up, and some nice signals from less common stations. Many of the strange call signs reported by my dx neighbour Paul C, eluded me though. When an oddity was on 1410, I had WPOP, or when the ESPN station ided on 1600, I had a mess, till the ESPN id, which of course is not a proper or desired ID. With the festive season as well, time has been limited, so there are a number of files from the better days still to try and winkle out.

**SW SCOTLAND LOSE RADIO SIGNALS - A CURIOSITY, BUT NO GREAT LOSS:**

During the heavy storm that came through on Tuesday 3rd Jan, the local main transmitting station near Darvel dropped all radio broadcasts. TV was not effected. BBC 1-4 and Radio Scotland, Classic FM and ILR Ayr were all off air on FM. The associated BBC Radio relays right down the SW Coast were all off air. One curious thing I noticed, was that there were no reports of this on any of the news services I checked, eg BBC and STV local news. Even ILR Ayr on MW, itself off air daytime for a bit, failed to mention their FM service was off air!! I know they are only the same in name only, but surely they could have let the listeners know. Not that I am one of them, I was just checking bands to see what was on and what was off.

This has to be the longest I have ever seen the local tower off air! ILR Ayr returned in the afternoon of Wed 4th, with the full compliment of BBC and Classic FM a few hours later, around 5 or 6pm.

I was told in an email that Westerglen 1089 and 1215 were both off air as well at one time, but there was no easy way of telling here, signals were still strong.

I am curious as to why a commercial station does not have a temporary back up they could have used from their studio as a low power signal at least for their own town. Maybe they too were busy dodging slates and chimney pots of course!!

DX Heard - 96.7 City Beat from Belfast, and 96.8 Radio Borders

**JAMMING 1593 - GOOD RIDDENCE TO BAD RUBBISH:**

The shocking jamming on 1593 originating from West Germany is at last gone. Not soon enough in my view. Maybe their one listener has died??

What real rf engineer would suggest putting white noise in the middle of a broadcast band? Ask the BBC how happy they are with the crap on 693 at nights?? The BBC are being jammed by the very thing they themselves use for jamming other channels!! How clever is that?? Even radio hams have traditions of using certain parts of their bands for modulation other than telephony (speech). Surely if radio hams can even see the reasons behind this, the broadcasters can as well?? Why not designate these modulation systems their own frequencies well out of the way of AM broadcast bands.

The BBC and Deutsche Welle both complained of the Soviets transmitting white noise on their signals many years ago. How the tables have turned.

### **MW SIGNALS CLOSED AT YEAR END:**

The end of a year is seemingly the time when plans to close mw signals are brought into force. This year has been no exception. Quite a number of signals are gone or are to go.

927 Belgium went off air 2300 31/12

1539 ERF German Religious powerhouse closed 0900 31/12

1593 German jamming station went off air 2300 31/12

Being a selfish dxer I will not miss the Euro powerhouses one little bit. It is quite unique being a witness to this demise of the very high power Euro stations, which clogged the band for decades. Where does it end? Will we ever have clear frequencies again?? Although many high power Euros are closing, there seems to be a trend to jump on a clear channel whenever one becomes available. A few years ago, 1476 and 1593 were the last clear channels, and by clear, I mean very very clear. They were used by hobby pirates to an extent. 1395 was clear on and off, when BIG L was off air, but last winter a strong Russian started using the frequency, and blew the last remaining channel. Spain began the use of 1386 and 1476 in the North of the country. As a result, signals are powering in here in Scotland. A new French station is using 1593, though not completely blocking the channel with white noise like the German jammer.

227m - The 227m band used to consist of the area of the band from 1287 through to 1341, or 1286 to 1340 as it would have been pre 1978. This area of the band used to be a hive of Dutch MW activity from the late 1970's till the band became useless due to ILR crud from the UK, 24 hour NRK etc etc. But in those days of the clear channels, they all cleared one by one at local closedown. I often wonder what dx would have been heard on these channels back then with the long beverages I have now and the receivers I have. Especially on weeknights when there were no (or at least very few) Dutchies. Another area that was clear all those years ago was around 250m, when the BBC had gone off and the channels LF were also clear.

Let's make a list of stations I can think of that were once powerhouses, or at least heard widely. Some have been off air for years. Many I have QSLs from for reports about 30 years ago!!

531 Swiss  
 540 Belgium  
 567 Ireland - RTE 1 (closed 31st March 2008)  
 576 German stn (closed 8th Jan 2012 with // 666 & 1017)  
 594 Hessischer Rundfunk (German) closed 31/12/09  
 612 Ireland - RTE 2 closed 12/4/04 (to be verified)  
 630 Norway /NRK (30th June 2011)  
 648 BBC WORLD SERVICE  
 666 German stn // 666 & 1017 (closed 8th Jan 2012)  
 729 Ireland - RTE 1 (closed 31st March 2008)  
 765 Sottens (Swiss) (Closed 31st December 2010)  
 819 Sud Radio Toulouse FRANCE / ex 900kw ANDORRA  
 846 RAI Italy  
 927 Belgium (31/12/11)  
 936 Radio Bremen (March 2010)  
 963 Finland was off but back with Chinese relays  
 1017 German stn (closed 8th Jan 2012 with // 666 & 1017)  
 1026 Austrian ORF (Been closed for years)  
 1062 Denmark, although use of AM / LW from DR keeps changing  
 1179 Radio Sweden (October 31st 2010)  
 1188 Belgium  
 1278 RTE 2 Dublin closed 15/12/03 (to be verified)  
 1287 Czech / Prague  
 1314 Norway (Radio Netherlands was the last to use this txer)  
 1386 Kalliningrad / Radio Moscow  
 1395 BIG L / Dutch stn  
 1476 Austria / ORF (Closed 31st December 2008)  
 1512 Belgium / BRT  
 1521 ILR Crawley, England now gone  
 1539 ERF German Religious powerhouse closed 0900 31/12/11  
 1566 Switzerland  
 1575 German DRM Jamming station  
 1593 German DRM jamming station went off air 2300 31/12/11

### **TRANSATLANTIC STATIONS OFF AIR:**

Greenland - All transmitters

570, 650, 720, 900, 810

550 CHLN

560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9

610 CHNC 31/10/10

630 CFCY

780 CFDR

920 CJCH

950 CHER

960 CHNS










960 CFFX

980 CKRU  
1070 CBA/ CBC  
1320 CKEC  
1380 CKLC  
1550 CBC


**INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTERS OFF AIR:**

Radio Sofia / Radio Bulgaria 31/01/12  
Radio Sweden 31/10/10  
Radio Norway  
Radio Finland  
Radio Denmark  
Swiss Broadcasting Corporation / Swiss Radio Int  
Radio Andorra  
Radio Berlin Int

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940	WKGM	Smithfield, VA	 Daytimer 2200 20/11/11
1190	WCRW	Leesburg / Washington, VA	 50kW / 1300W Daytimer 9/11/11 (and daily)
1230		Unid call like WRNO New Orleans	
1230	WJOY	Burlington, VT (UPDATED LOG, SEE BELOW)	 11/1/11 2205 (1kW)
1330	KNSS	Wichita, KS	 5Kw 0805 20/11/11
1470	WLMC	Georgetown, SC	 Daytimer 1Kw / 147W 2300 14/11/11
1490	WMRN	Marion, OH	 1kW 0800 12/11/11
1520	KMSR	Mayville, ND	 1300W Daytimer 0700 30/10/11
1520	WIZZ	Greenfield, MA	 10kW Daytimer 2100 29/11/11

New / Personal first's this month = 08 (Includes Nov etc)

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**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2011****WENY 1230 - WJOY 1230:**

Yesterday AB in Yorkshire contacted me re the station on 1230. After listening to the audio clip, I hear it is for sure WJOY, Burlington, VT and not WENY.

Well done and thanks to Andra, and you beat at least two maybe three sets of ears on that one!!

*"I just listened to your 1230 recording from January  
[http://www.dxarchive.com/mw/audio/110111\\_2205\\_1230\\_weny\\_ny\\_weak.mp3](http://www.dxarchive.com/mw/audio/110111_2205_1230_weny_ny_weak.mp3) - I feel that the station here is WJOY Burlington VT not WENY Elmira NY.*

*If you listen carefully you will hear the call. Note that WENY 1230 is // WENI 1450.*

*In your clip I hear an ad / PSA for the "Caregiver Resource Centre ... is hosting a free*

*discussion group for all unpaid caregivers at the United Way Building, 45 Tom Miller Road in Plattsburgh from 11.30 am to 1 pm. If you'd like more information call 565 4543, 565 4543. Register for ... website ... visit ".*

*Unfortunately I can't get the web address which sounds like CTZ something. Plattsburgh is just on the NY state side of the border a few miles away from Burlington. There's a clue here too: <http://www.wjoy.com/COMMUNITYCALENDAR.HTML>"*

### **AUDIO CLIPS UPLOADED:**

NB Audio clips updated. I did say here that the clips would be uploaded soonest, it's not that the audio buttons were not working, just the entry was incomplete. (I thought that was obvious)!!

### **A COUPLE OF NOTES:**

780 WBBM ann // 105.9 0800 11/12 (For the FM // listings)  
1550 0900 Unid Dutchie, inc voice over type thing. Surely must be causing grief to Capital on 1548?? 11/12

### **A FEW AUDIO CLIPS OF RECENT RECEPTION:**

111119\_0900\_1130\_newstalk\_minneapolis.mp3

111120\_0800\_1230\_wsoo\_st\_marie.mp3

111119\_0905\_1280\_wwtc\_fairly\_gd.mp3

111119\_0900\_1300\_kglo.mp3

111106\_0700\_1390\_unid\_poss\_wzhf\_after\_wegp\_id.mp3

111119\_0900\_1470\_kmnq\_mn\_la\_invasora.mp3

111119\_0900\_1510\_kckk.mp3

111119\_0900\_1570\_ckmw\_also\_0904.mp3

111119\_0800\_1600\_unid\_we\_are\_a\_t\_and\_t\_or\_something.mp3 (initially thought maybe a k call)

### **A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE - A FEW LINKS FROM GOOGLE:**

Looking down memory lane, I was thinking about many of the lost great radio stations of the 1980's. I visited many of the Irish stations of the 1980's and often think about my trips to the former free state as it was once called.

I looked up the locations of the following well heard radio stations:

Sunshine Radio - Portmarnock, Co Dublin 531kHz [LINK](#)

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Southside Radio - Dunlaoire, Co Dublin 999kHz as well as SW relays [LINK](#)

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ARD - Crofton Airport Hotel, Dublin 1134 / 1143kHz [LINK](#)



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KISS FM - Old Cross Square, Monaghan 1008kHz [LINK](#)

[View Larger Map](#)

KITS - Market Street, Monaghan - 837kHz [LINK](#)

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### **MARS ANOMALY RESEARCH WEB SITE:**

Below are a few links that take you to a very interesting web site called the Mars Anomaly Research site. The web pages show actual NASA images and are linked back to the master NASA image. Have a look at the discoveries made by the author and others from around the world.

<http://www.marsanomalyresearch.com/evidence-reports/2005/088/strange-colossi-5.htm>

<http://www.marsanomalyresearch.com/evidence-reports/2009/169/dunes-or-life.htm>

<http://www.marsanomalyresearch.com/evidence-reports/2010/177/dunes-trees-tech.htm>

<http://www.marsanomalyresearch.com/evidence-reports/2004/072/opportunity-mixed.htm>

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## **KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2011**

### **COR - LOOK AT THE CHEAP BACK UP OPTIONS:**

Did I only just add to my ramblings about MP3 and back ups etc?? Yes. And what about that cheap option of a pair of 2TB hard drives?? That is well and truly gone out the window. Along with the Christmas season. The drives seem to have almost doubled in price according to some web sites, due to the floods in Thailand. It is no doubt a man made shortage, to increase prices for the Christmas market.

See below for a recent receipt. One only has to look at the current pless.co.uk web site to see the crazy price of the same drive!! £174!!! The hell I would!!!!

PLESS  
GET IT FIRST

Apple 24 Shop

Invoice

DATE 22/09/2011 53417  
TIME 14:47

PAID

44 Commerce St  
Glasgow G2 3AD  
249 Regyle Street  
Glasgow, G2 3EZ  
VAT No 724-0321-80

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Qty	Price	Amount	Total
8378	Seagate 2TB HYBRID/10000 RPM/11.25	1.00	63.00		63.00

PLEASE SEE WWW.PLESS.CO.UK FOR FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Receipt required for RETURNS & EXCHANGES

Subtotal	63.00
VAT @ 20.00%	12.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.50</b>
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>83.00</b>
Balance	-7.50

## DX LOGS IN THE LAST WEEKS:

There has not really been much decent dx in a couple of weeks. The band is all too often poor to useless at dawn. But long over due is a log list and also personal first listings and recordings. There are one or two interesting stations from the last month and a bit.

Audio clips available soonest.

555 ZIZ Local ids 0300 24/11

570 Radio Reloj 0500 11/11 booming

**940 WKGM Smithfield, VA 2200 20/11 Daytimer. Pers 1st**

950 WTLN FL 0800 26/11

980 AM 9-80 CANADA 0800 14/11

**980 XETU, Stereo Vida, Mexico 0700 12/11**

990 CKGM Clear 12/11 0800

1120 WBNW 0800 12/11 Must relisten to this one. (Very poor id hrd during a relisten)

1130 KTCN News 11-30 Twin Cities 0900 19/11 EX KFAN

1160 KSL Salt Lake City 30/10 0900

1170 WWVA Regular again this winter. 0800 12/11

**1190 unid like WJCB Bachanchester. Can't match up with call. 11/11 2200** Also WCRW hrd in mix.

1190 WCRW 2200 daytimer close down. Hrd most days in Nov

1230 CBC News 0800 30/10  
 1230 WHUC and CNN NX 0800 17/11  
 1230 unid ss 0659 3/11 "Cadena" something  
 1230 UNID ee call, more like old sw call, WRNO New Orleans. Also sended like N Y Springs   
**1230 WSOO ESPN Radio 0800 20/11**  
 1240 VOCM 0800 30/10  
 1250 AM 12-50 MB 0300 15/11  
 1260 WMLK Radio Disney 0905 19/11  
 1280 WPKZ Fitchburg, Ma ann 105.3 12/11 0800 ex WEIM, 2300 17/11, 25/11 2200  
 1280 WWTC Minneapolis / St Pauls 0905 19/11  
 1290 WNBK Syracuse 2300 11/11 (sounded more like WMPM at the time)  
 1290 CFRW MB 0900, 0800 19/11  
 1290 0800 12/11 unid singing jingle. difficult.  
 1300 WXYL BUFFALO 0100 13/11  
**1300 KGLO 0900 19/11**  
**1310 KNOX ND 0800 30/10**  
 1310 unid newtalk 13-10 with odd sounding guy 19/11 0903  
 1310 WCCW 0900 19/11  
 1310 13-10 News, Ottawa. Ad for the all new KISS FM 105.3  
 1330 unid like qth Midvale?? And ABC News.0800 21/11 (FILE MAY BE DELETED TOO QUICK)  
**1330 KNSS KS 0805 20/11 ALSO 0900 news radio 13 30 but call lost.**  
**1330 WLOL 0800 20/11**  
 1360 WTAQ ANN // 97.5 0700 24/11  
 1390 WFBL. Good multi call. 0000 12/11  
 1390 WRIG 0800 30/10  
**1390 unid like WZHF / WDHM immediately after WEGP ID 0700 6/11**   
 1390 WEGP 0200 24/11 Old Farmers Almanac 0200 24/11  
 1400 UNID ESPN. Too weak for full id sadly. 2200 15/11  
 1470 WCSH Nx via WLAM 2300 14/11  
**1470 WLMC SC 2300 14/11 Daytimer. Id not great, but prob ok**  
**1470 Unid SS ann. Suspect North American stn. 0905 19/11**  
**1490 WMRN Marion, OH 0800 12/11**  
 1500 ESPN stn 0900 19/11 pres Minneapolis / St Pauls  
**1510 KCKK // 93.7 ann 0900 19/11**  
**1520 KMSR, Mayville, ND 0700 30/10 (WWKB carrier only)**  
**1520 WIZZ 2100 29/11 Pers 1st after years of hearing mx mixing wwkb on ch**  
 1530 WCKY 0600 12/11  
 1540 WDCD ann 96.7FM.2200 10/11  
 1570 CKMW Country 15-70 0900 19/11  
 1600 unid "we are ???" poss just an ad. "We are A T & T" perhaps. Mix with HMONG CHANTS 19/11 0758  
 1630 KKGW 11/11 0400  
 1650 CINA 04 & 05 11/11 Radio India ids also. Regular.  
 1660 KQWB Fargo / Fargo - Moorhead 0800 30/10  
 1660 PR SS VOICE OVERS. 0000 29/11  
 1660 WQLR Kalamazoo 0600 12/11 (reg)  
 1680 WTTM / WOKB ids together 0800 12/11


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1190

WCRW

Leesburg, VA

New / Personal first's this month =

NB: ALL TIMES ARE IN GMT.  = "Play Clip" button**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2011****DX LOGS IN THE RECENT DAYS:**

Band conditions since Monday have been very average. I still have nightly reception of the daytimer on 1190 closing at 2200. I suggest the station parameters have altered somewhat, as this has not been heard in previous times. There seems to be no dawn enhancement worth talking about, and the Euros remain a nuisance. But Saturday and Sunday brought a few surprises, both for me and other dxers.

It is time to add some of the logs that have come to the receiver in recent days and even weeks. This has not been a great month for keeping long lists of logs. Only the less usual stations have been noted. So where do I begin.... With a few scribbles that have been made on bits of paper. So much for keeping these pages updated with the scribbles, instead of the paper version....

**A WASTE OF A GOOD FIELD:**

I have not yet been actively trying to repair my temporary beverage in the middle of the open field. This was put up last month after the big fermer told me he was not using the field until the spring, and it was OK to use it for antennas. But when the band crashed, so did my enthusiasm, as it always does. And as a result, I have not got the thing working yet. Sure it receives signals, but noise level is very very much higher than the permanent antenna through the woods. Maybe there is a break in the coax feeder?? It is a long feeder. I have my suspicions about one of the lengths used. I was going to send an audio signal through it and check the sound at the other end. But I have too many other projects on the go this winter, and other things have taken up the time, not least a major archiving project.

But if the band is going to give us one or two unusual days, and a few dxers have already been seeing carriers and brief audio from KBRW, I really must get the finger out!!

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2011****FIRST ENTRY AND IT'S NOW MID NOVEMBER:**

I have a habit of becoming less intense with my mw dxing, when the band is dead. It has been an uphill struggle this season re motivation, due to either only common stations heard day after day, or sometimes virtually nothing. This is reflected in the writings on these pages. And it is just a task when this happens, to even add a new page for a new month!! But here we are at long last. You guessed it, the band has again picked up!!

**OLD FRIEND BACK ON 1680:**

The last couple of days has seen the return of a loud jamming type noise on 1680, heard in the past and at one time traced to the North Sea region north of the Benelux by MWC dxers.

**NOVEMBER MW DXING:**

We have seen the situation before. Signals booming in around midnight UTC, yet at the dawn peak, the band seems depressed and bland. Maybe this is what has been called the November Anomaly.

**WCRW, LEESBURG / WASHINGTON - COMMON DAYTIMER:**

It seems that the daytimer on 1190 is one of the most common daytimers now. Heard signing off on 1190 at 2200 most nights, since the first log last week. I wonder if the station parameters have changed somehow recently?? Listed as 50k day and 1300w from a different night site.

**OTHER PROJECTS - THE BIG SCANNER:**

Throughout the years at various times, I have been hampered by lack of good equipment to complete a certain project, and so often had to work away with old scrap. With the PC and scanners, I have often struggled to scan large items in an A4 scanner and joined them up. Sure, it's a great way to keep your PC skills fresh, but such a time waster. If you have larger items to scan, an A3 scanner is certainly a good investment and a welcome addition to the office.

The Epson A3 "scanner only" new can be £1000 to £2500 or so, depending on model and supplier etc. Even second hand units fetch quite high prices. I was recently in PC World, and saw that Brother have an A3 all in one printer / scanner, priced around 200

quid. Hmm, I think to myself, making the noise of a bee. I have seen cheap junk too often, and it never ever, or at least hardly ever turns out to be a real workhorse. I had used a friend's Epson 1200 A4 scanner some years ago, so thought that a new unit, an Epson 1250 would be everything the 1200 was and then some. WRONG AGAIN!! It was pathetically slow, and one of those units that the motor sounds as though it is going to give up. If you are doing high volume scanning, the speed thing is a major concern. If you are doing three scans a year, then it would have been suffice. The transparency adaptor on the 1250 machine was a joke. So it was sold on at half price to a pal, and I cut my losses. I managed to source another Epson 1200 on the second hand market. (They had stopped new production for some reason) This time success. And the A4 Epson 1200 is still here, a great and fast workhorse.

I had gone to these local council run pop in centres in the past to scan the odd item in A3. But they are all gone now I believe, and I guess along with the equipment. Mysteriously gone, even though it was paid for by public funds!! Anyway, these centres had large Epson A3 scanners, which were fast and tough workhorses, as opposed to a "3 scans a year" unit, such as what I would have expected with the clunky looking Brother thing. Don't get me wrong, it wasn't set up in the shop to test the speed. I just sort of assumed. Sure I could have spent a bomb keeping it going with ink, and printing some really nice large A3 sheets. But thats wasn't my primary objective.

My local history project takes up a lot of my time as well, and I have the chance to scan a collection of old newspapers, in A3 size, from the turn of the century. I had taken it in the teeth again this year that I wasn't going to the Radio Day in Amsterdam and Erkrath in Germany, so looked around ebay to buy myself an A3 scanner.

Initially I looked at the SCSI Epson 10000, which required a scsi card. This was an older pre USB model, but no doubt a real workhorse. After some chat with "Stu" I looked at the GT-15000 model which was a more modern USB2 model. There were a couple of both models for sale from guys claiming to be clearing offices and basically offering untested units. How difficult is it to test? Anyhow, I saw a 15000 going for about 50 quid, untested. Was I going to risk it?

I saw another working model just over a hundred quid. Nice, I thought. The geezer was upfront and said it worked ok, but the usb connection was a bit dodgy at the back, hence the price. I jumped at this one. There were a few e mails going back and forth, and the geezer sounded like he was one of these folks that don't have any old junk lying around. He was going to have to buy bubble wrap!! The packaging cost rose from his estimated £35 to £50!! For some old cardboard that can be found at the nearest shop, ready for the carboard bin day!! It is a hefty unit, and I knew postage would be expensive, so I had to grit my teeth and bear it. It is not everyone that has old packaging kicking around I told myself.

The unit was delivered in about 5 long days. The service used was Parcel Force. I was out when it turned up, which was a shame, as I was going to open it to check they had not wrecked it. But when I saw the package lying on its edge against a wall when I got in, I was cringing. Not only that, but the unit was not even boxed!! It was wrapped in maybe three layers of the small bubble wrap, and my address written on the plastic, in felt tip. I cringed. Surely this could be damaged easily, and it was wrapped as though a primary school kid had done it.





How NOT to wrap a piece of electrical kit for transporting

Amazingly, the thing worked first time, and has been running like a champion ever since. I can't imagine this is the kind of packing that is recommended by Parcel Force, but they certainly must have treated it with care. My hat goes off to Parcel Force, and Epson for building tough units. A plastic hinge on the lid had got broken, which I had to do a rough job on. Hence the wooden peg holding the lid up on the photos below. That I can cope with. As you can see, it is a monster and dwarfs the A4 scanner beside it.

As for the USB plug problem, the one that was being used had a large rim of plastic all around it, making it physically too big, and another lead was found!! Cured..!!

I mentioned to a radio chap on Skype in a private chat that I was scanning the large Sunshine Radio booklet, pictured on the scanner. "Why are you doing that," was his unusual reply!!!



## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2011

### WCRW, LEESBURG / WASHINGTON DAYTIMER 2200 LAST NIGHT - 1190:

Noted a personal first at 2200 last night, WCRW on 1190. Nice one for me. 50kW / 1300W.

1190 WCRW Leesburg, VA Ending px for today 2200

1280 WPKZ Fitchburg, MA Ann the new 105.3 FM 2300, ex WEIM

1400 CBC network using old tooth chimes at 2300, // 600, 640, 540, 750, but not 1140!!


**STILL NOT SETTING THE HEATHER ON FIRE:**

Dx has been kinda poor here and uninteresting unfortunately on the MW band. The Aurora recently killed the dx and the recovery has been slow to nil. .

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920	WURA	Quantico, VA (Washington DC market)	 7kW / 970w (10/10/11 0601) Radio Unida in SS. Tnx to Paul C for finding web site etc and help with SS.
980	XETU	Mexico	 (16/10/11 0700) Radio Rama / Stereo Vida
1080		Radio Ciudad Habana, Cuba	 (11/10/11 0700) Snds like Concordia to me!!. Tnx Paul C for ss help, as ever.
1190	WAMT	Pine Castle, FL	 5kW (11/10/11 0600)
1240	WCBY	CHEBOYGAN, MI	 1kW (12-40 BIG COUNTRY GOLD) (0634 12/10/11)
1240	WBBW	Youngstown / Warren, OH	 (17/10/11 0700) ESPN station
1370	WTAB	Tabor City, NC	 5kW / 109W 0700 13/10/11 (Noted 12/10 but id better 13th)
1320	WLQY	Hollywood, FL	 5kW (11/10/11 0700)

New / Personal first's this month = 8

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## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER 2011

### STILL NO DXING:

Doing other projects while the band is so poor. I have seen nothing to interest me signal wise on the mw band, and files have been deleted already, from last night.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2011

### STILL NO DXING:

Last night I made no recordings, but checked the band live around 0730 / 0800.

Nothing was heard on any antenna. Paul C produced a nice log of Latins. Maybe I should have recorded with the Latin antenna. I stole the volume control from the Latin antenna the other night, to use on the new beverage. I must remember to run down the field and put another control on the west aerial.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2011

### LAST FEW DAYS FOR DAYTIMERS:

This is now the last few days for the daytimers in October. By the 1st of November the time shift will mean the daytimers sign off somewhat earlier. I have not had a great deal of success with daytimers this season. Maybe three?? 940, 1370, 1470. The 1370 was suspected of being on daytime power at night, though of course there is no way to say for sure.

### WINTER TIME / GMT RETURNS:

The clocks will go back an hour this coming Saturday, meaning that there will be less daylight at night for outdoor activities. We come into line with GMT again. Aye, the nights are fair drawin' in.

### GOOD OLD JOLLY OLD FARMER:

Well my old friendly farmer isn't particularly old. But he is such a sport. The field across from me is rather a large field, and is usually planted by this time of year with the winter barley. But this winter has been too wet for the plough etc, and again, I am able to string out a more "traditional" beverage. By traditional, I mean that it will be straight, and all on a flat plain, more or less, rather than the permanent antenna over in the woods which is up and down and round and round. I have it of course as straight as possible, but it is only as straight as the next set of thick undergrowth or the next banking.

On Monday night Davie H and I were over in the field across the way, rolling out the wire and planting the sticks that hold the wire up in the air. The height is about 7 feet from the ground, just over head height, so as to not be in the way of walkers etc. We went down the field at last light, so as not to show off to the local kids that we were running 420m or wire out on sticks. On Tuesday we saw just how "all over the place" this was, but the sticks and wire were out in the field, which was the main objective on Monday night.

Yesterday we finished the job, and now it looks like a temporary fence put up by the farmer. Sadly we are going to have to wait for the results for some time. There was a major storm and aurora just before switch on.

On Tuesday night. there were no North Americans heard. What I first assumed was

CBC creeping in on 1400 last night, ided at 2200 as The Harbour Light of the Windwards. (A great name, though unfortunate format). The signals here came in on the new antenna before any of the others. There was also SS on 1230 and unid on 1280. Let's hope this is a sign of things to come.

My only worry is that the new antenna seems more prone to QRN / Noise!! We tried to run it a little farther north this season. Sadly I couldn't find any extra coax, so it is not as far north as I would have liked. But it is a few degrees farther north than before. The drawback is that it terminated straight in line with a house.

If the noise continues, this may well be changed. I think I would rather have a slightly farther south quieter antenna than a noisy more northerly??

Anyway, I have the field for experiments for the next few months, until it is sown in Feb/ March or so.

I have drawn in the new antenna in yellow on the image below. Click to enlarge obviously. The feeder isn't included this time. It is not difficult to see where it runs.



The idea behind another antenna in the open land is not signal strength, but back null. I am hoping to have a better front to back ratio.

### **MORE MOANS AND GROANS ABOUT PERSEUS SDR:**

I was a little bit surprised to hear on the dx chat the other day of an outburst aimed at some Finnish dxers from a dx club officer. Some MW dxers were commenting that they are still listening to Perseus files from a dx pedition that took place a couple of years ago. I was sent a copy of this outburst.

*I think we can safely say that checking recordings and IDs of two and more years ago (but also less than that) has hardly anything to do with DXing. I know there are people who don't agree with me, but surely in this case it is not a DXer DXing at the receiver, but a computer who does all the DXing and the non-DXer just noting down what the computer has done.*

*Just my two cents...*

Just where do these jokers get off?? From what I can gather, the poor dxers in question were only passing comment about the workload involved in listening to the recordings from a dxpedition they had been on. I am unsure who the poor chaps were that were verbally attacked, as I never saw that particular piece of text. But surely quite a gesture from an officer of a club which is supposed to promote MW dxing.

I guess the officer in question wouldn't dream of watching a movie recorded off the television that may have been broadcast when the dxer was down the pub on a Saturday night. That has hardly anything to do with really watching a movie. Surely it

is the case that it is not a viewer watching the television, but a VCR or DVD recorder who does all the viewing. This non movie watcher is just looking at what the DVD recorder has already done.

How ridiculous and stupid does that sound.. LOL!!!

Incidentally I also enjoy looking back through old Perseus files. They are and will be a time capsule from the MW band, and in years to come, may well prove to be of such an interest!! I only wish we had Perseus files from the history of radio to look back on. That would have been so so interesting.

### **DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

Large Aurora has still killed the band. Radio Puerto Cabello was booming in at 0700, but being honest, there wasn't much else. This non dxers files are already deleted.

## **KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2011**

### **DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

ROCK BOTTOM. Large Aurora killed the band completely. At 2200 on 1400 I had Harbour Light of the Windwards

## **KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2011**

### **DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

I still have files to check for Monday morning. KDKA was booming at 0800.

980 WCUB Muffled yl id in strong peak 0659  
 1230 WTKG Grand Rapids 0600  
 1310 WCCW TRaverse City 0700 and other times lately  
 1370 WXXI 0800  
 1440 Unid with Brother Stair 0800  
 1690 CJLO 0600

## **KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2011**

### **DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

930 WLKK call = WBEN CBS nx 0300

1300 WOOD 0700 good

1310 WLOB 0700

1520 KOKC mix unid slow mx. WWKB carrier only 0700, 0600, 0630, Back on 0802

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2011

### WHAT BIG BRAVE MEN OUR POLICE REALLY ARE:

Off topic, to coin a phrase, but anyone world wide watching the news at the end of the week, couldn't help but be disgusted at the UK breaking new ground for turning the country into a police state. We were treated to scenes of big brave police officers trampling all over peoples homes and evicting women and kids from the gypsy camp in Essex. I wonder how much boasting these big brave he-men did when they went home to their own wives and kids?? "Yes dear, we put the women and kids on the streets, and ruined their few precious personal belongings, terrified the kids, tipped babies out of their prams, yes dear, what fun it was. What a good boy am I."

Like it or not, not everyone is fortunate enough to "have". Some poor sods are "have not's". But what they have, they have to make the best of. They are surely not rats.

These are what are supposed to be policing our streets. Now where were these big brave officers during the London riots some weeks ago. They stood back in a line watching historical buildings in London being torched. But they thought nothing of ploughing through less than fortunate peoples' mobile homes.

Remember that these characters have their inflated salaries paid for by the taxpayer. Did they earn their corn this week by terrorising women and children?? What does this tell you about the UK of 2011??? And what did the rest of the world make of the pictures on the CNN?? Would they have ploughed through the camp, if it had been a camp of "immigrants" from the East? What was the point of my grandfather fighting in the trenches in 1918?? To protect what????

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 2011

### DX LOGS FOR TODAY:

900 W Radio Mex. Loud 0700

990 0700 TFN 9-90 New id for team 990 espn stn

1000 Radio Mil, MEXICO 0634 Noticed by Davie H

1200 WOAI 0700

1210 WPHT quite clear 0700 today, less splatter from Virgin

1220 WHK The Word 0700

1270 WXYZ Detroit 0700 Fox Nx. Decent ID now toth instead of mumbled

1380 WABH Bath NY 1377 off air. 2300 Fri Night

1620 U93 = WDND 0558



**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2011****DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

930 WBEN ann 107.7fm // 0700  
 1170 Loud WWVA 0700  
 1300 WJNO Cleveland / WOOD mix 0700  
 1310 WCCW 0700  
 1370 WDEA / WXXI 0700  
 1440 Detroit's Christian Talk 0100 poor in mud  
 1500 WFED 0900 Strongest stn prob on the band. Late opening.

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2011****DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

1200 WOAI San Antonio, Tx 0700  
 1230 WTKG Grand Rapids 0700  
 1270 WTSN Dover 0700  
 1500 WLQV id as Faith Talk 1500 0700  
 1620 WTAW in today at various hours. Rebelde QRP or is WTAW QRO??  
 1630 KCJJ / KKGM 0100  
 1660 KRZI 0400 Good ids.  
 1660 WQLR Kalamazoo gd 2300  
 1690 CHTO Toronto gd 2300

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2011****SEVERE RAINS IN THE LAST DAYS:**

UPDATE: Exactly the problem. Large branches making their way down small burn snarled the cable. Repairs made.

Not too much of note to report today. Severe weather here has somehow damaged the main beverage, I suspect wood brought downstream on the wee burn where the feeder runs, may have broken a joint. Will make repairs at lunchtime Tuesday. Rain has been excessive, and the river has been in a serious spate condition in the last day. But I have seen it much higher.

Used the shorter beverage last night, but found either conditions a bit flat, or the antenna much poorer.

**UTILITY STATIONS ON 30mHz:**

With the current sunspot numbers soaring again, the higher frequencies have been alive. Monitoring frequencies like 27555usb, 27025am, 29860FM and others, brings in many a distant QSO.

Other frequencies may include 25990FM and 25910ish, also FM??? These links from WBAP in TX and another FM station in TX can come up reasonably strong at times, but often they are in the mud. The links are very low powered.

But also not heard in many a long year, are the communications around 30/ 34mHz. I have been making spot frequencies to pop into a scanner, but of course IDs are few and far between. It is not only American voices that are heard. There are SS and unid languages heard here as well, as the high solar indices allow round the world propagation.

Below is an audio clip with automated ID of the repeater on 29960FM.

111014\_1435\_29960\_wb2hww\_repeater\_id.mp3

**UNID EE STATION ON 31155:**

Yesterday, an interesting station was heard on 31155. Initially I assumed an overload, but it was heard on ICOM ICR7000, as well as a Tandy scanner, and also noted by Davie up the road.

This was a radio station, with a music format. Stevie Wonder was noted, and a telephone number. It was difficult to determine the accent. One moment it sounded American, but then it may have been something else. I dont think it was a harmonic, as it seemed clear on FM mode, using WFM, when there was a rare signal peak. Half the freq is 15577ish mind you. Maybe we will check today. It is also a third sub harmonic of around 94.6 as well, (if this is the correct terminology).

Have a listen to the clip below and see if you recognise the accent. I am thinking it sounds more like an international broadcaster than a home grown American station?? I will look at 15575ish today.

111011\_approx\_1500\_31155\_unid\_e\_station.mp3

**A FEW AUDIO CLIPS FROM THE LAST DAYS:**

Below are two of the Chinese stations that come through regularly. CHIN Toronto is common, and CINA Radio (heard id as SEENA RADIO) has become quite regular in the last few weeks.

111013\_0600\_1540\_chin\_g\_and\_e\_ann.mp3

111013\_0000\_1650\_cina\_fair.mp3

**WDFN DETROIT - 1130 AT LOCAL LEVELS:**

I was tuning the band the other day and something made me stop and listen to the sport on 1130. It was WDFN Detroit, loud and clear at the standard WBBR level. Luckily I have recorded the audio clip, as I foolishly deleted the Perseus file in my haste. I really was keen to keep that particular file. Anyway, audio clip below

111012\_0700\_1130\_wdfn\_detroit\_booming.mp3

**SPORTS STATIONS AND NOT SPORTS STATIONS - WBBR / WHKZ:**

This subject is worthy of note on it's own. Often I have heard stations which have a non sports format, linking up with the sports networks for big or important games. There have been a couple of logs in the last few days. WBBR 1130 is not too unusual to hear carrying sports. I would say WHKZ is much more unusual to hear with sports.

110116\_0001\_1130\_wbbr\_sports.mp3

111014\_0203\_1440\_whkz\_football\_coverage.mp3

**WRNI 1290 NOW LATINO PUBLIC RADIO IN SS:**

Remember if you hear SS on a frequency, it does not necessary have to be coming from Latin or Central America. It could easily be US in origin. WRNI has been reported recently as having turned SS, and below an audio clip from them.

111012\_2228\_1290\_latino\_public\_radio\_wrni.mp3

**XETU 980 - STEREO VIDA / RADIO RAMA:**

The web is a great resource as a dx tool. While I like to hear the IDs, and never hear "man talking" or "music" on a web stream, and make a long, because it was //, I do use web streams to confirm or otherwise a top of the hour announcement. The station on 980 the other day was far too fast spoken for me. I thought there was at the very least a // FM freq ann, but that was my limit. I had to get the help of SS expert (well 100 times better than I am at SS..LOL) Paul C. Paul not only ided the station but found a web stream as well to record the ann heard on the clips below, and the ann heard on the air can clearly be heard. Don't ask me about the Radio Express part on the web clip. If I had heard that on air, I would no doubt have been sent wildly off the beaten track.

111016\_0700\_980\_xetu\_radio\_rama\_stereo\_vida\_freq\_ann.mp3

111017\_1100\_web\_stereo\_vida\_radio\_rama\_mex\_xetu\_short\_vs.mp3

**WTAB TABOR CITY, NC:**

Another station a web clip helped identify was WTAB Tabor City. Tnx again to Paul C. Spotted by Paul on the 12th October and heard again here only on the 13th, this was a new one on both of us. I have a very poor ID on the 12th, but slightly better on the 13th, and including the advert heard on the web clip.

The clip below of 12th is pretty poor, and the ID is repeated 4 times. The clip from the 13th was much better, and is really audible!!

111013\_0700\_1370\_wtab\_nc\_poor.mp3

111012\_2000\_1370\_wtab\_web.mp3

111012\_0700\_1370\_wtab\_very\_poor\_id\_4\_times\_then\_wx\_lsb\_then\_usb.mp3

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 2011

**DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

940 WCPC Houston, MS 0630 + 0700

**1240 WBBW Youngstown / Warren ESPN 0700 New for me.**

1310 WLOB pretty good 0700

1390 Unid Home of.... Sounds like OH. Not sure. Maybe just WEGP in the mess.

1630 KKGM 0000

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 2011

**DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

950 WWJ 0700

**980 XETU Mexico Radio Rama and Stereo Vida ids 0700** (Tnx Paul C for help with ss)

1130 WBBR 0000 with SPORTS as opposed to business news.

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 2011

**DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

780 WBBM 0630 ann // 105.9

1290 WHIO 0700 ann 95.7 //

1630 KKGM 0000

1650 CINA 0000 Reg recently

1660 KRZI TX 0000

1690 CHTO 0000

1710 Mumble in foreign lingo. Thinking sounded like USA stn hrd on RI Perseus

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER 2011

### DX LOGS FOR TODAY:

1080 WHIM FL 0700

1360 WYOS Binghampton. ESPN 1360 0700

1440 0203 WHKZ Warren with football / sports, and not religion

1520 Unid like John Denver mx below WWKB at 0700

1630 KRND inc Call letters heard for the first time 0701

1680 WPRR Exc id during ss stn silence, but silly me deleted Perseus file before making rec 2300

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2011

### NOTES FOR THE LAST DAYS:

As this is my first entry for October, I can say that time has not been on my side this last 2 weeks. I had a friend over from the States at the weekend, and in the week before, I don't think I had anything worth reporting. Many mornings the band was dull as my local ILR station. But last night, the North American antenna was in use, as it has been in the last days, and I am glad to announce that some rarer stations are coming in here again.

As we swing around towards the end of the month, remember to watch for daytimers signing off or powering down, any time from 2200UTC I guess at this time. 2230 seems quite active and worth a listen at this time. You may even be lucky enough to hear the now elusive CJYQ 930 / Radio Newfoundland id.

I screwed up a bit last night when setting the overnight recordings, by not making sure the folder name for yesterday had been changed. If the folder name is not changed, and I set the recordings before midnight UTC, the folder name is automatically given "yesterday's" date. If that folder name already exists, files will be overwritten with the new recordings. It is a convenient enough system, and I usually by habit, change the name before even listening. As a result of sloppy old me, I had not managed to record off a sound clip of a couple of stations I wanted to. Thankfully I managed to record the three main clips of the rarities.

### DX LOGS FOR THE LAST DAYS:

580 WKAQ PR 0635 13/10

**630 Unid Cuban. Cadena ?? or something 0700 11/10**

**890 SS Boston ex ESPN Dominant 0600 10/10**

**920 WURA, Quantico, VA (Washington DC market) 10/10 0601Radio Unida VA. (radiounida920.com)**

980 AM 9-80 London, Ont 0634 12/10, worth rec, but wiped perseus file by mistake

**1080 Radio Cadena Habana 11/10 0700 Pers 1st tnx Paul C for help in ss. Snds like Concordia to me, but assured it is Havana.**

**1190 WAMT Florida 0600 11/10 Pers 1st**

**1130 WDFN Detroit 0700 12/10 Extremely dominant, so much so I thought it was WBBR**

1230 Unid W call 2300 Almost had it!! 11/10

**1240 WCBY CHEBOYGAN, MI "12-40 Big Country Gold" Pers 1st (TIP PAUL C)**

1280 WNAM 0630 12/10 Better signal than normal, worth rec, but wiped perseus file by mistake

1290 Latino Public Radio = WRNI 2228 12/10

1290 WJNO 0600 11/10

1290 WMCS 0634 Fair pk worth rec, but wiped perseus file by mistake

1290 WHIO 0630 13/10 ann 95.7

1300 WOOD Regular again

**1320 WLQV Hollywood, FL Pers 1st**

1330 WHBL 0630 12/10 Good ID, worth rec, but wiped perseus file by mistake

**1370 WTAB NC 13/10 0700 Hrd this yesterday but ID was so poor. Pers 1st. Not bril today but same ad as yesterdays rec of web stream. Yesterdays, tip Paul C.**

1410 WMYR The Avenue, FL 0700 11/10 Usually 1660 // is heard here

1470 WJDY 0600 13/10 Tip Paul C

1540 WDCD 0200 11/10 and other times

1650 CINA 0000 13/10 Been logged a few times lately

## **THE PONY EXPRESS COMES GALLOPING IN:**

Usually these days, we have instant e mails and text messages from around the world. Last night, I checked the e mail, and one came in dated 29th Sept or thereabouts. Where did the e mail sit between being sent and arriving here??? It was not any special e mail, had no attachments or odd properties. The Pony Express in the wild west days could have sent it faster. And yes, while I remember, it was only sent from a friend in the next village!!

900	WMOP	Ocala, FL	 0500 05/09/11. Call of // 1230 WGGG noted (2.7kW / 27W!!!!)
1240	WCEM	Cambridge, MD	 0530 04/09/11 "Delmarva's ESPN AM 1240" "TENT" (1kW) (Tnx Paul C and Stu for checking)
1320	KXYZ	HOUSTON, TX	 0500 08/09/11 (5kW)
1350	ECLIPSE FM	El Tigre, Venezuela	 0530 18/09/11 (5kW)
1450		1450 AM Gold, Bermuda	 01/09/11 0502 very poor id. Heard in the past but not ided properly. Even this id is a bit shakey, but verified by other dxers as OK.

New / Personal first's this month = 5 (And others unsorted)  
NB: ALL TIMES ARE IN GMT

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DATES EVERYWHERE:

I have just noticed that many of my dates on this page were all over the place. This is despite the fact that I use the little freebie, tclock, that displays day, date and time on the PC where normally only is a clock!! Not to mention the clock on the Perseus software itself!! But hey Ho. I think it's all corrected now.

### DX LOGS FOR TODAY:

North American antenna in today, and notice that there was virtually nothing heard except a booming CBC on 1400. I think the band favoured Latin. The last two days signals were so weak, I have already deleted the files, and today's will not be much different. Davie up the street and myself are both hearing signals on 1540.5ish. This seems to be the station heard earlier in the year, Turbomix, from Peru. I have not heard any ids yet due to weak signals. Music heard today but yesterday only signal seen. Davie had some music yesterday as well, but ided the station today.

### END OF THE MONTH TOTAL:

We are coming to the end of the month, and I have a whole lot more personal firsts to find than those listed at the top. With the Latins, it takes much more of an effort to an ee speaker like myself. I should catch up though, over the next days.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2011

**PC TIPS - INCREASE WEB TEXT SIZE QUICKLY:**

I really should create a page for only tips for PC's. But one is worthy of a quick mention here.

If you find the text on web pages too small.. Hold Ctrl and press the + button. This normally works fast enough, but alternatively hold Ctrl and turn the mouse wheel. This is even faster.


## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2011

**BAD QRN FOR DX NEIGHBOUR:**

I sympathise today with a loud QRN problem which Davie up the road has just had switch on. All Davie's electrical muck in his own house is unplugged, and yet still a new source of QRN has come on. It could be anything. Neighbour's new TV, router, etc.?? Bad electrical noise is the scourge of all dxers in these days of unregulated electrical garbage being imported.

**MONTAGE OF MW DX STATIONS OVER THE WEEKEND:**

I have given a montage of signals received here in Scotland mainly from Saturday, but a couple of other files from Sunday and today. These are all common stations, but they don't always boom in like this. KXEL is not usually as dominant. I still find this kind of dxing amazing, and the distance these transmissions travel on MW, and no two mornings are the same. Times on the recording is usually around 0600, the peak dx time at these latitudes at this time.

Today's file includes the following stations. Click to play 

950 CKNB, NB  
 1560 WQEW NY Radio Disney  
 1580 CKDO  
 1520 WWKB, Buffalo, NY  
 1510 WWZN Boston  
 1200 WXKS Newton / Boston  
 1180 WHAM, Rochester, NY  
 1170 WWVA, Wheeling, WV  
 1540 KXEL  
 590 VOXM  
 660 WFAN NY  
 830 WCRN Worcester / Boston  
 820 WBAP Fort Worth  
 800 VOWR  
 1010 WINS NY  
 760 WJR  
 770 WABC NY  
 880 WCBS NY  
 1130 WBBR NY  
 680 CFTR Toronto  
 1100 WTAM Cleveland

**DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

North American antenna again last night, and some strong signals coming though this end, though not as powerful as on Saturday. DX neighbour Paul C heard his first daytimer of the season the other week on 1470, WBTX Broadway, VA. I have them going to night time power at 2330 last night. And a personal



first for me.

1290 WHIO 0600

**1470 WBTX Broadway, VA. 2330 last night** 

### DAYTIMERS:

Remember this is the time of year where you may be lucky enough to hear a station knocking down power from daytime power to night time power. The end of the month is best, because the times are changed on a per month basis, so the end of September, October and November are traditionally in theory the best opportunities. At the other side of the year, the beginning of the month is best. eg beginning of Feb and March.

There are different types of daytimers.

Some may sign off altogether at local dusk.

Some reduce power significantly at dusk, and may even drop from as much as 50kw to a few hundred watts, or even less.

Some may have different antenna patterns for day and night

Many stations reduce signals, not quite as significantly as some. Maybe dropping from 5kw to 1kw for example.

### AMERICAN FEEDS ON 26MHZ:

25910 approx WBAP 820 feed 1245

25990 approx K?? Arlington, TX 1245

### REMEMBERING TANDY:

In the UK most of the Tandy stores in the High Streets closed years ago. I am not sure to be honest if any still trade?? Anyway, the point being, they were a regular haunt for techy / geeky electronic buffs, and a great place to walk in off the street and take home little gadgets and components that were not available elsewhere, bar mail order. I used to love a rummage around, looking at projects and items much too expensive for me at the time.

The point is, when I was rooting around the old musty boxes here recently, I discovered an old Tandy 1986 catalogue. Take a look at the prices on the kit of the day. I have scanned only random pages, not the whole book. Take a look at the computer gear at the end!! £2800 for something of the spec offered is laughable by today's standards. I wonder if we will laugh at dual and quad core processors, and 2TB hard drives in 2036!!! Hell, will I still be to the fore in 2036??? Who knows...

Click here for selected pages from a 1986 [Tandy catalogue](#).

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FOR TODAY:

North American antenna last night.

610 WIOD Miami Inc Fox Nx 0600

800 VOWR VG 0600

1650 CINA 0601





**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2011****DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

North American signals today were awesome, see above for montage.

800 VOWR VG 0600  
 1160 WYLL Booming 0600  
 1230 Wildwood. WMID relay from 1340 0600

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2011****DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

North American antenna in today, though Davie H reports good Latin reception. I note another FM // freq for the FM freq listing. 107.9 for 1200 WXKS, Boston.

610 RCN Columbia. Quite good 0601 for ID. Seems to cut carrier 0602ish good signal 0600   
 630 WUNO PR Good ID 0602  
 800 VOWR Booming through 0600   
 820 Trinity, St Kitts Booming 0600, yet on 800 VOWR booming (As opposed to TWR)   
 950 CKNB Booming 0558  
 1290 WRNI Providence 102.7 ann as well 0600  
 1300 Talk 1300 ALBANY, NY 0605 (WGDJ) Their web site is very anon. ie no idea of station first glance.  
 1310 Radio Nac Venezuela 0559   
 1310 WLOB 0530

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2011****DX LOGS FOR TODAY:**

I find a shift towards North America this morning at 0600, with many channels that have given SS in recent days, have become the common North Americans, although down in signal. Maybe because I was using a Westerly beverage, rather than North West. I have not really found anything worthy of note.

NB: Recordings from Monday and Tuesday were written off as very very poor.

I have a number of audio clips to take from the files from the last week or so. On a bit of a go slow here again.

**AMAZING AMSTRAD SRD 400 FOUND:**

I was amazed yesterday when I went into a "wee wumman's hoose" to do a job, and there sitting below the big old 4:3 TV, was an old Amstrad SRD 400. This has been sitting in standby for years, but still comes on!!! Imagine... How many years is it since Sky left analogue?? In fairness the ex man was a motor sports fan, and therefore may have been Eurosport 19 degrees only he was watching, and the German channels. But even he has not been living in the house for years, so the thing has been sitting

ticking over all these years!! Amazing.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2011

### PERSONAL FIRSTS:

I have still to add my personal firsts to this month, and amongst the Latins, it isn't too easy. Hence, I have a bit of listening to do.

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Used LA antenna again, due to disturbed condx. I hear quite a lot around 0530, and tnx to Stu and Paul we came up with an id on the 1350 stn. It is quite obvious when you hear it.... There was some other stuff around, but I seemed to be a bit slack this morning making notes. Rebelde good on 710 today, and also heard on the other channels below, but not on 1000 today.

560 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

600 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

610 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

670 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

710 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

770 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

1060 Radio 26 Cuba 0600

1180 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

**1350 Eclipse FM 90.1 El Tigre. 0530. Snds like good ID. Ann // 90.1 FM??? Personal First** 

1620 Rebelde, Cuba 0600

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Used West antenna, a shorter 170m approx beverage than the main 500m aerial which points north west. Was also listening to last Sunday's 0530 rec, and find that I have a good rec of WAPA PR on 680!! Only the second time I have heard the station. A few other logs added to Sunday 11th.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Used west antenna today, hoping for some Latins. Cuba hammering in on 1180 at 0600 with the interval signal / bird thing just before the top of the hour.

730 Cadena Melodea de Columbia, Radio ???, ex Radio Lider 0558

800 0601 YL ann Radio Trans ??? Is this TWR Bonaire??

960 Radio Venezuela poss 0601 Sounds like an ID, but may also be referring to Mexico. Odd hash noise on LF side, going on and off only on this freq.

1000 Rebelde 0558. Thought hrd Rebelde ID in mud, but 0558 bird was audible. New qrg for me

1180 Rebelde Cuba 0600 Hammering in with bird at 0558ish.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Nothing particularly exciting here this am so far. Files still held, so may get a chance to have another look. Conditions looked as though they were gonna be a little quiet, which usually favours North America, but on checking files, many Latins were audible as well. Possibly an error of judgement using the North American aerial then.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

No DX logs today here. Either I forgot to set recordings on way out the door last night or PC took a reboot due to a power glitch. The latter is suspected due to stormy weather here. And into the bargain, my PC has no keyboard or mouse sockets, at least no PS2 skts, so I use a USB lead with a keyboard and mouse skt on the end of it. Sometimes at boot up the keyboard has to be removed and reconnected. That was the case when I came into the shack this am, keyboard not working. Thus I suspect weather and power glitch.

### NO LOG BOOK ENTRIES:

I have NO log book entries this season so far. All my little scribbles of UNIDs are listed here as I am listening. It seems to be working for me, ie keeping up to speed with daily logs. Please don't e mail me and complain that xxx is not worthy of a log. It is merely notes for my own use, so I can go back and look up the date and time and make audio clips etc, or listen again. I just choose to share the lot on line.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

At first glance of the files from today I was almost going to delete them. But once you get used to the fact that the common power house North Americans are not there, and realise that it is other channels where the stronger stuff is being heard, there are gems to be had. There are a couple of the reputed Cuban warblers around today again. 740, and 820. These kind of days, ie when there are lots of unids coming in, it takes me days to get the audio clips together and on line. Bear with me.

670 Radio Rumbos 0500

700 Radio Cordoba Argentina. Good ID Poss pers 1st .

740 Warbler from reputedly Cuba

820 Amazing warbler 0532 Sounds like Rolf Harris and his wobble board

1280 Noti Uno, PR. Jolly song around 0531 about Noti Uno. Various odd sounding ids.

1350 Radio Buenos Aires 0530 ID om and YL

1360 Unid PP with khz and full web address. Not making sense just yet.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Decided at the last minute to record using the North American aerial tonight, but conditions towards LA. Recordings not yet deleted, but will have one final check.

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2011

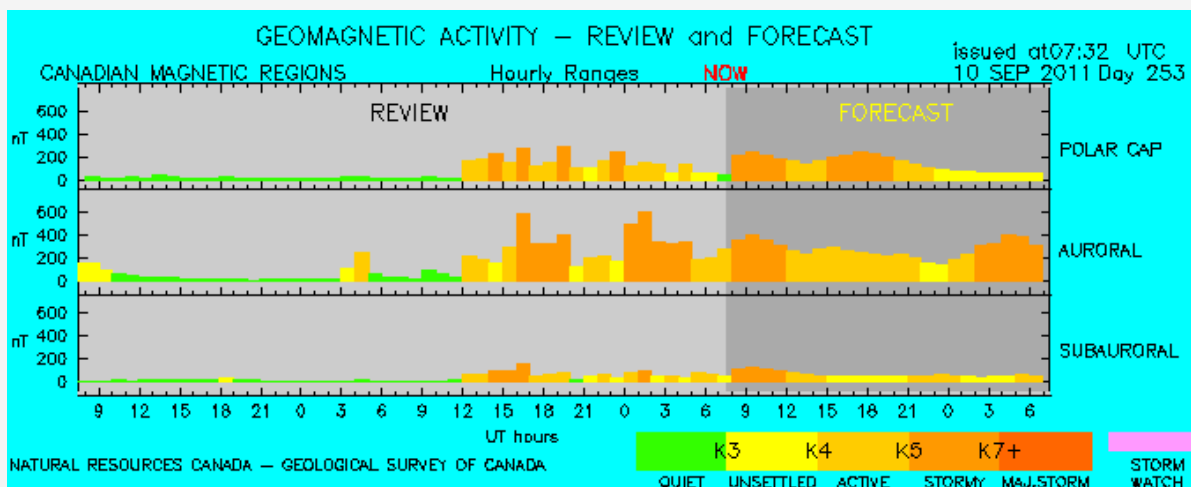
### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

550 SS 0530 poss ids  
 670 Radio Rumbos 0529 1st log in years  
 680 WAPA PR 0534  
 700 SS IDs around 0529. Need more listening to determine.  
 730 Melodia AM 0527  
 950 ss ID 0527. like good id.  
 1070 Radio Santa Fe exc id 0530  
 1130 ss poss id 0528  
 1190 Radio Cordillera, Columbia 0531 pers 1st  
 1270 unid ss 0500 easy listening. ?? Punto Radio???.  
 1280 PR. Like call WUNO??? 0532  
 1380 Ondas Del Mar 0532  
 1470 Radio Vibration, Good ID 0527  
 1520 PR 0504 Good calls

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Where have all the good times gone!!! There's the reason why!!



610 SS poss ID lively presenter, and phone in at 0532  
 740 Warbler at 0534 sounding like Rolf Harris!!! Reputed to be Cuba!

780 Radio Coro 0531

800 unid ss thru 0530 but ss tk 0600. poss id in here

1060 Radio 26 Cuba 0529 good id

1070 unid ss mx and yl tk 0529

1140 Unid SS like ann and freq 0530. om yl tk 0527 0530 lots of punto tk.

A lot more to find hopefully. I will surely be using the Latin antenna tonight, that's for sure!!

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Stations like WEAV 960 and 970 WZAN were really in the mud, mixing with who knows what at 0500 today. 960 snds like slow religious music??? Update: WHYL is now NICE 9-60!!

680 WRKO completely dominant 0500

870 Again today another stn mix WWL at 0500 no ids so far.

900 W Radio Mex 0500

960 unid slow mx mix with the Zone WEAV. Initially thought poss religious, but poss easy listening 0500, 0530

**960 UPDATE WHYL, Carlisle, PA. 0536 "Re-inventing the good times, NICE 9-60 WHYL".**

1060 mix with KYW and SS stn with web address can't make out 0500

1070 Bloomberg Radio (seems regular now) 0500

1200 WXKS 0500 / mix CKGO

1290 WNBF Binghampton, NY 0534

1300 Praise 1300 AM Cleveland 0527

1310 WLOB 0500 Fox Nx

1310 CIWW 1310 NEWS 0530

1320 WMOB AB again id 0529

1520 WWKB inc ad for OK City!! Not KOKC!! 0500

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2011


### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Different again today. Some big signals, and some average mushy signals.

NB. I must stress that at this time of year I have a big signal on most tadx channels, but the channels with many stations can be simply s9 of rumble. If that is translated into English, what I am really saying is that I don't tend to chase carriers with the big main screen. It was discussed on the Skype chat yesterday, to see the different habits of different dxers. My own eye is constantly on the secondary window!! The results of the big carriers can be seen on my [Perseus screenshot page](#).

Anyway, to a few logs from today. Nothing startling so far, but as I keep saying, it's good to have big signals again, after a long time of poultry pickings. UPDATE: New station heard, KXYZ Houston on 1320

555 ZIZ St Kitts. Local programmes and id 0500

1320 KXYZ Houston, TX 0500 Mixing with Toronto. China Radio Progs. Personal First 

1320 WFNN Erie Fox Sports Radio 0500 inc WPHT (1210) Philadelphia ID during commentary!!!

1660 KRZI WAKO TX 0300

**QUALITY OF DX LOGS PUBLISHED:**

I have been watching some dubious logs recently of some other dxers. I must stress that on these pages, stations are always ided when listed. If they are pres or unid, then it is said so beside the log.

I am often told the obvious, that it is possible to ID stations other than TOTH. Yes, of course it is, but it is all dependent on how much time one wants to spend at the receivers. Often I don't even get around to checking the hour +3 / +5 when there is often weather and ids after the news.

The main reason that I record top of the hours is for the ID. If I was to record all night, across the whole band, it would take me weeks to check it out. That may be fine on an exceptional night, and may even be worth the 50 quid for a new hard drive to keep the whole night for future dxing fun. But normally I have no time to spend trawling through every channel for a full night.

I can still remember staying up all night on an exceptional night till dawn, and having to sleep most of the day. That was fine if it was a Saturday night. That was also fine if there were no plans for a Sunday daytime. But the Perseus has made such a difference to the lifestyle of the mw dxer. At least to the writer.

I even chased a friend away one boxing day evening when there was a rock night on, because I was on holiday and one of the few nights I was able to stay up all night and dx with single channel receivers!! I now can easily set the timer and run!!! Now I listen at a time that suits me!!! But I diversify as usual...

A log came up of "sports on 1440, tk on MA". So what. Any sports programme will mention countless locations. If I hear a station mention Libya, do I assume it comes from Tripoli?? No, of course not. It doesn't make sense.

I have written a complete article on the accuracy of MW dxers. Click [here to view](#), or access via the main menu.

**QUALITY OF DX LOGS PUBLISHED:**

I saw a collection of 25 vintage wireless cigarette cards for sale recently. Very nice, but they were £65 for this collection!! But I do wonder if they had a description / story on the back?? Most of these do, but maybe someone has stuck them to a card. Who knows.



LAMBERT AND BUTLER'S  
CIGARETTES.



MARCONI WIRELESS CABIN ON  
BOARD THE TONGUE LIGHTSHIP.

LAMBERT AND BUTLER'S  
CIGARETTES.



SCHOONER "VOLUNTEER."

LAMBERT AND BUTLER'S  
CIGARETTES.



MR. MARCONI AND ASSISTANTS  
AT CAPE BRETON STATION.

LAMBERT AND BUTLER'S  
CIGARETTES.



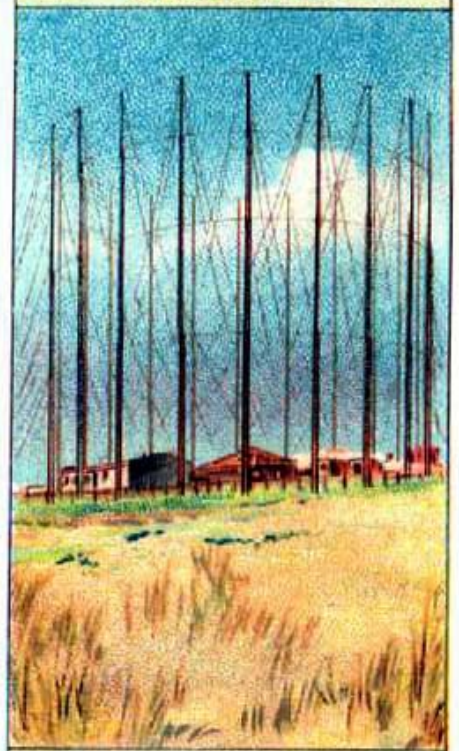
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ISLE OF WIGHT.

LAMBERT AND BUTLER'S  
CIGARETTES.



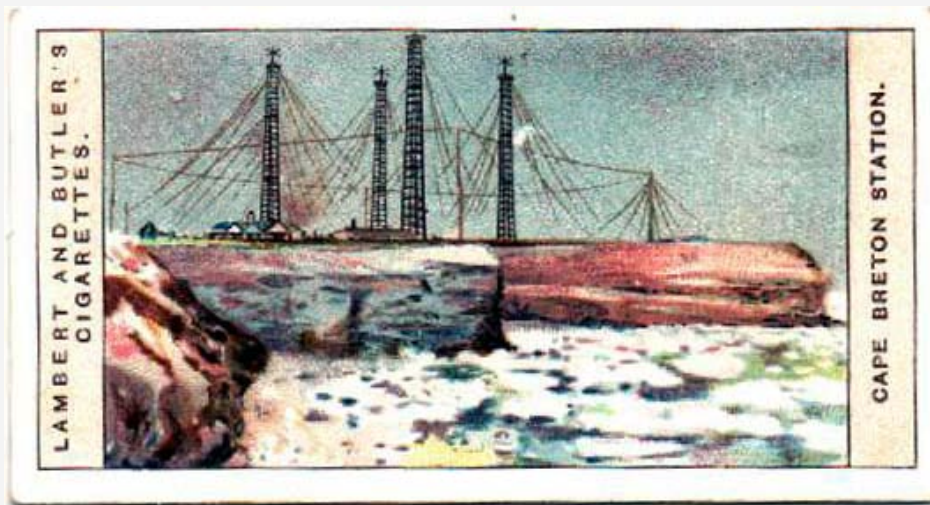
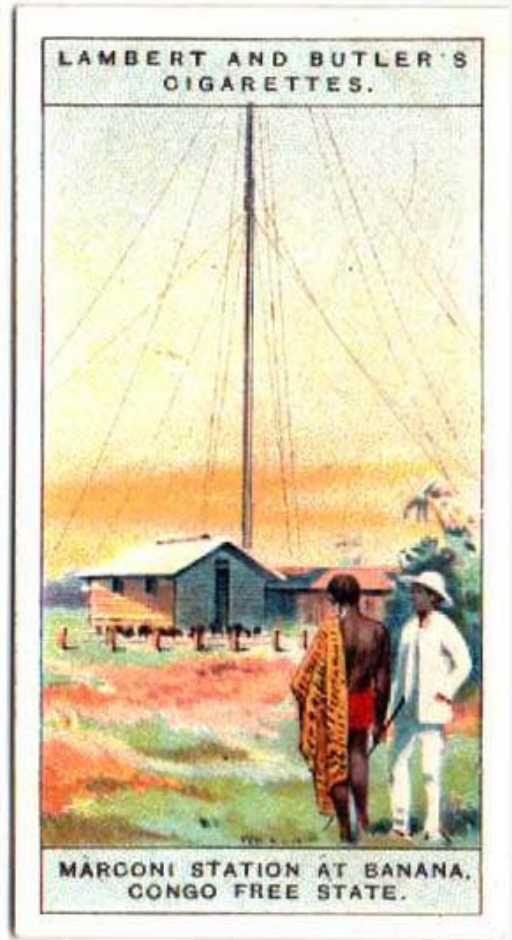
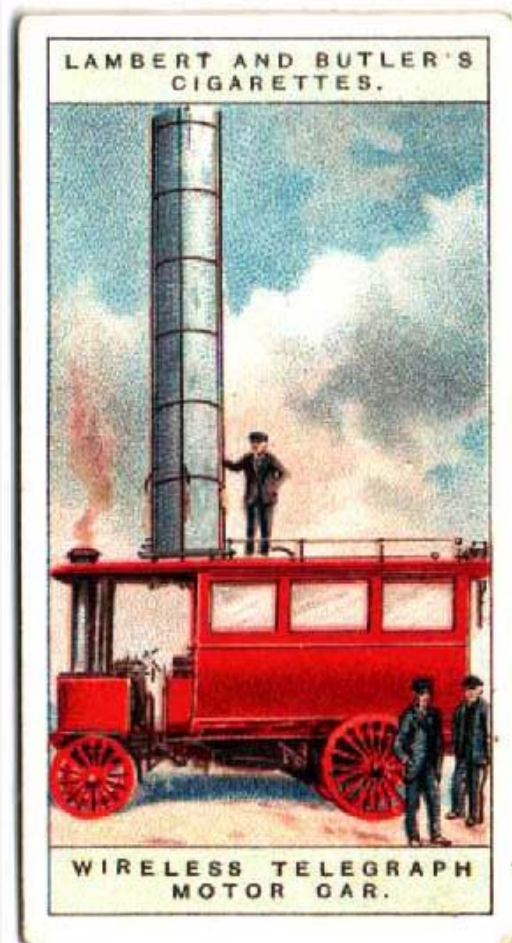
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CIGARETTES.



CAPE COD STATION.





**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2011**

**MONTAGE FROM TODAY:**

I think it was last year I had an e mail from someone, suggesting I make the montages with weaker stations. It is a fair idea, but I can't help think, wah, when a really really booming signal comes in. In fact I may get up at dawn before too long and try the HD set again. Still not had HD from across the Atlantic on MW. Only the HD light, and a couple of times the set has stuttered as though it was nearly there!!! Anyway, here are some of the boomers this morning.



Click here to play

660 WFAN  
 680 6-80 News  
 740 AM 7-40  
 760 WJR  
 880 WCBS (terrible no smoking ad..hi)  
 1580 CKDO  
 960 The Zone  
 1010 WINS (WWFS HD)  
 1130 WBBR  
 1370 WDEA  
 1520 WWKB

There are a couple of others from this am that were worth noting, see logs below and look for the play button. WBCN was booming on 1660 just on 0500. I did heard them before with some good signals when it was the sports station. WMOB 1360 is in again, and ided at 0527. They were boasting about the wonderful return of Jesus Christ!! Thought he was supposed to have been crusified years ago?? Imagine if he did show up!! Man these chaps that are rejoycing now, would have a lot of explaining to do, making MEGA money off HIS back for all these years...LOL.

#### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

Big signals at 0500 here on 960, 660, 680, 760, etc. 950 gave us WWJ just before the hour before powerhouse CKNB came back in.

610 WIOD Still there at 0600 today  
 800 CKLW 0500  
 820 CHAM 0501  
 940 WINZ FL, being clobbered by Mex het  
 950 WWJ 0459  
 950 CKNB Powering in by 0500  
 960 WEAV Very gd at 0500  
 990 CKGM / CBC 0500  
 1010 WINS booming 0500  
 1190 WOWO 0500  
 1210 VOAR 0500  
 1360 WMOB 0527 Waiting for the return of Jesus Christ. Long wait???.   
 1420 AVR id on Canadian country stn 0504  
 1470 Unid with talk show rather than WLAM's oldies. TV Sound?? Thru the hour at 0500.  
 1660 WBCN Charlotte booming 0500. QRO tonight?? WKQC HD call (one for list) 

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2011

#### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

I am not sure I have anything particularly startling to report today, maybe the odd decent signal from common stations. Some stations are listed below, one or two heard for the first time this season.

610 WIOD FL 0502  
 570 WMCA NY 0300  
 580 CFRA 0505

**RECORDING OF 95 - CKNB:**

I have uploaded a fairly longish recording of CKNB on 950, to show the signal here the other day. It is certainly the best I have ever picked up the station, and it was very strong and loud on AM mode on the Perseus. Please do have a listen. The link is below.

**OTHER RECORDINGS FROM LAST FEW DAYS:**

I have included a few unid stations with the weakest clips imaginable, just to see if anyone can hear something I am not. There are two on 980. One seems to announce Classic Sports, and the other has ABC News after possible call, that I can't seem to match up to anything. There is also an accented OM on 1190. Not sure if that is anything other than WLIB, though an FM freq is ann.

110905\_0500\_900\_wmop\_wggg\_1230\_call\_espn.mp3

110904\_0500\_950\_cknb\_real\_strong\_clip\_shorter.mp3

110904\_0530\_1050\_wepn.mp3

110905\_0503\_1060\_radio\_education.mp3

110904\_0530\_1240\_tent\_wcem\_cambridge\_md\_delmarva's\_espn\_radio\_am\_12\_40.mp3

110905\_0400\_1320\_wils\_cjmr.mp3

110905\_0200\_1360\_wrdc\_fairly\_good\_eg\_of\_multi\_call.mp3

110905\_0500\_1400\_wond.mp3

**UNID:**

110827\_0500\_980\_unid\_classic\_sports\_like\_wgyq.mp3

110905\_0400\_980\_unid\_like\_wyot\_hartwell\_hartburn\_poss.mp3

110905\_0400\_1020\_unid\_yl\_ss\_ann\_poss\_id.mp3

110905\_0400\_1190\_unid\_accented\_om\_poss\_just\_wlib.mp3

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2011

**DX LOGS FROM TODAY:**

**900 WMOP, Ocala FL in mess at 0500. ESPN stn and a // WGGG 1230 call.**

**980 unid ads and call and ABC nx 0400. snds like WYOT or similar**

**1020 UNID SS 0400 yl poss ID as per tip from DH.**

1060 KYW again hrd around 0500, and gd around 0502. many ids.

1060 News from Radio France Int in SS, prob Education? 0504

1070 Bloomberg Radio = old EVE 10-70 station, WTWK, Plattsburgh, NY 0500 (Also hrd yesterday)

1190 unid 0400 accented om in ee. Mention 104.5 wbmxx?? gbintergalactic.com or similar. WLIB ???

1230 ID of 1340 WMID which is WCMC Wildwood, NJ. They recently became // the 1340 stn. 0505

1320 WILS 0500 CJMR louder

1360 Alabama pres booming thru the hour at 0500 with music. No ID

1430 CHKT Fairchild Radio all too rare id 0400

1650 WHKT VG 0000

Strong signals from some of the common stations around 0500, such as 77-WABC, 1520, 1130 etc.

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2011

#### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

950 CKNB Absolutely beautiful am signal from this once watery sounding station.0500

1050 WEPN NY 0530 Local ids

1060 Radio Education, good ids 0501

**1070 Bloomberg Radio = old EVE 10-70 station, WTWK, Plattsburgh, NY 0500**

**1240 ESPN Radio AM 12-40. Tent WCEM Cambridge, MD. Delmarva's ESPN am 1240. 0530**

1270 CJCB 0501 Jingle id

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2011

#### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

900 CHML With Canadian nx 0500

1320 WDER Pretty good clear ID here today. Paul C been reporting this one for a few days 0500

#### UNID 1280 LAST SUNDAY:

I forgot to include in last weeks logs, a strange rave music station on Sunday 28th August at 0500. The music played through the hour and beyond, and signals were strong and clear. My first suspect would be CFMB Montreal, the Italian Canadian that sometimes forgets to change antenna patterns to their night time towers.

### KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2011

#### TCR BACK ON 1512, FROM POOR 927:

Just noticed TCR back on 1512, from the lousy 927 signal they were putting out.

#### UPDATE:

An update was made to the "Perseus 5 in 1" pdf file uploaded earlier today. An update was also made to the "Perseus Overnight Recording" zip file added today. So if you downloaded them earlier, maybe you will want the updated version. The update includes simple drive letter changing within windows XP.

#### KEN'S DX ANNUAL 2010 / 2011 NOW AVAILABLE:

These ramblings are once again available as a yearbook in pdf format by clicking the link below. As can be seen the peak year for dxing was certainly 2009 winter, as the 2010 winter pdf is considerably shorter than the previous year. These annual downloads are indexed in the LOGS INDEX, under ALL DX LOGS. It surprised me the many many hundreds of downloads last year's pdf had. Never knew so many people were interested in mw dxing!!

[Click here to download the 3.8 mb pdf file](#)

### **NO RECORDINGS TODAY:**

Again no recordings today, this time due my own bungling..lol. I have been cleaning registry entries etc on the PC, and gave the Perseus entries a good clean out, ie deleted the Microtelecom entry. This restores so called "factory default" settings. But I did forget that nowadays from start up, Perseus has a silly time out pop up screen the first time you use it. Therefore that silly initial screen messed up my timer recordings for this morning!!

### **PERSEUS FIVE IN ONE PDF AVAILABLE:**

I have included five of my most recent Perseus articles in a "FIVE IN ONE" pdf file. These are as follows:

1. WINDOWS 7 INSTALLATION GUIDE IN ENGLISH
2. PERSEUS - CLIENT SERVER TIPS
3. PERSEUS - OVERNIGHT RECORDING FOR VERSION 4.0x
4. PERSEUS - A LIFE CHANGING RECEIVER
5. PERSEUS - TIPS AND TRICKS

[Click here for approx 5mb pdf download](#)

### **PERSUEUS AUTO HOTKEY SCRIPTS FOR 4.0B:**

It has been some time now since the release of BETA 3.0 and the associated change of size of the record file location window. I have still been using version 2.1i to record overnight, because I don't think there has been any development in the wideband recording side of things since then. I have for sometime thus thought about creating a new hotkeys scripts for version 4.0x.

That task is now completed, and now includes a few extras.

1. A click on the 10dB att, necessary here due to use of a pre amp in line.
2. A click on AM mode, keeping the mode the same, even after the software has been used manually.
3. An extra 2 second break between pressing stop, and closing the software down, giving the software a chance to stop and save.

I have also included a sample .ahk file (auto hotkeys file, edited using notepad) without the 10dB att incase anyone wishes to use the same script files.

Also included is an SAQ file, which is the Swedish 17.2kHz transmission that is usually on air at 0800 on 24th December. The hotkeys script centred to 810kHz, giving recording from 10kHz to 1590kHz, and a



little more if the secondary window is used to drag the filter a little over the limits. It runs from 0746 to 0816!! I always seem to forget about this annual transmission, so if there is a text file ready prepared, I may well remember it!!

I have been asked by a couple of dxers why I don't use any of the other sched applications. The answer is simple. Auto hotkeys was the first automated sched app I was aware of, being introduced to the Perseus group by Dr Matthisas Zwoch in 2008, translated to English by Guido Schotmans. It also doesn't require the massive add on 239 meg from the dot net framework.

Once set up to your own sched requirements, it is extremely simple to use. For example, at the present time I may wish to record 02, 03, 04, 05. I may think that 02 and 03 and 04 are hardly worth looking at, but I think I may as well record. I have 24 top of the hour text files, one for every hour, running from xx58 - xx01 (3 minutes). I also have another set of 24, running from xx56 to xx06. (10 minutes). So normally at this time, secondary hours are just recorded with the 3 minute top of the hour file, and the peak which is currently at 0500, is recorded using the 10 minute script.

So all I have to click on 4 text files to set my timer, and switch monitors off at the mains, and go to bed!! It's that simple. Four clicks. How can that be described as difficult??

I also make longer script / text files as required. At the time of writing, I have a long one for 0345 - 0515 or something so that, so that I can record the full hour around the peak time. I will alter this, and make new files as desired, as the winter creeps in. I also have created a certain amount of half hour scripts, although not for every hour during the daylight hours. If they are needed at any time, a few seconds typing creates a new file.

But when undesirable size modifications are made to the Perseus pop up windows, the scripts / text files never have to be touched. There is a new set however made up for the changes made after version 3.0. Thus for the current version of 4.0b, the script will work just fine. See the two links below.

I have made a separate page dedicated to these overnight recording notes, including how to change drive letters within windows, to the letter "F", if you want to try my ready made "hotkeys" files.

[PERSEUS OVERNIGHT RECORDINGS PAGE](#)

[DOWNLOAD "PERSEUS OVERNIGHT RECORDING ESSENTIALS" file \(approx 5Mb ZIP FILE\)](#)

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2011

### **ANOTHER MONTH, ANOTHER SUMMER GONE:**

The summer seems to have just simply faded into obscurity, and there is a chill in the air these evenings. So much for the high hopes of long warm summer nights and barbeque and weekends away. I guess the DX season is open again. I should have used the westerly aerial this last couple of nights. Seems there is a Latin / Caribbean feel to the peak around 0500. Let's hope for something different then on the common frequencies. I have managed to continue to note logs on these pages as I listen, so the old log book has no entries for the time being.

I must also draw attention to the fact that there are some new logs added for the end of August which were not uploaded yesterday, so remember to go back to the August page.

### **KEN'S ANNUAL YEARBOOK:**

My new Yearbook in PDF format will be available shortly. Be patient. I usually run the pdf from July to July, which will take in a whole season of MW DX. I was overwhelmed by the number of downloads of the last couple of annual ramblings. These incidentally are only a collection of the log pages, which serves as

a kind of a Blog / Gossip page as well, all compacted into one easy to use pdf file. Links to audio clips and higher res images available on the on monthly html version are not included within the pdf. Maybe in the future?? File size would be much bigger of course.

**GOLD 1450:**

The GOLD log below is thanks to Paul and Davie, though the ID here is a very poor one. I am not sure how comfortable I am with the log in fact. This has been heard here before, with equally as poor an ID.



**DX LOGS FROM TODAY:**

560 Rebelde  
600 Rebelde  
610 Rebelde  
620 Rebelde  
980 RCN, Columbia 0500. Way down on yesterday  
1450 Gold, Bermuda. "We have your favourites day and night, 14-50 AM, Gold" 0502  
1540 Radio Bahamas good id 0504, inc ads and yl presenter

**A FEW AUDIO CLIPS FROM TODAY AND YESTERDAY:**

110831\_0500\_980\_rcn\_columbia.mp3  
110831\_0500\_1440\_wwcl\_port\_myres\_fl.mp3  
110901\_0502\_1450\_unid\_ann\_poss\_gold\_bermuda.mp3  
110901\_0504\_1540\_radio\_bahamas\_gd\_sig\_and\_id\_short\_vs.mp3  
110831\_0500\_1660\_the\_avenue\_fl.mp3

All DX Logs - FM / TV DX - Perseus / Equipment - Audio Downloads - Other Items - DX chat - Contact

980		RCN, Columbia	 0500 31/8/11
1440	WWCL	Port Myres, FL	 0500 31/8/11 (poor id)

New / Personal first's this month = 2  
NB: ALL TIMES ARE IN GMT

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST 2011

### BEVERAGE AGAIN TODAY:

The main beverage that was shredded by the fermer's hedgecutter the other day seems to be just fine and well. I fixed it yesterday, and found a section of the thick coax broken. The cable itself is the thickest stuff I have, and was resued from the fires of a scrappie!!



### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

980 RCN 0500. Very good considering.  
1340 Unid SS in and out aaround toth  
1440 WWCL FL. Unid ann ??? Port Myres FL, and WCCF 1580 Columbia / ?? 0500  
1550 Rebelde  
1660 0500 The Avenue, FL. Quite good.



## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 30th AUGUST 2011

### FEEDER SHREDDED AGAIN:

No files for today. I heard the farmer with his tractor / hedgecutter yesterday in the field where the antenna feeder goes. I came into the shack today and tried the overnight recordings, to find signals are way way down to almost nil!! Damn. But what can I say. It's his hedges and land I run the cables across, and I am glad of the chance to run the cables across his ground in the first place. Thought. I wonder if he is planting his field with winter crops again this year, or leaving it for a beverage farm like he did in 2008.. LOL

### A COUPLE OF AUDIO CLIPS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS:

Below I have included a few clips of dx heard in the last few days. There is also a montage of various common stations.


110829\_0100\_1360\_wdrc\_poor\_but\_multi\_call.mp3

110821\_0401\_1630\_krnd\_la\_jota\_mexicana.mp3

110829\_0300\_1570\_wflr\_dundee.mp3

### MONTAGE FROM THE LAST FEW DAYS:

Below I have given another montage of common stations, some of them with quite powerful signals. Others are a little weaker, but may be reasonable for the particular station. That is the first time I have noticed Radio Encyclopedia this season. Note my recording from the other day of WWKB with an OK City advert, and I mentioned that I guess some dxers may claim KOKC if they heard that ad under weak signal conditions. Well I have included a recording with included WWKB with the same ad, as well as KOKC creeping in, on this montage!!

110827\_to\_29\_montage.mp3 

950 CKNB  
 1010 WINS / CFRB (example of mixing)  
 1100 WTAM  
 1110 WBT  
 1120 KMOX  
 1130 WBBR  
 1190 WLIB  
 1520 WWKB & KOKC.. Inc WWKB with OK advert  
 1580 CKDO

890 WLS  
 870 WWL  
 770 WABC  
 740 AM 7-40 TORONTO  
 710 WOR  
 700 WLW  
 680 CFTR / WRKO (example of mixing)  
 600 CBC  
 540 CBC  
 530 Radio Encyclopedia  
 660 WFAN  
 1490 WBAE  
 1290 CJBK  
 1060 WQOM  
 1010 CFRB Dominant LOUD SIGNAL  
 920 CKNX  
 870 WWL  
 900 CHML

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 29th AUGUST 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

1230 CBC 0400. site??  
 1270 UNID multi calls after silly sounding advert 0500. too weak  
 1300 Cleveland 0359  
 1440 Detroit 0500  
 1490 WBAE 0500  
 1540 KXEL 0500  
 1570 WFLR, Dundee, NY. news. Fingerlake?? .com mentioned as well. Call in a twang.  
 0500. better 0300  
 1620 WDND Dominant. espn.  
 1650 KCNZ 0500

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 28th AUGUST 2011

### DX LOGS FROM TODAY:

900 CHML 0505 wx then old radio shows  
 980 unid SS poss LV id om, or yl call later 0503  
 1060 0504\_KYW  
 1130 KWKH 0457  
 1140 WQBA 0500  
 1180 WHAM 0500

1280 UNID weird booming signal with electronic voice, or maybe electronic music??  
(suspect CFMB)

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 27th AUGUST 2011

### LOGS FROM THIS MORNING:

I wonder how I will get on trying to make this on line page my main log?? Thing is I become sloppy, and dont tend to bother. But this morning I had some very powerful signals, so much so that I will no doubt create another montage. I noticed that there were a few stations to add to the list from the last week, which have been added, including KRND 1630, which is a Mexican format now, and not LA GRANDE, but still SS.

### CKNB 950 DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED:

Today the old poorly modulated voice of 950 CKNB was booming, and their transmitter is for sure much improved on the last few winters. Although good to hear a real radio station playing music and not relaying crap satellite shows, I guess this may become more of a pest now?? It was much easier to hear other stations below when the audio was watery and poor.

### WLKK 930:

Let's begin with WLKK call in the mush on 930. This turned out to be WBEN // 107.7 station. Another one for the list!!

### LOGS FROM TODAY:

530 R Encyclopedia  
 540 CBC  
 560 WGAN  
 570 WSYR  
 600 CBC VG  
 700 WLW  
 710 WOR 0505  
 770 WABC  
 820 WBAP ann // FM  
 840 WHAS 0505 wx re  
 890 WLS  
 900 W Radio Mexico  
 930 WBEN with WLKK 107.7 id 0500 (their FM outlet)  
 920 CKNX 0504  
 930 CFBC 0501  
 950 CKNB Booming at 0500

950 ESPN 0504 during CKNB silence. More than 1 possibility.

960 WEAV

970 WZAN

980 Graveyard style strong mess and ABC news, and Fox Sports. Classic Sports WGYN / WZIM ??? 0500

990 CBC

1000 WMVP

1010 WINS / CFRB

1100 WTAM

1110 WBT

1120 KMOX

1130 WBBR

1520 KOKC mix WWKB, INC wwkb with OK

1630 KKGM Fortworth

1640 WTNI

1650 WHKT

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 26th AUGUST 2011

### PERSEUS FILES FAILED:

There may have been a power glitch or something today, but the automated overnight recordings failed. This is very unusual and the auto hotkeys system has been in use reliably since it was first introduced in the Perseus group a good few years back now. Auto updates and the likes on a PC also make these things fail. It will also fail obviously if there is no room left on the hard disk!! Anyway, there's always tomorrow!!!

I was asked last year why I don't use some of the other systems of timer recordings. One of them requires a clumsy 250 meg download of .net framework. It probably works just the same, but the auto hot keys is as simple as a click on the hours you want to record overnight. A click on 04, and 05. which is mainly all I record at this time, and that's the timer set. It is virtually two clicks. Maybe three if I record 0200, to see what's on 1440 before RTL comes on.

But being realistic, even Bill Gates is not above the occasional PC crash. Remember his Windows 98 launch??? And don't listen to the man that tells you his PC never crashes. He is only boasting and making a fool of himself. The only PC that NEVER crashes, is the one that is switched off!!

I am not suggesting that my PC is crashing every day or anything. If it was, that is when it is time to wipe the drive and reinstall Windows from scratch. It has to be done on machines every now and again to keep them running smoothly, especially ones that are connected to the web, Many people cringe at the thought of wiping their PC. This is only because they are not in the habit of it. But I have had to do this since Windows 3.1 days...!! The first time was nerve racking though!!!!!!!

### KYW - 1060, PHILADELPHIA, PA:

Tnx to a tip from Paul C on the Skype MW DX chat, KYW was logged yesterday. The station has been heard here before, but not with such a signal as at 0503 yesterday. At the top of the hour, 1060 was just mush here. Moral. Don't just flick through the 30 seconds at the top of the hour. But sometimes I do just that!!!

110825\_0503\_1060\_kyw\_gd\_pk.mp3

## KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 25th AUGUST 2011

### NOTHING TO REPORT RECENTLY:

Welcome to the start of the traditional MW DX season. I have had a little bit of a buzz by some of the signals of late. I have had nothing to report for a couple of months here. The sporadic e season that was hoped for materialised into the worst summer ever at these latitudes. In the end, I couldn't raise an interest even to switch on the band 1 or band 2 sets. Day after day of empty frequencies failed to catch my attention. I also recorded the odd night of MW, hoping to find some mid summer gems, but nothing much to talk about was heard.

It can hardly be described as a particularly great summer here, weather wise, although there have been warm days in June and July, some very chilly weather for the middle of the summer was also experienced. The Beech trees especially suffered, and many hedges and trees were "burnt" brown by June!!

I have updated my logs index, although the ALL TIME TADX LIST still has to have last season's dx catches incorporated within. The logs index I have to say was well in need of updating. There were some pages that were inaccessible, because the link on the pop up menu had been taken away!! Sorted.

### MW DX AGAIN:

Below are some of the stations again heard here. Most are regulars, hence the lack of time taken to make so called proper logs of every day stuff. (I just don't see the point in writing down logs every day of WWKB) Not too many so far had the nice booming signal that was enjoyed only a couple of years ago, but it's early in the season. There may well be other common stations omitted here.

540 CBC  
 590 VOXM  
 600 CBC  
 620 VOXM  
 640 CBC  
 650 VOXM  
 660 WFAN  
 670 Rebelde  
 680 6-80 News / WRKO

710 VOXM  
 730 CKAC  
 740 AM 7-40 Toronto / VOXM  
 750 CBC  
 770 WABC  
 780 WBBM  
 800 VOWR  
 830 WCRN  
 860 CBC FF  
 880 WCBS  
 890 WLS  
 950 CKNB  
 960 The Zone  
 970 WZAN  
 990 CKGM / CBC  
 1000 WMVP ESPN 1000  
 1010 WINS / CFRB  
 1020 KDKA  
 1050 CHUM  
 1060 WQOT Natick / Boston  
 1080 WTIC  
 1100 WTAM  
 1110 WBT  
 1130 WBBR  
 1140 CBC  
 1160 WYLL  
 1170 WWVA  
 1180 Rebelde / WHAM  
 1190 WOWO  
 1190 WLIB 04 25/8  
 1240 VOXM  
**1250 AM 1250 MB - 21/8 0400**  
 1250 CJYE Joy 12-50  
**1290 CFRW MB 0400 - 21/8 0400**  
 1290 WKBK Keene  
 1310 CIWW  
**1310 WCCW 0400 - 21/8 0400**  
 1320 CJMR / WILS  
 1330 WRCA  
 1350 WOYK  
**1360 WMOB, Mobile, AB - 21/8 0201**  
 1360 WDRC  
 1370 WDEA  
 1390 WEGP  
 1400 CBC  
 1400 WOND 05 21/8  
 1440 WHKZ The Word  
 1450 WENJ 05 21/8  
 1480 WSAR  
 1480 WHBC  
 1490 WBAE (am1400and1490.com) 0505 21/8

1500 WFED  
 1510 WLAC - 21/8 0400  
 1510 WWZN  
 1520 WWKB  
 1540 CHIN  
 1540 WDCD 0200 25/8  
 1550 CBC  
 1560 DISNEY NY  
**1560 Yahoo Fantasy Football ad. 0457 25/8. Pres KGOW, No id today**  
 1580 CKDO  
 1600 WUNR  
 1630 KCJJ  
**1630 KRND La Jota Mexicana 0401 21/8**  
 1650 KCNZ  
 1690 CHTO 0403 21/8  
 1700 KVNS

### MONTAGE OF RECENT DAYS:

As I do regularly, here are a few clips of some of the common stations heard this last week or so. Some booming, some not so good.

110823\_21\_various\_montage\_scotland.mp3

880 WCBS  
 960 WEAV (New toth ann)  
 950 CKNB  
 1130 WBBR (Booming)  
 1440 WHKZ The Word  
 1520 WWKB (Booming)  
 1480 WSAR  
 1430 WENE  
 1050 CHUM (NEW ID)  
 1560 Disney NY  
 1580 CKDO  
 1700 KVNS  
 1650 KCNZ  
 830 WCRN  
 1080 WTIC  
 1160 WYLL  
 1320 CJMR

### A FEW OTHER RECORDINGS:

I have given a few other recordings here from the last days as well. Just a few for the moment. Notice how CKNB has other letters at the toth that could cause confusion during weak signals, and how many dxers would hear an advert for OK and assume

wrongly they heard KOKC, see WWKB rec.

110817\_0400\_950\_cknb\_booming\_confusing\_ann.mp3

110825\_0500\_1170\_wwva.mp3

110821\_0201\_1360\_wmob\_alabama\_gd.mp3

110805\_0300\_1520\_wwkb\_inc\_insurance\_ad\_oklahoma\_city.mp3

110825\_0500\_1560\_clip\_kgow\_yahoo\_fantasy\_football\_no\_id.mp3

### **WMOB 1360 - MOBILE, ALABAMA:**

There has often been religious music heard playing past the toth on 1360 in the last week. This was ided as WMOB Mobile, 0201 21/8, and 0503 today. They seem to be playing past TOTH often. The id includes the word Mo-beeel, in a Southern twang. This was reported in the Spring by BD, and heard here as well. Seems regular all week, though IDs are never there at peak signals. (power / antenna improvement??)

110821\_0201\_1360\_wmob\_alabama\_gd.mp3

### **BEER OR NO BEER:**

A man goes into a bar and asks for a beer. The barman proceeds to throw a full pint of beer over him, soaking his hair and shirt.

"What was all that about", asked the man indignantly.

"There is nothing on the price list to say you get a glass with this beer", he was told rudely.

Complete fiction of course, but I saw a similar response from a "well known" receiver manufacturer, aimed at one of his paying customers the other day, when the said customer complained about a £300 machine having no power supply included, and thus not ready to plug and play. I couldn't believe what I was reading!! Great public relations, attacking the customers!!! Of course it has often been suggested on the Perseus Yahoo Group that customers are regularly treated with contempt.

I personally would use a line from the main PC power supply. Red = 5v, Yellow = 12v. So both Perseus 5V supply and FM+ 12V supply are easily accommodated. (My own Perseus uses this set up now) The wall wart that comes with the Perseus has often been reported as creating QRN anyway.

But it is not everyone who is confident with soldering irons and DC connector plugs. Some dxers are even scared to try out a new version of SDR software, until they read a full report from a reliable resource. So fine I know, many dxers would not be



particularly happy with this less than ideal situation. I am not sure what the back of the FM+ is like. A DC socket perhaps?? If it is, there are so very many of these things, all slightly different. I never did understand why there are so many. It is crazy. Into the bargain, you may imagine that the chassis connection of these sockets are negative, and the pin is positive.

WRONG.

The polarity can be either, depends on the manufacturer of the piece of kit that is being powered.

I am unsure if there is any reverse polarity protection in the Perseus and the FM+.

There was a big deal about the Perseus power pack in the original manual. I quote directly from the Perseus manual.

+5V – 1A

Regulated receiver power supply socket. Use the receiver only with the wall adapter provided with the receiver. Improper voltage power supplies may seriously damage the receiver.

## REVERSE POLARITY CIRCUIT:

Talking of reverse polarity, someone had a very neat little simple circuit in one of the magazines some years ago. It allowed the connection of a 12v item any way, ie it didn't matter what side went to plus, and what went to minus. Sadly I can't find the bit of paper in question. Anyone remember this???

## 1978 STICKERS FROM THE BBC:

I saw these and the accompanying leaflet that went with it on ebay the other day. I almost bid, but then whilst raking around, I seemingly have loads of the red leaflets. I also had one of the small cards of stickers, with some removed.

[Click here for a pdf of the leaflet](#)



## A 1970's HAM OPERATORS ATTITUDE??

I was up at Davie H QTH the other day and he showed me an interesting e mail from a well known MW dx club. I couldn't believe I was reading something from 2011. It sounded as though it was out of a 1970's ham radio magazine. Someone had reported that the club should not report MAR and the like because they are illegal pirates. Good grief, it's not nazi Germany or cold war DDR any more. (Debatably) The world of communications has moved on.

Many of the worst of the worst old time hams had this chip in their shoulder in the 1970's, and they thought they owned the spectrum, which is incidentally a natural resource. Many of the pirates of the time did use home made equipment, while these self same hams were running commercial sets. Who were the skilled operators then I ask? As a keen SWL in my early teens, I met that vile attitude more than once. But be honest, who could blame me for listening to music from the North Sea, rather than political rot from Moscow, Tirana or Washington. These ham operators that were of that era, would cringe at the very word "pop pirate".

I have read anti pirate "flaming" style articles way back in the past, but I seriously never thought I would ever read the likes again. It seems absurd in these days of mobile phones, broadband streams, satellites, i pods, i phones, facebook, and who knows what other little gadgets and gizmo's that are used for entertainment and communication, that someone could be worried about logging a MW dx signal. Even the BBC openly discuss pirate radio nowadays. What about BBC Essex etc. (Though as I said on these pages in the past, I bet BBC ESSEX wouldn't be messing around playing at pirate ships if there was still a rusty trawler just over the horizon!! I still remember who tried to cause Caroline and Laser grief in the 80's)

I can well remember in the 80's I used to correspond with a dxer in the DDR who had an old manky duplicator of some kind confiscated by the communist regime, because he printed and distributed his dx logs from 48m band stations. They were published in some kind of an old purple style ink. I wonder whatever happened to Burghard in Leipzig I think he was. Imagine, the man's printer being taken off him!! How sick is that kind of paranoia?? Is that what the author of the e mail thinks is going to happen to the dx club?? So is the club in question going back to the 70's, and not going to report on mw dx, incase the gestapo come through the various club editors doors at dawn, in a synchronised Europe wide raid?? Surely not!!

There is a lot of secrecy and closed shop mentality amongst many of the dx clubs in the world. I am continually surprised that in these days of www, that most groups still want to have members and secret non public boards. Is this a throwback from these by gone days of being scared to print logs of radio stations heard?? Maybe it has to do with \$\$\$\$\$\$. I have no idea. But there are various blogs and newsgroups on the www nowadays are openly promoting the concept and history of pirate radio.

Going back to the 70's, let's remember Wavelength magazine, who were taken to court for so called advertising and promoting offshore radio. The Caroline Newsletter was raided and scripts confiscated, and their printer harassed by the Home Office. This was 1979 Britain!! John Jackson Hunter ended up in the nick because of a paranoid dictatorship in London. His crime was running a disco!! Displaying a Caroline sticker

was a risky business as well, or wearing a T shirt. Mind you, I would never have believed the scum Tories would have resorted to piracy on the high seas in 1989, and jamming Radio Caroline as late as the 1990's!!! And they did. And not one government official was ever made to pay for their crimes.

I think radio is one discovery / invention that has been hi jacked and seriously abused by consecutive governments and corporations the world over, who never earned or anything else the right to use the airwaves. They just took that right, way back in the experimental days of radio in the 1920's.

As a footnote I could say this of 1970's Britain. You may not have had CB or Internet or mobile phones, mp3 players and satellite tv. Walkie Talkies were seriously frowned upon, even if an aerial rigger was using them. Round a bit, back a bit, stop.... These were usually on 27mhz. You could listen to album tracks from the North Sea, but boy o boy did they hate that little outpost of free radio just beyond their reach. But at the same time, there was none of the stupid traffic hump mentality of today, or obscene health and safety rules brought in by do gooders. A pub was a pub, and who cared who was pouring the pints, or having one with the punters, and lock ins, and smoking behind the bar, never mind in the pub. Take a look at the mentally deficient scum of today that move into a flat next to a nightclub and then kick up a stink because of the noise, or the man walking along a working keyside and being alarmed because his stupid kids saw dead fish. Woopy f~\*%#ing do. He should lock his stupid kid in a bedroom lined with white cotton wool. Imagine if muppets like that went a walk in the country and stood on "coo shite".. LOL.

### **IT'S A D-400 KEN:**

Was it March 2010 when I asked what the unit below was. No one seemed to have a clue, including the less than helpful manufacturer. But while digging around looking for something else, I found a leaflet I must have been given with the unit. It is a D-400, sister to the D-500, and D-100!!! Click below for the four page leaflet.

d400\_leaflet.pdf (4meg)

*"I have dug out an old gadget I got years ago from Tim B, but I don't think I have ever tried it. It looks very similar in style to the TVDX machine, the D100. So what is it?? Anyone recognise it?? For reasons best know to themselves, the manufacturers have failed to put a model on it. Serial number is 04036, written by hand. The usual bloody annoying audio jack is used for power, and as usual no polarity is given on the unit. You have to open the box and have a look, and an educated guess!!!!"*

