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I will not be by the receivers this weekend, so there will be nothing to report, unless something exciting is happening this Sunday when I return. The sporadic E seems to have missed me for most of this season. It has been a very poor year, with weak signals or no signals. OK I have had my first TADX, my 1st Belgian log, and a new Italian stn (7 Gold), but the days when there are openings compared to past years, (but not last year) has been disappointing.

I can not personally become worked up when there are weak carriers being detected. My FM and TV DX has always favoured audio and video level signals. Even though I have had receivers capable of SSB at TV freqs for a couple of years, I still must admit I still like to see real video and hear real audio. I do make a lot of movie clips of RDS, but I also prefer a good voice/ jingle audio id, to have an audio clip.

I am not sure if some TV dxers count their carrier level, verified offset signals as the same kind of logs as a video and audio signal. If that were the case, I would be counting the carrier level "down under" signals at the top end of MW in my all time lists. These alleged down under signals appear here in Europe at the right time of year, and at the right time of day, to make them probably Ozzy in origin. I personally would need some audio to be blown away by these possible dx signals though. During the AK openings this past MW season, I had 680 and 780 at audio level, but carriers at the right time of day for AK on other freqs. 970 and 820 AK channels produced only carrier level, which I don't assume as a real log. 1500 had carriers as well, but I certainly did not make any claims of HI in my logs.

Think on the logs MW dxers would have if they assumed carrier level signals as logs. I will demonstrate.

[CLICK HERE](#) for screenshot of 1400kHz in Jan of the carriers detected!!! It is quite amazing!!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a late fade out of 1400kHz.

What is even more amazing, is that there are only two stations regularly heard on 1400kHz. CBC NFLD is dominant, with some regular logs of WOND NJ as a secondary station. I logged another solitary station this last winter for the first time.

Now choose which carrier is the dominant one, and which is the secondary station!!!!

1476 GONE AS A CLEAR / QRP CHANNEL:

1476 is now officially gone as one of the last clear Euro channels. A transmitter in Spain has been using the freq for some weeks now. This will effect signals of QRP stations like WNKR and Radio Britannia, who use the freq. It is amazing how well QRP (low power) will travel on a clear channel. Another clearish freq which even used to give KENYA at certain times back in the 90's, 1386, has now also been hijacked by the same Spanish outfit. They never miss a trick, and they don't sign off either. I wish the Spanish would discourage their MW usage. They are such a pain in the life of a MW dxer, and have been ever since I began MW dxing.

Talking of QRP. I was in touch with an enthusiast in Eire that was making a dx test with only 10 watts the other day. I was first advised to check 828, which was detectable as carrier and slight audio at best. A freq change was made to 612, and the results were quite astounding. I had a real good copy, with signals best on the dx antenna, 500m beverage running NW, which also it seems takes in Ireland. I do know that from the signals of 846 Radio North on that antenna, and have used it as a reference for many years. I had no virtually no trace of 612 on my vertical antenna, inverted L type. Radio North is very good on that inverted L. I never checked accurately to compare 1512 at that time. The shorter beverage running due west near enough, had the signal, but it was much better on the 500m aerial.

The person behind the QRP test was equally as enthusiastic of my reception on 612. In fact, frankly amazed. It is good to hear that some enthusiasts are still experimenting with good old fashioned MW. I read on the web that there have been tests on 1512 from a Merseyside pirate station as well recently. Pay close attention to the AM band!!!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 10th JULY 2009:

MEMORIES AND RADIO MEETINGS:

I have been reading through some old TELEVISION magazines lately, and reading the Roger Bunney articles in particular, about TV dxing. I found an article by Hugh Cocks on F2 TV DX. A very interesting article from 30 years ago!! DECEMBER 1978!!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ARTICLE \(600k pdf\)](#)

It also got me thinking about the radio meetings I used to attend in Glasgow in the 1980's organised by a WDXC member, a gentleman named John McCarra from

Clarkston. We used to go around to his house on a Saturday afternoon sometimes and chat about radio.

John himself had an interest in radio, but could not hear anything of interest on his VEGA SELENA. I used to be regaled with stories of how he could pick up ILR AYR in Glasgow. No mean feat...it was only 20 miles down the road!!!!

The initial meeting I attended myself I think, where I met John, as well as Don, a TV DXer, and another chap whose name I can't remember. I was chatting to Hugh on the Skype chat today, and he remembers Don's other name as Basnett. I remember Don lived near Pollock football ground, as I was around his place seeing his set up. He was also into UHF dxing, something that living in a river valley prevented me from even trying. True Ulster TV and Border and maybe more would come in a couple of miles away on high ground, but in the valley here it was grim!! Even the local transmitter, only about 6 or 7 miles across the moors at 100kW, was a struggle here at times, due to ghosting, till the beeb eventually put in a repeater for the village here.

I think I met Don only once or twice. I gave him a lift down the road to Kilmarnock, where his girlfriend at the time lived I seem to recall, for which he gave me a busted old Hallicrafters valve receiver. I still have that old set somewhere, surprise surprise. I wonder if Don is still active?



Another active dxer of that time was Fred Dinning. I saw him in the paper in recent years, to do with his work with the electric board. I often wonder if Fred is still active. He was a keen MW as well as TV dxer. At Fred's I first saw the Racal RA17/ 117 series of receivers. I was so impressed with the bandspread on that set that I bought one in 1985 for £125. That was much better than the £1000 needed for an NRD515!!

I started taking a couple of other radio friends along, one from Glasgow, and one from Kilbirnie. In the end it was only us three desperado's that were left going to the meetings!!

John was not a well man, but tried his best. (And so did we..!!). My colleagues and I had an interest in the Irish pirates of the 80's. John had no interest and wanted to steer us to discuss ILR and BBC local stations all the time. For me these stations were simply worthless QRM on MW from a dxers point of view, and even worse from a programming point of view!! They used to close at night and jam the MW with an annoying test tone instead of signing off properly. According to a note from one of the IBA stations, the reason was that the IBA "must remain on air to prevent piracy". They openly admitted this!! (I wish they only had a tone now though!!! All 24 hours full modulation!!!

I recall making John his first MW loop, and used it to make his portable radio "do things". He said once in about 1984 or 85 that LASER 558 couldn't be heard, but of course with a tweak of the loop, it was audible, miraculously!! I even stuck a line of sticky paper along his tuning dial so he could find stations, marking off frequencies and radio stations. At the next meeting the sticky "analogue frequency counter" had been ripped off!!!! It was not worth bothering trying to help after that!!

Sadly none of us ever took any group photos. Maybe for the better...lol

Radio as a source of entertainment and also for dxing seemed very interesting and forever changing. In Ireland in those days, radio was finding it's own market place, and had really settled down to become city stations and country stations. Then it was all gone. For the last 20 years or so, the radio scene has really stagnated, and if anything, has become simply unlistenable as far as entertainment is concerned. DXing signals is a completely different thing than dxing and listening to signals. Visit the audio download pages on this site, and look for Radio Nova recordings from mid 1984 for example. Have a listen to it, and then have a listen to some of the current ILR dross we have around. See what you think sounds the better of the two.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2009:

BELGIUM SNEAKS IN ON E3:

I have finally managed a log of RTB Belgium on E3. It is often the thorn in the side of Benelux dxers, and even South of the UK, but it is too far from me for tropo, and too close for sporadic e, till today. For the first time ever, I have a log of RTB E3!! (Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, and Czech are probably the most common countries seen here) I saw my first TVDX in 1979, and therefore if the laws of probabilities are true, it will be 2039 before I see Belgium again!!!

I am beginning to wonder if my r2 log from last week was in fact e3, when there was an unid logo, which I thought might have been a bird, but the photo looks quite like RTB. It may well have been E3. I did notice that the tuner was at the hf end of E3 to resolve the picture. Maybe this is why I thought it was R2 the other day. Or maybe it was something different. R2 photo is in yesterdays entry.

Below are three bad photos from RTB from a movie I made. I never realised VLC player's screen captures were such poor res. I will work on a better one!! The photos with the normal camera were poor, because of fast fading so I decided to take a movie. A strong French audio channel drew my attention to this bicycle race. I wondered what it was initially.

Oddity time: Davie up the road about 100 - 150 yards away, was getting RTP Portugal belting in at this time!!!



UPDATED TVDX EQUIPMENT PAGE, AND BEVERAGE PAGE:

I have added some new photos to the TVDX equipment page ([fm_band2_dx.html](#)) as well as to the beverage page.

[fm_band2_dx.html](#)

[equipment_antennas_etc.html](#)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 7th JULY 2009:

TVDX YESTERDAY:

It has been a slow year for us here in SW Scotland for TVDX this season. Yet there have been the surprises. My first TADX from Canada and Also an unid Stateside station on A2. Yesterday there were some other stations I haven't seen this year yet. Here are my logs in freq order.

E2 TVE (Spain)

R1 NOVA (Czech)

R1 M1 (Hungary)

1A RAI (Italy)

E3 RTP (Portugal)

E3 E21 (Italy)

R2 RTL (Hungary)

R2 NOVA (Czech)

R2 STV (Slovakia)

R2 ETV (Estonia)

R2 UNID caption top right like poss Eagle/ bird. Too fast fade in and out. (Also quite like Slovenia's old logo).

L3 CANAL PLUS (France)

E4 HTV (Croatia)



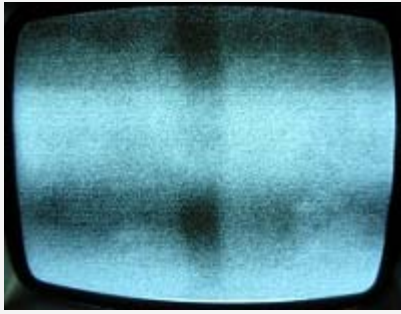
My UNID R2 (left) and M1 (right) with a big logo today

I am unsure what the logo is on the unid. It was from R2, and may have been M1's large logo that it had today, but is there an M1 transmitter on there? I initially thought it was a bird, like an eagle or something, but I only managed a very fast fade in, and back out, and this was the only snap. Of course it could easily have been a news report and the logo could have been from something else. It also reminds me of Slovenia's old logo, CLICK HERE TO VIEW, but they are now off band 1. (Paul UKDX suggests Lithuania, and on the thumbnail it does look like that!! But it did peak better than this just before this snap was taken, and it was an unknown logo. Lithuania is well known to me, see June or even the TVDX country lists. But it was so fast a fade in and out that it could be anything sadly, as it never stayed long enough, or came back.)

OR was it Belgium, and the tuner was at E3??



STV Slovakia R2 with the 1 logo, and also sometimes STV as well, and sometimes the circle too..



R1 in saturation (left), France L3 secam seen on a non secam TV (centre), ETV Estonia (right)

It is a number of years since I have picked up Estonia. Typical of sporadic E, it was a very fast fade in and back out within about a minute, and I never saw it again. R1 was saturated at one stage. It is always good to have intense openings, as you never really know what is going to pop out at you.

MID SUMMER IN BONNIE SCOTLAND:

Mid summer is traditionally the time of year for spending less time at the dx receivers and more time outside before eventually developing a fear of the great outdoors.. hi. For once here in Scotland, and the first time in a few years, we have had a summer. This last week has been so very hot and clammy, that nights were very uncomfortable. I couldn't complain. Last summer I could count on one hand the days I managed to wear the shorts!! It is always a traditionally light time of the year at these latitudes. I took the following snap of the Northern skyline at midnight local time on 24th June. It never really gets completely dark at this time of year, although it is not too long before you begin to notice the nights getting longer again!! Up north it is so much lighter than here.



It is such a nice time of year when the weather is good. It makes even walking home from the pub at 2am or whatever, somewhat nicer than normal..!!

SUMMER CONCERTS IN SCOTLAND:

As well as seeing ACDC when they were playing here in Scotland on 30th June, I went to see the Eagles on 4th July. They were just superb as ever. A great night. I also managed back from Glasgow in time for a pint in my local pub, and then a stroll back over the road, see above..!! So now you see why there have been no entries on these pages in a week!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2009:**ACDC GIG LAST NIGHT - AWESOME:**

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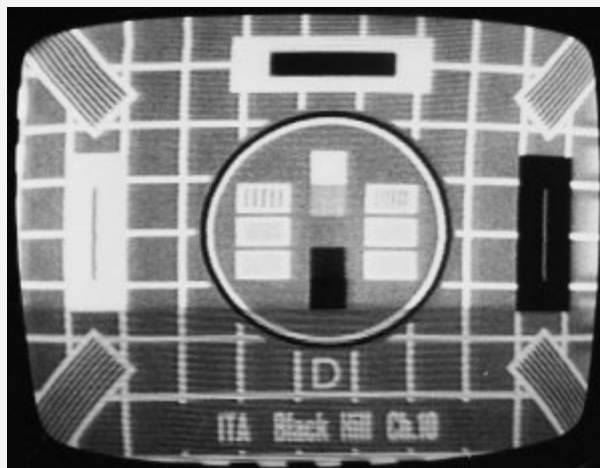
Video clips have been added of the American and Canadian TV reception the other day, scroll to the foot of the article, or click below.

Click first for the clip of American unid tv, A2 with analogue/ digital loop tape (10 meg .avi)

Click for a clip of CTV, Canada from CKLW channel A2 (9 meg .AVI file)

HISTORICAL PHOTO FOUND IN OLD NEGATIVES:

I found this band 3 test card on one of my old family photo collections, on an old negative. I thought it may be interesting.

**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2009:****CKCW MONCTON, NB, 100KW CH A2 - TRANSATLANTIC TV DX AND BAND 2
!!!!!!!!!!**

I really can't believe that it happened. No sooner had I written yesterdays entry in this dx diary about the 6th anniversary of TADX received by Davie and Logan in 2003, than in came Canada and USA on band 1!! I have never ever heard English audio on band 1

from across the Atlantic. I have heard weak bursts of Spanish, but that has been it. OK yes, I have seen carrier level reception a few times, but never got very excited about it. In fact last night, Davie H was calling me about carriers on channel A2, which is really more or less E3 area. I checked it, made my usual grunts, and started watching an old Sherlock Holmes movie. (Oddly it was titled Sherlock Holmes in Washington).

But around 2126GMT, I heard all this shouting. It was Davie, who had just heard sound on the A2 audio freq of 59.750. Of course I jumped up at that, and switched all unnecessary electrical rf noisy stuff off, and there it was. Canadian TV audio. I ran out and manually turned the beam around and monitored the freq. Frequency for Canada was 55750 and 55760 for an unid American station that had just closed it's analogue service, and broadcasting a quite anon loop message about changing over to digital. Sad that they never had frequent id's of how to find the new digital signal of whatever station it was!!! Damn!!

I would think with David H's ID of CTV, the station coming through was **CKCW MONCTON, NB, 100KW CH A2**. As it happens, I have a QSL of that station from MW 1220!!

During the good peaks of both stations, I had unlocked video on the TV. I did have a muck around with the vertical hold to try and lock it, but signal was too variable to achieve success. I may try and get a screen shot of what was coming through.

I was amazed by G7IZU's real time dx map. All the lines in Europe were going across the Atlantic!!!!



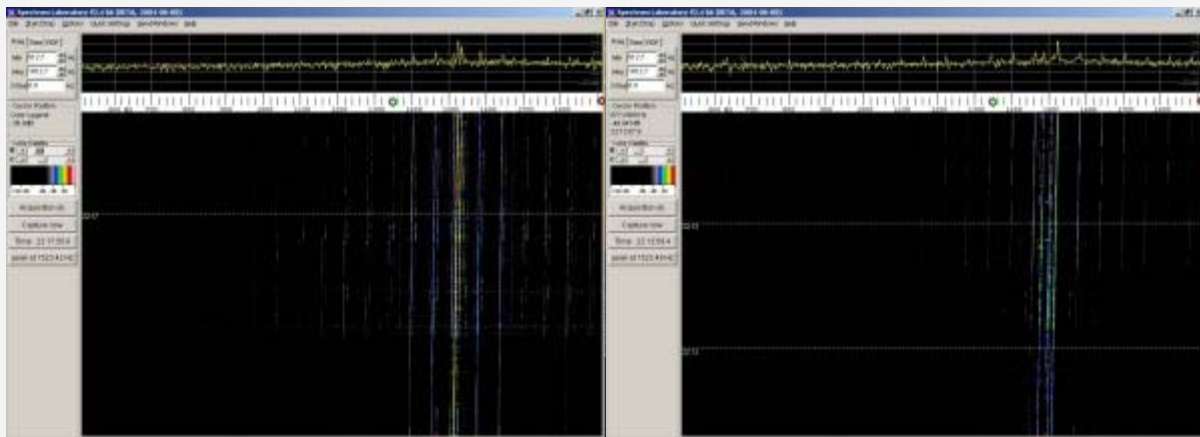
Andy Smith, G7IZU sent this 2nd map of all sporadic e between 2100 and 2200 last night. Amazing opening.



I often checked the FM, especially when A3 was open, but heard nothing. Not so for Logan in Northern Ireland though. Again he has received TADX on FM. 97.3 WENJ (NJ, A stn that comes in on MW!!) AND 94.1 WYSP PA. Well done!! What great dx!! And on his own anniversary of 2003 dx as well..What are the chances of that!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I would not have left the shack, but do wonder what would have been heard on my local high spot??

I was so carried away with this I forgot all about ringing Trev in Killie about this. OOPS. Trev is on high ground with a D100, so possibly would have got better results!! I was just too carried away with the dx to think straight. I did also manage to make a couple of screen shots, during a lull with the audio.



Left 2214 approx 55.259, and right 55.249

LOGS FROM LAST NIGHT:

2120 - EE Nx, sounding like CBC would do

2124 - Financial news

2126 - Loop tape of digital changeover, slightly hf on 55760

2127 - SS, and I thought mentioned Antenna 1, but prob SS ann that goes with the digital loop tape.

2132 - Digital loop

2134 - Great wx report for the Maritimes

2139 - Digital loop again

2144 - Advert for Cape Breton. Great peak Also video level here on tv. weak unstable picture seen

2155 - Same digital loop ann on A3, 65758 ish!!

2156 - Advert for holidays in NB

2159 - Good pk on loop tape

2221 - Beacon 50.005, not translated the cw yet.

2224 - Loop again.

2252 - Aquafresh advert then Jacko talk

AUDIO CLIPS FROM LAST NIGHT:

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090626_2126_59750_canadian_tv_audio_poor_clip.mp3

090626_2134_59750_canadian_tv_audio_great_wx_re.mp3

090626_2142_59760_us_tv_audio_loop_tape.mp3

090626_2144_59750_canadian_tv_audio_cape_breton_and_festival_of_life.mp3

090626_2151_59760_us_tv_audio_loop_tape.mp3

090626_2155_65760_us_tv_audio_loop_tape.mp3

090626_2156_59750_canadian_tv_audio_ad_for_nb_and_golf.mp3 (very poor poss id at end)

090626_2159_65760_us_tv_audio_loop_tape.mp3

Click for David Hamilton's clip of CTV, inc and great ID, which is the same as my 2120 log, but with the ID

(There are none of the files above 1.6 meg, and most only a few hundred k)

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2009:

SS ON 950:

I was up at 0400 UTC chasing noisy geese away, and I thought I would try the MW. I was pleasantly surprised to hear SS on 950 for a change. There were ID's just past 0400, but I had switched off the recorder by mistake, so I have no idea what it was.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DAVIE:

No it is not David Hamilton's wedding anniversary, but the anniversary of the day he picked up the unbelievable. Transatlantic DX on band 2!!! Impossible??

[Check his story out here.](#)

Often we joke about watching out for the "usual" fishing programme on CBC!!!

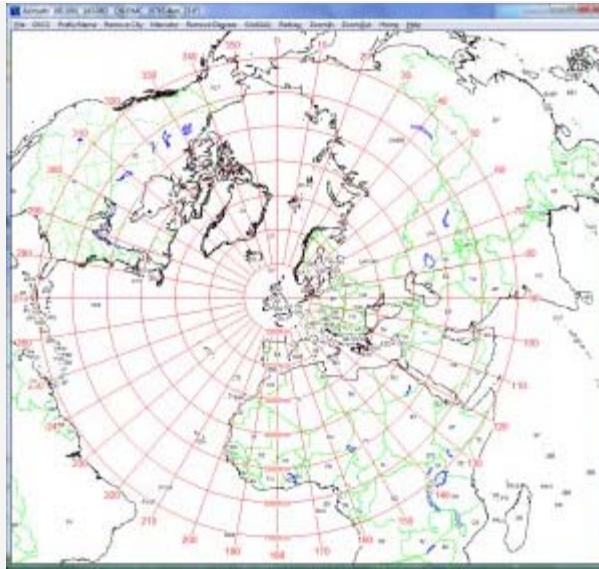
In all my 29 years since I heard my first sporadic E on FM in 1980, I have never ever heard anything from across the Atlantic. I remember a friend from Kilbirnie ringing up saying he could hear all these Italian stations all over the FM band. I thought, yea, I can never hear that stuff way down in a deep river valley.. How wrong I was. I could not believe it. Radio Express, Radio Eisak, and Radio Zagreb were 3 of the stations I heard that first day. A few days later the band was full of Spanish!!

All I can say here is congratulations again to Davie, and Paul Logan in Northern Ireland on their 6th anniversary of their great dxing achievements. Logan has a couple of web sites up with his logs including a new one.

[Click for Logan's old site including his TADX logs from 2003](#)

[Click for Logan's new web pages from 2009](#)

Mark on the Skype sent a nice map with rings drawn out from this area in 1000's of km, (which is a fancy new French way of measuring distance I am told..). Anyway, the map shows very clearly where the common 1500 - 2000 km reception areas are. It also shows how far Jordan is compared to Newfoundland!!



SATELLITE TV NEWS CHANNELS POOR TECHNICAL STANDARDS:

Am I the only one that can't see the point in satellite news channels having a picture that takes up the full screen, while they have annoying huge scrolling banners and flyers at the bottom. Why can't they redesign their picture, by having the flyers at the bottom if they must, and make the picture a bit smaller. There is nothing worse than showing part of a report, and banners getting in the way of the main theme of the report. They don't seem to care, as this has went on for years now. I noticed poor standards with a report today on a clip of Michael Jackson's infamous moonwalk on stage. Obviously the main focus of this particular report was his funky footwork, but you couldn't see his feet for flying banners!! How clever is this?? Where are the editors and producers I wonder.

MUSIC LEGENDS:

Talking of music legends. My "Eagles" tickets arrived today for a week tomorrow at Glasgow... Yeehaaa..

And not to be out done on the AC DC tour, I have just this week managed to obtain tickets for the gig on Tuesday night. Double Yeehaaa....

I wonder if Joe Walsh will bring his ham radio gear with him?? Maybe I can talk myself into an invite to the party afterwards if I can contact him on the bands!!!! lol. Get a top band dipole up over Hampden Park Joe..lol

Joe's call sign, WB6ACU, his shack seen here from QRZ.com



ITALIA 7 GOLD TV:

It seems that the unid I had the other day from Italy, during E21 fade, and before RAI faded up seems to be 7 GOLD. I guess I am unsure if it was on E3 or the nearby 1A. At any rate, it was not dominant for long enough. I only made one other snapshot, which was much worse than this!! Because this looks like a rarity, I decided to include that other image here, as well as a close up of the logo as seen here, as good as I have it. The higher res images are also better. I'd say the shading at the top of the 7 shows up on my image.

Thanks to Paul and co on the Skype chat for the bit of investigating. I never thought anyone had noticed my unid..lol.





KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2009:

IS YOUR HOUSE BUGGED?

What would you do if your house was knowingly bugged?? Would you think it was funny?? Or would you say "Oh I better watch what I am saying"..

Am I joking? No I am being deadly serious.

A rather badly educated girl seems to have moved into the village, complete with her own house bug. (Analogue 49mHz baby monitor/ alarm.) She is aware that her alarm can be heard, and that their conversations in their own house are anything but private. But still they persist!!! It was so easy to find out about what kind of scams they are up to!! Not that I deliberately set out to monitor her. She uses a machine that completely jams E2 and R1 here, and is right next to the 50mHz ham band. I can not help but hear it!!

I know if someone told me they could hear everything that went on inside the house, I would put a hammer through the offending machine. How thick can some modern day folk be? I know this is the non thinking, kind of generation the authorities seem to wish to create, but come on. How ignorant of basic general knowledge do you need to be, before you turn into a turnip?? I am glad I don't read newspapers or watch mainstream TV for entertainment.

TVDX IN EUROPE - OFF OR ON?

Some TV dxers often talk about their dreams of strong Euro common stations leaving the air. EG TVE, RTP, and in fact everything in Europe. I personally would probably lose interest in TV dx altogether if everything in Europe went off. How long would I have to sit with blank screens till the rare arabic popped up, or the even rarer TADX?? Years I should think. No, in all my time tv dxing, I have always enjoyed the mess sometimes a large opening gives, and you never really know what is going to pop out at you. It gets less and less popping up by the year, but I for one am glad we still have the common Italians, Spanish, and Portugese to look forward to. It would be a poor tvdx season with no screen captures, and only a few fluttery carriers to watch!!

WDTW, DEARBORN, MI - 1310:

I have discovered another personal first in the old Perseus files from 23rd January. 1310 WDTW Dearborn, MI. Time 0800. This one has also been logged up north by Martin earlier in the season.

ESPN WEB PAGES:

On the same day as the above, there was a web address spelt out on 1250 as 1250espn.com. what a struggle to try and find the station!! The web space is covered in silly sports flashing lights etc. Turns out to be only relatively common WEAE, and ESPN Pittsburgh. Talk about not advertising their frequencies or locations!!!! I often see that even for non ESPN stations, that their sites are so full of flashing lights, their location is hard to find!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 22nd JUNE 2009:

RAI CH 1A:

I have had RAI and E21 in and out quite a bit today on E3/ 1A. But RAI peaked up to a really high level suddenly for the three shots below. I noticed the little JVC TV, as well as the old Pye can split RAI and E21.

Is anyone using old browsers having trouble getting the RAI photos to show?



RAI SUPERB SHOTS ON 1A 1822GMT

Also logged today R2 Slovakia, R1 Latvia, R1 Nova, R2 RTL (see caption below)

UNID E3:

I had a quick fade in and out from an unid station, during an E21 fade. E21 on E3 had been in for a while, but had just faded out when the unid came in. A few mins later RAI came in around E3/ 1A. This may have been a trailer or something when there were no logos transmitted, say on RAI, or E21. Or maybe not. There was no time to check sound etc, as it faded in and back out too quickly. We have had a lot of very fast fading this year.

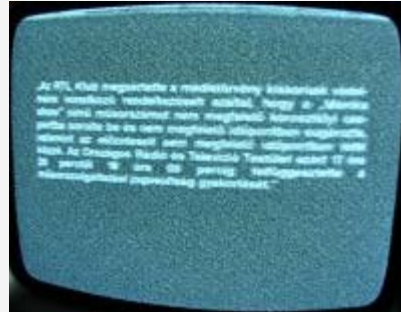
RTL KLUB:

I just saw the caption below on RTL KLUB, which looks like some kind of a goodbye message. Can anyone confirm they are leaving band 1, or is there some kind of industrial action?? Strike?? This caption seemed to be there permanently, till fade out. This was unfortunately as clear as reception got at this time.

ANSWER: This was sent through the Skype chat. A rough translation..

rtl klub made illegal outlaw operation, then must off their broadcast from 17:20 to 18:05

I guess this is a fine of some kind for breach of contract/ broadcasting inappropriate material, that kind of thing. In the same way the authorities in this sorry country impose unrealistic fines on broadcasters.



Left - UNID E3 between E21 and RAI fades
Right - RTL Klub. Looks like a goodbye message. Anyone confirm??

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 19th JUNE 2009:

CANADIAN STATIONS LEAVING AM:

I saw these two interesting reports of Canadians leaving AM for FM. Saw it on the IRCA web pages.

CBE WINSOR 1550:

"CBE Windsor – Conversion to FM band and new transmitter in Leamington: Application by CBE-1550 Windsor ON to move to FM approved by CRTC.

The application by CBE-1550 Windsor ON to move to FM (97.5 MHz, 3.2kW, 130.1 meters), with a relay transmitter in Leamington ON (91.9 MHz, 5.3 kW, 73.6 meters) has been approved by the CRTC. Excluding low power relay stations (LPRT's) , this was the last CBC English station on AM between Winnipeg and Newfoundland (I think - unsure of the status of CBI Sydney NS which ran into problems with its conversion and is still listed as operating on AM in the IC database)

< <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-349.htm> >

NB: I can hear CBC on 540, 600, 640, 750 (All NFLD) and 1140 (Sydney, NS) as well as 1550 here.

CFLN - 1240 / CFLW 1340:

"The application of CFLN-1230 Goose Bay NF to move to FM (97.9 MHz, 1kW, 25.4 meters) to move to FM has been approved by the CRTC. Its relay station in Wabush NF, CFLW-1340, is also moving to FM (94.7 MHz, 1kW, -26.4 meters). Note what while CFLN operates at the now usual 1kW graveyard level, CFLW still operates at 250 watts, one of the few graveyards to still do so.

< <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-348.htm> >

CFLN Goose Bay and its transmitter CFLW Wabush – Conversion to the FM band 1. The Commission approves the applications by Newcap Inc. (Newcap) for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language, commercial FM radio programming undertaking in Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, to replace its AM station CFLN Goose Bay and for the conversion to the FM band of its transmitter CFLW Wabush. The terms and conditions of licence for the new station and its transmitter are set out in the appendix to this decision."

The question was also asked about FM replacing AM properly ie re coverage into remote areas. I am sure AM would get into remote areas that the FM simply doesn't. I assume that doesn't matter in modern society then?? Watching the ICE ROAD TRUCKERS helps to give someone from a very small country an idea of what a vast expanse of wilderness is like. It is vast as well as beautiful.

HELP RECEIVED REGARDS CANADA ON 1230 AND 1340:

CBC LOCAL ID QUESTION AGAIN: I had a very helpful e mail from Edgar in Toronto today. It is re my questions about id's on 1340 and 1230. I am glad I observed caution, and never classed them as proper ID's.

CBC 1340 - QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Q - Can anyone tell me if a CBC Radio 1 (or was it CBC overnight) ID on 1340 can be classed as a log of Yellowknife, without a local ID?? Are there other possibilities on the same channel??

A - Sorry, there are 7 CBC's on this freq!!! So you would need a definite ID.....

CBC 1230 - QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Q - CBC on 1230. Is there only one possibility?? NU??

A - No, there are 5 CBC's there.

RADIO NEWFOUNDLAND 1230 - QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Q - Similarly, I have a Radio Newfoundland ID on 1230. Is this id-able, or are there multiple qrp relays here???

A - Yes, CFLN and CFGN, both independent.

The same caution should be observed for CBC stations on 990 and 540. I hope other dxers who claim these logs have some kind of local ID's and not just a hunch!! I have heard a delayed echo on 990 and 540 suggesting two transmitters at once. I should really class that as positive ID, but I still don't list them in my all time list. CBC 1010 is however a bit more than a hunch, and is the only CBC station on that freq.

Edgar also points me to these links which I haven't checked out yet, but will add to the extensive links page shortly.

See www.dxfm.us for links to station list downloads.

<http://www.dxfm.us/Database/AM%20USA.zip>

<http://www.dxfm.us/Database/AM%20CAN.zip>

<http://www.dxfm.us/Database/AM%20WHEMISPHERE.zip>

<http://www.dxfm.us/Database/FM%20USA.zip>

<http://www.dxfm.us/Database/FM%20CAN.zip>

You need a word processor/ excell to read the files, if you do not have, go to www.openoffice.org for a free download!

40 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST MOONLANDING:

The anniversary is about a month away from the first man on the moon. I have just bought an astronomy magazine with a great article etc of this astounding feat of engineering. There are sure to be some interesting documentaries around in a months time. .

Good to hear that at least the Chinese hope to land on the moon again, rather than the Americans, who have become somewhat stuffy about the subject throughout the last 30 odd years. Well done to the Chinese for their advances in technology for scientific purposes.

Isn't it odd that none of the wealthy oil states have space programmes?? Don't they believe in science??

I have heard it said about the huge Euro lottery wins. "What would I want with that kind of money?" It wouldn't look at an investment for a mission to mars for example. Some folks have little imagination.....

SHACK PHOTO: I found a photo from a few years ago, before I straightened the mast where the band 1 and band 2 aerials are. It is taken from the next door neighbour's roof, and at a different angle from normal, and showing the field when the beverage ran during the winter. The wood beyond the field is where I run a 500m beverage permanently. I am looking approx south west. What was I doing up on next door's roof

then?? Well they were out..



OK, I was up looking at his satellite dish for him..lol. The place is a tip I know, but plenty room for aerials. Top band dipole is in a V from the top of the mast across the river, up and downstream as necessary for the length, with screen end in the upstream direction. There are no real close neighbours downstream for the live end.

STRANGE CONCEPTS: I was rummaging around through in my junk dept, which arguably is this whole place. But anyway, I was looking for something else when I found an old heathkit piece of equipment which I fell in with a number of years ago. I was given this from the son of a so called radio ham, who had passed on.

"Aye, ma faither spoke tae folk aw roon the world on this thing ah've goat fur ye", he told me.

When I had a close inspection, it turned out to be a receiver only, covering the common ham bands only!!! He must have had a loud voice then I thought to myself..!!

The concept non radio folks have of us strange wireless chappie's never ceases to amaze me!! I guess the old boy was an SWL then!!

On another occasion, my old father had been at a party in the 80's or maybe early 90's, and a tiresome gentleman was blowing his own trumpet about having worked in all these exotic countries throughout the world. He was becoming very tired of all this boasting about his worldwide employment, when it eventually clicked that he was a radio ham, and he **had "worked"** all over the world.... from his shack chair !!!!! lol..

From that day on, the gentleman in question was nick named MARCONI!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 18th JUNE 2009:

BABY ALARM TROUBLE:

Not too much to report except 1 very strong baby alarm that is causing grief here. Ahhh!! 49.830. We had one last year, and now another!! Good news is that I think I have tracked down the owner, quite accurately by simple dfing and local knowledge. (Who's new in town etc).

LITHUANIA WEDNESDAY BRIEFLY:

Last night I had a very brief opening from Lithuania on R2, and strong eastern sound on R1 audio channel. Much mention on BELARUS, but of course not ided. Sadly the video signal was blocked completely by a new silly baby alarm.



Lithuania R2 17/6/09

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2009:

TCR 1512 - TYRONE COMMUNITY RADIO:

TCR has been on the air on 1512kHz mw since the end of August 2008. It is refreshing to hear good Irish radio like we had in the 1980's again. They have recently announced an e mail address and telephone number.

< tcr1512mw (XXXX) yahoo.co.uk > - (Replace the xxx etc with the at symbol)

tel 00 353 8633 45451 or 00 353 8777 25488

Thank you to Maurits in Belgium for reminding me I had not yet published this contact address.

TCR used to be heard here on FM sometimes, but now they are MW only. Their main id is only TCR, and a YL singing jingle which says "COUN - TRY - RA - DI - O".

They carry English satellite news at the top of the hour, strange for an Irish station.

It is also refreshing to hear real programmes and not simply someone playing a PC with non stop automated music.

IS THAT AN ARAB?:

Hey it is, replied David H. I at first assumed I had seen a news programme on RTP or something. Thank you to John and Paul on the Skype Chat, it is 100% JORDAN. Very unusual up here in Scotland. The audio was also very strong at one point. Another 2 images came through while I was trying to get an id. Perhaps marginally better. John also send a grab from satellite, which is what I have been seeing. For the record, the time on my camera is set to local time. (GMT + 1) Pay heed to the bottom image though!!



JORDAN on channel E3 16/6/09, AROUND 0930

I have stuck another half dozen of so images on JORDAN TVDX page.



BE SURE OF YOUR IDS THOUGH.
THIS IS NO ARABIC!!

It is an example of RAI news!!!
(Of course I was a little jumpy initially!!)



NOVA TV from Prague was quite good on channel R2

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 15th JUNE 2009:

TVDX:

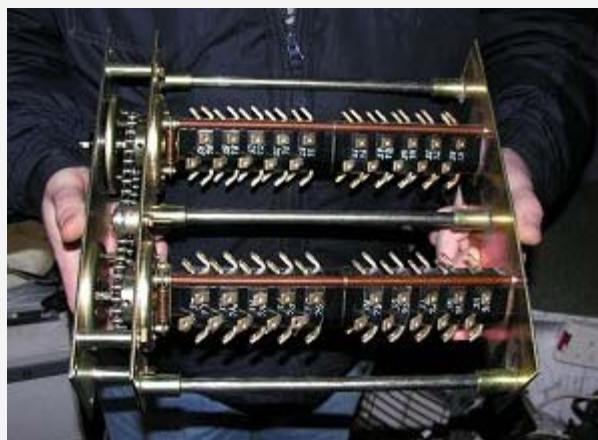
This coming weekend brings us the longest day. How time flies. Not much to report from yesterday. I slept through the first opening of sporadic e, which Davie H received.

In the afternoon and evening all my antennas and electrical equipment were unplugged and disconnected where possible, due to local thunder storms. Too risky. I had a good signal from NRK, mixing with TVE on E2 around 1830 though. This was using a vertical band 2 antenna. With the beam, TVE was dominant.



HEAVY DUTY SWITCHES:

Sometimes ex military equipment that one falls in with can be of high quality. A friend of mine regularly goes to an auction some miles from here, and buys odds and ends, which come as a lot. So often he brings electrical gear which he has no interest in, and often I take it off his hands!! This is one of a few heavy duty switches that he brought in last year. One of them is rated at 8kW!! A solution waiting for a problem??



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2009:

SPORADIC E AT LONG LAST:

We here in the north have had an opening yesterday that could be described as the first decent opening of the year. The FM band was open for much of the day and for a time around lunchtime, all the way to 108, where it stayed for some time. There was a Spanish ham heard with good signals on 144mHz. David H has his recording up on youtube already. I don't think I managed to record it, due to being up to my neck with other dx.

Some kind of log list will appear here shortly, but there are TVDX logs in the TV DX table. No exotic TV DX was seen, but some good signals were to be seen from NRK Norway on E2, E3, and E4 which could be our last logs. NRK are closing their analogue services shortly.



NRK as seen on E3 11th June 2009

TV DX FREQUENCY TABLE:

I have made a new TVDX table, with frequency listings of the common "channels" which is at the top of the TVDX table page. The logs table is also on this page. The frequency table is something I should have made ages ago. A link to the TV DX table can be found on the FM / TVDX menu at the top left.

(Or click [here](#) for a look)

Incidentally the multitude of old TVDX photos from the 1980's mainly I stuck on line the other week should all link fine. I found a few that had bad links etc, but I think

they are all sorted now. Do e mail me if any more links are broken.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 2009:

MINI DX PEDITION:

David H and I were receiving some weak E's tonight, and decided to go up to our local high spot. This initial place we chose was about 3 and a half miles from here, at a place that used to be very good for the Irish pirates in the 80's. On a clear day the hills along the Irish coastline are seen. When we were up the hill, it was a superb clear day, and although I had the camera, I was wishing that I had brought the tripod. You could see across to Ireland, Southern Kintyre, as well as The Paps of Jura to the North West.

I have a much closer high spot, which must be scarcely a mile North East, and after not finding too much of interest at the first hill, we moved location. The Irish coastline was also seen from here. I guess I am close to high ground but sadly sitting in a very deep gorge, which destroys radio signals.



A few views looking towards Ireland from my local high spot about three and a half miles from here. This was a superb spot for FM from Ireland during the 80's when all the stations were on the go. The second image shows the southern tip of Arran and to the left, the southern tip of Kintyre, and to the far left is SANDA ISLAND, left of the clump of trees. (not very clear in this one). If you ever wondered why I don't mention the villages in the text, it is because I would prefer the search engines don't find this page by village name searching. Main reason is that so local schoolkids don't find photos of beverages out all over the place!! Knowing what kids are like!!



Left: Beyond the cliffs/ heads. are the hills on the Irish coastline. The

second image shows the Irish ferry steaming past SANDA ISLAND, off Kintyre. Image three is from the high point about a mile up the road, where the ferry has passed SANDA. Image four is looking towards Arran, and to the North of the island, The Paps Of Jura!



Davie's aerial for mobile work. Designed for band 1. The second image had the distant hills of Northern Ireland in the background. Image three is at the closer high spot, and image four shows the view to the south from high location number two, about a mile up the hill from here.



A map showing the area that is being seen on this clear day

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2009:

SKYPE CHAT AND DX CLUSTER:

David H recently closed his Skype DX CLUSTER, even though it was still in regular use. I have started a new one, and hope that it will be used just as much. The cluster is public, and for dx tips only. NO CHATTING. Abusers and spammers will be banned. Let's try it for a time and see how it goes. I may require to be contacted to be added. Just so as we know who is who.

Please give yourself a recognisable name, and not any anon thing. Country of origin

would be appreciated as well. EG I am Scottish_Dxer_Ken.

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE CLUSTER.](#) (Skype required)

WCHL - CHAPEL HILL, NC - 1360 AM:

I have logged another personal first on 1360kHz. This time it is not from recent days, but from an old recording of an overnight single channel rec. I noticed it was logged in the log book, with a question mark, but when I looked up the North American freq lists, there it was, in North Carolina. (I wonder if it wasn't in the list I was using at the time) Date was 23rd Sept 2007, at 0245utc, 1360.

[CLICK FOR AUDIO CLIP](#)

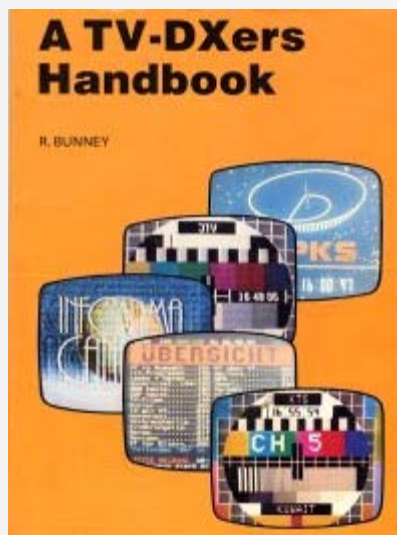
KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2009:

WOOPS, FIXED DATES:

I just noticed my dates were all a day behind. Fixed now.....

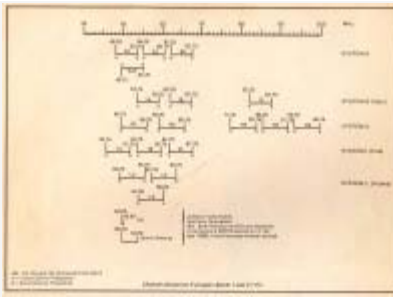
A TV DXERS HANDBOOK:

I have been looking through an old book from the 80's that was given to me by Davie up the road. Roger Bunney's "A TV DXer's Handbook"



This excellent old publication from 1986 also included a freq chart with the European band 1 channels listed. Click below for a high res version.

I would assume there are no copyright issues with a page sample reproduced here. If there are any problems, please contact me and I shall immediately remove the image. The book itself is long out of print, and quite a rare find on ebay nowadays.



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 5th JUNE 2009:

SPORADIC E AT LAST:

It has been a long time coming, but we had a reasonable amount of sporadic e this morning. I have a couple of nice ID's from today to include. Radio Gamma 89.9 from Italy, and Le Mov 87.8 from France.

090605_0907_89_9_radio_gamma_italy.mp3

090605_0915_87_8_le_mov_bordeaux_great_id.mp3

ITALIAN PRIVATE STATIONS:

I was always very impressed by the Italian stations, and their fast talking presenters and their audio was always much louder and better processed than any of the FM stations on the band here in Scotland. There was a time when ILR Ayr on FM sounded so flat and very amateurish. They never even had any compression till the mid 90's!!



Interestingly Radio Gamma was right on top of BBC Radio 2 from Blackhill, near Glasgow. The logs also included Capital, Radio Milano, Kiss Kiss, RMC, K-ROCK, and a host more. It also put me in mind of the nice selection of stickers the Italian stations always have.

A google search suggests Gamma Radio 89.9 is in Alessandria. The Italian stations are forever changing though. There is a movie type thing on their web site, and it also includes an image of the above old GAMMA logo.



Radio Milano used to also be on SW 7295, as well as a brief appearance on MW 1300kHz. I have heard them also on their old 101 channel from Milano in years gone past as well.

TVDX TABLE:

I have decided to create a list by freq of stations seen this summer so far, as a guide to what's still on. It is only from my own observations. Click on the TVDX menu, or click on the link below.

(Click here to go to the TV DX logs and frequency tables)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2009:

MID SUMMER MW DX!!!!:

I had a fair signal from 930 **WPAT Paterson, NJ** this morning at 0300. (Fair for a dx signal..) This is a very unusual station on this frequency, and a personal first!! There were no other unusual stations noted at this time that I can hear on my recording. I had 1080 WTIC, 1190 WLIB, and a load of the more common summer stations. 920 only had CKNX. I have not seen WPAT in the all time UK lists. Maybe I shouldn't be so dismissive of MWDX conditions in mid summer. I think I will also record 0300 tomorrow morning!!

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO THE AUDIO CLIP](#)

VERY BRIEF TVDX OPENING:

RTP Television (Portugal) crept in briefly, and very weakly on channel E3 around 1530GMT. If that was the best sporadic e could offer, I would be as well hang up the tvdx headphones!!

DX CLUSTER CLOSED - YET AGAIN...!! :

David H has again closed his DX cluster without warning. I think I have got rid of any links on this site to the cluster. If anyone finds any old dead links, let me know.

I will probably open a window for the purpose of a cluster during the MWDX season later in the year. Maybe I will have found a way of incorporating such a dx cluster within these pages by then, and there will be no need for third party software. Again suggestions welcomed.



PERSEUS TRICK FOR ANY VERSION:

I meant to mention this many months ago. I had been storing the Perseus releases on the desktop, and keeping the various releases in folders so named. eg version 1.1c was in a folder called "PERSEUS_1.1C".

The only pain came when a new release came out, and all the overnight .ahk text files for autohotkeys had to be altered. It also meant that anyone who wanted a copy of the autohotkeys text files I had created, would have to change the path to their own desktop, because the users name is included in the path,

eg C:\Documents and Settings\CLARENCE'S_PC\Desktop.

So now I simply store the PERSEUS folder on c:/, more importantly, I call the folder of the latest release, PERSEUS_NEW. Now if I should change to another PC, or someone else wants my text files, all the have to make sure is that the path is the same.

Everyone has a C drive. Not everyone has a D or an E partition, which would have been preferable.

C:/PERSEUS/PERSEUS_NEW.

I never have to alter my overnight text files now either. Simple, but I overlooked this for many months!!

PERSEUS FILES FROM NEW YORK CITY:

I wonder if anyone reading this web site would like to hear a few Perseus files from New York?? I know I would. I don't know how this can be arranged. Anyone with any suggestions, do get in touch. Short of going over myself and throwing a wire out somewhere away from the QRN, I don't know how I would achieve this.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2009:

UPDATED TVDX PAGES:

I have uploaded a pile of 1980's TVDX photos to each individual country page. Some new pages were created in the process. There are about 100 additional images. Enjoy.

PS: There was a very very weak unid on band 1 this morning around 0615. I gave up very quickly!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2009:

TVDX - LATEST REPORT FROM THIS QTH:

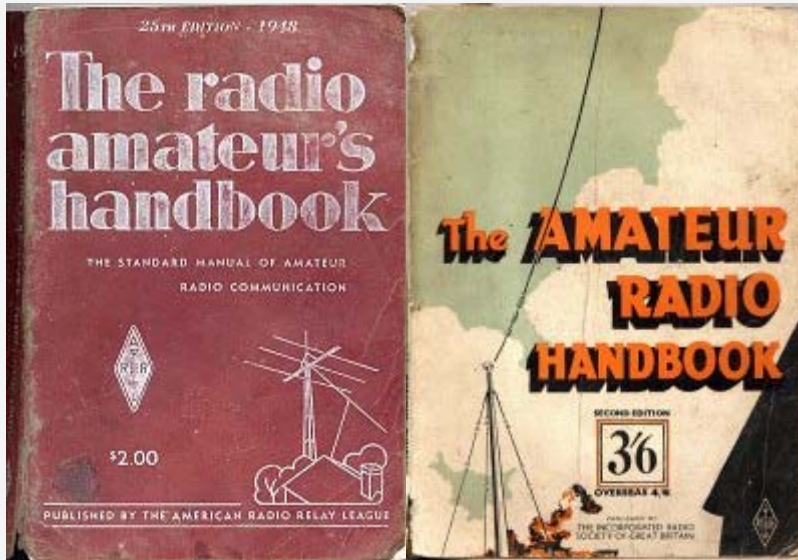
BAND DEED. A repeat of last year. Sporadic E all around us, and we are getting nothing at all!!

UPDATES ON TVDX PHOTO PAGES: Work in progress, but I am adding a load of old 80's and 90's photos to the TVDX country pages. (tvdx.html). Bear with me a few days to complete the task.

NEW / OLD BOOKS:

My old friend from the days of doing the TV City & Guilds course came in the other day

with a couple of old books, for doing a job on his PC. I was hoping it was going to be WRTH's he had, but it was two ham radio books, both from 1948. Covers below. For a hoarder, they are still very collectable!!!



TADX MONDAY MORNING:

I was up and about briefly at 0300UTC on June 1st, and found myself checking the radio. About 0250 there were some quite strong North American signals around. At the top of the hour there were also the usual common stations around, but a little down on a few minutes earlier. I have not been a walk over to the beverage for a few weeks, and was a little concerned when some local kids began to play in the woods a few weeks ago. Luckily my aerial is in very rough terrain, and hopefully it is too rough for them!! But with the signals the other day, as well as this morning, I guess the wire is fine!!

TVDX BACK IN 1988:

I have been scanning some old photos again, this time of old TVDX images from the late 1980's. My first TVDX was in earlier years, 1979 to be exact. But I never had the camera to take the photos till much later.

If you say it fast, 1988 seems to be still in the recent past, compared to say 1978. But it is 21 years ago, and yes, a generation ago. I remember vividly the closedown's of the Irish pirates at the end of that year, and being very bitter that there was nothing on the band left worth listening to. The MW band had been full of the Irish stations. There was nothing on FM locally, bar BBC and some ILR crud, but if you went to a high spot, you could hear many of the higher powered Irish stations in those days. Today there is still nothing on FM locally. The village pub's were thriving at that time, and I was using a Racal RA17 for my main DX receiver. Perhaps I was enthusiastic about life in general then, probably waiting for something greater just around the corner. It seems it must still be around the corner!!!

A good VHF TV was difficult to come by in the UK because we were UHF only. More so, a set with a continuous fully manual tuner, like a standard radio dial. Many of the old dual standard black and white sets would click to a "channel" and tune a little either side of the official freq. Modern sets had self seeking auto tuners with presets. Commercially available new sets were still quite a price in those days.

It was in 1988 I fell in with the old Pye VHF TV. I seem to remember it was given to me by an old pal, "Rough Geordie". This was as I discovered, a great little set, sensitive, and selective. I didn't have a vhf tv of my own. I had in the past used a small b/w 5 inch JVC portable, which a guy later offered me for sale for £30 in the early 1980's. That week I was broke, and wasn't able to buy it. What a great wee set that was too though. I had always used temporary ones, borrowed etc till I picked up the old PYE black and white portable which I still use. Another one I had used was a 3 inch JVC, which I eventually got back years later as a scrap set, due to having no sound. I still have that. I see from notes in an old log book from summer 1987, that I had TVE, as well as German TV on a SELECO colour set. This would have been borrowed as well, so I guess it was between then and summer of 1988 that I did pick up the good old PYE portable, and finally had found a dx tv set of my own!!

I also had an old Grundig SVC format video recorder I fell in with. This was another one of Grundig's silly ideas of trying to recreate the wheel which someone else had already invented. It was a horrible old square tape that this thing took. And it was a very unreliable old piece of crap. But it had a VHF tuner on it. It was possible to use the tuner part to watch band 1 TV.

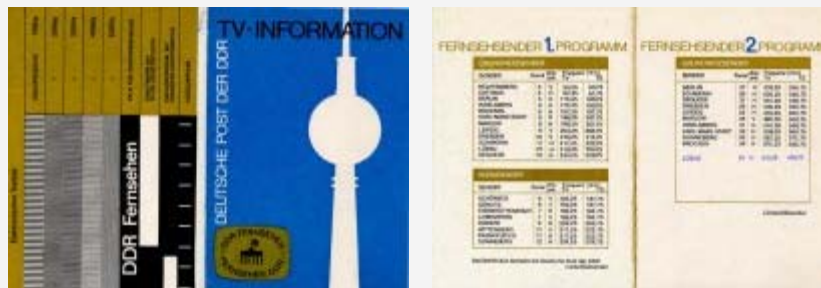
Nowadays I have a couple of the JVC CX-610GB's found on ebay. These are more sensitive than the old Pye portable, although sometimes one seems better than the other, and vice versa, both from the same aerial!!! So it took me about 20 years to find something that bettered the TV, and something that bettered the old satellit 3400!! But both pieces of older equipment are still very respectable performance wise.



1984. The last days of Kirk O'Shotts on VHF band 1

I remember in the very early 1980's the village was being fitted with a cable system to supply the normal 3 television channels with better reception than most folks could get through their aerial. The main station at Darvel was only maybe 6 miles to the North,

but there was a large wooded area between us and the transmitter, and the ghosting and variable signal strengths made reception awful, especially on a windy night. The village here is in a deep valley, which makes it very restrictive for high freq DXing. Some of the residents had "aerials up the wid" and some had large masts etc. The local aerial company at the time were contracted for the job of a cable system. It turned out to be a nightmare of complaints, cross modulation and left hand ghosts, but much better than what the residents had put up with for a long time!! Some years later the village managed to talk the BBC into erecting a low power repeater, and the cable relay became redundant. I am still using some of the coax from that!! Anyway, to make a long story longer, the two lads who were contracted to do the work on the laying of the cable system were both radio hams. Barry, (I can't remember his callsign) came in one day and got on the chat. I have never seen TVDX he said. I took him out to the shack with the small 5" JVC and plugged in, and as luck would have it, there was a test card from GRUNTEN, Germany on E2, just like that. He came up with a simple horizontal band 1 dipole for me shortly afterwards, which I had for some time. I can't recall the antenna we received Grunten on initially. Maybe even the telescopic, or an old cross (BBC1) aerial.

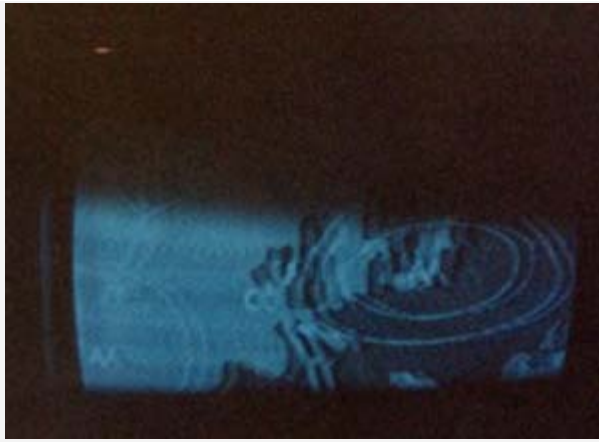


Data card from DDR TV in 1979

PHOTOGRAPHING TVDX LIKE ROGER BUNNEY:

I did read with interest the column every month in "Television" magazine. Incidentally that relaunched last year, only to fail again almost immediately. Initially I had been in awe at the logs, and photographs that appeared until I saw sporadic e for myself. But I do remember the foreign interference received on 405 line VHF transmissions of BBC1 which would obviously have been sporadic e in mid summer..

I tried taking some photos from the first reception I saw on the old Pye. I had a capable camera by this time, but I had black bands across the screen. It wasn't until another old friend who is now sadly long gone, showed me what settings to use on the old Zenith camera, that I had success. The best setting on the old camera was 1/30th second, close enough to the desired frame speed of 1/25th of a second. This still caused a little shading, but it was far from the large black bands. I never had a tripod in those days either, so photos were all taken freehand. All this was in 1988, almost 10 years after my first TVDX!!!.

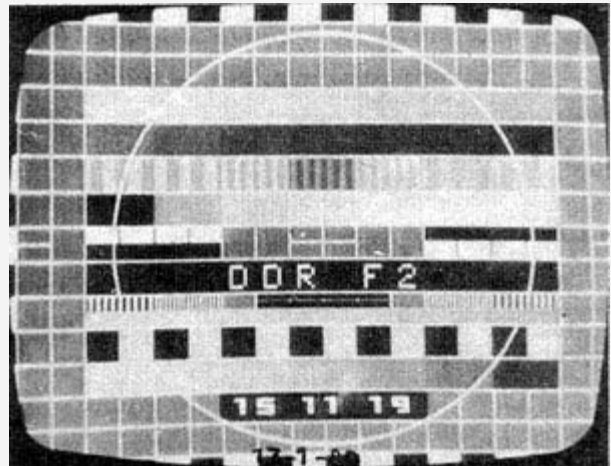


My first efforts photographing TVDX with an instamatic auto camera!!

"Never wait till the picture gets better", old Ian would tell me, "It might never get any better, so take it when you can".

So some of the test cards photos were taken on the correct advice of the late Ian Mason when they peaked briefly. Sometimes they never did peak much more, other times they came up even better. So another snapshot was taken. A film held 36 shots, maybe a couple more if you were lucky. Not like today, when a digital camera will take as many as you like at no extra cost. Or screen capture software can be used to even take movies.

As mentioned last month, my first TVDX reports sent to stations were DDR TV, and Swedish TV. These would have been accompanied by hand drawn test cards as proof of reception. My log book states Sat 2nd June 1979 I saw DDR TV start at 1825, and I also had lots and lots of unid signals according to the log book.



My DDR hand drawn test card, and a UHF test card of Rijn from NL.
Mine looks very different from the right hand image. Maybe it was, or maybe it is a bad hand made drawing!!



QSL from DDR TV 1979

Ian was an old friend for many years. He was as eccentric as a retired chemist would be I suppose. He gave me an old Drake SSR-1 years ago, and he also had a Grundig Satellit 3400 at one time too, which he gave me when it broke down on him. I still have it to this day, and is in better nick than my own original sat 3400 I bought myself. It was a simple fault, but that was not important to Ian. What was though, was that I was to get the use of the set. Ian eventually became more of an RTTY dxe than a broadcast band dxe, and eventually went on to have quite a shack. He had a Drake R8A, and NRD535 when he died. I am not sure which year that was, but probably mid 1990's. He always liked his TVDX though and even if I hadn't seen him in many weeks, we were always in touch when the TVDX season was "happening". Sad as it may be, even his house, and much of his street in the next village has been demolished.



My old pal, Ian Mason, who taught me how to work my old camera!!

1988 was long before digital cameras of course, and I had to wait until the next time I was in town about 12 miles distant, take the film to be developed, and then return some days later to pick it up. Problems arose when inspecting the negatives. More often than not, the companies, and it didn't seem to matter much who it was, never printed all the photos. This little scam seemed to be going on for years, and never to my knowledge was any publicity ever given to these rogue traders. So I used to run back and forth to various shops with the complaints. This included a wee fellow that did a 1 hour photo thing, and he did not like being showed up as a trickster, and was always very apologetic, but it continued to happen. I wonder if others had this problem? I doubt that it was a machine/ automated problem, but rather than a scam

to save the companies money. Call me cynical, but money does often seem to be at the root of much evil....!!

Another problem that occurred with TVDX photos was badly centred images, with part of them cut off, and some of the images were even split between two photos. This happened to me countless times!! Again I had to run back and forth to various shops with the numbers carefully written down and returning the shoddy workmanship. It really was such a pain in the neck.

My old Zenith camera eventually gave up the ghost, after too many long damp winters kept in the shack, when the shutter eventually became sticky and unreliable, and even the good old "Servisol Super 40" could work no magic.

At this time the early digital cameras were on the go, but were no use for TVDX photos. So I never had anything to take photos from the TV in the years between the old camera giving up, and the current digital camera, which I got in 2005. Since then however, using the close up setting, flash off, and for the first time ever, a tripod, I have taken thousands of images, all nicely centred, and of course, they all come out!!

The only annoying thing with digital cameras is the "non instant" snapshot. There is always a very annoying slight delay. This can mean a good caption or nothing at all, knowing the fast fading of sporadic e.

Isn't it amazing to think back to former times when there was no e bay, and second hand goods were small ads in a newspaper or magazine. We never had any boot sales locally, like we have now. Such is the surplus of electronic gadgets nowadays, that everyone and their dog has multitudes of camera's, TV's, any amounts of music players, mobile phones, and all. Perfectly good working items get thrown away nowadays, rather than sold, or hoarded as a spare. Well most folks do. That is why I am piled to the ceiling with boxes of junk!! lol.

**Ken's TADX
Corner****LATEST LOGS: MAY 2009**

A site mainly dedicated to Mediumwave Dxing

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Corner**[All DX Logs](#) - [FM / TV DX](#) - [DX Equipment](#) - [Audio Downloads](#) - [Other Items](#) - [DX chat](#)[Contact](#)[Back to logs index](#)**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 29th MAY 2009:**

RADIO TT ON AIR AGAIN: Manx Radio has changed it's name again to RADIO TT for the annual TT motorcycle racing on the Isle of Mann. The traditional TT circuit is around the island, on public roads. Freq to check for the racing, 1368kHz MW (The old RNI frequency). The web stream at this time of year is unavailable to the public, due to being subscription only for TT fortnight. The modest sum of a fiver get's you the fortnight's racing on the live web stream if you are out of range of AM 1368.

I wonder if the Steve Gibbon's Band are still playing on the island during TT week?

MIKE SMITH'S HISTORY OF UK RADIO: I discovered a web site which is more than worthy of note the other day. It is amazing how some site's one never finds, even if they have been on the go for some time. I was looking around the web for transmitter sites, and came across a photo of the Lott's Road chimney stacks, home to various MW signals at one time or another. This image is in part three of the history of UK radio, see below. Also find photos of vintage transmitter sites and transmitters. Gives me inspiration to scan an old radio map I have here. It was found by a pal in an old building that was being renovated.

<http://www.mds975.co.uk/Content/ukradio.html>

<http://www.mds975.co.uk/Content/ukradio2.html>

<http://www.mds975.co.uk/Content/ukradio3.html>

Well done to all concerned with this MDS975 project.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 28th MAY 2009:

MORE MW DX IN LATE MAY: As an addition to yesterday's audio clips, I have added a few more here from this mornings 0300 recording. 0400 is for sure too late at these latitudes now, but top of the hour at 0300 is OK. There were many other channels active that IDs could have been pulled out of if enough time was spent, but these logs below were easy catches. It used to be assumed that mid summer was no use for MWDX. This I would go part of the way to agree, as all I hear are the common regulars. But some dxers may struggle with these stations even in winter, so I am including some 8 audio clips from 0300 this morning.

FREQ IN BOLD shows an audio clip.

0300 TODAY:

600	CBC	090528_0300_600_cbc.mp3
660	WFAN	
680	CFTR	090528_0300_680_cftr.mp3
700	WLW	090528_0300_700_wlw.mp3
710	VOCM	090528_0300_710_vocm.mp3
730	CKAC	090528_0300_730_ckac.mp3
740	VOCM	/ TORONTO mix
750	CBC	
760	WJR	
780	KIX	
830	WCRN	
860	CBC FF	
920	CKNX	090528_0300_920_cknx_good_for_may.mp3
930	CFBC	
940	MONTREAL	
950	CKNB	pres. No ID. Usual low audio, mx
1010	CFRB	
1020	KDKA	090528_0300_1020_kdka.mp3
1130	WBBR	
1140	CBC	
1250	CJYE	(Joy 12-50)
1320	CJMR	pres. No ID today
1400	CBC	
1520	WWKB	
1570	RADIO BOOMER	
1580	CKDO	090528_0300_1580_ckdo_good_for_may.mp3
1630	KCJJ	

1700

KVNS

A COUPLE OF OLDER LOGS inc 530 AND 920 FAO AB: AB continues his hard work with the Central American UK all time list. He asked me to include clips for 920, and 530.

090124_0930_1190_wowo_gd.mp3

081203_0200_530_r_encyclopedia_cuba.mp3

081203_0302_920_xele_tent.mp3

081216_0100_920_unid_mexico.mp3

081022_0629_970_radio_formula_mexico.mp3

GB250RB: I have also added an audio clip to the GB250RB special event station which was operating locally, see below.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2009:

It is difficult to believe that we are at the end of May again. It has been a very busy weekend here with a local Burns festival taking place, and visitors etc. No radio logs till Monday evening.

MW DX IN LATE MAY: I was asked the other day on the Skype chat if I was still receiving North American MW stations in mid May. The answer was YES. Nothing startling, but I produced a few clips from 20th May, as samples of common stuff that comes through at the very narrow dawn window.

090520_0400_1130_wbbr.mp3

090520_0300_1690_cjlo.mp3

090520_0300_1520_wwkb.mp3

THE BIG SWINGER : Many years ago, I saw a short play on TV about a fictitious Irish country pirate radio station. I have been after a recording of this for some time, after not being able to find it on any of my old manky VHS recordings. Gerard Roe from Phantom FM in Dublin came up with an old VHS recording just the other day. I assume that it may be of interest to some people who remember the Irish stations with affection. Click below for an .AVI file of the play. (198 meg).

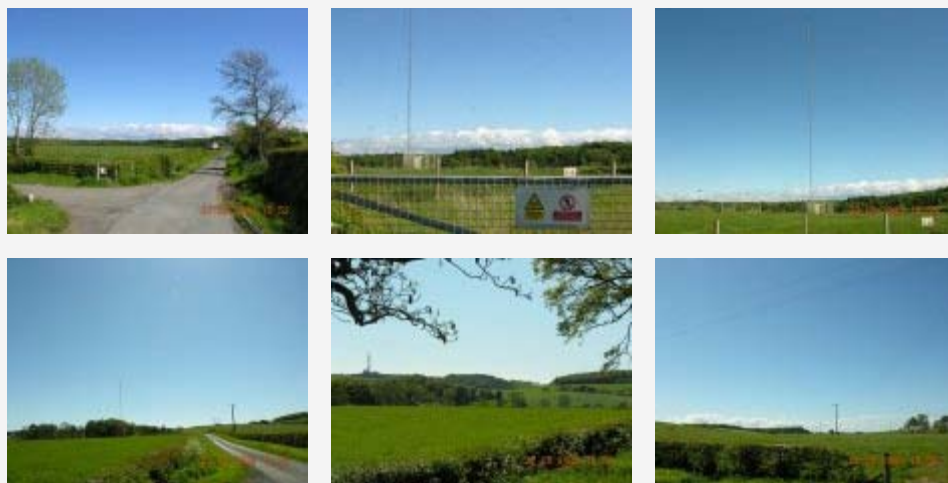
I assume after all this time there should be no copyright issues with this obscure short play being available here. I have tried to find it for sale on line, but with no success. If there are any problems, please contact me at my address above.

To save, right click, save target as etc.. VLC player will play this just fine, if there are any problems.

http://www.ayrshirehistory.eu/tadx/big_swinger.avi (198 meg)

NOT ONLY MW DXING: Some people reading these pages perhaps like to read them because they are about their hobby of MW DXing. That is true, but these pages are also like my own diary of various events as they happen. EG The special event station below is not connected to MW dxing, and neither is a walk in the Scottish hills. But it is hoped that the diversification of these pages, especially in the summer months when there is no real MW DX being heard, will be of some interest to the casual reader. Last summer was rolled into one small page, mainly due to lack of time and enthusiasm for writing. Maybe this year I will include some images of my travels, or more recordings of FMDX, and photos of the "hoped for" TVDX season.

ILR AYR - 1035: My strong local station is a pain in the neck here due to it's signal strength and direction. This past season I was lucky enough to have my first ever log of WHO 1040 from Des Moines Iowa, during a very rare brief silence of the audio. They just never seem to have any breaks in the audio at all. I often pass the MF site of ILR AYR, and every time I pass by, I think that one day I should bring the camera and take a few shots. The other day I finally did. The QTH is near Dundonald, and in one of the shots with the mast behind me, you can see the Castle up on the hill just to the left of the nearest electric pole. (right bottom). Apologies for the large dates and times on the images. I use this for TVDX at this time of year, and forgot to turn it off. You may notice that the mast sits behind a hill, which is Dundonald Hill, and is between the tower and the target area of AYR.



Some shots of ILR AYR MW 1035 mast site.



The hi res version should show the actual wire antenna.

GB250RB SPECIAL EVENT STATION: There was a local Burns event in the next village from me at the weekend, and the special event 250th anniversary of Robert Burns ham radio station was operating from the Burns Tower. I took a few photos and whipped a QSL card.



QSL CARD from GB250RB, and right, the station!



GB250RB, and right, the Magnum 2009 Rally!

Listen to an audio clip here on 7117kHz in the morning

SPORADIC E: I came back from a day out to find a sporadic e opening in progress. Iceland was coming in well on E4, with a symbol on the top right resembling an 8 with extra legs coming out the sides!! Spain was also seen on E2 with it's new logo bottom right, as was NOVA (Czech) on R1, and RTL (Hungary) also on R1 from memory. RAI and E21 were seen around E3 from Italy, and Slovakia on R2 I think it was. I was not really in the right frame of mind for making accurate observations when I came in!! So I am working from memory!!

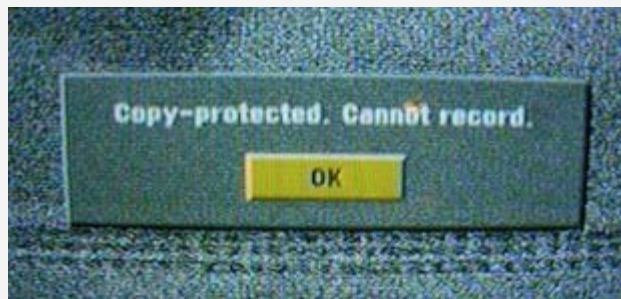


Iceland on E4 25/5/09 AROUND 1715utc



TVE inc new logo btm right

I also had the MACRO message on my DVD recorder again, this time during RUV Iceland reception, see below. I set the country setting to IS I think it was, to see if it would help. I guess I won't be able to tell properly what the story on this is till we have an intense opening. This was feeding the video out from a JVC portable, into the front AV3 IN on the LG recorder. I once had this problem with the same recorder, while trying to create a DVD of a VHS tape recorded off the telly of a LED ZEPPELIN concert. It just didn't like it!!



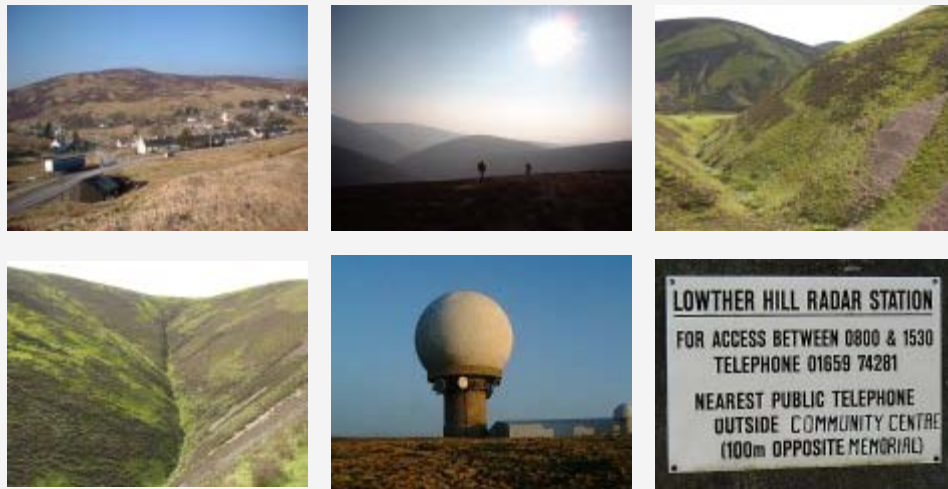
SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE - AN EMBARRASSING DISGRACE: Sometimes I feel I am very negative in some of the reporting in these pages, such as the last item this month at the bottom, to do with DRM. But in this case, I really cant help myself from being negative. I was off for a walk in the hills on Monday to Scotland's Leadhills area, famous for its Lead Mining Museum, and the area also boasts the highest village and pub in Scotland at Wanlockhead. It is also well known for gold panning, and many folks are to be seen guddling around in the burns and streams, hoping for that large nugget!! We never found anything.. surprise surprise!!

What I did see that was quite disturbing was a mess of litter, beer cans, plastic bottles, broken glass and the likes blatantly discarded in the rivers, and roadsides. I would like to be able to say that it must be the visitors coming from the cities, or that it was foreign tourists that were responsible. But I know fine that this is not the case, and that my own countrymen have made this mess of their own countryside. It is

exactly this kind of ignorant disregard for the countryside that makes land owners reluctant to open up their lands. It is exactly this loutish behaviour that has made Scotland look such an unfriendly nation to visiting tourists. You don't have to travel too far to see signs in roadside parking areas stating NO OVERNIGHT PARKING. You can even see this rude unwelcoming style of sign in the middle of the highlands, miles from anywhere. In the Wanlockhead area downstream, there are no public litter bins in the wide open spaces at the side of the river. But this can in no way be offered as an excuse by those animals who make such a mess of the Scottish Countryside. Litter bins are not needed here. A little bit of common courtesy is all that is required, and follow the basic country codes. The mess in the Leadhills really has to be seen to be believed.



Some examples of Scottish culture.
Wanlockhead May 2009.



Wanlockhead, 1st two from a previous trip. 2nd two from Monday.
Lowther Hill in 2003

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 19th MAY 2009:

<http://www.bbceng.info/Books/dx-world/dx-world.htm> (Download the book about the Daventry TX site)

http://www.bbceng.info/Operations/transmitter_ops/Reminiscences/et4336/et4336.htm (Memories of the ET transmitter)

<http://www.bbceng.info/Reference.htm>

http://www.bbceng.info/Operations/transmitter_ops/specific_tx_sites.htm

http://www.bbceng.info/Operations/transmitter_ops/Reminiscences/Reminiscences.htm

<http://www.bbceng.info/videos.htm> (Inc an amazing demolition of a BBC Radio 3 mf mast!!)

<http://www.rtenl.ie/videos.php>

I began to gather up some old vintage bits and pieces years ago, but last year I found quite a number of items on ebay. Vintage enthusiasts may tell me my collection is tiny, and it may be, but they are interesting and historical pieces none the less.

BBC HANDBOOK 1929

BBC YEAR BOOK 1931

25 YEARS OF BRITISH BROADCASTING 1922 - 1947

BBC 50 YEARS LP 1922 - 1972

WORLD RADIO & TELEVISION ANNUAL 1946

THE LISTENER (BBC MAGAZINE) 4 FROM 1934

I have upload some photos here of the above items and more.



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 18th MAY 2009:

RTE 6220 AND ANOTHER SW LOG: A couple of logs here today for SW for a change. This morning I was drawn to SSB traffic on 6910 USB unencrypted, of NIW1 calling ANN2 for a radio check. (No I wasn't checking for a return of Radio Dublin..hi)

Tonight I heard a broadcast of RTE1 on 6220kHz. The very freq which LASER used for many long years, and were eventually raided on. By the looks of the RTE web site, this transmission may come from South Africa, and is heard every weeknight on 6220 from 1930 - 2030.

<http://www.rte.ie/radio/worldwide.html>

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 17th MAY 2009:**SKYWAVES - AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE ??:**

I see the Skywaves web page is back on line. I am unsure what the status of the group is, but I shall keep the links on this site live for the time being. It would be a shame to see such an on line resource disappear.

TVDX NOTES: I have been rummaging through my old photo albums for a look back at my oldest photos. Sadly I never had any camera capable of photographing TVDX years ago, and I recall that I sent to DDR TV for a QSL with a hand sketch of a test card. I was a little surprised to see both the Swedish TV and DDR TV replies were from back in 1979. I Never took my first photos till 1988, when I got an old ZENITH camera which had a slow shutter speed of 1/30th, enough to make some decent images. The photo below caught my attention. In the mix of a traditional extreme opening, I had a strange test card on either R1 or E2A area of the band. Does anyone recognise this?? I should really scan many of my old test card photos from years ago. Some are really historic now of course.



The UNID from R2/ E2A 5/6/88 1130

Have a look below for one of my only two QSLs that I wrote for. This is Swedish TV, from 1979. My other QSL comes from DDR TV. Again this would have been a hand drawn image of the test card I sent to them!!



QRM FROM 50mHz HAMS: I have noticed for a long time the lines which appear in band 1 during tvdx openings. I never ever had a receiver that could pick up 50mHz SSB till last summer. That was when I first verified that the QRM was in fact from amateur operators in the 50mHz band. This QRM is not limited to local operators, but rather from all over Europe. This surely must cause a little grief on "normal" viewers' televisions at certain locations?? Of course probably no more than co channel sporadic e television stations would. The amateur stations are also making the best of the sporadic e, so are no doubt much less active during flat conditions.

AVG 7.5 NO LONGER SUPPORTED: I notice AVG 7.5 has stopped updating now. I guess this means that they have withdrawn support. My old web PC is deliberately kept running windows ME, and old browsers. This is so I can use the simple methods of web

design, which should look the same in most browsers, including older ones.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 16th MAY 2009:

SKYWAVES - AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE ??: I am not sure what is happening over at Skywaves. There seems to be some kind of a split between former owners and new owners if owners is the right word. At the time of typing this page up, the Skywaves web site has been dramatically seized by the former owner in a heated moment of whatever it was a heated moment of...!! I will leave the links on my links pages for the time being, but if it is going to be a dead link, and only bickering on the news group section and not dx tips, I will remove them by the start of the week.

I had some unexpected grief from the Skywaves group a few weeks ago because we were discussing FM and TVDX on our own mwdx chat, and not using their Skywaves chat!!! That's the first time anyone has ever attempted to control what me and my dx buddies discuss in our own chatroom!!! Amazing!!! In actual fact anything and everything is discussed on our skype chat, not only dxing. I failed to see what their problem was.

I have since logged out of the Skywaves Skype chat. (Maybe at the right time, as it seems to have fallen into chaos, with some kind of a question mark over who is in charge, if anyone. They have also moved their chat again.)

I seem to recall the boot was on the other foot when Skywaves started up their own MW newsgroup, and received a similar frosty reaction from some MW enthusiasts.

Using the so called freedom of the press term rather loosely, no one has any right whatsoever to try and demand that we do not discuss a certain subject in a semi private chat that they are guests in, in this case FM or TV. On the web, ANYONE is free to start a new dx group at any time. At any rate, I am sure The Danish SW Clubs do not have any problems of "professional jealousy" if some of their members belong another dx club, for example the BDXC, or even many other dx clubs!! It's a free choice. DXers are not like flocks of sheep. They are not owned by any one group.

FM/ TVDX SKYPE CHAT: With the future of Skywaves unknown today, this may be a good time to mention that David H has started an FM chat room on Skype, side by side with his DX CLUSTER. It has been very busy of late. Search Skype for David as "tvdxrooms" to be vetted and invited in. This chat is moderated and rogue IP's will be banned.

The normal MW1 chatroom we have been using for many months is still operational but it became hectic during the sporadic e openings this last week or so. This was the reason for the slight changes.

MACRO IN BAND 1: A strange one. I have a DVD recorder connected to the JVC Band 1 TV. I had a short opening to NOVA TV, Prague the other day, and I thought I would record the first dx of the season. Twice during the recording it switched itself off, and a message about copyright protection came up on the screen. During a fade, the recorder was happily recording snow.. (One of the few that allow weak signals to record without going into a silly pause mode, LG RC-1000.) Was there some kind of Macro broadcast along side the TV programmes on NOVA TV???

TLA TV: I was on the FM/TVDX chat, and someone mentioned TLA. I for some reason thought it was a programme or something on RAI, but it seems it is a private station like the powerful E21. Below is a photo from 2007. Incidentally the old TV in the photo still works fine, and is the same as a Philips X12T 740/94, but this one has a PYE badge. I have a scrap one for spares which is a Philips.



MY HAM RADIO CALL LETTERS REVOKED: I have had my amateur radio call sign taken away!!!! No not for anything naughty. This is a cracker. A letter came through the door this morning asking me to ring the UK licence people asap. Seems my call sign GM8HSV has been mistakenly allocated to me, when it was already in use...lol. So it is not just the local "cooncil" that are bungling fools!!!! I have been using this callsign since January!!! It now seems I am allocated MM0HSV after the mix up. What a pity they couldn't give me the traditional GM call. I always felt it would be easy to add another digit, and for example all new calls in 2009 could become GM09XXX.



BRAZILIAN PIRATES: I have heard of these guys before, but never actually heard them. The other day for whatever reason, I tuned past 255.550 and heard strange chatter. Signals were very strong and clear. Seems this is the downlink of a redundant American Satellite that Brazilian radio buffs have clocked on to being able to use. I wonder what the uplink freq is??

I have also heard it said that it is a mobile radio network in Brazil that just happens to use the uplink frequency of the satellite. Whatever the truth, I logged loads of these guys chatting away on Friday for the first time. What a shame they weren't in English.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 14th MAY 2009:

THE SUNSPOT MINIMUM: See my links page under space weather for some interesting articles about the now openly admitted prolonged solar minimum. For us MW dxers, does this mean that winter this year may be even better than last year?? Can I afford the hard drives this would take?? Or will the sun suddenly burst back into life. I think the truth is that no one really knows. I found a very interesting article on the subject in the 1977 WRTH. Click on the images to read the hi res version.

Thought: Was there not a CD/DVD version of very old WRTH's from the past at one time?? Anyone know where this can be obtained?.

Answer: Tnx to Guy Atkins in Seattle, he provided a link for the back issues. 1947 - 1970.. \$99.

WRTH in PDF format 1947 - 1970 from NASWA



Thanks to THE WORLD RADIO AND TV HANDBOOK.
Click for their own WRTH current web site

DXTV - 1st LOGS OF THE SEASON:

I had a few brief weak and noisy pictures the other day, but on Wed 13th May I identified two signals. E2 produced NRK (Norway) , while on R2 the familiar RTL KLUB was seen from Hungary. A 50mHz ham was also heard from Norway, with some very respectable signals. A few brief and sporadic signals were heard from Croatia on Band 2 as well. A welcome first dx from sporadic E this season.

MWDX: I recorded 0400 the other morning but had only what would be classed as the common stations. WBBR, Newfoundlanders etc. Nothing very exciting and nothing exciting enough to hold my interest. There are still strong TADX signals around at this

narrow window. WWKB 1520 was booming in.

UK RADIO CLUB GOES PUBLIC:

Even though I am nothing to do with any dx organisation, I know opinions were asked for recently regarding web only dx clubs. So a few scribbles of my own views and ideas are written below.

RADIO CLUB GOES PUBLIC: Maybe this future sounding headline will some day come to pass. Maybe not. If I was a gambler, I would say for the people concerned, it is ten years or more too early for such a headline. But I hear there have been thoughts and rumblings from within one radio club in the UK, that maybe it is time to move on and become a web based club, very like the Worldwide DX Club, or Skywaves who have had their regular publications on line for many years now.

So after all these years as a secretive and almost cloak and dagger style club, why go public now?? What are the benefits? What are the negative aspects? I personally have for many years now felt that public web sites were the way forward for DX clubs. But it is surprising how many of the old style paper dx clubs still hammer away with publications and deadlines.

On line I feel the paper dx clubs are poorly represented. Most clubs like to hide behind secret passwords, and members only non public areas, sometimes under the pretence of safety and security. What does this mean? Do you have to wear a yellow jacket and crash helmet or lock your doors and draw the curtains to read public pages?? I don't think it is in any way illegal to listen to radio stations from outside the country. I don't think we live in fear of our doors being kicked in at dawn because we are listening to American MW stations on a banned wireless set!! So if there are no legal issues whatsoever about the content of a MWDX public web site, there is no need to hide behind passwords and members areas. What's the point of having a web site to promote/ keep alive a flagging hobby, if you don't want anyone to see it??

I don't ever feel I have seen much content on the web sites of most dx clubs. They are geared up to "sell" or "subscribe" or "buy". Get the picture?? I guess that tells you that there is money to be made running a dx club. Well if that is the case, so be it. Maybe yes, maybe no. I don't know the answer to that. I don't really care. .

I never counted the number of dx clubs I found that work this way even today, but there are many. Short Wave Magazine, and Practical Wireless were always traditional newsagent style glossy publications, who were always assumed to be part of someone's daytime job. Hobby publications were always assumed to be hobby only, and all members work for the good of the club funds, and continuity.

I am only on line with these humble but very public web pages to share logs and dx recordings with like minded dxers. I am not interested in charging anyone for viewing these pages. Yes, I could do with the money, but I hardly think it could be classed as "playing the white man". The information itself is a little "geeky", or to make us dxers sound a little more intelligent, "it is a very specialist subject".

(Bill Gates gave a lecture to school kids last year (here in the UK I think it was). One very amusing part of his speech was a warning to the students not to be rude to the geeky guys. "One day you will probably end up working for them", he said!!!!!!)

I think this "*MW DXING IN AYRSHIRE*" web site is the only public web site in the UK (or certainly one of the few) with dedicated up to date MW logs and bits and pieces published mainly during the traditional Transatlantic DX season. I have hoards of logs, scribbles, and audio clips here, in public, for all to see. None of the traditional DX clubs can say that about their web pages. Yet it was never my intention to produce anything more than a few logs, and throw up a few unid recordings for other dxers to view/hear. But even these pages have grown into a rather large archive!!

Sometimes I still find it difficult to source certain Transatlantic news items even in these days of the world wide web. One MW specialist dx site, the IRCA has a good news group which thankfully is in the public domain. But they don't always accept questions from Europe. Less than half of the dx tips or questions I have sent simply do not show up in their newsgroup, as though dismissed as junk. So much so that I don't even bother trying anymore. I have to e-mail other members and ask them to post tips on my behalf. But my point is, the benefits of a truly public dx web site would be to have up to the minute news and tips in the public domain, and hopefully easier to access.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF WEB ONLY? :

Think how much more up to date a public web dx club would be.

There could be live chat on a public site, but guarded by the "members", so that rogue IP's can be easily banned. I know what the SKYPE CHAT has done this winter for our MW DXing, to keep up to date. It is almost like a mini dx club in itself which has its origins here on this web site. The SKYPE chat itself is not public, and requires third party software.

There may not be the huge nightmare of logs to arrange once a month, if these can be uploaded weekly or even daily during dx hot months.

Would there be a desire to have a monthly pdf compiled as there is now, or would members be content with a section for all the subjects completely separate, and simply print say the logs to read off line?? Much of these questions would have to be addressed.

My own personal way of producing logs and clips of news and gossip is simply on a per month page, as you obviously are aware if you are reading this. This is in much the same way as the freebie blog sites, with the most recent entry at the top of the page. OK sometimes my interest is content, and not layout. I don't tend to take much time to log stations nowadays, with all the care and attention to SINPO and programme details that I perhaps once did. So the logs are often scribbled out in rough form, to save time. Better to have a list of scribbles for one day than to have nothing at all.

ARCHIVES:

Think about the archives that could be made public. The web is a great place to store historical information. I have been using the archival capabilities of the web for a local history project since about 1998. Look at the benefits of an open and public MWDX web site with real content.

1) All back issues and reprints of the former paper publication available in the public domain as pdf files.

2) Audio archives are easily stored here as MP3s. How about recordings of all the UK first known logs for a start. Older recordings from the dusty archives, full recordings of radio stations from the past. This is such a great opportunity to share old worn cassettes and reels of tapes. I have been archiving long audio recordings here on this site for some time now. Again something none of the paper dx clubs even seem to consider.

3) The web is a better place to publish photos than any paper magazine. Much higher res images need only be a click away. Look down this page to see my images of a switch box, and click for a hi res version as an example.

4) Members may wish to add their own pages to the site, with shack photos etc. It is always interesting to see other people's layouts and dxing techniques, aerials etc. Again because it is the web, there are no limits on the number of photos and images published. (within reason)

5) Even movies can be uploaded of dx peditions or dx shacks or visits to transmitter sites etc.

6) New as yet unthought of ideas could be integrated in a proper web site. How about for example, members around the country photographing their local MW transmitter sites and beacon sites for the archives??

SAVED WORKLOAD:

Think of the work that is saved in an instant by making a dx club web only.

1) No printing

2) No mailing

3) No addressing envelopes

4) No handling large sums/ any sums of money (Often the source of trouble & strife too often in clubs)

5) Save millions of lives because you don't have to cut the rainforests down to print the mag.

(OK that's taking the global warming myth a little too far I know!!)

6) There is really no need for so called membership lists either in a full public web site. So often the complaints are that it is the same old names month after month that are

making contributions to the dx logs, and from the most of the members - silence. So the club would really become web pages run by a handful of serious and experienced dxers. The idea of going public really could produce a rip snorter of a web site though, with the best mw dx content in the whole of Europe.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST:

So just how much would it cost to make the club web only.

£10....PER YEAR TOTAL (NOT PER MEMBER) !!!!

That is per year for 3 gig of web space!! The company I use for this site charged me a tenner for the first year to set up. This was after the last company I was dealing with simply vanished overnight. Next year I expect to pay about £20 for the year. For 10 gig the price is only slightly higher, so very affordable for even one man to sponsor the subscription for one year!!.

If a tenner or twenty quid is required per year to produce a web based DX club, where will the rest of the money go?? Well the funds could pay for the "PRO" versions of chat boxes and newsgroups. That wouldn't itself take up that much more of the funds, but it saves using the likes of Yahoo Groups which are generally full of ads and flashing lights.

WEB SITE DESIGN: The above price is for a real web site, and not for an on line freebie/ get what you take sort of design that these free on line blogspot pages give you. With a real web site, you are limited only by your imagination. I like to keep these pages like books. Black text and white or very light backgrounds. Many web pages you can see on line have some incredible designs of multicoloured text that you can barely read. Many have pages which are designed in such a pointless and over complicated fashion that they slow down loading to such an extent that you begin to feel you are back to a 386 PC, and dial up.

I once had the offer of a site design for another project by a web designer to trade. Such was the pointless complexity of the design that I was even unable to edit on my local PC properly. The server based technology used made the whole episode a complete nightmare. The final look of the site was fine, but I could have made a site look the same using simple code and editable pages.

I personally like to make the design simple, plain and straight forward. This site is about reading text, and is designed for those that have the gift of being able to read. It is not meant for catching the eyes of kids who have barely a handle on the English language and only want to see flashing lights, hear 30 seconds of tinny sounding music from tiny junk speakers, or click on dubious pop up ads for dating, gambling or viagra. Neither will I ever have log in nonsense, or registration required to read any of these web pages.

I am not saying for a moment that this web site is a perfect design. Far from it. There

are so many tricks and so much hard code that I just don't know, but in a bid to keep it simple and clean looking and viewable on most screens, this is the design I choose. There is nothing worse than untidy scroll bars at the bottom of the screen, common on the web, or unnecessary clutter you have on the freebie bebo and facebook style sites. A lot of the local rock bands, and venues here in Ayrshire use these bebo things, and navigation is a nightmare. One is reluctant to click on anything, because you end up on some weird unconnected page.

NEGATIVE ISSUES:

Some guys may say that they like to have a printed version of a dx magazine for reading sitting out in the garden, on a train to work, or even sitting on the cludgie in the morning after breakfast and coffee!! So be it. Most people with a PC have a printer. If they haven't, they are not very expensive.

"I DON'T HAVE A PC, OR I DON'T HAVE WEB ACCESS", some may bleat. Very few of us nowadays do not have web access. If someone doesn't have access at home, their friends or relatives mostly will have, or even public libraries. This "almost everyone" having web access surely especially applies to dxers anyway.

There may be one grumpy old stick in the mud who just won't buy a PC and never will, who will miss out on any web based dx club. (Hypothetical stick in the mud that is, but I do know they exist from listening to top band). But there were the guys who would not buy a radio with a digital counter years ago, or the guys in modern times who won't use wideband recording techniques for MW dxing for reasons best known to themselves.

Ain't life tough.

Leave them out, and forget them!!!!

SUMMARY: I spent some time looking through web pages of a multitude of DX CLUBS from across the globe, and find that most of the ones I saw are very similar, and of the sales drive style rather than a public dx web site. From where I sit typing my logs and adding audio archives, I see the world wide web as an opportunity missed for so many years by these clubs with their secret members areas etc. The web is such an easy platform to use as an archive. But this requires a group of people forming some kind of organisation that can easily ensure continuity. With a one man operation such as my own pages, it becomes more difficult to keep the archive on line. If I get run over by a bus tomorrow, I guess the show is over, and this archive would die with me. I am not being deliberately morbid. These things can happen. An old school friend, and in recent years drinking buddy, passed away the other week, well before his three score years and ten. With that went his own projects, of which he had many.

It makes you think.

Maybe I do need to try and form some kind of a continuity group myself, not just for this radio archive, but for my local historical collections. A group of say 6 - 10 people can surely provide continuity, and as one "board member" drops out, another can take

his place.

STEVE CONWAY'S BOOK AT LAST!!! SHIPROCKED HAS ARRIVED: It took about 3 weeks to arrive but I took delivery yesterday of Steve Conway's much anticipated book. It has the unfortunate title of SHIPROCKED. It seems that every new book and anything in fact to do with offshore radio nostalgia is now going to be called something "rocked", after the movie "THE BOAT THAT ROCKED".

But the reason for the name obviously is publicity, and how it works. I saw a friend's kid's face yesterday when he saw the book, and asked me excitedly,

"Is that the book tae that film youz saw Kenny??".

"Aye", I said quietly.

How could I explain to a 12 year old who has ipods, broadband and mobile phones exactly what Radio Caroline was and what it stood for even in the 80's, never mind the 60's and 70's. I can imagine some of his questions. Why did they broadcast from the high seas. Why? What was the point? Imagine a 12 year old's perception of the isolation. There were no mobile phones, internet access, DVD players, I-PODS, etc and living in some very heavy seas, some of which are pictured in the book. I will save my history lesson for a time when he will be more interested in listening to a two day sermon!!

Steve's book is based around the time when the squeeze was on the station in the late 1980's. Euroseige had just ended as the book starts. SHIPROCKED is a superb read, and includes the chapter published on Steve's Newstide web site some years ago initially as "Candle in the Wind", later renamed to "Surrender At Dawn", after Candle in the Wind became popular again after the "Diana" affair. Have a look on the book's web site, link below. Steve has included dramatic videos from youtube of the grounding, and other videos.

The original title for the book was to be "These Dreams".

From the front of the original Newstide web site.

The Ross Revenge was more than just a floating radio station with the tallest mast of any ship in Europe. It was home and an entire island world for those who worked on Radio Caroline, a focal point for dreams of freedom, and a friend to many thousands of listeners across Europe.



Seen in daylight, the ship looks impressive

At night, lying in a pool of silver water under a full moon

She was magical beyond belief

The mast fell in November 1987, and was replaced

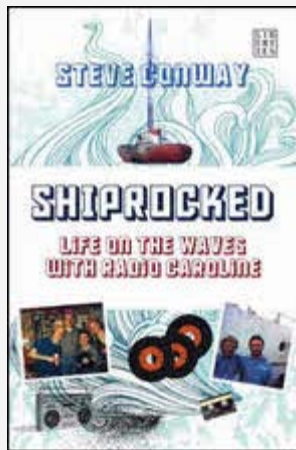
The station fell silent in 1990 and can never be replaced

"In a wood, full of princes freedom is the kiss
The full moon it shines over these dreams in the mist"

Heart - These Dreams



Photos Steve Conway



<http://www.shiprockedbook.com/>

<http://rcsocietysales.co.uk/books.html>

<http://steveconway.wordpress.com/the-book/>

I bought the book from the Radio Caroline Web Shop. This money from the book goes towards the upkeep of the station, and to the Ross Revenge support group, so I don't mind if it may have been a long wait for delivery. It is a real worthy charitable cause, close to my heart.

Some of my own lengthy recordings on this site are from reel to reel tapes made off SW at the time Steve was on board the Ross Revenge. Incidentally, Steve is currently heard on Phantom FM in Dublin 105.2.

One interesting story about the movie, THE BOAT THAT ROCKED, is that the Dutch hospital ship, De Hoop was the boat used in the film. De Hoop used to broadcast religious services on a sunday morning from wherever the ship was. Freq was on the 2mHz shipping band. Check out some old WRTH's for the INTERNATIONAL WATERS

section. This one from 1976 for example.

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

VERENIGING HOSPITAL KERKCHIP "DE HOOP"

ADDR: Vissershavenweg 21. Scheveningen.
HOSPITAL-CHURCHVESSEL "DE HOOP":
Freq's: 2182kHz, 2201kHz, 2316kHz (all 0.3kW).
D.PRGR: 2182kHz (int. calling freq, continuous stand-by, accepting calls in Dutch, English, German, French).
2201kHz: 0645-0655, 0830-0840, 1015-1025, 1245-1255, 1615-1525, 1845-1855, 2030-2040.
2316kHz (rpt weather forecast shipping 0730-0740, 1030-1040, 1315-1325, 1630-1640, 1930-1940. Church services in Dutch: Sun 0930-1030, 1745-1830, Wed 1830-1900).
 Reception reports appreciated.
Sailing Schedule: Jan-Mar, Apr-Dec cycle of 3 weeks to NW-European waters and 1 week on leave. This fishery support ship renders medical technical, electrotechnical, navigational and spiritual assistance to all fishermen. Further: divin services, supply of fuel, water, provisions, spare parts, etc.

RADIO CAROLINE/MI AMIGO (Comm.)
ADDR: c/o RADO, Playa de Aro, Province de Gerona, Spain.
STATION: m/s "Mi Amigo" (anchored in the North Sea 81187kHz approx. 50kW, 773kHz 10kW).
D.PRGRS: 24h. Dutch: 0600-1800 English: 1800-0600.
ANN: English: "This is R. Caroline, the Voice of loving awareness, radiating from the North Sea". Dutch: "Dit is Radio Mi Amigo op 259 meter" - V. by QSL-card. Rp. preferred.

LATINS ON MW IN THE 80's - AERIALS OR SUNSPOT CYCLE:

I have serious doubts about my antenna system and it's capabilities as far as Latin dx goes for MW. I have a multitude of antennas, but I don't seem to be getting the Latins that my dx neighbour Paul picks up on the coast. I used to have a lot of latins in the logs in the 80's. O yes I have heard them in recent times, the common ones anyway, but I seem to recall I used to have great signals from Brazil sometimes, eg Globo 1100 and 1220, and Radio Reloj on 1100 from Columbia. Venezuelans are also logged in vast numbers in old log books. Check my recordings folder, where there are a few clips of old TADX from Monte Carlo 920, Globo etc. So what is wrong now. Are the signals absent because we are at the bottom of the solar cycle? Do I need a rethink on the antennas?? Or is the concentration on MW during the summer months not there after a

long dx winter?? Maybe I am too easily distracted elsewhere during the summer months, a traditional window for latins here in Europe. Watch this space.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 7th MAY 2009:

COAX THAT WON'T SOLDER!!! - DID YOU EVER HEAR OF IT? : I wondered the other day why a soldered joint on a patch lead was dodgy. It was leads in and out of the RPA1 preamp. I decided to cable the amp into my switch bank on a more permanent basis today.



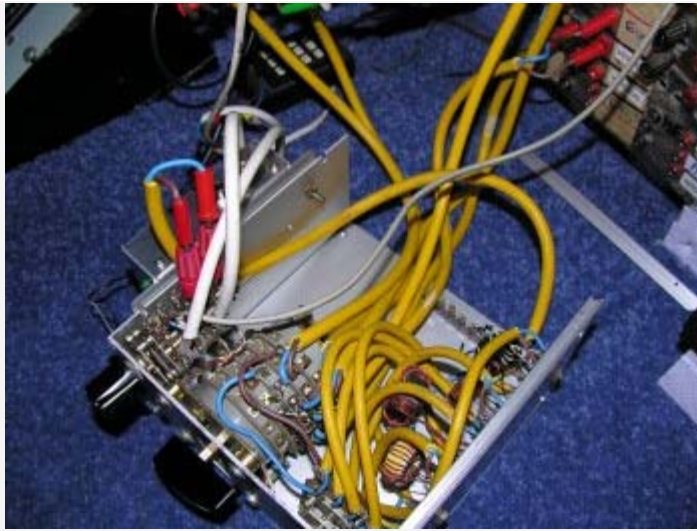
When I was soldering coax to a switch I have wired for a complete bypass/ isolate of the amp, I couldn't get it to stick. The inner was copper coloured, but the shield was a silver colour. I took the piece of wire to another soldering iron and different solder. And amazingly, I have my first coax that solder won't stick to!!! I wonder what kind of metal this is. AL it says on the label, so I guess Aluminum!!! Obviously this must have been cheap stuff. It has a double screen, like what we call nowadays "satellite" coax. It is probably OK for average jobs that don't require soldering, but in all the years I have been using coax in both work situations and through the dxing hobby, I have never came across such junk!! The next thing will be audio jacks which won't solder...but they will be cheap!! I was beginning to doubt my soldering abilities for a second.



Below are a couple of photos of a switch box I made earlier in the year, which is really too small to house the preamp as well. Maybe one day I shall change the lot to a bigger box. And maybe not. It is always the case. If I tidy up the shelves in the shack and lay out the receivers nicely, I always end up with an add on that won't fit in!!



The amp and by pass/ isolate switch as an add on to my aerial switch.



A close up of the rat's nest. Click to enlarge.

MONKEY'S AUDIO COMPRESSION: I have been trying out Monkey's Audio on Perseus files. Thanks to a detailed pdf file by Elio Corbolante on the Perseus group.

I have tested one of my own files which I have on line. The original file size is 273meg. WINZIP took it only to 211meg at max compression.

Monkey's audio reduces the file size to took it down to 109 meg using "Extra High" compression.

"Insane" takes it down further to 97meg!!

Bjarne's 929 meg file was reduced to 226 meg!!!! Dare I use the phrase amazing again?? I may be easily impressed, but such a compression ratio is surely a great benefit to wideband file sharing.

Incidentally, I have also tried recording a normal .wav file. This was a single source of the station on 1512. I left it running about 3 hours. The original .wav was over a gig. Monkey's Audio made a .ape file of about 230 meg, while an old MP3 programme called Audio Catalyst I use (set at flat out variable bitrate) produced a final file of only 56 meg. So clearly Monkey's Audio is better suited to the Perseus wideband audio files!!

Check it out at <www.monkeysaudio.com>

NB: A .ape file requires the software to be installed to decompress. It is only a small piece of safe software, and the compression rate really helps us guys out in the sticks with slower broadband speeds. The .wav file is rebuilt exactly as it was when it was compressed.

RADIO RALLY - AYRSHIRE: I am off to a radio rally at the MAGNUM in Irvine on 24th of this month. They are not really the same as what they used to be, with regards the volume of junk and stalls. Last year, I couldn't even have bought a WRTH believe it or not. Neither could I have bought new 2N3866'S, or 1N5408.

I remember one year I launched a scathing verbal attack on a book dealer who was selling the previous years WRTH at new prices. lol. This was also in MAY, 5 or 6 months after the new WRTH was out!!

Last year, many spaces existed, where once would have been stalls. Perhaps a sign of the times?? Maybe, but it is still worth a visit. I shall be going with Davie from up the road, to see what old junk we can find. Last year, I found an old box with WRTH'S from 1976, 1973, and 1969. Maybe there will be some more similar gems this year.

DRM STOPPED ON 1575 - YEEEEEEHAH: What a waste of money this ego trip was. Half a dozen listeners hardly justifies jamming an AM broadcast band with white noise. I wonder how much this physically cost? Especially worked out per head of listener??

I still fail to understand the mentality of any qualified rf engineer who thinks that white noise transmitted in an officially allocated AM broadcast band is acceptable. The two formats are hardly compatible bedfellows.

I can remember back to the crybabies at the Western European government broadcasters in the 70's moaning that the Eastern block governments broadcast white noise on top of their own propaganda broadcasts to the East. This included the jamming of Radio Free Europe on 720. Now I ask you, who is doing the jamming now and getting away with it???

Can't the ITU simply allocate a part of the spectrum where they can carry on without bothering anyone?? Especially on the SW bands, this shouldn't be much of a problem.

It makes you wonder if the real reason that this jamming is allowed to continue is simply money and back handers and corruption?? After all we have an example of this here in the UK. BT seem to have given themselves the right to jam AM and SW bands with rf noisy devices used for their "BT VISION". What if a radio ham (or heaven forbid, a naughty pirate) was operating with faulty equipment and causing rf noise all over the band. What would happen to them??

BT have a lot to answer to. But a large corporation like the afore mentioned BT seem to be above the law, when it comes to causing interference that can be classed as deliberate. They are aware of their dodgy equipment, and still use it, thus the interference must be classed as willful.

Should they be simply called "T" now, since they seem to prefer their call centres to be abroad now, and prefer not to employ a British work force. A BT sales caller was a little taken aback a couple of years ago when I told her that for the reason above, our telephone provider was no longer BT, and that I was surprised they still had the cheek to call it "B"T... Well she did ask why we had left BT !!!!

Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx. 920 here I think has been the best example by far.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
 560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
 630 CFCY
 920 CJCH
 950 CHER
 960 CHNS
 960 CFFX
 1070 CBA/ CBC
 1150 CJRC
 1320 CKEC
 1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following channels vacated by:

531 Switzerland
 540 BRT
 567 RTE
 612 RTE
 729 RTE
 1188 BRT
 1314 NRK
 1386 Kalliningrad used to be on all night.
 1395 BIG L
 1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)
 1476 Austria
 1512 BRT
 1575 DRM STOPPED.....YEEEEEHAAA..

Updates welcome. I thought 1008 was going to go off, but again, they have been appealing for money to stay on, and sadly, they are still on air.. Maybe they could save money by closing down from 6pm - 6am!!! Just for us DXers.

LEAVE A COMMENT

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**Ken's TADX
Corner****LATEST LOGS: APRIL 2009**

A site mainly dedicated to Mediumwave Dxing

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Corner**[All DX Logs](#) - [FM / TV DX](#) - [DX Equipment](#) - [Audio Downloads](#) - [Other Items](#) - [DX chat](#)[Contact](#)[Back to logs index](#)**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2009:**

SOME GOOD SIGNALS FROM PUERTO RICO: Yesterday morning I had a cracking signal on 580 from PR at 0500. I have heard this station before, many times, but the signals from WKAQ were simply exceptional at 0500. And this morning. Virtually nothing!!!

[CLICK HERE](#) for a recording of WKAQ 580. Superb signal

[CLICK HERE](#) for a recording of WPAB 550

If anyone with their 1st language as SS wants to give the 550 station a listen, I would appreciate a second opinion, and is there anything like an ID in there?? WPAB would be a personal first if confirmed.

UPDATE: Thanks to Alfie and Davie for listening to the 550 clip. Alfie came up with the 550 Ponce part, but thanks to Torgeir Nyen in Norway for also listening to the clip, I can now hear a full WPAB ID just before the 550 Ponce part.

"Aqui WPAB, 550 Ponce"

Wish I had recorded a bit longer than 3m at the top of the hour. There were some other SS mx stations around that played through the hour on other frequencies, more so at the If end of the band.

WOOPS - TYPO: One of the many stations which has been heard this season on 920kHz was for a long time listed here as WKGA, but the real call sign was WGKA!! I had it all over this web site on all the listings and logs. Thanks to AB for pointing this out!!!

DX TEST SITE: Anyone else noticed the American DX TEST web site is reading like a root folder?

AMP TESTS: Just been looking at the stats for my amp test files. Looks like I have

had about 60 downloads for AMPTEST2.ZIP. Cool. Thanks for the interest guys.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 20th APRIL 2009:

ALL TIME FIRSTS (UK): I have updated the table from last week below, with the All Time Firsts (UK) that I managed to pick up here this season. Thanks to AB for his continued work on this. A job well done, and one some of us thought about trying to take on recently, before Andy took up the challenge. There were a few stations had to be removed from the listings I had on over the weekend because they were heard in the UK in the past under their old calls. Some were however quite rare anyway, and my personal first for 2008/ 9 can be seen on a separate page, click on the logs index page.

SPRING LOGS: As a taster of Spring conditions here at 55 and a half degrees north, I have listed the signals heard and for that matter identified at 0500UTC today. There is nothing very exciting here, and I would class all stations as the expected ones on the channel. Most days I fear will be very similar, and as a result, the intensity of my MW dxing is not what it was in mid winter. A welcome break in fact.

530 CUBA/ Encyclopedia
 540 CBGA
 550 Unid SS poss Columbia
 560 WGAN
 570 CUBA
 580 SS
 590 VOCM
 600 Heavy het
 610 FF pres canada no id
 620 VOCM
 640 CBC
 650 VOCM
 660 WFAN
 670 CUBA
 680 CFTR
 700 WLW
 710 WOR
 730 CKAC
 740 VOCM
 750 CBC
 770 WABC
 780 CFDR
 790 MESS
 800 VOWR
 820 TRINITY
 830 WCRN Roy Masters
 840 WHAS
 860 CJBC
 870 WWL
 880 WCBS
 890 WLS
 920 KKNX
 940 MONTREAL
 950 Pres CKNB no id, just usual low audio and pops
 960 WEAV
 990 CBC VY WK

1000 Sports. Pres Chicago
 1010 CFRB
 1050 WEPN
 1070 CHOK
 1100 WTAM
 1110 WBT
 1130 WBBR
 1140 CBC
 1150 WHBY
 1160 WYLL
 1250 MESS
 1290 MESS
 1330 WRCA
 1360 WDRC
 1390 WEGP
 1400 CBC
 1500 WFED
 1510 WWZN
 1520 WWKB
 1540 CHIN
 1560 DISNEY
 1580 CKDO
 1600 PROB WUNR. NO ID
 1630 KCJJ
 1640 WTNi
 1650 DISNEY PORTSMOUTH
 1660 WWRU +nasty het
 1680 WOKB
 1700 KVNS

UPDATE 24/4/09: It seems that someone has changed the name of the MW1 Skype chat yet again to simply MW CHAT. Hopefully it will stay with that name for at least a couple of weeks!!

SKYPE CHAT:

Just a note to any of the users of MW1 Skype chat. Some strange suggestions have been made recently that only MW should be discussed. Where this idea came from I haven't a clue. Although the title MW1 may suggest that ONLY MW is discussed, the group of regulars often chat about other subjects. Anything from other dx related topics such as antennas, feeders, nulls, SW, FM, TV, SAT, hillwalking, pubs, football, movies, big chics, in fact anything. The reason the topic is so diverse is because we are known to each other, and are not so formal as some other groups. So long as common decency is maintained, there is nothing wrong in asking in the passing, "Where are you off to tonight, are you going down the pub?", or similar.

Anyone who has a problem with the Skype chat, doesn't have to join in. Simply log out and don't come back. It is that simple.

We also can not and have no desire to try and control anyone who wishes to be members of any other group or chat. What has that to do with me, or any of the rest of the group? If dxers wish to be in any or every other newsgroup or chat that's cool by me?? It is a free country. (Well maybe I should rephrase that part of the statement

and say it is a free choice!!!) DXers are free to come and go between other chat rooms. Of course they are. Why not. No one holds any monopoly over dxers. Likewise with paper DX clubs. I suspect that there are no "noses out of joint" when for example the editor of the World DX Club finds out that one of his members put logs in the Danish Short Wave Clubs International!!! That is the dxers choice. And thankfully always will be.

NB: We are in no way trying to "compete" or "replace" Skywaves as a VHF dx group. If I do have any logs this season, I may leave them on Skywaves, as well as here on these pages. This is provided I get around to typing them in the first place.

This Skype DX chat history goes back to a C-BOX chat I had on these pages some time ago. The freebie C-BOX was very unsatisfactory, and didn't even refresh on it's own. This was also an open public chat, although rogue IP's could be easily banned etc, it was visible to anyone. The skype chat, although a pain at having to install extra software, was started up from this site, after C-BOX became too laborious. The regular guys who used the C-BOX, all installed Skype and so began the Skype chatroom. The MW1 chat is not public, so we tended to chat about other things in between the dx tips!!. The current chat window is called MW1, simply because there were teething problems with new members not bookmarking the same window, and we ended up having about 5 different chat windows open at the same time!!!

I know the main focus of this web site is MW DXing. That is because that is my main (winter) focus. But I have also reported many other aspects of dxing here on these pages, including FM, TV, SW, ham radio, offshore nostalgia, and just plain notes and odds and ends etc etc.

I will be active with TV and FM dx this season too, and since this web site has included FM and TVDX clips and images since day one, I shall continue to report what has been received, given time. And if anyone doesn't like reading about FM or TV DX here, don't read it!!! Don't e-mail me complaining that it is not all MW. I know it is not all MW.

So I shall be hopefully featuring photos of TVDX here this year, but I have to say that if the sun is shining in the summer months, I will more often be found out on the pushbike, or sitting in a beer garden somewhere, or even sitting outside the shack enjoying the all too short summers we have here. So often logs remain scribbles in a notebook. It was many months afterwards when all the TVDX photos appeared on here last year.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 18th APRIL 2009:

EASTER HOLIDAYS: I have been away for Easter and what nice weather we had here in Scotland for the holiday weekend. It makes a pleasant change!! I was over in the Mull of Kintyre, at Machrihanish, see the bottom of this page. I did hope to go to the base of the former mast site of the early TA tests. Sadly this was not achieved, due to one of my friends having to rush back suddenly and unexpectedly. But I did manage a pint or two with a fellow radio ham, Brian MMOGTX who was operating from the mast site the time I worked him on 80m.

Machrihanish was a bit of a disappointment. When I was there 20 years ago, there

were pubs and a village shop. I was surprised to find out that now there are neither. We tried to get a drink in a snotty nosed golf club, but it seemed our faces didn't fit in as an unfriendly little man refused us entry. Maybe our biker shirts were the wrong colour ..lol. Campbeltown on the other hand was a very different matter.

I would like to eventually get back around to the mast site, but I doubt if I will ever wish to spend any time in a dead village again!! My own village has sadly gone down the same road as Machrihanish, and I now have to travel for a pint!!

TADX ALL TIME LISTS: I have been in touch with Andy Brade who has spent some considerable time updating the UK all time logs listings. This is the list that was formerly kept quite close to the chest of a few dxers, but I am led to believe it is finally going to be made public after all these years. Well done to all concerned.

The list contains logs of stations reported in the UK dx press, and by known dxers.

The term UK FIRST was used in the past for a first reported station in the UK. Personally I find the term a little too definitive. What it really means is a first reported in the UK DX press. I can't really think of a quick fire short phrase to describe the same thing.

"All time first"??

My concern is the boldness of the statement UK first. Trivial perhaps, but what if some other DXer somewhere has indeed logged stations not on the list, but are not members of any DX club. I for one fit into that category. I also personally know of one dxer here in Scotland who had heard the station that Paul C has only just managed to ID on 1600 with the chants. This dxer never ided the chant station, but had a rather good signal from it during the 2007 season.

Below are the stations Andy has returned to me mainly from this years logs, as possible "all time" firsts. There are a number of them have been reported with older call signs, 790 WTNV for example. This is by no means final, but just listed as a rough guide for now. There will be more to come from January and February.

UPDATE 20/4/09: I have removed the stations with the old calls and left only the confirmed All Time Firsts (UK-ATF).

Most of these will be in the audio clips files. I need to get to work on these clips as well though. I intend to have the clips listed in frequency order, in separate folders for each freq.

630	CFCO	0500	30.8.08
630	WBMQ	0530	7.9.08
820	WWFD	0530	18.9.08 (Paul C had this at the same time, Paul's tip)
870	WHCU	0600	18.9.08
920	WBAA	0600	20.9.08 (+0600 21.09.08)

920	WIRD	0300	19.11.08
920	WGKA	2300	28.10.08
920	WMNI	0600	18.9.08
950	WNTD	0600	20.9.08
970	WNYM	2130	16.12.08
1230	WMSH	0600	22.9.08
1230	WTKG	0600	23.9.08
1260	WPNW	0538	27.9.08
1260	WRIE	0800	19.11.08
1310	WCCW	0840	9.12.07
1320	WVGM	0300	17.4.08
1350	KCOX	0700	4.11.08
1350	WNLK	0700	15.11.08
1360	KSCJ	0800	27.9.08
1370	WLJW	0600	23.9.08
1380	KLIZ	0600	23.9.08
1380	WYNF	0900	15.11.08
1390	WCAT	2200	2.2.09
1400	WSLB	0900	23.11.08
1430	KZQZ	0930	24.11.08
1510	WRRD	2300	28.11.08
1650	CINA	0300	23.12.08 - testing

My own personal first list can be seen elsewhere on this site, and comes to around 160 for this past winter!!!

For me, this seems not bad for a reportedly duff aerial, see below !!!!!!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2009:

RPA-1 AMP RECORDINGS: As predicted here, my recordings with the RPA-1 preamp have caused some reaction in the Perseus Yahoo group. I am amazed that some people believe my beverage antenna to have something seriously wrong with it!!! It has been an amazing winter for transatlantic DX, thanks to the excellent winter conditions, the Perseus, and the beverages. I am not convinced by this so called serious fault, but I am certainly willing to listen to others with constructive suggestions (not just criticism for the sake of it). What do they see wrong from the recordings I

have put up. OK by day I have the odd bit of local QRN from the many televisions operating close by. But even with them running, the improvement using the beverage and preamp is quite awesome.

BUT...BUT.... and a bit but. I have just returned from David Hamilton's QTH, where we tried the preamp with an indoor flag. The results were rather disappointing, and very average, like what the results may have been with average preamps which I have used in the past. Noise floor increased in conjunction with the signal strength. Not much difference to the ear, just stronger signals and noise.

So why the big difference on a 500m beverage???

I don't really assume any major problems with the beverage. The guys who see some kind of so called major problem, should listen to the 2 files I have uploaded today, and have a look for any problems. They are the top two on this table. The other three I have uploaded recently are also linked from this table. Files 2 - 5 are zipped about 210 meg. File 1, Sylvain's is around 96meg.

File 5 is from today's average Spring day, nothing startling, but plenty common strong Tadx Signals.

File 4 is taken from a day of good band conditions. Listen to CJOB Winnipeg on 680 for example.

(5) Perseus file of 0500 GMT on 9th April 2009. **(Approx 210 meg NB: NO PREAMP)**
(Listen for the TADX common stations on 10kHz channels. Some strong signals for April)

(4) Perseus File of 0800 GMT on 25th January 2009 **(Approx 210 meg NB: NO PREAMP)**
(Check 550, 680 and others for more unusual stations)

(3) Perseus File of 0756 GMT on 8th April 2009 **(Approx 210 meg NB AMP OFF/ ON TEST)**
(Long after usual fade out, the amp brings in weak common stations. Check 1120, 1130, 1540, 1010, 1250, and others)

(2) Perseus File of 1600 GMT on 7th April 2009. **(Approx 210 meg NB AMP OFF/ ON TEST)**
(Daytime signals. Check 531 (amp gets rid of local QRN!!), 621, 648, 765, 774, 927, 1179, 1332, 1350 (LPAM Kingstown Radio), 1503, 1512)

(1) Perseus File of 1600 GMT March 2009. **(approx 96 meg NB AMP OFF/ ON TEST)**
(This test is from Sylvain in Quebec. Listen to the same results as I have on the MW stations from Canada)

I do appreciate all the comments, more so from those who have taken time and listened to the wideband files I have uploaded. (Yes there were comments from dxers who had not even listened to the files!!!!)

I have made one extra observation today, and that is that the leads of the power source are much better completely isolated from the power source when the preamp is being by passed. If the + lead is only disconnected, the -ve lead adds slightly to background noise. Not a lot, but worthwhile isolating both leads. A simple switch does that trick.

Someone asked me if the amp worked well on other receivers. The answer a resounding yes. Just the same.

I had it reported by MAH that with high signal levels it can overload. Yes that it true, it is easy to overload at night with a Euro antenna. Signal strengths on my Inverted L are very high anyway, so yes it will overload on that antenna. The 10dB att on Perseus cures, but at these strengths there is no need for the amp in the first place..

Let's not forget what the amp is for, at least for me. It is for bringing in low level dx stations in late mornings when the band is open hopefully to the West Coast and AK. When the stations normally are faded out, the amp may give another hour of dx. (Hopefully)

I was also asked about samples from the middle of the night. My signals would be far too strong I fear to benefit from any amp at that time of day. I will try it, but I suspect I would see overloading and nil benefit at night, or as in the case of the recording at 0500 this morning, that would have no benefit for a preamp.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2009:

RPA AMP UNDER TEST DURING DX: At the request of Guy in the States, I have made another recording this morning with amp off and amp on. I must apologise in advance for making a mess of the frequencies. I must have been tuning around just before I started recording and never noticed the frequency had shifted. The LF end is about 725kHz. This test may not be ideal, but I was using a 500m beverage pointing towards North America, just before 0800. At 0800 the signals were weaker to the likes of 1120 and 1130, therefore I used part of a recording from 0757. I think this would be about 3 hours after sunrise. I wouldn't even record 0700 now, as the signals are fading away. So at these latitudes at this time of year, 0800 is completely faded. But as you can hear, with the aid of this amp, one or two powerhouses are still hanging in there.

Check 1120, 1130, 1540, 1010, 1250, and others. I haven't even checked the Euros much on this recording. At this time of year the stations that are being brought back from the fade out are common as muck, but think of the stations heard during a winter morning fade out.

Think back Chuck of the signal from 730 SK on my corrupted file you fixed!! It could have been like a local!!

I can't get over the difference this preamp makes to MW dxing. Despite reports to the contrary, I personally find this to be "AM"-AZING...

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD TODAY'S ZIP OF 220 MEG](#)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2009:

UPDATE TUESDAY EVENING: RPA-1 AMP CRAWLS INTO TOWN:

The pony express could have delivered faster than Parcel Force, but it arrived. 5 days to come from Glasgow to here... But after the delivery, I hailed David H, to come and see the grand switch on. I never saw him move so fast.

So what have we found.



Well the test that Sylvain in Quebec made and sent over a couple of weeks ago was no joke. Poor Sylvain was accused on the Perseus group for having all sorts of things wrong with his set up. Well I must have the same "wrongs" with my set up!!! I have found that for wideband recordings using a beverage, the RPA-1 seems to be as brilliant a dx tool as the Perseus itself. This preamp is something else. I never knew amps like this existed or I would have bought one a while ago. But then I have never heard a practical demonstration until recently. Any kind of amps I have used in the past were always mediocre. So I never had much interest in preamps till I was pointed towards Sylvain's mp3 of France on LW in Quebec. (Tnx to Alfie in Norway for steering me in the right direction..hi)

I would advise any MW dxers who have not downloaded and listened to either Sylvain's file or mine to download at least one. New link at the bottom of this article. Just have a listen. Many of the stations are not much more than carriers before the amp was switched on. Go ahead and try it for yourself!!!! Like when I first recorded my early Perseus files and became a Perseus nerd, I am certainly now converted to an RPA1 nerd!!

Obviously, or maybe it isn't to some readers, the preamp is not much use amongst the high signal levels of night time Euros. I have plenty strong TADX signals anyway with 500m of beverage out there. It will surely come into it's own though when there are late West Coast and AK openings on a late winter's morning. I would have loved to have known about this amp before the amazing MW dx season this winter!!! But I am certainly not wishing the summer away, desperate to try it!! I hope to have some outdoor activities this year, after all the months of rain we had last summer!!!!

I can say that the amp is what it says it is. My antenna is bringing in what I would expect by day in the power off/ through position. And this would be the same on any of my receivers, whether NRD545, LOWE HF225E, or AOR7030 (which I don't have now).

But in the power on/ amp mode, gees, what a difference. I do at times have some local QRN from flat panel TV's and the likes around me, but the amp seems to also help reduce that!!!! Today's recording shows carrier style QRN close to 531, but with the amp in, it vanishes almost. OK by many other dxe's standards, I have negligible QRN, but the amp seems really to have such a great s/n ratio. I am impressed.

The benefits are obvious. I have had stronger carriers all the way from AK as I have had from some of the stations on this recording today, and if the amp can bring them up like that!!!!

The benefits of this preamp, almost made me forget the very unhelpful supplier. Not quite though. I would advise buying through a friend in the States and have it send over by them, "properly labeled". ("Warranty Repair" came to mind). This will save "someone" hanging onto it for five days like I had, and hopefully save you money!!

If only there were a way of "piping" the perseus recordings through the amp. I still have my AK and West coast files at high noon and 1100 during the winter months.

NEW WIDEBAND RECORDING: Today I have made a recording at 1600utc and uploaded it. It is a zip file of 210 meg, recording made from Long Wave up to 1700kHz approx. The antenna is a 500m beverage pointing away from Europe, ie in a NW direction towards North America.

Freq's to check on this recording are 531 (amp gets rid of local QRN!!), 621, 648, 765, 774, 927, 1179, 1332, 1350 (LPAM Kingstown Radio), 1503, 1512 (TCR Irish Pirate, barely carrier level before amp on!!)

I will make another recording tomorrow at high noon local time, or 1300. This will be a good time to show the amp in action. Bear in mind this is the time in mid winter that AK carriers are seen.

CLICK HERE to download today's sample file.

NB This is a 204 meg zipped Perseus file, of 1600kHz bandwidth.



The first test of the RPA-1 thrown together for the test

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The parasites that seized the box for 5 days in their Glasgow office!!!
This sticker from the side of the box the amp was delivered in.

DX CHEATS ON SKYPE DX CHAT - ETHICS AGAIN !! : The MW1 DX CHAT that runs with the help of Skype has been relatively quiet with regards to MW. But for the summer months for many of us who are also FM and TV dxers, we have decided to include sporadic E tips. (NOT Tropo stuff which has no bearing on a wider area. Some dxers become extatic when they hear Classic FM from the next set of transmitters up the road for example.)

I don't know if I will be able to keep up with the logs mind you. I never seem to.

There are always too many distractions in the summer months.

We have a good number of PERSEUS users on the MW dx chat. This is well known, but it is certainly not an exclusive Perseus users chat. All MW dxers are welcomed, so long as they observe basic manners.

One character has joined recently and proceeded to "get ripped into Perseus users" for being cheats. Luckily this took place on another chat, Skywaves had that honour I believe.

But I have to ask why would anyone want to come into a MW chat which has a large percentage of Perseus users, if he doesn't like the way in which we do our DXing. (It's OK you won't be asked on any dx peditions to suffer watching our ways!!).

There must be anti perseus chats where these jumped up individuals would be welcomed..... I certainly don't take orders from anyone on the ethics of my MW dxing. I do happen to hear DX, so don't have the need to take cheap shots at others who have better locations, aerials etc than I have. In fact I enjoy reading the logs from "up north", to see what I don't hear!! What is so unfair anyway?? Unfair to whom?? I am not in competition with anyone when MW dxing.

As I mentioned in these pages before, I do go to radio days. I would be most interested in anyone who wants to come up to me in the bar and discuss the ethics of my MW dxing in person. I suspect however they would be somewhat less enthusiastic in real life!!

And while I remember, I better not play that old movie I recorded while I was down the pub on Saturday night. It may not be ethical to watch it on a DVD.

PARCEL FORCE SERVICE: No update yet on the RPA1 amp from the States. Parcel force have taken 5 days to deliver from Glasgow to here..... I could have walked it in a day. They may not have delivered in 5 days but they managed to send me a bill for £15 VAT/ CUSTOMS, and then charge me and extra £8 for the privilege of holding my package for 5 days. . This bill was paid, but even today I had another demand of payment from them. So I had to ring a silly premium rate number, as well as listen to automated

"If you want xxx press 1, if you want yyyy, press 2".

"O it's probably just a duplicate bill", I was eventually told.

What if I hadn't rang and been silly enough to pay again??

Anyway, seems it should be out on the road as I type this up.

The company in the states were less than helpful when it came to speedy delivery, more on that full story when and if the Amp arrives, and I get the chance to try it.

JVC CX-610GB: David Hamilton and I both have a superb little TV for band 1 DX during the summer months. The JVC CX-610GB is even a bit better than my old Pye VHF set which I have used since the 1980's. The main beauty for me is the video out/in and switchable sound which the older TV doesn't have. The bandspread on my old set however is far superior. 3 inches for band 1 as opposed to less than half an inch with the JVC. I have not had much experience with the JVC during active bands, as I managed to track it down from ebay just at the tail end of last years season. But from the limited use I have had, it seems to lock with weaker signals than the Pye TV. I wonder how the selectivity will compare during an intense opening.

I also have a great DVD recorder which records directly from the video out, and does NOT go into some unwanted silly pause mode if there are unstable signals. The LG RC1000 DVD/ VIDEO combi is the only model I have used so far that doesn't pause at varying signals, which includes during tape drop out if transferring old video tapes..The cheap ASDA recorders in my experience ALL seem to PAUSE if the signal is less than perfect, which is no use whatsoever for recording TVDX. Can anyone else point me in the direction of any other current models that would let a dxer record snow if he wanted??



I have noticed on line that often there are dxers asking for the manual and circuits for this popular TVDX tool.

Therefore I have included these three items.

[**jvc_cx_610gb_flyer_optimised.pdf \(1917K\)**](#)

[**jvc_cx_610gb_manual_optimised.pdf \(2562K\)**](#)

[**jvc_cx_610gb_circuit_optimised.pdf \(8577K\)**](#)

The unoptimised file for the circuit diagram was over 30 meg, so a compromise is used here. The large sheet was scanned in 4 sections each side, and reduced to 2. I may try and see if the larger jpegs files will join up easily

THE 40 YEAR QUESTION - ARCHIVE LOGS IN PDF FORMAT??: I noticed somewhere recently a cheap shot about logs that are reported on web sites will not be there in 40 years to look back on, whereas they would be if they were reported in DX magazines. I actually PARTLY agree in some ways, because there are currently no historical organisations around to my knowledge with web space for archives. There are small groups of enthusiasts, but what happens on death?? Or what has happened to many of us when ISP's go down, are taken over etc. AOL recently removed personal web sites from their servers without much in the way of warning.

The web is a great resource for the future, as long as there is some kind of an organisation to assure continuity. To say that electronic web sites will not be here in 40 years may be so, but hopefully not though.

Who can responsibility be passed to? There are no government backed outfits even yet to my knowledge that would welcome storing historical files. I have been through this in the last 10 years with the mountain of local historical photographs and documents I have gathered. Rather than encourage or assist, anyone in authority I have dealt with did nothing but discourage and create false obstacles. This I must stress was because they couldn't grasp the technology, and came nowhere near in fact understanding even the basics of digital archives. In fact I was sent from person to person to person and back again, as though they enjoyed wasting peoples time. I would suspect this still stands to this day, although I completely distanced myself from these people a few years ago. This was for important local history files.

So how on earth would MW dxers convince any jumped up official that there was a need to archive our geeky audio clips and strings of meaningless (to them) logs and call signs!!

But on the other hand, stuffy dx clubs who refuse to archive all their back issues on public web sites may end up with lost issues, when there is no one left with original copies. One dx club I know of has gaps in their older archives. . .

So with those thoughts, I have decided to produce the logs pages for the last dx season in pdf format and they can be saved or even printed out. I have made one so far, for January, and it does look OK.

JANUARY 2009 LOGS FROM AYRSHIRE in pdf format

Comments welcome though (Constructive comments that is)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2009:**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2009:**

PERSONAL FIRSTS: I have removed the personal first table from the top of this months page. There was only one lonely station last month, so I thought I would tidy the page up a bit. If I have a sudden upsurge of first time logs however, it will be back.

PERSEUS AND THE RPA 1 PREAMP: I have not taken delivery yet of the RPA 1 preamp as mentioned in last months logs pages. Boy did the thread on the Perseus yahoo group generate some interest. I uploaded a full MW band from Sylvain in the Quebec with Amp off/ Amp on, see March logs page. We had everything on the group from "amazing" to almost "disbelief". There were even comments from some dxers who hadn't taken the time to listen to Sylvain's file, and others who baffled us with theory and facts and figures, which for me personally are quite meaningless without a sample such as Sylvain's to back it up. I am not sure sometimes how some manufacturers sell their preamps without a proper sample of amp on/ off.

It certainly made a very interesting thread, and is still on going. I keep waiting for the postman, as I am really keen to try the Amp here to see if I can replicate Sylvain's recording in any way. I also intend to upload a couple of wideband files from here at high noon to compare to the results Sylvain has. I can't say I am waiting patiently for delivery..lol.

NOT MUCH TO REPORT: Not much to report still on the MWDX scene. There was no sign of the DX test this weekend on 1400, and no logs even from the states. Maybe it never took place. The summer months are rapidly approaching, and the time is almost here for TVDX and sporadic E. But sometimes an interesting surprise comes along, see below.

RADIO MACHRIHANISH: I heard a chappie on 80m yesterday chatting from a mobile location that made me sit up and take note. His antenna was at the very spot that a very old and early wireless station used to be situated, in the Mull of Kintyre, at Machrihanish.

I visited that very spot 20 years ago this year when I was on holiday with the then YL. I had specifically asked the people we were staying with if they could take me to the spot where the radio tower once stood. I don't seem to have any photos sadly from that time, and have a note in an old photo album that the first 20 photos had been stuck and wasted in the old Zenith camera I had at the time.

I had read about Radio Machrihanish and it's early involvement in wireless in "The Scot's Magazine" of July 1989. The article is to be found below. I have made it into a pdf file.

I had a very interesting chat with Brian MM0GTX, one of the local amateurs who have

the right to use the special event call GB1 FVT (First Voice Transmission). Typing GB1FVT into QRZ.com will show a photo of the site. Maybe I will have a few more recent photos of the old site shortly on these pages??

One curiosity to come up during our conversation was that I couldn't for the life of me remember the names of the friends we were staying with at the time. Imagine staying for a few days with someone and not even being able to remember their names!! Mind you I have not seen them since, so I suppose that can be excused after 20 years!! Isn't it strange that I was on holiday with a group of folks I don't even know nowadays!!!!

One treasure I do still have are some old recordings taken from 3rd - 5th July 1989 from Northside Radio in Co Donegal from 846kHz. The old Radio North closed because of the new Wireless Telegraphy act in Eire on 31st Dec 1988, but returned "in disguise" a few weeks later as Northside Radio. By March 1990 they were back iding as Radio North. I must try and fine exact dates for these changes to archive them.

I had taken my big reel to reel and Grundig satellit 3400 on holiday to record the strong signals the Donegal stations had in Kintyre. Arran is in the way from this location, and really does cut down the signals. Even today on the other side of Arran from here, and on Western Kintyre, Radio North is like a true local station on the crumbiest of radios.

I really must get the old reel to reel running again and transfer these old tapes. I have just found an old note that shows how technology has helped us over the years. One of my reels has a big space at the start due to "accidentally wiping track 3" according to the note. The number of TADX ids I have lost because of turning a cassette over in the middle of the night that I had already recorded on is also an annoying reality of old manky tapes !! Changed days.

I used to trail the big Grundig Satellit 3400 everywhere with me. Even over to the Alps on ski holidays. It fell off a bus seat in Dublin once as well thanks to a clumsy old woman, who I just had to smile at and say "It'll be OK"..... Even to this day my "normal" non radio cronies cringe if we are going on any long trips incase I fill the cars. But it may be easier now. I take a Sony ICF 2001D which is a very good portable although really disappointing on FM compared to the Grundig. I expected much better on FM from SONY.

Anyway, I am becoming carried away in nostalgia here. Below are links to the scans of the article on Radio Machrihanish, which appeared in the "Scot's Magazine" of July 1989, purely by coincidence the month I was going over there to visit. Lucky the magazine was like most and dated a month in advance. I am sure it will be OK to use material from this mag on a non profit making web page, but I will be e mailing them later today to make sure. (So download the article quickly incase it isn't, although I don't know why it shouldn't be when they are getting a free plug!!)

[CLICK HERE FOR A 911K PDF FILE](#)



Sunset at Machrihanish 1989

Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx. 920 here I think has been the best example by far.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
 560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
 630 CFCY
 920 CJCH
 950 CHER
 960 CHNS
 960 CFFX
 1070 CBA/ CBC
 1320 CKEC
 1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following channels vacated by:

531 Switzerland
 540 BRT
 567 RTE
 612 RTE
 729 RTE
 1188 BRT
 1314 NRK
 1395 BIG L
 1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)
 1476 Austria
 1512 BRT

Updates welcome. I thought 1008 was going to go off, but again, they have been appealing for money to stay on, and sadly, they are still on air.. Maybe they could save money by closing down from 6pm - 6am!!! Just for us DXers.

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A site mainly dedicated to Mediumwave Dxing

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1620

REBELDE**CUBA**

0700 7/3/09

More unusual logs in bold

NB: A time of eg 0900 often means the 0900 recording, and not necessary the exact time of the ID.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 27th MARCH 2009:

AMAZING RPA-1 AMP PERSEUS FILE FROM CANADA: As promised yesterday, here is the chopped Perseus file with the test of the RPA- 1 preamp. Listen in particular to 1280, 1610, 940 for stations well below the audio level, that come up to a nice copy. These were recorded by Sylvain Naud in Quebec.

This file has to be heard to be believed, and any MW dxers should take the time to download this and listen. The company, dx engineering are not particularly helpful, but I suspect the amp is going to be one of my best purchases, after the Perseus itself. Watch this space. It should arrive quite quickly.

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD A 96 MEG ZIP FILE
(REDUCED FROM 186 MEG UNZIPPED)

This is recorded at high noon local time and I was amazed at Sylvain's quiet MW band. A great qth for MW dxing. The band is full at night of course as some of the other recordings he sent me show strong Euros too!!

Thanks to David Hamilton for chopping the file for me. I can't get wavechopper to work here, since my main PC is never on the web, required unfortunately, to operate wave chopper. It requires a dot net framework update. Pity, as it is such an amazing tool.

Thanks also to Sylvain for sending these and thanks to Alfie in Norway for pointing out the audio recording Sylvain has up on line in the first place.

I wish someone had told me about this amp in the autumn!!!!

It seems it is just what the doctor ordered for MW dxing and wideband Perseus recordings!!.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 26th MARCH 2009:

PERSEUS ADD ON: Today I received some Perseus files from Sylvain Naud in Canada, or maybe I should say Quebec!! For the first time since I received the software to record the whole MW band with the Perseus, I am amazed, and COMPLETELY overwhelmed by the performance of a piece of kit. So much so that I have now sent for one. What am I talking about??

THE RPA 1 wideband preamp from DX Engineering in the States. I have not heard much about this amp until Alfie in Norway pointed me to Sylvain's amazing recording of France on LW.

http://www.quebecdx.com/rpa1_test.mp3

And his description of the amp half way down this page, and links to the DX ENGINEERING site

<http://www.quebecdx.com/others.html>

<http://www.dxengineering.com/Parts.asp?ID=210&PLID=224&SecID=117&DeptID=12&PartNo=DXE-RPA-1>

The amp is perfectly suited to wideband recordings, ie it is not tuned like for example an ATU, or a standard MW loop.

WATCH THIS SPACE... SHOULD BE HERE IN A WEEK OR SO!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2009:

NOTHING WORTHY TO REPORT: I have not much to report on. DX has well and truly kind of petered out for the season. I don't really expect much exotic DX, although there are often still strong signals around. The stations I consider to be regular and easily heard here are listed in the logs index, as seen by clicking here.

SPORADIC E SEASON: The sporadic E season is coming around again, and hopefully

this year we will have some sporadic E on the TV as well as FM band. The main season is a few weeks away, but there can be good band 1 openings in April. We will be using the Skype DX chat and cluster to report sporadic E reception, although tropo reception is discouraged, and is of no significance to anyone outside their own immediate area. eg if I report Dublin FM stations, that has no bearing on someone's reception on the South Coast for example, who may be hearing France all over the band at the same time. Sporadic E had a wider "coverage area" normally.

PERSEUS RELEASE: Well another Perseus release has come and gone. Vs 2.1f was released yesterday. The upgrades mainly won't concern me I don't think as a MW dxer, but I shall be experimenting with the Autonotch, and the CW filter.

I haven't been using any memory channels either. I find it faster to use the mouse wheel to tune up and down fast.

I guess I was kinda hoping for an improvement in the size of the playback bar or at the least, a bug fix of the loud tones that appear during playback if the bar is missed slightly.

1660 KRZI: I had a good signal from KRZI Waco, Texas yesterday morning at 0600.

[CLICK HERE FOR A LISTEN](#)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2009:

WSAR 1480 DX TEST: A sudden DX test was announced mid week from one of the common stations here in Europe, WSAR, Fall River. Noted here at 0500 with ids, and ann, but never noted the CW till just after 0600UTC, when there was some CW. WHBC Canton also heard, but WSAR was quite good here around 0602. Thanks to all concerned for making this dx test possible. This week my recordings were fine!! Had good signals from WQBA 1140 at 0600 as well. You will find better WSAR recordings in my audio files, but of course not with CW!!.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE WSAR RECORDING](#)



A couple of PERSEUS screenshots. CW left, clearly seen, and right, the sweepers.

NOT A LOT OF DX TO REPORT: I have been relatively inactive this week. Not much

to report. MWDX has been kind of average every time I have checked, which doesn't tend to hold my attention if it is the same old stations I am hearing every night. I am looking forward to the light nights and maybe even some warmer weather if that is possible, I feel I have been cooped up in a miserable old radio shack all winter.. I guess I have really.. .

On Wed 18th I noted WEZE 590 @ 0300, and WKOX again 0600. 1250 CJYE has a better EE ID at 0600 these days. Also ann // 1320 CJMR.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2009:

RADIO NORTH DX TEST: I managed to record the 0200 top of the hour before my PC took a turn. Isn't it amazing how the PC will record night after night flawlessly, and the night of a dx test, it fails!!! AHHHH..

So no WHYL. I was in contact with the chap from WHYL who organised the dx test, and he was amazed at my audio file from a few years ago.

I realised later today, that there must have been a power glitch of some kind in the middle of the night, because the PC had not froze or rebooted, but was off.

Here is a screen capture of 0200.



[CLICK HERE TO HEAR MY 0200 RECORDING](#)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2009:

RADIO NORTH DX TEST: Radio North and the DX test for the weekend is well under way. Remember the test runs from 0200 - 0600 inclusive, and will carry CW around 800hz, as well as voice ids every 30m, on the hour and on the half hour. I thought it would be helpful to see a perseus screen shot, click for full size. This was made today, and shows Radio North as the strongest carrier second from the right, around 845.997. Any of the others are weaker and farther off their target freq!! I have to say this is on standard Perseus software, and not calibrated against any BBC stations for example.

There is a carrier that seems to have signed off hf of the main cluster, and s/off time

was about 1900. This is about 40 minutes worth of timeline, maybe more.



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 9th MARCH 2009:

REBELDE 1620: I have a few observations from the past few days. I had some extra work at the weekend, so hadn't much time to do much dxing, but I had recordings from Saturday morning to check. I read Paul C and David H reports of Rebelde, Cuba on 1620 at 0700 7/3. I checked briefly before heading out Saturday night, but only heard WTAW on 1620. I had a listen again to the Perseus file today, and on 600kHz, I came across the little distinctive Rebelde tune. Using the Perseus to loop the few seconds when the tune was played, I again checked 1620, and discovered that it WAS heard here on 1620, but on LSB. It was barely detectable on USB!! This trick is often worth trying, if both sidebands are available that is. Many channels will have Euros on one sideband of course, which makes this method impossible.

There has been some speculation about this signal. Most seem to believe it to be a "filler" or to put it bluntly, a jammer, to prevent the ANTI Castro style programmes from WDHP 1620 being heard. It does seem extremely unlikely that the tune was used on WDHP for some reason, at the exact time it was played on // of 600, 710, 670 and 770, all heard here.

COMMON STATIONS: I have created a new list of stations that I would consider to be common, and don't usually make notes or logs in my log book. This is not a list of stations that can be heard at armchair quality every night, but ones that I would expect to hear on a day when the band was average. (transatlantic_common_stations.html)

OFF TOPIC, BBC ALBUM CHARTS: As some folks like to say, off topic. It has been pointed out to me just tonight by someone who follows the charts more than I do, this web link. In fact I never look at them any more, not for a long time. here is the BBC Radio 1 Album Chart for this week. Notice that there are ALL new entries, and ALL are either soundtracks or compilations. VERY ODD!!!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/chart/albums.shtml>

RECENT LOGS: It has been a while since I have listed my AM logs, mainly because I haven't really heard anything of note recently. Coming into Mid March, and REBELDE is my only personal first for the month so far.. I tend not to note the common stations, even in my log book, and thus they don't appear on the SKYPE dx cluster either. In my ALL TIME LIST which is no where near complete, but at least quite respectable now, I have noted a lot of stations I see as common, and ones which rarely appear in my log book.

550 R Nac Columbia 0700 7/3
580 CFRA 0700 7/3
920 UNID CALL hrd. Snds like WHAL HD. Which stn has this HD call?? 0200 8/2
950 CKNB 7/3 0100 VG sig today
970 Radio Formula MEX. 0600 6/3
1160 WYLL 0600 + 0700 6/3
1250 CJYE 0600 7/3 Full call id inc ann // 1320
1280 China radio int sig = CFMB 0100 6/3
1300 WXRL Manchester / Buffalo id. (Unless Worchester is pronounced different from UK)
1320 CJMR 7/3 0100 Good ee call id
1330 WRCA Watertown/ Boston 0100 7/3
1360 WTAQ 0600 7/3
1390 WFBL 0600 7/3 INC CNN radio nx
1430 CHKT 3/3 0200
1440 WRED pres 0100 7/3. Despite this being WEEI Celtic Radio Network sports, I heard this before on WRED. TOTH local ID failed, only silence.!! Good ID on Sat 7/2 0100 though.
1600 WUNR Rare EE ids 6/3 0100
1620 WNRP FL 0700 3/3
1620 Rebelde, Cuba 0700 7/3 NEW?? LSB only, barely hrd USB. WTAW dominant.
1630 WRDW Augusta 0700 2/3
1630 KKGM 0200 8/2
1640 WTNI 0200 8/2
1660 KRZI 8/2 0200
1670 GA stn with new call. Fox Sports Radio 2/3 0700

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2009:

WRONG DATE!!: I thought I better correct the date of my last entry.. hi... I had Friday's entry as 2nd!!

RADIO NORTH CONTACT DETAILS: Radio North announced an address for QSL's for the forth coming DX test next Saturday, see below.

radionorth846am@gmail.com

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2009:

There were a few strong signals around today, although to be honest I would call them the average stations. Nothing particularly notable. WYLL 1160 would have been as good as it gets. OK I have been spoilt by the dx season this winter, and going back to drab average conditions may not be as easy as all that, and will certainly not hold my enthusiasm for the summer. I have been known to simply drift away to FM/ TVDX during the summer months, or outdoor activities, until the end of the summer. Of course I am not wishing the summer away already, far from it. I am simply saying that the band holds only a limited interest when you have to chase WBBR as DX. In days gone by, many years ago, MW dxing was seen as mid winter only hobby, as a general rule. But there is always DX to be had, even if it is during a very narrow dx window in the mid summer. I guess the farther North you go in mid summer, the worse the MW dx is, due to extended daylight.

RADIO NORTH and WHYL DX TEST:

The DX TEST web pages report that daytimer WHYL Carlisle, PA will make a dx test UTC Sunday 15th March, ie next weekend. From the dxtests.info web pages:

WHYL DX TEST:

DATE: Sunday morning (late Saturday night), Mar 15, 2009.

TIME: 12 Midnight - 2 a.m. Eastern Time, 0400 - 0600 UTC

FREQ: 960kHz

MODE OF OPERATION: The station will test with 5 kW DA E-W. The DX test will consist of "peppier" pop music, morse code and sweep tones.

QSL INFORMATION: 1\$ to help defray return postage requested. You may send postal reports to:

WHYL
ATTN Bruce Collier,
1703 Walnut Bottom Rd
Carlisle, PA 17015
U.S.A.

Thank you to Bruce Collier for making this test possible!

RADIO NORTH DX TEST:

I have been in communications with Radio North in Co Donegal, Eire. They have agreed to make a similar DX test that night. The details are as follows.

DATE: Sunday morning (Late Saturday night) March 15th 2009

TIME: 0200 - 0600 inclusive. There will be voice IDs and CW slow speed IDs every 30m on the hour and on the half hour during their normal overnight music. There will be frequent jingle IDs thrown in between

times as well.

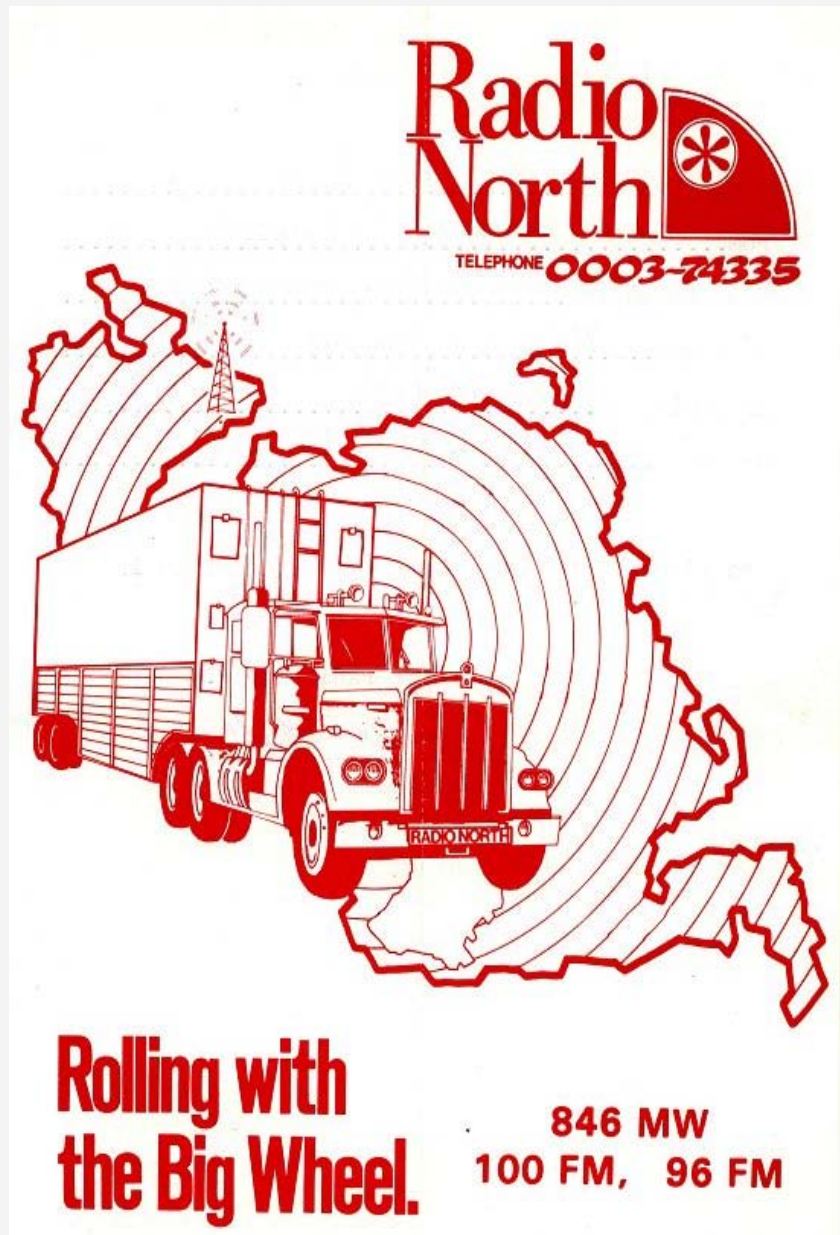
FREQ: 846kHz

MODE OF OPERATION: The station runs 1kW, and music will hopefully consist of better known pop / oldies.

QSL INFORMATION: Radio North will verify with full data QSL's for this broadcast. E mail address to be announced later this weekend hopefully. Confirmed as **radionorth846am@gmail.com**

Thank you to Paul B for his continued enthusiasm towards MW dxers.

Is this the first time a European MW station has attempted a DX test??



An old flyer from the 1980's. Now 846 only.

LATIN DX: I have often mentioned in these pages that my Latin reception in the 80's seems to have been far better than now. My North American reception this winter has been nothing short of spectacular this winter, but LA's. They just don't come through very well. Last summer I made a half hearted attempt at improving things, and using 3

separate random and terminated long wires, trying to mimic antennas of the past. They are all torn down due to being pretty poor. I had an EWE for Latin's but it was pretty poor as well, as was a flag Davie H and I put up last week. Maybe I use too large a flag. Davie up the road can hear Latin's I have lost in splatter, so I have to assume I need a smaller aerial, so that at least the Euros are not as strong.

Anyway, I was inspired to dig up an old ID of GLOBO 1220 from 24th Feb 1985, AT 0040.

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO AN EXCITED GOAAAL...](#)

As you can hear, I did have good signals at one time!!

MARTIN HALLS DX: As mentioned in the Feb logs, Martin was in dire need of a few extra sets of ears to assist with his huge amount of unchecked recordings. He sent me a couple of DVD's, which of course really interested me anyway, to hear his AM band.

I have come to the conclusion that I am only playing at dxing at these latitudes!!! I was amazed by the strength of the signals from really obscure dx stations. OK he sent me an exceptional day, 2/12/08, and an unchecked rec of 1130 24/1/09. AK stations are very good at times.

What is not so clever is the mess the Faroes made of the band up there. Gees, They were exceptionally splattery here at one point, but what a mess up there in the north. A dirty dirty transmitter. Up to 700kHz!!!!

Thank you Martin for sharing your band. Amazing.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2009:

Here we are in March again, and traditionally towards the end of the main dx season. Last year there were some good days in mid and late March..

The band here has been average for much of February. I missed the day when the rare calls from GA/ SC/ TN were coming in. Let's hope for more of this rare DX.

WINTER BEVERAGE AERIAL NOW DOWN: Yesterday David H and myself dug up the beverage I have been using for the winter. It is ploughing time, and Sanny the Farmer needs into his field. We were going to make a small mini movie, but were over in the field before we knew it, and had forgotton the camera!! I may well try and alter the old beverage a little, by putting the wire up higher on taller sticks. It does work absolutely fine as it stands, but the gain on the one through the open field especially on the hf part of the MW band was quite dramatically higher. No rush, but we will get on to this.

NEW PERSEUS RELEASE DUE ANY DAY: Perseus users have been promised a new

Perseus release around the end of Feb, which should mean any day now. Nico has this time added some kind of a different notch filter. We eagerly await. I wonder if there will be any work done on the tones that appear if the tiny thin playback bar is missed during playback searches. I hope so. I am also interested in the PC horse power required for this up and coming version. I am on the limit as it stands, of my PC's ability. Perseus will stutter if I open up an HTML freq list!! Well as they say, you can't take 10 gallons from a 5 gallon drum.

Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx. 920 here I think has been the best example by far.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
 560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
 630 CFCY
 920 CJCH
 950 CHER
 960 CHNS
 960 CFFX
 1070 CBA/ CBC
 1320 CKEC
 1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following channels vacated by:

531 Switzerland
 540 BRT
 567 RTE
 612 RTE
 729 RTE
 1188 BRT
 1314 NRK
 1395 BIG L
 1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)
 1476 Austria
 1512 BRT

Updates welcome. I thought 1008 was going to go off, but again, they have been appealing for money to stay on, and sadly, they are still on air.. Maybe they could save money by closing down from 6pm - 6am!!! Just for us DXers.

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920	WYBY	Cortland, NY	0000 07/02/09
920	WKVA	Lewistown, PA	2300 06/02/09
1070	WAPI	Birmingham, AL	0104 03/02/09 (Alabama's Big Talker. Daytimer 50kW)
1070	WTWK	Plattsburgh, NY	2200 02/02/09 +3/2 (DAYTIMER) "EVE 10-70"
1200	WKOX	Newton, MA	2200 07/02/09 (DAYTIMER)
1230	Radio NFLD	NFLD	3/3/09 2042 Is there more than just 1 possibility??
1250	WMTR	Morristown, NJ	2200 03/02/09 Alternative Oldies. (Tnx Paul C 4 tip)
1300	WGDJ	Rensselaer, NY	0900 11/02/09
1380	WPYR	Baton Rouge, LA	0100 03/02/09 (SS Daytimer) + 26/1 0300 (old rec)
1390	WCAT	Burlington, VT	2200 02/02/09 ESPN
1560	KGOW	Bellaire, TX	0000 03/02/09 (Daytimer) "The Game"
1570	WNSH	Beverly, MA	2200 09/02/09

More unusual logs in bold

NB: A time of eg 0900 often means the 0900 recording, and not necessary the exact time of the ID.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2009:**RARE DX - NOT HEARD HERE:** I have not been recording the band this last few nights. I thought it sounded a bit average and dull any time I checked in the last few

days. So while I was not active, guess what..yes... My DX neighbour, David H hears no less than four rarities this morning at 0600 and 0700. After extensive listening from the SKYPE DX CLUSTER GROUP to the 1190 station, the following four have been confidently logged. .

1190 **WSDQ, DUNLAP, TN** 0658 (5kW daytimer!!)

1290 **WTKS, SAVANNAH, GA** 0700 (5kW)

1350 **WLMA, GREENWOOD SC** 0700 (1000/ 85 watts daytimer)

1450 **WKEU, Griffin, GA** 0600 (1kW) All oldies all the time

Also noted was WBOB 1320, initially thought to be something more exciting.

Well done Davie, I don't think I have seen the 1190 and 1350 stations reported anywhere. I could be wrong, but they are certainly rarities... Can't be bad for an indoor flag antenna. Guess who will check 0700 tomorrow morning !!! Call signs I have never even heard of..hi.

It may have been interesting to see if I could have heard them anyway, with a NW pointing beverage. Maybe I would have had something different?? David's aerial is in a westerly direction at present.

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BEVERAGE TO COME DOWN: It is that time of year again, and I knew it was. I have been talking about it for a while. Today I saw "Big Sanny the Farmer" who owns the field opposite me. He is almost ready to plough his field for the barley. So this will be my last weekend with the beverage aerial. It has been good. In fact superb.

It is not as though I have no other aerials. I have a permanent 500m beverage through the woods. But the one in the open field does knock lumps out of it on the HF part of the band. Sometimes the aerial in the woods has the advantage, especially on the lower frequencies for some reason. There may well be a slight difference of direction, enough to give the different characteristics. If you have been reading these ramblings for a while, you will know I went to see Sanny about another matter in the Autumn, and he asked if I was there to see about the field. I couldn't believe my luck.

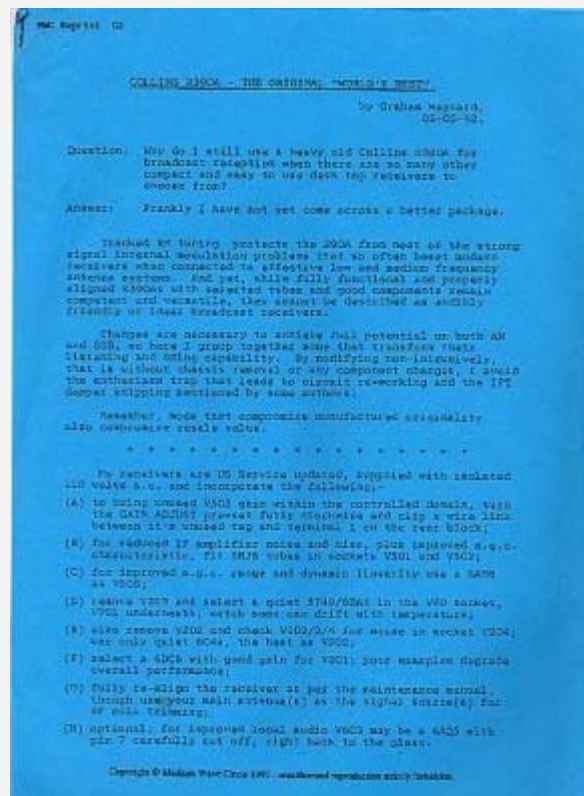
As it turned out I have had the time available to spend on dxing this winter, during the best DX conditions for years. And I have ten tons of Perseus recordings to prove it. The Perseus software has allowed dxers to record the full band at the top of the hour for the very first time. So thanks to band conditions, NICO the designer of Perseus, and the weather which prevented the winter barley being sown in the Autumn, I have had a great DX season. And judging by David H's logs this morning, it aint over!!

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PLACE LIKE A TIP: I have been searching here in the shack for some old missing logs

from about 1995 time. I just can't find them for the life of me. I have turned the place upside down, but found loads of other odds and ends while I am hunting.

Something I came across got me to thinking how paranoid some folks really are about copyright. I found some old MW Circle reprints, which would have been X amount of £ back in about 1995. But my o' my are they sore on the eyes. They are printed on a really horrible dark blue paper. Obviously this is incase anyone dared to photocopy them. Even book publishers print their books on white paper thankfully! One would have thought that by paying for this reprint, you were buying the right to read comfortably. But even so, at the time I strived to read this dreadful style of publishing, and built a Mark Connolly phaser DX6 from dark blue circuits!!!! And the phaser still works well.



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2009:

YOUTUBE: Ain't YOUTUBE a great concept. Not only do guys like dx neighbour David H use the facility for DX clips, but old favourite music videos are available. Some of my own include Billy Joel's Piano Man, or Marillion's classic "Kayleigh". I was also discussing the recent reception of Alberta with Paul C, and came up with a Neil Young song, Four strong winds, one of my favourite Young tracks. And there it was on YOUTUBE as well.

OK the tiny mini pictures are not great quality, but the movies are available to view. Similarly a couple of old commercials which I thought I would never ever see again for

Heinniken are available. The big old boy singing the blues in his old shack, from the very early 1990's. I used to see this sometimes on ULSTER TV, at a friends hoose in the next village at that time, but not aired every night. I used to think they were superbly imaginative and amusing. Heinikken Blues commercial search usually finds the two in the set.

The recent recording of Finbar on Malin Head Radio inspired someone to send me a link to a WICK RADIO YOUTUBE video. Other stations come up as links during this one, including Portishead. Very interesting footage, but I am unsure where it originated. Looks like the whole documentary would be worth a look.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the WICK RADIO footage.

A Radio Caroline search will bring more videos than you can handle, as will TVDX, etc.

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FLAG ANTENNA: I have turned my EWE into a FLAG. This was the project for a "stoorie" Sunday afternoon, when Davie up the road was here to assist. The rough direction is approx due SW, the direction of Latin America. I can't seem to get as good a back null so far on Forth as I could on the antenna as an EWE. The old feeder is rotten though and needs replacement before any proper judgement is made. The antenna performance is certainly not impressive so far. Not compared to the North American Beverage. So much Euro splatter. Maybe it is too big. The only difference with Davie's indoor flag up the road is physical size. Mine is outdoors, and between trees. It is not at an even height either, top wire is sloping a bit... Maybe a lot of combining factors have a part to play. Perhaps I need a simpler smaller traditional aerial, than the large one??

David is bringing 740 and 1220 from Brazil on a regular basis on his indoor aerial, where I have mostly splatter. So what is the next step for Latins?? I don't know. Looking through the old logs, I used to hear Latins pretty good at various times in the 80's and 90's. But not recently. Was I hearing common stuff that was stronger due to sunspot max propagation?

Last summer I had 3 different long wires up running different directions to try and mimic the aerals I used in the 80's. None of them were any good, and they have all been removed. I don't have the length to throw out a Latin beverage of any significant length. Maybe a beverage needs to be of a certain length to start to sound like a beverage?? I will explain. I threw out a Northerly pointing antenna of something short of 200m earlier in the winter. It ended up picking up absolutely nothing from AK direction, but I was picking up AK on the NW bev, which is about 420m long. The old permanent antenna through the woods is 500m long. 680 Barrow was also heard on this, all be it not as good as my temporary antenna.

So what now for Latins?? Same as last year, forget about them?? Well maybe I could try a few more tricks. There must be something I can do.

Is it a case of me being spoilt because of the beverages?? Years ago I never thought a MW loop was much use without an extra bit of signal from a long wire. Am I looking for strong signals, when in fact the strength is gonna be much down on that of a 500m beverage?? Maybe.. maybe maybe.. Watch this space.... And while typing this, I have just remembered that was one of the antennas I used to use. A loop/ long wire combination. Maybe I had hit it just right back then, by nothing more than luck??

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55 - KRC (WKRC): I had a log back in September on 550 that didn't sound like WFAU, or 55-FAU, a common station on 550. This sounded more like 5-50 KRC. I let MAH hear the clip the other day, and he agrees with me. So I removed the tent listing of WKRC, and listed it as 100% log. A clip is in my audio folder under 23rd Sept. I always hoped I would one day hear WKRC, the real WKRC. The reason?

WKRC used to be an Irish pirate station in 1981, and they even had a dx prog on a Saturday night for a time.

Someone had made up jingles for WKRC Newbridge Co Kildare. One included WKRC, Radio 14. I guess this would be two pinched American jingles shoved together. The significance of Radio 14 was quite bizzare. WKRC as far as I can see was always radio 55, never radio 14, ie 550 and 1400kHz. So where the Radio 14 bit of the jingle came from is anyones guess. But by sheer chance, Radio 14 had significance in Co Kildare at the time. Kildare Community Radio used off channel freq of.. yes 1400kHz. So their rivals WKRC had a RADIO 14 jingle, and probably never knew what it meant!! WKRC also claimed 10kW which it obviously never was. I would estimated it at a few hundred watts max. WKRC were also off channel, on 1250, and used to cause Radio Dublin channel 2 severe intererference around the city from their on channel 1251. The dates for all this carry on... Summer 1981.

LEAVE A COMMENT

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2009:

WHERE'S THE LOGS?? The band has been very depressed this last couple of weeks, and not much to hold my interest. Hence the lack of logs. I may get some typed up late this week, but nothing too exciting.

IMAGINARY PERSEUS FILES: When looking back through my manky old ID tape lists, I came across a brief recording with a tinny little microphone of BBC World Service signing off 1088. This was in November 1978 when the MW band was being completely changed over. I got to thinking.. That would be an amazing piece of history if the technology had been available in 1978 to create a couple of hours recording of the full band either side of the midnight changeover when all the frequencies moved up one kHz. At that time my cassette recorder was a tiny as well as tinny thing of extremely bad quality. I was only a silly young schoolboy then, with hardly any knowledge of radio. I thought I had though!! Yet it was in these days just over 30 years ago that I heard my first North American DX on an old wooden valve radio. The

first night I remember I heard three stations. 3 Personal firsts in one night!! CJYQ 930, CJCH 920 and VOXM on the pres 710 freq. The old set had no dial, and you had to work out where you were on the band with the ear!!

ALL TIME LIST: I have spent some considerable time trying to find/ update my very poor ALL TIME TADX list. At present it has Central American, as well as Latin's among the North American stuff. Maybe I can split it after I complete it. It may never be complete, as such, but as it stands after a few days work, it is one huge improvement on the pages I had up. I have used the same template as my 2008 list. This is mainly because all the stations received in 2008 almost fully creates the all time list anyway, bar of course the old calls and SILENT stations!! Anyway, it is now on line and on a public web site. There are not too many other UK dxers who do publish their all time list like this.

I keep having other stations spring to mind, so these are being added as they are remembered. Obviously some old logs and ID tapes have to be searched. As I said below, my logs would be seen as shoddy, when I see the care and precision some dxers take. I can't see me ever sitting typing into databases, all the times I hear WEGP!! I would rather spend the time constructively, maybe checking old recordings to see what I have missed.

LEAVE A COMMENT

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2009:

MALIN HEAD COASTGUARD RADIO: MW dxers will have picked up Malin Head Coastguard on a regular basis on 1677kHz and 2182kHz. There is a ham radio operator who worked at the coastal station for many many years. His name is FINBAR (EIOCF). I was listening to 1933 last night and heard the guys on there talking about Finbar having retired after 30 odd years service. I was sent a couple of audio clips, which make for interesting listening. One is a radio check on 2182 with St John's Coastguard, NFLD, and the other was his final shipping report. It is 2.5meg but the end is well worth a listen when he says farewell!! Kinda sad really. I wish I had known this was happening, as I would have listened myself for that broadcast. I don't have the date yet or time for that matter for this broadcast.

[Click here for Finbar's last transmission](#)

[Click here for a radio check with St Johns, NFLD](#)

(Recorded By Alan G10 OTC.. Tnx for permission to use rec Alan)

I suspect the final recording was made by Paul, EI7JM who lives nearby. I will find out, and make sure I have permission to use that clip too. What a great piece of radio history.

I found a few links to web pages to do with Malin Head Radio.

<http://www.coastalradio.org.uk/irishcrg/malinhead/malinhead.htm>

<http://www.fleetwood-trawlers.connectfree.co.uk/malinradio.html>

<http://www.esatclear.ie/~mmullins/ejm/newFrame1.html>

<http://www.malinheadcoastguardradio.com/equipment.htm>

I never visited Malin Head Radio, but I recall going to Portpatrick Radio during a visit a few years back. The coastal station was deserted and silent. I am not sure if it is worked remotely or closed down.

LEAVE A COMMENT

HELP WANTED: Can anyone tell me if a CBC Radio 1 (or was it CBC overnight) ID on 1340 can be classed as a log of Yellowknife, without a local ID?? Are there other possibilities on the same channel??

Similarly, I have a Radio Newfoundland ID on 1230. Is this id-able, or are there multiple qrp relays here???

A third station is CBC on 1230. Is there only one possibility??

It is amazing that despite the web, details from remote areas are still difficult to verify.

LEAVE A COMMENT

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2009:

ASSISTANCE WITH PERSEUS FILES (Part 2) : I like to try and keep in touch with opinions as the great SDR debates continue to draw in sometimes heated views. I feel a little ramble coming on.....

Much has been made in recent days of the offer to dxers from Martin in the North of unchecked Perseus files which would possibly otherwise have ended up deleted, and unchecked. Martin put the idea to a MW group, and predictably had differing responses, mainly relating to the ethics of SDR technology.

QSL REQUESTS: David H asked me this morning if I believed that a dxer listening to a file from Martin in the North, could listen to that file, find a rare station and send for a QSL. What did I believe was ethical??

My answer was a resounding NO WAY. Sending for a QSL for a station that you haven't picked up yourself?? That doesn't make sense to me... The QSL would for me be worthless. A nice memento, but the reception was not my own. This is of course only

my opinion and and a practise I would not participate in.

Back to Martin's files, and the dxer who is simply listening to Martin's dx is doing just that. He could be listening for pleasure, or even classed as "working" for Martin. He is certainly not eligible to even claim a log, or send to a station for a QSL under the pretence of having heard them. The QTH of the receiver and antennas are at Martin's in this imaginary example. The listener could be anywhere in the world. But he is only taking part in a listening exercise on behalf of Martin and his huge backlog of files. I have no ethical questions about the listener sharing the credit on a future log list, but would draw the dx ethical line at sending for a QSL.

In any published listings of these logs, the listener would take credit for his assistance only, but of course not exclusively. The dual credit has to be worded correctly. eg:

MAH/KB - Ken B checking Martin's unchecked Perseus files.

RX - Perseus. Antenna - Beverage Farm in the heilans.

If this was published in the expected MW publication, that would be all the credit required. It is simple and to the point, and members would be aware of the situation. A more detailed explanation may be included on a separate paragraph, or / and if publishing the logs in public on a web site.

Ken's receivers and antennas are completely irrelevant in the above imaginary example.

David H has been quite outspoken on this subject. He is certainly not against file sharing, for listening pleasure and seeing what someone else's band is like. Like myself, David is in the 21st century when it comes to SDR wideband recordings and attitudes. His main gripe is that the owner of the original Perseus wave is not even listening to the file in the first place. David will spend hours on end on some of his own. Dave feels that this takes the art of listening out of DXing.

Ken's comment: As mentioned the other day, I feel Martin would have a listen if there were any rare stations reported on a specific date. He is simply over run by unlistened to files, and needs a few extra pairs of ears.

LEAVE A COMMENT

DXPEDITION ETHICS: Personally I have never been to the North and a real MW dx pedition. Some guys farther south might say that I have no need. True it has been a great year for me, but I am just too far South to have AK on the same scale as Martin will have a few hundred miles up the road. It was once suggested going to west Wales, but for me, I would have better reception at home...

Will I ever go??

Maybe if the opportunity arises.

Do I believe in dxpeditions??

Of course, no problems with them.

Would I write for QSL's for any stations heard?

Maybe, but my QSL collection for home reception is very poor anyway. I would love to have a large collection of real cards from stations I have heard here, but I just never seem to get around to writing.

Would I include the cards in any totals from home??

Certainly not. The collection would have to be separate altogether from location XX sorted in a separate album.

LEAVE A COMMENT

DXPEDITION RECORDINGS: So how would a week at Sheigra stack up if the complete dxpediton was only a few terrabyte drives recorded and checked at a later date?? I would assume with many DXers in a dxpediton environment, the rules will maybe change. Can everyone claim logs, as everyone will take home a copy of the files we would assume. So sharing logs would be essential would it not, to squeeze out every last ID possible.

How comfortable would the rest of the dxers be if I slipped off to the pub while the receiver recorded the band?? I could imagine doing this because I am that type of character... If I was involved in erecting the beverages, then I am certainly part of the dxpediton, and therefore even if I am down the local pub, I am well qualified ethically to DX the files at home.

(Thanks NICO for this development. DXpeditions look even more appealing now!!!!)

But on returning home, there would be a mountain of recordings to go through. What would happen if some of the recordings were given to other dxers to listen to who couldn't make the trip, and then that person discovered a new station??

Does this raise the same ethical questions that have arisen this week with Martin's files??

There are some DXers who would prefer to listen live, and listen on one channel at a time. My own attitude, is grab the DX any way possible.

I don't know if this listen live only preference stands for recordings of old movies off the TV? Is it not right ethically to watch a video taped while you were down the pub??

LEAVE A COMMENT

HOLIDAY DX AND QSLs: I have never been one to write for QSL cards from anywhere else other than dx heard at home on my own receivers and antennas. And if I did, I would not count it in any QSL totals from home. QSL cards are a nice reminder

of places and times, but I am merely stating that holiday QSL's wouldn't add to any "dx at home" total.

Any QSL cards requested for logs on dxpeditions would be in a different list than QSL's from home. In reality I failed to write for too many QSL cards anyway, but similarly for station logs, I would never count stations heard on a dx pedition amongst my all time lists from home.

When I see how thorough other dxers can be with their logs, programme details and SINPOS etc, I realise how scrappy my own log books have really been for many years now. I used to carefully note SINPO and prog details. Nowadays my logs are perhaps similar to the mess hens would make while walking across the paper.

Incidentally, my earliest QSL card comes from reception at a dxers QTH about 8 miles from here, who introduced me to QSL collecting in 1977. I was visiting his shack and had a tune around with his radio. That night we came upon 2 firsts for him. UN RADIO, and Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation's All Asia Service on 15425kHz. So I copied his reception reports, learning what to write, programme details, SINPO etc, substituted my own name and address, and some weeks later a UN radio QSL card came through the door. By this time I had already had a prompt reply from Radio Sweden, BBC, DW and a few others which were really my first QSL cards. SLBC never did reply.

It was this same dxer who gave me "last years" WRTH, the 1976 edition, which is well worn out. But a treasure of my early dxing. I picked a mint edition up at a rally last year here in Scotland incidentally. Obviously the ham who bought it in the first place was not a broadcast dxer!!

His receiver was a bit of a limited thing. A Yaseu FR101, which had so many gaps, and it never even had the 49m band!! A very important band for European reception. Even my old valve radio had this!! Another thing I remeber clearly was that he had 2 antennas, one for higher freqs, and one for lower freqs. But he had to keep nipping outside the shack to a kind of an outhouse or something to change these cables over.. I wish I had a photo of that little shack, as a memento of past times..

So my first QSL from the UN, is not really from home, but it does serve as a reminder of my first night of dxing in a little shed on a summers night, looking at a world map, with map pins all over the place, and QSL's on the wall of the shack. . and my first glimpse of a WRTH!!

LEAVE A COMMENT

COMPARED TO THE SKYPE CHATROOM: Some dxers may have ethics issues with the way we work on the SKYPE chat. I will use Paul C and myself as the example. Paul will hear a station at a certain time, alert me, and I check to see if it is there. Sometimes it could be a rarity that I have missed maybe because of a weaker signal, or due to sloppy dxing. That is the reason that I have additional credits in some of my personal firsts. "Tnx Paul C for tip" appears in many of them. It is only fair. .

It is not all one sided though. In the same way, I often have tips for Paul. The interesting part though is that often we can't hear each others tips!! Amazingly this is because we are sometimes on very different fades, and we regularly hear different stations dominant at top of the hour. This despite being only around 20 miles apart. Yet on other days we will hear the same station.

As I have said on these pages in the past, I used to believe that any dxer in a similar geographical area, would hear the same dx station if tuned to the same freq at the same time. I take the geographical area to be large, ie Central Scotland, Northern England and the Midlands as a rough estimate. This old theory just isn't true, but yet it can be true. It depends on the conditions on a particular night, or even on a particular frequency. Perseus highlights this phenomena big time..

LEAVE A COMMENT

LIARS AND CHEATS: Any fool who wishes to listen to a web stream or on line receiver and claim MW reception of that station is free do do so. He is only a fool unto himself (If we are to assume the mythical "he" is a male that is).

I saw this happen with a UK on line receiver a couple of years ago, when a Brazilian dxer was listening to a Euro pirate. He apparantly wrote to the said Euro pirate with a report claiming reception in Brazil, and no mention of the on line receiver. How was he rumbled?? He used the same name to log on to the remote receiver, that by chance a friend of the said Europirate was using at the same time!!! How much of this dribble goes on undetected I wonder??

I don't have any problems with web streams or remote receivers. If anyone want's to write for a QSL card for these, who can stop them. But for sure, they should neither claim reception to the station from home, or to any DX clubs/ web sites. That is silly, and deceitful. It will also have the station believe they have had a long distance report from country X, when in fact they have not. If A QSL is desired for a web stream/ remote receiver, it should certainly be stated clearly to the station that reception was on a web receiver just down the road, and not on a radio 6000 miles away!!

As I have also stated on these pages before, I don't get the chance to write for QSL's anyway to the good DX I have had this winter (And maybe I should). So I don't have the time to make up silly tales either!!

FINALLY: Do I consider myself an expert on DX ethics??

ABSOLUTELY NOT, not at all. I am only voicing my own humble opinion, because I can.... Every DXer will have their own little ways and habits. I am only describing mine here. But I believe my dxing ethics to be honourable, and for that matter quite straight forward....

LEAVE A COMMENT

WGM QSL: Just while I am on the subject of QSL CARDS, David H received a proper

QSL through the post from WGN CHICAGO 720 recently. Well done both Davie, and also to WGN for sending a traditional card out in 2009!!

LEAVE A COMMENT

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2009:

Mid Feb already and the nights are gradually getting shorter again. Fade out in the morning is getting earlier and fade in in evening time is getting later. Still there is DX to be had if you have the patience to look for it.

I have been spending time sifting through some older recordings too and making even more discoveries.

I will shortly have to dig up my temporary beverage across the field. I may make a video of this when it happens. Sad, but it has been a great help this season for MWDXing. And great that I had time to enjoy the best DX for years, and use the Perseus in real anger.

LOST LOG: I was looking for a log of a daytimer on 1360 which I am convinced I made around the same time as the daytimer from GA on 920, but I can't find it. Have I imagined this?? Looking through the list of 1360, I don't see any calls that ring bells. My logs are certainly shoddy at best, But I just seem to remember a log of a rarity, and 1360 and Sunday night rings a bell. In my head I also had GA, NC or SC as locations.!!!! Perhaps I have to think deeper. I have found a morning log of a daytimer on 1380. Maybe this was the station that confused me.

PERSEUS FILE REPAIRED: The one that got away in January for me was **CKDM Dauphin, MB 730**. This was heard on 25th January, with a good peak for an ID between country records at 1052, while listening live. Unfortunately Autohotkeys came on ready for 1100 recording before I noticed it was still set, and closed the recording prematurely. The Perseus file containing the ID was corrupted. I assumed that was that. I had a much weaker ID at 1000 from the same station, so all was not lost, but I would have loved to archive the good id. Enter CHUCK HUTTON of Seattle, editor of the WAVE CHOPPER, a handy Perseus file-editing piece of software. Chuck reckoned he could save the file for me. He described the file to be like a DVD that had not been finalised.

Today I received the DVD from Seattle, with the file aboard. My CKDM ID was there, just like I heard it live on 25th January.

Thank you Chuck. Much appreciated!!!

LEAVE A COMMENT

DEFINE A DAYTIMER:

What is a daytimer?? Well they come in a few different guises.

1) : Firstly, the traditional daytimer that is as the name suggests, on the air from local sunrise to local sunset. These times of course avoid QRM on the MW band to farther away stations at night, because as we all know, an AM signal will travel quite a distance at night, when there is a path of darkness between the transmitter and receiver. So the first examples DO as their name suggests, and broadcast only by day and switch off transmitters at sundown.

2) : Secondly there are the daytimers who run high power by day and switch to very low power and very limited coverage at night, covering maybe only the city of the license. Some stations may switch from 50Kw to a few hundred watts, or even a few watts. So these could be classed as almost daytimers, as the night time power is so low.

3) : Thirdly there are the stations who maybe switch from 1000 Watts by day, to 500 Watts at night. These stations do not have the extreme power difference, and the switch over may not be so noticable. Should these stations still be classed as daytimers? Or is this another grey area??

There are even one or two that switch to higher power at night!!

4) : Some stations change antenna pattern at night, and can make it sound as though they have just switched off in the wrong direction from the beam. CFMB 1280 is one I believe. I have heard them switching over, and it is as though they sign off.

The interesting part is that their switch off times vary on a monthly basis. So in the Autumn, there is more darkness between Europe and the transmitters at the end of the month, so the end of the month is a better time to try for daytimers. (Because the sign off time will be earlier come the 1st of the next month).

The opposite effect happens as daylight stretches in February and March. The beginning of the month is best as the sign off becomes later at the start of the month.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2009:

NO DXING : Not too much DXing done over the weekend, too many high K's to even bother recording any overnight top of the hour's. (TOTH).

ANOTHER DAYTIMER NOTED..... IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!!: Just as unexpected as many of the rest of the daytimers that have been heard this season, I have noted another one on the great weekend of DX in January. **WGIV 1370 Gastonia, NC 0400 26/1.** No trace at 0500 or 0300. Not got around to checking the 0400 recording till now!!!! Listed as 45 Watts at night, 16kW by day. The best in talk and inspiration. I read somewhere on the web of a Norwegian dxer having a QSL from a daytimer and claiming the night time power on the QSL. I guess I wouldn't take that as "gospel" if you pardon the pun, for this particular station either.

WPYR Baton Rouge 1380: This daytimer in SS has been noted again on older recordings from 26/1 at 0300. as well as 25/1 at 0300. This station I thought was a rarity, but now I have noted it a number of times. Has anyone ever heard SS on 1380,

but failed to identify it properly. There is just a chance it is an American daytimer.

Rarities: Does anyone ever have the same experience as I have?? Sometimes I will hear a personal 1st, and sometimes I notice it is not in any UK all time listings I have seen. But then it rears its head above the noise on another day. And in the case of Baton Rouge 1380 above, I have noted it a few times now. I know it is only luck that the ID happens to be in a fade in, but sometimes this seems to be a strange phenomena.

920 WHJJ from RI was one of the first stations I heard after dominant CJCH went off air. I assumed this was going to be one of the dominant stations, being from RI. I couldn't be farther from the truth. It was many months before I heard that station again, and in between had positive IDs on about 12 other stations on the freq. Amazing really.

LEAVE A COMMENT

ETHICS OF MW DXING ..AGAIN: I have my own ideas and unwritten guidelines I follow during my MW dxing. Of course they are my own ideas, but as a rule I tend to stick pretty much to the same basic ethics. My ideas of hearing an ESPN id but no local id is one example. That does not mean a proper ID for me, and thus not a proper log. There are other examples which I mention from time to time in these pages, including comments at the bottom of this February page (5th).

Since the introduction of wideband recording though, especially the Perseus SDR, many new issues of dx ethics have crept in. (Maybe rumbled in like a hurricane would have been a better choice of words).

Perseus was only ever going to be a MW DXer's dream come true. Being able to playback a specific time across the whole band, eg top of the hour, from through the night was technology we could only dream of not much over a year ago.

Many DXer's see this style of DXing as somehow cheating, and I have had reports of heated debates within DX circles on this very subject amongst cries of "unfair" and "cheating". I have never understood the mentality behind the idea that we are cheating by using a better receiver than the AORs or NRDs, and certainly do not take kindly to the cheap jibes being fired at Perseus users in general. One day I may meet these "cheap shot shooters" at a radio convention somewhere, and hear what they have to say. This might make for an interesting day.

I wonder about that old movie that I recorded while I was down the pub?? Shouldn't I watch that because it is cheating??

As the traffic volume rises, we build bigger roads. No one mentions the crowded MW band, DRM/ IBOC jamming, when they fire the cheap shots at Perseus users. I personally am thankful for technology advancement which assists in an otherwise messy band. Any improvement which brings in DX better is worth it no matter how small or large. Perseus is many powers to the ten above the latter.

If Perseus users are cheats, then users of the said SDR simply have to get our hands dirty. I see nothing wrong with using every trick in the book to hear a new dx station. If some dxers like to throw mud around at us, and call them dirty tricks, then so be it. The band is dirty, and full of splatter from Euros, and DRM jamming etc, so yes I welcome new tricks, even if they are seen as dirty. Let those dxers come out of hiding from behind their PC desks and call us names to our faces then!!!

ASSIST LISTENING TO PERSEUS FILES: Today I heard through the dx grapevine that Martin up north was offering a load of his Perseus recordings which have went unchecked due to time limitations, to other dxers.

Martin is an honourable DXer, and comes up with some amazing dx logs at his very northerly QTH here in Scotland. I hear there is some discussion on the matter on going.

I don't subscribe to the group where the discussion is taking place, (mainly because I am banned lol) but for what it is worth, I will write my humble opinions here.

Basically the recordings have clogged up Martin's hard disk space, and went unchecked. (Tell me about it!!)

So Martin offers the opportunity to anyone wishing to assist check the recordings, and if there are any rarities to be published, they will be credited jointly to the listener, as well as Martin. This may allow dxers who have never used an SDR an opportunity to try, by using WINRAD. It also serves to allow an opportunity to hear Martin's MW band.

The discussion was about the ethics of credit. Well I can say that I wouldn't be happy to take credit for hearing a station on someone else's dx file as though it were my own log. That doesn't make sense. Certainly not. But then Martin could hardly take the credit if he hadn't listened to his recordings. So where does that leave us?? Exactly what Martin's offer suggested. Joint credit and explanation of why there is a joint credit. It is a new way to list loggings, but then everything about the ethics of an SDR is new.

What a new and novel subject for future heated discussions!! I can see that one going on for a bit..

For me, well personally, ethically I have no problem with this. I love listening to someone else's MW band. I have compared it to going on holiday and dragging the Sony portable out to check the bands, even before ordering the first drink!! I think from memory, my earlier comments were about Guy Atkin's files. All that was missing was the Pacific wind whistling through downtown Seattle and a bottle of Budweiser.

As I said before Martin is an honourable dxer, and I don't see this as particularly unethical, just something different and new. If there are any rare DX stations discovered by anyone, I am sure Martin WILL go back and check that particular file so that he is actually listening. I strongly suspect he will not go back to the file if it is only WEGP and CFRB that are logged !!

The only possible ethical problem I would have would be parting with the return postage..lol.. But that's OK. I have the price for each "First Log" ready for billing....hi..

Maybe the amusing image below from David Hamilton is what he was worried might happen.

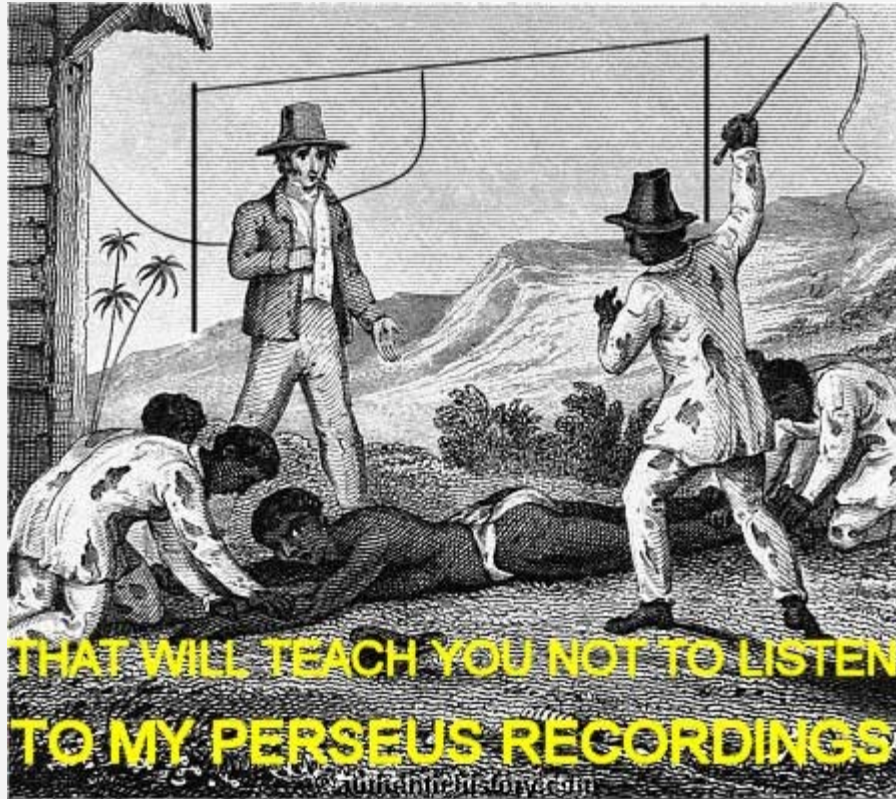


Image - David Hamilton

LEAVE A COMMENT

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2009:

I thought I would brighten up these pages with a few photos of the recent snow and ice, as well as my top band dipole.



A few snow shots in my street, and also top band inverted V/ dipole

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MW DXING - DO YOU DIG?: It is amazing how little is known about this minority geeky part of the radio hobby, even amongst fellow radio enthusiasts. I know what a radio ham is, I know what rtty dxing means etc, even though my main interests lie elsewhere. But I was talking to a radio ham the other night on top band, who seemed to be under the impression MW dxing is to do with transmitting on MW. He couldn't quite get it, when I told him my main interest in radio is MW dxing. Oh well, such is life.

MW DXING - STILL DON'T DIG: I did read some funny comments on the UK based

digital spy board (I think it is UK based, I never read it, but rather had this page sent as a link). This was in response to someone who couldn't understand the hobby.

"What is it all about, listening to all the noise, when you can pick the stations up via web streams nowadays", was the question.

The amusing response in digital spy asks why bother to hit a ball with a stick, and not just walk across the park and shove them down the holes !!! He also mentioned fishing, was asked what the point in fishing was when you could go to a fishmonger !!

Although I am tired of comments from some dxers I once thought highly of, having cheap shots against Perseus users, about Perseus being like a drift net. The other fishing comparison amused my simple sense of humour though. I may try and find the link again and copy the exact text.

(The original comment from the dxer who first conjured up the PERSEUS comparison to fishing may have been barely amusing at the time, but it seems that all the "anti" Perseus brigade jumped on the bandwagon, and can't wait to use the well worn, and tired phrase as a cheap jibe)

For the record, I would like to assure everyone reading this that my interest in TADX is not the rude talk show hosts that simply love to hear themselves. Neither do I enjoy Brother Stair, or for that matter sports commentators who seem never to take a minute to draw breath!! It is the technical issues that hold my interest, of being able to hear a local station from thousands of miles away in far flung corners of North America, from places I will probably never even hope to visit. People I know outside DXing often think I am listening to some kind of a fancy radio show all the way from the States. In reality, they couldn't be farther from the truth!!

I have a Canadian friend who thought he was helping me once by telling me that these web streams were available now, and couldn't really "dig" what the fascination is for mush and splatter !! A neighbour was similarly bemused....

So if I am ever heard rubbishing anyone else's geeky pastimes

(Something I don't often even consider, as I am in a very weak position to judge anyone's crazy hobbies)

Originally Posted by WinstonWindrush

Silly question maybe but why do you guys waste your lives trying to find a virtually unlistenable signal amongst a load of mush. What's the fascination in that? I've got an Eton which works very well but if I want to listen to an American station I'll go and hunt it out on the web and hear it in almost perfect quality. I don't get it, please explain?

Why bother fishing when you can go to a fishmonger? Why hit a ball with a stick when you could walk on to a green and just put it in the hole?

LEAVE A COMMENT

OLD QSLs: I have added some QSL's which were initially published here, but I have now made a separate page for them. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2009:

920kHz SINCE CJCH: Since the closure of powerhouse CJCH in 2008, 920 has been a real hot channel here in Western Scotland. I have heard I think 12 or 13 stations there this season, 10 or 11 of which are new. CKNX and CFRY are the ones I had heard before. And at 0000 Sat morning/ Friday night, my Perseus file produced yet another one, WYBY Cortland, NY. 1Kw Days, and 500W nights.

1070 Since CBC: Since CBA closed on 1070, I have had CHOK regular, but not much else. A couple of times KNX Los Angeles popped up, but that was it. Until this past week. I have heard 3 Daytimers on the channel. WTWK, WKOK, and WAPI. The latter had a big signal at the right time for once.

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2009:

SKYPE MW DX CHAT AND CLUSTER: For many months now, a group of us have been in regular contact on a live DX chat, which has proved amazingly worthy for sharing MW DX logs and tips. The benefit of this over traditional postings of logs on say a notice board, is that we are all LIVE. It is so nice to have a dedicated group of enthusiasts who are happy to share dx loggings in such a fashion. Of course it seems there are other DXers who for some reason best known to themselves, do not like to share their dx tips, but simply publish them at a later date.

We are certainly not a Perseus users only group, as has once been asked. True there are a number of Perseus users on the chat, but not exclusively.

We also have a public DX Cluster, which can be accessed via my links page. Anyone (within reason) can enter the cluster and read DX tips only. This part of the chat is exclusively for dx tips. No chatting is desired in this chatroom.

A new user has to be asked in to the MW1 chat room. This is not public, which serves to keep out any riff raff. All that has to be done to be asked in, is send a skype message to tvdxrools, or scottish_dixer. The beauty of the skype chat is that no one person really has to be on line for the chat to work. And no one person "owns" the MW1 chat.

The requirements are a piece of free software, SKYPE. Install, and create a user name. Once in the chatroom, a dxer can bookmark the chat which is titled MW1. Then it is simply a case of clicking on the bookmark at a later date to come back in.

We have regular chats about dxing in general, etc with our "members" in Scotland, England, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, USA and even Australia.

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2009:

LONG LOGS LIST STILL TO UPDATE: I have not caught up yet with the personal firsts this year, or the 2008-9 season log list. There has been too much DX going on. I thought I should try and catch up on the logs in February so far, seeing as we are only at day 5!! I also have logs from mid to late January to type up. It all takes time, which is sometimes better spent dxing both live and sifting through the recordings. I have just found another daytimer on **1070 from 2128 on 25th Jan, WKOK Sudbury, PA**. So the old recordings are worth keeping, especially from good dx days.

THE WONDERS OF THE WEB - OR NOT - WHO'S DEED NOO?:

The web is a great piece of technology if used correctly and sensibly. The first story about the wonders of the web came to light the other night, when I had it reported to me that an old friend in Ireland had died. Rodney of Craigavon Video was reported on one of the silly radio notice boards as having passed away. It was Rodney that had taken a couple of us on a tour of the radio stations on the border a number of years ago, including a visit to the amazing ENERGY 106 set up, with the high gain antennas beamed at Belfast. My mate Ian decided to ring his number to see if anyone was there. Unless it was a ghostly voice on the other end of the line, Rodney answered, and in perfect health!!! Not only that, but he is talking about adding to our shared archives, with a load of the Irish Radio closedown's of the 1980's. A welcome addition.

It is hard to imagine that it is now over 20 years ago I was sitting on my local hillside, listening to the FM stations closing, as well as monitoring the MW stations. They all had to be off the air by 1st January 1989. Only Radio Dublin and Star Country carried on. Radio North closed for a few days, before reopening as Northside Radio. (Maybe this was so that no one knew it was Radio North..lol). Radio Star Country has continued to this day, as has Radio North, although the latter has seen a few name changes and ownerships. Radio Dublin closed down eventually after the boss brought shame to the name, and he was eventually jailed for his dubious activities. The exact charges I am not 100% sure of, so will omit here.

So as Mark Twain once said, "The rumours of my death have been greatly exaggerated"

LEAVE A COMMENT

THE WONDERS OF THE WEB - OR NOT - CANADIAN LISTINGS:

Even the web has limitations. As an example, try searching for a frequency list of CANADIAN only stations. It is not easy to find.

I heard a Radio Newfoundland ID on 1230, which at the time was not // to any of the VOXM frequencies. I just can't seem to find decent info on QRP stations.

The superb US freq list I use includes the Canadians, but they are not always easy to find within. I often refer back to the good old WRTH, as the Canadians are listed below the USA stations.

The FCC database includes a list by Province. Maybe I should make my own list up with those dozen or so text files.

Can anyone direct me to a Canadian AM freq list on line??

STOP PRESS - LIST PRODUCED: I have just compiled a Canadian List from the databases of AM-DX.com. I have files, frequency order, and Province. Check the links page, or click [HERE](#) for freq, and [HERE](#) for Province. The list is as it comes from the files, so some stations have multiple entries, but at least it is Canadian only, and in frequency order, even if the listings are obviously dated. I have noticed a flaw on the PDF file which I will address sometime Friday.

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Some logs since the start of FEB. Very few common stations are noted these days, unless notable reception etc.

550 WSAU 0800 1/2

570 Greenland Booming in 2000 3/2

570 CKGL ID as 570news.com, usually ESPN. Caught me out briefly. 0100 1/2

730 UNID SS loud sports, plays past TOTH. CKAC in B/G 0300 1/2

770 CUBA 0500 1/2

620 VOXM id very strong signals 0000 1/2

800 VOWR 2033 Gd 3/2

920 CKNX booming 0200 3/2

920 UNID Radio America show, and IRN USA Radio news. 3/2 0900 (over CKNX)

930 CFBC VG Signal 2201 3/2

950 CKNB 0000 1/2 Very low audio, good for DXers though

960 KMA 0900 3/2

970 WNYM Havensack NJ (9-70 The Apple) 2200 3/2 Daytimer

980 CKRU 2200 3/2

990 Radio Bilbao, Spain. Hrd while tadxing. Remember ee progs from this on 1260??? (hrd once !!)

1050 CHUM 2300 2/2

1070 WTWK, Plattsburgh, NY (EVE 10-70) 2200 2/2, 2200 3/2

1070 WAPI, Birmingham, AB 2300 2/2 ABC Nx, 3/2 0104 gd pk DAYTIMER 50kW

1080 KRLD TX, 0000 3/2

1230 Radio Newfoundland UNID source. 2038 3/2

1240 CKIM (VOXM) NFLD, 2035 3/2

1250 JOY 12-50 spoken id, not just the unintelligible jingle. 2300 2/2

1250 WMTR Morristown, NJ. Alternative Oldies, 2200 3/2 (Tnx Paul C for tip)

1280 WEIM Fitchburg, MA (THE BLEND), 2200 2/2. Hrd this back in Dec.

1280 WNAM Extreme signal for them. 0954 3/2

1300 WJNO Cleveland, OH. 0200 3/2

1320 WILS 0000, 0100 1/2

1320 WJAS 0104 1/2

1380 WPYR Baton Rouge, LA 0100 3/2 DAYTIMER SS

1380 WSYB Rutland 2206 3/2

1390 WCAT Burlington Plattsburgh ESPN. 2200 2/2

1390 WLCM Charlotte, MI 0657 1/2 0300 3/2

1400 CBC 1855 3/2 EARLY..

1410 UNID SS Inc Jingle at toth. 0200 3/2

1440 WHKZ Good levels 0100 3/2

1460 WHIC 0100 3/2

1470 WBKV West Bend 0600 1/2

1470 WNYX 0100 3/2

1470 WLAM 0200 3/2 NOTED BACK TO OLDIES, NBC Nx Radio. (0000 wk with disney like yl)

1480 WHBC 0100 3/2

1480 WGVU inc BBC WS. Strong sig 0900 3/2

1520 K-OKC OK CITY 0100 3/2

1540 KXEL 0100 3/2

1550 CBE Windsor. VVG Levels 0100 3/2

1560 KTOW Houston, TX The Game 0000 3/2

1570 Unid pres WNSH MA Daytimer. tk on Superbowl. ee 2200 2/2. Also 3/2. Ad Endicott. No ID.

1630 KKGM / KCJJ mix

1640 KFXV Enid, OK The Score. 0100 3/2

VOCM LOCAL IDs: In addition to the above logs, I had local IDs from all the VOCM stations at 2030 on 3/2. This is 5pm NFLD time. 590 had faded, 620 CKCM Grandfalls/Windsor, 650 CGGA Gander, 710 CKVO Clarendville, 740 CHCM Marystown, and a little later an ID on 1240 CKIM, although not a local ID. By 2130 they were carrying Radio Newfoundland!!

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WHAT CONSTITUTES A 100% LOG:

I have seen some very dubious logs recently. So what is my own personal guidelines that are used in the listings you read on these pages?? Well like all things in life, there are grey areas. Where do you draw the imaginary line?? Let me diversify. These are real loggings I am going to mention and real stations.

CBC 10-10: I first heard CBC on 1010 from Calgary, AB earlier this season. The first logging of CBC 1010 was only the news chimes. This for me was not the desired spoken ID, but as good as. This is the only CBC station on the channel, and the only possibility. I have since had CBC id's which are better than just their news chimes, but my first log is 100% OK for me with chimes only. The chimes are unmistakable and unique.

GREENLAND/ NIGERIA/ ZIZ: Here we go with the grey area again. Regular this

season has been Greenland on 570 or 650. I never list KNR as TENT or even PRES. I know it's them. It is there regular. Yet I have never ever had an proper ID from the station in all the years of MW dxing. I first logged them in the early 1980's. All I have ever heard is the mumbling over the top of the hour. Once I heard the word RADIO, so I need to investigate the recording one day. I am quite sure the contributors in the various dx publications do not assume the station to be PRES. But I don't believe everyone who logs the station as a positive ID has actually heard a spoken ID either. We just know it is them.

So if it is OK with Greenland to hear but never ID, then the same goes for NIGERIA on 917kHz. We know it's them. It is the only station in the world off channel on 917kHz. It is never noted as NIGERIA PRES, rather simply NIGERIA. Is this correct?? In these pages I will often comments on dubious logs, yet there can be none more dubious than logging an exotic country like Nigeria, without a positive ID.

St Kitts 555 is another, with their BBC relays. Pest maybe that there are no local ID's after the BBC relays start, but there can be no doubt it is them. They are the only station in the world on 555!!!! Do you content yourself with BBC only ID?? I know I wasn't happy until I had some local ZIZ IDs under my belt.

So there you have the grey area. I bend the unwritten rulebook when it suits me, yet will complain at others who do the same!!!

MORE DUBIOUS LOGS: I often read, or hear about other more dubious logs. How can a tent or pres log be claimed as a personal first???

540/ 990 CBC Stations which share a common freq are very difficult to ID during an opening farther west. The two common stations are from NFLD, although an echo/ split second delay at news time would maybe justify a log. In my own case, although I have heard echos on the 2 frequencies, I still only lay claim to the two common NFLD stations. I would never claim a personal first on any of these unless I had some kind of a local ID, or something unique to that particular station. You just can't be sure, even if a station a few kHz down the band is on a fade. I often hear the two frequencies when the band is open to the west, but there seems no transition between reception of NFLD and the farther afield transmitters. I personally would be uncomfortable listing 990 and 540 as anything other than NFLD, even though there is a good chance I have heard the two westerly stations as I said, during good openings.

580 CKKW: How about a log of old time radio programmes on 580kHz, tent CKKW. I know for a fact because I have heard it, and also seen it listed in the CFRA web pages, that 580 CFRA carries old time radio programmes regularly. Yet I see this log although listed as tent, claimed as a personal 1st..???? This doesn't make sense.

970 preachers pres WWDJ, Hackensack, NJ. Also claimed as a personal first on a station that has no ID?? How can that be?? How can it be PRES in the first place?? WWDJ is now WNYM, 9-70 The Apple anyway.

1050 UNID FF: I also hear FF speech during the opening to MB and SK in January. I had no ID's and thus did not log it as an identified station. Even though it is no doubt from MB.

1260 ESPN. I mentioned a while back that there is more than one station on 1260 that uses the slogan ESPN Radio 12-60. They would, it's the freq they are on. ESPN in itself is NOT an ID. In this case ESPN 12-60 is not an ID either. Both WNSS Syracuse NY and WRIE Erie PA have been heard here this season.

NETWORK ID'S: I don't consider logs of ABC News or ESPN, to be worthy logs, other than under the UNID banner, with suspicions listed under the details/ comments if it is suspected to be a rarity. Even web pages can be well out of date and unreliable to identify a station sched. .

And the worst logs I have ever seen I think come from the "country mx, or Sport - pres xxxx" style of logs, on a busy MW channel. !!!!!!!

RADIO DISNEY: It was pointed out to me by AB that Radio Disney 1560 is always listed as WQEW. In this case I have no problems with this signal, as it is very dominant on the channel, and rarely does any other station ever get past it. Even though I have may not have heard a full ID on this one, I always log it as a full ID. Sometimes you will hear the full call ID of course, around the toth, but it is more of a pest here than DX, and I don't very often log it in the book. Disney 1640 and 1650 are both common here too, and more often than not pres but again like 1560, I don't even bother to log them.

CARRIER LEVEL: Some DXers log carrier reception as though it had been audio reception. Although I personally don't put too much effort into carrier DXing, it is a worthy and intriguing relatively new part of the hobby. Software like Spectlab, and Perseus allow very accurate carrier measurements. The carriers I showed in the January logs pages (22nd Jan) from 1400kHz demonstrate what a surprising amount of signals can be received. I draw the line at creating a log for a suspected carrier though. Even if that carrier is unique, like some of them on 1400 obviously are.

Again there are grey areas, and the KBRW carrier level is a great indication of possible audio reception, and often worthy of mentioning on the MW DX cluster. But I most certainly wouldn't make any hairy fairy claims of exotic DX reception because I see a carrier.... Proving the carrier's source is too often the stumbling block.

UNID V PERSONAL FIRSTS: Anyone who reads these pages may have noticed on my personal first lists at the top of each months page, I have included some UNIDs, eg espn 1600 etc. This is for my own convenience when possibly looking through the recordings again, rather than a claim of a personal first. It is not a personal first if it is still an UNID, and would not find it's way into my all time list. OR it would also be listed as an UNID, not as a +ve ID.

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2009:

RARE DAYTIMERS: Aye, I said to the chaps on the Skype chat. Better watch out for

rare daytimers now that February has started. We just might catch one or two now that they will be on an hour later than they were last week. I really say these things with hope rather than with confidence. However this time around, they have been coming in. Daytimers are stations that either close down for the night, or dramatically reduce power and/ or change antenna patterns at night. They close at sunset, and times are set on a monthly basis. Therefore at this time of year, the start of the month is best, as daylight is stretching. In the Autumn, the end of the month is best, as the days are getting shorter. The following have been heard in February so far.

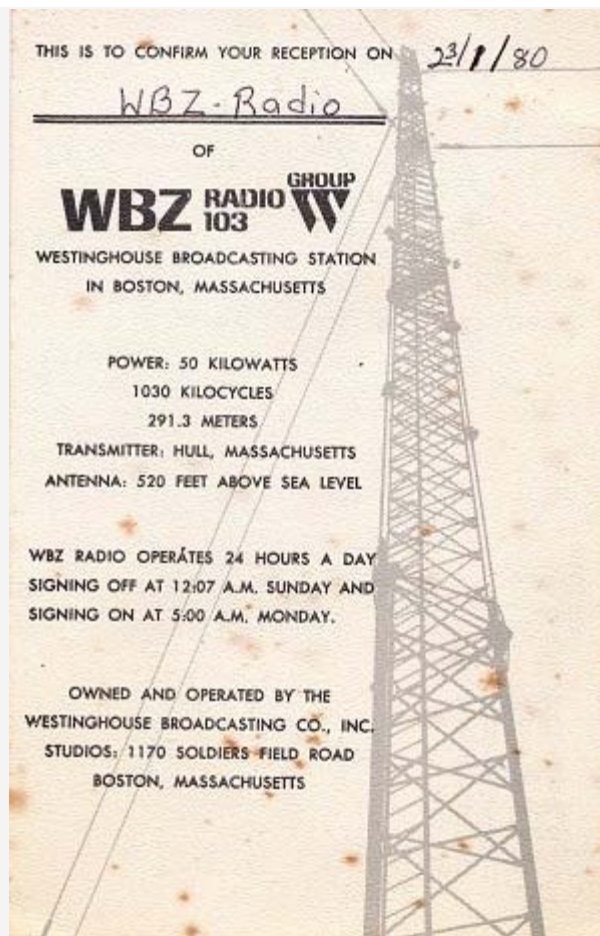
970 WNYM Hackensack, NJ (9-70 The Apple, NY)
 1070 WAPI Birmingham, AL Hrd TOTH very poor, but gd pk 4m past.
 1070 WTWK Plattsburgh, NY
 1070 WKOK Sudbury, PA (old rec from Jan)
 1280 CFMB Montreal
 1380 WPYR Baton Rouge, LA
 1560 KGOW Bellaire, TX
 1570 WNSH Beverley, MA

(NB. 1570 WNSH NOT ided here. Ad for Indicott college certificate heard here only, Paul C has an ID)
 (Eventually IDed a few days later)

WHO 1040 - DX TARGET RECEIVED: I have been after some impossible DX for many years here in SW Scotland. Two have been achieved so far this season. As mentioned in the Dec pages, KBRW Alaska has been regular here, despite never having heard it until this season.

Another DX target for me was always 1040 WHO, Des Moines, IA. Not a great DX catch, except I have a strong local on 1035, ILR AYR, and the direction of their MW transmitter is roughly the same direction from here as WHO!! So a null on ILR Ayr, is a null on WHO. (And WBZ for that matter on 1030, though WBZ is easier heard by using the Perseus splatter killer)

At the end of January, David H, my dx neighbour up the road from me, advised me that an all too rare audio gap on 1035 had taken place. This was at 0200, on 31/1. Yes, it was only a few seconds, but there it was, 10-40 W-H-O...!! I have a QSL card from 1030 WBZ from 1980, before the local QRM came on the air, but for some reason I never heard WHO.



Mouldy old WBZ QSL from almost 30 years ago

WHO 1040 would have been thought of as better DX than WBZ in those days. Thanks to David, we both now have WHO. Otherwise I might not have noticed the gap!!

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DONT THROW AWAY THAT OLD MONITOR: I was stripping some old monitors the other day, taking odd spares from them before disposal, and what a shock I had. There inside one of them, was a nice rolled up TENNER!! Yes £10 inside a monitor I had picked up some time back. How strange. No matter how hard I looked, I couldn't find any more cash inside it though..!!

One of the large ones I took to pieces got me thinking. It was very solidly built, and very very well screened, all around. No wonder that old screen had never given me RF noise. The one with the tenner inside was not screened like this. Unfortunately this old screen packed up on me..



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TOP BAND DIPOLE: After many years of threats, I finally got myself a callsign. Amateur radio does not really interest me like MW dxing does. I sat my City & Guilds back in 1984, but never ever applied for a call sign till last week. I am now GM8HSV. In the UK, CW has been scrapped, and therefore with the City & Guilds certificate, I have the equivalent of a Class A. The UK also supplies a lifetime license now, so it is a one off payment of £20. So I thought, why not.

I do listen to top band some evenings, so I thought I would throw up a half wave dipole for the freq the other day. It is high and in the clear on the live end, with the screen side coming down to a bush. A semi inverted V. A couple of photos are included below. Top band aerial is going to the trees across the river from me. On the right image the V is seen at the top of the mast.



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JOHN FAULKNER SHARES HIS LOGGINGS: John, a name well known in MW dx circles and FM dx circles for many years, has sent a contribution to these pages. His

logs to date this season may be found here. It makes for interesting reading, and a welcome addition to my own logs. The "Logs index" page provides a direct link. It is a pdf file, and will therefore be downloadable if necessary. [Click here to view/ download.](#)

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Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx. 920 here I think has been the best example by far.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
630 CFCY
920 CJCH
950 CHER
960 CHNS
960 CFFX
1070 CBA/ CBC
1320 CKEC
1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following channels vacated by:

531 Switzerland
540 BRT
567 RTE
612 RTE
729 RTE
1188 BRT
1314 NRK
1395 BIG L
1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)
1476 Austria
1512 BRT

Updates welcome. I thought 1008 was going to go off, but again, they have been appealing for money to stay on, and sadly, they are still on air.. Maybe they could save money by closing down from 6pm - 6am!!! Just for us DXers.

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540	CBEF	Windsor, ONT	0900 20/01/09
550	KFYR	Bismarck, ND	0800 24/01/09
550	KTRS	St Louis, MO	0900 20/01/09
570	WNAX	Yankton, SD	0900 25/01/09 Booming in !!
610	KDAL	Duluth, MN	1034 25/01/09
650	CKOM	Saskatoon, SK	0900 25/01/09
660	KEYZ	Williston, ND	0957 25/01/09 Poor id, but I feel in no doubt
730	CKDM	Dauphin, MB	1054 + 1001, 25/01/09
740	CBX	Edmonton, AB	0800 25/01/09
750	CKJH	Melfort, SK	1000 25/01/09
750	PROGRESSO	CUBA	0800 23/01/09
790	KFGO	Fargo, ND	0600 25/01/09
860	CBKF	Saskatoon, SK	0800 25/01/08
880	CKLQ	Brandon, MB	0900 25/01/09
920	KDHL	Fairbault, MN	0300 25/01/09
930	CJCA	Edmonton, AB	1027 25/01/09
940	CKGX	Yorkton, SK	1000 24/01/09
940	WCPC	Houston, MS	2300 26/01/09 (Semi Daytimer 50kW / 250 W)
980	KKMS	Richfield, MN	0300 22/01/09
1040	WHO	Des Moines, IA	0200 31/01/09 (Tnx David H for tip)

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1070	WKOK	Sudbury, PA	2328 25/01/09 News Radio 10-70 DAYTIMER
1130	WDFM	Detroit, MI	2200 15/01/09, Semi Daytimer
1190	CFSL	Weyburn, SK	1011 25/01/09 (ID AM 11-90)
1240	WOON	Woonsocket, RI	0703, 0800 18/01/09. DX Test. CW only.
1260	WNSS	Syracuse, NY	0900 19/01/09. ESPN
1270	WXYT	Detroit, MI	0800 23/01/09 (Muffled ID hrd, not just pres)
1340	CFYK (CBC) Tent	YELLOWKNIFE, NT	0900 23/01/09 Tent Yellowknife. Are there other possibilities??
1370	WGIV	Gastonia, NC	0400 26/01/09 DAYTIMER. 16kW/ 45W
1380	XECA	MEXICO	0600 11/01/09 (tnx JF for tip)
1390	WLCM	Charlotte, MI	0600 14/01/09
1430	KLO	Ogden, UT	1100 25/01/09
1600	WAAM	Ann Arbor, MI	1000 28/01/09
1640	KFXV	Enid, OK	0800 21/01/09 ID as THE SCORE
1700	KBGG	Des Moines, IA	2300 16/01/09. ESPN The Champ

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More unusual logs in bold

NB: A time of eg 0900 often means the 0900 recording, and not necessary the exact time of the ID.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 29th JANUARY 2009:

Well I can hardly say January has been a poor month for DXing. I am still reverting back to the few days last weekend when the band was at it's best. Sadly there has been regular high K's to upset the rare DX, and things have not been what they were this time last week.

I have a mountain of logs to include in these pages, but now that we are into Feb, I have to add a new page. Hopefully I will have time to write up these loggings soon.

Rough Notes:

20/1 0900

1470 wnyy

1360 vy weak. Sounds like Nashville's catholic radio wkr??

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2009:

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns today in style, with an amazing weekend of band conditions. I was a bit concerned in the early part of the month that the band seemed to have died. I can well and truly say I have never heard an opening to SK like I had this morning. There may be more than this, but to begin with I list the following.

I had a corrupt file this morning, with a great ID from CKDM MB. The reason it became corrupt, I suspect was that I was dxing live at 1054, but had autohotkeys set from the previous night to come on at 1100 or just before it. So Perseus never closed the file, but autohotkeys closed it. I suspect this was the reason.

550 KFYR, BISMARCK, ND 25/1 0800, 24/1 0800 (TNKX PAUL C FOR INITIAL 0800 TIP 24/1)

550 WSAU 0900 25/1

570 WNAX, Yankton, SD 0900 25/1

600 UNID Canadian press news, and country, so maybe CJWW, but no ID 25/1 0900

610 KDAL MN ADS AND INTO C/C 25/1 1034

650 CKOM SK. 0900 25/1

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650 Greenland 0800 25/1
 670 WSCR Chicago 0800, 0900 25/1 vg sigs
680 CJOB Winnipeg. 25/1 0800 LIKE A LOCAL, AND 1030, 1100 etc.
680 KBRW AK various times around 1800 and 1900 25/1 no id today here. nl splattery
 720 WGN, Chicago vg 0800, 0900 25/1
730 CKDM, Dauphin, MB 1054, and poor id 1001 25/1
 730 CKAC and another station sounding also FF. Is this possible?? 25/1 0800
740 CBC (CBX) Edmonton, AB, 25/1 0900, 1000, 0800
750 CKJH Melfort, SK. From the greatest hits of rock and roll (only slogan) 1000 25/1
770 CHQR, Calgary, AB 25/1 0800
 790 Canadian press straight after country mx. no id. 0800 25/1. Rec stops before end of news.
790 KFGO Fargo 0600 25/1
830 WCCO, MINNEAPOLIS, MN. 25/1 1000. VG 0800
860 CBKF Saskatoon, SK 25/1 0800
 870 WWL New Orleans VG 0800 25/1
880 CKLQ MB 0858 25/1
920 KDHL, FAIRBAULT, MN 0300 25/1
920 CFRY, MB 25/1 most of the morning. Lotto 649 results at 1000
930 CJCA, Edmonton, AB "THELIGHT.COM" At last managed this one 1027 25/1
940 CKGX, SK 25/1 1000 GX-94 (ALSO 0800 MIX WITH MONTREAL AND MEXICO, 0900).
950 CFAM MB. Classical Music Very good levels at 1000 25/1 ID 1048, 1031, 1006
 980 UNID distinctive tune at toth, and Canadian Press news. Not CKRU. 0900 25/1
 1010 CFRB. Canadian Press nx 0800. I thought they had their own news..
1010 CBC AND CBRB mix 0900 25/1 (CBR Calgary)
1070 KNX Los Angeles 25/1 0800 surprisingly good
 1080 UNID 0959 inc yl mumbling. not WTIC
 1150 WHBY Kimberly 0800 25/1
1160 KSL Salt Lake City, UT. 0800 25/1 mix WYLL today
 1170 WWVA, WV 25/1 0800
 1220 UNID, pres MB . Classical Music but no ID. 0900 25/1. Virgin too splattery at wrong times.
 1230 UNID stn with unique time signal or pips. Like e/e/n/e in CW. 0900 25/1
1250 CHSM MB Classical music very good levels 25/1 1000. ID 1006 as AM 12-50
1290 CFRW 25/1 1030, 0759, 0859
1320 WJAS USB/ WILS LSB @ 0000 24/1
 1380 UNID SS. Poss Mexican. Poss identifiable to someone better at SS. 0300 25/1
1410 CFUN, Vancouver, BC. 25/1 0800
 1470 UNID Like FF or SS Ecoute RCA or similar..
 1640 Silence of WTNI 0800 25/1, but not much heard below.
 1660 KQWB Fargo/ Moorhead 0900 25/1

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 23rd JANUARY 2009:

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Logs for today:

Highlights only just now. Full report over the weekend hopefully.

540 W Radio, Mexico, 0700

1340 CBC, UNID QTH. CBC Radio 1 ID 0900

1710 UNID FF stn poss Radio Soleil, pirate in USA. FF tk at 0700, quite fair.

NRD 515 WORKING AGAIN: I was sitting in the shack one night a couple of weeks ago, when there was a humm from somewhere, and the smell of burning. I could not initially trace the smoke source, but eventually found that the NRD 515 was smoking. Never a good sign. After inspection, I found that one of the 2 15v regulators at the back of the chassis, on the metalwork at the back, was burnt, and still smoking. Was it simply a regulator that was tired, or did I have a chain of faults, which I may never get to the root of???

After searching around the place in disbelief, I came to the conclusion I just never had a 7815 lying around the shack or anywhere in fact. Not even in any scrap boards of any kind, and anyone who knows me and the qth here will also probably find that hard to believe. I just couldn't find one. It was an NRD 515, and not some piece of home brew kit, so I didn't want to use an old trick of using diodes in series with the -ve side of the regulator, to increase the voltage. I was keen to find the original part, a simple 7815. The company I placed the initial order with, CHS, placed them on back order. Time went on. So I found a pack of 4 on e bay for £2. You know what I am going to say I guess. The 2 orders arrived today, on the same day!!! I used one of the regulators , and tried it. Everything 100% again.

It is such a great old RX, I wouldn't like to be without it. It has a feel of a proper receiver, decent signal meter, large freq readout, and of course at about £1000 worth when new in 1979, obviously is a first class receiver. I bought it second hand in 1995. Except for the relays requiring drilling, and lubricating with "Servisol Super 40", it has been trouble free till now. What age will I be in another 14 years then?????

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DIFFERENT DX, 20 MILES DISTANT: The difference of 20 miles: In years gone past, I would probably have presumed that if a dxers in the same geographical area was listening to the same frequency as another dxer, they would likely hear the same stations. This has been disproved time and time again with myself and Paul C, who is approx 20 miles north east of me. Fine on FM during intense sporadic E openings this

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Yesterday was quite an amazing example. Also included are other examples that come to mind..

FREQ	KEN	PAUL	DATE	TIME
850	WEEI	KOA	22/1	0900
950	KJR		22/1	0900
1000	KOMO		22/1	0900
1130	WBBR	KFAN	Jan 09	
1140	CBC/ AM 1140 AB	KSFN Las Vegas	24/1	1000
1160	KSL vg	mush	24/1	1000
1240	GRAVEYARD NOISE	WJMC	22/1	0900
1280	WNAM	WWTC	22/1	0900
1320	CJMR only	CHMB (in cjmr silence)	2007-8	2300 or 0000
1410	CFUN	WPOP	22/1	0900
1410	ESPN HARTFORD CT	ESPN WATERTOWN NY	2008	
1450	WENJ	WATZ	22/1	1000
1500	WLQV	WFED	2008	
1570	BOOMER	CKLW	22/1	0900
1660	WQLR	WFNA	2007-8	

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2009:**UPDATE THURSDAY EVENING**

Quite a good morning this morning, and the 0900 recording sounded lively. Very lively. In fact lively enough for logging West Coast DX again. Lets hope these band conditions continue. 1410 CFUN , 950 KJR and 1000 KOMO were all logged. Other channels gave some strong signals which were well worth recording, including more unusual stations. There was one which sounded interesting for sure.

970 had a country music station playing past the hour, but for a poor wattery sounding singing jingle. Suggestions welcome, as this one may be identifiable. ..

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LEAVE A COMMENT: Like most Blog sites, I have decided to post a "comments" link at the bottom of each article. This is in reply to the lack of ability to leave comments now on the **DX TESTS** web site. This site only has a log in type of thing now, which is such a shame. After all, feedback from DX tests are very important. They may wish to take a leaf out of the book of well known DXer and fellow Perseus fan, Guy Atkins. His blog site is written in such a way as to encourage comments, and he gets them.

The comment link here takes you to a message board, set up months ago and never used. If it continues to be unused, I will probably close it. It will be moderated, and IPs logged.

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LAST NIGHT/ THIS MORNINGS LOGS (22/1/09):

550 WSAU 0900 VG
 710 WOR 0900
 800 CKLW INC AD FOR WFCU 0900
 820 WBAP 0900 VG
950 KJR 0900
960 KMA 0900
970 UNID COUNTRY MX, SINGING JINGLE AT TOT
 980 UNID ESPN. The bubbling water carries thru the mud 0900
980 KKMS Richfield, MS 0300
1000 KOMO 0900
 1270 UNID singing toth jingle. 0900
 1280 WNAM 0900
 1314 NRK CARRIER. OFF 0858
 1320 WILS 0900
1330 WLOL 0900 GD ID
 1360 WTAQ 0900
 1370 WXXI PRES BBC NX 0900
 1410 CFUN 0900
 1480 WSAR 0900
 1480 WHBC 0900
 1540 KXEL 0800
1630 LA GRANDE 0801 USB ONLY

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1640 WTNI 0800 BILOXI PART OF JINGLE ON LSB ONLY

1660 KQWB FARGO 0800

1670 WTDY 0800

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NRK TEST 1314 TODAY: Just before 0900 today, I have noted a carrier only test from NRK in Norway on the old 1314 channel. I say NRK, I assume a lot, but it was a very strong signal here. Hopefully they were just blowing the dampness out the valve bases..hi

Let's hope from a DX point of view they are not going to reactivate this transmitter. It is only in recent years I have heard 1310 stations. I know there were talks about using this tx a few years back to broadcast a commercial service to Scotland!! It is a very powerful signal here, as you would expect.

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SKYWAVES WEB PAGES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TODAY: It seems the SKYWAVES pages are now closed to the public, so I have removed the link for now. This may not be the permanent, as I do know there were problems with the server allowing hackers in last week. Watch this space for an updated report.

I am not sure I understand the reason behind having a web site if you dont want to anyone to see it ?? This is the case with so many dx groups and clubs, who hide themselves behind passwords and secret members areas etc. This is something I have always strived to avoid. I will never have any secret members only areas. Neither shall I ever place begging comments among these pages. Many web pages have Paypal buttons these days to make contributions!! Anything published on line here is open and available for public viewing. I am a firm believer of freedom of information, especially in relation to MW dxing. Why the secrecy??.

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WFCU - ANOTHER TRICK CALL SIGN: We as MW dxers, have to be continuously on the look out for what we could call trick call signs. They can be heard every night on the airwaves, but I found a new one today. WFCU. This was heard on 800, and might have left me scratching the head for a while, if the band conditions had not been so good. This turned out to be an advert on CKLW Windsor, ONT, for Windsor Family Credit

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We must also be aware that for example CFRB carries the same programme as CJAD 800 at certain times, and I have heard a CJAD jingle on 1010 in the past. This happened with CKNX 920 as well, when a 590 CJCL id appeared during a sports game. And talking of sports, often station ids other than what you are listening to, will appear on air. WRKO is a common ID heard on WEGP 1390, due to the WRKO affiliation with the BOSTON REDSOX team. (I have such a limited knowledge and interest of sport, I don't even know what the REDSOX are, Football, Baseball, etc..)

The other type of so called trick callsign that might bring some confusion, are the multiple call IDs. There are a couple of variations, but the end results are the same. Multiple calls on a channel and station which bear no resemblance to the dxers lists. KDKA Pittsburgh announces a string of calls where their HD service can be heard. KDKA are one of the exceptions to the W and K callsign allocation rules, so the HD stations are all W calls. (WZPT New Kensington, WZSY, AND WBZW Pittsburgh, or similar) You can imagine the confusion of a weak signal. WLAC 1510 also ann WNRQ HD3, or a similar call.

Other stations are running parallel broadcasts in different areas, and therefore announce 2, 3 or more other calls which are associated with the same station you are tuned to. WFAU 1280 is one, WEAV 960 used to ann a string of calls last year, though they have changed slightly now to a 960 only ann.

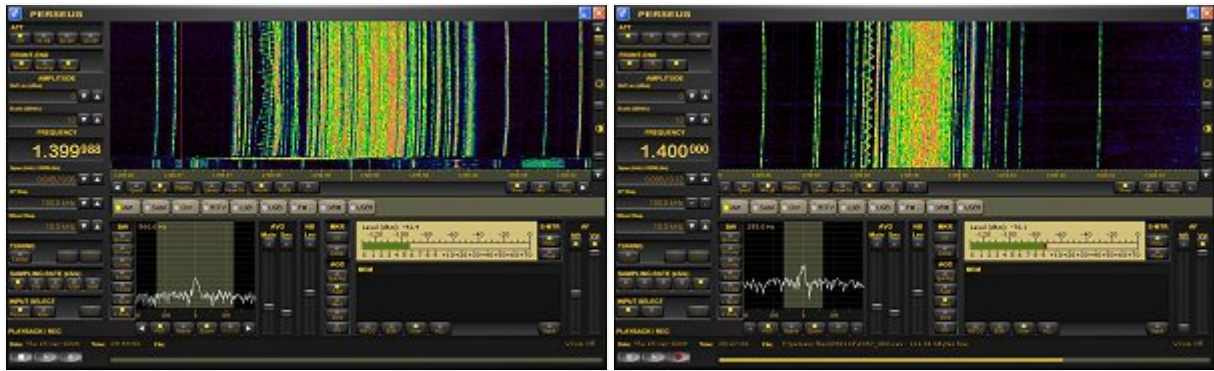
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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2009:

UPDATE AT LAST: Such has been the extent of my care free attitude over the last few weeks, I have not updated the logs on line. I have not been away from the radio or anything, but I have not updated these pages properly since mid December. The old pipe dream of having endless nights and mornings of great DX at the holiday time never materialised. Nor as it happened did I get much in the way of spare time to achieve the dream.. visitors etc... But I really don't think the band was being kind to us. I had written some notes, about getting the feeling the best of the dx seemed to have passed, though I had never got around to publishing on line. Thankfully about a week after that statement was written, the band did take an upward turn again.

PERSEUS SOFTWARE SCREENSHOTS: I was inspired a while back with some screenshots Paul C here in Scotland made of carriers on 1400kHz. But I don't think I was ready for the sheer amount that can be seen.

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Two screenshots of 1400kHz. The first one shows a very unique and odd carrier. It is a wanderer, and also includes a solid carrier which seems to follow it. I was extremely surprised at the sheer number of carriers making it across the Atlantic, when you consider that we only ever seem to hear CBC and WOND. I personally have only one other US station from 1400kHz, in NY state. [Click to see full size JPEG.](#)



The left hand screenshot above shows signals fading out on 1400kHz at the end of the scan. The time was 1143. This type of screen capture takes approx half an hour with my PC. The image on the right shows the curious type of fading I often get with distant MW stations, and it often shows up on KBRW, Barrow, Alaska 680. KBRW has been seen as a carrier, and also heard at audio level pretty regular this season.

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PERSONAL FIRSTS: I had 2 personal firsts Tuesday 20th. **540 CBEF, Windsor, ONT.** This is also a French station, not to be confused with CBGA. The second station was **550 KTRS, St Louis, MO.** I also had a daytimer, or semi daytimer as I call the ones that reduce power dramatically at night. **WDFM Detroit 1130,** was a personal first on 15/1.

Note: KTRS is also an FM station in Casper, WY. !! The same call...!!

WOON DX TEST MAKES IT TO SCOTLAND: The postponed DX test from RI station,

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WOON made it to Scotland. The CW being the deciding factor. The rescheduled test was aired on Sunday morning UTC 18th Jan at 07-0800UTC. I noticed there was CW about 800hz below the carrier freq, and mentioned this to Paul C, on out Skype MWDX chat. Paul then went on to produce a recording, by narrowing the b/w in CW mode to extremely narrow. This did the trick. I was listening to a much wider bandwidth, BUT I could actually hear the CW, in the AM mode, and LSB.

DX TESTS WEB PAGE: If you noticed the lack of comments on the DX TESTS web page after some DX tests, I found out why. They have blocked the ability to post a comment.!!! Does this not completely defeat the purpose??

IRCA: I also attempted to post my log on the IRCA web site. I would have thought that dx like this from an arranged DX test would have been of interest in general, but the post never appeared. This happens time and time again, and I guess I must assume that the moderators don't want contributions from dxers, or maybe from non members??

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SWEDISH VLF STATION TESTS ON 17.2 kHz: This station was heard on Xmas eve 24th December at 0800, and for 10m before, when tuning up. Signals were amazingly good here in Scotland, and is the lowest freq signal I have ever identified, (bar maybe the bass guitarist from ACDC..HI..)

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Logs from 20th December to 22nd January...!!..... Like an on-line DX magazine..!!

Many of the common stations are not even noted in my logs. Check the 2008 list to see the ones I class as common. Most interesting logs in **bold**.

17.2 SAQ (24/12 - 0750) Lowest Freq I have ever IDed.

530 Radio Encyclopedia, Cuba (6/1 - 0200) Faroes, carrier only

540 "W" Mexico (20/12 - 0800)

540 CBEF Windsor, ONT (20/1 - 0900)

550 WSAU, Wausau, WI, (23/12 0900) (18/1- 0700) (19/1- 0800)

550 KTRS, St Louis, MO (20/1 - 0900)

560 WIND, Chicago, IL (20/1 - 0800)

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560 WGAN, Portland. ME, (20/12 - 0000)(23/12 0900) (18/1- 0700) (19/1- 0800)
 570 WMCA, NY, (20/12 - 0000)
 570 WSYR, Syracuse, NY (18/1- 0300) (18/1- 0700) (21/1 - 0800)
 570 Greenland (5/1 2300) (17/1- 2300)
 580 CFRA, Ottawa, (20/12 - 0000) (14/1 - 0200) (18/1- 0700)

600 CUBA Over CBC at 0759, 19/1
 610 WIOD, Miami, (20/12 - 0000) (18/1- 0500) (20/1 - 0500)
 620 VOXM NWK (17/1- 2330)
 630 Radio Moscow . (5/1 - 0600) not dx, but curiously still announce metres,,
 650 WSM, Nashville, TN (18/1- 0500)
 670 WSCR, Chicago, IL (5/1 - 0600) (19/1- 0900, 0800)
680 KBRW, Barrow, AK (9/1 - 1257) Audio today again. No ID.

700 WLW, Cincinnati, OH (19/1- 0905, 0800)
 710 WOR, NY, (20/12 - 0000) (20/1 - 0500)
720 WGN, Chicago, IL, (20/12 - 0000) (18/1- 0500 amazing peak)
 730 CKAC, Montreal, QC (13/1 - 0800)
 750 WSB, Atlanta, GA (18/1- 0500)
 760 WJR, Detroit, MI (19/1- 0905)
 780 WBBM Chicago, IL, Mix 6-80 news (20/12 - 1030) (18/1- 0500)

800 CKLW, Windsor, ONT (5/1 - 0900) (13/1 - 0800) (19/1- 0905)
 819 Arabic, with old clock chimes, like a domestic table clock, is this morocco?? (20/1 - 0500)
 820 CHAM, ONT. (18/1- 0500) (20/1 - 0800) Talk 8-20
 820 WBAP, Fort Worth, TX (20/12 - 0900) (13/1 - 0800) (18/1- 0300) (19/1- 0905)
 830 WCRN, Boston, MA, (20/12 - 0000) (13/1 - 0800)
 840 WHAS, Louisville, KY (13/1 - 0800) (19/1- 0905)
 850 WFTL, West Palm Beach, FL. (18/1- 0500)
 870 WWL, New Orleans, LA (13/1 - 0800)

900 CHML, Hamilton, Ont (13/1 - 0800) (20/1 - 0800)
 920 CKNX, ONT. (5/1 - 0900) Reg pest
 930 CFBC, ST John, NB, (20/12 - 0000) (18/1- 2300)
 930 WBEN, Buffalo, NY (15/1 - 0200) reg.
930 UNID Dedicated religion, Peoples Gospel Hour. AB?? (31/12 1000)

940 UNID SS, poss Mexico. (21/12 - 0900)
950 KJR Seattle, WA. (20/12 - 0800) (30/12 0900)
950 CFAM, Altona, MB. (21/12 - 0900 No ID today) (13/1 - 1100) (14/1 - 1005)
 950 CKNB, Campbellton, NB (31/12 - 1100) Regular. Rather low audio.
 960 WEAV, Plattsburgh, NY (21/12 - 0800) (25/12 - 0900 VG, 1000) (13/1 - 0800)
 Regular

980 WCUB Two Rivers, WI (22/12 - 0859)
980 WCAP, Lowell, MA (25/12 - 0000)
 980 CKRU Peterborough, ONT (20/12 - 1000)
 990 CKGM Montreal's ESPN (25/12 - 0000) (13/1 - 0800) (16/1- 2300)

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1000 WNVP, Chicago, IL, (20/12 - 1100) (12/1 - 0900) (13/1 - 0800)
 1010 CFRB Toronto. Regular powerhouse. (25/12 - 1000) (13/1 - 0800) (20/1 - 0904 VVG) (20/1 - 0800 CJAD 800 JINGLE !! some progs carried on the 2 stations)

1020 KDKA Pittsburgh, PA (25/12 - 1000) (20/1 - 0900 VG)
 1060 R Education, Mexico (20/12 - 0200 vg sig) (31/12 - 0900)
 1060 WBIX, Boston. (20/12 - 2200)

1100 WTAM, Cleveland, OH (12/1 - 0900)
 1110 WBT, Charlotte, NC, (12/1 - 0900)
 1130 KFAN, Minneapolis, MN (21/12 - 1000) (18/1- 1000)
1130 WDFM, Detroit, MI. (15/1 - 2200)
 1140 WQBA, Miami, FL (14/1 - 0100) SS
 1150 WHBY, Kimberly, WI (5/1 - 0600) (13/1 - 0132)
 1160 WYLL, Chicago, (12/1 - 0900)
 1170 WWVA, Wheeling, WV. (12/1 - 0900) (19/1- 0856)
 1180 WHAM, Rochester, NY (21/1 - 0300)
 1190 WOWO, Fort Wayne, IA (20/1 - 0900 VG)

1200 WOAI, San Antonio, TX (1/1 - 0600)
1230 CBC (13/1 - 1100) (17/1- 2300) Is this NU?
1230 WSOO Sault Ste Marie, MI (20/12 - 1000)
 1240 Unid sports 0901, but no id hrd in rumble at 0900. (12/1 - 0901)
1240 WOON, RI. (18/1- 0703, 0800) DX TEST. CW
1250 CHSM, Steimbach, MB (11/1 - 1000) (13/1 - 1100) (14/1 - 1005)
 1250 CJYE, Oakville, ONT (12/1 - 2357)
 1250 WEAE, Pittsburgh, PA (12/1 - 0900)
1260 WNSS, Syracuse, NY. (19/1- 0900)
 1280 WFAU, Gardiner, ME (2/1 - 1000, 0900)
 1280 WNAM, Neenah/ Menasha, WI (22/12 - 0900) (18/1- 0900)
 1290 WCMS, Greenfield, WI (22/12 - 0900) (12/1 - 0900)
 1290 WKBK Keane, NH. (31/12 - 1000) (2/1 - 1000)
 1290 CJBK London, ONT. (31/12 - 0900) (20/1 - 0900 vg)
1290 CFRW, Winnipeg, MB (13/1 - 1100) (18/1- 0900)
 1290 WJNO, FL (15/1 - 0200)

1300 WXRL, Lancaster, NY, (25/12 - 0000)
 1300 WOOD, Grand Rapids, (20/12 - 0100) (11/1 - 1000) (18/1- 1101) (19/1- 0858)
 1300 WJLO, Cleveland, OH (11/1 - 1000)
 1310 WCCW, Traverse City, (20/12 - 1000) (18/1- 0900) (19/1- 0900)
1310 WIBA, Madison, WI (22/12 - 0858) (18/1- 1000)
 1310 WLOB, Portland, ME (2/1 - 0900) (12/1 - 0900)
1320 WJAS, Pittsburgh, PA. (16/1- 2300) (19/1- 0000, 2307)
 1320 WILS, Lansing, MI (18/1- 0500)
 1330 WRCA, Watertown, NY (2/1 - 1000)
 1330 WFNN, Erie, PA. (12/1 - 0900) (14/1 - 2358) (18/1- 0900) (18/1- 2300) Id spoken like W F N'ENN

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1330 UNID SS Stn, like Radio Sultano, or similar. (2/1 - 0900)

1350 WARF, Akron, OH (12/1 - 0900)

1350 CHAD, Middleton, NS (20/1 - 0800)

1360 WYOS, Binghampton, NY. (31/12 - 1000)

1360 WKAT, North Miami (22/12 - 0300)

1370 WXXI, Rochester, NY, (20/12 - 0000) (31/12 - 1000)

1380 CKPC, Brantford, ONT (20/12 - 1000)

1380 WMYF, Portsmouth, NH (2/1 - 1000)**1380 KLIZ, Brainerd, MN. (14/1 - 0900)****1380 KOTA, Rapid City, SD. (11/1 1000) (14/1 - 1033)****1380 XECA, Mexico (11/1 - 0600) Tnx JF for tip. I couldn't make it out.**

1390 WEGP, Presque Isle, ME. (22/1 - 0004) Amazing clear mic during basketball results

1390 WRIG Schofield, WI (22/12 - 0300) (29/12 0900) (13/1 - 0300) (14/1 - 0300)

1390 WLCM, Charlotte, MI (14/1 - 0600)

1390 WPLM, Plymouth, MA (14/1 - 0200) (15/1 - 0100) (18/1- 2300 easy 99.1 id) (21/1 - 0300)

1390 WFBL, Syracuse, NY (15/1 - 0101)

1400 WOND Pleasantville, NJ (2/1 1000)

1400 CBG, NFLD. (13/1 - 1900) Amazing signal so early

1400 WSLB, Ogdensburg, NY. espn. (20/1 - 0900)**1410 CFUN, Vancouver, BC. (29/12 - 1120 weak)**

1420 WHK, Cleveland, OH (20/12 - 1000, 1005)(2/1 - 0900) (12/1 - 1000)

1420 WOC Davenport, IA (29/12 - 0900) (12/1 - 1000)

1430 WENE, Endicot, NY (25/12 - 0000) (14/1 - 0200) (21/1 - 0300)Regular pest.

1440 WHKZ Warren, OH (20/12 - 1000)

1460 WDDY, Albany, NY (30/12 - 0100) (2/1 - 1000) Disney

1470 WBKV, West Bend, WI (20/12 - 1000)

1470 CJVB Vancouver (29/12 - 1120 weak)

1470 WLAM, Lewisham, ME ((2/1 1000) Reg

1470 Radio Formula, Mexico (11/1 - 0600)

1470 UNID SS. AQUÍ ... ?? (14/1 - 0600) Loads of possibilities.

1470 WNYN, Ichaka, NY (18/1- 2300)

1480 WSAR, Fall River, MA (20/1 - 0700)

1480 WHBC, Canton, OH (12/1 - 0900)

1480 WLMV, Madison, WI (18/1- 0901)

1480 WGVU, Kentwood, MI (20/1 - 0200) BBC World Sce stn

1500 WLQV Detroit, MI. (20/12 - 0200) (25/12 - 1100 VVG) Often dominant this month.

1500 WFED DC. (2/1 1000) Reg

1500 Radio Formula, Mexico (19/12 - 0900)

1500 Unid SS (11/1 - 0600)

1510 WRRD, Waukesha, WI (9/1 - 0100) (14/1 - 2300) SS ESPN STN (SEMI DAYTIMER)**1510 KGA Spokane, WA (29/12 - 1120) (12/1 - 0500)**

1510 WLAC, Nashville, TN, (16/1- 2300) (18/1- 2300)

1520 KOKC, OK City, OK (5/1 - 0600)

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1540 CHIN, Toronto (12/1 - 0900)

1580 CKDO, Oshawa, ONT. (2/1 - 1000)

1590 WAKR, Akkron, OH (20/12 - 1000) (20/1 - 0900)

1600 WWRL, NY, (20/12 - 0100)

1600 UNID ODD CHATTER. Poss the chant station heard from time to time (30/12 - 1005)

1600 UNID. Fox nat sports report came from mush at toth, but nothing before (12/1 - 0900) (14/1 - 1000)

1600 KLRZ Golden Meadow, LA Pres. Ad for boat supply stuff LA. No ID.

1600 WUNR, Brookline, MA. (16/1- 0800)

1620 WNRP, Gulf Breeze, FL, (22/12 - 0300) (14/1 - 0400) (19/1- 0800)

1620 KOZN, Bellevue, NE (16/1- 2300) (18/1- 0500) THE ZONE, ESPN, OMAHA

1620 WDHP, VIRGIN ISLES, (20/1 - 0700)

1630 KKGm, Fort Worth, TX (14/1 - 0400)

1630 WRDW, Augusta, GA (18/1- 0700)

1640 WTNI, Biloxi, MS (19/1- 0800)

1640 WKSH, Sussex, WI (21/1 - 0300)

1650 CINA, MISSISSAUGA ONT, (23/12 - 0300)

1650 KCNZ, Cedar Falls, IA, (5/1 - 0600) The Fan.

1660 KQWB Fargo, ND, (20/12 - 0000)

1660 WFNA, Charlotte, NC (20/12 - 0900)

1660 WQLR, Kalamazoo, MI (14/1 - 0400) (16/1- 2300)

1660 WCNZ FL, (18/1- 0700) (21/1 - 0300) RELEVANT RADIO

1670 WVVM, Warner Robins, GA (14/1 - 0400) (18/1- 0700)

1670 WTDY, Madison, WI (20/1 - 0700) (21/1 - 0300)

1680 WPRR, ADA, MI, (5/1 - 0600)

1690 CJLO, Montreal, (20/12 - 0000) (30/12 0100) (17/1- 0600) (22/1 - 0000)

1690 CHTO, Toronto, ONT. (18/1- 0500)

1700 KBGG, Des Moines, IA (16/1- 2300) ESPN, THE CHAMP

1710 UNID Music and speech noted, TADX. (30/12 - 0000) (20/1 - 0700) (21/1 - 0050) (21/1 - 0600)

1710 UNIDs 2, poss 3 stations coming through. (3/1 0100, 0130) Best signals from these stns so far

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PERSEUS SOFTWARE TIMES OUT: At New year, I was out at the next village, at a party. When I landed back in around 0500, I discovered a silly timeout screen on my perseus recordings. My "HAPPY NEW YEAR" recordings of US and Canadian MWDX stations at UTC +4 and +5 for were not recorded. What any time out message was doing in the first place on any commercial software is beyond me. By commercial, I mean sold with a product, which one would expect to work forever. The problem raised many questions on the Perseus Yahoo group. First and foremost, were we going to one

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longer supported??? Other organisations who are known to enforce expensive hardware upgrades at a time which suits them include SKY TELEVISION, BT etc. I think thoughts along these lines were going through the heads of many users, including PRO users who may require to be able to depend on the software they bought the right to use when they bought the hardware. My own confidence levels went way down when I saw this unwanted message. Way down.

Was there some kind of unknown plan in the wind?? I don't remember the software, but back a number of years ago a similar thing happened with a piece of software I used at the time. I was forced to upgrade to an unwanted version, or do without. I can not for the life of me remember which software this was now.



I found out quickly that setting the date back was enough to return the software to a working condition, but of course the date on the recordings read wrong too. So I did manage a happy new year celebration from WWL 870 at 0600, UTC -6...

The very robust version 1.1c still worked very well, and I was so glad I was that I had not deleted this.

Versions 2.1a, and 2.1c both timed out.

Nico, the designer of the Perseus was fast to provide a non time out version. But the question remained. Why was this pointless "trick" there in the first place?? This was certainly not a great confidence booster for any potential new customers.

In the end though, NICO presented the timeout / expired message as a simple human error. There were timeouts on earlier non public beta versions, and he had simply forgotten to take the line of code out. Nico also went on to say that it was never and will never be his intention to include any time out in any future version of the software.

My confidence was restored in the Perseus once again.

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Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx. 920 here I think has been the best example by far.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
630 CFCY
920 CJCH
950 CHER
960 CHNS
960 CFFX
1070 CBA/ CBC
1320 CKEC
1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following channels vacated by:

531 Switzerland
540 BRT
567 RTE
612 RTE
729 RTE
1188 BRT
1314 NRK
1395 BIG L
1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)
1476 Austria
1512 BRT

Updates welcome. I thought 1008 was going to go off, but again, they have been appealing for money to stay on, and sadly, they are still on air.. Maybe they could save money by closing down from 6pm - 6am!!! Just for us DXers.

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PERSONAL FIRSTS IN DECEMBER

530	R Encyclopedia	CUBA	2/12
920	XELE	MEXICO	16/12 (Tnx Paul C for translating)
960	CFAC	Calgary ESPN	1100 2/12
970	WNYM	NY	2130 16/12 (Daytimer) "9-70 THE APPLE"
980	WCAP	Lowell, MA	0300 5/12
1230	WSOO	SAULT STE MARIE, MI	20/12 1000 ESPN/ ABC NX
1250	WNEM	Bridgeport, MI	0900 16/12
1280	WEIM	Fitchburg MA	0300 3/12
1280	WADO	NY	0300 5/12 SS
1360	KKMO	Tacoma/ Seattle WA	1100 2/12 SS
1360	KSCJ	Sioux City, IA	0600 27/9 (Old Files)
1430	WNSW	Newark, NJ	0300 3/12
1460	KXNO	Des Moines, IA	23/11 0903 (Old rec)
1500	KSTP	St Pauls, MN	2300 1/12 (also old rec 23/11 0900)
1600	WKKX	Wheeling, WV	1000 2/12
1650	CINA	MISSISSAUGA ONT	0300 23/12 (TEST BROADCAST)

More unusual logs in bold

NB: A time of eg 0900 often means the 0900 recording, and not necessary the exact time of the ID.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31st 2008:

NEW YEAR: Well here we are a few hours before the New year, and the bells to ring out 2008. I shall be writing a lot more in this page in the next few days, inc the latest logs. Not that there is much exciting to talk about from across the Atlantic. I will also be looking at 2008 as a dx year. Hopefully I should get some nice spare time to myself over the next couple of days... Not tonight though.... I shall leave PERSEUS to record some top of the hours, incase there is anything exciting to report, but somehow I feel the high level of K's have ruined the DX for the night. I had high hopes of hearing some rarer daytimers leaving their transmitters on past their legal required time during the recent presidential elections. I heard nothing unusual, so maybe it will be too much to hope that there will be any around this new year....

ZENITH CLASSIC ROCK - AM 1584 : Some old friends from the 1980's Irish radio scene have a temporary license for weekends until February, and also including these few days around New Year. I Bumped into these chaps at Amsterdam a few weeks ago at the annual radio day. I had not seen any of them since 1986, but every now and again their names cropped up in radio circles and I knew they were still around. They told me of their RSL Irish style. Personally I like these RSLs, where the freq is used at weekends, but the dx is not lost for ever if they are on a dx channel, eg the powerhouse 549 RSL from Monaghan area.

Anyway, I was pleasantly surprised to hear their signals so strong here in Scotland in the evening. I had been trying to encourage them to use a clear channel at night, eg 1395, but in the end, the signal is quite remarkable here. Listenable on a portable radio at night!!! ZENITH CLASSIC ROCK is on 1584kHz.

It is good to hear someone using good old fashioned MW for fun. And with such high quality audio.

LINKS UPDATED: Both Jan's, and the Canadian solar forecast web sites have changed URL in the last days, so new links have been posted.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th 2008:

I have been updating my 2008 freq listings, and I am quite satisfied with the style. Check in the logs index. I have also made up a list of all the personal firsts this season, since August. It is quite a substantial list!! Again look in the logs index. . It is not so long back that only a few personal firsts in a whole season was something to behold!!

Band conditions have been pretty average this last week or so. I have a few logs, but remember I do not make any logs of most of the common stations, even in my own log book. See the updated 2008 list for what I now term common stations. Re the band conditions, the frequencies seem to be producing much the same old common stations, with very little extras. Hardly any West Coast, and in fact, with the high Ks, the band has been somewhat depressed. The odd gem sneaked in though. I had an id

from a rare daytimer, **AM 9-70 The Apple** in New York (WNYM Hackensack, NJ). It is rare, yet 50kW till 2130 in Dec.

560 Rebelde, Cuba 11/12 0100
 600 Rebelde, Cuba 11/12 0100
 610 Rebelde, Cuba 11/12 0100
 620 Rebelde, Cuba 11/12 0100
 640 CFMJ, AM 6-40 Toronto 17/12 0800 Rarish call ID
 670 Rebelde, Cuba 11/12 0100, 9/12 0800 VG
 670 WSCR Chicago 15/12 0900
 680 KBRW Barrow AK 14/12 1212 mx briefly during brief west coast opening. Also 13/12, 9/12 1138
 710 Rebelde, Cuba 11/12 0100
 720 WGN 17/12 0000
 750 WSB Atlanta 17/12 0800 Dominant
 760 WCHP Daytimer closing 16/12 2115 French before hand.
 770 Rebelde, Cuba 11/12 0100
 780 WBBM 17/12 0905
 790 CFNW 16/12 2100 VOCM NEWS
 870 CUBAN PIPS RELOJ pres. 9/12 0800
 917 Nigeria still here fair pks, never id. 16/12 2119
920 XELE MEXICO 16/12 0100
 920 CKNX 16/12 2300 Family/ slightly religious maybe style of show. Though something better initially
 940 AM 9-40 Montreal. Ad for Casey's Coast To Coast. Casey Casem. Still Going!! 18/12 0958
950 KJR Seattle, WA PRES ESPN no ID. 18/12 1100
950 CFAM MB, 15/12 1100 WEAK MB opening.
960 KMA 15/12 0900
 970 Radio Formula, MEX 17/12 0958
970 WNYM Hackensack, NJ 16/12 2130 ID as 9-70 The Apple
 980 CKRU CRUISE Peterbrough, Ont 18/12 1000, 17/12 2100, 15/12 2200
 980 CFPL, AM-9-80 London, Ont. 16/12 2200
 1050 CHUM, Toronto. 16/12 0700 good xmas jingle
 1060 WLNO 16/12 2300
 1070 CHOK 16/12 0900
1130 CKWX Vancouver 14/12 1212 during brief opening to the NW.
 1150 CJRC FF ID 13/12 2300
 1190 WOWO Fort Wayne, IN, 16/12 0700, 2200 Real good peak for this one
1220 WHKW 16/12 2300 RARE here due to Virgin
1230 WECK Buffalo, NY 18/12 2300
 1250 CJYE JOY 12-50 ids 18/12 0300
1250 WNEM Bridgeport, MI 16/12 0900 Weak but readable to use an old phrase.
 1250 WEAE, Pittsburgh. 16/12 2300 ESPN
 1250 CHSM, MB 15/12 1100
 1280 WFAU 19/12 1000, multi call ID
 1280 UNID YOUR FAVOURITE RADIO STATION, 24 HOURS A DAY, below WNAM.
 1280 CFMB 18/12 2100, 16/12 2102 antenna change.
 1290 UNID. Not sure about this one, Sounds like WEMJ Gooska, Maybe O. Req listening

16/12 0900

1290 UNID SS Stn 15/12 0900 Unsure if ID in here.. listening req.

1290 WKBK Keene, NH 9/12 0900

1300 WOOD 18/12 2300

1310 WCCW 18/12 2300

1310 WLOB 15/12 2200

1320 WILS Lansing, MI 18/12 0000, 17/12 0300

1320 WBOB FL 10/12 0100, 9/12 0200

1330 WFNN Erie, PA 18/12 0000 sportsradio1330.com, 16/12 2245

1380 CKPC 15/12 1000

1390 WPLM Plymouth, 11/12 2300

1400 WOND 19/12 0000, 9/12 0859

1410 WPOP 2202 15/12 traffic re between ESPN 15/12 2202

1420 WHK Cleveland, OH 18/12 1000 VG

1420 WOC 9/12 0900

1440 WRED 15/12 0300

1450 WENJ 16/12 0000 15/12 1000

1470 WNYX 16/12 2100

1480 WGVU 19/12 0000, and 0300 VG, 12/12 0900

1490 WBAE 17/12 0000

1500 WLQV 19/12 0000, 0300. Regularly Dominant these days 18/12 1030, 15/12 2200

1500 WFED 14/12 0800 Churchy thing on WFED, so they have religion too!!

1520 KOKC 14/12 0700 K-OKC ID in WWKB fade, 10/12 0300

1540 KXEL 19/12 0000

1600 WWRL 19/12 0000

1610 CHHA Toronto 17/12 0200

1620 WTAW 10/12 0300

1630 KCJJ 19/12 0000 Dittery guy on wx. Reg

1630 KKGW 10/12 0301

1630 WRDW, Augusta, GA 11/12 2300

1640 DISNEY 17/12 0300

1650 CJRS 16/12 2302 EE ID

1660 UNID with an ad for an OLDIES show. 16/12 2200 Just missed toth ID.

1670 WTDY, Madison, WI 16/12 0000 ABC NX

1700 KVNS 10/12 0300

1700 WEUP 10/12 0300

1700 KKLF 16/12 2300 Pres. Sports from 13-10 The Ticket. "Stick it up your tail pipe" traffic report!!! also 2300 15/12

and finally

1710 UNID 17/12 Heard during the night, and poss last night. Audio at 0502, but unable to determine even language, but seemed to be Transatlantic. It had been reported there was another religious station in the NY area, but no further info is known.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY DECEMBER 16th 2008:

TIP FOR DUAL MONITOR USERS: I read in the Perseus Yahoo group a while back about the chap whose Perseus software was opening on the secondary screen, which is no problem at home. But he was working with his laptop mobile, and couldn't find a way to bring it on to the first screen.

There is an easy way, to save messing around restarting in safe mode and opening and closing the Perseus software and rebooting, which works just the same. Often you can hold shift during boot up to bring up the safe mode option. Other machines are booted up in safe mode by holding F8 or F10 or similar at boot up. This does vary from PC to PC.

But I have recently learned a new trick. I have always used dual monitors here since the support was introduced back in Windows 98 days. Often while dxing with Perseus the secondary screen is switched off at the mains, due to my own attitude towards rf interference. But sometimes a window opens on the secondary monitor, and it is such a pain having to switch on and drag across to screen one. But there is an easy way around this.

On the bottom taskbar when a screen/ window is opened, the minimised window shows. There is the possibility for example to right click this and close. (This is the best way to close pop up crap on the web, incase you are clicking a trick screen and trick X to close.)

But on that right click menu, there is a MOVE command. This works so long as the window on the second screen is not maximised. So to move a window back to screen 1:

- 1) Right click the open window of your choice on the bottom taskbar.
- 2) Click (left) the MOVE command
- 3) Press any of the arrow keys on the keyboard briefly
- 4) Roll the mouse left (or right for that matter) without clicking anything, and the window should appear on the main screen.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th 2008:

2007 - 2009 TABLE AVAILABLE: i HAVE added a much better logs list for 2008 - 2009. I am really on my way to using this style to make my own all time list, which will have a few additions to this, but will look very similar. I am sure there are not too many to add except old calls, as I have had such a great DX season here. It now includes personal firsts for 2007 season, and should gradually be updated to an all time list.

If anyone wants to download the html file I use for my 2008 list to use as their own template, feel free.

Right click here and save target as.. etc..

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY DECEMBER 11th 2008:

This evening NICO released his latest PERSEUS software. It really is so smooth now, and a great playback bar again for the longer files. I made a small alteration to my own imaginary software. See below. I added a thicker playback bar, as I always seem to miss it, and whatever it is that clicks, large tones appear on screen and on the speakers. I also added a pause button, a button for 5 seconds advance and 5 seconds back, and buttons for next recorded file and previous recorded file. Alas it was only photo manipulation that added these items, which is the limit of my abilities !!!!



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PHOTOS OF MY QTH: I did threaten to include some of the photos from the snow and frost a few days ago. Below are a selection. If you wonder why I don't mention the village name much here, it is so that the search engines do not pick up on the village. I prefer not to have any local kids seeing antenna wires in remote locations!!





KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10th 2008:

Have been typing up my logs into the 2008 freq table this last couple of days. It is quite a job, but worth it in the end. Check out logs for 2008 season. This gives me the idea to try and complete an all time list of my own logs.

1520 KOKC 0300
 1630 KKGM 0300
 1700 WEUP 0300

Also noticed RTL was on 1440 all night last night.

KBRW Barrow was coming in on 680 again yesterday around 1300 but today it wasn't anything more than a carrier.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY DECEMBER 8th 2008:

I have not managed to update these pages for a week or so, due to a high volume of DX. This past weekend was a bit of a blur too, as I wasn't by the receivers. Below are logs, listed in freq order. Not all stations are listed, and many are not even written in my log book. Common stations now include many which were seen as rare some years ago. A few examples are WYLL 1160, WJR 760, or WOC 1420, WBEN 930 to name but a few!!

FAROES INSTALL NEW TRANSMITTER: An email from Johan at the transmitter site on the Faroes says they have their new transmitter up and running. It certainly has a much sharper cut off than previously, see November logs page around 19th and 20th.

The new waterfall view even shows cw on around 500khz, with no trace of audio splatter. Both screenshots made Monday evening around 2350utc.

Well done to all concerned..



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ALASKA REGULAR FOR 5 OR 6 DAYS: Last week, Alaska was heard on 5 or 6 consecutive days on 680, and another pres logging on 780, but annoyingly no IDs from KNOM, just light music. I have become aware of the fact that I was in the habit of looking for AK during West Coast openings, and yet on Sunday 30/11 there were no traces of West Coast DX, and the band seemed to die between 10 and 11. Then around 1310 I tuned to 680, and there it was!!! And I have checked the times all week, and that seems to be a great peak time here. I also had fast flutter on signals nearly/ just at audio level on 970 and possibly 820 and 1080 at one point. Nothing to identify any though.

LOGS FOR THE LAST WEEK OR SO:

530 Radio Encyclopedia, Cuba id 0259 2/12

560 Cuba Rebelde 0700 5/12

570 Cuba Reloj. Pips etc 0700 5/12 570 WSYR Syracuse, NY 0934 3/12

570 CKGL, Kitchener, ONT. ESPN 1/12 0800
 600 Cuba Rebelde 0700 5/12
 610 WIOD, FL 1/12 0900
 670 WSCR Chicago (1/12 0300) (2/12 0800 VG)
 670 Rebelde, Cuba VG 0700 2/12, 0700 5/12
 680 CFTR Toronto's 6-80 News. VVG at 0700 5/12
680 CJOB Winnipeg 3/12 1058, 1105, 1109
680 KBRW Barrow, AK 1/12 1310 BBC @ 1400. Still there 1720
680 KBRW Barrow, AK 2/12 1100, 1400 with BBC, 1500, 1555 NPR, 1606
680 KBRW Barrow, AK 3/12 1250.
680 UNID ESPN/ KBRW 2/12 1100 Mixing with Barrow KBRW. too wk for local ID. CA??
 690 CINF 0800 2/12 Radio Canada FF id.
 710 Cuba Rebelde 5/12 0700
 710 WOR NY 0900 2/12
710 KIRO Seattle, WA 1/12 1100, 2/12 1000, 1100
720 WGM Chicago 0800 2/12 VG!!
 770 WABC/ CHQR mix 0800 2/12 CHQR clear 1100
770 CHQR 3/12 1100 alone on the channel
 780 WBBM Chicago 1/12 0300
 800 CKLW Windsor, ONT 1000 2/12
 820 CHAM, Hamilton, ONT. Talk 8-20 1/12 0900
 850 WFTL FL 0800 2/12 g ID
 850 WEEI Boston 0358 5/12
 870 WWL 0900 2/12
 880 WCBS NY Big signals 0900 2/12
 890 WAMG ESPN stn 0800 5/12
920 CFRY Real Country Radio (1/12 0300) (2/12 0705)
 930 CFBC 1000 3/12
 930 UNID Poss AB stn. Sounded like dedicated religion rather than xmas carols. 0958 3/12
 930 WBEN Buffalo, NY 2/12 0958 reg
 940 UNID SS coming through sometimes. Mex? La Pantera in Utah? eg 0854 2/12.
 950 WWJ Detroit 3/12 0900
950 KJR, Seattle, WA 1/12 1053 + 1100
950 KJR, Seattle, WA 2/12 0700, 1000
950 CFAM MB Hint of Classical mx 0956 3/12
960 CFAC Calgary AB. 2/12 EPSN 0854. No id. Also 0955 no id, vg 1030, and ID finally at 1100
960 KMA, Shenandoah, IA 2/12 0600
 960 WEAV The Zone, Common Stn, but silly safety ad for setting wildfires by BBQ. IN DEC! 0930 8/12
 970 WFLA FL 0700 2/12
980 WCAP, Lowell, MA 0300 5/12
 1000 WMVP Chicago ESPN and local IDs 0600 5/12
1010 CBC Calgary, AB (CBR) 1/12 1100, 3/12 1000
 1020 Unid SS mixing with KDKA 0800 2/12
 1030 WBZ Boston. Using Persus splatter killer. 0600 5/12
 1050 CHUM Toronto, ONT. Great pk 0928 3/12
1060 CKMX, AB. AM 10-60 1055 2/12 and other times
 1060 WLNO New Orleans, LA In WBIX silence 0700 5/12

1080 WTIC Hartford. VG 0300 2/12 5/12 0200
 1120 KMOX, St Louis. VG at 0900 2/12
1140 CHRB High River, AB. AM 11-40 2/12 1057 1100
 1150 WHBY, Kimberly, WI 2/12 1100 (Using splatter killer to chk for w coast stuff, but only this)
 1160 WYLL Reg 2/12 0200, 0900, also 1030 vg sig
 1170 WWVA, Wheeling, WV 0700 2/12
 1190 MEXICO W Radio (900 khz station) (1/12 0300) (0300 2/12)
 1190 Poss Radio Disney. Maybe just an advert for Disney, poor sig. 1039 2/12
 1200 WOAI TX 0300 2/12
 1250 WSSB Milwaukee, WI (2/12 1000) (3/12 1100)
 1270 UNID FF Tk, not really enough for ID. 4/12 1001
 1280 WNAM, WI 0900 2/12, 0400 5/12
1280 WADO, NY SS but EE id toth 0300 5/12
1280 WEIM Fitchburg, MA 0300 3/12
 1290 WRNI RI 3/12 0900
 1290 WKBK Keane 0200 5/12
 1300 WOOD, Grand Rapids, MI (1/12 0900) (vg 0958 2/12) (5/12 0200)
1320 CHMB Vancouver Call ID 1/12 0300 and logged other times
 1330 WRCA Exc SS ann and EE ann 2134 2/12, 0401 5/12
 1330 WFNN The Fan, Erie, PA 0356 5/12
1360 KKMO Tacoma, WA SS with MX, and echoy IDs 1102
 1360 WTAQ Green Bay, WI 2/12 1000
 1370 WXXI With a WHYY or very similar ID just after their own ID. 0000 2/12
 1380 Unid ESPN stn. Could be one of many, was hoping for North Sound KRKO WA.
 1390 WEGP Exceptionally gd 1/12 0400
 1400 WOND, NJ 1/12 0900
 1400 CBC / WOND mix as well as SS 0700 2/12
 1400 CBC NFLD VG 0804 2/12
1410 CFUN, Vancouver, BC 0703 2/12 and other times
 1410 WPOP Hartford 0258 5/12
 1420 WHK 0930 3/12
 1420 CKDY Digby, NS. AVR wx 1033 4/12
 1430 CHKT Toronto 0300 2/12
1430 WNSW NJ 0300 3/12
 1440 WHKZ 1/12 0300
 1440 WRED / WJJB ids 0300 3/12
 1460 WHIC, Rochester, NY 2300 1/12
 1460 WDDY, Albany, NY 0258 5/12
1470 CJVB Vancouver 1/12 0300, 1100. Also 1430!!
1470 CJVB Vancouver 2/12 Gd pk 1330!! vg 1200, 3/12 1415
 1470 UNID SS 0704. Poss mention Radio Formula, Mex 2/12 Also 0300
 1480 WGVU Kentwood, MI BBC Relays 1/12 0300
 1480 WHBC, Canton, OH 1000 2/12
 1500 WFED DC Exc 0300 5/12
 1500 WFIF Milford CT. 2200 1/12
1500 KSTP St Paul's, MN (2300 1/12) (1100 3/12)
 1500 WLQV, Detroit 1000 2/12
1510 KCKK CO. 0800 2/12
1510 KGA Spokane, WA 2/12 1100, 3/12 1200, also 1415 3/12 and other times
 1530 WCKY OH, 0000 2/12

1540 CHIN Toronto vg 0300 5/12
 1550 CBC Windsor, ONT vg 1000 2/12
 1570 XERF Mexico 0500 4/12
 1600 WUNR 0301 5/12
1600 WKKX, Wheeling, WV 2/12 1000
 1630 KCJJ 0300 5/12
 1640 WTNI Biloxi 1/12 0300
 1660 KQWD Fargo/ Moorhead 1/12 0300
 1660 WFNA 0300 5/12

There will probably be more to add to this list, as I seemed to get bogged down in recordings at the time when the DX was at it's best.

LIST OF REGULAR MID WEST AND WEST COAST STATIONS: Despite amazing AM band conditions, personal firsts are not exactly flowing. But hey, I have some amazing signals some days from the so called usual West Coasters. It has become obvious what the "common" West Coasters and Mid Western stations are around these latitudes. These are stations which I hear here when the band is open to the West and can at least serve as a beacon for propagation. They are not all available at the one time of course.

680 CJOB Winnipeg
 710 KIRO Seattle - Talk Station
 950 KJR Seattle -ESPN
 950 CFAM - Classical Music Stn
 960 CFAC Calgary - ESPN
 1000 KOMO 1000 Seattle - News
 1060 CKMX Calgary - Classic Country, AM 10-60
 1130 CKWX, Vancouver. News 11-30
 1140 CHRB, High River, AB
 1250 CHSM Steinbach, MB - AM 12-50 Classical Music
 1290 CFRW MB
 1320 CHMB Vancouver - Chinese / China Radio Int
 1410 CFUN Vancouver Talk 14-10
 1470 CJVB Vancouver Ethnic. Multicultural
 1510 KGA Spokane, WA. Sports

AM 940 - SUPERB AM QUALITY: I have read in World of Radio recently, some interesting comments about 940 Montreal, and its first class audio. I noticed that here on many signal peaks, that their audio had that "sound" to it of being set up by someone who knows how to operate a proper analogue AM ORBAN OPTIMOD. Remember the growl that Radio Nova from Dublin had on MW?? Remember the audio from the Ross Revenge in 1983?? Perhaps the Ross was even a little over the top?? AM radio has a great sound to it, when it is set up in such a manner.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY DECEMBER 1st 2008:

ALASKA AGAIN !! Yes, 680 Barrow, KBRW has been in and out here during most of the day and last noted around 1810. Other East Coast stations have started to come in at this time, inc WEGP 1390, and 1400 CBC. Unfortunately their programmes even consisted of BBC World Service relays at one point. I had a nice peak then too. There was an ID when David and I were in the shack at 1400, although it was rather lost in the splatter at this point. The small video clip David has put up on UTUBE shows reception at 1355 or 1350 approx, during a peak.

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David also has a video of his flag antenna in the loft, and a demonstration of a null on 1008 Holland. I wish I had a back null like that on all the wire across in the field, while still hearing AK.. lol..

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgZ4y0Gql6k>

Now I have to try and find the time to listen to last nights recordings!!!

GUY ATKINS, SEATTLE: A name familiar to many dxers has 4 new Perseus files up on line. These are various MW dx files from a DX pedition at Grayland, and also one from high noon in downtown Seattle, Washington State, on the US West Coast. I have just asked a friend in a more densely populated area to download them for me. His BB will reach 10 times the speed of mine, easily. But I haven't had time to check my own from the weekend, far less Guy's. But MW dxer's should find his files fascinating. I know I do. I am amazed at the amount of stations I have actually heard over here that comes in on the recordings. (Not nearly as many as Martin up north though..hi)

A DX friend in Holland recently commented that he would prefer to live in a good MWDX qth and bad broadband area, than vice versa. I must agree, even though sometimes on a Saturday night it is a bit of a struggle to reach civilisation for a few beers... and the long road home!! lol ...

Re Guy's files, it is a real help if you hear a station from that neck of the woods, and can refer to the Perseus file. After I had written this paragraph, I used one of Guy's new files to check for the ID of KKMO 1360. Sure enough, that was what I had heard, and thus I can now hear the ID on my own recording, coming through my own aerials.

Here we have poor Guy proudly sharing his Asian DX, and here I am using his DX files for listening to the US stations!!!

PERSUES FILE SHARING AND CHEATING: Some people here in Europe seem to be under the impression that anyone "sharing" a Perseus file is making some kind of a bizzare claim of reception they never had, or QSLing reception of a station they have never heard. I must say that is a very narrow minded and queer way to think. I find it as I said above, fascinating listening to someone else's AM band, in the same way as when you go on holiday and excitedly drag the SONY portable out to see what is on the bands!! It is no different, except for the fact that sadly I am not sitting in downtown Seattle drinking Budweiser!! I don't even manage to write to stations I do hear myself, far less station someone else hears. Why should I anyway. I don't understand that way of thinking.... I even find it amazing that some people write for QSLs to stations they hear on holiday. I have never done that sort of thing either. A dedicated DX pedition may be a different casebook altogether, but any QSL's from that would in my book, be only totaled for that expedition, and not for any all time lists etc...

Back to the subject though. Any fool who uses these files to make their own pretend dx catches, is simply kidding only themselves. What's the point?? Why even bring the subject up, unless you have something to hide anyway?? I personally don't have to write for QSLs off the back of someone else. I have enough dx I have heard through my own antennas. If truth be told, I don't have the time to write for QSLs for the excellent DX I have already had off my own back this season, far less start kidding myself and using someone else's. My last TADX QSL was in the mid 80s I think.. I would be as well using a web stream to pretend I had reception. And I have to laugh at the characters who suggest such activity actually goes on?? I am sceptical. Having said that, a few years ago I had one character copy photographs from my local history web site, send them to some dubious Canadian Scottish heritage site, and credit himself!!!! In their favour, the Canadian outfit took the material off line straight away, when they were shown the origins of the images.

Back to the subject of the PERSEUS, and I heard about one dishonest character who despite his dubious past, was freely passing comments about Perseus users sharing files, and how this somehow in his eyes would encourage some kind of bizzare cheating. Exactly who was supposed to be cheated was not explained. I was on the floor laughing after hearing of this piffle, coming from the mouth of the reknowned joker concerned...lol...!!

In the 80s we had all the backward folks rubbishing frequency counters, and tape recorders. The same type of people have also been rubbishing PERSEUS users. WHY?? What do they want us to do?? Go back to using a crystal set?? Why, the band is so full of DRM rubbish and splatter from Euros, that any piece of apparatus which assists in digging out the dx, be it directional aerals, or better receivers, is obviously going to be an added bonus. This is not the 60's and 70's when most of the Euros signed off for the night, leaving the band wide open. There is a dedicated group of serious dxers seem to enjoy using kids toy tranny's for dxing. I hasten to add I am certainly not one of them. I have strived to improve my dxing equipment over the years, not to make it worse. But maybe that is what the anti Perseus brigade want us all to revert back to. And maybe they even see external antennas as cheating.... Many MW dxers have had dreams for all these years about the ability to record the whole band during the peak of the dx around dawn, and play it back. Now that this is a reality, I just have to laugh at the backward thinking of some so called radio enthusiasts who say we are not real

DXers.

Perhaps the strangest comments I have heard about were from one dxer who decided not to share his dx logs anymore (on a non public e list I hasten to add) incase any PERSEUS users saw them!! I have a vision of him sitting in a candle lit darkened room, curtains drawn, listening to WINS, but the volume not too loud incase anyone nearby should find out what he is really listening to!! But I have heard rumours that since then, the same dxer is now considering yes.....wait for it..... buying a PERESUS.

SO AM I A CHEAT?

A final note for now on this subject.

Do I use a receiver to pick up my dx on the MW band??

Answer YES.

Do I pick these signals up through my aerial over in the woods??

Answer YES. .

Where's the problem????

Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx. 920 here I think has been the best example by far.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
630 CFCY
920 CJCH
950 CHER
960 CHNS
960 CFFX
1070 CBA/ CBC
1320 CKEC
1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following empty channels vacated by:

540 BRT
567 RTE
612 RTE
729 RTE
1188 BRT
1314 NRK

1395 BIG L

1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)

1512 BRT

Updates welcome. This winter, off goes 531 Switzerland, and 1476 Austria. Keep the ball rolling I say... I thought 1008 was going to go off, but again, they have been appealing for money to stay on, and sadly, they are still on air.. Maybe they could save money by closing down from 6pm - 6am!!! Just for us DXers.

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Corner**[All DX Logs](#) - [FM / TV DX](#) - [DX Equipment](#) - [Audio Downloads](#) - [Other Items](#) - [DX chat](#)[Contact](#)[Back to logs index](#)**PERSONAL FIRSTS IN NOVEMBER: (Inc some from older Perseus files)**

600	CJWW	SK	0553 27/9 (DXing old rec)
660	CFFR	Calgary, AB	14/11(6-60 news)
680	KBRW	BARROW AK	1310 - 1400 + 30/11
780	KNOM	KNOME, AK	30/11 Tent. 1335 + - with easy music. NO ID
920	KXLY	Spokane, WA	0900 15/11
920	WIRD	Lake Placid, NY	0300 19/11 ESPN SEMI DAYTIMER
950	KJR	Seattle, WA	6/11(ESPN hrd before but never ided)
980	CFPL	London, ONT	2/11
980	WTEM	Washington DC	13/11 ESPN (no local id hrd 12/11)
1010	CBR	Calgary, AB	18/11 1000
1070	KNX	Los Angeles CA	5/11 0700
1080	KRLD	Dallas/ Forth Worth, TX	2/11 (tnx Paul C) Sat clean on top of WTIC!!
1110	KFAB	OMAHA	0600 27/9 (DXing old rec)
1230	WECK	CHEEKTOWAGA, NY	0800 29/11
1260	WRIE	Erie, PA	19/11 0800 ESPN RADIO 12-60
1320	CHMB	Vancouver	18/11 Had CC tk before but not ID.
1330	WLOL	Minneapolis MN	Relevant Radio 23/11
1350	KCOX	Jasper, TX	4/11 0700 (KTXJ ID)
1350	WNLK	Norwalk, CT	0700 15/11
1370	WLJW	Cadillac, MI	0600 23/9 (Tnx Paul and all on MW cluster) (DXing old rec)

1380	KOTA	Rapid City, SD	0400 5/11 (tnx JF for tip)
1380	WYNF	North Augusta SC	ESPN Semi Dayimer, ie QRP night in theory 15/11 0900
1400	WSLB	Ogdensburg, NY	0900 23/11
1420	WBEC	Pittsfield, MA	(Tent) 0900 23/11 "The Berkshires" req extra keen ears.
1430	KZQZ	St Louis, MO	0930 24/11
1470	CJVB	Vancouver, BC	0900 19/11 1st full voice id, not just 3 pips
1480	WLMV	Madison, WI	0558 27/9 (DXing old rec)
1510	WRRD	Wauksesha, WI	28/11 2300 SS Daytimer!!
1660	KXTR	Kansas City, KS	2300 14/11

More unusual logs in bold

NB: A time of eg 0900 often means the 0900 recording, and not necessary the exact time of the ID.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th 2008:

WHAT AN END TO NOVEMBER.....

ALASKA

HEARD HERE IN SOUTHERN SCOTLAND.....

I ask myself one simple queston??

Have I been listening at the wrong times??

I have never tried that late, 1300 - 1400.

When West Coast stuff goes I assume thats the show over...

This mornings signals were nothing special, and no sign of West Coast really...

Maybe odd weak signals, but nothing of note....

Audio clips in root audio folder obviously under 081130

David Hamilton has made a U Tube movie of the reception..

This can be found here.

My own slightly longish audio clip is found here

ALASKA: Well there I was chatting to the mw dx cluster on SKYPE, and I find myself for some reason, tuning to 680 at 1310ish. There I heard quite loud music, and I thought, no, it can't possibly be Alaska.

For some reason, I can not stream their web page through windows M.E. The stream crashes not only winamp, but the whole PC. I can stream most other stations I have tried, but KBRW causes grief. So I had Maurits in Belgium and David up the road both checking what I was hearing was parallel with the web stream. Sadly there were no super IDs during peaks, but it did ID at 1400.

Around 1333 there was a superb peak during a Katie Melua song, (Crawling up a hill) and of course some other peaks during other tracks too. . The top of the hour id at 1400 was pretty poor. I wonder if 1300 would have been better. I think so.. I had assumed 1130 - 1200 would have been best....

One other thing shocked and stunned me. The morning was of no particular interest dx wise. I also seemingly have made the mistake of assuming that if there is loud west coast dx, it will better the chance of Alaska DX. Seems NOT!!!

So there you go, Alaska is possible at these latitudes. It was best by far on my temporary antenna in the open field, even though there are many other stations on the LF part of the band better with the old aerial. I never had the chance to connect the north aerial today. Too excited.. So in a way this makes up for the PC crash in the middle of the night when nothing was recorded overnight!!!!

Another thought. At 1400 I would always have my inverted L antenna in which brings in Asians better. Now I know different!!!!

So what was heard now my recordings have been checked:

KBRW Barrow 680

KNOM Knome 780 (No ID, only bible music)

And one more which caught me out, but I assumed the music was KENI 650. It turned out to be GREENLAND at 1500 and strong talk around 1515!!!

I am still singing an old Randy Edelman song which came to mind.. Farewell Fairbanks.

A great old track about the oil pipeline. The Guy who sang Up Town Up Tempo Woman.

It's a beautiful day: What a beautiful crisp frosty morning here in Scotland. I went a walk down the beverage and was rewarded with the spotting of a roe deer charging through the woods where my permanent aerial is situated. I have some nice photos of the frost and the mist. Will post some soon hopefully. The deer was too fast for me sadly.

Aerial Switch: I have threatened to make an aerial switch to make life a lot easier for years now. I finally made the switch box on Friday. Here it is below, complete with the choice of switching 4 different baluns into the circuit, or straight by pass.



[Click to enlarge.](#)

OLD LOGS: Checking 23rd Sept again and found 980 WCUB 0602, and 1160 KSL 0600 and WHBY 1150.

Sat 28/11/08: No logs available yet, not listened to the files. Except that at 0800 KMA 960 was there. Also at 1000.

Friday 28/11/08 :

I have a few logs for evening time. At 2300 I had a weak ID from **WRRD WI, a SS daytimer in WI**. John in NL was also hearing this rarity. I scraped an ID at 2300. Ads just before the top of the hour were much better here.. Also a rare Joy 12-50 ID, and one of the confusing ids for beginners. A CFRA weather report on CFGO!!! Of all things.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27th 2008:

Nothing really to report, except a couple of additional stations IDed. **1420 Tent WBEC Pittsfield, MA**, and **KZQZ St Louis, MO on 1430**. The latter was a possitive ID. WBEC needs a loan of keen ears just to confirm. It is not a good one. Seems to be a mention of the Berkshires, as per their web site.

This morning I had WDHP VI on 1620 at 0300, and at the same time WGIT PR 1660. WUNR was gd at 1000 on 1600. Also KKGM 1630. So far it has mostly been run of the mill stuff.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26th 2008:

Poor morning all round, high Ks and just the usual stations you may hear on an average day. John in NL pointed out an odd signal on 1500khz at 0800. There seemed to be an Indian chant on at the same time as talk, but it turned out it was some kind of a loud chant over the talk as part of a WFED show!!

Had WCHP NY on 760 for close down at 2130. There was company on 970, but no IDs. WFED sister station on 820 was heard at 2200, and . 2130 and 2300 WNYC 820 came through.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25th 2008:

Is 2008 the best DX season in years?? : Has this season been for everyone else, as good as it has for me?? This may well be the best ever dx season I have had, mainly I have to say thanks to the abilities of the Perseus receiver. Oh yes, the band was exceptional in Sept, reasonable in Oct, and now in November, the band is still jumping. My time is also my own this year, and I hope this continues for the up and coming holiday season, and give me a bit of time for live dxing. (I guess I better be careful of distractions when I go out on a Saturday night then.. hi !!) It could prove an interesting year end, if the band is good to us.

Well what a weekend and start to the week. I have really no idea how to start this entry. The DX has been flowing thick and fast, with west coast dx every day!!! The Perseus crybabies who say we are cheating must surely even concede that they would be interested in making even the basic observations of how the band is behaving during good openings. I never realised there could be west coast dx at these latitudes quite so regular. It has been a spectacular few days. I have never had TADX at noon, far less ONLY west coast!! Last stations to go on Monday were CFUN 1410 and CJVB 1470!!! Amazing. I am even convinced I had Barrow, Alaska on 680, when some brief country music faded in about 1140, but of course, no IDs here. I guess if we get the same long quiet spell in mid winter, we could be on to a good thing.

Observations on the Beverages: My neighbour and converted MW dxe David Hamilton and I ran out a short beverage aerial, just scarce of 200m running almost due north. (See aerial shot from 3rd November) There was no sign of the 680 station on this north facing aerial sadly, and so far, I have received NOTHING on it. All I succeeded in doing on the 680 station was bringing up splatter from NL 675, which was a little disappointing.

I was also making some interesting comparasons with my two beverage aerials. I have a permanent antenna going in a north west direction from here, through dense woodlands. Feeder is a mess, lots of joins, and reconnections, and is probably about 200m in length, before the 500m of beverage even starts. I am able to use the field across from me this winter, so I also have a dead straight 420m antenna running across flat ground. Both are in the same direction, but very different characteristics. From 530 up to somewhere near 1200khz, by far the best antenna is my original permanent antenna. From roughly

1200 or 1300 upwards, the new temporary aerial is much better. On Monday during the late opening, west coast reception showed the difference easily. At 1115 I had Vancouver on 1130. This was much better on the old antenna. But 1470 Vancouver was much better on the new antenna. On lower frequencies, the new temporary antenna has much more Euro splatter, which is not really what I expected when the antenna was in free air, and much straighter than the one through the woodlands.

Personal Firsts: Maybe I have not had so many personal firsts this past weekend as I would have liked, but I have certainly seen some good signals from many rarer stations, and good IDs from stations I had only muffled talk from in the past. One example is CJVB 1470 Vancouver. I only ever heard the familiar and unique 3 pips they use, and Asian style chat. Now I have a nice ID in EE and with a very respectable signal.

CFAC 960 - ESPN Radio Calgary: I am still chasing a local ID for the ESPN station on 960 from Calgary. Been chasing it since last winter in fact. And guess what. The peaks mid hour can and are often very respectable, till it comes to ID time. The 3 pips and Asian talk is no problem to be a possitive ID on 1470, but ESPN programmes could be from anywhere almost, and as I commented farther down this page, ESPN Radio is certainly not a possitive ID. The same could have been said for KJR 950 Seattle, but I had a local ID for this just this season.

LOGS: - - - - -

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25th:

Not much to report this am after some really higher K's. They were forecast. 09, 10, etc had plenty of stations and to some it may have been a great band, but here they were the common stations you may expect to hear on an average night here, and thus not logged in the log book. WXXI was coming through as well as WDEA on 1370 at 0000.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24th: (May be more logs to come)

680 UNID Weak audio coming in and out. Country Music. 1141.
Tent Alaska but of course there were no IDs.

710 KIRO Seattle, WA 1035 Just caught tail end of ids.
Surprised as I thought band was dying at 1000. Best on old antenna

730 Unid poss id below CKAC. Needs further listening 0900. poss ee 1038

770 CHQR Dominant 1032

780 WBBM 0855

950 KJR Seattle. Pres. ESPN. No ids today, but best on my old permanent beverage
1060 R Education, Mex 0700

1130 CKWX 1105 ID as News 11-30 1114 pk with ads. Best on old antenna

1150 WHBY 0700

1320 CHMB Vancouver 0900 No id but CC tk Also 1111

1400 WOND 0800

1410 CFUN Vancouver, BC 1145 Still coming in!! Hrd at noon along with 1470

1410 WPOP 0900

1420 WOC 0900

1430 **KZQZ St Louis, MO 0930 24/11**

1470 CJVB Vancouver 0900 1110 noted only on new antenna. Still there at NOON!!

1470 WNYN 0700

1500 WLQR Detroit 0956

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd: (May be more logs to come)

670 WSCR 0900

780 WBBM 0900

1070 CHOK 1000, 0827

1150 WHBY 0900 0830

1160 WYLL 0900

1170 WWVA 1000

1330 WFNN The Fan 0900

1330 WLOL Minneapolis, MN. Personal 1st Relevant Radio. UTC -6 1000

1400 WSLB Ogdensburg NY Rare graveyarder 0900 Personal 1st

1420 WOC 0858

1420 Tent WBEC Pittsfield, MA 0900 Mention "The Berkshires" req extra keen ears.

1420 KTOE 1000

1460 KXNO Des Moines, IA 0903

1470 WNYN 1000

1500 KTSP ST Paul's, MN 0900 (Noted in Dec from recording)

1510 KGA poor 1000

1501 WLAC 0900

1570 WFLR (Not hrd this since about 1996) 0900

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd: (Prob much more to come)

770 CHQR 0800 Very loud peak at the right time

890 WLS 0800

930 WBEN 0400

950 Classical Mx, Pres MB 0729

950 KJR WA 0900

980 CKPL ID as AM-9-80 0902

990 CBC Def echo on CBC news 0900

1000 WMVP ESPN 0900

1120 KMOX VG LEVEL 0900

1130 KFAN 0800 0900 Mixing WBBR but clearish id

1150 WHBY 0800

1160 KSL UT 0900

1160 WYLL 0800

1170 WWVA 0900

1180 WHAM VG PK 0800

1250 CHSM MB 0500 Good AM 12-50 id Also 0800 classicakl mx noted

1280 WNAM 0800

1280 WFAU 0900

1290 CFRW MB 0900

1310 WCCW 0900

1330 WFNN The Fan 0900

1380 KOTA SD / KLIZ Brainerd both id 0800 (KLIZ 1000 also)

1390 WRIG 0500 0600

1410 CFUN Vancouver g ids 0905

1420 KTOE tent . have to chk rec. 0800

1470 CJVB Vancouver 0900 voice id as well as familiar pips

1510 KGA WA 1100 0800

1530 WCKY 0800

1600 WWRL 0800

1620 KOZN ESPN Omaha 0500

1630 Pres La Grande WY 0728

1630 KCJJ 0900

1660 Relevant Radio FL 0900

1660 KQWR Fargo 0500

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st:

Probably some files still to browse through..

560 WGAN 0700

680 CFTR Remarkably strong at 0700

720 WGM 0600 id behind pips

800 CHAD FF 0700

890 WLS 0600

920 CKNX 0900

1150 WHBY 0600

1190 WOWO 0600

1330 WFNN Erie 0400. Has this call changed?? The Fan

1360 WDRC / WKAT mix 0700

1420 WHK 0900

1460 Hickory, Stn of the Cross 0900

1480 WHBC 0900

1540 CHIN 0400

1630 KCJJ 0600

1660 WWRU 0200

1660 Relevant Radio FL 0500
1700 KVNS VG 0800

Should be more to come for Friday, time permitting.. Maybe next summer....hi

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20th 2008:

I feel there were a few strong signals around today, but the band not as lively, and not open to the west, like yesterday.

580 CFRA 0800
600 CBC Multi Freq listings 0927
680 WRKO/ CFTR mix 0800
820 WBAP 0800
920 CKNX 1000 VG
950 CKNB 0925
1000 ESPN Chicago only today, no sign of KOMO 1000
1170 WWVA WV 0900
1290 WJNO West Palm Beach 0800
1300 WOOD 1001
1330 WRCA 0200
1380 CKPC 1000
1420 CKDY Digby, NS AVR id 1000

Much more heard, but there are a few. Nothing special after yesterdays surprises.

FAROE ISLANDS - 531: I have been sent a few images of the transmitter site at the Faroes. Thank you to Johan for this.



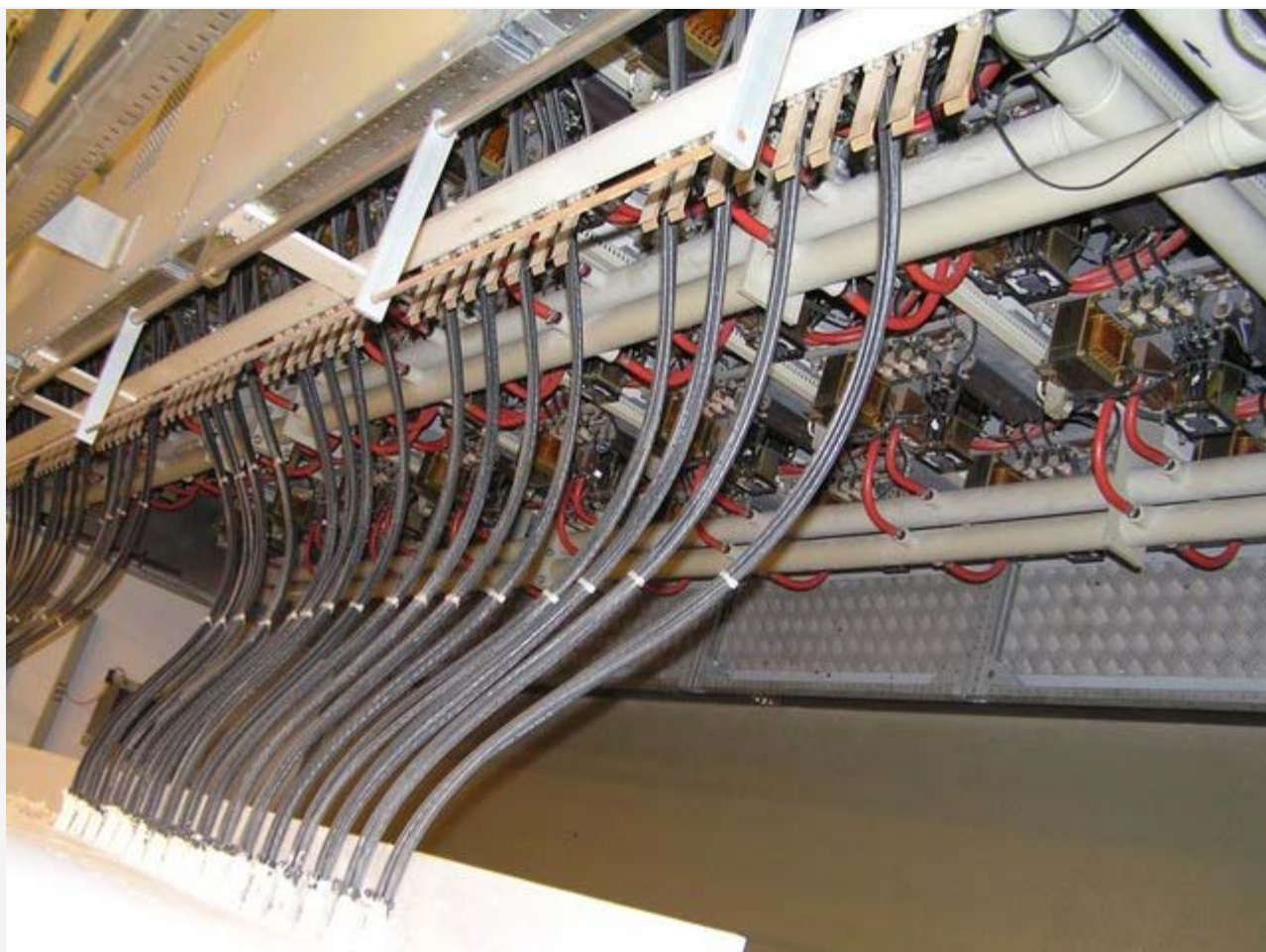
The transmitter building from the mast



New 50kW and 100kW Thomson transmitters under installation



531kHz mast and TX building. Notice the grass roofs, typical of The Faroe Island's tradition.



Part of the old 200kW Thomson transmitter from 1990

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19th 2008:

FAROES TAKES UP AN AMAZING 60 + Khz of spectrum!!!!

The Faroes have been testing a new transmitter installation, but excessive audio splatter from the station can be seen on the following 2 screenshots.





Waterfall View during excessive splatter, and after adjustments using Perseus SDR software.
Click to enlarge. Sorry screen is smaller than the image.
This is to accommodate 800 by 600 screens



Spect View during excessive splatter, and after adjustments using Perseus SDR software.
Click to enlarge. Sorry screen is smaller than the image.
This is to accommodate 800 by 600 screens

The above screens are a "before and after" example. The "after" is after technical adjustments of power and modulation (reduction of 3dB) were made. Antenna for this reception is a little excessive, 500m beverage running NW from my own qth!! See antenna photos in the October logs page.

I e mailed the station re this splatter and received a very prompt response.

Hi Kenny

We have reduced the Tx power by 3 dB and modulation by 3 dB yesterday (18-11-2008) to reduce the noise.

A team from Thomson is at the moment at Akraberg installing a new MW transmitter.

We expect the new transmitter (where noise problem is solved) to be operational in the beginning of December 2008 (week 49).

Best regards

Jóhan P. Poulsen

Faroese Telecom

HETRODYNES / OFF CHANNEL STATIONS:

I have made some notes in my log of off channel stations around the MW band, heard here in Scotland.

None of the frequencies measured particularly accurately.... I don't really know the identity of any of these except Nigeria. 917 is Nigeria. 1385 was heard in European afternoons a few weeks ago

684.1

917

1098.2

1385

1386.2

1457.6

1467.3

1476.3

1574.2

ASIAN STATIONS TODAY:

At last I had an ID from All India Radio on 1395 at 1530. Personal first. (Hrd it for a while without ids). Also hearing Eastern stations on 1476, 1386 and usual China 1521. The old Mayak INT signal heard on 1521 too at 1600. Isn't Perseus and Autohotkeys a great combination when you can't be by the receiver.

ESPN - NEVER ASSUME AN ID OF AN UNKNOWN ESPN STATION:

I have often said in these pages that is is not a good idea to hear an ESPN station and jump at the most likely candidate. I may well have done this, although in fairness, I have it logged as a tent. I had thought espnradio1260 was WNSS Syracuse NY. It is, but this morning I heard **ESPN RADIO 1260 WRIE ERIE, PA.**

I assume anyone else in the dx world who doesn't assume ESPN stations as a tentative log, has full local ids to back up their claims?? A unique web address is good enough for a local ID of course, or a unique slogan, but obviously NOT just hearing the ESPNRADIO and the freq. The above log is living proof of that.

TADX logs :

560 WGAN 0100
 570 CKGL ONT 0600 ESPN
 670 CUBA Rebelde. vg 0200
680 CJOB Winnipeg mix with CFTR 0700
 690 CINF pres FF No call id today.
 700 WLW g @ 0600
 720 POSS WGN behind BBC, Just no id at right time 0800
 760 WJR 0800 0700
 800 CKLW 0800
 820 CHAM Talk Stn 0800
 870 WWL Pretty good this am again 0700
 890 WLS Chicago 0800
920 CFRY mix CKNX 0700
920 WIRD Lake Placid 0300 ESPN SEMI DAYTIMER Personal 1st
 940 Montreal AM 940 0800
 960 WEAV 0800The Zone
 990 ESPN The Team, Montreral 0800
 1160 WYLL Chicago 0800 030
1260 WRIE Erie, PA ESPN RADIO 1260 0800 Poss my tent my Syracuse ESPN stn in Sept.
 1300 WOOD 0800

1300 WOJE Cleveland 0800 / mix WOOD
 1330 WFNN Erie, PA 0800
 1330 WRCA 0300
 1350 WOYK York, PA 0800
 1360 WKAT FL 0900
 1370 WXXR Rochester 0900
 1380 CKPC 0800 0100
 1390 WFBL 0300
 1410 UNID Canadian Press News CFUN OR CKSL, London Ont
 1420 WHK 0850
 1420 WOC 1000
 1460 WHIC Rochester, NY 0900
 1460 CJOY 0800 Jingle id
 1470 WBKV 0700 Poor
1470 CJVB Vancouver, BC 0900 full id today
 1480 WGVU MI 0900
 1480 WHBC Canton 0700
 1490 WBAE 0800
 1500 WFED / WLQV MIX 0800
 1540 CHIN 0100 Gd levels as ever
 1550 CBE Windsor, ONT 0800
 1620 WDHP Virgin Isles 0302, 0200
 1650 CJRS Poor 0200
 1660 WMYR FL 0100
 1660 WFNA 0200 poor

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18th 2008:

Asian DX:

Some good signals in the afternoon today. At 1500 WYFR Taiwan in ee. Family Radio tk. Also All India Radio on 1395 and briefly // 1566 at 1541 in EE. No ID for AIR.

TADX:

Now that's what I call a lively band. Here the band stayed open past 1000, and brought in some West Coast dx again. Gonna try and catch up on these logs, but there are more I am sure. Getting hectic.

680 WRKO 0900
 830 WCRN 0900 Not as dominant as a few weeks ago
960 CFAC Calgary Tent ESPN RADIO No local ID unfortunately, so tent. 0800
1000 KOMO Seattle, WA 0900 0930 1000
1010 CBR Calgary 1000 No id, but familiar CBC news tune at toth mix CFRB/ WINS
 1170 WWVA Wheeling, WV 1000 0800
 1180 WHAM in Cuban mix 0800
 1260 WMKI Boston Radio Disney 0800 local ids

1290 WRNI RI 0800 BBC Relay after ids

1310 WLOB 0800

1320 CHMB Vancouver, BC 0900 China Radio Int ids

1330 WRCA VG 0900

1370 WDEA VG 0900

1380 WSYB Rutland, VT 0800

1380 WMYF 0900 Dominant and alone on ch

1410 CFUN Vancouver BC. 1004 Call id as well as Talk 14-10 id. 0904

1420 CKDY Digby 0900 Multi Stn ann

1420 WHK 0930

1460 WDDY Albany NY 0900 Radio Disney local id

1460 WHIC Rochester, NY 0800 ID but bad fade just as call ann. "Station of the Cross".

1470 CJVB Vancouver, BC 1000 1006 0900 distinctive 3 pips just past toth + CC TK

1480 WSAR Fall River, 0900

1490 WBAE Portland, ME 0800

1510 KGA Spokane, WA VG 1000 and 1006

1550 CBC Windsor Ont VG 0900

1560 WQEW Local ID from Radio Disney

1600 WUNR Poor id 0900

1380 KOTA Rapid City noted 0400 6th Nov. Tnx for tip JF.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY NOVEMBER 17th 2008:

A mixed bag this weekend. Saturday was the most amazing day here at 0900 anyway. What an opening on the top of the hour, at 0900. Sunday and Monday were poor.

RADIO ST HELENA DAY: Again as they do each year, ST HELENA in the Atlantic Ocean activate their 1kw SSB transmitter on 11092.5kHz. This year, I was unaware of the date, but thanks to Alf in the Skype mwdx chat, I found out just in time, and into the bargain, happened to be around on a Saturday night. Signal was not as consistant as last winter, but still good for a time, and good enough to have a request read out on air. It is always nice to hear St Helena, and long may they continue to broadcast on SW.

FRANCE BACK ON!!!! BAH - HUMBUG!!: The QRM is back on 1377. For the amount of dx I have had this season on 1380, the channel has been pretty unproductive since Friday when I first noticed the channel free of QRM. I had a semi daytimer as I will call it, but that was about it. WYNF North Augusta which should be on flea power at night. I had hoped for South Dakota, but still I have only heard an ad for Rapid City. No IDs from elusive KOTA.

SKYPE: There is a bunch of us using a SKYPE chat box at night now, and within reason, anybody is welcome. David Hamilton has also started a MW CLUSTER style chat box, for tips only. This serves equally as well for live tips, as it does for various overnight recorded PERSEUS files. I have found this chatterbox to be very useful, and although not public, it still serves better than the chat box on this site, which is very limited. I would still like some kind of a live chat which was public, and text remaining maybe for 2 weeks or so. For the sake of digesting the dx tips... Maybe some of us will work at this,

but not a chatterbox with any clutter. In web page design, I really hate the clutter and flashing lights often found on the web. Only a personal preference you understand.

LOGS: Mon 17th Nov: (Not a great morning)

1330 WRCA 0600 Ann Watertown/ Boston now
 1370 WDEA 0400
 1420 WHK 0600
 1470 WLAM 0400
 1480 WSAR 0400 + 0600
 1620 WRDW Augusta
 1660 WCNZ 0400

LOGS: Sat 15th Nov:

540 CBC Dominant in EE
 570 CKGL 0900
 650 KNR Greenland pres. ALWAYS PRES. No id. Little unique tune at 2200 though
660 CFFR Calgary AB 0900 6-60 News
 740 AM 740 Toronto, VG sig and live nostalgia. Nice to hear a music stn and live shows.
770 CHQR, Calgary, AB 0900
 880 WNBC NY Really wild signal strength 0000
 900 W Mexico 0900
920 KXLY Spokane, WA 0900 Initially tent, but quite confident now.
 940 Montreal. VG levels 0700
 1010 WINS NY VG 0900
 1050 WEPN NY SUPERB SIGNAL AT 0700 Multi Call IDs
 1060 WBIX
 1140 LV Miami 0700
 1150 CJRS Pres. FF But not // 610.
1160 KSL Salt Lake City, UT best ID ever from this one. Mix WYLL till toth 0700
 1190 WOWO Fort Wayne, ID 0700
 1290 CJBK 0800 also g at 0500 ESPN stn
 1310 WCCW Traverse City 0700 vy wk today
 1320 CJMR EE id 0500
 1330 WFNN The Fan 0800
1350 WNLK Norwalk, CT 0700 Ann wstc 1400 wnlk 1350 wstcwnlk.com
1350 CKAD Middleton, NS 2200
1370 WXXI Rochester, NY. Also amazing splatter only Manx Radio id 0900
1380 WYNF North Augusta, SC ESPN Semi Daytimer, ie QRP at night. 0900
1380 WPHM wk id 0905
 1440 WEEI relay 0100
 1430 WENE NY The Team. G pk. Dont normally log this pest. 0900
 1480 WHBC Canton
 1500 UNID music, mention mexico, but maybe just mx of Mexico 0800
 1570 XERF VG levels chimes and kids voices 0800
 1630 WRDW Augusta 0900
 1640 WTNI 0800
 1660 WMYR FL 0000
 1680 WSSM SS 0900
 1690 WPTX Lexington Park 2200

1700 KVNS vg levels 0800
1700 WEUP AB 2200

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14th 2008:

FRIDAY NIGHT: Noticed that France was off on 1377 at 2200. Hopefully from the selfish dxe point of view, it is off for good. I hope it is not off to have any silly DRM fitted or anything. This is so strong and splattery here, even though the beverage direction is towards North America. The directivity of the said beverage can not possibly be perfect for such a length of cable. In the case of the beverage I normally use, 420m approx. At 2300 I had a surprising on the top, in the clear ID from **KXTR Kansas City 1660**.

Now that's more like it. Mid west stations coming in today as were Cubans, as were FL, as were... well coming in from all over really. A lot of the common stations are not noted here. Neither are they noted in my log book..

Logs:

560 CUBA Rebelde 0702
660 CFFR Calgary, AB 0700 (6-60 News)
820 WBAP TX. VG 0702
780 WBBM Chicago 0600
920 CFRY MB 0559
920 CKNX ONT VG 0656
950 CUBA Radio Reloj Cuba 0700
980 WTEM Washington ESPN 0700
1060 CKMX Calgary, AB AM 10-60
1250 WSSP mixing with the "lift music" channel
1290 CFRW MB 0600/1
1310 WCCW Traverse City 0700 ESPN
1350 WARF Akron, OH 0700
1360 WKAT FL 0700

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13th 2008:

I feel the last couple of days have been very much average here. Maybe I am still in "weekend away in Amsterdam" mode, but I feel the band has been rather poor since around 6th. At least there is DX to be heard though. There have been times in the past years when there is nothing at all to be heard, eg after a large aurora. I may seem not to be using the MW DX Cluster on Skype so much, but if my log book was to be inspected, there would be nothing exciting seen there either. I have tried to make a direct link to the MW chat on Skype, but all I seem to achieve is a load of unusable code on the page. Had this trouble some time back with some kind of RSS code on another web page. (New style code just for the sake of it??) Perhaps best to search skype users for "tvdxrools".

LOGS: Only a few logs worthy of note here. Personal first on **980, WTEM Washington**, an ESPN station, heard just before 0700 on 12/11, but right on TOTH 9-80 CRUISE

(CKRU Peterborough, Ont) came right up over the ID. At 0600 on 13th however, there was a weaker local ID and multi station call. CKRU is not in itself a common log here, so it was quite a good ID to pick out, in fact it was a nice peak. The other more unusual station was **1700 KKLF**, on top of KVNS at 0600 on 12th.

OLD RECORDINGS: I have been listening to some old recordings, and have come up with the following unusual ones.

600 CJWW SK 0553 27/9

1110 KFAB OMAHA 0600 27/9

1370 WXXI Rochester 23/9 0559 and followed by....

1370 poss WLJW just after WDEA ID. Need 2nd opinion. 0600 23/9

1480 WLMV Madison, WI 0558 27/9

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11th 2008:

Nothing recorded overnight last night either. I had been out at a MOTORHEAD gig in Glasgow, and was pretty late on the road.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY NOVEMBER 10th 2008:

AMSTERDAM RADIO DAY: Just back from the Amsterdam Radio Day at the weekend. There were about 450 people turned up to this annual event this time. A great time was had by all. Highlights for me included meeting up again with the German guys who run the radio day at Erkrath, a great team. I also met up with some guys from Waterford, Eire who I have not seen since 1986!! The theme of the radio day this year was "Radio Caroline Late 1970's". Musically for me, this was a great time for the station. The format is still very similar on the current satellite service, and I can still enjoy the album show from BUZBY on a Friday evening, or Johnny Lewis or Martin Fisher, or Roger Mathews, Stuart Russel etc. Their shows were always enjoyable back in the late 70's. Web sites such as AZ Anorak (A SAD ANORAK!!) now have so much material directly downloadable from that era. It is great to be able to access these archives, thanks to web technology. 10 years ago, this kind of archive would have been unthinkable.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON FREQUENCIES: I am often faced with what seems like a barrage of stations on a particular frequency, but am equally as often only ever able to pull in the "usual" stuff on the channel. Let me diversify. 970 often seems to have more than just common place WZAN, yet I have only once managed to log anything other than WZAN (from North America). Another channel I feel I regularly miss unusual stations is 1430. It always seems to be either the Toronto ethnic station, or WENE, The Team. 1480 is another. Usual stations are WSAR and WHBC. Yet often I feel there is more around. Is there more around. Yes is the answer, but they have simply eluded me so far.

LOGS: On Sunday night/ Monday morning my drive letter of the hard drive changed again, due to removal and additions of other drives. I never noticed this before setting my overnight timer, which was a bit of a bummer, so no logs this morning. Glad of a long lie this morning to catch up on sleep. Was out in Amsterdam till about 4 or 5am Sat night, and had to catch an early flight home Sunday, so to say I wasn't at my best

would be an understatement !!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7th 2008:

Last night I had an amazing reception of WEGP at 1930. Sadly there was no time check on the station at this time. I have uploaded an audio clip.

Bang: As is often the case, the band wil suddenly go from being amazingly active to - dead!! It happened again this morning. I noticed reception wasn't as good in the evening, despite the vg signals early in the night. So no logs of note this morning, only the common stuff.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6th 2008:

MW DX CLUSTER: This is a SKYPE chat box set up by David Hamilton for soley MW DX tips. We have another chat box available for chin wags. Anyone (within reason!!) is welcome to join. Look for David in the Skype search by his user name "tvdxr00ls" (Surprised it's not changed to MWDXr00ls .. lol), or myself "Scottish_dxer". Paul C and John F have both joined, as well as Alf from Norway. It is now possible while live dxing to chat live to other active dxers. Amazing. The chat box on this site is a little basic, due to the need to keep refreshing it. I know the Skype chats are not public, but it really is a great way to keep in touch with fellow dxers LIVE. The chatter/ chinwag box is being used by us, but to join, you have to be invited in by one of us. Let's see how it goes. All you have to do to join is download and install SKYPE. Google it. It is a freebie..

BEVERAGE NOTES: I was sitting with my old permanent beverage through the undergrowth as well as the new one in the field opposite me, patiently waiting for the rare daytimers the other night during the American elections. I had the North facing antenna disconnected. I did not realise that at **0900 KOMO 1000** and **KJR 950** were both coming through. So tonight after tea, I went across and reconnected the North antenna in the hope of rare dx tomorrow!!!

ESPN - NEVER ASSUME: I heard an excellent reason you should never assume without a proper ID from an ESPN station. I heard today at 0600ish, 1660 UNID SPORTS. Hrd WCAF, WOAI, WEEI, AND POSS KGAR calls within a few minutes on an UNID ESPN station. Signal was not good enough to properly hear why these calls were all being aired, but it is not difficult to imagine. They all will ID near the toth, so it is best to listen for a unique ID which is properly identifyable. The only logs I have seen which are worse, are like the following - **KXXX pres. Country Music**. It could be anyone!!

LOGS: Some good logs this morning. Prob a good bit more to come.

550 WGR Full ID 0900

560 WIND, Chicago 0800

570 CKGL Finally tied this stn with the ESPN id frequently hrd

640 CFMJ Toronto CAII id 0900

650 WSM Nashville 0900

670 WSCR 670 0900

760 WJR Super signal at 0903

800 CKLW 0900

950 KJR Seattle, Wa. 0900

990 CKGM Call id. The Team 990 **0400**

1000 KOMO, Seattle 0900

1000 WSVP Chicago 0900 15s

1290 WMCS, Greenfield, WI 0900

1300 WJMO CLEVELAND, OH ID 0855

1300 WOOD 0804

1460 WHIC Rochester, NY The Station Of The Cross 0600

1500 WLQV, Detroit. Very Dom at 0100

1700 San Diego's AM 1700, Mexican

Some recordings of this dx are already uploaded to my root audio folder. Look in audio downloads.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5th 2008:

ASIAN STATIONS HERE IN EUROPE: The obvious difficulty between Asian reception and North American reception is the fact that Asians are on the same QRG as the European stations, ie every 9kHz. Therefore if there is a strong Euro, or local, reception will be hampered. But some winter afternoons produce quite remarkable signals all the way from Thailand, China, Taiwan, India, Korea, and sometimes sitting nicely on top of the Euros. Some logs for the last few days are included here. I had an unwanted PC reboot just before 1800 when I was gonna record on Tuesday night. WYFR on 1557 was very strong.

567 - UNID Asian sounding stn at 1457 3/11

612 - Old Russian Int signal which is not so loud these days. 3/11 1500

1385 - UNID hrd reg on 1385, easily separated. Unid lingo though. 4/11 1900

1386 - Chinese sounding language. Music and lively inserts. Ads?? 3/11 1500

1476 - Unid Asian stn here. Is this Thailand?? How do you go about getting an ID!!

1521 - Peking. Often very strong and even heard on a cheap tranny. 3/11 1500 and reg

1521 - Old Russian Int sig heard here also 4/11 1500

1557 - WYFR Taiwan. Religious Propaganda. 3/11 1700

1566 - UNID heard poss HLAZ 4/11

2310 - Australia

2325 - Australia

2485 - Australia

Remember the latter 3 are just above the MW band and easily heard when the conditions are good. 2310 is only 610kHz away from 1700.

AMERICAN ELECTIONS: So much for my high hopes of rare daytimers across the band, staying on the air through the night for the elections in the States!! Last night I was even up the woods in the pitch black, connecting up my wood (NW) antenna, in place of the north antenna, in preparation for the rare daytimers. If there was a sniff of west coast stuff and a late opening it would have been no problem to slip back and reconnect the northerly aerial in the morning.

Alas, I haven't picked out anything particularly unusual in that respect.

But sometimes a nice surprise is just around the corner. I have a personal first from **KNX, Los Angeles, CA on 1070** at 0700!! Again, so far I have not heard any other signs of anything unusual, yet there was KNX, quite dominant!! Last winter at this time, I may have had the signal, but there was no Perseus (in those days.. lol !!) so the ID evaded me.

A few logs for the last couple of days:

Wednesday 5th November 08:

610 WIOD 0700
 990 CKGM Call ID 0600
 1070 KNX 0700
 1160 WYLL 0700
 1280 Pres CFMB Montreal. Still on daytime antenna pattern I think. Asian during the night
 1300 WOOD 0830
 1420 WOC 0700
 1540 KXEL 0700

Tuesday 4th November 08: At 0700 unless stated:

650 WSM Dominant id 0701
 680 CFTR
 750 WSB
 770 WABC
 790 WAXY
 800 CKLW
 930 CFBC
 1330 WFNN The Fan Erie, PA 0600
 1350 KCOX (KTXJ 102.7) Jasper, TX
 1370 Unid relaying BBC World Service above WDEA
 1420 WHK Cleveland OH 0600
 1480 WHBC Canton, OH 0700 0600
 1520 KOKC Oklahoma City 0900
 1630 WRDW Augusta, GA

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY NOVEMBER 3rd 2008:

November has come around again, and with it are seasonal low temperatures here in Ayrshire. October has been a mixed bag. A lot of high Ks around on many mornings.

Space Weather: Isn't technology just great. Instant on line solar reports for current A and K index. I remember in the 80's I used try to listen to WWV at 17 or 18m past the hour for the space weather. It was often difficult to receive here in the UK, and I used to

envy the US dxers who had strong reliable signals. I always thought it was a great idea to record wwv on 1 channel of a tape, and the dx on the other, for reliable times when trawling through manky old tapes. Again sadly WWV was not reliable enough here in Europe for this.

It was so annoying that none of the dx friendly international broadcasters of the day carried this information either. I made this suggestion to Radio Netherlands once, but the idea was never taken up.

KILMARNOCK STANDARD ARTICLE: An article appeared in the Kilmarnock Standard about a chap who used to work on Radio Caroline. I wonder if anyone knows of him. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD.](#)

Beverage Update: I have been hoping to pull in Alaska here every year, but alas, it has always eluded me. But the other day while repairing the broken westerly beverage, I took a mad notion to stake out a north facing antenna. I don't have the direction available for a real long northerly antenna, and have to use the feedpoint of the permanent antenna in the woods. I have already updated the aerial photograph to include the 2 new antennas. I am as well to make use of the field before the end of Feb, when the aerials need to come down.



It is a shame I don't have the heavy duty coax available for a separate feeder, and be able to have the choice of the wood antenna also. The run is extremely long, something like 200m, and I am using some really thick coax cable which I saved from someone burning for the scrap a few years ago!!! I gave him twenty quid for it!! That opportunity doesn't come around that often...

Logs over the last couple of days: Thanks to a tip from Paul C (via DH), a rather average 0700 recording on Sunday produced a great surprise on 1080. I may have overlooked it, assuming it to be WTIC, but at the top of the hour, **the Dallas station KRLD** is there, dominant, right on top of common WTIC. Amazing. Check the recording in the root folder. This is a personal first. Also at 0600 on Sunday, another personal 1st, **CFPL London, Ont 980.**

Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
630 CFCY
920 CJCH
950 CHER
960 CHNS
960 CFFX
1070 CBA/ CBC
1320 CKEC
1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following empty channels vacated by:

540 BRT
567 RTE
729 RTE
1188 BRT
1314 NRK
1395 BIG L
1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)
1512 BRT

Updates welcome.

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540	WFLA	FL	15/10
550	Radio Nac Columbia	Columbia	16/10
560	WQAM,	Miami, FL	14/10
720		Greenland	26/10 (No id as ever, but // 570)
800	CHRC	Quebec	22/10 FF heard here for years but first time managed to ID
920	WGKA	Atlanta, GA	28/10 Daytimer, only 50w or so at night
970	Radio Formula	Mexico	22/10
1160	WDJO	Florence, KY	15/10 (Cincinnati stn really)
1230	CBC (Pres CFFB)	NU	21/10
1290	KKAR	Omaha	27/10
1300	WFFG	Marathon, FL	19/10
1300	WXRL	Lancaster, NY	21/10
1310	WIBA	Madison, WI	27/10
1320	WBOB	Jacksonville, FL	24/10
1350	WEZS	Larconia, NH	22/10 (Good Time Oldies)
1380	WSYB	Rutland, VT	22/10 (Pres log. Proper ID 23/10)
1380	WTJK	South Beloit, IL	27/10 ESPN station
1510	KGA	Spokane, WA	9/10. Reg since!!
1690	KDDZ	Colorado	Radio Disney 28/10 0100
1700	XEPE	San Diego, CA/ Mexico	9/10 (I guess this is really a border blaster when you think about it.)

More unusual logs in bold

PERSONAL FIRSTS IN OCTOBER: I have decided to keep the personal firsts for each month at the top of the page. Too cluttery keeping the whole season at the top each time. August and September are lumped together. To be truthful, I never expected so many!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY OCTOBER 31st 2008:

I noticed I had my dates a little mixed up for Thursday, and Wednesday. The logs were dated right though..hi. Welcome to the last entry in the dx diary for October. I have updated my 2008 dx table showing all the dx stations heard during Sept, and October. I had thought August was included too, but I still have that to complete. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#).

My recordings never worked this morning. The hard drive has decided to call itself a different letter from the night before. So autohotkeys couldn't find the destination drive. I am not sure if I have missed much anyway, judging by the high Ks.

Beverage Update: I was out at lunchtime repairing my beverage that runs west. This has been broken for a few weeks, since the hedgecutter went through it. So I started yesterday lunchtime, making use of the scarce daylight. It was when I was walking in the field, I was thinking that a northerly beverage would be quite easy to construct, using the coax at the feedpoint of the permanent beverage in the woods. I have a temp NW beverage, and it beats the wood antenna on much of the band. So why don't I run a northerly cable from that feedpoint on a temporary basis to try it. So this is now done, almost 200m I suspect. David H and myself went out tonight to run the cable. It does cross the NW bverage. It is not grounded yet, but testing the unterminated antenna tonight, there is a huge difference compared to the NW facing antenna. East coast stations will disappear when switched to the north facing beverage. So now I have to wait for a late opening to see what it is "really" like. Maybe Alaska will at last come to my receivers!!.

LOGS: No real logs for tonight at 2200. Missed the top of the hour at 2300 due to watching a gripping Neil Young documentary on TV. but I had a local ID on 740 CHCM Country at 2157.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY OCTOBER 30th 2008:

THURSDAY NIGHT: Had **WFIF on 1500** at 2200. I am not sure if this is a personal first. I don't think so. Other stuff heard... 1660 WWRU, WSYB 1380, WRNI 1290, WBAE Portland 1490, WSAR 1480, 1660 WFNA.

Just as I heard a rare daytimer, the bands crash. 2 days to go to log the daytimers signing off or reducing power, before they go back an hour or so. The band at these latitudes were so poor when I tuned in last night that I didn't even set any recording. Maybe I should have. So nothing to report today.

ABOUT 350 NEW AUDIO FILES ADDED: I have uploaded around 350 new audio files to a space on another server. So remember to press the back button to return here. Click the link on the TADX audio page. In general, 2008 logs are made on the PERSEUS receiver. Others before that are made from different receivers. [CLICK HERE FOR THE AUDIO FOLDER.](#)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29th 2008:

Well this past weekend as usual has been very busy, and I have not got around to updating the logs here. There have been some very strong signals around, and even some personal firsts.

A rare day timer last night came in well, **WKGA Atlanta, GA. 920** 14KW by day and 50W at night (well 49!!).

UK ALL TIME LOG LIST - ATTENTION UK DXERS: Are there any dxers out there who like me, would prefer to see an all time UK log list on line free to air. I have been in discussion with another dxer who feels the same, and thus anyone wishing to assist the creation of a public list of UK all time logs, do get in touch. It is generally felt that the secrecy surrounding the only other known UK list is quite ridiculous.

I personally do not like the term UK FIRST, so often used in dx publications. "UK first" comes with all sorts of suggestions of black and white first log ever in the UK etc, which is so difficult if not impossible to prove. UK All Time List is certainly a better term. We all know that it really means a MW CIRCLE first. "Circle first" may have been a better choice of phrase, used in only in connection with the UK contributors. There are other dxers in the country who are not part of any DX club. I know of some locally who are/ were MW enthusiasts. There are also others who seem to wish their DX catches to be kept secret incase anyone else sees them!! Weird but true!!

I am certainly not bringing down the UK all time listings. It is a great idea keeping a list of what has been heard in this country, so long as it is kept fairly and accurately. One of my own circle firsts for example is even credited to another dxer for some reason. One which was questioned at the time as well for some reason!! Perhaps this is due to a dispute I had a couple of years ago with the people who run the outfit. I see this listing as a potential guide to assist in dxing, and to know what is common and what is rare etc. Not as some kind of competition!!

The first thing of course we'd have to arrange is to put "our own house in order". This is difficult at this time of year for me, as the DX is flowing in full force. I have began to try and keep a decent list of TADX from this season only, but it is so far

only dated as far as September! My so called all time list which I have is very poor. Eg, only the other day I noticed that a log from 2004 of 1350 WGPL VA was not included in my own list. Watch this space!

LOGS UPDATED: I have been listening to some old files from a few weeks ago and found the following

20th Sept: Between 0530 and 0535 had the following.. 1470 WBKV, 1060 WBIX, 1280 WNAM, 1260 THE PLEDGE.COM, 1150 WHBY, **980 WCUB**

30th Sept: 0630 WIND Chicago 560

OCTOBER POOR: I found the month of October to have been a little miserable compared to September. Yet it seems Martin in the North of Scotland is picking up all sorts again, AK, HI etc. We are just too far south at these latitudes it seems.

LOGS AND MORE LOGS: I seem to have become bogged down with recordings and in serious danger of becoming a complete recluse, ears burning, listening through my recordings!! It is still less than a year ago since I first heard of Perseus. My NRD receiver still works fine, but seems to have taken early retirement!!

NEW AUDIO FOLDER: I am working on an audio folder which should allow me just to simply dump files in, rather than create time consuming links to. **THIS IS NOW AVAILABLE HERE.**

LOGS FOR LATE OCTOBER: Logs for this last few days now, and I shall make a simple freq listing. Dates only where appropriate, common stns may not have dates. Many more common stations are not even listed here. Long gone are the days when logs are carefully noted as in dx magazines, with programme details and sinpo code for each. They are simply listed here..... and probably wouldn't comply with DX magazine log formats. But they are logs , and every bit as good as anyone else's, with the audio files to back them up. All stations listed here unless otherwise stated, have 100% ids. I don't like listing programme details such as "country music" or "ESPN" and presume the station to be something. I have seen this style of logs in many places.

540 CBC FF Reg

540 CBC EE reg

560 WGAN 28/10 2256 Reg

570 Greenland reg but on 26/10 0700 a wee tune hrd, allowing // 720 to be checked

670 WSCR Chicago Superb steady signal, but played past toth!!! 0400 29/10

720 Greenland 26/10 0700 a wee tune hrd. // 570 1st log on this ch

720 WGN Chicago poor 0400 29/10

760 WJR 24/10 REG

780 WBBM Chicago, 27/10 0600, 0400 29/10

790 WAXY FL 27/10

800 CKLW 0700 24/10, 0400 29/10

800 VOAR Nfld
 820 WBAP 0500 27/10, g 0400 29/10
 840 WHAS 24/10 0700
 850 WEEI 24/10 0700
 890 WLS Chicago 0400 29/10
920 WGKA Atlanta 28/10 2300
 920 ESPN UNID. Poss CKNX relaying Toronto's 590 ESPN. Hrd this id here before.
 // 1070 CHOK
 990 ESPN Montreal The Team. 0400 27/10
 1000 ESPN Chicago G 0200 27/10, 0400 29/10
 1010 WINS/ CFRB both reg and both late fade outs. eg 0926 25/10 still vg.
 1050 CHUM 0600 25/10. Reg mixing with WEPN
 1060 WBIX 24/10
 1070 CHOK now ann 103.9 0727 26/10
 1110 WBT REG
 1150 WHBY Kimberly 0600 27/10
 1160 WYLL G 0000 28/10 , 27/10 0600
 1180 Radio Rebelde, Cuba. Echo ie 2 sites
 1180 WHAM
 1190 WOWO
 1200 CFGO Ottawa. reg, but good call id 27/10 0200
1290 KKAR Omaha 0600 27/10
 1300 WOOD, Grand Rapids. 0400 27/10, 24/10 0400 and reg
 1310 CIWW Oldies 1310 Ottawa. Has this been qrp? Head it reg again, after a break, eg 24/10, 25/10. 26/10
1310 WIBA, Madison, WI 27/10
 1320 WILS Lansing 29/10 0300
1320 WBOB Jacksonville, FL 27/10 2300, 0500 27/10, 0400 27/10, 0200 27/10, 25/10 0800 + 0700
 1320 CJMR The voice of the city, Toronto ID. EE 0402 29/10 hrd reg with Asian px, or Christian Mx
 1330 WFNN The Fan 0700 27/10
 1330 WRCA Reg
 1350 WOYK York 28/10 0100 27/10
1360 WKAT FL Gd ids 0700 27/10
 1370 WDEA Reg
1380 WSYB Rutland, VT 28/10
1380 WTJK South Beloit, IL 0600 27/10
1390 WRIG, WI 27/10 0600
 1390 WEGP Dominant reg
 1390 WFBL Oldies 13-10 HEARD REG AS WELL eg 0559 25/10
 1390 WPLM Plymouth 2300 25/10
 1400 CBC Gander. Oftenm great signals early evening. Good not having QRM this year.
 1400 WOND 0500 29/10
 1410 WPOP ESPN. Reg 24/10
 1420 WOC
 1420 WHK
 1430 CHKT Toronto 0100 27/10, 29/10 0400
 1440 WHK 0100 27/10
 1440 WRED. New call again for WJAB I believe. reg

1450 WENJ NJ Reg 24/10 0700
 1450 CJOY 0100 27/10 Tent log. unclear singing jingle
 1460 WHIC Rochester, NY Station of the Cross etc 29/10 0300, 27/10 0200
 1470 WBKV 29/10 0400 + 0500,
 1470 WLAM reg
 1470 WNYW 0200 27/10
 1480 WHBC Canton, OH often hrd
 1500 WFED
 1500 WLQV Detroit. Reg this last few days, eg 0400 +0500 29/10
 1510 WWZN The Zone, Boston
 1510 WLAC Nashville 28/10 0000, 25/10 0300
1510 KCKK Co. VG 27/10 0600 USB only. WWZN on LSB. Also 0400 while KGA
 LSB!!
1510 KGA 0400 27/10 LSB. KCKK ON USB!!
 1520 WWKB Buffalo, NY
 1530 WCKY Cincinnati 28/10 0100
 1540 CHIN, Toronto
 1540 KXEL Reg
 1570 XERF Mexico 0400 27/10
 1620 WTAW REG
1620 KOZN, Bellevue, NE "Omaha's ESPN AM 16-20" 27/10 0600
1630 KKGM 0630 27/10 Southern Gospel 0700 27/10
 1630 KCJJ Iowa City, Reg
1630 KRND, Fox Farm, WY "La Grande" ids 28/10 0100 27/10 0600
 1640 WTNI 28/10 0100 exc id
 1640 WKSH Sussex, WI 29/10, 27/10
1650 KCNZ Cedar Falls, 29/10 0100 27/10, 0100 27/10
 1650 CJRS Reg
1660 KQWB, West Fargo. VG 0000 28/10, 27/10
 1660 WWRU Sometimes very good before farther away stuff fades in
 1660 Relevant Radio, FL 27/10 0600
 1660 WFNA Charlotte. 25/10 0000 and again 0200
 1670 WTDY Madison WI Reg g 27/10 0200
 1680 WOKB FL. Reg this last few days
 1680 WNSW Newark NY. Is this new call or just associate station of WTTM??
1690 KDDZ Co. Radio Disney 28/10 0100
 1690 CJLO Reg
 1690 WVON Chicago 28/10, 27/10
 1690 WPTX Lexington Park 0600 25/10
 1700 WJCC Miami Springs 0100 28/10
 1700 KVNS, Brownsville Reg exc levels 0600 25/10
 1700 WEUP AL.. 2300 25/10

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY OCTOBER 24th 2008:

Thursday Night: Had a good ID from WSYB, Rutland, VT.

After chasing **WBOB 1320** all morning yesterday after hearing Paul C's clip, I finally heard a couple of reasonable IDs today. It really is so frustrating when

there are good signals until the top of the hour, and the whole band just goes onto a fade!! Very frustrating!! We all know the scenario though.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY OCTOBER 23rd 2008:

Thoughts for the day: Isn't it strange how some months, and years have different characteristics than others. This season I have not managed yet to ID anything other than WBBR on 1130, yet some mornings last season it disappeared, and other stations were dominant on the frequency. X Band has been relatively quiet in general so far this season as well. This morning however there were big signals. (Or was it because I never recorded X band much before the new Perseus software came out?)

Logs: No late opening to the mid west this am. Much more heard than noted here. Some strong signals around this morning. Leading up to 0900 UTC the band seemed to be trying to open, and ESPN Chicago on 1000 was giving good peaks, but it faded out again.

820 WBAP 0700 ABC News
 930 CFBC 0656
 940 CINW Toronto Still ann the old call. (Did I read about a new call??...They don't use the old one!!)
 970 WZAN 0700 CNN News
 1000 WMVP CHICAGO 0700
 1020 KDKA VG at toth today 0700
 1070 CHOK 0700
 1080 WTIC 0700 CBS news
 1100 WTAM 0700 FOX News
 1160 WYLL Chicago
 1290 CBBJ 0700
 1300 WOOD 0700
 1360 WDRC Hartford, CT 0700
 1380 CKPC ONT 0700
 1410 WPOP 0700
 1420 WHK POOR 0700
 1470 WLAM VG multiple station ID
 1570 Boomer 0700 and 0705 some good signals
 1620 WNRG Gulf Breeze, FL 0700
 1640 WTNI, Biloxi 0700
 1650 CJRS Booming in at 0700
 1660 WWRU
 1670 VIVA Ga. Very strong 0700
 1680 WOKB FL. FF but EE id 0702 as well as 0602
 1690 CJLO 0700
 1700 KVNS 0700

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22nd 2008:

Beverage Update: I have had permission from the owner of the land across the

river from me to use the field until February, when it will be sown with barley. Every winter since my last venture in this field in 2004, the field has been planted with winter barley. So I was glad of the opportunity to again build up a long straight beverage antenna. The direction is similar to my permanent aerial through the woods, but the new antenna has the advantage of being a bit closer to the shack. Thus not such a long feeder, it is straight, and on relatively flat ground.

Well I have done some more work today in straightning out the beverage. Davie couldn't assist as he had other commitments, but I trudged down the field and ended up cutting the new straight beverage down a little. Far from being in the open field once I straightened the cable, I was heading back to the woods, where the last field beverage terminated in 2004/ 5. I had to think quickly, as time was limited. Is it better to have a shorter antenna, and terminate in the open field, or longer and terminate in thick woods. I took option "a". (Field). I feel I have shortened the antenna quite a bit. The new length would be about 420m instead of the round 500m. When it came to the null on the Czech station of 639, at the back end of the antenna, it didn't seem quite so pronounced. Maybe it was still too early for the Spanish station at this point. Later that night there seemed to be a better back null.



Above are a few photos taken the other day, as well as an aerial shot courtesy of the image service which is linked to from the links page. The browser window which opens is to suit 800 by 600 screen sizes. You can still right click and save target as.

Wed Evening: I returned from my walk and tweaking my temporary beverage and after a seat for a bit, tried 1400kHz. I was amazed to hear CBC about 1910 at this stage only on the new beverage. No trace on the permanent beverage antenna through the woods. Anyway, on tuning a bit later on, just before 2200, I heard a talk show of some kind, and a notice for **Rutland on 1380, suggesting WSYB**. This was at 2155. There was an AM 1380 jingle, prob unique to the station, but alas no IDs. By the time TOTH appeared there had been fades and easy listening music was coming in. This turned out to be **WMYF Portsmouth, NH**. Also IDing at 2200 was **WEZS, Laconia, NH as Good Time Oldies and call**

on 1350.

Wed Morning: October has not really been wonderful so far here, dx wise, compared to the amazing DX heard during September. Really something of a disappointment in some respects. The sun has been grumbling away, and far from the spotless sun we had in much of September, there has been periods of some activity.

Logs: Had enough of a signal from WBZ 1030 to use the splatter killer on the Perseus to get rid of ILR Ayr, and catch an ID. 560 WGAN was quite good at 0700, and 2 personal firsts I believe. First ID from 800 CHRC at 0630, and a good id at the same time from 970 Radio Formula, Mexico. This is listed as 100kW.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY OCTOBER 21st 2008:

Trying out a slightly larger text to see how it goes.

Beverage Update: The saga continues. Not only is the story unfinished, but it takes a major turn. No, not the story, but the beverage. Our direction of straight through the middle of the bushes at the bend on the river, where there once sat a mill, was slightly out. Lunchtime today, and I took a walk along the cable, to find out that the leaves had blown off the trees, and I could now clearly see the bend on the beverage. So this evening there will be some straightening to do.

LOGS: Well I have at last again started hearing some good DX and had a long opening. This am, I had the Perseus recording at 0900. There was a surprise in store, as the following were audible (amongst others). 680 CJOB, 950 CPAM, 1230 CBC

540 **CBC Echo on the English station** at 0809, suggesting possibly SK stn coming in.

550 **WGR Buffalo, NY** Id as sports radio 5-50, and also ESPN ids 0627. (My previous unid ESPN stn)

680 **CJOB Winnipeg, MB** 0900

830 WCRN with both Larry Doyle, and Laars Larson streams I think at 0630

950 **CPAM MB with classical music.** No IDs today 0900

930 CFBC, NB 0900

1010 CFRB Toronto 0900

1020 KDKA PA 0900

1060 WBIX MA 0900

1180 WHAM Rochester, NY 0900

1200 WOAI, TX 0900

1230 **CBC News at toth, suggesting CFFB, NU** Which for me would be a personal first 0900

1280 **CFMB Montreal, QC.** Pres still on daytime pattern also hrd last night in FF, SS, AND CC 0735

1300 WJNO Cleveland, OH

1300 WXRL Lancaster, NY

1300 WOOD, Grand Rapids

1320 WILS, Lansing, MI Poor 0700 g 0659!! Typical

1500 WLQV Detroit, MI
1520 2 stations on 1520 at 0730

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY OCTOBER 20th 2008:

Anniversary: It is 30 years ago since Radio Mi Amigo closed abruptly from the MV Mi Amigo, and was never heard on air again from the ship. Main reason of course could be traced back to simply money, or the lack of it. With the closure, went the English service of Radio Caroline on 962kHz, and it remained off air until April 15th 1979.

Monday Night: CBC 1400 and WEGP 1390 were both piling in around 2100. Greenland was also rather good on 570. At 2151 I heard some bible stuff, but alas, faded before the IDs. 1280 CFMB pres on Daytime antenna pattern, as signals bombing in.

Monday Morning: Kind of an average morning here. Not much of interest logged.

Another couple of technical blunders. A carrier only station this morning, in the shape of AM 600 CBC station. There were 2 separate SS stations coming in behind, and one being well off channel. There was a station on 1690 with stuck audio, like a CD stuck. It was also like having a very small loop on the perseus when sampling a section of your recordings.

540 CBC FF sce. VVG 0700
560 WGAN 0633
570 Radio Reloj, Cuba 0633
850 WEEI 0600
1450 WENJ 0700
1480 WSAR 0630
1570 Boomer with dogs barking etc 0700

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY OCTOBER 19th 2008:

This morning I had a few logs.. A little on the average side I thought, but there was a personal first.

1300 WFFG Marathon, FL @ 0706 ish. Tnx to Paul C for the tip.

Other stuff at 0700:

610 WIOD FL 0704
850 WFBL FL/ WEEI Boston 0704
900 W Mexico
940 Unid SS. Mexico?? Punto.. and like Servicia Radio mentioned. My SS terrible, so no idea.
960 WEAV The Zone

1290 CJBK
 1310 WLOB
 1350 Unid Sports Stn, The First in Sport. Too many to choose from. No ids.
 1400 WOND
 1440 WHK
 1450 WENJ NJ
 1470 WLAM
 1480 WSAR
 1500 WFED
 1580 CKDO Exc 0701
 1600 unid ss ads. Prob WUNR
 1620 WTAW
 1640 UNID Ann as "Live from Washington, we are the Voice of Freedom, The Voice of Liberty, The Voice of Nationalism" Odd for WTNI.
 1660 WCNZ Relevant Radio FL
 1680 WOKB Winter Gardens, FL

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th 2008:

Not much to report today. Radio Reloj 570 at 0652, WRNI 1290 0700, WLOB 1310 0700, Relevant Radio 1660 0700, Radio Boomer 1570 0557

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY OCTOBER 17th 2008:

WBAL BALTIMORE AGAIN: The band has been very poor this morning, but a little surprise was WBAL Baltimore in the clear, as Talk Radio on 1089 has been carrier only since at least 0730 local, 0630 GMT. Not sure why, but it is still off air as I type this at 0752 GMT. Came on later in the day from a back up studio. Amazed they couldn't get a spare studio of some kind in a shorter space of time.

WBAL is still coming in, though the band is very depressed. Unfortunately the very morning of the break down or whatever has happened, is a very bad morning for DX, and there is nothing else really coming through, bar a small fluttery time around 0630. But at least I have a few very nice IDs from WBAL, which I have not heard like this in years.

<selfish dxe side of me> It would have been nice if 1089 was gone for good!!
</selfish dxe side of me>

BEVERAGE UPDATE: Well after being connected up and used again on an all be it depressed band, I am still finding the same results, that the Euro splatter is greater, especially on the LF part of the band.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY OCTOBER 16th 2008:

BEVERAGE UPDATE: David H and myself took a walk to the end of the new

beverage this evening, and instead of the fixed resistor I had inserted the previous night, which was 660 ohms, I took a volume control. I was kinda looking around for the right value of control the night before, but couldn't find one in time. Looked a bit harder tonight!! I pretuned a receiver in the shack to 639, a Czech station, which is off the back end of the beverage. Maybe I was too optimistic about getting rid of 1008 NL. For the first time ever, I had a back end null on a beverage using the resistor. Using a radio link, were able to remotely monitor the volume control's effects. Of course there was no access to the signal meter back at the shack, but the Czech station almost disappeared, leaving only Spanish. But when I checked later at night when the first Newfoundlanders were coming in, there was still the problem of the Euro splatter.

Possible Problems: So why is a nice straight, well laid out beverage in roughly the same direction as the permanent wood beverage performing worse on the If part of the band? Above say 1300 it seems better though.

1) Is the height too great. I used approx 7 foot poles to support the wire. In the woods the height is more like 5 foot, although it is up and down.

2) I have no balun on the wood beverage until the coax reaches the shack. Then there is a balun going to the receiver. There is a balun on the new beverage where the antenna meets the coax. Are the balun windings maybe different to the desired spec??

3) I am using worse quality coax. I don't have any more of the really thick low loss stuff I fell in with years ago. (Saved it from the "scrappie's") Do I need an earth rod at each junction on the coax lead. Remember I am using a rather long piece of coax, perhaps 100m or more.

4) Who knows!!!!!! There is still plenty room for improvement.

LOGS:

550 Radio Nacional Columbia, 0700 and what sounds like LV something mixing. ids 0633. My Spanish not good, so must get a second opinion.

560 WQAM FL. VG at 0700

610 WIOD good pks 0703

680 R Nac Columbia

830 WCRN Usual 2 audio feeds!! 0616

960 WEAV

1010 CFRB

990 Montreal

Other common stuff, heard but not logged

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15th 2008:

BEVERAGE UPDATE: David H and myself were putting the finishing touches to the beverage in the field at lunchtime and tonight. It was connected up for lunchtime. The coax was joined and fed across to the shack, much of it up in the

air to avoid dog walkers etc. The coax was coiled up in a mess when we arrived on the site, not exactly where I had left it last night. In the evening when we were back at the aerial, a neighbour I met on the way told me he had fallen on his backside after tripping over the wire in the dark, while walking his dogs!! LOL.. Wish I had seen it..

By day the signals on 846 Radio North were up. Also 531 Faroes, but 981 Star was as Davie predicted, a little down, hopefully because of the new antenna being more directional.

But bad news was to come. After dark and the early Canadians started to fade in, it was obvious the new antenna also brought in much more European QRM, and splatter. This I find odd. Of course it is also a little disappointing.

One would normally think that a beverage through the woods would be blown away by a new very straight, and well made beverage. The older aerial running through the thick woods has the following disadvantages.

- 1) Running wildly up and down steep 80ish foot banks
- 2) Probably not that straight due to losing sight of the cable after 10m
- 3) A much longer coax feeder is needed to reach the antenna. This has also been shredded by hedgecutters and rejoined a few times, to add to the number of "wee bits" that make up the length anyway!!
- 4) Main aerial cable has been rejoined many times through the years when trees and branches blow down through them. Some still need soldering!!

LOGS: Had a new one this am. **540 WFLA** FL. Also hearing Faroes play their little int sig at 0700 on 531, WGAN 560, CHNC 0700 610, and unid Radio Disney station on 620. I have only one thought about this. Could it have been an ad?? Does Disney sponsor any sports events?? Could it have been the FL sports stn, with an ad for some sporting event, the same way WEGP 1390 will advertise the WRKO REDSOX team?? Also had **750 WSB**, and new one on me, **WDJO 1160** 0700. WSAR FALL River also hrd on 1480

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY OCTOBER 14th 2008:

BEVERAGE UPDATE: David H and myself set out the sticks for holding the new beverage up tonight in the twilight. All the cable is now up in the air, and joined, and terminated at the far end. Tomorrow we shall connect up the coax and give it a try.

LOGS: Well a surprise this morning on an otherwise very average day. **WQAM 560 FL**. Looks like 560 CHVO is def off air. There was no sign of it this am when checking the recordings. Overslept, so wasn't up live dxing. Noted WDRC with something like KT Radio News. I think I may have assumed this was WKAT for one log in Sept. Must check. .

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY OCTOBER 13th 2008:

BEVERAGE UPDATE: I went to see the farmer that owns the field across from me today. I was really there to make sure he was finished hedgecutting, so I can repair my westerly beverage. But I was in for a surprise. It seems that the weather here in Scotland has been too wet to get the field prepared for winter barley this year, and thus it is being left until the spring of the year. So again, it is fine for me to use the field for a straight beverage. I feel this will be much better than the one through the woods, performance wise.

I have the cable available to be able to put a feeder across to the shack, and keep the antenna in the woods undisturbed. I should be able to do an A - B switch over, and see any advantage or otherwise the new antenna has over the older one.

Tonight David H and myself were rolling out cable in preparation for the sticks going in tomorrow. I like to work in twilight, in the hope none of the local kids see the work being done, so we got a little of the work done before darkness beat us. Update tomorrow.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th 2008:

CHVO 560 - FINALLY GONE : Maybe this is to do with the west coast conditions etc, but this last two days I have not been hearing CHVO 560, or KIXX 103.9 as it is known. WGAN is now dominant, or at least it has been this last couple of days. Is the much hailed move to FM finally complete?? Unlike CJCH 920 who switched off suddenly and virtually unannounced, KIXX has been relaying the FM service for a long time now.

As I type this, I have had an e mail from the station staff, and assuming it is a knowledgeable person that replied, does confirm that the AM is off air. I just hope it is not someone who knows nothing about radio, and just thinks it is off because they announce FM. lol....

This is really good news for dxers, but a little sad in some respects that one of the regular stations has moved to FM. It was always a marker, along with the other Nfld stations. CHVO was last heard here on Wed 8th October 08.

Here is a question for dxers. Has anyone actually heard any announcements that these MW signals will leave the air on any of the stations?? I know I haven't. I would have thought public awareness of a frequency move would have been desirable for a commercial station. I am going to use the public awareness phrase again in today's entry in my observations/ dx diary.

TADX STATIONS WITH MUFFLED/ WHISPERED ID'S: This morning WCKY Cincinnati 1530 was sitting on top of the Euros with Brother Stair. Unfortunately they chose a very muffled ID at 0600, of the strange type many stations have

now, inc 660. I don't know why some stations seem to prefer muffled quiet, almost like a telephone quality ID. I thought they are all commercial and desire listeners and public awareness!! I'm not sure muffled / whispered ids are the way to go!!

WHAM LOW AUDIO: I note that WHAM 1180 Rochester seems to be one of these stations that has problems with automated feeds too. A few times recently there has been a distinct lack of audio, or very low audio. Again, as I have said here, this is good for DXers. Sometimes an unusual station may well come over the carrier, which wouldn't normally come over full audio. Other stations I have observed with silence recently are 1200 CFGO, 1130 WBBR. WCRN 830 also has serious technical issues with their unmanned automated system. They are currently broadcasting two completely different audio feeds at the same time. I assume the station is unmanned at this hour, as surely no one would allow this to go on like it has been

LOGS FOR TODAY: You really cant tell for sure what the band is going to be like until you tune it. That's my philosophy. I was hopeful for a repeat of yesterdays west coast opening today, but nothing doing. Besides the usual suspects, I did notice that there was no sign of CHVO, only WGAN, see above.

560 WGAN Good ids before toth at 0558

1000 Def ESPN and another English and one music station here at times. Pres Mexico and KOMO. Neither IDed.

1530 WCKY was well over the Euros at 0558 and ID toth.

Many more common stations which I will try and list later tonight.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY OCTOBER 9th 2008:

WCRN 830 DUAL AUDIO FEEDS: Someone should really tell WCRN 830 that they have a faulty automated audio feed. Often I have heard them with two audio feeds at the same time. Is there so few listeners locally that no one has told them already, and none of the station staff have even rumbled??? But as I have said before in these pages, dodgy automated stuff can sometimes give us blissful silence on a dominant station. So for that reason, I am not going to be the one to tell them. What a selfish DXer I really am!!

AUDIO CLIPS ADDED: I have just added 13 new audio clips to the "TADX audio page".

1700 XEPE San Diego, CA/ Mexico

1660 KQRB Fargo/ Moorhead, ND

1650 KCNZ Cedar Falls, IA

1630 KRND LA GRANDE, WY

1520 KOKC, OK

1510 KGA, WA

1290 WKBK Keene, NH
 1080 WTIC Hartford
 1050 WEPN, NY
 970 WDAY, Fargo/ Moorhead, ND
 960 KMA
 670 WSCR, Chicago
 550 WSAU, WI

LOGS: Band open to the West Coast. **KOMO** was in and out over the next 30m or so over music and sport, pres WMVP and Mexico. At 0627 ad a superb ID from **KGA**. Like a local sat on top of Boston. I actually mistook it for Boston, and was trying to hear what was below it!!

After listening to my recordings I had my first CA station, even though it is really across the border in Mexico. Freq listing is incomplete for this am. Spent time adding audio clips etc..

550 The ESPN station on is still elusive. Never peaking at ID time, and always has national ESPN stuff when peaking. Finally ided on 21st Oct and as expected, it is WGR.

560 WGAN seemed dominant on this am. Pres KIX is still on air.

1000 KOMO

1140 AM Alberta

1380 CKPC

1410 CFUN id as talk 14-10

1510 KGA

1630 KNRD La Grande in WY

1630 KKGM

1650 KCMX Cedar Falls, and as well as Texan.

1660 KQWB 1660 Fargo/ Moorhead,

1700 XEPE, San Diego's AM 1700.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8th 2008:

Band seems to be improving. Had stations on 980 and 1600 but no ids so far. 1350 had a phone in. 640 had ss. At 0706 **WSM Nashville 650** was good and at 0630 during a VOCM fade, had some nice ids from **WEZE Boston 590**. I have heard this station a few times this season, yet only once ever before, which was earlier this year. I always had VOCM too strong. Perhaps I always assumed this, but Perseus allows you to notice these things easier. Rather than sit on a channel you know is dominant with a strong signal and waiting for a fade, I used to look for dx on a more realistic channel. There were a few stragglers left at 0900utc this am. Looks like late openings starting! Can't be bad.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY OCTOBER 7th 2008:

WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING YET AGAIN:

Well hi there again, after over a week since the old server went off line unexpectedly. Thanks to the advice from LASSE on the Perseus users group, I now have this and my local history site back on line. This will be the permanent address of TADX, and I won't be changing it again, unless something happens at this server. If anyone wishes to e mail me direct, I also have a new working e mail address. Click the contact button to see the details. I really must thank all those folks with links to these pages. Many of you have changed links already.

NEW 2008 FREQUENCY TABLE:

Predictably, I have not kept the frequency table I tried to keep at the bottom of the August and September pages up to date. It takes a little more time to keep these tables up to date, rather than simply scribble logs on a diary style entry. So I am going to adopt a different approach again!! Let's try producing a 2008-2009 table. I know the 2007 table is still unfinished, but I shall strive to carry on with the 2008 - 9 table. Click here to view. It is linked from the logs index anyway.

DAVIE'S CORNER: My DX neighbour, up the road from me, David Hamilton has written a few items for these pages. The link is under other items, or click here for David Hamilton's Corner.

LOGS FOR 1st - 7th OCTOBER 2008:

October so far has been disappointing after the amazing band conditions in September. Lots of higher Ks etc haven't exactly killed the band, but the logs have come back down to earth, and have been of more common stations than the unusual ones.

OCTOBER 7th 2008 (Tuesday):

Has SS on 560 at 0627. Around the same time had ids from 930 CFBC, 1060 an all too rare id from Radio Education, Mexico, 970 SS, 940 Montreal, and 1130 had silence!! Carrier only around 0630, but nothing significant heard beneath. On 1000 I checked after an alert of FF from Paul C, but only heard the Mexican.

OCTOBER 6th 2008 (Monday):

Still chasing the ESPN station of 550. Unsure if it is sports radio 550 WGR which is now ESPN or carries some content, or something else. Heard at 0627. One of those crazy (perhaps idiotic) ad disclaimer heard on WTIC at 0605. Long and totally unable to hear a word!! Apart from this, I dont hear much else of note so far.

OCTOBER 5th 2008 (Sunday):

Again, the band not like it was a few weeks ago sadly. But highlights of the morning were 0630 WKBK Keane 1290, NH. This is the best ID I have ever had from this station. Completely alone on the channel for a change. WCRN was vg at 0630, as was Radio Rebelde 570. Unid SS on 580, prob PR. At 0604 I had a great ID from WSAR Fall River 1480.

OCTOBER 4th 2008 (Saturday):

Pretty average, with SS on 600, and a WHKW id on 1440 at 0600. Not really spent much time on the recording. Band depressed.

OCTOBER 3rd 2008 (Friday):

Poor day again, with only common stations across the band, but a peak on 580 @ 0600 produced good ids from WMCA NY. 1020 @0600 had SS. Poss ids, and 1140 had vg ids from WQBA LV de Miami on 1140.

Great local CBC id for 1400 at 2158 Friday evening, but recording not on!!

OCTOBER 2nd 2008 (Thursday):

Wed night I have noted common station WDEA 1370 @2240. Not such a great morning. French dominant on 800 at 0632, but still not had any kind of an id from this one. Heard it for years as well!! Noticed a jingle on 660 between tracks in SS at 0618. At 0600 I had a really nice peak from WEPN 1050 with multi station ids. Other common stuff 760 WJR, 770 WABC, 780 KIX, 840 WHAS, 850 WEEI, 900 W (Mexico), 940 Montreal, 960 WEAV, and also heard TEAM 9-90 Montreal, and CKLW at 0634.

OCTOBER 1st 2008 (Wednesday):

All around 0600UTC

530 Still unid playing long easy listening style tunes. Radio Cultural id one day

540 FF CBC stn very strong

570 WMCA NY

670 WCSR Chicago. The Score VG

900 CHML

920 CKNX ONT vg @ 0555

960 KMA

1010 CFRB like a local

1180 WHAM VG 0605

1200 WOAI @ 0632

1270 WTSM

1640 Radio Disney

Many of the common stations were coming in today as well, not listed here. Since the Perseus sdr has been used in anger this year, I seem to have a new list of

common stations which I would not tend to log in the log book every day. Some used to be classed as worth while logs!!!

Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC.

Any more?? Many of these are/ were dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx.

Recently gone:

550 CHLN
 560 CHVO/ KIXX 103.9
 630 CFCY
 920 CJCH
 950 CHER
 960 CHNS
 960 CFFX
 1070 CBA/ CBC
 1320 CKEC
 1380 CKLC

We should enjoy the novelty here in Europe that in recent times we have gained the following empty channels vacated by:

540 BRT
 567 RTE
 729 RTE
 1188 BRT
 1314 NRK
 1395 BIG L
 1440 RTL (No overnight jamming now)
 1512 BRT

Updates welcome.

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Notable logs in bold

PERSONAL FIRSTS AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER:

540	CBGA	New Carlisle, QC	FF CBCDon't know why this one never logged before. Reg and strong
550	WSAU	Wausau, WI	22/9
550	WKRC	Cincinnati, OH	Only tent. Less than 50% sure of this one. am 5-50 KRC id
550	WGR	Buffalo, NY	
560	WIND	Chicago, IL	30/9
570	UNID		ESPN station reg in September, but never strong at the right times for local ids. PROB CKGL
570	CKGL	Kitchener, ONT	29/9
570	WMCA	New York	
570	WSYR	Syracuse	NY
630	WBMQ	Savannah, GA	7/9
630	CFCO	Chatham, ONT	30/9
630	WUNO	San Juan, PR	7/9
640	Pres Guadeloupe	Guadeloupe	France Inter id only.18/9
790	WTNY	Watertown, NY	27/8
820	WWFD	Fredrick, MD	18/9
870	WHCU	Ichaca, NY	18/9
920	WHJJ	Providence, RI	

920	WBAA	West Lafayette, IN	21/9
920	WDMC	Melbourne, FL	
920	WMNI	Columbus, OH	18/9
950	WNTD	Chicago, IL	20/9
950	UNID		ESPN stn. Could be one of many
950	CFAM	Altona, MB	Heard classical music many times but first good ID. 23/9
960	KMA	Shenandoha, IA	22/9
970	WDAY	Fargo/ Moorhead, ND	27/9 (Heard ads in Fargo before, but no id)
980	WCUB	Two Rivers, WI	27/9 (Tnx Paul C for the tip)
1080	WHOO	FL	TENT. ESPN radio heard 25/8, but no local id
1120	WBMW	Concorde, MA	10/9
1150	CKOC	Hamilton, ONT	21/9
1160	KSL	Salt Lake City, UT	23/9 0530. Poor ids, but utc -7. Hrd before as a tent but no id
1230	WTKG	Grand Rapids, MI	
1230	WMSH	Sturgis, MI	22/9 ESPN stn, Tnx Paul C for assisting
1260	WNSS	Syracuse, NY	Must remain a tent. Slogan "ESPN RADIO 1260" heard, but not a unique web address etc sadly. 25/9
1260	WPNW	ZEELAND, MI	"1260thepledge.com" 27/9
1270	WMKT	Charlevoix, MI	30/9
1290	WJNO	FL	9/9
1350	WARF	Akron, OH	1/9
1360	WTAQ	Green Bay, WI	
1360	WSAI	Cincinnati, OH	
1370	WXXI	Rochester, NY	
1380	KLIZ	Brainerd, MN	23/9
1380	WPHM	Port Huron, MI	(Tip Paul C, Cheers)
1380	WFCL	Clintonville, WI	26/9
1410	WNER	Watertown, NY	2/9

1420	KTOE	Mankato, MN	(This one eluded me for ages) 23/9
1480	WGVU	Kentwood, MI	(Hrd BBC relays here for years but never local ids) 21/9
1520	KOKC	Oklahoma City, OK	28/9
1600	KLEB	Golden Meadow, LA	(relaying KLRZ 100.3) 25/9
1600	UNID		ESPN station 30/9
1690	CJLO	Montreal, QC	24/9

I do not see some of these in the UK list that I have. I sometimes think we should use a phrase other than commonly used term UK FIRST. This seems to suggest a UK first ever, rather than "first reported in UK DX press". That is a mouthful mind you. Of course it is always nice to be able to add a rare station to the log book that potentially has not been reported in the UK before. I often wonder though about dxers who are not members of the MWC. Maybe they have their list of rarely reported stations as well. How can we be sure ?? In any case, the UK MW list is kept well under wraps, and not to my knowledge available in the public domain. Pity.

I do plan to upload all the audio clips from the above. Some require a second opinion anyway.

My hopeful 1400 KY was really WGYM, sister station to WOND, so now not on the list.

David Hamilton up the street here had a rarity of KCMO 710, Kansas City, MO, 21/9 0627.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30th 2008:

The server is down for maintenance as I write this. But I am hopeful it is a temporary measure.

Well if that was September, what a superb dx month. The last day was no exception. Let's hope for more to come in October. The best of the traditional DX season should be only around the corner, but I have heard a startling amount of new personal firsts thanks to using the PERSEUS SDR in anger. I will include Fri, Sat and Sunday's logs here as well. One more day and I have to make a new log page for October.

PERSEUS SOFTWARE RELEASE: The latest and long awaited dream of any MW dxer has just been released on Monday night. I checked back on these pages and found that it was not until November last year I had even heard about the Perseus SDR. Now less than a year later, I have the ability to record the complete MW band here. I am completely overwhelmed by this technology. Hats off to NICO the engineer of the highest order, who developed this for us MW dxers!! The new software will be reviewed in the very near future. Also a nice addition is the ability for the audio files from the receiver to play on any PC without the hardware attached. A simple registry file from a Perseus owner is all that is required to try out the software. In my own case, I could have used this little registry file to save me taking the hardware to a radio day in Germany a few weeks ago. All I would have taken was a recording of my AM band here. This saves carrying expensive hardware around.

NEW IRISH "RSL" ON AIR: The Irish do things differently. There has been an FM station on air for the last couple of weeks, called something like "Hot Country". They promised 549 a couple of weeks past, but nothing has been heard. On Friday morning while checking the band live at 6.30am, I noticed a rather large signal on around 550, and decided I had some kind of an image or something. Then it clicked. It was the Irish station. Amazingly the authorities have given the station permission to use the old UCB 549 transmitter site in the border area around Monaghan. This signal

always used to be stronger than RTE at this location. It was stronger as well as louder, even on a rubbishy portable radio. I suspect that if RTE had still been on MW, they would have been second best still. The signal was booming in here. Power is a claimed 20kw, and however they have managed the antenna, it certainly works!!

The good thing about this temporary station is that it only comes on at midnight on a Friday night , until midnight on Sunday night. 550 was clear again on the Monday morning. So it is not a permanent nuisance like UCB used to be. It is to be on weekly until Christmas seemingly.

TOP OF THE HOUR TRICKS: There are always little tricks that we must remember when DXing. Top of the hour is traditionally a time for switch overs from various links/ feeds. Often there may be a slight gap. Sometimes there can be complete chaos. I recently noted WCRN 830 with some kind of a technical blunder at 0600 more than once, when there were two separate audio streams from somewhere coming out at the one time. This went on one morning in particular, right through the news. Maybe the whole station was running on automatic, and there was no one at the helms. Technology in general has a habit of letting us down. But apart from the amusing little errors, there is a good side to all this automation.

Sometimes the stations don't manage to time their breaks properly with their news feeds or sat links or whatever. I have noticed this a few times lately. WEGP is a good example on 1390. This is easily the dominant station in Europe, but at the top of the hour in the silence, I often hear the less dominant stations. This includes the less common WRIG, as well as WFBL and WPLM.

On 28th Sept WWKB Buffalo 1520 had a silent period just long enough to allow perfect timing for an id from **KOKC in Oklahoma City!!** A rarity indeed here when Buffalo is usually a powerhouse.

The third time was a sneaky ID in a rare BBC Radio Scotland silent period when 810 was changing from Radio 5 Live through the night, to BBC Radio Scotland. WGY sneaked in at just the right time.

I have had audio break downs on 1200 CFGO recently as well, but nothing exciting poking through the ether on that occasion.

Logs for Tuesday 30th September:

At 0600 today the band was just great for the last day of September, and new one on me, 1260thepledge.com turned out to be WPNW MI. WSSP 1250 was also good at this time, as was possible new one, WMKT 1270 . Have to look back my logs. Also had **WGM 720 Chicago** in the silent period at 0600, WYLL 1160 and WHBY 1150 both at good levels. KXEL 1540 was gd 0600, 980 WCUB, 1380 ESPN stn of unknown origin. WSCR was probably as strong as I have ever had them at toh, but they played past the hour of course. Unid ss on 970, and religion on 1260 at 0531. 550 WSAU at 0530.

After finally having a listen to my 0630 recording, WIND Chicago was coming in here on 560. Personal 1st.

560 **WIND, Chicago** 0630
1260 **WPNW, ZEELAND, MI** "1260thepledge.com" 30/9
1270 **WMKT, Charlevoix, MI** 30/9

Logs for Monday 29th September:

At 0600 I had a few stations, but I don't think there was much out of the ordinary. I had a personal first in the dirt on 570. CKGL Kitchener, ONT. There may be an even more dodgy id from WGR Buffalo in the noise. Sports Radio 5-50.

ESPN Chicago 1000 had something behind it, whether it was KOMO, or something else, I don't know. May even have been Mexico. WOC ided on 1420, 900 W from Mexico, 930 WBEN, 920 CKNX, 1190

WOWO, and a possible ID on the French station on 800 at long last. Maybe.. . 1380 had WPHM, Port Huron, MI. Thanks to tip from Paul C.

Logs for Sunday 28th September 2008:

This morning I was a bit puzzled by "Toronto's Sports Station" ESPN 590 on 920kHz. I actually missed that recording, but luckily the top of the hour was rewarding with a full ID as **THE FAN, CJBM**. I had a look on the web pages of CKNX, and assume that this was the station relaying the ESPN station. Maybe an e mail would verify the suspicion.

0600: A lot of channels were a mess at 0600 this am. 820, 970, 800, and a lot more. KMA poked it's head up on 960 again, with a nice ID. Mexico was good on 900, Montreal 940, CJBC 860, WHAS 840 particularly good, as was CFTR 680, 970 WFLA, 790 WAXY, 1510 WLAC, 1020 KDKA very strong. My best this morning was **1520 KOKC Oklahoma City (ex KOMA)**. This ID sneaked past during a brief silence from WWKB. And for a change, just perfect timing for the ID !

Logs for Saturday 27th September 2008:

The logs for Sat include a few rarer stations, and personal firsts. Log needs studied and added to.

PERSONAL FIRSTS:

600 CJWW
 970 WDAY Fargo/ Moorhead
 980 WCUB, Two Rivers
 1110 KFAB
 1360 KSCJ Sioux City, IA
 1480 WLMV

Normal logs: At 0600 I had :

630 CFCO
 1470 WBKV

Logs for Friday 26th September 2008:

Personal First:

1380 WFCL Clintonville, WI

Logs for this am

550 WSAU
 570 WMCA
 670 WSCR

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25th 2008:

We have to be careful when making educated guesses (or as good as it gets..hi) on very poor and weak ids. I have just realised I was caught out recently with the id of a sister station. The station in question was 1400 WOND Pleasantville, NJ. The sister station is WGYM Hammonton, NJ (1580). I had this listed in my logs as WCYN KY, which sounded very like WGYM in my mind. (And to PC who listened to the clip as well..hi) But this am I have just heard a better signal from the station. To cap it all, in early 2008 I have a good signal id somewhere from WOND/ WGYM. I should have known in the first place.

Not only can sister station calls be confusing, but there was an ad for wevex.com or similar, heard a few times read out as letters. There are other ads which are initials too.

Today's DX: In my initial tuning, I was aware of strong signals on the band. I was up for 0600utc dxing live, but also recording with the PERSEUS. I feel this was a pretty average morning, apart from the odd one or two, and thus the logs today can be seen as what I would expect on a good average morning here in Scotland.

Personal First: One new one this am, and one of the last freqs I checked.

1600 KLEB Golden Meadow, LA.

LOGS FOR 0600:

530 UNID. Possibly ONT.

540 CBC/ CBGA1

550 MUSH, MANY STNS UNIDENTIFIED

560 KIX, AND ONE OTHER MIXING

570 WMCA NY

580 CFRA

590 VOCM

600 CBC

610 FRENCHY

620 VOCM

630 CFCO Good ID ann 92.9

640 CBC

650 VOCM

660 WFAN

670 MESS

680 WRKO/ CFTR

700 WLW (WK THIS AM)

710 WOR

730 CKAC

740 TORONTO (NO ID)

750 CBC

760 WJR. VG LEVELS

770 WABC no id at toth id 0606

780 KIX / WBBM (WBBM is 0608)

790 WTNY WATERTOWN, NY (rare stn)

800 CKLW

820 WBAP

830 WCRN (They are still messing up their 0600 toth with 2 audio feeds)

840 WHAS Gd SIG

850 WEEI

860 CJBC FF

870 WWL

880 WCBS

890 WAMG (WLS AT 0634)

900 CHML (Rare stn)

920 CKNX

930 WBEN/ CFBC
 940 MONTREAL
 950 CKNB
 960 WEAV THE ZONE
 970 WZAN SS DURING SILENCE AT TOT
 980 MUSH
 990 CBC
 1000 ESPN 1000 CHICAGO
 1010 CFRB
 1020 KDKA
 1050 WEPN
 1060 WBIX (0530)
 1070 CHOK
 1080 WTIC
 1100 WTAM
 1110 WBT (POOR THIS AM)
 1120 KMOX
 1130 WBBR VY STRONG AS OFTEN IS
 1140 CBC
 1150 WHBY
 1160 WYLL
 1170 WWVA
 1180 WHAM
 1200 CFGO

1260 WNSS SYRACUSE TENT. ESPN AGAIN. Slogan ESPN RADIO 12-60 heard. This web address is for WNSS, though never hrd web address given, just the slogan. espnradio1260.com is the web site for WNSS. Slogan noted at 0556.

1270 ADS AND MUSH
 1280 WNAM
 1290 CJBK
 1310 WLOB
 1320 CJMR (NO ID, NON STOP RELIGIOUS MX)
 1330 MESS
 1360 MESS
 1370 WDEA
 1380 NO ID ON EASY MX STN. COUPLE OF POSSIBILITIES, SO CAN'T BE SURE
 1390 WEGP/ **WRIG ID ON SILENT PERIOD**
 1400 CBC/ WOND
 1410 WPOP

1420 WHK G LEVEL

1500 WLQV DETROIT. VG LEVEL AT 0600

1510 THE ZONE
 1520 WWKB AMAZING SIGNAL
 1530 Pres Cincinnati. Brother Stair at about 0606

1540 KXEL / CHIN MIX. Neither IDed today.

1550 CBC
 1560 WXEW
 1570 BOOMER PRES. FF. NO ID
 1580 CKDO

1590 PULLED WAKR AKRON, OH FROM THE DRM Used to be a common log

1600 KLEB RELAYING KLRZ 100.3, LA

1620 WTAW
 1630 KCJJ
 1670 WTDY MADISON
 1690 CHTO TORONTO
 1700 KVNS

Wed night into Thursday Morning:

Squeezed an id from **VOAR 1210** 2259, and at 0038 had an id in e from **CJLO Montreal.** 1470

WLAM was pretty good at 0100, CHIN id at 0100 1540, and WTAW 1620 had a dx reference jingle at the toth. Must add this to the audio clips. A KT news on 1360 is pres fl, WKAT. Finally I had the first log of the year of **WCHP NY 760** closing at 2300

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24th 2008:

My logs on these pages are really just lists. I only really make detailed notes where appropriate. Long gone are the days when I take careful sinpo readings and note prog details. Most of the talk radio stations on MW anyway would consist of prog details: "rubbish" or "more rubbish" or "political talk and right wing propaganda" etc anyway. But the signals of the stations still very much interest me. The technical side of the transmissions are much as they were donkeys years ago. Even if programme formats have changed to mainly talk and sports formats.

I found it interesting that there is still an old time music station on 920 in Columbus Ohio. This may have been the type of stations our grandfathers before us tuned for at night, or of course maybe looking for a sporting event which was of interest.

An old chap from an ex military background I am friendly with in the village is interested in the aerials, and the technical side of my dxing. But when he asked me recently what programmes I listened to from the North American MW stations that interest me so much, I told him I listened to none really. He failed to grasp exactly why I listen to it all. I know I am in a minority being one of those who can't be bothered by sports on TV or radio. I hate for example going into a pub and the tv is on full bore with horses and football. Nightmare. I like to hear some of the strong signals from the likes of CBC, or VOCI, but the phone in's on the talk stations... well....

To this mornings logs...

A pretty average morning compared to yesterday's mid west and possible west coast opening. Still some strong signals around though. But at least I now have most of my logs typed up, or scribbled up.

0600

570 ID SOUNDED LIKE WFYL, MAYBE WSYR??

580 WKAQ I think PR 0602. My ss is very poor

580 CFRA VG PK

610 FRENCHY VY GD

670 WSCR POOR

710 WOR

730 CKAC SPORT

770 WABC

780 KIX

800 VOWR Good ID for once at 0600

820 CHAM

850 WEEI

860 ANOTHER STATION MIXING WITH THE FRENCHY, Poss also FF???

930 WBEN/ CFBC

1070 CHOK

1050 WEPN

1420 WHK GD

1500 WWFD OR IS IT WWFG. NEW CALL FOR WWWT. EX WTOP. Seem to recall WTOP was high in the ratings so they cleverly changed the call and rearranged the stations around!! Changed twice now in a year or so.

Some good ids from WDEA at 0530 this am. (1370). This is always there and a regular, but often splattered here by MANX.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd 2008:

I began to write some scribbles last week but became predictably bogged down in DX at this time of year. The band has been wide open to some superb DX. I am going to start this large contribution with writing a list of personal firsts this season. I may well keep this at the top of the logs each month. There have been so many, so early in the season, thanks to the superb band conditions and of course, the PERSEUS SDR. I feel my log is beginning to look like it came from Martin up north!! Never have I heard the band so wide open to rarer stations, on common frequencies. But there is one thought on this subject. If I was operating a conventional rx, would I have spent any considerable time on eg 870 if WWL was strong leading up to the top of the hour if ??? Probably not. It faded at the right to grab the ID from WHCU. I notice that 550 is a really interesting freq to check, as is 630. What a great season so far.

I will also attempt to list my logs in some kind of a readable fashion as well, but it may end up in scribbles. The tables at the bottom have not been kept up to date either .

LOGS FOR TODAY: This am was again particularly interesting. I decided to do some live dxing again, seeing as the times are catching up with reasonable morning times and not the middle of the night. As the time marches on, there has been a definite swing here at these latitudes from 0500, then 0530 and now towards the end of the month, a real peak around 0600UTC. I was recording using Autohotkeys at 0530, but stopped and moved down the band a little manually. So my mornings logs are something like:

920 CFRY 0559

830 WCCO g @ 0600

570 Poss sport

950 Classical Music from Manitoba, but no ids heard.

(Statement retracted, found good id, and prob my own personal 1st decent id **CFAM, Altona, MB 0525)** **1250 also heard** with classical music at this time. Trying to "winkle out" an id.

1310 ESPN 0612 no local id

630 0624 Very loud SS. PR or Spain. Have to check.

at the time above though, 870, 670 and 710 all SS. Need closed scrutiny.

0630 1062 Danish Interval Signal hrd. A pest, but they use an old int sig.

I also have **Chinese on 1320 at 0533**, and ads that doesn't sound like ESPN on 1410 at the same time. No id from either, but my thoughts are both with **CFUN 1410 AND CHMB 1320** Vancouver.

Some toth logs at 0600:

530 What is Radio Cultura? Is this Ontario?

550 WGR Buffalo poor id

550 WSAU WI

550 WKRC tent. think this is 5-50 KRC. Really needs 2nd opinion though, and even then, it may be unclear.

570 Greenland pres with no ids

680 CFTR Toronto good

760 WJR g

800 CKLW. Gd pk.

920 CKNX pk 0605

1080 WTIC Stern warning not to burn charcoal indoors during power outs!! You dont say!!

1150 WHBY Kimberly g pk this am

1160 WYLL and another unid.

1170 WWVA

1190 WOWO

1230 WTKG Grand Rapids. Would be happier with 2nd opinion.

1300 WOOD

1310 WCCW poor this am

1320 WILS poor

1380 KLIZ Brainerd, MN,

1420 KTOE poor. 1st log of this elusive signal.

1430 WENE

1480 WGVU id again this am. Listened here for years and heard BBC WS relays sometimes. Never had a local ID though.

PERSEUS OR CATS WHISKER: I have become bemused by a debate taking place in recent days on the private e-group MWC re the Perseus SDR. I am not part of this group, but have been told about the opinions of some of the members. I sometimes find it difficult to believe what I hear. It seems Perseus users are being called cheats!! Yes Swindlers!!! Why??? I even heard of one dxer who now refuses to share his logs now incase any of the "dreaded" Perseus users see them!!

Well if anyone would like to call me a cheat to my face, feel free. I was up to my back side in mud the other night in the pouring rain, in almost dark, twisting old bits of wire together. I came back filthy, soaked, and knackered from ploughing through mucky woods with wellies on. Anyone who says that is not "real" dxing has a very different outlook on radio than I have.

My interpretation of a cheat may be a man who would deliberately pilfer money from his comrades without their knowledge, or a man who takes a short cut in a racing circuit to win a race. I do not class myself in the same category because I use a superior new dx tool. I mentioned in the dx chat recently that this site does not promote money pilfering (like a real cheat), has no secret dx tips or secret passwords. The logs here are free to view and share amongst fellow dxers who have the same interest in Transatlantic DX as I have. Maybe I should rename the site "dx tips for cheats" lol. Let me tell you that this web site started as a low key few pages of the most recent logs only a few years ago. The idea was simply to share logs, which may help fellow dxers with their unid stations, and put up a few audio clips. I thought fellow MW dxers may just find the logs interesting enough to enjoy browsing through them.

Predictably, it is the age old debate of "he has something I haven't" that seems to have reared it's ugly head again. The same style of crybabies were around in the 70's when digital frequency counters were new. Counters were seen as the devils work. The man with the tape recorder also received some stick from other dxers who did not believe in this style of dxing, as did the guy with the beverage. Akin perhaps to railroad workers of the 1800's. . . He has a shovel and I only have a trowel. Big deal. What is there to be bitter about. It is only our common hobby. And still after all these years, I still find it very interesting and enjoyable.

Many of us have by now used our PCs for convenience of recording overnight on a specific channel. Many of us used vcrs with timers to record audio on and off on a specific freq at the top of the hour all the way through the night. Sometimes stereo would be used with two receivers, one on the left channel, one on the right. Sometimes there would be reasonable DX received, sometimes it was a waste of time. But this was early timeshift DXing. I have to admit to being a sceptic at first with regards the PC, simply because of the possible RF noise. But now it seems that we have to strive for a quiet PC, rather than none at all.

We all have heard years ago about the possibilities of wideband recording?? I read recently an article about the American DXer I think it was who developed the system with the aid of a VCR, and had some limited success. To me though, this seemed to be a distant dream. Now in 2008, this dx season will be the first where one SDR receiver will have the ability to record the whole MW band, and as a bonus LW and the LF beacons as well. I for one see the Perseus as a superb breakthrough in technology. One drawback is that I will have to rewrite my review when the new version of the software is released in the next few days hopefully.

I wonder how non Perseus DXers see beverage users?? Unfair?? Or are they simply making the best of their location, like we all have to do. I personally see nothing wrong with using the best receiver that we can afford, and using the best antenna we can manage to sling up in the air. I am also glad I don't live in a noisy city. I have visited friends qth's in modern flats, one in particular springs to mind when I think about rf noisy locations. Am I a cheat because I just happen to be a country chappie?? Surely not. Are the Scandanavians cheats because they live in the far north, with far superior MW dx in winter than we have at more southerly latitudes?? I think not.

I always hoped to win the lottery and buy an old farm in the country, away from rf noise and the like. I always liked the idea of a beverage going out at all points on the compass. Here I can't do that, but at the same time I don't see someone who can as a cheat simply because he has the space !! As a footnote, I have a lot of new files on the tadx audio clips page. The files that are taken from Perseus are marked in orange. Not because I feel it is justified because it is an SDR, but so that would be Perseus owners can hear the audio from the Perseus for themselves. A splendid machine.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd 2008:

This morning I had a few new stations again!! Getting to be an amazing year.

First of all let me list the 4 personal firsts.

550 WSAU, Wausau, WI

920 WBAA, West Lafayette, IN

960 KMA, Shenandoah, IA

1230 WMSH, Sturgis, MI (ESPN stn, Tnx Paul C for assisting)

Logs for 0600:

550 WSAU WI

560 KIX

580 WKAQ PR

670 WSCR/ CUBA

680 WRKO

730 CKAC

740 TORONTO

770 WABC

780 WBBM/ KIX

820 TBN

830 WCCO/ WCRN

850 WEEI

860 CJBC FF

870 WWL

880 WCBS

920 WBAA

960 KMA

970 WZAN

990 CBC

1000 WMVP

1010 CFRB

1120 KMOX

1160 WYLL

1170 WWVA

1200 WOAI

1230 WMSH, Sturgis, MI (ESPN stn, Tnx Paul C for assisting)

1250 WSSP Milwaukee

1280 WNAM (VG ID)

1290 CJBK

1300 WOOD

1310 WCCW VG

1420 WOC

1512 WLAC

At 0600 this morning my log of WLAC and that of David Hamilton, my dx neighbour was very similar. Check out David's UTUBE entries. Amazing though it is, he has had about 500 odd viewings in only 3 days!!

I never realised so many people were interested in MWDX!!

Cooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Davids UTUBE link is

http://www.youtube.com/profile_videos?user=tvdxrools

0530

1140 LV Miami

0630

820 WBAP

890 WLS

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21st 2008:

Personal First Today:

1150 CKOC Hamilton Ont. Ads in Hamilton and singing jin. poor 0622

0500:

1190 WOWO

Rest of 0500 was very average

0600:

670 WSCR

680 WRKO/ CFTR

700 WLW VG

750 CBC

760 WJR VG

770 WABC

820 TALK 8-20 (CHAM)

830 WCRN. messed up toth with double audio source.

870 WWL

920 WBAA

950 WWJ

960 WEAV VG

970 WZAN VG
1150 CHOK Hamilton, ONT
 1160 WYLL
 1290 CJBK
 1360 WDRC
1480 WGVU LOCAL ID
1540 KXEL VG

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th 2008:

Today I couldn't believe the sheer signal strength coming out of Chicago on 1000. It really was amazing!! I had some other nice IDs as well, and some personal firsts.

Personal Firsts:

950 WNTD Chicago 0600

0600:

800 French pretty good. Still no real ids
 840 WHAS VG
 870 WWL VG
 880 WCBS VG
 890 WLS VG levels
 920 WBAA / WMNI
 960 WEAV VG
 970 WZAN
 1000 WMVP Amazing signal strength
 1010 WINS VG
 1140 LV MIAMI VG PK
 1160 WYLL
 1170 WWVA
 1180 WHAM
 1250 WSSP
 1260 WMKI (UNID ESPN stn in wmki silence)
 1300 WOOD
 1310 WLOB
 1320 WILS
 1330 WRCA
 1420 WOC

Today another interesting comparison was made with David Hamilton's loop antennas. David produced an amazing log of 710 KCMO Kansas City, MO around 0626. At the same time on the beverage I had a mix of goodness knows what. WOR, VOCI, CUBA at least were all in the mud, but there were others I think. No sign of my recording pulling out KCMO though. There was just too much on the channel at that time. Well done David!! Davids recordings are usually put up on YOUTUBE, but some have been removed just recently.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19th 2008:

Only a few this am. A bit on the average side this morning.

0600

610 WIOD
 670 RADIO REVBELE EXC ID

730 RADIO LIDER, COLUMBIA
 770 SS ON TOP OF WABC
 890 WAMG
 920 CKNX
 970 WZAN

0530

650 WSM 0532 v poor
 770 WABC
 780 KIX
 790 Pres WAXY sports

0500

800 Either CKLW or VOWR playing a Christmas record. Dont these folks know it is only September for goodness sake!!

Mind you, I did hear a Christmas tune was it late August or early Sept on 820 CHAM!! Unbelievable...!!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18th 2008:

Today was a very very good day, with openings to OHIO as well as goodness knows where.

Personal firsts:

870 WHCU ICHACA, NY
920 WMNI COLUMBUS OH
820 WWFD FREDRICK // 1500 Tnx Paul C for alerting me to this one.

0600

555 ZIZ EXC ID 0558
 560 RADIO REBELDE, CUBA ID 0600
 610 WIOD
 640 **FRANCE INTER ID**. Dominant above CBC. I am told it is only GUADELOUPE which relays FR3
 660 WFAN
 670 CUBA
 680 WRKO/ CFTR
 700 WLW
 740 TORONTO
 770 WABC
 820 TALK 8-20 = CHAM
 840 WHAS
870 WHCU ICHACA, NY
 900 W. MEXICO
920 WMNI Columbus OH
 930 WBEN
950 UNID ESPN STATION. could be one of many
 1020 KDKA VG 0555
 1080 WTIC
 1100 WTAM
 1110 WBT
1160 WCCS Homer City.
 1170 WWVA

1180 WHAM
 1210 WPHT Sneaked a nice ID in the splatter at 0604
 1250 WEAE
 1330 WRCA
1350 WARF AKRON, OH
 1360 WDRC
 1410 WPOP

0500

630 CFCO 0552
 790 WAXY
 920 CKNX
 980 CKRU 0536 Rare id
 1270 CJCB 0520
 1420 WHK 0533
 1470 WNYX 0530
 1480 WHBC

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17th 2008:

Had a few only this am after fixing my antenna properly. at 0600 had strong signals from the powerhouses, but an average morning.

0600

820 Had a very large strong carrier on 820 at 0600. Not able to winkle out any rare ids from beneath though.
 830 WCRN
 880 WCBS
 940 MONTREAL
 950 CKNB
 1010 WINS
 1050 ESPN NY WITH GOOD MULTI FREQ/ STN IDS.

0530

1130 WBBR WAS SUPER STRENGTH, LIKE A LOCAL.

HEDGE CUTTER PROBLEMS: I returned from Germany on Sunday 14th, and after doing some tidying up and the like went for a pint to settle me, after such a hectic weekend. When I came back to the shack, I had a zero signal situation with the main beverage. I was unsure if the band had crashed or my antenna was broken. The following night, Monday, I waited and waited after dinner to see if the heavy rain was going to go off a bit. It did slightly, but if I was chasing dx, I was gonna have to go out in it. I found 2 breaks in the main feeder coax where a hedge cutter had gone through it. So I made a hasty join as best as I could in the muddy conditions, and left it at that. It was almost dark. I thought the band was quite dead when I turned in, but set my recording anyway for dawn anyway. I was amazed that everything seemed still quite weak, and "just not quite right". So the next night, Tuesday, I set off through the undergrowth to check the full length of the antenna. I found it shredded as well around the 100m mark. I patched it up. So on Wednesday morning I had my first dx in almost a week!! The signals sounded back to normal. I am gonna do a

rerun of some of the cable that is full of joins now!!

SEPTEMBER 13th: EKRATH RADIO DAY 2008: I find it hard to believe it is over 2 weeks since I started to edit this contribution. But this is so. I had no time a week past Thursday for posting logs and the likes. My focus was on a weekend in Germany, near Dusseldorf. It was one of the Radio Days at Erkrath, held very interestingly at the local observatory. It was good to meet up with old friends and come home with new friends. I was completely overwhelmed by the kindness and welcome we received in Germany. The radio day deserves a new page of it's own which I shall endeavour to edit sometime very soon.

Myself and long time friend, Ian Biggar were asked a while back to come to Germany to talk about the Irish border blasters of the 1980's, specifically KISS FM, which closed 20 years ago along with most of the other stations of the 80's. Border blasting as it is known is as old as radio itself. Here in Europe the most well known station is probably Radio Luxembourg, which broadcast in various languages to various countries in Europe. The English service of 208 has long gone, but the memories remain of the AM signals coming through the ether, sometimes fading very badly.

Often the case was that a more liberal country "A" would tolerate or even allow stations to beam signals into less liberal country "B". Thus when the Irish Republic was one of those liberal countries pre 1988, the border was dotted with pirate broadcasters, beaming into the lucrative advertising market in the North, where there was only one UK licensed ILR station in Belfast.

KISS FM operated on 103.7 FM as well as 1008 AM. Both signals were very good in Scotland, and although not sellable, well listenable for a dxer. KISS in my own opinion was possibly the best Irish station there has ever been. There are a load of long recordings made here in Scotland on the audio download pages of this web site. These are taken from old 1988 reel to reels. I will write a detailed summary soon .

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11th 2008:

My last day of dxing till next week till I come back from Germany. Quite an average morning, but one notable curiosity was a blank carrier on 1200, where CFGO should be. Again, no decent rare IDs were winkled out this, despite the blank carrier for a good 20 or 30 minutes.

0500:

1200 Team 12-00 id and CFRA id!!

(WRKO is another ID you hear all over the band because it is of course the WRKO REDSOX.)

1280 WFAU

1390 WEGP SILENCE AT TOTH FOR A FEW SECS. Both Easy 99.1(WPLM) and OLDIES 1390 WFBL ids heard.

0530

540 FF CBC STRONG

650 WSM 0552

800 FF NO ID

960 WEAV

1200 SILENT CARRIER

0600

540 CBC FF

570 WMCA

630 WBMQ Good peak and id toth with singing jingle.

680 WRKO

770 WABC

1180 WHAM

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10th 2008:

Today I made Perseus recordings at 0500, 0530 and 0600. I see it is worth while recording 0600 this season now. This is my first time in a couple of weeks, and the first time I have had proper dx at this time. It was also a rather good day, dx wise. Some very strong signals were heard at 0530, which is certainly the peak time.

0500: 960 WEAV The Zone. Good levels during multi station id. 900 SS singing jingles. Reg further investigation. 610 WIOD, 1290 WRNI, 1320 WILS Lansing, MI, 1330 WRCA, 1390 WFBL in WEGP silence. Many common powerhouses not logged.

0530: Very strong signals at 0530 today. 970 WZAN, 960 WEAV, **630 CFCO** ann // 92.9, 670 WSCR Score 6-70 Chicago, 760 WJR exceptional, 700 WLW, 800 CKLW 0533, 840 WHAS 0528, 880 WCBS, 920 KKNX, 930 CFBC, 940 OLDIES MONTREAL, 900 Prob Mexico and "W", 980 CKRU, 1060 WBIX, 1080 WTIC, 1100 WTAM, 1110 WBT exceptional 0534, **1120 BMW Concorde NH**, fading with KMOX. ID at 0533. 1140 Miami, 1180 WHAM, 1210 WPHT id 0535, **1270 WTSN** 0531, 1300 WOOD. Many other common powerhouses not mentioned.

0600: 610 WIOD, 540 CBC, 680 Toronto, 760 WJR, 820 WABP, 1060 WBIX, 1180 WHAM, 1290 CJBK, and a personal 1st, **570 WMCA New York**. Many other common powerhouses not mentioned.

I had an **ESPN signal on 570** at 0536, possibly a stn in WI, mixing with something else on 570 around 0534. It was a mix up of stations really, and a former very difficult channel here due to RTE 567. (Now silent)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9th 2008:

0500 Very weird sounding **chatter on 1060** from pres Mexico at 0455. Really strange and also amusing type of chatter. Audio clip already added. Now from these latitudes, I think I can say that 0530 is the peak for dx now, and not 0500. Haven't tried 0600 for a while, but it will soon be 0600 and the toth ids that will be the peak. Most of my dxing is still done by time shift with Perseus recordings..

0530: I think at 0530 I had **WBMQ 630 again**. I must listen again, as there was a pile up on 630KHz. The Euros seem to just fade away at this time. 570 CFCB had a multi call id. WABC and WCRN both good on 770/ 830, and a surprise at 0533. ESPN 14-10 Watertown again, iding as **"ESPN, 14-10 The Winner"**. The Ticket was also hrd on 790, (WAXY), and **WJNO 1290** from FL which is a personal 1st I think. There was a sports station behind 620 VOCI. No IDs though. 1310 WLOB, ided and Radio Reloj was good on 670, despite the hurricanes in Cuba. (Kinda hoped that pest would have been off air)

GERMAN RADIO DAY: I am off to the German radio day in Erkrather this coming Saturday, and I am taking a Perseus receiver and some Scottish MW mornings to show the guests. I am quite looking forward to this day of nostalgia.

WEB SITE CHANGES: I am currently having to use a temporary (hopefully) web address. I have not been able to access the server via ftp for almost a week, and therefore have uploaded this TADX site to the following address. www.ayrshirehistory.com/tadx. This is my local history web site, which is in fact running fine and so is the FTP. I have not been able to contact Tony at mediumwaveradio, who is the server provider. I hope all is well with him. Tony had some health complaints the last time I was in touch with him. The other site will have to stay where it is till such times I make contact with Tony. This current site might be worth while bookmarking.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MON SEPTEMBER 8th 2008:

0500 On 630 at 0500 I had BBC Radio Cornwall!!! Also 710 WOR, 960 The Zone, 930 WBEN, 1010 CFRB, 1360 WDRC, and an odd **ESPN station on 1440**. Googled ESPN on 1440 and found only a PA station. Dunno if I recall any others on 1440.

0530: I had an excellent loud signal and id from the Zone 960 WEAV, before going in to c/c. (I thought it was a sports station!!)

VOAR 1210 was pulled from the mud for a rare id during Virgin talk.

Talk 8-20 is the new id from 8-20 CHAM. www.talk820.com. These characters were mucking about a week ago playing Christmas records. What on earth is all that about!! It is September, and only just!!!! I don't know what kinda books they are reading over there!!

WABC was pretty good on 770, and there was a French station mixing with CBC 640. Guadeloupe?? SS on 1140 mentioned Cuba. My SS is shockingly poor. Good echo on 1180 from 2 SS stations. 1230 WHUC, quite a fair ID here this time. W from Mexico on 900, followed by another SS mention Venezuela.

Later at night, around 2200, both myself and David Hamilton up the road from me had **Nigeria again with audio on 917**. No ids, but chatter in a local language I think. Maybe. It is the only station on 917, and comes into Scotland nightly, but never well. Just trying to get the elusive ID!! Paul C reported a carrier level signal. I have uploaded a clip on the audio page. (Who is going to be the first to tell me it is not TADX!!)

CFCB had VOCM ids and news at 2329 on 570.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUN SEPTEMBER 7th 2008:

0500 on 800khz I had the French stn at the toth, but dont think there is ids there. 840 WHAS was ok, but better logs at 0530. I was hearing a newstalk 6-30 station at 0530 and came up with WAMZ, WJAD, WKAD, WKAV, WBMG and others. I retired for the night, and listened with fresh ears the next morning and it was clearly **WBMQ Savannah, GA**, meant to be on 47watts or so. I should think obviously on daytime power. A few minutes later on 630, **WUNO PR** peaked very nicely, at about 0534. A channel to watch I see. Also 680 WRKO, and WAXY 790.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SAT SEPTEMBER 6th 2008:

0500 Poor this am. Radio W, Mexico on 900, WCRN 830, WIOD 610, and others much weaker than normal. At 0535 I heard a silent second or 2 from my local ILR Ayr on 1035. WBZ pres with mx was strong on 1030. Had an id from 1270 CJCB as well. Still can't update the TADX site. Can't seem to access the ftp to upload.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRI SEPTEMBER 5th 2008:

I went out for on Thursday night, came back in around half twelve and set the timer. Unfortunately I came in this morning, and discovered the Perseus was not switched on at the mains!! Ahhhh!! So no logs at all.

Added 10 new audio clips. 1320 CJMR, 1370 WXXI, 700 WLW, 1390 WBFL, 790 WTNV, 1620 WTAW, 1360 WKAT, 1400 Poss id from WCYN KY. Need second opinions., 900 Radio W, Mexico. Lastly some unintelligable audio from the Nigerian on 917khz, with yl tk.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURS SEPTEMBER 4th 2008:

This morning after some aurora, the band was very poor. Perseus files already deleted.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WED SEPTEMBER 3rd 2008:

I have made a mess of my 0500 recordings this am, so nothing great to report. The band sounded very lively again, with Chicago stations strong. I guess some would suggest that I should have been up then anyway dxing live!! I had set my timer for 0600 as well, to see if there was anything coming through. (There wasn't) But in the process, I never noticed the 0600 file names were the same as the 0500 names. Thus at 0600, the software started overwriting the 0500 files!! Ahhhh!! I have managed to record less than 1m at 0505, and heard a good signal and ids from WSCR Chicago on 670, WLS 890, and 1010 KDKA.

COAST TO COAST: That 50s or so also recorded at the start of coast to coast, so it was quite easy to tune around and see how many stations carried this network show. I heard the start on 640, 770, 840, 890, 1100, 1110, 1080, 1180, 1190. There seemed to be a time shifted version, ahead of the others by a minute or two on 1420 and 1390.

I have found that the table at the bottom is easy to maintain once the main regular stations are inserted. It is just a matter of "paste in the date and time" for all stations noted at on certain top of the hour, the peak now being 0500 here at these latitudes.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MON, TUES SEPTEMBER 1st and 2nd 2008:

I am going to try another style of reporting my logs. I shall keep a table on a per month basis of the stations logged and add times etc. Workload is heavy when during every top of the hour of every Perseus recording, there are about 25 or 30 common stations to write in every time. Therefore I will probably stick to unusual catches on the text part of these pages. This may prove to be more work than previous, I don't know, but I am thinking that once the normal stations that are heard month after month are in the table, it will be easy to paste the date and time in the appropriate box.. . Time will tell. The month of August will also have a table.

I have also moved the stations leaving the air list to the bottom of these log pages. Many of the big stations have already left, 1070, 920, 1320. I know we still have 1140, 610, 560, and 780 to go, but they seem in no hurry, and dates are difficult to come by.

GOODBYE AOR - HELLO ICOM: At the end of August, I broke out in a cold sweat. I actually parted with a receiver!!! I know I hoard radios, and never liked the idea of getting rid of any. I was talking to my dx neighbour David Hamilton, and he told me he was after a swap with someone for a good MW receiver, in exchange for his ICOM ICR 7000 vhf receiver. I liked his ICOM the minute I saw it, and was on the lookout for one. There have been some on e bay, but at the last minute, prices rose dramatically, as they tend to do. So after a chat with Davie I thought, well here I am surrounded by receivers, and don't really have a decent dedicated VHF receiver. So the AOR went, and in it's place is an ICOM ICR7000.

David is well known in tv/ band2 dx circles as having heard the first known transatlantic dx on FM back in 2003, along with Paul Logan in Northern Ireland. I unfortunately missed it!! I do have historical relics of that opening though. David gave me his FM aerial which picked up the signals, and the SONY 920 tuner.

Last winter at David's old qth, he ran up a decent length beverage in the woods at the back of his house, and he became hooked on MWDX. He now lives up the road from me, about a couple of hundred yards only!! Unfortunately we have a main road between us, and I think the council would have something to say if we started to run coax cables for him to connect up to my beverages. I don't think they would like us digging up the road at 3am..hi!! Davids loft loops are featured on his many utube links. His links page is as follows..

http://www.youtube.com/profile_videos?user=tvdxrools

HELLO JVC: Also on David's advice, I sourced a very good little JVC television for band 1 and band 3. The JVC CX-610gb is a well known model in dx circles. It even came with the original handbook, circuit, and an old advertising flyer. I was going to upload them to this site incase it is of interest to anyone. The performance of the JVC is good. It will lock a picture before my old black and white Pye TV, itself very sensitive and selective.

I have been uploading a large amount of TVDX photos to this site during August, see tvdx index. There are a couple of pages left to finish off, which should be done this month. Many of the images are from this seasons TVDX. I unfortunately got a hold of the JVC a little late in the season, but there is always next season.

DVD RECORDER: I sourced a DVD recorder a while back off the web. An LG RC1000. I think I mentioned during August that this piece of kit does not go in to any silly pause mode if the picture is less than perfect. Ideal for recording tvdx. In fact after investigating, I discovered that the said LG had a built in band 1 tuner, and thus I could have been making TVDX movies for the last couple of years!! I am a little worried this excellent item breaks down, as I wouldn't know what to replace it with..

On the antenna front, my receivers and antenna pages on this site need updating. I have been changing the shack all around and hopefully improving matters. One of my beverages has been minced by a hedge cutter last weekend. It is no problems though, I just have to repair it. It is one of the things you have to put up with when the farmer lets you use his land for aerals... I really don't mind!! The main NW beverage is still in one piece, including the couple of hundred yard stretch of coax to get to the start of the antenna. I followed it again, all the way to the end the other night, and it is completely intact. But o dear are the woods overgrown at this time of year!!

PERSEUS: I obviously will repeat this on my Perseus observations page, but just for the record, another massive improvement in the software is just around the corner. The ability to record the whole MW band!!! Unbelievable technology!! There will be no more bad decisions about whether to record the hf end of mw or the lf end. The full sweep will be of 1600khz!! That's right, enough to record LW, the lf beacons, and still record mw up to 1700khz, with room to spare!! I am hopeful that it will chug along on my current PC, but if it doesn't, so be it. I may have to buy a dual core board.

Version 1.1b of the software is the best yet. So smooth and no problems to talk of. The playback problem that was experienced with any version above 1.0 has been addressed, and it runs flawlessly on an AMD 2.8g machine with a gig of RAM. I could do with the playback bar being a little wider than it is. It can be fiddly if you use it a lot, like I do.

I missed a quirk of the software until the other night. I did notice that by changing the bandwidth to 50khz you were able to squeeze out a little more bandwidth of a recording than the 800khz which is guaranteed. Our Scandinavian friend also informed us on the Perseus group, that direct freq entry is possible, and you are up the band in uncharted territory. The receiver samples 1000khz, but only shows 800 on the screen. Therefore you can actually use the 100khz or so at either end of the recording. It seems the best way to achieve this is simply dragging with the left mouse button held down, on the filter window, and you have the use of SAM and bandwidth. Thanks to Paul C and Odd J for the help and observations with this. It has given me new stations over the weekend when the band was active. So now I have a load of other files to check now at the outer limits!! After 100khz is reached, a mirror image of part of the band kicks in. I think NICO, the designer of the PERSEUS frowns upon the extra bandwidth, but it makes such a difference. An extra 200kHz.

Another little quirk I missed until recently is that by clicking on the left of the playback bar, the file will jump to the next in the set, but only if it is a multiple file recording.

I am recording Perseus files now with a centre frequency of 1040. This gives me an official 400khz either side, but in reality, it gives me 500khz more or less. So I am covering 540 - 1540, and not the previously thought 640 - 1440!! Far out!! The band starts to fold back on itself after the outer

limits are reached, and it is very obvious by using 1040 as the centre frequency which is where that fold begins. I have a very strong local on 1035 which is off the clock here, so it is obvious to say the least. The fold seems to go back to the centre freq!!

Yet another oddity I had was odd signals appearing where they shouldn't be. eg 1531. I switched off the software, and back on and the odd strong signal was still there. I checked other receivers, but there was nothing heard. So I switched from 1mhz sampling to 500khz, (800 to 400) and the problem disappeared.

I had my first problem ever encountered with the auto hotkeys timer recently. Maybe it was something to do with me listening to some old 400khz files before I set the timer/ files up. I have been recording 0400, 0430 and 0500 recently. My 0400 recording seemed as though there was no aerial connected. My 0430 and 0500 files had plenty signal, but only recorded 400khz. All I did was remove all the registry entries and start again the next night, and all was well. A glitch I guess.

Autohotkeys is fine so long as the text file is written properly. On 3rd Sept, I thought I would have a listen at 0600 to see if it is still too late for dx. It was. But in the process of editing a new .ahk text file, I forgot to change the file names from 0500 etc. So the 0500 files recorded fine, but I found that the 0600 files had overwritten them, because they used the same file names!! We learn!!

NEW NIGERIAN PIRATE: On a tip from David Hamilton, a dxer in Portugal has put up a recording on you tube of a Nigerian Pirate station being heard in Southern Europe. Freq is 917, off channel, so the carrier is well audible here in Scotland, but no audio so far. Who will be the first to ID it in the UK then I wonder??. The you tube link for thie Portugese dxer is as follows.

http://www.youtube.com/profile_videos?user=HughTVDX

Nigerian station link only...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALdaTpPAqLA>

NEW IRISH PIRATE: A new Irish MW pirate took to the air at the end of August. Tyrone Community Radio TCR was testing on 1512kHz. Tonight, Tuesday 2nd, I am listening to proper programmes. This is an all too rare trend. Radio North 846 has only non stop music most of the day and night, Energy from Dublin, weekends on 1395, is only non stop music. I must say it is like doing the late night listening on MW in the 80's. They are playing tacky remixes. Just heard a dreadful version of a Bay City Rollers Song. Just the same old style radio station as any number of country stations in the 80s. Great entertainment.

I have heard this station here on FM for many a year, on and off. Seems the authorities in Northern Ireland have raided the FM station about 14 times I read somewhere on the web (so this comes from a reliable source..lol). I'm told they are across the border from Strabane area. I have only heard a telephone number so far for contact details. 08777 25488. Sounds like a high rate number. Not caught any other numbers yet.

1008 CLOSING: I have seen various reports on line about 1008 closing at the end of August, and this morning I had a very good signal from the two stations that fight it out here in Europe, WINS and CFRB 10-10. The signals were so strong and the Euro was seemingly absent, I assumed it had indeed left the air. But on checking the band later, it was still on!! The band must have been so good to the West and the Euros faded, I mistook a quiet 1008 for a sign off. 1010 at that time was superb. So is it closing or is it not????

20 MILES IS A LOT IN DX TERMS. 1320 is an interesting channel, now that dominant CKEC is gone. Often unfortunately it is still dominated still by CJMR, The Voice of the City, Toronto. This station is often heard carrying the non stop christian music that somehow all sounds the same. These broadcasts are in // with Joy 1250. An unintelligible jingle is often played at the top of the hour, but sometimes it is only dead air. Earlier in the year, another dx neighbour, Paul C in Troon heard Vancouver on 1320 in the short silent period, yet here there was no sign of it!! Amazing what 20 miles does. We have noticed that at toth, sometimes I hear a rarer station, and Paul hears nothing, or vice versa. A few examples follow. I had WHJJ 920 RI one night when Paul had nothing.

One night on 1660 we both had completely different and dominant stations. This past weekend, Paul had a rare ESPN station on 1410 WNER Watertown NY, while I had dominant common WPOP Hartford, also an ESPN station. For the record, Martin Hall in the North of Scotland also had WPOP. As if by means of a bonus for my patience (or otherwise), I logged them on 2nd Sept at 0500!!

AND FINALLY: Finally may I thank Tony Hudson of mediumwaveradio.org for the use of his server, and invaluable assistance in the last year or two. This site wouldn't have been the same without his help.

AND NOW REALLY FINALLYTO DX LOGS: August ended this year with an opening to the Mid West, with CJOB Winnipeg coming through on 680. Always a good sign so early on in the season. There are about 50 or so new audio clips on line, including the CJOB clip. I was becoming bogged down in the PERSEUS audio page, and having to double check through 2 lists to find audio clips. So now all but a few samples of audio are on the main tadx audio page. The Perseus files are coloured orange. There is a colour key for each dx season, August to April roughly. I have also added some older recordings I have found on old manky tapes. 930 Radio Monte Carlo, 1390 WCSC Charleston. I may add some other old call signs etc when time permits.

Tuesday 2nd September: This morning at 0458 I had some great ids from WHBY, Kimberly. Lost to the Frenchy by 0500. WTAQ was dominant on 1360 at 0500, and WEZE Boston was heard on 590. This is a difficult channel with VOCM so dominant. WIOD FL was heard on 610. Thanks to a tip from Paul C, I have **WNER 1410** AT 0500. The sound of Watertown made me think on a log from last Wednesday. I had an unid on 790, that sounded like first of all ????Boston, then Washington. But after I heard the way Watertown was pronounced and said, I went back checked my 790 log. I had indeed heard the Watertown station on **790, WTNV**. A rarity indeed. I am unsure if the "top secret" UK MW list has this station logged in it recently. The list I have mentions the previous call as being heard in the UK in the 50's!! It is a shame that there is not a public UK all time list available anywhere on line. The dxers who edit this list keep it rather close to their chest for some reason.

Monday September 1st 2008: At 0500 GMT, I noted new one for me, **WARF 1350** Akron, OH. Band seemed to be open further west, 890 WLS was coming in rather than WAMG. Same with WOWO on 1190, and no sign of WLIB. KXEL 1540 was behind CHIN, and WOAI 1200 was dominant, with no sign of CFGO. WNAM is not the usual one on 1280 either.

SEPTEMBER 2008 FREQUENCY TABLE

SUPERCEDED BY 2008 TABLE

530		
540	CBT, Grand Falls, NFLD	
540	CBGA, New Carlisle, QC (FF)	
550	WSAU, Wausau, WI	22/9
550	WGR, Buffalo, NY	
550	WKRC, Cincinnati, OH	Less than 50% sure of this one. Poss AM 5-50-KRC id.
555	ZIZ, St Kitts	
560	CHVO/ KIX 103.9	Heard most days. rarely logged, but leaving the air soon
570	CFCB, Corner Brook, NFLD	

570	CKGL, Kitchener, ONT	29/9
570	WMCA, NY	
570	WSYR, Syracuse, NY	
570	UNID ESPN STN	Hrd reg in Sept 08
580	CFRA, Ottawa, Ont	02/09 0500,
590	VOCM, St Johns, NFLD	Heard most days. rarely logged
590	WEZE, Boston	02/09 0500,
600	CBC, St Anthony, NFLD	Heard most days. rarely logged
610	CHNC, New Carlisle, QC (FF)	
610	WIOD, Miami, FL	02/09 0500, 0530,
620	VOCM, NFLD	Heard most days. rarely logged
630	CFCO, Chatam, ONT	
630	WBMQ, Savannah, GA	7/9
630	WUNO, San Juan, PR	7/9
640	CBC, St Johns, NFLD	
640	Guadaloupe	Pres. France Inter id only.
650	VOCM, NFLD	Heard most days. rarely logged
660	WFAN, NY	Heard most days. rarely logged
670	CUBA	
670	WSCR, Chicago	
680	WRKO, Boston, MA	02/09 0500,
680	CFTR/ 680 NEWS, Toronto	02/09 0500,
680	CJOB, Winnipeg, MB	
690	CINF, Montreal, QC (FF)	
700	WLW, Cincinnati, OH	02/09 0500,
710	VOCM NWK, NFLD	
710	WOR, NY	02/09 0500,
720		
730	CKAC, Montreal, QC(FF)	02/09 0500,
740	VOCM, NFLD	

740	CHWO Toronto,	02/09 0500,
750	CBC, NFLD	
750	WSB, Atlanta, GA	
760	WJR, Detroit, MI	02/09 0500,
770	WABC, NY	
780	CFTR/ KIX Country	Heard most days. rarely logged, but leaving the air
780	WBBM, Chicago	
790	WAXY, S Miami, FL	02/09 0500,
790	WTNY, Watertown, NY	
790	CFNW, NFLD	CFCB N/wk
800	VOWR, NFLD	
800	CKLW, Windsor, ONT	
810		
820	WWFD, Fredrick, MD	18/9
830	WCRN, Worchester, MA	02/09 0500,
830	WCCO, MN	
840	WHAS, Louisville, KY	02/09 0500,
850	WEEI, Boston, Ma	02/09 0500,
860	CJCB, Toronto, Ont (FF)	02/09 0500,
870	WWL, New Orleanns, LA	01/09 0500, 02/09 0500,
870	WHCU, Itchaca, NY	18/9
880	WCBS, NY	02/09 0500,
890	WLS, Chicago	01/09 0500,
890	WAMG, Dedham, MA	
900	W RADIO, Mexico	01/09 0500,
900	CHML, ONT	
910		
920	CKNX, Wingham, ONT	
920	WBAA, West Lafayette, IN	
920	WMNI, Columbus, OH	

920	CFRY	
920	WHJJ, Providence, RI	
920	WDMC, Melbourne, FL	
930	WBEN, Buffalo	02/09 0500,
930	CFBC, St John, NB	
940	CINW, Montreal	01/09 0500,
950	CKNB, Campbelton, NB	
950	WWJ - Detroit	02/09 0505,
950	WNTD, Chicago, IL	
950	CFAM Altona, MB	23/9. (Finally ided after years)
950	UNID ESPN station	Could be one of many
960	WEAV - THE ZONE	
960	960 KMA, Shenandoah, IA	22/9
970	WZAN, Portland, ME	
970	WDAY, Fargo/ Moorhead	
980	WCUB, Two Rivers, WI	27/9
980	CKRU, Peterbrough, ONT	
990	CBC, Corner Brook, NFLD	02/09 0500,
990	CKGM, Montreal, QC	Team 9-90
1000	WNVP, Chicago	01/09 0500,
1010	CFRB, Toronto, Ont	02/09 0500,
1010	WINS, NY	02/09 0500,
1020	KDKA, Pittsburgh, PA	01/09 0500,
1030		
1040		
1050	WEPN, NY	
1050	CHUM, Toronto, Ont	01/09 0500,
1060	WBIX, MA	
1070	CHOK,ONT	01/09 0500,

1080	WTIC, Hartford, CT	02/09 0500,
1080	WHOO, FL tent	Has to be a tent. No local ID.
1090	WBAL, Baltimore	
1100	WTAM, Cleveland, OH	01/09 0500, 02/09 0500,
1110	WBT, Charlotte, NC	01/09 0500, 02/09 0500,
1120	KMOX, St Louis, MO	01/09 0500,
1120	WBMW, Concorde, MA	10/9
1130	WBBR, NY	Heard every day, often at local levels . rarely logged
1140	WQBA, FL	
1140	CBC, Sydney, NS	Heard most days. rarely logged
1150	WHBY, Kimberly, WI	02/09 0500,
1150	CKOC, Hamilton, ONT	21/9
1160	WYLL, Chicago, IL	01/09 0500,
1160	KSL, Salt Lake City	23/9
1170	WWVA, Wheeling, WV	01/09 0500, 02/09 0500,
1180	WHAM, Rochester, NY	02/09 0500, 02/09 0530,
1190	WLIB, NY	
1190	WOWO, Fort Wayne, IN	01/09 0500,
1200	CFGO, Ottawa, Ont	02/09 0500,
1200	WOAI, San Antonio, TX	01/09 0500,
1210		
1220		
1230	1230 WTKG, Grand Rapids, MI	
1230	1230 WMSH, Sturgis, MI	ESPN stn. 22/9
1240		
1250		
1260	WMKI, Boston (Disney)	02/09 0500,
1260	WNSS, Syracuse, NY	Tent. Slogan "ESPN RADIO 1260" heard, No def web address.25/9
1260	WPNW, ZEELAND, MI	1260thepledge.com 30/9
1270	WMKT, Charlevoix, MI	30/9

1280	WNAM, Neenah, WI	01/09 0500,
1290	WRNI, Providence, RI	
1290	CJBK, London, Ont	02/09 0500,
1290	WKBK, Keane, NH	
1290	WJNO FL.	6/9
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1300	WOOD, Grand Rapids, MI	01/09 0500,
1310	WLOB, Portland, ME	02/09 0500,
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1380	KLIZ, Brainerd, MN	23/9
1380	WPHM, Port Huron, MI	29/9
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1390	WFBL	
1390	WPLM	
1390	WRIG	
1400	CBC, Gander, NFLD	Heard most days. rarely logged
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1410	WPOP, Hartford, CT	
1410	WNER, Watertown, NY	02/09 0500,

1420	CKDY, Digby, NS	
1420	WHK, Cleveland, OH	
1420	WOC, Davenport, IA	
1420	KTOE, Mankato, MN	
1430	CHKT, Toronto, Ont	02/09 0500 (no id, ethnic mx),
1430	WENE / , Endicott, NY	The Team
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1520	KOKC, Oklahoma City, OK	27/9
1530	WCKY, Cincinnati, OH	
1540	CHIN, Toronto, ONT	
1540	WDCD, Albany, NY	
1540	KXEL, Waterloo, IA	01/09 0500,
1550	CBC, Windsor, Ont	01/09 0500,
1560	WQEW, NY	01/09 0500,
1570		
1580	CKDO, ONT	01/09 0500,
1590		
1600	WUNR, Brookline, MA	
1600	KLEB Golden Meadow, LA	(relaying KLRZ 100.3) 25/9

1600	UNID ESPN	30/9
1610	CJLO Montreal	24/9
1620	WTAW, College Station, TX	
1630		
1640		
1650	CJRS, Montreal, QC	Radio Shalom
1660	WQLR, Kalamazoo, MI	
1670		
1680		
1690	CHTO, Toronto, ONT	
1690	WPTX, Lexington Park, MA	
1700	KVNS, Brownsville, TX	

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Notable logs now in bold.

SEPTEMBER 2nd 2008: Started to add a table of logs for August at the bottom of the page. This will be a better option for me. Initially Septembers logs will be on the right hand side, There is a reason that this is here initially, but it will be removed once complete.

AUGUST 30th 2008: Isn't it just amazing how on what seems like an otherwise average morning, and the usual stations are not necessary particularly strong or clear, that one particular channel holds a surprise. Yesterday morning gave me 1360 WDRC Hartford, with as good a signal as I have ever heard. This morning, at 0500 I have heard 1310 WCCW again. But this time, the id is so much clearer than any I have had in the past. I logged it a couple of times last season. But on tuning If on the recording, I find I have an opening to the Mid West. **680 CJOB**, and new one on me **630 CFCO**, a personal first. I had an unid coast to coast station on 550. And a possible beacon on 1428. have to check up on this, as may have been a spur/ image.

AUGUST 28th 2008: I have been hearing a mixed bag, and it will take a little time to type up my logs. probably in the form of a list again. Dont know if there is any rare stations or not. I feel I have 2 or 3 suspicious stations in my Perseus files, but just not quite strong enough to id properly. Almost time to get up and do live dxing. I have been completely remote in my dxing this summer by recording relevant top of the hours. At present 0500 seems to be the best here.

NEW PIRATES: Seems there are two new pirates on mw. One closer to home on 1512, Tyrone Community Radio, from Eire, across the border from Strabane. There is also a station on the air from Nigeria, on 917khz, het noted here in Europe, and carrier etc, but no audio as yet. A portugese dxer recently posted audio from this hijacked transmitter, and includes English.

I have added lots of images to the tvdx pages on this site in the last week. I have also moved all the Perseus Audio to do with MWDX into the old tadx audio page. Now all the dx is on the one page in freq order. Easier to find I think.

AUGUST 27th 2008: Today was an interesting morning here. Some good signals and some rarer ones popping up as well.

LOGS FOR 0500 TODAY

550 UNID SPORT

560 WGAN 0458**790 WTNV WATERTOWN, NY.** PERSONAL FIRST**810 WGY** (Noted during a BBC silent period at toth, see audio clips.)

830 WCRN

840 WHAS. VG AT 0430 AND 0434 AS WELL

860 CJBC

870 WWL

880 WCBS

920 CKNX

960 WEAV THE ZONE

1020 KDKA

1070 CKOK

1100 WTAM

1110 WBT

1120 KMOX

1230 UNID. MUST RECHECK

1280 WFAU

1290 WKBK

1310 WLOB

1330 WRCA VG SIG

AUGUST 27th 2008: A station on 1400 caught me out today. Obviously I am updating much later. In September to be exact. I had a signal which I took to be WCYN in KY. I did think it quite a distance for a qrp station, but the id sounded OK, and verified by om PC. But in late September I learned I was caught out. At 0500 this am I logged WOND on 1400, and also their sister stn WGYM. You can see how the confusion arose.

AUGUST 19th 2008: Well here we are again at the start of the MW dx season. I have not really been quite as intense at keeping the logs up to date on these pages as I might have been. But I have lots of new logs and observations.

TVDX: First may I comment on the TVDX here in Scotland this summer. For whatever reason, the usual strong and intense openings in June and July were very poor to non-existent. Judging by reports on the web, the South of England had much much better results this season than we did. But there had been some good openings.

As mentioned in June/ July page, I have again been adding to the shack. E-bay is a terrible distraction. There is always something there for sale that takes my fancy!! I think I am like the stereotype woman in the dress shop.....hi!! Anyway, I found a JVC CX610GB, one of the best DX televisions around, with a completely manual tuner and a video output, for a DVD recorder to record direct. As I write this I am watching for the postman. I haven't taken delivery of the TV yet.

I have also discovered that a DVD recorder I sourced from the web, (a specific model) is capable of recording band one and band 3. Problem is the internal tuner is not as good as my old VHF tv. But some good recordings have been made of RTP, TVE, RTL KLUB, NOVA, E21 etc. It is nice to have the very powerful, long intense openings. I had this kind of opening in mid August a few times. I may add a few movies at a later date to this site. The DVD recorder I use is an LG RC1000 combi. This model is long out of circulation, but I was lucky enough to find one a couple of years ago on e bay. The main reason I like this model is simply that whenever the video signal is interrupted during a fade for example, on most recorders the silly machine goes into an unwanted pause mode. If you are copying an old VHS tape which has seen better days, then most recorders I have seen pause and mute etc if there is a bad bit on the tape. With the LG, you could record snow all night!! Ideal also for recording TVDX. I do so hate silly modern day appliances which automatically do this that and the next thing without the option to disable the said automated function. I am a little concerned about the LG packing up, as I wouldn't know what to buy to replace it.

My old black and white Pye TV has served well since the 1980's. There is no video out, but I have taken hundreds, in fact thousands of screen shots using a digital camera in the last four seasons. Before that I was a little more conservative with the photos, as it was a film camera I used. The earlier digital cameras I had were not really suitable for DXTV.

I have also found an ICOM 706 ham transceiver on junk sale which doesn't transmit, but receives fine. Now I can listen to the 50MHz ham band, as well as check for band 1 carriers. The old Tandy scanner covered these frequencies, but never has SSB for the Ham bands or for carrier reception with Speclab.

I have separated a load of the best TVDX photos, and hope to use them on this site very soon. I have also been digging through my older TVDX images from years ago when there were test cards to see. Some of these should find their way onto these pages too.

PERSEUS FUTURE PLANS: The most exciting development on the mw dx front is probably the potential to record the complete mw band in one sweep using the next Perseus software release. The microtelecom (Perseus) web site has all the details. The receiver will be capable of recording 1600khz, which to put into a dxers context, from LW to the top end of MW, taking in the LW beacons as well!! An example would be 150 - 1750kHz. Amazing!! This is really the ultimate in MW dxing tools. I have to say that my unattended dxing, is always done using the Perseus now. The most recent release has overcome the annoying bug on playback. I had been using Perseus version 1.0 for a time, but now version 1.1b is so much more stable and smooth running. It is a dream to operate.

It is good to have some clear frequencies to work with this season. 1395 BIG L is gone, RTE have left 567/ 729, BRT have left 540/ 1512. There are tales that 1008 may be switched off too soon, and while not an impossible channel with the strong Dutch station on it, it would be nice to be able to have a clear 1010 again at night. Shame it isn't the more interesting 670 and 680 that is going to be clear.

MWDX: August is generally seen as the real start to the dx season, when the summer conditions begin to turn into autumn. The nights begin to get longer as the summer seemingly slips away, and the short trousers get thrown to the back of the cupboard for the winter. The old shack also begins to get a bit chilly at night. At this qth, it wasn't much of a summer either. Pretty wet, overcast etc for what seemed like most of the time....

Anyway I started using the Perseus autohotkeys recordings again on 6th August. I had set it a couple of times in June and July, but there was not too much heard, except what I call the run of the mill stations, or the common stuff.

I really must try my best to get around to completing the all time list of stations heard here. It has been sadly neglected.

Another plan is to incorporate all the transatlantic clips into one audio page. As it stands, I have a page with only Perseus recordings. This was fine earlier in the year when the full potential of the Perseus was a bit of an unknown, but now...well I think from my own observations, it has certainly become my main receiver. I am a convert. I once refused to have a PC on anywhere near a dx receiver, unless making an overnight recording on the usual single spot frequencies. Now I am recording 80 American channels!! This will soon become the full MW band!! I even have little disagreements with myself sometimes about which part of MW to record, lf or hf. The next version of the Perseus software should put paid to my temporary insanity!!

If we could have had this technology years ago, wouldn't it be nice to go back in time to have a tune on the band in a certain year!!

As ever with Perseus recordings, I may not have included all that is heard on a particular recording.

Has anyone ever heard jamming noises on 1140??

Monday 18th August: I had been out all day Sunday, and came back home a little worse for wear. I forgot to set the timer!!

Sunday 17th August 2008: This morning a definite shift South. But not totally.

0500

950 Radio Reloj

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990 CBC

1000 WNVP Chicago. VG ID. In fact as good a peak as I have had at id time!!

0400

1290 WRNI ann 102.7

Saturday 16th August:

0400

1390 WEGP

1320 CJMR

1430 TORONTO

1470 WLAM

1500 WWWT

1550 CBC

1650 WHKT

1700 KVNS

0430 - Some very strong signals around

920 CKNX

950 CKNB

940 940 Montreal

930 VOCM id in mush, pres CJYQ

930 CFBC (Usually dominant nowadays)

840 WHAS

760 WJR

700 WLW

680 680 News

650 VOCM / WSM mix

640 AM 6-40 Toronto / CBC mix

620 VOCM and SS mix

570 Multi Stns, inc CFCB

560 KIX and other stn

610 FF and other stn

680 6-80 News like a local 0434

120 KMOX

1010 CFRB

1320 EE mixing with CJMR.

Friday 15th August:

At 0430, I had the following..

950 CKNB
 940 940 Montreal Greatest hits ids etc
 920 CKNX
 880 WCBS
 820 CHAM
 790 CFNW? (ID as 570 CFCB etc)
 780 KIX
 710 VPCM
 680 WRKO
 650 VPCM
 620 VPCM
 570 RADIO RELOJ
 760 WJR
 830 WCRN
 970 WZAN
 1010 CFRB

Thursday 14th August 2008: Interesting morning producing a nice id from WHJJ 920 Providence, RI at 0400. Click Perseus Audio Files page. This may well become a regular this winter since CJCH has gone off air. Multi station id on 960, poss WEAV. Difficult to make out. Also the following at 0400:

1050 WEPN
 1010 CFRB
 1100 WTAM
 1110 WBT
 1140 CBC
 1180 WHAM and sure there was another E stn
 1190 WLIB
 1200 TEAM 12-00
 1290 unid. In the mud. I once thought it to be WVOW, but not a claim. too poor a signal.
 1650 Radio Shalom
 1660 WFNA
 16980 CHTO (VG id)

Friday 8th August 2008:

0400:

820 WBAP
 800 CKLW
 760 WJR
 670 Unid English stn. Silly talk show. No Id
 1290 WCMS
 950 CKNB
 880 WCBS
 870 WWL
 840 WHAS
 UNID on 720 below BBC
 680 6-80 NEWS

0500:

1140 CBC
 1080 WTIC
 1110 WBT
 950 CKNB
 930 CFBC

Wednesday 6th August 2008: Perseus receiver programmed for 0300 and 0400.

0300 Unid on 1070 with USA Radio News. Also ESPN 1000 Chicago.

0400

590 VOCM

600 CBC

610 FF

620 VOCM

640 CBC

650 VOCM

660 WFAN

680 6-80 News Toronto

690 FF (NO ID)

700 WLW

710 VOCM

730 CKAC

740 VOCM

760 WJR (particularly good)

800 CKLW

830 WCRN

860 RADIO CANADA FF

870 WWL

880 WCBS

890 WAMG

930 WBEN

970 WZAN

990 CBC

1010 CFRB

1050 CHUM

1100 WTAM

1130 WBBR

1140 CBC

AUGUST 2008 FREQUENCY TABLE

530			
540	CBT, Grand Falls, NFLD	30/08 0500,	
540	CBGA, New Carlisle, QC (FF)	30/08 0500,	
550			
555	ZIZ, St Kitts		
560	CHVO/ KIX 103.9		Heard most days. rarely logged, but leaving the air
560	WGAN, Portland, ME	27/08 0500,	
570	CFCB, Corner Brook,		

	NFLD		
580	CFRA, Ottawa, Ont		02/09 0500,
590	VOCM, St Johns, NFLD		Heard most days. rarely logged
590	WEZE, Boston		02/09 0500,
600	CBC, St Anthony, NFLD	30/08 0500,	Heard most days. rarely logged
610	CHNC, New Carlisle, QC (FF)		
610	WIOD, Miami, FL		02/09 0500, 0530,
620	VOCM, NFLD		Heard most days. rarely logged
630	CFCO, Chatam, ONT	30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	
640	CBC, St Johns, NFLD	31/08 0500,	
640	CFMJ, Toronto, ONT	31/08 0532,	
650	VOCM, NFLD		Heard most days. rarely logged
660	WFAN, NY		Heard most days. rarely logged
670	R Reloj, CUBA	31/08 0500,	
670	WSCR, Chicago	31/08 0500,	
680	WRKO, Boston, MA		02/09 0500,
680	CFTR/ 680 NEWS, Toronto	31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
680	CJOB, Winnipeg, MB	30/08 0500,	
690	CINF, Montreal, QC (FF)	31/08 0500,	
700	WLW, Cincinnati, OH	30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
710	VOCM NWK, NFLD	31/08 0500,	
710	WOR, NY	30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
720			
730	CKAC, Montreal, QC(FF)	31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
740	VOCM, NFLD		
740	CHWO Toronto,	31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,

750	CBC, NFLD	30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	
750	WSB, Atlanta, GA	30/08 0500,	
760	WJR, Detroit, MI	27/08 0434, 30/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
770	WABC, NY	27/08 0500, 30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	
780	CFTR/ KIX Country		Heard most days. rarely logged, but leaving the air
780	WBBM, Chicago	31/08 0500,	
790	WAXY, S Miami, FL		02/09 0500,
790	WTNY, Watertown, NY	27/08 0500,	
790	CFNW, NFLD		CFCB N/wk
800	VOWR, NFLD		
800	CKLW, Windsor, ONT	27/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	
800	UNID FRENCH CANADIAN	30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	
810	WGY, Shcenectady, NY	27/08 0500,	
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830	WCRN, Worchester, MA	27/08 0500, 30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
840	WHAS, Louisville, KY	27/08 0434, 27/08 0500, 30/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
850	WEEI, Boston, Ma	31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
860	CJCB, Toronto, Ont (FF)	27/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
870	WWL, New Orleanns, LA	27/08 0500, 30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	01/09 0500, 02/09 0500,
880	WCBS, NY	27/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
890	WLS, Chicago	31/08 0500,	01/09 0500,
890	WAMG, Dedham, MA		
900	W RADIO, Mexico		
910			

920	CKNX, Wingham, ONT	27/08 0500, 30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	
920	WHJJ, Providence, RI		
920	WDMC, Melbourne, FL		
930	WBEN, Buffalo	27/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
930	CFBC, St John, NB		
940	CINW, Montreal	31/08 0500,	01/09 0500,
950	CKNB, Campbellton, NB		
950	WWJ - Detroit		02/09 0505,
960	WEAV - THE ZONE	27/08 0500, 27/08 0500,	
970	WZAN, Portland, ME	31/08 0500,	
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990	CBC, Corner Brook, NFLD		02/09 0500,
1000	WNVP, Chicago	30/08 0500,	01/09 0500,
1010	CFRB, Toronto, Ont	30/08 0500, 31/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
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1290	CJBK, London, Ont	29/08 0500, 30/08 0500,	02/09 0500,
1290	WKBK, Keane, NH	27/08 0500,	
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1350	WARF, Akron, OH		01/09 0500,
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1360	WTAQ, Green Bay, WI,	30/08 0500,	02/09 0500
1360	WSAI, Cincinnati, OH	31/08 0500,	
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1530	WCKY, Cincinnati, OH		
1540	CHIN, Toronto, ONT		
1540	WDCD, Albany, NY		
1540	KXEL, Waterloo, IA		01/09 0500,
1550	CBC, Windsor, Ont		01/09 0500,
1560	WQEW, NY		01/09 0500,
1570			
1580	CKDO, ONT		01/09 0500,
1590			
1600	WUNR, Brookline, MA		
1610			
1620	WTAW, College Station, TX		
1630			
1640			
1650	CJRS, Montreal, QC		Radio Shalom
1660	WQLR, Kalamazoo, MI		
1670			
1680			

1690	CHTO, Toronto, ONT		
1690	WPTX, Lexington Park, MA		
1700	KVNS, Brownsville, TX		

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Going..Going.. A list of common dx stations looking to move to FM include: 560 Now 103.9 KIX Country, 610 CHNC/ Frenchy, 780 CFDR/ KIX, 980 CKRU, 1140 CBI/ CBC, 1150 CHGM/ Frenchy, 1550 CBE/ CBC. 560 KIX are already carrying the FM service, which usually signals that the end is near!! Any more?? Many of these are dominant on their channel, so their sign off will open the frequencies up for further dx.

Recently gone: 550 CHLN, 630 CFCY, 920 CJCH, 950 CHER, 960 CHNS, 960 CFFX, 1070 CBA/ CBC, 1320 CKEC, 1380 CKLC. I will keep this list at the top of the next few months logs as things change. Updates welcome.

Notable logs now in bold.

This part of the web site has been neglected during the summer months of 2008. I had a rather annoying eye infection of some kind in June. One eye went, then as it began to get better the other eye caught it. Lucky white heather. All on the mend now, but at one stage driving was a bit dodgy, and had to give the PC a rest!!

I have a few logs to report, but nothing startling, mw wise. On band 1 and band 2, I have been monitoring this years sporadic e season. For some reason, this part of the world has been much quieter than southern parts of the UK. There has in fact been more intense sporadic e openings in August than June this year!!

I have recently bought a receiver that covers band 1 television frequencies, something I had always lacked. The old Tandy scanner covers those frequencies, but has no SSB. This is of course required for checking for carriers using Speclab. It is an old ICOM 706, which doesn't transmit, so it was advertised on the junk sale just as that. I don't think the seller could comprehend that I did not care about the fact it didn't transmit. Anyway, it was cheap, and it did the job. Not as sensitive as say an icom icr7000, but still reasonable for band 1 and for listening to the 50mHz ham band.

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