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RADIO CAROLINE NOW NOT ON SKY 0199:

Radio Caroline quit the Sky programme guide as of the end of June. This drain on the station resources, saves a massive amount of cash. The station announced that their frequency of 11428 had to be manually tuned. I tried this freq, but could not receive any signal. But after a few weeks of no service, I searched Google and discovered they have another frequency. 11224. Good to be able to listen to Bob Lawrence again on a Friday night with his album show.

NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT:

The above was the only bit of news worth reporting on in July, and sporadic e this season has been so poor in this area, I have completely stopped even switching on the DX TV.

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY JUNE 28th 2011

NOTHING TO REPORT:

I really have nothing worthy to report on this site for the last few weeks. At this time of year I like to watch the sporadic e on band 1 as well as band 2. This season has to have been the poorest that I have ever seen at these latitudes. Although 2 or 3 years ago must have been a close runner up. Last summer, we enjoyed regular openings from the month of May, until about early July or late June, when all suddenly stopped!! But before that, there were frequent openings to the east.

This year so far has been nothing short of a joke!! So much so that too often I haven't been even bothering to check the bands. When there is nothing there for weeks on end, it becomes tedious, and dull. As I have said on these pages in the past, I have heard dxers grumbling about all the Euro stations and wishing they all closed. A large percentage of TV transmitters have now closed on band 1, and thus, often seems that there is nothing now to be seen. When Spain was on air, at least it was a regular beacon, and you knew the band was open. Looking at a blank screen day in day out does nothing for my own enthusiasm, and I go off and do something else.

But this summer, June has been such that rain has been the most common weather or it certainly seems so. Many beech trees are already brown with the harsh cold weather we have had. So the will to do outside work or maintenance or walking etc has not been there either.

MW DXING:

I have recorded on a couple of mornings, peak here around 0300 or 0330GMT at these latitudes. A few Brazilians were noted, including Brazil Central on 1270. I shall get back to the mw dxing, but enthusiasm is not there when most morning recordings have produced little in the way of DX.

PERSEUS SDR RETURNED TO OWNER:

The Perseus I spoke about last month that had taken such a long time for repairs to be made was finally returned to the owner in Ireland approx 8 weeks after it was returned for repairs. This extensive time scale was not helped by the silly "*Send to England to send to Italy to send back to England to send back to Ireland*" policy of the whole saga. That must surely be classified as nuts!!

PERSEUS FM TUNER:

The Perseus receiver has now a plug in add on box for band 2 FM enthusiasts. This certainly looks very interesting, and will be a great add on fo the Perseus SDR. Supplies don't look as though they will be available for this years sporadic e season, so I don't think I am in such a rush to make a purchase. And with the sporadic e year we have had, it doesn't look very promising so far anyway.

I have yet to see a dxers comparason with the SONY receivers, 920, or hd sets.


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1060	WBMJ	Puerto Rico	 8/4/11, 0501 (Matched up id of 1190, 1060 and 1370 in //. In that order on recording)
1070	HJAH	Emmisora Atlantico, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0500
1130	HJVA	Libertade, Columbia	9/4/11, 0500ish, // 1520 VIDA network
1190	WBMJ	Puerto Rico	 8/4/11, 0501. Also matched ID with 1060 and 1370. (1190, 1060, 1370) 
1200		RCN, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0507,40s
1220		RCN, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0507,40s
1230	HJLK	Radio Calidad, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0501
1240	WHIZ	Zanesville, OH	 14/2/10 0800 (Old Perseus File)
1250	HJCA	Radio Capital, Columbia	 9/4/11, 0500
1260	CKHJ	FREDERICTON, NB	 17/9/09, 0556 (10kW, but still rare here) ID as KHJ. On an old Perseus file.
1280	WCMN	Puerto Rico	 8/4/11, 0503
1280	HJLR	Caracol, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0510 (// 1580, 1540, 1310, 1280, 1170, 1100)
1310	HJDG	Caracol, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0500, 0510 (// 1580, 1540, 1310, 1280, 1170, 1100)
1320	WSKN	Puerto Rico	 3/4/11 0400 Radio Islas (Tnx to real dx etc for help with ids)
1340		RCN, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0508. Maybe more than one possibility
1350		Ondas De La Montana, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0458. (Tnx Thomas and Mauricio on Real DX)
1360	WMOB	Mobile, Alabama	 31/3/11, 0604. (Tip BD) Rude stn that doesn't like dxers e mailing.
1370	WIVV	Puerto Rico	 8/4/11, 0501 (Matched up id of 1190, 1060 and 1370 in //. In that order on

			recording)
1390	WISA	Isabela, Puerto Rico	 8/4/11 0458. (Tnx Thomas, Sweden on Real DX)
1390	ZYJ687	Radio Planalto, Brazil	 3/5/11 0402 (Singing jingle at start of speech)
1400	OBX4W	Radio Callao, Peru	 0438 21/4/11
1430	HJKU	1430 - AM, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0501 (Poss not good enough for 100% id??)
1430	ZYJ671	Radio Cairila, Brazil	 3/5/11, 0402. Relay Radio Apreciada
1430	WNEL	Caguas, Puerto Rico	 8/4/11, 0504 (Tnx Thomas in Sweden for assistance)
1450	HJNL	La Caranosa, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0503
1450	YVKH	Radio Maria, Venezuela	 20/4/11 0428 (Maybe more than one possibility, but this one reported in recent times??)
1470	OAU4B	CPN, Peru	 19/4/11, 0500 (20kW)
1490		Emmisora Punto Cinco, Bogota, Columbia	 8/4/11 0512
1500	OBX41	Radio Santa Rosa, Peru	 19/4/11, 0502, 0507 (10kW)
1510	HD2	Ins Oceanografico de Armada. (Time Signals) Ecuador	 10/4/11 0502 (No voice ID, but constant pips. Unsure if I am comfortable with only this as reception, but no one else would have continous pips) Also there on 8/4/11 0505
1520.1		Radio Minuto, Columbia	 8/4/11 0532 (poor id 7 secs)
1540		Caracol Radio, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0510 (// 1580, 1540, 1310, 1280, 1170, 1100)
1540	HJZF	Radio Condor	 9/4/2011, 0500 (5kW)
1540	OCU2X	Turbo Mix, Peru	 21/4/11, 0446
1550	HJCB	Radio El Sol, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0511 (5kW)
1570	OCU4J	Bethel Radio, Peru	 19/4/11, 0500
1580	HJRM	Caracol, Columbia	 8/4/11, 0500+ 0510 (// 1580, 1540, 1310, 1280, 1170, 1100)
1600	WLUZ	Radio Luz, Puerto Rico	 20/4/11, 0502 (Logged in the past but can't find logs yet)

1640		Radio Onda Zero, Peru	 4/5/11, 0332 (Much better 13/5/11)
1680		Radio Senda, Dominican Rep	 13/5/11, 0402

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY MAY 31st 2011

TYRONE COMMUNITY RADIO MOVES FROM 1512 TO 927:

A poor signal is being heard here in Scotland from TCR on 927kHz, especially in the hours of silence from high power BRT (Belgium). The move from this Irish station was noticed by fellow dxer in Ireland at the weekend. The signal is particularly poor for a lower frequency, and sounds like they need a bit of work done to something. This also coincides with Benelux dxers hearing a strong carrier test on 1512. Source as yet unknown.

LIGHTBULBS OR QRN SOURCES:

I have sometimes repeated myself in these pages over the years, so apologies if you have read the following comments before. I was listening to a couple of radio hams chatting on the top band one night about these silly modern day so called light bulbs. The government recently banned common light bulbs, in a strange attempt to change everyone over to these fluorescent tubes shaped like a light bulb.

Wonderful, their propaganda preaches, as one would expect.

Shocking I say that more rubbish is being imposed upon us.

Wonderful said the hams on top band. (I wish I had made a recording of this QSO).

I read on one of these newsgroups recently some comments about them. I have to say that I shouldn't be surprised by these non technical sorts. I would not expect the people concerned to be able to make an accurate judgement. Or judgement of any kind even, for that matter. But I thought radio hams were slightly more clued up. But when I was listening to a QSO, one of the hams was singing the praises of these things. Now both guys were using top band, a freq near the MW band. Any dxer that knows a bit about the band, and mw dxing, knows fine and well the problems caused by fluorescent tubes over the years. Other sources of trouble come from these touch lamps, from many makes of badly made power supplies etc etc. Do we need any more causes of rf noise?? As I say, I would expect the rude and pointless answers on some of these newsgroups, but I would have thought older radio hams (as they were older chaps) would be a bit more clued up than this subject of buzzing QRM. Try and listen to a weaker MW station near these wonderful "bright" lights. And if you can't hear it for buzzing, at least try and read a magazine when they are switched on from cold. Get the candles fired up.

The bit that really bites is the fact that these things have been imposed on us here in the UK, like we are now in some kind of a police state. Standard light bulbs are reputedly banned. No user choice whether he prefers to use a decent bulb, or this source of QRN. I am not sure about the availability of real light bulbs these days. I must look up ebay and have a look. I guess old time radio hams that use a light bulb as a dummy load on their equipment will have to find other types of dummy loads eventually.

My own power supply here has been very unreliable for many months now. So variable. No idea why, but this shows on standard light bulbs, more than on these noisy rf sources. The flashing dimming light is such a pest and pretty hard on the eyes when sitting at night. I have not really checked up with the neighbours yet to see if they are the same.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY MAY 25th 2011

MAJOR CONCERN FOR ALL PERSEUS USERS:

This is not a damning article about the Perseus SDR. It is an article made from observations over the last few weeks, and longer. I have been aware of this major concern for all Perseus users for some time.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR RECEIVER BREAKS DOWN??

I have only had one problem with my Perseus, and that was a bad connection on the DC input socket (power socket) a few months ago. At that time my second Perseus was on loan to a dx friend in Ireland, so I started to panic. But luckily all that was needed was a blob of solder. The receiver has been fine ever since.

BUT..... I have another DX friend who has had a breakdown with a Perseus. Rather than return the thing directly to the Italian manufacturer, MICROTELECOM, they insist on going through the pointless delaying motion of sending to the supplier first, who then has to re-send the receiver on to Italy. (Why o why don't they simply accept returns direct from Perseus owners, by prior e mail arrangement??) In this case it was sent to the UK, to Martin Lynch. Lynch sent it to Italy on 6th April or there abouts, where it has remained ever since!!!

This is a definite concern to any Perseus owners. What has undoubtedly become the elite amongst MW dx receivers, the Perseus back up seems to be suffering from some kind of a lack of something I can not quite put my finger on. Customer service was not always seen to be what you might call "helpful". Sometimes customers have been treated with contempt on the Perseus Yahoo Group. Some uncourteous specimens deservedly so, who I personally would have immediately banned from the Yahoo group. Others debatably not. (Imagine if you're local friendly bar person was talking to you in the same contemptuous manner that some people were replied to on line. Or for that matter, imagine speaking to other customers in a bar line that. You could easily end up with a punch on the nose..lol)

But what if you do have a busted receiver??? It seems you may well have a £700 doorstop, at least for a time much longer than expected???? Isn't the receiver still being manufactured?? And if so, can't a replacement full board be used for a receiver that is giving trouble?? After all, what is the real component value in a board?? You are paying for the software development are you not?? The thing is, answers are not forthcoming. Two months could be the peak of a MW DX season.

In the early days of the Perseus receiver, things were very different and much more courteous. Now it is more like dealing with these large corporations you have nowadays, rather than a smaller company.

QUESTION:

So what do I personally think of Perseus now????

ANSWER:

I still think it is the best receiver I have ever had the pleasure of operating, and streets above your NRD or AOR. I speak of MW dxing, and of course I speak so highly based exclusively on the merit of the record facility, to record the whole MW band. I would not like to go back to single channel dxing now that I have had the taste of wideband recording since late 2007.

QUESTION:

Would I change it for any other receiver?

ANSWER:

Certainly not. I haven't seen anything that comes close.

PERSEUS RF NOISY POWER SUPPLY AND ADAPTOR:

To diversify slightly, I have also heard others complain of the small DC plug on the wall power supply supplied with a new Perseus. The somewhat rf noisy power supply I may add. This no longer concerns me, as I have been running the Perseus off of the PC power supply for many months now. I wish I had made that modification a few years back.

(On desktop PC supply, Red wire +5v, Yellow wire +12v)

The PC also requires a clean 5 volts, and thus Perseus runs flawlessly with this set up. Laptop users may find this modification impossible of course.

GOODBYE TELEVISION ANALOGUE:

I was watching the TV at midnight local time, 2300 UTC last night to see the analogue TV from the Main tv transmitter going off air. It never went off. But when I tried again later on, it was off by just after half past. So I missed it switching off. I gather it is quite uneventful, and simply goes off air mid sentence. No text message on screen, nothing. Not even a local test card generated briefly.

It is a fact that a good analogue wideband signal was hard to beat for picture quality, but so often prone to ghosting in weaker signal areas. Here in the hills and glens of Scotland, we have a main 100kW station about 6 or 7 miles across the moors, yet require a local repeater. As do we require repeaters in another 3 or 4 areas very local to me. My own local analogue repeater is co channel with Blackhill. Or should I say it was.

Such was the lousy UHF reception in my own village, that a local aerial firm was commissioned in the late 1970's, or early 1980's to install a local cable system around the 5 streets that make up the village. This was in general a pretty unsuccessful venture, although most of the time a much better option than UHF aerials could offer. But so often there were complaints of cross mod, and left hand ghosting, (signals getting into the receiver from badly screened cable or amps, before the signal from the antenna) and bad picture. The signal level seemed to vary causing either snow, or cross modulation, (ie BBC in the background of STV etc). The aerial guys used to be harassed by members of the community council reporting faults, and were even accused of "giving" pictures to the new hooses up the road, and at the same time taking the pictures from the scheme down the street. (I guess I should use the term SCHEME with caution these days LOL).

Many who lived next to the high banking which was the woods, had their television aerials up at the top of the hill on a tree. Many boasted to have "The best tv picture in the village" at that time, and I think they opted out of the cable relay scheme. Many had I guess, but in these days of satellite dishes and freeview, it is hard to imagine the picture quality many folks were stuck with in country areas. I don't remember how much a year the cable system was supposed to be, or who collected for it, or if it was funded by community council grants??

Such was the unreliability factor of the cable system, that the BEEB were eventually contacted, and after some negotiations through the community council, eventually installed a proper repeater on the hillside. Incidentally, some clever sod has decided to plant a woodland area in between the village and the TV mast. This will no doubt cause trouble in years to come as the trees mature.

There was an up side to the cable system being decommissioned. I fell in with the job of hawling out most of the lengths of cable. Initially me and a pal tried to resell the heavy coax cable to another aerial company, thinking there was a good drink in it for us. In the end, I was left with it, but I used it for years as feeders for various aerials. There is still some of it kicking around yet, though much of it was damaged over the years by winds and storms and falling into rivers etc.

FAKE / INFERIOR DIGITAL RECEIVERS:

Major manufacturers have been selling digital terrestrial receivers to the UK market for quite some time. But how come they are allowed to flog flawed goods?? There must have been some kind of spec desired by the broadcasters and by the license provider??

Among the companies who's receivers have stopped working include branded names like SAMSUNG!! Around a year or two ago, some kind of change was made to the freeview transmission system in the UK. Many receivers were rendered virtually useless. Often the channel numbers stored for the first five channels were mixed in among the 800's. As of the digital switch over, many of these boxes that worked to a fashion, are picking up nothing. How's that for selling crap to the public and getting away with it!!!! Daylight robbery is what it used to be called. Nowadays it is called progress, or tough titty.

Isn't it sad that so much government propaganda is broadcast about counterfeit goods and pretending the sellers are involved in organised crime, while these major highwaymen of the high streets are left untouched, free to trade and in general uncontactable about their crimes??

(Why are the freeview channels numbered the way they are?? There are nowhere near 800 channels, and doubtful if there ever can be in the limited bandwidth of a few hundred mhz in the UHF band????)

FIRST REAL SPORADIC E OF THE SEASON:

My DX buddy up the street, Davie H, (From Davie's Log's and Blogs..lol) always has a somewhat different idea of the first sporadic e as I have. There were a few whispers earlier in the month, but nothing I would even write about or even log. When the TV is alive on band 1, and when the OIRT FM band is jumping, and hopefully even band 2 open, that is when I start to show an interest. I can't get excited at all about extreme minor openings.

But Saturday I think it was, was a bit different. I had the following identified stations on TV:

R1:

Belarus fading in and out around 1000

Ukraine fading in and out around 1000

Czech Republic - Nova around 1120

Russian stn with 5 in a circle seen

Lithuania was also seen on R1 around 1550

R2

Slovakain TV

Lithuanian TV

I also had what I believe to be sound from Iran, which Davie H received pictures from, on E2..

OIRT BAND / EASTERN EUROPEAN FM BAND:

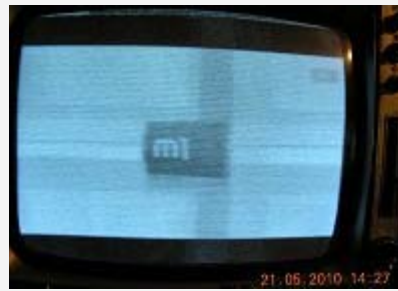
On the OIRT FM BAND, 67 - 73mHz, I had a few station ids. Logs were chaotic, but I think I have a few ids to find. I did record a top of the hour on the Perseus through the IF OUT of the rx, but of course, I was too fast to delete Saturday's files in general, and ended up deleting my first top of the hour wideband recording of OIRT??

I did ID a couple of stations, including one with a nice little tune in English called I love Belarus. I did a little research, and discovered it was the Belarus Eurovision entry for 2011!! I guess everyone on the planet except me would have known the tune. Anyway, below is a clip of the UNID station on 66.06 near enough. The ID is far too fast for me though. The clip below is about 2 meg. Initially I thought the station may have been from Belarus, but if it plays a Eurovision song, it could be from anywhere.

110521_1129_66.060_radio_magillious_i_love_belarus.mp3

Below are a few TVDX photos from Saturday. I had visitors and was not settled properly and as you can see the shack light has been on in some of them. NOVA (R1), Slovakia (R2), Lithuania (R2) and M1 (Hungary) (R1)





KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY MAY 20th 2011

MORE ABOUT THE LATINS FROM APRIL:

Not much dx this last few days, at least at this qth anyway. So I have taken a little time to work on the Latins, which for a non native Spanish speaker, can be somewhat of an uphill task. I did suggest back in early April, when the amazing day with all the Columbians all over the band happened, that a native SS speaking DXer would no doubt winkle out a lot more station ids than I could from the mess.

Added to the personal firsts above now include the following.

1060 - 1370 - 1190 // Puerto Rico stations, 0500, 8/4/11.

1490 Emisora Punto Cinco, Bogota, Columbia heard on 0512, 8/4/11

1510 Institute of Oceanografico, Ecuador. (Time Signal Station) 10/4/11, 0502

REVISED LOG FOR LATINS HEARD ON 8th APRIL:

I have copied the log from 8th April to here. It was by sheer chance that the particular morning in question was one of the best for Latins at these latitudes, and I happened to have the westerly antenna in at the time. The only North American I think was WOKB 1680 FL.

My initial log book has been well added to, so here we go with an attempt to log what was heard.

Comment. I wonder who on earth would wish to listen to the weird repetative chanting about Maria on their radios?? And what else I wonder do they do for kicks?? See 1400 / 1580 / 1470

I have also moved the recordings and unids directly below the log list. This simply keeps it near the current date, and keeps it current.

FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2011 around 0500

900 0500 Unid SS. 0458 mention poss Puerto Rico, though nothing listed. Maybe just a Euro??

990 0500 Unid SS. Maybe Euro?? Poss Italian Resturant ad, suggesting Euro??

1010 better during various quieter audio bits of Dutchie. Causing grief. Latin / Central music heard.

1020 Music heard of similar strength to 1010. In the splatter mainly....

1050 Unknown if SS or ee. too weak

1060 mess around 0500 Unable to determine. Radio Education Mex common, but this was no common day. Long tks noted, mx, and 2 or more stations here.

1060 WCGB PR ID matched up to 1190 and 1370 // (Personal First)

1070 Emisora Atlantico, Columbia. Very good id 0500 (Personal First)

1080 SS Euros

1090 Unid jingle think in SS. Difficult with UK activity 1089. 0500

1100 "Caracol Radio" id at 0500 Columbia. 2 listed, like old Radio Reloj days. Never knew which one you had heard. 0510 jingle // 1100, 1170, 1280, 1310, 1540, 1580

1120 had Latin style music playing. Never noted any ids.

1130 had Latin style music playing. Never noted any ids.

1140 UNID ss. 0501 Ann briefly between tunes. Convinced ID on recording. See unids. Also 0506

1170 0500 Caracol ann hrd. Weak in Euros. 0510 jingle // 1100, 1170, 1280, 1310, 1540, 1580

1190 WBMJ Puerto Rico. 0501 3 Calls.. ann. The other two are WIVV 1370, and WCGB 1060.. best in LSB with Euro notched. Hf end too noisy. (Personal First)

1200 RCN Columbia ID, 0507. Chatter in SS 0505 // 1220 (Personal First)

1220 RCN Columbia ID 0507 (Personal First) // 1200

1230 Radio Calidad. 0501 (Personal First)

1250 Unid phone in. Prob Capital Radio, Bogota, COL. One id heard as Radio Columbia. 0509 tel no maybe.

1270 SS mx noted, but DLF 1268 splattery. 0500

1280 WCMN PR Noti Uno 0503. Pers 1st.. 2 ss stns noted, similar strength. One had ann around 0500.

1280 Caracol, Columbia, 0510 jingle // 1100, 1170, 1280, 1310, 1540, 1580 (Personal First)

1290 Radio Puerto Cabella, Venez. Good ids as usual with this stn. Consistently dominant various days.

1310 Caracol ID best usbPersonal first. 0510 jingle // 1100, 1170, 1280, 1310, 1540, 1580 (Personal First)

1320 Loud SS, 2 stations just before 0500. Moscow causes grief here after 0500. 0513 Mentions of PR.

1330 UNID ss. Failed to pull out an id. Sounded like Radio something around 0513.

1340 RCN Columbia ID 0508. (Personal First)

1340 UNID EE Voice 0509 about water supply. Too weak in BBC splatter. Only thoughts are Virgin Isles.

1350 Ondas De La Montana, Columbia 0458 8/4 (Personal First)

1360 Unid long weird like folk / traditional music over top of hour, and never an id.

1370 WIVV Puerto Rico. ID matched with 1060 and 1190, 0501. (Personal First) Also unid SS with slow talk and music. Poss religious.

1390 WISA, Isabela, Puerto Rico ID 0458 8/4 (Personal First) SS mx as well as talk stn here today. Pretty good peaks. 0504 some kind of voice over but not matched to anything.

1400 SS tk, as well as anthem station. The anthem made an ann at just scarce of 0501, mixing with the other ss stn. After 0500, there was a weird repetative chanting religious thing, prob Radio Maria. Going on about Maria... //1580 and 1470

1420 SS but too weak in the German splatter

1430 UNID SS. 14-30 AM voice over 0501. Poss HJKU Columbia???

1430 WNEL, CAGUAS, Puerto Rico 0505 Like LV W??? (UPDATE: Yes WNEL, Caguas Puerto Rico, verified by Thomas in Sweden. Tnx)

1470 Tent Radio Maria weird chanting on 1470 // 1580 // 1400

1490 Emisora Punto Cinco, Bogota, Columbia heard on 0512 8/4/11

1500 ss mx

1510 Strong rough to very rough distorted SS audio. Heard a few times.

1520 2 strong ss stations mixing. Very strong peaks. No trace WWKB. 0507 Ann like Cadena Radio??

1520.1 Radio Minuto, Columbia. ID 0530 8/4 (Personal First)

1540 Bahamas news in ee

1550 Radio El Sol, Columbia 0511 8/4 (Personal First)

1560 unid ss. tk around 0515. No id so far

1570 A right mess today

1580 Caracol Radio id 0500,30s approx. (Personal First) SS mixing with anthem type tune. Also Tent Radio Maria 0517 weird chanting on 1470 // 1580 // 1400

1600 unid ss

1610 Pres Carribean Beacon, very strong, but never IDs.

1620 WDHP VI. Very good, but for some Rebelde QRM

1680 WOKB FL

SATURDAY 9th APRIL 2011 AROUND 0500

1130 Columbian // 1520. Multiple Vida freq anns just around 0500.

1430 SS pretty strong at times but lacking ids. lots tk 0514 and again 1516, when it sounds like poss ids ...

1450 SS ID 0500 "La Radio" Needs further investigation

1540 0500 ann. Snds very like Radio Condor , Columbia. Need SS experts to confirm, but pretty confident. Pers First (Tnx AB for listening confirming)

1600 Again unid SS today which is prob not WUNR, Brookline. Phone in 0511 romantico mx. Poss PR.

SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2011 AROUND 0500

1190 Radio Revolution Cuba 0500

1370 SS dominant. Traffico mentioned.

UNID RECORDINGS (MOVED FORWARD A WEEK OR SO AS STILL CURRENT) :

UPDATE: 18th MAY, I have sorted out the unids from the ids now, and made the high freq at the end of the list which is more natural. Can anyone verify the 1390 and 1060 PR calls for me??? (UPDATE: Matched id on 1060 1370 and 1190 PR stations in //)

Another unid station on 1309.72 approx shouting halleluya etc around 0510 on 8/4. Other frequencies with SS the 8th April include 1010, 1370, 1590, which I have yet to ID.

110408_0501_1140_unid_like_radio_provinsa_or carinsa_or similar.mp3

110503_0358_1140.25_unid_ss_or_pp_like_radio_manyana.mp3

110408_0500_1250_clips_unid_ss_poss_capital_bogota_inc_radio_columbia_id.mp3 (Added 25th May. Is there a call at 27s??)

110408_0511_1309.72_approx_halleluya_roaring_head_off.mp3

110408_0513_1330.1_unid_ss__is_there_id_7s.mp3

110514_0356_1390.2_unid_ss_voice_over_yl_20s.mp3

110410_0513_1500_unid_ss_poss_dos_mil.mp3

110514_0354_1510_distorted_ss_stn_maybe_id_23s.mp3 (added 25th May 11)

110518_around_0400_1510_rough_distorted_audio_ss.mp3

110410_0500_1520.15_approx_unid_ss_poss_lv_something_id_33s.mp3

IDENTIFIED / LOUD / VARIOUS RECORDINGS:

110408_0502_1060_unid_suspect_wcgb_pr_dual_call.mp3 (UPDATE - Matched up same id on 1190, and 1370 from PR)

110408_0507_1200_rcn_la_radio.mp3

110408_0507_1220_rcn_la_radio.mp3

110515_0400_1280_tent_pr_multi_ss_calls.mp3 (UPDATE - WCMN PR confirmed on Real DX, Maricio, Thomas, and Alessandro)

110408_0510_1280_unid_yl_xxx_radio_jingle_see_1540.mp3 (UPDATE - CARACOL, COLUMBIA. // 1580, 1540, 1310, 1280, 1170, 1100)

110408_0508_1340_rcn_columbia.mp3

110408_0458_1350_unid_ss_lv_something.mp3 (UPDATE - LA VOZ DE LA MONTANA, COLUMBIA, tnx Mauricio, and Thomas on Real DX)

110408_0500_1390_unid_suspect_pr_wisa.mp3 (UPDATE - Thomas on real dx verifies as PR, but matches an ad. I am sure I hear a call in here somewhere. Can anyone verify??)

110408_0505_1430_WNEL, Caguas, PR_id_maybe_is_this_wnel_caguas_pr (Verified by Thomas in Sweden. Tnx).mp3

110514_0400_1500_santa_rosa_peru_short_am_clip_(AMAZING SIGNAL).mp3

110408_0500_1520_libertad_columbia_various_vida_ids_bang_on_the_hour.mp3

110408_0511_1540_unid_jingle_see_1280.mp3 (UPDATE - CARACOL, COLUMBIA. // 1580, 1540, 1310, 1280, 1170, 1100)

110408_0500_1580_caracol_radio_id.mp3

110513_0353_1640_onda_zero_peru.mp3

110512_0300_1650_cina_radio_india.mp3

110513_0402_1680_radio_senda_dom_rep.mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY MAY 18th 2011

ROUGH DISTORTED SPANISH SIGNAL 1510:

Is anyone else hearing the rough and distorted Spanish signal on 1510? I can't get much from it. The only thing I will comment on is that I heard this same (pres) rough signal in early April, some 6 weeks or more ago. Surely this can't possibly be a commercial station?? Who would pay to have their message broadcast on something that no one can hear properly??? I don't think it was Boston??

I can think of a couple of other transmitters that were left to their own devices when they broke down. CBC 600, and Greenland 570. But these were government transmitters, and thus were not necessarily making money.

110518_around_0400_1510_rough_distorted_audio_ss.mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY MAY 17th 2011

WHIZ - ZANESVILLE, OH - 1240:

I was looking through the Perseus file that contained 920 - The Wolf, thinking there may be something else of interest that I have missed at the time. Bingo. I have a new personal first, WHIZ 1240, ZANESVILLE, OH. The date, 14th February 2010. In fact I am unsure how I missed it first time around!!

100214_0800_1240_whiz_zanesville.mp3

BOOMING SIGNAL FROM RADIO SANTA ROSA - PERU 1500:

I was pleasantly surprised on Saturday past with the amazing signals hammering in from the above station, around 0400. This was a personal first not so many weeks ago, and yet here it is, booming in like a local station. Onda Zero was also quite good on 1640.

110514_0400_1500_santa_rosa_peru_short_am_clip.mp3

BACK TO 8/4/11 - SOMETHING UNUSUAL ON 1340??

Another unusual log that day of Columbians all over the band, was on 1340. There were no North Americans coming through whatsoever on 8th April I don't think. But a distinctive American or at least English voice was heard briefly during a slight period of silence on BBC Radio Ulster, which usually renders 1340 useless here. The voice was talking about the water supply. The only thing I see in the listings is possibly Virgin Islands??? But of course I make no claim of this, due to the sparse reception.

110408_0509_1340_unid_ee_mention_water_supply_vy_poor.mp3

MORE NEW LATINS:

I have added a few other Latin stations to my personal firsts from April 2011. Recordings, including UNIDs are listed here.

I could do with someone who is better at the SS than I am, to have a listen to 1280 / 1540, 1390, 1350 and 1060 clips below. 1350, 1390 and 1060 I am convinced have SS calls, like PR stations. The language is too fast for me though.

Anyone have any idea what the station on 1280 with the same jingle on 1540 is?? This was the day there were Columbians all over the band, 8th April. (UPDATE: 1540 // 1280 was also // 1310, 1580, 1170 and 1100 and was CARACOL RADIO)

Other signals that were never identified include SS on 1010, 1590, 1560, and a very distorted signal on 1510.

Thanks to Mauricio, Thomas and Allesandro on Real DX for the assistance with IDs on 1350, 1280 and suggestion for the 1520.15 station, as Radio Minuto.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY MAY 3rd 2011

LATINS LOGGED AND IDENTIFIED FINALLY LISTED:

Sometimes if the weather is fine, there will be a lull in entries on this site. This last

few weeks is no exception. The weather has been fine and sunny, complete with Easter weekend and the extended Mayday holidays, that I have had little desire to sit in front of a pc and create listings. But I have been recording on a daily basis, although not every day has even been worthwhile. This morning, Thursday, I think the files can be deleted straight away. Yesterday I had SS on 1430 and Turbomix on 1540. Some other logs have been heard in the past... Eg Columbia on 1520, and PR also on 1520. These two have been coming in at various times pretty well here in Scotland. The Radio Bethel station on 1570 was just awesome one day in particular, although strong on other days as well.

I recon I have a good few more IDs hiding in the Perseus files of the last few weeks, and will add when I find them. I still have to create an audio file for 1130 above.

I have taken the time out to copy silly call signs for the suspected new Latin stations heard, even though they rarely use them, as far as I am aware. (Well I never make them out of the fast language or bad reception..LOL) This is simply because of the sheer volume of stations heard in the last few weeks, to try and make a better effort at identification. I am sure that I have a few Perseus files that a dxer who's language is SS, could dig up so much more. Of course no one will have the time or desire to flick through someone elses files I guess.

UNID - 1140.24 :

On Tuesday 3rd May, a very offset SS stn was heard with audio on 1140.25 approx.

110503_0358_1140.25_unid_ss_or_pp_like_radio_manyana.mp3

MB HEARD OVER EASTER:

A mystery beacon called MB was heard around 499kHz over Easter. I found a QSL from this "MYSTERY" on line.

110423_0437_499_mb_beacon.mp3



MB

Test Transmission of the "Mystery Beacon"

This confirms that Thomas M. Rösner heard our secret broadcast at 2333 UTC on 08/01/2004

Frequency: **499.3 kHz** Mode **A1A**

Power: 10 watts TX: home brewed

Signed: **Black Dog Norman** *73 de Black Dog*



Pirate Beacon transmission from a secret location!

WULLIE WHO??

There was a big wedding on Friday in London. A royal wedding. It was a big day in the whole of the UK, with all the BBC radio stations covering the event. It is also a national holiday. I personally don't know either the bride or groom, and thus I wasn't invited, so I have not really paid any attention. I neither read newspapers, or watch much in the way of mainstream TV and radio, and thus any so called superstar that is caught smoking funny cigs, inhaling or otherwise, or in bed with someone they shouldn't be, kinda goes over my head. Most of the names of these pretend superstars are foreign to me. A joke was posted to me on the Skype chat from Stu in London. It was wasted on me, as it involved these self acclaimed superstars. Only one name was familiar to me. Ewan McGregor.

But what is probably a bit over the top was a situation on Easter Saturday at a motorbike do. The bikers always have a big run at Easter weekend, giving healthy cheques to various charities. So last Saturday I was at my local pub, where they bikes set off from, about 100 in all. A combination arrived on the scene. (Motorbike and sidecar) with a large banner saying Kate and William, we love you forever.

"Well", I thought to myself, "I've never heard of a couple of folks called Kate and Wullie that I assumed had been killed in a bike crash or something."

I took a few photos of the guy's fancy decorative machine.

"All I lack is the red white and blue umbrella", he says to me.

I didn't like to ask any more of his poor deceased friends or relatives.

Later in the pub, I was talking to my wee pal about the bike and the banner.

"Ach ya silly bastard", he says, "That'll be in memory of his wains (kids) or something".

"Aye I suppose it could be", I said.

Meanwhile the YL was just shaking her head in despair at the two of us. It turned out that it was a tribute to the royal couple, who were to be married in less than a week!!!! So there were nae "deed folks" after all!!! I wonder if the poor chap with the bike knew how little knowledge I really had when taking the photos!!!!



As a footnote, on that day there is usually a visit to COMBAT STRESS, a charity for old war weary soldiers. But it seems that they had given the bikers short shrift on the phone, and said there would be no one there to meet them to receive their donation. And they would have to go to their open day to donate the money. Now first of all, is that being helpful, when your money is earned with cap in hand?? Do their superiors know how a generous donor was treated?? Have they enough cash that a donation is not required. I am not talking of a 20 quid donation either. In the end, they received nothing. And rightly so. I too would have given them nothingever again. The idea was to take a few shots for the local papers, for publicity. The other charity that was visited on this day, was more than pleased to accept the money, and to stand with the "big rough bikers" for their photos.

CKHJ / KHJ 12-60:

Noted during playback of old Perseus recordings, from back on 17th September 2009!!! Heard during a Radio Disney fade out, at 0556 and again at 0600, with no real trouble from the Euros!! This is a personal first, and surprised I missed it at the time!!

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MW DXING OVER THE LAST WEEK OR TWO:

There has been a kind of swing around back towards North American dx in the last little while. For the list of Latins noted as personal firsts this month, I have thrown them in to the top of the May logs page. I had not gone through all the recordings and logs before April was through. So I shall keep the catches altogether.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 15th APRIL 2011

DX FROM THIS MORNING:

This update has been half heartedly ready to upload since Tuesday. But I have added a few bits and pieces. Yesterday some dxers in the Benelux identified a ss station that has been heard here for nearly 2 weeks on 1640, along with the regular WTNI. It is the same station that was heard in 2004ish, Radio Juventus from the Dominican Republic.

050129_0156_1640_R_Juventus_Dom_Rep.mp3

I have had a couple of days of no recordings. Wednesday morning, I had no antenna plugged in. It had been removed during a hail storm earlier in the day. And Thursday morning I had used the North American antenna, and discovered that signals were so so weak... Radio North etc were still strong, but there seemed to be something up with the aerial. When I checked at lunchtime today, all seems in order. Odd.

There was a call sign I'm sure on 1600 in the mix with WUNR. Didn't sound much like WLWZ to me, PR station. I recon I have heard WLWZ before, though it is not yet in the all time list, and neither is the 1640 station mentioned above. I really need to update the list. .

TADX ON 25MHZ FM:

A few weeks ago I had a nice ID from WBAP on 25912ish FM mode. I actually have a QSL from WLW for a log many years ago on 25mHz. If I remember correctly, they verified 700kHz. There are other transmissions worth looking out for.

WMOB 1360 HEARD IN SCOTLAND AS WELL:

The nasty station that sends out rude e mails to dxers, was heard here on a recording from 21st March at 0604. Tnx to tip from BD and AB. That was the morning WMRE 1390 came through as well.

SAQ 17.2kHz THURSDAY:

On Thursday there was a broadcast from the VLF station SAQ at 1245UTC. There was some tuning up previous, and no QSL cards will be issued for this broadcast. And guess what. I forgot again!!

LATINS AND CENTRAL AMERICANS:

This last week has been amazing here, and possibly the best I have ever heard from Latins. Super strength of signals all over the HF end of the band. My log book is a disgrace really, and I thought I would make a note of the logs here on these pages including unids. Just to make things easy for myself to go back to the recordings. I have many many personal firsts, but have not made the complete list as yet.

My biggest problem is the language. My own SS understanding is not even enough to get past on holiday. When I was in SS speaking Minorca a few years ago, I had to rely on ee. Numbers are confusing as well here. I had a stn on 1430, which turned out to have a jingle I hoped was an ID. All it said was 14-30 AM according to PC, another dxer here in Scotland!! So I am no expert!! I also can not tell the difference between all the different jolly sounding music that the stations play!! It is not ideal having to rely on assistance from other dxers, but the language was always rather fast for me. Even back in the days when I used to listen to the tropical bands, 4.9mhz, as well as 3.3mhz. I am not sure what is still on from LA now on tropical.

Drawbacks with the Latins is the fact many stations just carry on through the hour. But on the plus side, a music station often has a voice over between tracks, and it can often be very rewarding listening at any time during the peak. Currently here, 0500 seems to be just great!! At this time of year the DX window is very narrow, but what a window it was on 8th!!

Many frequencies seem to sound like graveyards as some stations are off channel by quite a bit more than you hear when the north Americans are coming through. So often I use USB or LSB to try and bring out the sound a bit.

FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2011 around 0500**NB - CHECK MAY PAGE FOR UPDATED LOGGINGS OF LATINS FROM THIS DAY**

900 0500 Unid SS. 0458 mention poss Puerto Rico, though nothing listed. Maybe just a Euro??

990 0500 Unid SS. Maybe Euro?? Poss Italian Resturant ad, suggesting Euro??

1010 better during various quieter audio bits of Dutchie. Causing grief. Latin / Central music heard.

1020 Music heard of similar strength to 1010. In the splatter mainly....

1050 Unknown if SS or ee. too weak

1060 mess around 0500 Unable to determine. Radio Education Mex common, but this was no common day. Long tks noted, mx, and 2 or more stations here.

1070 Emisora Atlantico, Columbia. Very good id 0500 Personal First.

1080 SS Euros

1090 Unid jingle think in SS. Difficult with UK activity 1089. 0500

1100 "Caracol Radio" id at 0500 Columbia. 2 listed, like old Radio Reloj days. Never knew which one you had heard.

1120 and 1130 both had Latin style music playing. Never noted any ids.

1140 0501 SS ann briefly between tunes

1170 0500 Caracol ann hrd. Weak in Euros.

1190 WBMJ PR. 0501 3 Calls.. ann. The other two are WIVV 1370, and WCGB 1060.. best in LSB with Euro notched. Hf end too noisy. Pers first

1200 Chatter in SS 0505, but no ids noted so far. Best USB.

1230 Radio Calidad. 0501 Personal first.

1250 Unid phone in. Prob Capital Radio, Bogota, COL.

1270 SS mx noted, but DLF 1268 splattery. 0500

1280 2 ss stns noted, similar strength. One had ann around 0500. 0503 WCMN PR Noti Uno. Pers 1st..

1290 Radio Puerto Cabella, Venez. Good ids as usual with this stn.

1310 In usb, had a Caracol ID. Personal first

1320 Loud SS, 2 stations just before 0500. Moscow causes grief here after 0500.

1330 ss here but failed to pull out an id.
 1340 SS on here right next to BBC 1341. No IDs
 1350 SS here. Again no ids.
 1370 SS here. Slow tal and music. Poss religious. Couldnt find // ids to 1190 PR.
 1390 SS mx as well as talk stn here today. Not sure if id in here. Pretty good peaks. 0504 some kind of voice over but not matched to anything.
 1400 SS tk, as well as anthem station. The anthem made an ann at just scarce of 0501, mixing with the other ss stn. After 0500, there was a weird repetative chanting religious thing. Going on about Maria... //1580
 1420 SS but too weak in the German splatter
 1430 SS. 14-30 AM voice over 0501
 1470 weird chanting on 1470
 1500 ss mx
 1520 2 strong ss stations mixing. Very strong peaks. No trace WWKB. 0507 Ann like Cadena Radio??
 1540 Bahamas news in ee
 1580 SS mixing with anthem type tune. Caracol Radio id 050030s approx. Weird chanting // 1400
 1600 unid ss
 1610 Pres Carribean Beacon, very strong, but never IDs.
 1620 WDHP VI. Very good, but for some Rebelde QRM
 1680 WOKB FL

NB - CHECK MAY PAGE FOR UPDATED LOGGINGS OF LATINS FROM THIS DAY

SATURDAY 9th APRIL 2011 AROUND 0500

1130 Columbian // 1520. Multiple freq anns just around 0500.
 1430 SS pretty strong at times but lacking ids. lots tk 0514 and again 1516, when it sounds like poss ids ...
 1450 SS ID 0500 "La Radio" Needs further investigation
1540 0500 ann. Snds very like Radio Condor , Columbia. Need SS experts to confirm, but pretty confident. Pers First
 1600 Again unid SS today which is prob not WUNR, Brookline. Phone in 0511 romantico mx. Poss PR.

SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2011 AROUND 0500

1190 Radio Revolution Cuba 0500
 1370 SS dominant. Traffico mentioned.

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2011

Nothing very different noted. Files deleted

TUESDAY 12th APRIL 2011 AROUND 0500

1540 0500 Unid SS. Long SS tk and shouting voice overs around toth. Prob an id in there.
 1570 Heard a few times and not sounding like XERF.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 1st APRIL 2011

MONTAGE FROM THIS MORNING:

I include a montage of common stations from around 05 and 06 today, maybe the odd one from 0400.

CLICK HERE TO PLAY 

1150 WHBY
1180 WHAM / Rebelde
1200 CFGO
920 CKNX
950 CKNB
1130 WBBR
1330 WRCA
700 WLW
660 WFAN
1400 CBC
1080 WTIC
1160 WYLL
1390 WEGP
1520 WWKB
1510 WWZN
1000 WNPV
1010 WINS
1110 WBT
1100 WTAM
760 WJR
590 VOCM

UPDATE ON THE CD / DVD STORY FROM LAST MONTH:

I had a favourable e mail with regards of a common problem of old CDs and DVDs not playing or copying. My suggestion was a pair of different manufacturers USB removable drives as complete back ups of all photos, recordings etc that require to be saved. As I mentioned, I have loads of drives full of Perseus recordings from the last couple of winters when the DX was excellent. These I dont have back ups of, due to the financial requirements for this. (Many hard drives would have to be bought)

For my old Caroline recordings that I have on CD, I tried a little programme called ISO BUSTER that I had heard about a couple of years ago. Voila. Many but not all of the files that couldn't be listened to or transferred to hard disks are indeed being saved. Some of the errors in cheap bright green and bright orange CDs from or 1999 or so maybe are giving the most trouble.

EVEN MORE FINGERS IN THE TILL:

A link was sent to me the other day about the RSGB being the latest club to have "trouble" with their accounts due to a sticky fingered member. A quote from the RSGB web site even named the party involved.

RSGB General Manager

The Board of the RSGB has today released the following announcement:

Peter Kirby, RSGB General Manager, has left the Society's employment after the discovery of financial irregularities on his part.

For the time being, RSGB Director Don Beattie, G3BJ, will act as General Manager.

At this difficult time for the Society can I ask that everyone supports Don in his role. He may be contacted at Don.Beattiersgb.org.uk or 01234 832 701/07802 922 219.

*Dave Wilson
President*

28 March 2011


I am personally stunned that the well respected RSGB has fallen foul of criminal elements. But I guess this seems to happen frequently, not only with radio clubs, but with clubs in general. Locally to me there have been countless "scandals" over funds at social clubs, independent groups, bowling clubs, local governments, Christmas hamper clubs, and even charity fund raising. You read about the latter in the papers every week. Yet it also seems to be a modern trend to take that in your stride, and many seem to carry on in their "positions", unquestioned and unchallenged!! Isn't this a sad reflection on the society we are creating? It is even sadder when other members of their group rally around them as though they have done no wrong, as seems to happen some of the time, but not all of the time thankfully.


On a positive note, it was good to hear in the news that a former MP from Scotland has been sent to the nick for financial wrong doings with regards to his so called expenses. Remember this is public funds that are being abused, and I don't mean small time pilfering such as buying a meal for a friend on account. I wonder how much a pint or a gallon of petrol would cost if all these scams were not going on in our local and national governments???? I think it is the broken trust that turns most peoples stomach with regards to these characters. So what is going on that hasn't been rumbled (yet)?? There's a multi million dollar question.

YOU - FM - 1395:

This unusual station was reported as a Russian station, heard late Monday night / Tuesday morning on 1395. It was reported here in Scotland, in Belgium and in the North of England. A search on the web produces a German station, but seems the ids others heard in EE were related to a Russian station of the same name.


I only hope it was not an official transmission, and we are going to be presented with a powerful Russian signal on the last clear channel here in Europe. It is nice to hear distant chanting from All India Radio, or to hear some of the AM enthusiasts that still broadcast on a weekend. Or just maybe something different. It was heard again on the 1st April signing off at just after 0000 GMT.

Play recording from 29th March 

Play recording from 31st March / 1st April 

MAR - 1395:

Merseyland Alternative Radio were heard with a test broadcast 30th March, closing at 2100UTC. Or was it 2200UTC? I never made any notes in the log book!! Signal was very loud and clear, and not unlike to the YOU-FM broadcast in strength. Was the Russian station only a test from MAR? An email from Mar suggests no. Was it a test from someone else? Did it come from Russia? Well it wasn't heard again till 31/3 into 1st April, so that tells us it was a test of some kind. Below I have given a short aircheck, including parts of the music when the signal was booming. Unfortunately when the chatter at the end was being heard, a wandering carrier which I assume may be Dutch, had come on the frequency.

Play recording of MAR 

HOW MANY HOBBY STATIONS USE 1395:

At the weekends, you can expect to hear ENERGY 1395 from Dublin, and MAR. But there have been Dutch stations also using the channel, as well as another station in Ireland. A relay of ABC from Australia was also heard one night, thought to be a relay from Ireland. Energy and MAR are both on air for long hours over the weekends, and at a distance, the channel is a mess. It is a real shame that they cant use different channels. Geographically, they are pretty close anyway to be using the same channel. But understandably both like the idea of using the clear frequency of 1395. And for obvious reasons.

I can say in the favour of MAR. They do make an effort to produce good old fashioned radio programmes. They are not simply chucking on a computer and leaving non stop music running. Energy do this. But there is something nice about Energy's audio. They run lovely "Nova" quality Optimod sound. It may not be noticed through a cheap pair of "cans" or titchy PC speakers, but through a beefy system, the audio quality can be heard.

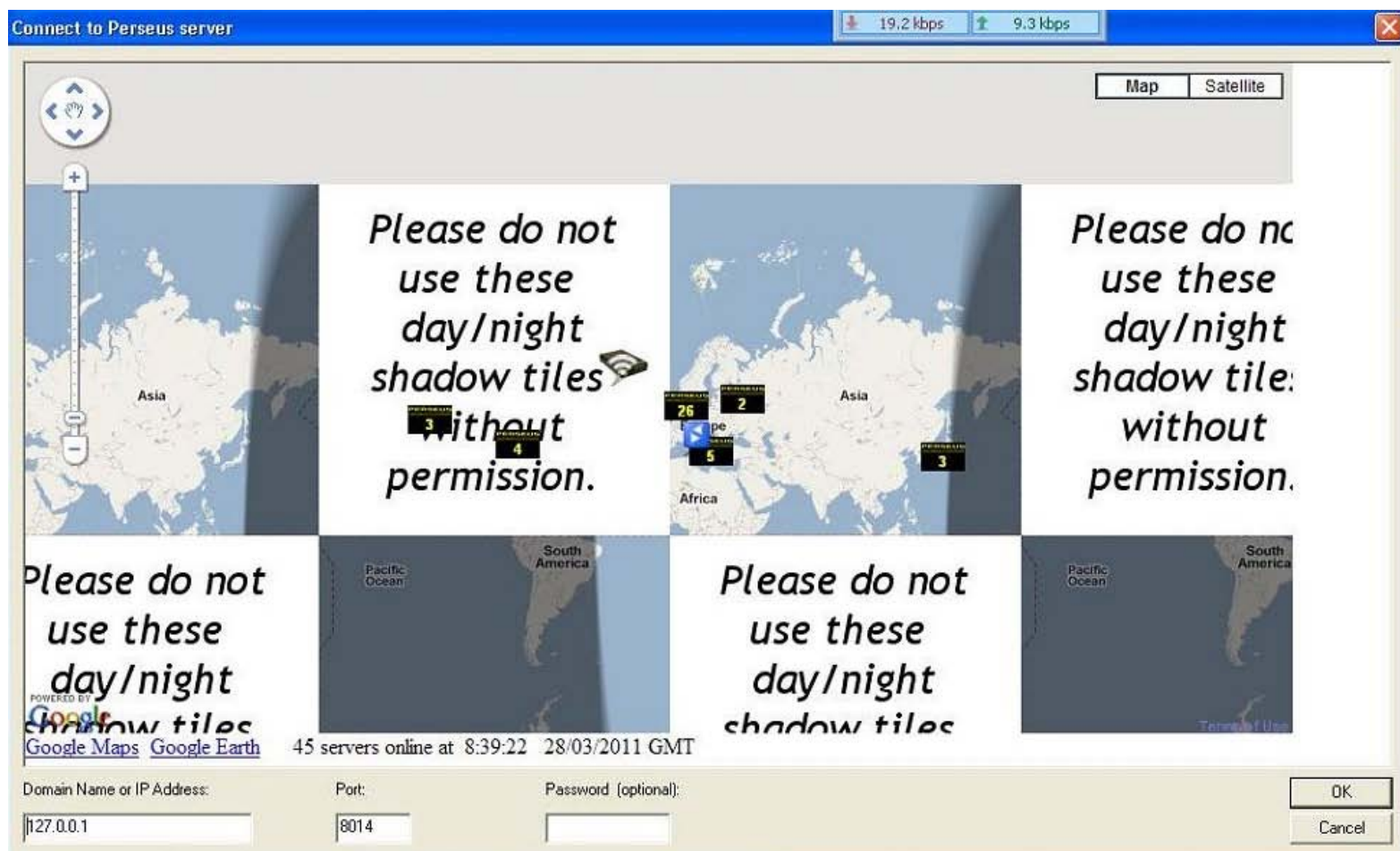
AMERICAN CALL TO LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS:

The broadcasts that were widely reported on 6877 I think it was, have also been heard lately. Thanks to a tip from SH, via BDXC, Via a report from Glen Hauser, the same broadcasts are being made on 10405, or slightly off of that maybe?? Heres a sample of the English language sections. There was another English ann that mentioned a local FM channel as well, which I don't have.

CLICK TO PLAY CLIP 

WHATS IT ALL ABOUT NICO?? LOL:

Last Saturday I think it was, the Perseus / Microtelecom map showed a very different view. Have they been using someone else's bandwidth without telling or something??? Who knows.









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1280	WANS	Anderson, SC	 21/3/11 0600 (Tip Barry D on Real DX)
1390	WMER	Meridian. MS	 21/3/11 0600 (5Kw / 101w) (Why 101, and not 100??)
1520	WVOZ	PR	 15/3/11 0501 // stn WEKO 1580 ID (25kW)
1520		Libertad, Columbia	 14/3/11 0600 Unid Stn. (Audio clip from a better day)
1540	WKVQ	Eatonton, GA	 12/3/11 0630 (10kW) Special DX test

New / Personal first's this month = 6

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 25th MARCH 2011

1710kHz AT 0526 TODAY, FRIDAY:

Such was the signal level of the music on 1710 this am, that I have included an audio clip. There are two clips, one from this morning and the other from a few days ago, with unid lingo. I feel these are tadx, and not Dutch. I also think they are not Balkland at that time of morning. There is a couple of possibilities. Radio Soleil in Haitian French, or Celestial stn in SS. There may be others.

110322_0558_1710_unid_lingo.mp3

110325_0526_1710_unid_mx_strong.mp3

OTHER AUDIO CLIPS FROM RECENT DAYS:

Below are a few DX clips from recent days. X Band has been so choc a block that many stations are heard with strong signals at the same time. Result? A mess. But a few clips are also included here.

110322_0600_1520_ss_lv_unid_poss_columbia.mp3

(Seemed to be after the Libertad IDs just before the hour on the same station)

110315_0600_1620_rebelde_amazing_echo_then_1180_clip.mp3

110315_0600_1630_wrdw_augusta_gd.mp3

110322_0500_1660_amazing_mix_wwru_avenue_poss_krzi.mp3

NO TRACE OF DX TEST:

The dx test this past Saturday on 1250 was sadly not heard here. Thanks to all for their efforts though in bringing the test to the dx community.

NEW STATIONS LOGGED:

A couple of new stations heard here. 1390 WMER. Meridian, MS at 0600 Monday 21st in the WEGP silence. WMER is reputed to be 101 watts night time according to some lists. A strange figure. Where did this come from I wonder?? I have heard a WMER before when the call was allocated to 1440 in Maine, now WRED. WMER 1390 announced // 93.1.

I have also noted a Columbian on 610, Friday 18th at 0600. I'm not sure which one of the two that are listed. I suspect the 30kW stn, Carinosa 610, Bogota. But maybe the station just carries RCN news or something from Bogota?? My SS is not that good here. I was complaining about reception on LF end of the band, in the last week. So much so, I walked the antenna the other night to make sure things were fine. They were, and I can only put the signals down to band condx. But on Friday, this strong signal was heard, while most of the rest of the band was not worth talking about, except the stations on X band, which have been noticeably good recently..

On 14th and 15th I also had SS on 1520 which for me was unid, until Paul and Stu came to my assistance with more SS than I knew. The PR station id was in fact for another of the Radio Voz network, 1580 WEKO. Yes. it's easy to hear whjen you know what to listen for. But the day before, the station heard was LIBERTAD from Columbia. Again, there were IDs heard OK when you know what to listen for.

BAD SEAGATE DRIVES:

I read an article last year written by AB regards Seagate drives. Having a large number of drives around me, filled with Perseus DX files from the excellent 2009 and 2008 seasons, I thought it better to investigate a little. Seems Seagate produced some poor quality drives a few years ago, including the Barracuda 7200.11 series. Info is vague on the Seagate site, but it seems that there was a release of a fix in the shape of a firmware upgrade. The first drive I looked at was a 500g Barracuda 7200.10. According to a wiki article, those drives are fine. It was the 7200.11 series that there were problems with, inc dead drives, dying suddenly at switch on and being unrecoverable. But as I had quite a number of 500 gig removables I

opened the usb cradles to see what was in them. The Iomega USB drives bought in 2008 are all bad ones. I have about 8 of these.

UPDATE: I have been using the Seagate serial number tracker, to see if the drives I have desire a firmware upgrade. Seems that all drive serial numbers put into the system all come up clear and no update required. I will keep my fingers crossed.

None of the drives so far have shown any signs of failure I should add. This is a precautionary measure, as I don't have back ups of most of the Perseus files. It would reach to quite a cost to back up all the Perseus files I decided to keep a hold of during the great Winters of 08 and 09. Luckily not all drives used here are Seagate.

BAD DVDs AND CDs:

Sometimes we hear horror stories of the wonderful technology we have in 2011 failing miserably. DVDs and CDs that were written here approximately 10 or more years back, and have been kept in boxes as back ups, untouched for years, are simply failing.

I'm finding that in these days of 2TB drives being common place, a pair of these drives is desired. For radio archive material and other data, the main drive can be backed up to the second drive every now and again, or when there are changes or new files added. This is the way I am going with the large amount of historical recordings and scans and archives I deal with here.

But what of my old recordings of Radio Caroline from the Astra Satellite when they were part time? I used to keep recordings on CDs then. No DVDs in those days, and hard drives may have been a mere 6gig or 10 gig. So I used to record much of the output of Radio Caroline and transfer onto CDS. The back up was put in a warmer environment, and never touched from the day the disks were created. But even these are now refusing to play, or copy to hard drive. Not all. Just some files on some disks. But more than half the disks I'd say are now faulty. Why does this happen?? Anyone who has never experienced this with CD media, I would say has not really been using their PCs flat out in the past. I have often found this problem, not only now, but also years ago. I have tried digging out older CD ROMs and tried many different pieces of hardware. But it looks like I have lost many of my recordings!! These were made direct to the PC from Satellite receivers, so there are no tape back ups available from these files. Anything recorded onto video tape or audio tape of course will still play reasonably fine, but even these tapes have short comings. Eg an old AMPEX reel from the 1980's that is simply falling to bits when played. Ampex was meant to be a name like Seagate, and associated with good gear. On both counts not, as the case may be.

Is it a case of buying crap media?? I feel sure that is part of the problem. But even so called better quality media will give the message that the PC "cannot read from the specified device", or similar.

Has anyone came up with any solutions for this common problem?? I have even had dvds that played fine first watch, and then after some years in a box stored away, they simply don't play any more.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 13th MARCH 2011**WKVQ DX TEST HEARD IN SCOTLAND:**

WKVQ 1540 in GA was heard here in Scotland at 0630 yesterday, 12th, with both voice and CW. It is good to hear these DX tests, and long distance logs from across the water I feel should be reported to the stations to encourage future tests. So I now have my first e QSL in a long time. My first QSL of any kind for a long time I think. The QSL is shown below, as well as a couple of e-flyers. These were sent in around 30m.

CLICK HERE FOR AUDIO CLIP



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Natalie Cole, Johnny Mathis,
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Tune in now
AM 1540



UNID SWEEPER AT 0300UTC ON 1540:

I also have an unid clip from 1540 at 0300UTC on 12th. There is a very distinctive sweeper being used at the top of the hour. Anyone know this sweeper?? 

UNID SIRENS AT TOTH ON 1710:

I have included a couple of audio clips from my log last week on 1710. The other stations on X band were booming, so much so that they were a bit like graveyard channels, with so much coming through. The signal on 1710 was creeping through and at a time like this I do wish whoever it was I have heard, had an automated toth id!! Or I wish I had recorded the full hour!! First clip is of sirens at the top of the hour at 0500. The second clip is a change of

music just before 0600. No ids sadly.

Sirens on 1710 at 0500



Some music on 1710 at 0558



MANX RADIO AND CELTIC MUSIC RADIO DOWN IN SIGNAL STRENGTH:

Both 1368 Manx Radio, and 1530 Celtic Music Radio from Glasgow are back on air after some down time. Manx was on low power, as BBC stations dominated here the last couple of days. Today daytime, they are back on at a normal signal level.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2011

1440 - A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY:

Just incase anyone is relatively new to the hobby, and is unaware of silent periods, here in Europe one of the best opportunities to catch tadx on a Euro channel is on 1440, during the silent period of the big 208, Radio Luxembourg. Currently the top of the hour at 0200 and 0300 UTC are both well worth recording, even if only for the 1440 frequencies. Possibly the three most common to dxers in Europe are:

WHKZ Warren, OH - (The Word)

WRED Westbrook, ME (Sports)

WVEI Worchester, MA (Less common, Sports // WEEI 850)

Other stations have made it to Scotland this past winter. Those are:

WJL Niagra Falls / Buffalo, NY,

WDRJ Detroit, MI,

WMAX Bay City, MI.

Other DXers have noted the other odd rarity on the channel.

The window is by no means only open at silent period. Often in these parts, the magical period around dawn brings in the TADX as the Euros fade, including the powerhouse 1440.

At the end of the month when the clocks go forward, the hours will no doubt shift.

1710 - GOOD AUDIO TODAY:

The 1710 stations are rare and conditions have to be good to be heard here in Europe, due to the lowish power they use. I have ided Radio Soleil / Radio Sunshine in the past, but only ided them once. Recently, on a number of nights, I have been hearing watery audio from

something. There were sirens bang on the hour at 0500 today. And at 0600, I have 10 minutes of music of sorts, no ids or anything. There have been reports of an American hobby pirate playing oldies, a SS stn, and Haiti ex pat French station, Radio Soleil.

Radio Soleil International web site

Radio Celestial (Spanish) web site

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2011

AMazing AM - ANOTHER APPEAL:

I was recently asking after an e-book mentioned below, which I recon I have on a floppy somewhere, but of course I just can't put my hands on it. I was appealing for a copy in WORD format of the Amazing AM. Even Svern the author seems not to have a copy any more. He only has an Excell table with lists. I found an old advert from March 1996 MWC, which shows these two items for sale.

The publications eventually were on line on the DX Listeners Club web site, but even they seem to have lost their archive files. Someone must have a copy out there on old disks or on an old PC in the loft????

I am asking myself if the old Word 6 is the version that had to have the images along side the word document, and were not incorporated within the .doc file?? I seem to remember that function came with Word 97.

At any rate, it seems a shame not to have these items in the public domain after the work that went into producing them in the first place. I had quite an extensive input from this end, due to my interest and loggings of the Irish Pirate stations of the 1980's.

DX Books from Norway

"AMazing AM" is a A4 size softback book covering the history of mediumwave DX-ing in Norway, so to speak. The book lists all MW-stations logged in Norway from 1945 to 1995. It's divided into geographical areas, and in turn lists station by frequency, station name, location, who logged it first (when we know!), and in column-form year-by-year indication of later loggings. A number of entries also have footnotes giving more details on former/later names and frequencies etc. Special research has been put into making the section "United Kingdom, Ireland and International Waters" accurate and thorough. (This section has a listing of 17 pages, with a total of some 600-700 entries. Also there are over 600 footnotes!) The book is illustrated with photographs and other illustrations.

"QSL-Liste 1995" is a softback A4-size booklet listing all QSL's received by Norwegian DX-ers from 1945 till present (MW, SW and FM). The list excludes Continental Europe, but DO include Spain, Portugal, the UK and Ireland (not Int.Waters though).

Both publications are also available as a PC-disc (3.5"), in Word for Windows 6.0 (or 2.0) format. AMazing AM also in Excel 2.0 format.

Moneytalk:

"AMazing AM" book £16,-	"QSL-listen 1995" book £6.50	Both books £ 21.50
"AMazing AM" disc £15,-	"QSL-Listen 1995" disc £ 5,-	
Special offer: Disc to go with book: Just add £ 2.50 to the book-price		
Both books and both discs	£ 25,-	All prices includes postage.

Payment:

1) By VISA-authorisation (state authorised amount, your name, signature, card-number and expiry date). OR 2) By banknotes or fresh British stamps. To be sent to: DX-Listeners' Club, P.O.Box 7080 Vestheiene, N-4602 Kristiansand, Norway.

LESS PC NOISE ON HF:

I have not really had much to talk about regards MW in the last weeks. In fact I have only recorded this morning for the first time since the middle of last week. So I was having a rare tune around the SW and couldn't help notice that there was quite a bit of rf noise.

I have spent quite a time this week doing the Spring cleaning around the place including the shack. It was desperately in need of it!! Some nights I never even logged onto the Skype DX chat, as that would have stopped me and distracted me from the cleaning. The whole place really was a bit of a shambles.

So I have now cleared the junk and rubbish from the front of, and reconnected the NRD 515 and HF225E, and RA17. So those were the sets that I was using to tune the SW. I always liked using the NRD515 on SW, with the sturdy tuning knob and large traditional signal meter. But 6mHz on that meter had S8 of QRN, ie man made noise. So after trying the obvious like switching everything off in the shack, it seemed the noise level went to virtually zero from S8 when the main PC was switched off. Such is the length of time since I even had a tune around the SW bands, this was never noticed. So long as my precious MW band was quiet!!!

I rumaged around and found an unused OCTIGEN power supply I have had as a spare for some time, and threw it in. Noise level was only a fraction above what it is with the PC

unplugged!! So there you go. Cured. I can't give the model number of the power supply, as the DELL PC I use is inside out and back to front. I don't have a side panel on it, but to sit on the bench like the former PC, I have to have it turned upside down!!

The noisy power supply can be used to repair someone's PC, but not any immediate neighbours. Will keep that for a machine miles from here. The make and model of the offending noisy unit is a "HIPRO HP-D3057F3P".`

RADIO NORD REVIVAL:

Swedish ex 1960's offshore broadcaster Radio Nord are on air today with a programme called Radio Nord Revival. The SW freq of 6060 is strong here, but no sign on the MW on 1512 here which is reputedly only 60w. The SW is said to be 10kW.

LASER HOT HITS QSY:

I noted Laser Hot Hits on SW yesterday moved from 6210 back to their old 6220 channel. Atlantic Radio also thumping in on 6960. Maybe the sunspot count is after all on the rise. Both these stations have been unreliable here due to long skip. On the programme side, Atlantic have only been airing non stop music, though frequent ids are aired. Laser has some programmes of listenable music, and others are of modern day trance / dance / rave / whatever it's called. To someone that likes Led Zeppelin, Rainbow, Bon Jovi, The Eagles ZZ Top etc, that music is completely unlistenable sadly. No Anorak Hour noted on Laser since the death of Colin (ex Radio Gemini) a few years ago. No idea where Colin Dixon's extensive tape collection went either, which is quite sad.

And still no trace here so far of Atlantic Radio's 1251 signal.

FRANCE 864 NOT GOOD RECENTLY:

A couple of us noted that 864 France was having audio problems the other night. Hopefully the fault will be too expensive to repair, and they will have to close the transmitter. I remember a time when France 1377, 864 and other channels all went silent But sadly they returned. This is from a TADX dxers point of view.

STILL HEARING WEAK AUDIO ON 1710:

I hear weak audio from time to time on 1710. Only once have I had enough for a good ID of Soleil / Sunshine. This is an ethnic station for Haiti ex pats in the USA. Boston or NY is it??

LOCAL TELEVISION REPEATER RAIDED:

Yet another remote mast in my area has been targeted by copper thieves. The repeater that serves the village in group B, closed at around 2130 on Wednesday night. It turns out the reason behind this is that thieves helped themselves to the coax cables or whatever. What is concerning is that my own beverages are out in the fields as well. Let's hope the beverage remoteness is their saviour.

UP"DATE" ON "KTRK - ARMY RADIO 1670":

I mentioned on last months page about KTRK 1670. I also mentioned writing the wrong date on my old tape because it was just into 1996. But even then I never clicked that the dates for the whole of February were all 2010!!!! Fixed now!!

NOT A LOT TO REPORT:

I don't have much to report from the wonderful world of MW dxing really. Last night produced music on 1520 at various times, but so far I have not found an ID.

ATLANTIC RADIO 1251 / 6960:

After many months of hearing short bursts of the above station on their SW channel, the signal in the last few days has been surprisingly reliable and strong. Signals are often skipping this qth. A search on the web suggests Co Mayo in Eire as the location. Now lets look forward to programmes, as all I have heard is non stop music, which can become tedious. A bit like weekend station, Energy from Dublin, that has been on air for a number of years, but only produce a programme once in a flood. It seems a shame to hear such decent and respectable signals reduced to non stop music. No sign of the 1251 signal so far, though strangely it has been heard in Dorset, at quite a distance from the site. Here only NOS and Saxon / ILR are heard.

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590	CJCL	Toronto, Ont	 28/01/11 0800 (50 kW) The Fan - 590 (Rare here thru VOCM)
680	WAPA	Puerto Rico	 0258 9/2/11 10kW (Tip Stuart H, London)

New / Personal first's this month = 2

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2011

UPDATE ON "KTRK - ARMY RADIO 1670":

I was in such a hurry to upload the other day while writing about the X banders, and including a recording of KTRK, I forgot to explain the significance of the ARMY RADIO recording. This was a soak test of a transmitter that was being sent to Europe. What a pity there isn't more of these kind of tests. Even the two DX tests over last weekend were canceled!! Bummer...

The story of KTRK was published back in March 1996, in MWC. Click the pdf file below for a bit of history. I hope this is classed as fair use, to reproduce. Otherwise it may have to be removed. Pity their back archives are not all on line, and make use of a medium that is there for all, the www.

If I had not looked up the archives, I would have placed this in 1995, which is the date on my old manky tape. You know, just after new year, and still writing the previous year by mistake.. Yes mistake... Human error...

[CLICK HERE FOR KTRK INFO](#)

1602 METRES MW:

The other recording given is from an RSL, but I forgot to mention that it was quite amusing that my local ILR station never knew the difference between metres and kHz. They ann as 1602 metres!!! Give it a listen!!

BAHAMAS THIS MORNING - 1540:

DX neighbour David H who is only about 150 yards away, alerted me to a reasonable signal from The Bahamas at 0725. So there I am, listening to 1540, and hear all music. But after David tells me there is an ID at 0725, I listen to the start of the 0730 recording. I have the very end of the ID!!! I don't even have Bahamas. I have "HA MAS", followed by a long gap and then the strong music. This would probably have been the best signal and ID I would have ever heard from them I think, ie one for the mp3 collection. Traditionally, many of their ids are muffled and bassy. O well, maybe another time . . lol

RADIO CAROLINE NOT ON 1071:

It seems through comments on the web, that the authorities in France are not going to allow Radio Caroline to occupy the unused 1071 frequency. Why?? Well they claim that even though unused in

years, they are now going to use it!!! That is typical of government bodies. It is hoped that the UK authorities will stop messing around and just pretend to be normal human beings and allocate a mw frequency without all the bullshit and pretence that has been ongoing since the 1960's!! If it was one of their government stations, there would be no problems in "finding" a channel. It would seem reasonable to allocate a channel that can be heard over quite a wide area, like a regional. Hopefully it will end up being a frequency which more than a few hundred watts can be used.

No one seems to have mentioned the stupid allocations of the 1990's was it, when one station was allocated four or five separate transmitters to cover London. Now tell me, surely there is something wrong when they need to occupy three channels with four or five transmitters. Is that not just a joke??

Suggestions have been coming in from enthusiasts:

531 - QRO Faroes at night

540 - Belgium off but Hungary strong at night, but out the way of UK ILR stuff

567 - Old RTE channel but right next to Spectrum 558 (Old Tory Caroline jamming station)

576 - Caroline's old channel. Germany leaving this soon??

594 - Germany off air now, but would need extra investment of a crystal to send out to Morocco on 595!!

612 - Ex RTE Channel. Next to RTB Belgium 621

630 - NRK leaving air soon, But BBC in South on here.

648 - BBC Leave this freq in March

819 - Next to Chiltern 828, but may be usable??

846 - Watch out Radio North!!!

981 - Star in Ireland and next to London 972.

990 - Allocated to Spectrum as a back up around 1990

1512 - Clear of Belgium now and now not next to Crawley. Only TCR Ireland.

1521 - Next to Essex on 1530.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2011

WEATHER SURPRISE:

Another cold morning outside here in Scotland today. Snow and freezing temperatures afterwards ensured a thick coating of ice on car windscreens today. Scrape Scrape Scrape. Well even if MW is not quite like mid winter, it is still February after all.

HICUP ON WEB SITE ON SATURDAY:

I think it was Friday night that I was sitting over in the next village, with a portable drive, and updating this site with more extensive menus. I was also glued to the TV, watching that silly old fool in Egypt stand up to the masses, almost causing riots in the streets, before finally standing down. So the

concentration on the site was lost to the CNN news reports.

I copied updates to the wrong folder, and then deleted more than necessary, after realising the errors of my way!! But I soon realised that I hadn't brought the complete web site with me on the portable drive for some reason. So overnight on Friday, apologies if some pages were either older, wrong or blank, depends how deep into the links you went!! lol... We are only human after all...!!!

AUDIO CLIPS OVER LAST FEW DAYS:

I have included a couple of common stations here, mainly because WEGP are including sister stn on 780 at their top of the hour ID quite a lot. I would think this may lead to confusion during conditions that are less than favourable, with the strange call sign being heard on 1390. There was one of their regular good peaks around 2300 the other night. I have also included an ID from the accented OM on 1650 from WHKT. Under certain condx, it doesn't really sound like that.

110213_2300_1390_wegp.mp3

110215_0730_1650_whkt.mp3

110204_0100_1680_wttm_ss_id.mp3

AUDIO CLIPS FROM THE ARCHIVES:

We were chatting on dx chat about WWRU 1660, a common NY station here in Europe. This started life as WJDM Elizabeth, NJ, and was one of the first stations on X band in 1995. It was amazing being able to hear the stations coming on air, one by one on x band. Now that part of the band is well used. But anyway, while digging the archives, I found a recording of KTRK, Army Radio on 1670. This was a test of a transmitter that the military were taking out to Bosnia at that time, so active only a few days. No instant messages on e mail in those days, or at least for most of us.

In the same box there was a recording of a football RSL the local ILR AYR station ran for Killie FC. Does anyone have a scan of the QSL cards ILR AYR offered dxers for 1035?? My local station, and I have never seen one.... I do have a Clyde QSL though. Anyway, listen to them ann as 1602 metres MW!!

Thirdly, I found a recording of Radio 864. This was a great clear channel before France returned to it. This was a station in Co Monaghan, Eire, from memory, although was there not an 864 stn in Co Louth at one time?? I must look through the archives.

960207_airchecks_army_radio_ktrk_1670_up_to_0245.mp3

950513_around_1700_bst_1602_radio_kfc_kilmarnock_ann_1602m.mp3

950513_date_pres_radio_864_test.mp3

PERSEUS SDR - FIRST TROUBLE:

I had my first trouble with the Perseus over the weekend. The set died. Dead. No lights, no anything. My immediate thoughts were that which was reported a while back, about the dc connector on the power supply. I checked the voltage coming out of it, and it was 5v. Hmm. Power supply fine.

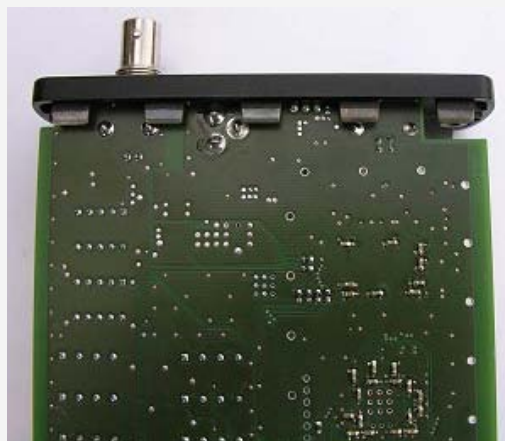
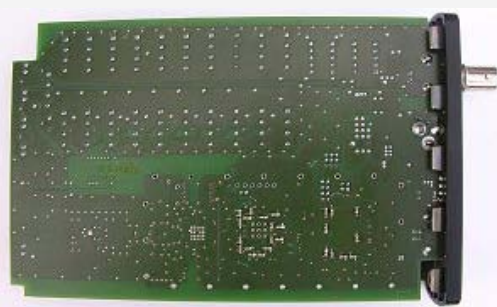
I had never been inside the Perseus. It is well out of guarantee now, so I had no worries about breaking the plugs that hide the screws.

To dismantle, prise out the four little black plugs. (2 on front, 2 on back) Find an Alan Key of the right

size. I am not sure if that is what the screw heads are called in all countries?? Maybe yes, maybe no?? Anyway, leave the centre screw alone. Otherwise a nut may fall in the back of the set. It holds a regulator or something in place. (That does sound as though I am writing from experience..lol. I am saying nothing)

My problem was not obvious, but common easy to repair problems are always looked for first. Even through a magnifier, the power in connections on the main board looked reasonably OK. I soldered them anyway. Life. The set was back to normal. Well I guess it has barely been switched off since 2007 really. An easy fix this time.

This gave me the opportunity to take some internal photos of the beast that costs in the region of 600 - 700 £££....



PHASER BOX - MW DX 6:

There was talk of phasers on our DX chat recently. I am not sure if I ever published images of this rats nest of a phaser, built in the 1990's. The unit is based on Mark Connolly's MW6 design, although mine hasn't the preamp built in. It is very effective in nulling single channel locals, but for skywave reception and constantly changing conditions, it is not much use. I find easier to achieve a null on than on the MFJ 1026. But the MFJ is still good. Click on the bottom image to enlarge. It is really made up from old junk, including the tin box, which came from a rally at one time or another.



COUNTRY ALL TIME LISTS UPDATE:

Below I mentioned some unusual rules that were discussed recently on the Skype DX chat by a Norwegian DXer for first loggings of mw dx stations. The story was about the all time MW list. Any new entry reputedly had to be verified by the station to qualify. Thankfully this seems not the case. Arild in Norway writes to say that in 25 years of dxing, he has never heard of this. Thanks for the input Arild, and the kind comments.

Like Arild, I am also quite happy if I have the recording, and therefore know the station has been heard. Only in very few cases, more so in the past in days of tapes, do I not have recordings. And the reason would be because I recorded over by mistake or something, or the tape wasn't running and the ID came on too fast to get the tape switched on!! I can't seem to find one or two tapes as well.... Ah, fun and games.

This site and David H's blog have many regular readers in Norway, because of the similar stations that can be heard. So input is always welcome.

I wonder just how many country all time lists are available on line. If I can find any, I will create links to them here.... The UK one is available in public [a year or so behind the current one](#), which is kept for MW Circle club members only.

I tried to find a Norwegian all time list on line, but of course I am not sure what to search for in google. If it is available on line, but is in Norwegian, then I am sorry to say I would never find it. And then again, it takes someone to physically do the work. Here in the UK, Andrew B is doing a sterling job, after some time with no updates.

Thought: I wonder if this old rule discussed above was at one time the case??? I recall featuring some clippings from old dx publications a few months ago about some odd rules thought up by dx clubs in the 1960's. This was one of the controversial pieces I unearthed, published here in June 2010.

INTERFERENCE. We learn from Bjorn Olsson that the Arctic Radio Club has withdrawn its infamous RULE 13 which prevented members from contributing to other bulletins with loggings and QSLs etc. The basic aims remain, only the way of reaching them has been changed. The Isolation Policy remains as before and members will not, under normal circumstances, be allowed to edit other bulletins' M.W. sections. It does seem that this step is to try to silence both internal and external criticism of A.R.C. and more criticism, disliked by A.R.C., may bring more liberal changes. We do not like to see Clubs dictating to their members what they shall or shall not do - as it is an interference with personal rights. There seem at the moment to be two forms of INTERFERENCE prevailing - that of a Club attempting to dictate what its members shall or shall not do. Then we have the case of a Club attempting to dictate to other Clubs and Organisations what they shall or shall not do. In CONTACT for May 1970 C.M. Stanbury II reported the receipt of "a note (order?) which reads: "Afford no publicity to Pirate stations or to the stations or countries who operate jamming transmitters". We like Stan's first reaction "Just how the hell do you plan to stop us?" It does seem that I.S.W.C. has a blacklist of Clubs etc that print information on stations in countries that operate jammers. The list includes A.S.W.L.C., B.B.C. World Radio Club. I.S.W.L., W.D.X.C. and W.R.T.V.H. (pathetic!) Then in the E.D.X.C. Newsletter for June 1970, we have the I.S.W.C., who do not even belong to the E.D.X.C., giving them orders and "not allowing" them to run a radio station popularity poll. It appears that Mr. Bear takes exception to Arne Skoog's suggestion that the EDXC should organise such a poll as it seems that the I.S.W.C. poll is the only "official" one - but we are NOT told by whose authority, maybe by Mr. Bear's own authority? Anyway we are told - "You cannot run such a poll. You will not be allowed to run such a poll. We shall block you in every direction from running such a poll. Understand this, you cannot run such a poll". It is pretty obvious that Mr. Bear does NOT like the E.D.X.C. nor other Clubs etc that do not conform to his thoughts on such things as pirates and clandestines. Mr. Bear is entitled to his views, the same as everybody else and is fully entitled to express these views. It is not the normal practice for clubs to attempt to dictate what other clubs shall do. Clubs may try to offer helpful advice to each other. To dictate and to offer are two very different things indeed. To make THREATS and/or DICTATE are equally crude. We feel that the method being used by the I.S.W.C. leaves them open to questions, one of which is - "What are the real motives of Mr. Bear and the I.S.W.C.?"

Amazing paragraph from an old MWC bulletin

AMAZING AM:

Some years ago, maybe as long as 1996, I recon I had a copy in word format of Svenn Martinsen's excellent AMazing AM book. This was a listing of MW stations heard in Norway from 1945 / 1995. Now, all this time later and countless PC's later, I can't seem to find the file. Svenn recently sent me the excel format, being unable to find the word version. I do recall it came on floppy. Does anyone have this in WORD format after all this time?? It seems it was once on line, and a shame Svenn doesn't have it as a pdf on his excellent AM Radio Days pages. Was the WORD version exactly the same as the published book?? There was also a QSL book as well I believe, listing QSL's received by Norwegian Dxers from the same years..

<http://www.northernstar.no/norwegianradiodays.htm>

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2011

PERSEUS VERSION 4.0 CLIENT / SERVER COMMENTS MOVED:

I have created a separate page for the recent Perseus Server / Client comments that I wrote .I started with a few comments, and let it grow, so it is probably best in the menu system with other Perseus material. Click PERSEUS / Equipment to enter the Perseus related articles.

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2011

PERSEUS SERVER COMMENTS BEING UPDATED:

I have made a few new observations, which overcomplicate some of the writings from yesterday below. Give me a day or so to update. The over complications are in relation to the IP box on the server settings. It is not necessary to enter my IP address daily after all. It seems to be an automated process!!! More soon.

680 WAPA - PERSONAL FIRST :

I had a quick shifty at the files from this morning, a very quick shifty. There was nothing of note, just the usual stations. But thanks to a tip from Stuart in North London, I have a new station from Puerto Rico. It was also heard by Maurits in Belgium.

At the same time WIOD 610 was good. Tnx for the tip OM. 

I also included CJCL 590 this month. It was logged for the first time here on 28th January, but it is not written up here, on the January page.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2011

PERSEUS CLIENT / SERVER ARTICLE MOVED:

Initially on today's entry, I had an extensive Perseus Server / Client article. I have now moved it to it's own page. Initially it began as a few comments, but I just kept on writing....

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MUST SEE MOVIES:

I was recently sent a couple of links to youtube videos, and thought that I must share. The first one is a compilation of near death / near misses / lucky escapes. I have no idea who compiled this or anything, but please take a minute to watch the bank robbers in the middle of the movie. There was a group of us laughing about that all weekend.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROvOuYqmimU>

The second movie. or to be more exact, group of movies, comes from a Scottish guy who is a genius on a pushbike. His name is Danny MacAskil. His control and sense of balance of his bikes is really awesome.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z19zFIPah-o>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ubj1sseQVbY&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cj6ho1-G6tw>

NORWAY FIRST, DX LOGGINGS AND RADIO CLUBS:

I was hearing on the Skype chat the other night, that in Norway if a dxer heard a station that had not been knowingly logged in the country before, to register on an all time list, there had to be a verification from the station!!! Hmm.. This seems odd behaviour. I wonder why the dxer wants to be part of a club in the first place, that holds up to these self made rules. (Made up by grown men) There are two reasons that I would not be bothered with that carry on.

1. Stations are poor verifiers these days. Does this mean you can't claim a station that doesn't reply. What nonsense. I haven't written to ANY stations in years. That must mean my logs are null and void in their eyes.
2. I have a couple of QSLs from stations I never heard. One from Greece 1008 springs to mind, from when I was about 14. I genuinely thought I had heard this, due to the split times listed for sign on in the WRTH. (0450 or 0350 from memory) But the report must have been vague in those days. I can now easily tell listening to that recording from 30 odd years ago that it IS in fact Dutch. So I heard Lopik signing on!!!! But Greece were decent enough to send a QSL to a young inexperienced dxer!!

On a separate occasion, a Dutch pirate named Radio Ali Baba verified a report for a report sent to Radio Milano (another dutch pirate)!!! (I also have non verifiers that are claiming my report is not correct, when I have clearly heard them)


I am not convinced that dxers in general particularly like to be dictated to in this manner these days!!

UK FIRSTS vs FIRST KNOWN UK LOG:

I have never been a fan of the well used phrase UK FIRST. I never make these claims here. I find it too arrogant. These reports are FIRST KNOWN UK LOGS (FKR-UK), not FIRSTS. Not every dxer is a member of a radio club. In fact the non acceptance of logs by some radio clubs, sort of puts me off these groups altogether. I am content to bumble away, and publish logs of any significance on here.


I do believe however that listings have to be verified somehow for a countries' first dx club loggings, if records are to be kept. But records are one thing. Availability of such records is another sad story, which I won't go into here.

Look at how a log of mine was not accepted a few years ago. I'd say taking things to extreme. I don't know quite what's supposed to be dodgy about hearing a daytimer on the air late or forgetting to turn the power down??? I have quite often heard this type of signal, and anyone who reads the IRCA messages will have seen the same. At the time of the log, I reported it to an e group. I was also met by a snide comment that "WHYL" is a daytimer. Yes, I can also read the same listings Sherlock. What of it??? LOL.

Incidentally, the audio clip has been on this site for years. Something seems to have been a miss with the recorder of the day, levels too high, but signal is easily heard. 

960	WEAV	Plattsburgh NY (presumed); w sports commentary	W	0134	20/11	JF
960	WHYL	Carlisle PA; loads of IDs; surely daytime power now CHNS gone?? possible UK FIRST ; I've queried this with Ken, but not yet had a response, since this is potentially a UK First, and some lists have it as off overnight - mah	F	0720	26/10	KB
960	CFFX	Kingston ON; "Oldies 9-60" ID; also 0710 22/11	P	0741	27/10	KB

kHz	Callsign	Station, location; details heard etc	SIO	UTC	Date	Who
960	WHYL	Carlisle PA; loads of IDs; regarding last month's DX Loggings, no doubt from the recording that Ken has posted to his website - UK FIRST - mah	F	0720	26/10	KB
960	CFAC	Calgary AB (presumed): ESPN Radio	F/G	1043	30/12	mah

I had similar comments re a first log of KRZI 1660, now a relatively common Texan sports station. KRZI ROCKS was a comment I received on an e mail group, from a reputed experienced dxer. I did think that this was probably a modern day phrase, like "That new Tom Hanks movie rocks", meaning it's brilliant, good log om, all that kind of thing. But NO. Seems it meant that the log was in doubt, because the writer wrongly was convinced KRZI was a rock station!! Again, what's unusual about stations changing format? Nothing unusual hearing music stations carrying sport either!! In any case, a quick GOOGLE search would have revealed that KRZI was indeed Central Texas Sports Leader!!!!. Some dxers I think dispute logs for the sake of it, even before hearing any recordings. 

DO WEB LOGS VANISH WITH WEB SITES?

It was once said that web sites come and go, and when they go, they are gone. That is true, especially with "build on line" style freebie sites. I'm especially thinking on all the Geocities sites that vanished last year was it. That is why I produce an annual pdf of the 12 months from summer to summer of these ramblings. And I have been surprised by the large number of downloads!! So maybe in years to come my ramblings from north of the border will be read by future enthusiasts somewhere down the line. It is a shame the pdf is created with only the text and low res images. None of the audio clips are built in. Maybe something to think about??

MW DXING
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LOGS / NEWS - JANUARY 2011

A site mainly dedicated to Mediumwave Dxing

DX ARCHIVE
HOME PAGE

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

610	WTVN	Columbus, OH	 5/1/11 0831 (5kW)
620	WZON	Bangor, ME	 0001 14/1/11 (5kW) Pretty poor
1230	WENY	Elmira, NY	 11/1/11 2205 (1kW)
1290	KIVY	Crockett, TX	 11/1/11 0900 (2.5kW / 175w)
1290	WDZY	Colonial Heights Va	 2200 13/1/11 (No call ID, only Disney so a pres)
1490	KQDS	Duluth, MN	 6/1/11 0900 - (1kW) Tip Paul C - (FAN 14-90)
1520	WARR	Warrenton, NC	 2300 12/11/11 (5kW)

New / Personal first's this month = 6 1/2

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

PERSEUS RELEASE VERSION 4.0A:

Well the Perseus board has been buzzing since the weekend about the new release of the Perseus software. What is it all about? Well the much anticipated www button has finally came to being. And it is far more interesting and "cool" than had ever dared imagine!!!!

What is the www button?? Well initially I was under the impression that it was primarily to allow dxers who live in the city, to site their Perseus at their friends farm, or at their holiday home etc. Since I had no holiday home, and am able to run long antennas through the woods at the back of me, I had no real interest. BUT....BUT....

When the software was released, mayhem occurred on the Perseus Yahoo board. At that stage I had a go at the software and checked it did all the MW dxing stuff OK, and made sure there were no new navigation buttons to navigate through recorded files. There wasn't. Same as vs 3.01b then??? Not quite....

So after the weekend was all over, and I began reading the Perseus reporters about listening to other guys receivers, I thought I would give it a try. No easy task as it turned out, but only for the reason that the Perseus sits beside my main PC which is

never on line. To lead a longer USB cable over to the web PC might have been a 5 minute job I had wrongly assumed. Ha!!! Wrong again.

I had a USB extension cable, which worked perfectly OK with the Perseus. But it was not long enough to go to the other PC, only a few feet across the shack. No problem. It was a short distance, so I whacked the lead I had, and joined up the 5 wires (4 and screen) with old phone cable I had lying around. No results. Odd I thought. Its cheap crap thin wire in the USB lead itself, so I thought I'd try thick twin and earth mains wire. No results again!!! I have read the USB cable lengths etc on line, but in all honesty I never expected the results I achieved. I resoldered the original lead back together and it worked perfect. So after this marathon, I am now tripping over a cable on a temporary basis to plug the Perseus into the web PC.

ANYWAY. After that, I tried to connect to some of the remote receivers that were up and running, which I did so with surprising ease. WAH I thought. This HAS the potential of being a superb DX tool. Imagine hearing a station ID in a weak signal condition and you want to compare to the web stream. Too often you can't stream North American MW stations. The stupid copyright screen about listening outside the States comes up with many stations. So like using remote tuners to check ID's, you can now have the additional use of a worldwide network of Perseus receivers. Yes. That certainly is a benefit!!

Lucky for me, I never had to alter anything on the modem etc. Everything went pretty much to plan!!

I use ZONE ALARM as a firewall, which has a box ticked about hiding my ip when appropriate. That seemed to cause problems when other dxers tried to access my receiver. When I unticked that box, dxers seemed to be able to log into my receiver immediately.

This release is a 100% freebie. At the last minute Nico announced that this release was a free update, and not the planned pay for plug in type release. I think NICO has made a good choice for himself here. Now he has no hassle of dxers that can't get the system to work, demanding money back and being irate. Now being a freebie, it is either take it or leave it!! Clever thinking I feel from Microtelecom.

So there you go. I change from thinking "I have no real use for this www button", to thinking "wah, what a powerful dx tool!!!" All within a couple of hours!!! Well done to NICO for all the hard coding work to make this available at the click of a button. But of course I have already heard and seen the negativity from a few dxers. Surprisingly I may add, as it's not difficult to see where benefits are. A bit like the guys that think Perseus users are cheating or have an unfair advantage over them in the first place. In fact we are simply taking advantage of technology to assist in the mw dxing hobby.

PERSEUS SERVER NOT UPDATED YET:

I had an anxious e mail from a dx friend who was concerned about a link to the new software he had, but it was not seen on the Microtelecom site. I think the yahoo group speaks for itself to say that it is 100% "safe". You don't need a crash helmet and yellow jacket on to download it. And you don't need pretty pictures on a sales site to

try the latest release. I don't mind time being devoted to ironing out problems as opposed to updating sites. There are plenty on text files to read within the zip file anyway, as always.

USING MY PERSEUS AS A SERVER - E MAIL ME AND SAY HELLO:

At the moment there is no chat box attached to the software, and thus no way of communicating with the dxe running the "server", or the client on the server. There is also no way to see (or hear for that matter) what the dxe tuning your server is doing, what frequency and mode he is using etc. That would be a welcome addition although it may not be possible??? So if anyone is using my server, send me an e mail sometime with what you were listening to etc. Use the address on the contact button on this site if possible. The yahoo address is only for joining groups...

If I am sharing the Perseus at any time, the chances are I will be on a 500m beverage, along with an RPA1 Preamp, and hence signal levels are high. That's why the Perseus 10dB att is usually on, otherwise I may have clipping... The antenna is terminated at the far end, and has about 200m of coax running to meet the aerial itself.

REMEMBER: Perseus sharing is a privilege, not a service. With the poor bandwidth here in the country areas of Scotland, I can not guarantee that if I happen to be downloading a file, or checking e mails, that it will not make the stream from my server stutter, or even cut it off. I don't have city speed broadband here. But it seems to be adequate. I also may wish to take control of the receiver myself and use it especially at the top of the hour if TADX is coming in. If I disconnect anyone coming up to a top of the hour, that will most likely be the reason why. So in short, let me know how things are working etc, and if you experience any lock ups, stutters etc....

Other problems might be if AVG for example is updating. That slows the machine a bit when the updates are happening. Or I may be uploading files to this very web site!!!

PERSEUS YAHOO GROUPS:

I have seen complaints of too many e mails coming into the inbox because of the upsurge of interest in the remote Perseus network. I personally wouldn't dream of accepting e mails from these groups. I am happy reading on line. I get enough in the inbox without adding to that unnecessary clutter. The options are easily found in Yahoo.

MW DX QUITE GOOD AT 0800 TUESDAY 25th JAN:

The band was more than good to us at 0800 yesterday. There were some really strong signals around from common stations like KMOX 1120, WBBM 780, as well as regulars, but less common stations like 820 WBAP, 670 The Score WSCR, and WSAU 550. Country music was mixing with 570 news, which turned out to be more likely CFCB, which ided at 0835. This is rather than the desired CKSW!! Davie H up the street reported a good signal from less common WDCD on 1450 0300 on 24th. (It certainly was). Also reasonable was KMA 960.

The unids at 0800 - a FOX news station weak below WBEN (930 with CBS news). There was also a station on 580, not the usual CFRA. This carried ABC News. No matter what I did, I just couldn't pull the ID from the rec. The only one I have heard there with ABC news is Traverse City stn WTCM, heard pelting in one morning only. See rec below..

110125_0800_550_wsau_vg.mp3

110123_0800_570_wsyr_gd.mp3

110125_0800_820_wbap.mp3

110117_0800_960_weav_new_toth.mp3

110125_0800_960_kma.mp3

110125_0800_1120_kmox_booming.mp3

110124_0300_1540_wdcd_vg.mp3


100226_0700_580_wtcm_traverse_city_vg.mp3 (1,208k)

100226_0700_580_wtcm_traverse_city_id_only.mp3


KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 21th JANUARY 2011

XERF BOOMING IN ON 1570:

This morning had some strong signals, although not found anything too out of the ordinary yet. But what a signal on XERF on 1570, the old Mexican border blaster. The common station here is the Frenchie in Canada, but XERF were so dominant, I have made two files. There is a long 5m or so file, and a shorter file a couple of minutes long with the ids, and the start of the other programme that could be the cause of unids in the future, or dread to think, wrong ids.

110121_0758_1570_xerf_superb_signal_inc_anthem.mp3 

110121_0758_1570_xerf_superb_signal_inc_anthem_short_vs.mp3 **KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2011****LATEST UPDATES:**


I have not had a lot to boast about here in the last week. Had a particularly massive WWKB signal at 0800 today,  but although strong, there wasn't much else in the way of dx, bar what I term regulars. Of course regulars to me may be someone's dx target. In the same way Martin up North would perhaps yawn at the thought of a good strong signal from KJR 950, like I managed last winter. This winter I can probably say I haven't ided it, or if I have it was way down in the mud. CFAM and it's classical music has only shown very few days. Yes, it's been a bit of a poor winter for West Coast or Mid West, but there has still been odd days with more unusual East Coast stations coming through. East Coast being a little over enthusiastic with the description. Buffalo and Toronto tend to be described as common East Coasters in the MW dx community.. many hundreds of miles from the East Coast.. LOL

BEING VAGUE ABOUT LOGS OF COMMON STATIONS:

Incidentally, being vague about the KJR logs here is simply because I don't keep much of a log. Only if a common station is booming or a rare station is coming through, do I make any form of notes. As I type this I can't even find the log book in the shack. It is buried below a load of old publications that I am currently scanning. OK, found it and the last entry if last Friday when the WZON 620 was coming through. I heard the CW that Paul C heard the other morning on 1500, but even that never made it to the log book. There is however a sound recording dubbed off.

WTNI BILOXI:

I was searching for the current TOTH id from WTNI on 1640. As you can hear, typical of many of these American stations, they don't like to have their station name loud and proud. How they ever sell airtime I don't know. Listen to the ID of WTNI being mumbled.

100915_0200_1640_wtni.mp3 

The worst MUMBLED ID has to be WXYT Detroit 1270. All you have to do with them is assume the id from the unique ninety seven one singing jingle, unless you hit it lucky with a promo before the hour.


There are loads of audio clips that have been used this season on line here, that I have

to include on the AUDIO CLIPS page. TIME TIME TIME.....


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

MONTAGE OF STRONG SIGNALS FROM YESTERDAY:

As I often do on these pages, if there are a lot of strong signals around, I will make up a montage of some of the booming signals that come in at various times. Here is yesterdays. A 3770k file, but there are some great signals from the common stations.

Click here for montage of 13th Jan 2011 

I also have a recording of KCKK on 6th. I think dx neighbour Paul C received them like this at the top of the hour. As I have reported here many times, we all seem to be on different fades, highlighted by the Perseus and the miracles of the wideband recordings!!!


Click to hear am 1510 KCKK 

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

WDZY 1290 AND WZON 620:

I have a log of Radio Disney at 2200 on 1290. Unfortunately the only ID is Disney. The VA Col Heights station was due to go off at 2215, but the signal was in the mud before that. At 0001 Friday I managed to scrape the id for WZON IN Bangor, ME. This was on 620 under VOXM.

WARR 1520 - WARRENTON, NC:

There were some big signals around at 22 and 2300 tonight. I never heard anything too startling until a rare dx station put in a sneaky appearance due to a little cock up from WWKB. At 2300 they were silent for about 1m 45s, and this unheard personal first came through. WARR, WARRENTON, NC. 

// FM FREQUENCIES TO ASSIST WITH IDS:

There are many of the regular MW stations now that ann a // FM frequency. There are a lot that ann strange calls for HD services as well, which can be confusing. But one may hear a partial ID, or catch an FM freq. I am not going to claim to make an up to date list here, as such a list would become outdated, or more likely I would make a start and never finish it.

These types of resources are something that radio clubs could strive for as an on line resource, but I don't think there are any clubs here in Europe that would have any desire to create such a list. So I have at least made a start. This list would warrant a separate page if there is any more than the current handful of entries!! Maybe I could ideally start to add this on my all time list.

550	WSAU	99.9
560	WSYR	106.9
820	WBAP	96.7
870	WWL	105.3
960	KMA	99.1
1110	WBT	99.3
1270	WXYT	97.1
1290	WHIO	95.7
1290	WKBK	104.1
1300	WOOD	106.9
1440	WRED	94.3 (WCYY call)
1510	KCKK	93.7
1660	KRZI	106.9, 101.3, 100.9

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ADDED TO PERSEUS?

The imminent release of PERSEUS VS 4.0 has made me think about banging on the same old drum again. I have hoped and hoped that someday notice may be taken of requests to "finish" the navigation on the Perseus playback. It may not be possible of course, code wise. I personally feel that the exclusive selling point of the SDR is the wideband recording and playback facility. Bar for this, I would have had no interest whatsoever in using a rx in conjunction with a PC. I would rather have had the NRD or AOR. But the development of wideband recording has been such a step forward for MW dxers, that the Perseus has already left the traditional receivers far behind.

On the Perseus group, no one seems to answer questions about updates anymore. One poor fellow was met by contempt when asking if there were plans for WFM on the

Perseus GUI. Why is this?? Is the Perseus software at the end of the line?? I have no idea. But I do know that a few extra features would surely sell more receivers. Microtelecom (The Perseus Company) have recently been trying to sell an add on frequency correction plug in, to use along with frequency converters, in order to give the correct freq read out. But this is despite the refusal and rudeness in response to requests to add wfm. Sounds like wonderful public relations to me. After all, there are many band 2 dxers out there who may well benefit from a WFM addition to the Perseus GUI.

On the other side of the coin though, many of the Perseus group contributors have been making rude and obnoxious entries about the Perseus software, and possibly that is the reason for the contempt within the group. Many of the entries are more of less unsigned, anon, and I have also noticed many comments from dxers that don't even use a Perseus!!

It was noted that the Perseus software that is used in the AOR rx, can't recall which model, was WFM capable. But on a downside, only able to record 800kHz and not 1600kHz of spectrum.

In response, "WINRAD +" by Sandro has come up with a WFM feature.

So if I knew how to programme hard code, I would be looking to add the following:

1.Backwards navigation. By this I mean ability to click back 20 seconds or so to a previous file in a set of recorded files. The software can automatically move on to the "next" file flawlessly, but moving back to the "previous" file is a chore. To move back 20 seconds to the start of an ID that may fall between files, means clicking file, wav, browse, and finding the right wav, and navigating towards the end of the file etc, all to go back 20 seconds. Luckily the terrible howling noise is now gone that used to plague the Perseus user before the latest BETA3/ 01 version.

(NB: I don't mean the simple back 20 seconds on the **same** recorded file that one dxer claimed recently as backwards navigation on his SDR IQ..!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

2. Create a slider (like the NB and volume control etc) on the front GUI for the "AM HI Pass filter", and have it change in real time, ie without "applying". This makes another variable for digging out that dx in the dirt.

3. WFM with various settings that suit both EU and US as well as Eastern European bands .Imagine being able to record 1.6 mhz at toth on OITR band during a lift.

4. MORE USEFUL MEMORY BANKS: I find I can navigate and tune faster using the direct tuning than I can by using the memories. If the memory banks were to be more

useful, I would add the following. Clicking on the memory banks would bring up a small window, perhaps with Memory Number, Frequency etc and other details of stored data on the particular memory channel. But more importantly, the ability to scroll through memory banks in the same way that you scroll through the frequency counter when changing frequency. eg mouse over memory bank number, changes memory channel in the same way the frequency counter on the main screen works. I mean that you can change in 10's or hundreds by the turn of a mouse wheel. So say for example the memories for an AM dxer were for ease, 53 - 170, all fine tuned in the mode best suited for the dxers qth, and the appropriate sideband if necessary to avoid Euro QRM etc. The turn of the mouse wheel would scroll fast through the memory channels, as though tuning on the main screen.

mouse over anywhere in memory sub window - mouse wheel jumps up or down 1 memory channel

mouse wheel over the memory channel display - mouse wheel changes individual digits, like freq counter does now.

(I am not sure if I would use memories, with the 10kHz step or 9kHz step on the mouse wheel making frequency change fast and furious anyway)

5. Extra notch for multi hets

Achieve this and the competition are left far behind.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2011

UPDATE:

At 2205 tonight I had a new personal first, on the edge of illegible, WENY 1230. . 


A LOOK AT THE LATEST DX LOGS:

There have been a few quite good peaks over the last couple of weeks. WTVN has been heard another twice here on 610. Maybe that's the band picking up enough to be able to hear something other than WIOD since the closure of the dominant French Canadian.

Last night after setting the Perseus files, the PC must have rebooted itself. Maybe a power dip, which sometimes happens here. The weather was a little wild, and the lights had been dimming earlier. But anyway, I was up to record 08 and 0900...


Below are a few of the more interesting logs. NOTE: I don't scrawl down daily logs of

the regulars. I don't even put most in the log book, as they can be heard every night almost. The stations I call regular will be seen on my all time list. Some dxers may find it a useful guide as to what's being heard, or if you can find a recent copy of the complete UK list, even better.


570 Unid SS along with Reloj. 0828 6/1 

600 WMT 0833 6/1 snds more like WMQ 

610 WTVN Columbus, OH 0900 11/1, 0834 10/1  


650 WSM Nashville, TN Booming 0900 11/1/11 

870 UNID 0900 6/1/11 ID poss in brief WWL Silence, Like WTNH HD3??. 

940 XEQ Exc ids 0900 9/1/11, and going into a speech and mention radio something or other. 

980 WOFX Troy NY 9/1 1000

1130 WBBR NY Absolutely pegging the meter 1000 9/1 (if there was 1)

1130 WISN Milwaukee 0700 31/12 Noted in WBBR silence. 


1200 WXKS 29/12 2200 This 50kW monster booms in sometimes 

1290 KIVY Crockett, TX 0900 11/1 

1290 WKBK Keene 1000 9/1

1290 WNBF Binghamton 1000 9/1


1300 WXRL, Lancaster, Buffalo 9/1 0900


1300 WOOD Regular. Often very good. Click here for an example in December 

1350 unid espn stn with WOYK 0900 9/1 

1430 WNSW Weak 0900 9/1

1450 UNID Like News Radio 14-50 WIMX or similar. Snds different USB / LSB 1000 9/1 

1460 WHIC The Stn of the Cross. quite good 0900 9/1 

1470 UNID SS With K call. Poss KMNQ BROOKLYN PARK, MN with // 1400 id KMNV 

1490 KQDS, Duluth, MN The Fan 14-90 6/1/11 

1510 KCKK Gd peak 0903 6/1/11

1520 KOKC Dominant 0800 10/11

1530 WCKY Gd 0900 9/11

1660 KRZI Gd 0400 10/1 inc many FM // ann

1680 WTTM quite gd 0900 9/1 

TED WILLIAMS UPDATE:

Whoever is whining about copyright now, after initially uploading his original file to youtube, has kicked up a stink about the replacement file that someone uploaded. Why upload something if you then don't want anyone to see it. Or have they sold out? That's more like it, and whoever has the rights want's to coin money in off of poor old Ted's back?? I can only hope Ted receives something for their greed.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 8th JANUARY 2011**LOGS:**

I need to catch up with the logs, especially from 6th when there was a good 0900 opening towards mid America. There are a couple of personal firsts I think in there for January, so bear with me. I have been doing a bit of walking and photographing the picturesque scenery we have here in Scotland at this time.



An example of last year's winter scenery

FOR MORE OF THE ABOVE CLICK THIS LINK.
USE BACK BUTTON TO RETURN, AS THERE ARE NO BACKWARDS LINKS.

TED WILLIAMS UPDATE:

UNBELIEVABLE as it may seem, YOUTUBE have removed the original video of the man with the golden voice. But thankfully, kind spirited folks have replaced the original.

1. ORIGINAL YOUTUBE MOVIE BANNED!!!

So try this link, this is a replacement, and already had over 2 million hits!!!! Well done whoever said "sod youtube and silly copyrights"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6kI_u3ho_c&feature=related

2. TED ON TODAY SHOW

2. TED ON CBS



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2011

TED WILLIAMS:

Ted who?? A fellow that has touched the hearts of millions over the last couple of days. Ted was wandering an intersection in Columbus Ohio with a sign saying that he had a god given gift of a golden radio voice, but was homeless and hopeful.

When I wrote this text, there were over six million hits on the YOUTUBE movie that discovered him.!!!

To see what it's all about, see links below to:

1. ORIGINAL YOUTUBE MOVIE

(Unbelievable as it may seem, the original newspaper video has been removed due to copyright reasons!! How stupid is that!!)

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PERSONAL FIRST TODAY FROM COLUMBUS OHIO:

By sheer coincidence, I had a personal first today from Columbus, Ohio, home of Ted Williams!!!

At 0830, AM 610 WTVN came through, but no sign of it at 0900.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 4th JANUARY 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM BONNIE SCOTLAND

SAQ HEARD WELL IN SCOTLAND:

I forgot to reset my Perseus auto hotkeys file to include the VLF broadcast on 24th December, so thankfully I was by the receivers for the transmission tonight at 0000, which was an extra transmission especially for North America.

Click below for a 794k recording of the VLF signal heard here in Scotland.



SAQ heard at 0000 on 3/4th January on a Perseus SDR and 500m beverage.

For the record, I was on top band telling some guys on 1933 about the transmission. I couldn't believe that so called radio enthusiasts had absolutely no interest in something just a little unusual. Gees!! No wonder I don't do much with my ham call sign..... (MMOHSV)

A FEW OTHER RECORDINGS FROM RECENT DAYS:

I have a few other recordings to share here. A few rarer stations have made it at the end of December, inc a couple of crafty calls given during dominant station brief silence. I have yet to update the personal firsts at the top of the December pages with these stations, but I will have that job done soon.

The 1290 unid Classic Country is interesting. Only one listed as Classic Country is WIRL, but it could be anything at this time of year I suppose, relaying their FM sister stations for example because there is no sport. KOKC is a really good ID in a WWKB silence. As is personal first WISN Milwaukee on 1130.

101231_0700_1130_wbbr_wisn_in_gap (pers 1st).mp3

101229_2200_1200_wxks_newton_boston.mp3

101231_0800_1290_unid_classic_country_mix_cjbk.mp3

101231_0800_1330_wspq_springville_ny (pers 1st).mp3

101231_0800_1360_wmny_pa (very weak, pers 1st) .mp3

101231_0700_1410_wqun_hamden_ct_via_wpop.mp3

101226_0900_1440_wmax_bay_city_mi (pers 1st).mp3

101227_0300_1520_kokc_vg.mp3

LOCAL RIVER ICE DAM:

There are some photos of the local river where my antennas run across, with a massive ice dam. This lot was taken on 30th December. Have a look for yourself at the amazing scenes, that even made national press. There is no link back here, so use the back button.

http://www.ayrshirehistory.com/ayr_river_ayr_ice_december_2010.html









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970	WFUN	Ashtabula, OH	 0900 11/12/10 (5kW / 1kW) Tnx tip, Paul C
1130	WISN	Milwaukee, WI	 31/12/10 0700 (50kW / 10kW) in silence
1330	WSPQ	Springville, NY	 0800 31/12/10 (1kW)
1360	WMNY	Pottsville, PA	 0800 31/12/10 (5kW / 500w)
1430	WXNT	Indianapolis, IN	 0900 8/12/10 (5kW)
1440	WMAX	Bay City, MI	 0900 26/12/10 (5kW / 2.5kW)

New / Personal first's this month = 6

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 29th DECEMBER 2010

DX ARCHIVE:

Well it has been a couple of weeks since I have made an entry here. The DX this season has been particularly uninspiring, and thus, I have been spending some considerable time working at the DX ARCHIVE web site, as stated below.

In some respects, it is good that the DX has been so poor. Otherwise the other site would have been completely ignored, as it has been for many years. So luckily a little inspiration was gathered, and as stated below, work that has been overdue for many years has at least went part way to being completed. Between the guys that have input to the archive site, we must have an incredible volume of material lying around, some scanned, much of it probably not, much of it from the Irish Era of the 1980's. So the collections are well worth sharing and recording we all think, rather than become "lost".

For anyone wishing to trawl through the extensive archives, there is a link at the top right of all the pages on this site. The return link is in "Other" of the dx archive site.

Thanks to the input of others, I have added a whole new section of [RADIO SCOTLAND](#) material, ie the real Radio Scotland from the 1960's which was at one time off the west coast, and must have been visible from high ground up the road from me.

MW DXING:

Because the band has not been quite as alive and kicking as the last couple of years, interest here is not so intense. But there have been odd days when thankfully the dx is not simply the "same old same old". A few logs are seen below including the odd personal first...

499.2 PAT Happy Xmas CW. Good Signal. Heard often over the festive season 23/12 1830

560 WSAU 0800 27/12

770 CHQR 0800 27/12

970 WFUN OH 0900 11/12 Personal First. Tnx Paul C Tip

1060 WILB OH Daytimer 2200 16/12

1250 AM 1250 Manitoba good 0758 27/12. Not noted // 950, and as usual 1220 splattered by Virgin

1290 WTMS Milwaukee / Green Bay 0900 27/12

1310 WIBA Madison WI 0900 23/12

1310 WCCW Traverse City 27/12 1000

1360 WTAQ Green Bay 1000 27/12

1420 WOC Particularly strong today for this common station. 0900 27/12

1430 WXNT Indianapolis, IN 0900 8/12 Personal First

1440 Unid 0300 23/12 plays star spangled banner, but no id detectable sadly

1440 WMAX, Bay City MI 0900 26/12 Personal First

1470 WBKV 0900 23/12

1480 WLMV La Moreda (SS) 0900 23/12

1520 KOKC OK 0300 27/12 Hrd well in WWKB silence. Also 0700 but not so loud.

WEATHER REPORT:

It has been a chilly December here in Western Scotland over all. The river at the back has just melted in spectacular form for the second time this year!! (3rd time if you count last winter's January freeze up). I spent the whole day with the video camera waiting for a break up on Monday, but unfortunately it must have happened during the night. There are certainly some massive ice sheets sitting on the river bank next door. So at least I have a few good photos.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER 2010

NOT MUCH DXING DONE:

I have not a real lot to say at this time. Dxing has been in general poor, with about 2 days exception. It was obvious when on the Skype DX chat the other day, there was talk of logs of CFRB and WINS on 1010, and KDKA 1020. To quote myself on these pages last season, when WBBR 1130 is classed as DX, it's time to work at other projects.

DX ARCHIVE WEB SITE - WEB WORK DONE:

And work on other projects I have been doing. I have been updating the navigation on another project involving a few dxers, the DX Archive. There are links to the DX Archive at the top of each page, top right, as well as in the "Other" menu. Links back the way from the DX Archive to here are in "Other" menu as well.

The DX Archive is a collection of radio material, originally set up around the 80's Irish pirates, but the site has mushroomed since then. The domain has been in use for some months, but the complete mess of the navigation on the archive site was such that pride was lacking. There were masses of obscure menus and sub menus from the early days of the site, and big baby 3d buttons and massive text in standard times new roman. All repaired now though and gradually becoming a little more professional looking. A lot of work is left to be done, especially on the old photographs and scans that were cut to small 8k etc files, designed for dial up connections. Nowadays though, we have been adding full sized posters and long audio recordings.

MW DXING:

My log book is barely looking like a log book now. One page has a few stns on 14th of November, and then 24th November, and 7th Dec. Next entry is 1 stn on 8th Dec and then 13th Dec.

Some dxers reported better conds on 7th I think it was, although nothing worth wasting ink to write in the log book was noted here. When dx neighbour Paul C reported an obscurity on 1420 for example I only had regular WOC. There were a number of other examples on that day.

But on Monday 13th, 0900 I had the following.

550 Unid below WSAU with ABC news

600 Unid with Fox news, sounding like WLR or similar, and certainly sounding quite like a 3 letter call, but not WMT, although that station IS a FOX stn.

1000 ESPN Chicago belting in 0900 6/12


1290 WHIO also ann 95.7 FM.


1310 WIBA

1350 WARV

1470 Rarity, WLOA Farrel on noted at 0900

Heard a few times of late has been WDRJ Detroit's Christian talk on 1440.

Click here to hear WMVP Chicago booming in on Monday 13th 

Click here to hear UNID on 600 at 0900 13th Dec 

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1440

WDRJ

INKSTER, MI (Detroit)



0300 10/11/10 (1kW)

New / Personal first's this month = 1

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KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2010

A VERY HAPPY ST ANDREWS DAY, BUT NOTHING TO REPORT:

Not perhaps celebrated in the style of St Patrick's day, or thanks giving day, but the patron saint of Scotland's day is never the less today, 30th November. At least that gives me something to write about. It has been a very dull couple of weeks on the old MW band, and I can not gather up enthusiasm when the band is like so. This was highlighted to me last night when my dx neighbour and I were discussing WWKB and a possible piece of music at the top of the hour along side it. When WWKB is the exciting dx, it's time for a rest.

I am hearing all the common stations at reduced signal levels most days, so when the band becomes depressed, then I certainly don't fill the log book with WBBR 1130 every morning. In years gone by, if it is felt band conditions are very poor, then I have a habit of not paying much attention to MW dxing, and go on to do something else. But with the Perseus receiver, and wideband recordings, things may be different. It is always worth a quick check to see if there is any rare dx coming through. Chance would be a fine thing, I think to myself.

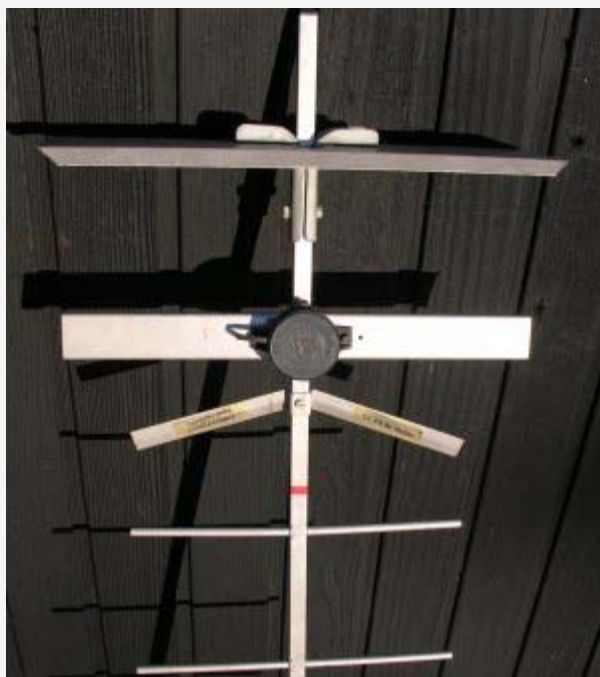
I have been doing some web work for another project recently, which may shortly be linked into this web site directly. The dx archive site is run by former AUK people, and is meant to be an archive of much of the old QSLs and stickers and sound recordings from the Irish Era of the 1980's. But there is a whole lot more to the site than that. It was decided to use the "simple" format to the pages that I use both on this site and a local historical archive I am involved with. Because of the bad band conditions, much has been achieved this last few weeks.

CBC OLD CHIMES:

I could have sworn I heard the old CBC top of the hour chimes last night, or was I confused briefly, as I had a few other things going on in the background. I will never know, as all files were deleted again, as has been the norm this winter. In my haste, I forgot to go back and verify my thoughts, whatever time it was.

A COUPLE OF PHOTOS:

Below are a couple of shots taken today, the last day in November, and we are quite frozen up here. It looks like a cold night as well as it is currently snowing. Below that is an old UHF antenna, found recently in a loft. Definately an early one!!



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2010

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO HEARD AGAIN:

MAR, a station that is heard on 1386 at weekends, and sometimes on 1314 as well, is

being heard in the middle of the day here in Scotland. I have to suggest that this will be the best I have ever heard MAR since the 1980's. The current station are sort of the same guys as ran the big powerhouse station in 1980, some 30 years ago!!!

Today they are broadcasting a tribute to Rick Dane of Radio Jackie North, who died in 2002 (approx)



Radio Jackie North was a rock station, and also used to be heard here in Scotland regularly on 217m, around 1395 or 1404. A few months ago I posted this clip from 1980, recorded here. And below is a clip of todays reception. It is good to see someone flying the flag for good old fashioned MW. To compare, I have a recording of ENERGY 1395 from Dublin also taken today. I'd say there wouldnt be a lot in the distance from Dublin to here, and from Merseyside to here.

800622_1200_1125_mar_recorded_scotland.mp3

101113_1235_1386_mar.mp3

101113_1310_1395_energy.mp3

<p>EVERY SUNDAY 12am - 4 pm FOR THE BEST SOUND IN FREE RADIO</p>
<p>THIS IS TO VERIFY THAT, MR KEN BAIRD RECEIVED OUR STATION ON 217M (1305KHZ) ON 10/6/79. ENGINEER: Fred Swain</p> <p>RADIO</p> <p>JACKIE</p> <p>NORTH</p>
<p>217m</p> <p>MEDIUM WAVE</p>

MW BAND DIED - BEVERAGE DIED:

The band has been very poor this last couple of days. So I have nothing to report except that my antenna took a turn for the worse during the storms the night before last. On a trip to the woods to inspect the cable, I saw the small ditch where the cable runs, had washed down loads of branches and mess, snarling the coax, and breaking a join. I repaired and rerouted the cable slightly, and then walked the full length of the antenna to check it. After returning to the shack soaked to the skin, there was still no signals heard. The second time I took a radio and relayed radio north on the little ipod fm thing. Davie H up the road came along the second time. The fault was easily found. The yanking and tearing cable around to re-route it, made it give at the same joint. I never walked back past the join first time around. I went another way, checking another antenna, so missed this problem the first time. Davie and I then sat down for a coffee and a listen to Radio North at the volume it should have been at after the first trip!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2010**RECORDING OF WXRL LANCASTER / BUFFALO - 1300:**

I meant to include this small clip the other week of WXRL during a good peak. This station is quite rare here, with common WOOD often dominant.

101023_0700_1300_wxrl_lancaster_buffalo.mp3

MONTAGE OF TODAY'S COMMON STATIONS:

I have created a montage of the band today, at various times overnight, by way of an explanation of everyday dx heard here in the west of Scotland at this time of year. You can see some that are often booming are mushy, like WTIC and WBBM.



PLAY MONTAGE (2,506k)

970 WZAN
 960 WEAV
 1390 WEGP
 930 CFBC
 1370 WDEA
 780 WBBM
 1080 WTIC
 1560 Disney
 1520 WWKB
 1500 WFED
 1430 WENE
 680 CFTR
 1640 WTNI
 840 WHAS
 1580 CKDO
 1620 WTAW
 1700 KVNS
 1290 WKBK Keene

ANNOYING STATIONS WHEN YOU KNOW THE BAND IS AVERAGE:

I have often written here that the band is average. What do I mean by this? See the montage above.

Well rarely a day goes by without TADX being audible, even in mid summer. But just at some times in the season, you begin to feel like the next day is the same as the previous day.

There are many stations that are common here, and a good indicator, though of course not a definitive guide, could be some of the stations below. Many of these channels have often more exotic DX, but when you hear the following common stations, you tend to think the band is a bit "same old same old".

Remember an unusual station can pop up on any frequency at any time, and even be the only unusual station on the whole band. But if something other than common stuff is heard on the channels below, at least there is a sporting chance of more unusual logs. Mid band around 960 is a good place to start.

770

Has this channel got company?? 77 WABC is the regular, or Rebelde, but worth a look for CHQR and their top of the hour jingle, that so many other stations use these days. (same tune / jingle company)

920

The information leader in Mid Western Ontario - CKNX - So many stations have popped up on 920 in the last couple of years since dominant CJCH left the air. But too often it is the annoying dominant CKNX.

950

CKNB - Flat, 70's pirate sounding pop music, often very strong though watery audio. (Radio Jackie sounded better when they ran from the woods) - A poor sign if there are no talk stations, sports stations or classical stations mixing.

960

HOT talk, news talk today's talk, The Zone WEAV. This is another channel where dx can easily be heard if the band is good, but more often than not, it is only dominant WEAV.

970

Maine's talk radio 9-70 WZAN. Seen as a pest on 970, yet sometimes 970 can reveal other dx.

1350

First in York, first in sport, WOYK and their singing jingle is very common on this channel, despite it being a busy freq, as well as a Euro channel.

1360

The Talk of CT, WDRC always seems to be dominant here

1370

AM 1370, WDEA Elsworth always seems to be dominant here

1390

The talk of the county, WEGP is often dominant on this sometimes interesting channel. Since BIG L has been off air, it seems to only have been WEGP, and WFBL heard.

1430

The Team WENE, mixing with ethnic music on this busy channel seems to be the only two stations heard, yet at times it can be a great dx channel.

1440

The Word WHKT, The Big Jab, WJAB, and sometimes WVEI (also sport) are the three common stations heard at 02 and 0300, the only silent period of the big RTL transmitter here in Europe. But just sometimes a more unusual station will be heard, and thus it is worth recording a toth at 0200 and 0300 just for a minute or two, incase something other than common stations flutter in. Remember also more of an annoyance is the sports stations that play through the hour!!!

Many other channels have far more dominant stations, where other dx is less regular. 590, 730, 750, 760, 840, 860, 880, 1010, 110, 1130, 1500, 1510, 1520, but these too are always worth a watching.

RECORDINGS FAILED, AND NO RADIO SWEDEN:

I forgot to mention yesterday that I have not really been up in the middle of the night this whole season so far, thanks to the wonders of the Perseus. I was only talking recently on our Skype DX chat about how the Autohotkeys and the Perseus SDR run very smoothly here. But following night (whatever night it was last week) the

recordings failed. I couldn't work out why. The recordings were all there, right up to 0900, but after 0100 I think it was, all files were about 100k in size and just a noise.

BUT. On closer inspection, I realised that my hard drive was full to the brim with recordings. That was all. So the next day I made sure there were plenty of gigs left, and began deleting files. In my haste I wiped the last English broadcast as well as the last transmission from Radio Sweden, two recordings I was going to keep in the archives!!! Oh well. Such is life.

For the record, I filled lots of drives in the last couple of years, and still like looking through the files, especially from good days, but I am not keeping very many this season. Only the odd file with personal firsts etc.

Another comment I would make at this time is that I had another PC this time last year, and it was one that didn't like the extreme cold of the radio shack. It would close down on a severe frosty night!! I just refused to go out and leave the gas fire on in here. Too scared!!!

AM HD IN EUROPE:

I am trying again to receive AM HD here in Europe, and so far this year, only managed to see the HD light on Radio Disney 1560, and WFAN 660. Signals have at the times I have tuned in been less than booming, except the morning I tried Disney. Again, like last season, only the HD light flashed, and the receiver so far made no attempt to kick in properly or even display text. Last year I had the set cut on me twice as though the HD was about to kick in, but that twice it reverted back to standard AM, and again, no sign of any text. I shall keep on trying especially if we get any good strong signals some morning, when I am dxing live.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2010

WDRJ - 1440, BUT NOT A LOT ELSE TO REPORT:

I have not had too much to report on these pages in the last week or so. The band seems to have kind of stagnated. To the guys who use transistor radios and report on the forums reception of Boston on 1510 for example, my daily dx would be a treat I suppose. But when you are used to the regulars coming in on 760, 590, 750, 1560, 1510, 1520 1130 etc etc etc, the band can sound stagnated. I managed a personal first today on 1440 at 0300. WDRJ Detroit.

It has been a poorish season here so far, if you count westerly openings as making the season good. Last year by this time there had been many openings to the west, and mid west. We often heard the distinctive classical music on 950, sometimes late on in

the morning.

Up in the far north of Scotland, I hear that MAH has been receiving some excellent dx as far as I am concerned, with multitudes of calls I am not familiar with. Martin also hears Japanese dx in the afternoons. I have seen a few carriers and watery audio on 680 a couple of times, although nothing I would call usable. Nor have I ever knowingly heard Japan!! I have to say I don't spend a lot of time on Asian dx mainly because they are on the same channels as the Euros, making life much more difficult.

A FEW AUDIO FILES FROM RECENT DAYS:

I have included an unid ss from 800. Sounds more like RCN than TWR, can anyone verify that is an RCN that I am hearing in there??

101105_0658_800_unid_ss_poss_twr_or_rcn.mp3

101110_0000_also_2356_1380_ckpc_vg.mp3

101104_0800_1300_wood_vg.mp3

101102_0900_1350_woyk_exc.mp3

101101_2200_1390_wegp_wfbl.mp3

101110_0300_1440_wdrj_detroit.mp3

101102_0900_1470_wcsh_ids_on_wlam.mp3

MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES - 1395 / 1377:

We have again the opportunity here in Europe of a nice quiet DX channel of 1395, with BIG L being off air. From a selfish dxers point of view, dare I say more???? lol.

Last night I was not in the shack, but had set the perseus to record various top of the hours. Luckily I managed to record 2100, and heard France 1377 going off abruptly. The jamming signal that has been heard there in recent times was heard plainly just LF of the 1377 freq. There also seemed to be music there. Exactly what the jammer and the signal being jammed is, I have no idea. I have read various theories. Asian Sound in Manchester was also heard during the French silence. They must have some problems at night with the Frenchy. The freq was allocated some years ago when the French station was off the air, we had hoped for good.

It is a shame 1377 doesn't go off altogether. 1380 is given quite a bit of grief here by

that French station.

I did hear CKPC at 000 with a booming signal, while Paul C here in Scotland also heard the VT stn at 2200. I have two stations mixing, but never pulled any IDs from it. Maurits in Belgium pulled out Tanzania and an EE id of Radio Free Africa on 1377 at 0058. At that time the beverage was pointing to north America, and thus I had a great deal of splatter from believe it or not 1380 CKPC at that time!!!

On the subject of freeing up the band, good to see NRK leaving 630 and 675. Also Swiss stn on 765 leaves on 5th Dec I believe. I think 765 used to be a channel where Senegal came in.

Pity we cant see other power house stations do the same, like 675, 1323, 675, 1377, 1422 etc and of course 1593 DRM!!!

USEFUL PERSEUS BLOG TO CLOSE:

An odd and surprising announcement noticed today by David H, when he reported Guy Atkins and his useful Perseus blog is closing. I am not really sure of any real reasons??

Maybe it is a costly business to keep all those gigs on line???

The current web space I hire costs around £20 a year for 3 gig, to do as you please. ie not a freebie with ads or limited styles etc. So it isn't exactly breaking the bank. Prices rise for more web space, but not dramatically.

It seems a pity that one of the most respected blogs will disappear into the ether. I understood freebie blogs would always be there if the owner left them on line??

It seems to be such a lot of text and such a lot of work to simply pull the plug and then it's all gone, like the burning of books in the 1940's!!!

PERSEUS SOLD:

Well that's that. I have been trying to sell an NRD 545 for some months. It never sold, but I managed to do a swap for an 8 week old Perseus. Now that Perseus is on its way over the water, after a deal was made last Friday. Now I have a hole in the shack where there once was a 545, but hey, when last did I use it.

You can follow the developments of the said 545 on Mark Bothwick's web pages, from the Scottish borders.

<http://scottish-dxing.yolasite.com/mw-dx.php>

IS 610 OFF AIR OR NOT - ANSWER = YES... FINALLY:

CHNC 610 was due to be off air by 1st November according to a report seen on the web. It is amazing that in these days of technology and the web, real hard info is difficult if not impossible to find. It was neither reported in IRCA, nor was it reported in North East Radio Watch. And again, a mail on the subject I sent to IRCA was not accepted / used , even though I signed up etc. An odd way to work??

But yesterday, both Paul C and Sylvain in Quebec received an e mail from CHNC to confirm they are indeed off air now, and using FM only.

This being a common dominant station here in Europe, should open up the band to farther DX. WIOD FL, Rebelde are often heard, and should be more common. I am more interested in rarer dx that may come in, as both WIOD and Rebelde could be classed as common stations. // 1150 is also off air.

HISTORICAL RADIO SWEDEN CLOSES:

Radio Sweden closed down the transmitters on SW and also 1179 on Saturday night. There was a short programme dedicated to the history of Radio Sweden, which is still downloadable in their 30 day archive.

I wish they would take the time to make some of their old Saturday shows available if they still exist in their archives. That must have been one of their most popular shows.

REMEMBER THE MW BAND ON A SATURDAY NIGHT:

A Saturday night on MW here in Europe used to be quite exciting listening, when Blue Danube Radio was on in English on 1476, and the Saturday show was on from 2300 till 0030, and extended edition. The first 30m was the same as the SW service.

Back then, the old 227m band was very quiet, and gave way to many of the Dutch pirates with international programmes, and sometimes odd UK stations were heard in this area of the band. The 227m band ran from approx 1287 when Prague closed, 1296 when BBC closed, 1305, 1314 when NRK closed, 1323 Moscow and BBC Cyprus closed, 1332, and even at one time the BBC went off 1341. Pre November 1978, the frequencies were 1kHz less.

WATCH OUT FOR WCSH TV SOUNDTRACK:

WLAM 1470 often carries the TV sound of WCSH TV in Portland. It's one of those calls that if you are not aware of it's presence you could spend an hour trying to trace the call and believe and worse still, report that there has been a rarity logged.



DAYTIMERS AT THE END OF OCTOBER:

I had some luck with daytimers at the end of October, but I feel that some were only just out of reach. A few logs of note are below. Nothing new unfortunately, all heard in the past. Some freqs like 1290 and 1310 and even 1300 sounded like they had something more interesting, but despite the news jingle being clear as usual, the call was in the muck....

I have also been in the habit of being a bit slack when it comes to Cuban logs all over the band, and I feel that my all time list will for sure not include many stations that have been heard in the past. But I have included some new Cubans in the personal first list for October, inc 640 which I am convinced I have heard before this..

500 UNID DIGITAL AND CW "PAT". No call. Is this a ham?? 06 +07 1/11

550 WGR Buffalo regular this last couple of weeks

760 WCHP NY Daytimer. Wish I had 2215 s/off on Sat 30th. Signal booming till 2208

780 Unid SS 1/11 0700 Need to get this recorded. 820 WNYC NY 0000 28/10 gd pk

870 WHCU 0700 29/10 Hrd a few times this season

920 WGKA Atlanta 2300 28/10 DAYTIMER

920 WHJJ RI 2200 29/10

940 WINZ 0700 29/10

940 WCPC Houston, MS 2300 30/10 DAYTIMER

980 Radio Ciudad La Habana 0700 29/10 (Think this was the id I was given by Jean etc)

1060 Radio Education 0703 1/11 Inc Call id, which I don't think I have heard

1070 WFLI Lookout Mountain 2300 29/10

1070 WKOK 2230 28/10 DAYTIMER

1230 CBC News heard regular last few weeks, but never any local IDs

1290 UNID Call Almost logged but not quite 2200 30/10 and ABC News

1310 UNID 2200 40s 29/10 Unid news station with W call. vy weak.

1350 WOYK York 0900 2/11 Booming in like WWKB almost

1470 WCSH TV news on WLAM 2200 29/10 + other times

1470 WNYX 2200 30/10 not often reported here.

1680 WTTM VG 1/11 0000

This morning the band was wide open at 0900, although strong common signals only, nothing to write home about. WWKB, WWZN, WBBR and WOYK 1350 all booming in, along with Disney 1560. I tried the HD set and the HD light immediately came on, but the HD never kicked in, and neither did any text ID or anything.

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550		Radio Mundial, Venezuela	0630 15/10/10
620	WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	 0700 11/10/10
630	Progreso	Cuba	0700 27/10/2010
640	Progreso	Cuba	0700 27/10/2010
830	WTRU	Kernersville, NC	 0600 7/10/10 (50 / 10kW) (Kernersville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Burlington)
880	WZAB	Sweetwater, FL	0700 24/10/10 The Bizz, Tip Paul C
900		Radio Progreso, Cuba	0701 24/10/10
920		Nueva Esport, Venezuel	0400 13/10/10. Tip Dave H
960	XEROO	"La Guadalupana", Mexico	 0700 6/10/10 - Tnx PC, DH and Real DX.
1000		Guama, Cuba	0700 - 26/10/10
1020		Guama, Cuba	24/10/10 - 0700 Tnx Paul C for SS lessons. Prob 1st real ID on this one.
1070		Guama, Cuba	24/10/10 - 0703 // 1020, but no id
1230	WSBB	NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL	0700 24/10/10 (1kw)
1230		REBELDE	0701 24/10/10 {Tip Paul C}
1310	WICH	NORWICH, CT	0700 25/10/10 (5kW)
1330	WHBL	Sheboygan, WI	 0700 11/10/10
1340	WMID	Atlantic City, NJ	 870w 0700 20/10/10 Listen to a web ID sent by Mark in NJ. 
1430	WOIR	Homestead, FL	 25/8/10 0500 - 5kW / 47 W (Tnx Thomas and Henrick for listening and finding the id)
1470	WLQR	Toledo, OH	 0600 7/10/10 - 1kW
1550	WAZX	Smyrna, GA	 0301 4/10/10 - 50kW / 500W Tnx Paul C for detective work, and SS lessons.

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STICKY: PERSEUS FOR SALE, 8 WEEKS OLD - CLICK FOR DETAILS HERE.**KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER 2010****PERSEUS FOR SALE:**

I had a concerned e mail from a chap in the States wondering if I had found a better SDR than the Perseus. Certainly NOT!! LOL.

No I am happy with the Perseus performance, and don't know if and when I can do any better. The reason I am selling an 8 week old Perseus is that I now have three. I swapped the NRD 545 for a nearly new Perseus on Sunday. Hence - Perseus for sale, still under warranty.

RADIO SWEDEN MW TRANSMITTERS OFF AIR FOREVER:

Remember that Radio Sweden are closing down all SW and MW transmissions at the end of this month. I would like to catch the sign off, but I have no idea when that will be. Would also like to catch the last English broadcast. Remember that Radio Sweden was the first or amongst the first of the international broadcasters that many of us dxers of a certain age listened to. Remember the Saturday Show???

Remember they used to send out posters to dxers. I have created some copies of a decent res, so that if anyone wants to take a jpeg to a poster printers, they could have a large sized poster made from the Saturday show. The first high res image is 15 meg, second is 26 meg, and the third 9 meg.



CANADIAN TRANSMITTER ON 610 DUE OFF AIR THIS WEEKEND:

I read somewhere on the web, IRCA maybe, that the CHNC transmitter of FF rock music closes by 1st November. I also thought I may have seen it listed as 1st Dec, but hey, it was listed to go off last year!! As a selfish dxe, I can only hope so. It is one of the common Canadian powerhouses here, and who knows what may lie behind their signals. The // 1150 was also due off air. Will they or won't they. I am not a betting man.

PERSONAL FIRSTS UPDATED, AND MARKED ON / OFF THE LIST:

Last month I had a nice recording of WDTW DEARBORN, MI. I had logged it as a personal first, but I have now updated my all time list, see ALL LOGS menu. I discovered that I had logged the station back on 23rd January 2009. Well never mind. It is not the only station that crops up where it shouldn't in the logs I'm sure.

TRYING TO WORK OUT PERSONAL FIRSTS WITH CUBANS:

Just the other day, Sunday to be exact, there were a good number of rarer Cubans etc coming through on the band. And this morning I have also heard a new one on me. Maybe two, maybe not. Sometimes I have been thinking that I have heard some outlets of Radio Reloj, or Radio Progreso, or Rebelde, and not noted them down in the all time lists. So it is probably high time that I was more careful about this kind of log.

Below are a few logs from the last days of Cubans and Latins etc, as well as US stations. The FL station on 880 was first noted by Paul C. I had heard 2 stations mixing, but never noticed the station ID first time round.

630 PROGRESSO 0700 27/10
 640 PROGRESSO 0700 27/10
 770 Rebelde 0700 26/10
 760 RCN Columbia sounding like RFM 0700 27/10
 770 RCN Columbia sounding like RFM 0700 27/10
 840 Doubleve, Cuba 0700 24/10
 850 WFTL FL 0700 24/10
 870 Reloj 0700 24/10
 880 WZAB Sweetwater, FL "The Bizz" 0700 24/10
 900 Progreso 0700 24/10
 1000 Guama, Cuba 0700 26/10
 1020 Guama 0700 24/10
 1070 Guama 0703 // 1020 but id not there toth 24/10
 1620 Rebelde 0700 reg here but good echo today 0700 27/10

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 2010**PERSONAL FIRSTS AND THE PERSEUS SDR:**

I can honestly say that without the Perseus, I wouldn't have had half the personal firsts. I feel this season has been a little lacking westerly dx, but look above and see that so far I have around 15 personal firsts this month already. Some calls are rarely reported in the UK, and it is nice to see some graveyard IDs.

Back in the days of single channel dxing, you were lucky to get a handful of personal firsts, and of course we were never likley to waste time recording a common station's top of the hour when it is booming. If WWKB was booming, then there must be some lower power station on another frequency. But now we can save strong loud and powerful IDs from the common stations, and check for weaker graveyarders all at the same time. I just love the wideband recording facilities.

One of my projects is to migrate last years personal firsts into my all time list. I started, and failed to finish yet another job!! That is the "work in progress" dept!!!!

WICH 1310 NORWICH, CT:

A personal first today for me on 1310 was WICH Norwich. It is amazing that sometimes the band seems kind of poor, and then an unusual one pops up. Very fitting I suppose, coming up to Halloween.

The other stations I have IDed on Sunday's recording are 900 Radio Progresso, and 1020 Guama. Thanks for Paul C for pointing out that even though the word radio was not used, it was a strong GUAMA ID. My SS is shockingly bad, and I seem to find anything that isn't obvious to a blind man kinda difficult.

HERE'S WHY I DON'T LIKE TO MENTION MY QTH:

I am a little reluctant to mention my QTH and details here on this web site. I have 500m of beverage out in the woods, as well as other wire antennas. Have a look at the recent press cutting below to see my reasons. This problem is from the next village, a mere two miles downstream from me, and in fact the end of the beverage is heading down that way!!! I just hope these characters don't discover photos of the beverages and recognise the qth..lol.

Luckily the wood where my main antenna runs is very rough and steep and muddy, and has much fallen timber making the going tough. As a result it is a relatively quiet area as far as walkers goes. The local kids play in a flater area slightly higher up from the start of the antenna.

But if I continually made reference to the location here, it would come up in google. So thats's why the village name is not mentioned anywhere... Thanks to Davie up the road for the cutting.



KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER 2010

PERSEUS FOR SALE:

Well today I made a horse trade and swapped my NRD 545 for a Perseus. Therefore, I have a Perseus for sale. Anyone who wants to contact me re this can reach me via the contact button top right.

WSBB, NEW SMYRNA BEACH FL / REBELDE - 1230 :

One of seven stations listed for 1230 in Florida, WSBB was heard this am at 0700. And at 0701 tnx to a tip from Paul C, an unlisted Rebelde was noted. I suppose rebelde appearing all over the band is not surprising. In recent weeks it has been noted that there is more than one transmitter on 1620 as well.

I also have a "something" Radio on 550 at 0702. SS.

Have had quite a busy sched this weekend.... So more news and logs come the beginning of the week...

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2010

WMID ATLANTIC CITY, NJ 1340:

My unid from the other day on 1340 turned out to be WMID, an 870 watt station. Thanks to Mark in NJ for the help in IDing this personal first. Here is my own recording. 

Click on the audio clip below to hear a web stream version of the id I have picked up.


[wmid.mp3](#)

IRN USA RADIO NEWS NOW ON 1520:

I noticed yestarday that WWKB has been carrying IRN USA radio news instead of CNN. Unknown if a permanent change.

WKAQ PR 580:

Again yesterday morning at 0700, WKAQ was absolutely hammering in. Yet today all I could hear was CFRA. I don't know why WKAQ thumps in as it does sometimes. I have a couple of recordings on here from WKAQ, and looking at the stats, seems to be a popular download for some reason. I couldn't find any link to the clip on line anywhere...???

Click here to listen. Not quite as good as the other week. 

The other two recordings are below as well. One from April 2009, and the other from 25th September this season.

100925_0600_580_wqaq_amazing.mp3

090425_0500_wkaq_pr_super_strength.mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2010

UNID OLDIES ON 1340 AND A FEW LOGS FOR THE LAST DAYS:

I had an unusual one today on 1340. I say unusual, because it is rare to have anything other than grumble on this graveyard channel. But there was a station playing old fashioned oldies, like 50's rock and roll at 0700 today. Sadly they had a singing jingle which is quite difficult, but I recon if I could trace an audio clip from someone close to the station, I should be able to ID. I was thinking WMSA. The top of the hour is something like...

"Broadcasting from ???? capital of America... ??? ////,...../..... "then a Singing Jingle"

101020_0700_1340_unid_oldies_from_unid_capital_of_america.mp3

A couple of other logs are included below including one that catches me out sometimes, WFBL 1390. WSB on 750, and WHAS were also good yesterday, and the new 13-10 NEWS format for CIWW.

101019_0700_550_wgr_buffalo.mp3

101019_0700_750_wsb.mp3

101019_0700_840_whas_gd.mp3

101020_0700_1310_ciww_1310_news.mp3

101019_0700_1390_wfbl.mp3

OFF TOPIC (QUOTE / UNQUOTE:

I was messing around last night with the camera and took the following two images. One of the moon, and the other of the moons on Jupiter. I know it's not exactly NASA style images we are dealing with, but it is a camera I have and not a telescope.

JUPITER AND MOONS

THE EARTH'S MOON

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2010

AMAZING RESCUE OF CHILEAN MINERS:

Like half the planet, I was up till about 3am the other morning watching the rescue workers bring up the 33 trapped Chilean miners. I found the international news services coverage was simply amazing. It was very very moving to see the guys come up to the surface after all the uncertainty.

Why do Sky / BBC / CNN all have to wipe out a quarter of the picture with huge banners at the bottom. If they must have these flashing text banners, couldn't they simply adjust the picture so that you can see the whole scene above the clutter?? As it stands if something, eg the shaft in the miners case, is at the bottom of the shot, it is not visible due to all the clutter!! This is not a new thing either.... And while I am in a moaning mood....

I see the medical profession in Chile are as patronising as they are here in the UK with all that silly stretcher carry on. It is similar to the stupid nonsense you get in hospitals in this country when folk are not allowed to walk to the front door. They have to be taken on a silly wheelchair and then allowed to walk. Don't get me started!!

But hats off to the Chilean president. I can't imagine the snotty nosed politicians from the UK standing at the head of a mine shaft all night in their old trousers. I guarantee if they were there in the first place which I doubt, they would have shown up in their sweaty suits and ties ...lol..

DXING ON THE BANDS:

Nothing out of the ordinary to report from this end. PR on 580 / 630 a few times. Davie up the road alerted me to Nueva Esporto 920 am from Ven. 0400 on 13th. Personal first I think...

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2010

MW DEAD DUE TO AURORA:

In the afternoon, there are still stations coming through from Ireland on the FM band, but last nights MW recordings are pretty much a dead loss.

One point of interest from yesterday's entries in the "Personal First" part at the top of the page is the fact that the two stations I had on 1330 and 620, Paul C also heard. Many times in the past we experience wildly different fades. This occurrence has really only been highlighted by the wideband Perseus recordings. But for a change, yesterday we had the same two rarer stations at 0700!!!

FM TROPO UPDATE:

See yesterday's list for some added positive IDs from today. Some channels had two stations fading in and out. It has been a while since I have heard the FM band wide open like this. It is rather fun though, trying to find out what stations is on what frequency. I have no real interest in the legal Irish radio scene on FM, and it shows when trying to work out what is what. Many years ago, I knew all the frequencies of the pirates that used to come through during FM lifts. And of course I knew all the MW frequencies, and could easily spot a new station or a change etc....

But what confuses me today, the stations certainly have obscure names, and often seem to have two names, which seems kinda odd.

I can remember similar things in the past. eg Boyneside / CRD, after an amalgamation between the two stations. Wasn't there an ID that once went - The combined broadcasts of Sonic Independent Radio and Dunlaoire Community Radio!!! What a mouthful that was. Radio Dublin, The Big D was once the ID of Radio Dublin I believe, until there WAS a split. Working from memory here, so don't quote me on that one!!

But nowadays I have just logged i105-107 and some other i102-104 also. There was a

station iding as Radio 7 / Q97 on 107. One of them Ided as 6FM / Q101. Then there is the ENERGY programme on Q102.9. Possibly also going out on 107FM. And then there is Sunshine 106.8 using an old name, but also id top of the hour as Country Mix. And perhaps the most unusual name I have heard. A Blast 106 from Belfast!!! Frequencies seem to also mean nothing. 103.3 has Newstalk 106-108!!! Q102 is on 102.9 in Derry.

I was using the Sony HD set quite a lot for checking this FM lift. The SB920 is a better sounding set, better audio etc, but it was quite convenient using the remote to lounge around on the shack chair, tuning up and down the band. The SB920 is on a higher shelf. But I must again comment about the cheap and badly put together HD set. What is the point of having presets on a receiver if they don't hold the memories. Surely the Sony so called design engineers overlooked something here..... This reminds me of a crap model of Alba video recorder a few years ago, that could not memorise channels if the mains was disconnected. That model was basically a fancy word for crap. So if a customer disconnected at the mains, or had a power cut, it usually meant a call out to retune!!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 11th OCTOBER 2010

LOGS OVER THE WEEKEND:

I had both a 40th and a 50th party to go to at the weekend and had a busy time.... But still managed to record the files. Been kinda listening on and off today, as well as listening to the FM band. Massive tropo lift to Ireland from here, giving much more unusual stations farther afield than is norm.

I had some booming signals here this morning from some of the common d=stations. Sometimes I just can't help including audio clips, when signals are so strong. When I listen to powerhouse signals from pre Perseus days, I think that many of them sound pretty naff now. Because we were always stuck on the one channel at a time, you wouldn't record a booming WWKB, when other DX was coming through on other channels. Anyway here are some recordings from today here on the West of Scotland.

101011_0700_620_wtmj_milwaukee_poor_and_bad_id.mp3

101011_0700_670_wscr_vvg.mp3

101011_0700_680_crtr_booming.mp3

101011_0700_760_wjr_vg.mp3

101011_0700_1330_whbl_wi.mp3

101011_0700_1390_wlcm_holt_lansing.mp3

THE FM BAND DURING A LIFT:

Below is how the FM band sounded tonight around 2100. There were other stations around but making this type of listing becomes tedious.

UPDATE: I have added a few more logs from Tuesday to the freq list.

107.9 Long boring dance dross for mentally deficient. (Well not my cup of tea at any rate) Poss Lanarkshire, Scotland??.

107.7 pres Mull of Kintyre hrd every day here

107.6 Think Newstalk eire

107.6 ICR qrp txer

107.5 unid vy wk

107.4 News Talk Eire gd signal

107.2 Newstalk Eire

107.1 Kintyre // 107.7

107.0 Radio 7 / Q97 Eire

106.9 Newstalk booming

106.8 Country Mix, Sunshine 106.8

106.7 i105/107 On top of ILR AYR Very good

106.5 Kintyre // 107.7 // 107.1

106.4 Blast 106 Belfast

106.2 i105 /107

106.1 Glasgow stn

106.0 Q101 / 6FM

105.8 Belfast stn

105.7 Galaxy (England)

105.6 i105/107 Eire

105.5 Today FM

105.2 Glasgow stn

105.0 ICR

104.9 4FM

104.8 i105 / 107 //

104.1 Shannonside (21 years on the air!!!!)

104.0 Scottish gaelic

103.8 SPIN FM Dublin very strong

103.7 Scottish Gaelic

103.6 unid

103.3 Highland Possibly?? booming

103.3 Newstalk 106-108

103.2 Feile FM Belfast

103.1 DTR

103.0 ILR Ayr AM relay

102.9 Energy show on Q102

102.7 Na Gaeltachta??

102.5 ILR Glasgow

102.4 DTR

102.3 DTR

102.2 Q102 Dublin booming

102.1 Highland Radio

97.8 Lyric FM

97.2 Q network
96.3 Northern Sound

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2010

UNIDS IDENTIFIED, AND TWO PERSONAL FIRSTS:

The SS stuff I was about to bin yesterday, are identified tnx to DH, PC and Real DX. I honestly was sceptical about my 1550 Voz de Christianas, but they have a web site, with contact address in GA. That was heard the same night as other dxers were hearing it, all be it at 0600, so maybe power was up that day. I never had the EE id as they played through the hour. But anyway, 4 personal firsts in two days is sounding good to me!! And I still have files to check.

101007_0600_830_wtru_nc_lsb_then_usb.mp3

101007_0600_900_chml_vg.mp3

101006_0600_960_XEROO_unid_ss.mp3

101007_0600_1320_wils_gd.mp3

101006_0600_1470_wlqr_toledo.mp3

101004_0302_1550_WAZX_LV_Christianas_ss_ann.mp3

Web address etc for station from Mexico on 960.

"Mientras tu buscas emociones, nosotros las provocamos... La Guadalupana... con los valores de nuestra tierra".

So XEROO:

<http://www.sipse.com/radio/laguadalupana>

Address for the station on 1550 is as follows. (Topaz reports as silent, so must be reactivated)

http://www.vozcristiana1550.com/index.php?option=com_ckforms&view=ckforms&id=4&Itemid=9

NEW WEB ADDRESS:

I know not everyone is on the ball with their links, and that by the way includes me,

but I would like to thank everyone who has changed their links on their blogs and web pages this week to accomodate the new address. Appreciated. KB.

AMUSING ENTRY ON DIGITAL SPY:

I know we all begin somewhere, but the replies made it obvious that no one had searched google for "mw dxing" for example.

.hi folks i have no loged for about 6 months on this site but every morning i listen from about 6am until 8am to wins 1010 new york AND also by turning the radio around a little newstalk 1010 from canada i have a sony pro80 with a gr5 amature aerial , tried last year and heard nothing, but this autumn is great also, dont't forget afn 873 kz very strong and clear most evenings, the americams stations are very strong at present , must be high pressure

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2010

NOT A WHOLE LOT TO REPORT ON:

I have not a whole lot to say today. The band has been OK, but seems to be having the same old same old feel to it. Davie up the street alerted me to some tones on WBBR at 0600, which was a test of the emergency alert system. Quite a good signal on that one.

Also on audio below, are some Calgary stations from 4th. CHQR, and 660 News, as well as a mess on 540 when WFLA pops up very good for a moment.

I have also two unid SS stations. One today at 0700, and the other on 4th at 0302.

101004_0600_540_770_660.mp3

101006_0600_960_XEROO_unid_ss.mp3

101006_0600_1130_wbbr_inc_monthly_test_of_national_emergency_network_only.mp3

101004_0302_1550_WAZX_unid_ss_ann.mp3

Other logs worthy of note. on 30th Sept, I had WDER at 2230, and WATR at 2300 both on 1320. As reported elsewhere, I have also heard the echo on Rebelde on 1620. I wonder if the weak signal we heard last year was added to by another higher power txer at another QTH?? There was also a kind of a weak top of the hour bird or whatever it's meant to be on 670 before the strong usual 670 signal came in. Not noticed that before.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 4th OCTOBER 2010**MIGRATE THIS WEB SITE TO A NEW DOMAIN:**

Today the MW dxing web pages have been migrated to a new domain.

dxarchive.com/mw

This is more of a dxing domain, than the other one used previously. Let's hope this will be on this domain for years to come.

If other web site and blog owners could update their links it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

KB

MW BAND TODAY:

Some logs from today include CHQR 770, 660 News, and tonight I am hearing graveyard stuff on 1230, including a CBC news jingle at 2300.

There was something on 1550 at 0302 in SS. No idea what the ID jingle was saying....








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780		Radio Formula, Mex	 26/9/10 0600
830		Radio Capital, Mexico	 12/9/10 0558
950	WTLN	Orlando, FL	 17/9/10 0600
970	WKHM	Jackson, MI	 11/9/10 0600 (1kW)
1060		Radio 26, Cuba	4/9/10
1170		Radio Caracol, Columbia	 19/9/10 0601 (very poor)
1340	WIRY	Plattsburgh, NY	 23/9/10 0300 (1kW)
1440	WJJL	Niagra Falls / Buffalo, NY	 1/9/10 0500 (1kW / 55w)
1470	WMBD	Peoria, IL	 7/9/10 0534 (5kW)
1470	WRWB	Huntington, WV	 19/9/10 0600 (5kW) Also 20th.
1580		Emissora Avivamiento, Col (HJQT)	 15/9/10 0532 (SS lessons - Paul C)

New / Personal first's this month = 12

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STICKY: NRD 545 FOR SALE - CLICK FOR DETAILS HERE.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2010

CHANGE OF URL:

This web site will change URL very soon, to a more radio related address. I have been quite reluctant to alter anything because of the Google rankings. But I feel it is time to attempt to move on a bit. The current unrelated domain was used as a temporary address when one of the last service providers vanished overnight. Full details as they happen. It will still be the same web site I hasten to add, but the domain will change. Links will remain on main pages of this address till next year.

LATEST LOGS:

I guess this month has been pretty dry reading in these pages. Lists of logs and that's about it. Not much else to report. So I shall continue in that fashion I guess.

830 Unid with ABC News amongst the CBS output from WCRN. WCCO is also CBS.
 0600 28/9
 950 WNTD Chicago 0600 28/9
 1060 WLNO New Orleans 0600 28/9

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2010
WKAQ PR 580:

I have an amazing clip of WKAQ 610 from PR from Saturday morning at 0600. I had an amazing signal from this station last winter one morning, and Saturdays signal was of similar quality. 630 WUNO was also good at the same time. A few clips are below. Also new personal first was Formula on 780. Normally if it isn't WBBM it would be Coro.

100925_0600_580_wqag_amazing.mp3

100925_0600_610_wiod.mp3

100925_0600_630_wuno_pr.mp3

100925_0600_670_rebelde.mp3

100926_0600_780_radio_formula.mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2010
SUMMER'S GONE - AND THAT'S OFFICIAL:

Yesterday marked the official end of summer, and the equinox. No harvest moon here though yesterday. Far too cloudy, though I had to chase noisy birds about 4am this

morning and it was very light outside, but too cloudy to actually see the moon unfortunately. And into the bargain, a flock of geese came over today, flying south. They were a bit far away by the time I ran for the camera. This was quite a zoom, and freehand. I guess all we have to look forward to is the winter's DX!!




HURRICANE PASSES THROUGH NEWFOUNDLAND:

No not a drunken 1980's snooker player, but a real hurricane. I was listening to VOCM last night just before I turned in, and discovered that there had been a mass power line failure in Newfoundland. I unfortunately wiped the files from yesterday morning to see if it was the same talk show subject. Initially I tuned in just to hear the amazing NFLD accents. Very much like an Irish accent. Anyway, I couldn't get a particularly good signal for some of the time, but I have included an audio clip below.

MW BAND THIS MORNING:

The band was much better to us today. Below is a list of loggings made around 0600. For a change I thought I would create a survey of ids heard today and maybe add a few more from the last days. Interesting was the two stations on 530. I have never IDed the elusive Canadian on 630, and nowadays Encyclopedia is normally dominant.

On 540, there were no less than 4 stations audible. CBC ee, CBC Windsor (ff), the other common ff CBC stn was echoing during nx, and a trace of WFLA. 

UPDATE:

Just listened to my 0300 file and hearing two graveyarders.

1230 WECK Buffalo. Hometown 1230 

1340 WIRY, Plattsburgh, NY. This one is new on me. 

1460 EWTN / Vatican pres via WHIC ??

1500 WLOV

1610 CPAM

AUDIO CLIPS:

A few audio clips are given below. I have included again a few super signals which came through, and unid 530 and 1580. Also the VOXM emergency coverage, and a nice ID from the other days Grand Rapids opening from 1230. There are also the weird tone type stuff on 1440 from the other morning as well.

100923_0535_530_unid_lingo_mix_cuba.mp3

100923_0005_620_and_590_voxm_storm_damage.mp3

100923_0601_680_cftr_vg.mp3

100923_0535_740_am_740_vg.mp3

100923_0600_760_wjr_vg.mp3

100922_0603_820_cham.mp3

100920_0605_1230_wtkg_grand_rapids_mi.mp3

100921_0600_1390_wegp_new_toth.mp3

100918_0200_1440_weird_tones_like_alarm.mp3

100923_0600_1580_unid_ss_columbia.mp3

LIST LOGS FROM AROUND 0600 TODAY:

530 CUBA / UNID pres Canadian mix. No ids.0600

540 CBC FF Windsor id, echo CBGA1, mix WFLA, and CBC EE sce 0600 ie 4 stns!!

550 WSAU inc Fox News Radio 0600 ABC News in background

560 mess 0600 ss and ee. WGAN IDs 0606

570 "570 NEWS" Canadian Press Nx, and unid mix 0600

580 CFRA mix WQAQ PR 0600

590 VOXM

600 CBC MIX Rebelde. Rebelde // 670 etc

610 CKTB 0558 MIX FF CHNC by 0600

620 VOXM

630 CFCO GD ID
 640 CFMJ / AM 640 0600
 650 VOCM MIX WSM
 660 WFAN mix unid mx stn
 670 Rebelde and WSCR 0601
 680 CFTR 680 news very strong with wx 0603ish
 690 no signals audible though carrier strong beside local on 693
 700 WLW
 710 VOCM mix prob WOR. No id WOR today.
 720 WGN mix BBC
 730 CKAC pres. non stop mx
 740 AM 740
 750 CBC mix unids.
 760 WJR Booming
 770 WABC
 780 WBBM (Seems weaker this year)
 790 unids weak in splatter from local
 800 CKLW with pres VOWR mx droning in background
 810 BBC SCOTLAND ONLY
 820 820 CHAM ID. Also TBN 0500
 830 WCRN WCCO
 840 WHAS
 850 WEEI
 860 CJBC
 870 WWL with ESPN and unid cbs stn behind WWL
 880 WCBS
 890 WLS
 900 W Radio Mex
 910 local
 920 KKNX and unid Radio America with IRN-USA Radio nx. Still need id on this one. I have never heard "out the news" to see if they have a local wx forecast or anything. In the past I also heard KDHL but with ABC news.

 930 CBBC / WBEN
 940 Mess inc off channel het, and Fox sports no ids
 950 KKNB (WWJ 0542)
 960 WEAV THE ZONE mix with unid ABC nx.
 970 WZAN
 980 WCUB
 990 CBC / MIX TEAM 990 ESPN MONTREAL
 1000 WMVP + a big mix around 0545 POSS KOMO with ABC nx 0500. no id today.
 1010 CFRB / WINS
 1020 KDKA
 1030 / 1040 LOCAL...
 1050 WEPN / CP24
 1060 Unid SS, Prob Education
 1070 weak mx, prob CHOK, with IBOC
 1080 WTIC Loud
 1090 Local
 1100 WTAM
 1110 WBT

1120 KMOX
 1130 WBBR
 1140 WQBA / CBC / Rebelde
 1150 CBS NX PRES WHBY. Fade at id time
 1160 WYLL
 1170 ILR UK stuff
 1180 Rebelde / WHAM
 1190 mess
 1200 WXKS
 1210 / 1220 LOCAL
 1230 WECK Buffalo 0300
 1240 graveyard growl
 1250 WEAE Pittsburgh ESPN
 1260 EUROS
 1270 WHKT poor id 0605
 1280 mess
 1290 WHIO
 1300 WOOD

The band was nowhere near as good on the hf side today. Most channels were noisier and weaker, or more of a mix or fade or something, but seeing as this is a list of stations heard on a fairly average September day here in Scotland, I will continue.

1310 WLOB Very poor in mix 0605. OLDIES 1310 0401
 1320 Unusually weak pres CJMR with Indian mx. Messy freq
 1330 WRCA in EE ann new EE show weekdays.
 1340 graveyard growl, though strong carrier next to local. WIRL Plattsburgh NY 0300
 1350 WOYK
 1360 WDRC + mess
 1370 WDEA + mess
 1380 Unid mx poss CKPC. Weak today
 1390 WEGP + other unids
 1400 CBC + mess
 1410 WPOP
 1420 UNID mx. Poss AVR
 1430 WENE + mess
 1440 WRED mix RTL. (DRM 0600)
 1450 / 1460 Graveyard mess and Euro splatter
 1470 Doors mx, prob WLAM
 1480 WSAR Fall River ABC Nx. Mx mixing
 1490 graveyard mess
 1500 WFED
 1510 WWZN
 1520 WWKB and slow music stn
 1530 WCKY and Euros
 1540 CHIN
 1550 CBC. local id 0359
 1560 DISNEY
 1570 FF STN Laval . WFLR 0506 though always sounds like WSLR (Been regular last week)
1580 CKDO oldies and unid SS at 0600. Columbian mentioned toth

1590 unid ee despite strong German jamming 1593
 1600 unid e and 2 mx stns, 1 prob WUNR, and prob WAAM, but no ids noted today
 1610 Unid FF, and other.
 1620 WTAW and Rebelde 0601
 1630 too weak to id. KCJJ 0400
 1640 WTNI ESPN
 1650 UNIDS INC E TK AND MX. KCNZ 0400
 1660 The Avenue, FL stn ANN // 1410 WMYR
 1670 ee in the mix
 1680 ss
 1690 mx
 1700 mx

I was losing patience by the end of the survey on X band with the seemingly wideband fade at toth, which produced a mess on many channels on the higher freq end of the band. The stations named as positive are all ided around 0600 or 0605.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2010

MW DX LOGS AND AUDIO CLIPS:

A good lot of strong signals today, and a mystery solved.

The station I heard on 1470 yesterday was WRWV, West Virginia.

100919_0600_1470_wrwb_wv.mp3

100920_0600_1470_wrwb_wv.mp3

Also nice to hear a new one on 1310, from Detroit area. The other Detroit station on 1270, 97/1 The Ticket has such a poor muffled style of ID at the TOTH. Mumbled, low level unintelligible!!! The singing 97/1 jingle is all you can really make out. See montage below.

I don't sit and make lists every day of common stations heard, but sometimes I make an audio montage of some nice signals, if there are any to be had. There were today. The following are relatively common stations, and one or two less common. File today is about 3 meg.

100920_montage.mp3

1190 WOWO
 1110 WBT
 1100 WTAM

1290 CJBK
 1380 CKPC
 1480 WHBC
 1520 WWKB
 1320 WILS
 1600 WAAM
 890 WLS
 1160 WYLL
 1000 WMVP
 870 WHCU
 760 WJR
 750 CBC
 700 WLW
 630 CFCO
 660 WFAN
 650 WSM
 700 WLW
 820 WBAP
 840 WHAS
 880 WCBS
 920 CKNX
 1200 WXKS
 1270 WXYT The ticket
 1300 WOOD
 1320 WILS
 1320 CJMR
 840 WHAS

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2010

TODAYS LOGS:

Last night whilst live dxing around 2350, I had Greenland mumbling away on 570kHz again. There were tales that they were closing down MW, though I don't know about fishermen or remote listeners in the country being able to use FM. Last winter the 570 transmitter broke down and was out of order for months. The audio died, and was never repaired. I guess someone has noticed the problem.

WINS 1010 was booming in at 0600, and CFBC 930 had some kind of strange yodelling. It sounded like Johnny Weismuller / Tarzan. Reloj was good, alone on the channel of 570 at 0600.

WTLN 950 ORLANDO, FL:

New station for me today at 0600, WTLN 950 Orlando FL. Quite good signal as well. Because my centre freq of the Perseus recordings is 960, 950 is often checked early on

in my searches. But apart from this, no other stations of much interest heard.

100916_2358_570_pres_greenland_no_id.mp3

100917_0528_0530_930_cfbc.mp3

100917_0600_950_wtln_orlando_fl_id_only.mp3

100917_0600_1010_wins_booming.mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2010

MW DX THIS LAST COUPLE OF DAYS:

DX has been pretty good, and a little Latin orientated around 0530UTC, the peak at these latitudes. Today I have a montage of recordings made between 0530 and 0600. Stations heard are as follows:

1620 WTAW
 1560 RADIO DISNEY
 1520 WWKB Buffalo
 1180 WHAM, Rochester, NY
 1120 KMOX, St Louis
 1100 WTAM, Cleveland
 930 WBEN, Buffalo
 1190 W RADIO, Mexico
 860 CJBC Toronto
 770 WABC NY
 710 WOR NY
 1440 WHKZ
 1020 KDKA 90th ann ann
 900 W Radio, Mexico
 680 CFTR Toronto

[CLICK HERE FOR A MONTAGE OF THE ABOVE STATIONS](#)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2010

DX OVER THE WEEKEND:

I have a couple of recordings from over the last few days, inc the personal first at the top of the page on 970 on Saturday 11th - WKHM Jackson MI. The usual strong station WZAN was on a fade.

I have a couple of other clips to share, inc the new TOTH for KCKK 1510. Listen to the odd call sign for the FM service!! There is yet another unid SS on 980, which may have a poss id within. I am just not good with SS and never have been when the signals are poor. In fact I am no use with SS when signals are good either..

100912_0500_540_wfla_gd.mp3

100912_0602_980_unid_ss_radio_monsanta_se.mp3

100914_0531_1120_kmox_inc_kezk_id.mp3

100911_0500_1510_kckk_new_toth.mp3

100914_0600_1520_wwkb_new_top_of_the_hour.mp3

A FEW LOGS:

555 ZIZ 0510 14/9 local ids and prg into BBC

560 Radio Nac Venezuela 0535 14/9

1520 KOKC OK 14/9 0535 Long wx forecast mixing WWKB

XP vs VISTA:

I often pass comment about windows Vista vs windows XP. i have always failed to see the attraction with VISTA / 7. It makes every machine I have ever seen with it behave like an old slow 386. And as if for no reason other than they can, every page of operating and control of Windows has been changed.

I had one of these pre loaded laptops in for a check the other day. The ones that come loaded with junk and adverts already preinstalled. The guy couldn't get AVG to run on it for some reason. After install of 8.5 free, I scanned the complete PC. 3 hours !!!!!!! 3 hours to scan through all the crap that is involved with the wonderful Vista!! AVG used to scan Windows M.E. in about 15 minutes from memory. There was only a few hundred megs of files with M.E. It was a very fast, responsive, and reliable operating system which I used for a number of years. For any applications used here it was just great. That is before hard drive capacity overtook the FAT32 limitations.

So time marched onwards, and XP and all its big baby icons and balloon tips etc came along as a replacement. Again, I was reluctant to move on. I still use XP on the machines here. I have no need to move on. I have no need for the clutter etc. XP is turned back to traditional windows settings in as many places as I can find, all the crap at startup disabled, and silly XP flashing light style text decorations etc disabled.

But the day I am sure will come when some piece of new kit appears that is a "must have", which will only run on Windows 7. What do I do then. Well like before.

Reluctantly start with another hard drive and a Windows 7 install and see how it goes. I am so so glad the Perseus was built around an XP platform originally.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2010

DX LOGS FROM THIS MORNING:

Not brilliant today here, but the band had a slight latin feel to it. A few strong signals, including WINS 1010 again alone on the channel, as opposed to CFRB mix, or CFRB dominant. SS on 1020, but I don't think that there is an ID in the clip below. I also include the clip of WINS from 0600 yesterday morning. Rebelde 670. Rebelde was also heard on 1550 weakly as well. PR on 580 and 630 were both quite at 0600, progresso 640, and WSM 650. WJNO 1290 hrd at 06. FL on 940 and 610.

Ham pal in Eire, Finbar EI0CF had his beacon on air again around 501khz. Good signals here.

100910_0100_501_ei0cf_finbar_beacon.mp3

100910_0531_590_vocm_vg.mp3

100910_0500_670_rebelde_vg.mp3

100909_0600_1010_wins.mp3

100910_0500_1010_wins_vg.mp3

100910_0533_1020_unid_ss.mp3

100910_0600_1200_wxks_gd.mp3

100910_0600_1290_wjno.mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2010

TODAY'S FILES DELETED ALREADY:

I had a quick listen to this mornings files, and they are already deleted. I used the short westerly beverage last night, but signals at 0500 were rather noisy and poor. 0600 produced a good signal of 1010 WINS alone on the channel, but that was about it.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2010**UPDATES:**

I haven't had much to say over the weekend really, as I wasn't really by the receivers too much. These days I should really say "by the Perseus". Today is 8/9/10, ie 8,9,10. Big deal I hear you say.

I noticed yesterday I had the wrong QRG in the 1440 station at the top of the page. Error repaired.

I have included a few recordings below, including a rare CFRB call ID. Old voice over used??.

100904_0502_530_encyclopedia.mp3

100904_0504_555_ziz.mp3

100908_0530_580_wqaaq.mp3

100908_0533_630_wuno.mp3

100906_0500_750_cbc_vg.mp3 (See Item Below 3/9)

100904_0534_1010_cfrb_rare_call_voice_over.mp3

100907_0533_1290_whio.mp3

100907_0534_1470_wmbd.mp3

I list a few logs below.

530 Radio Encyclopedia Cuba 0501 4/9. Good IDs.

555 ZIZ Radio St Kitts 0504 4/9 Rare local id, and not usual BBC dross

580 WQAA PR good 8/9 0530 see clip

630 CFCO 0531 6/9

630 WUNO PR 0534 6/9 better 0533 8/9, see audio clip

1060 Radio 26, Cuba. ID behind WBIX 0500 4/9

1260 Radio Disney 0258 4.9

1330 WRCA Exceptionally loud and clear 0500 4/9

1440 WVEI Worchester. Local ID. Still // WEEI?? 4/9 0500

1470 WJDY 0100 4/9

There are a lot of strong signals from common stations around at 0500 - 0540 roughly,

at these latitudes. This is an obvious peak, when you listen to the next hour etc.

DX AM HD:

It will soon be time to get up and do some live dxing, and try the HD signals again. Last winter I had the HD light come on regularly, and a couple of times the receiver went silent as though HD was going to kick in, but it never did.

QRP CANADIANS:

For a few days I have been hearing music on 1420 instead of the usual WHK and WOC. I wondered what it was, but had forgotten about the low power Canadians of the AVR COUNTRY network. An odd name for a station, but maybe it means something locally. I managed to drag out an ID on the 1420 station yesterday, and also 1350. But David H had another QRP Canadian. CFAB 1450. Incredible as it seems, Davie being 100 yards up the road, I had a fade just as he was getting the ID.

Something rings a bell about music being heard on 1450, and I wonder if I have ever ided anything here? There is no entry in my all time list, but that really goes for nothing. It has only been kept this last few years, and the older entries were from looking in some old log books etc. There is a music station, "Gold" is it, from Bermuda? ? (Working from memory here) Heard this tent, but again NO ids here.

When the QRP Canadians are coming through, a good freq to check might be 1410. There is one on here also, which has been a target for years.

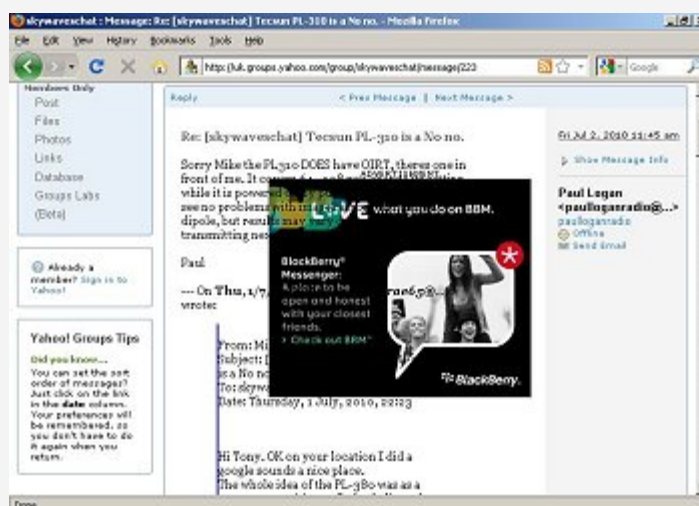
PERSEUS YAHOO GROUP REDUCED TO A RABBLE:

The Perseus Yahoo group has just turned into an unmoderated rabble of rubbish, instigated by a big mouthed American ham, and a big mouther Welsh ham. I suppose when one listens to the ham bands especially the carry on that goes on on 80m, we shouldn't be surprised. One of the guys on the 3697 net recently offered a £500 reward to trace a jammer that continually came on making animal noises etc. That is the state of the ham bands in the UK. I can recall similar dreadful loudmouths on 20m years back, when the hf band carried all night, and 20m was wide open across the Atlantic. The call there was KA4MUJ on 14313. I wonder if that mouth was ever stripped of his call. I suppose that's why I have no real interest in the ham bands. I use the call sometimes to chat to a few chaps on top band and that is that.

I often wondered if there would ever be a possibility of a MW Dxers net on the ham bands, but I have never heard of anything like that.

Anyway, back to the Perseus group. It was once a useful group of Perseus users. I would even say I have added some useful tips and contributions in the past. But possibly like many newsgroups these days on the web, and not just radio related boards, it has just become too big, and has attracted the unsavoury characters. I saw one useful member a few weeks ago being banned from the group for unknown reasons. Certainly I saw nothing in his entries to warrant the banning, yet the moderators have not banned the instigators of the crap that is going on now. They prefer to reply with similar sarcastic remarks that seems to add more fuel.. Odd.

I posted an entry the other day to see if anyone wanted to start a new Perseus Users group, to be rid of the rubbish. Interestingly I had wrongly assumed the Perseus group was a paid group, as the ads are not in any way intrusive, unlike the ones that even float on top of the text on Skywaves. David H also had a group that you had to fight through the ads.



I certainly would call this intrusive

My recent thinking is that maybe we in the UK are being bombed by ads on YAHOO.CO.UK, but YAHOO.COM may somehow be a bit less "in your face". Just a thought. Or is it to do with activity and member list size and traffic??? I have no idea about these things. Maybe like me, the members are watching with interest.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2010

SURPRISING STRENGTH OF HILVERSUM ON 747:

I happened to tune past 750 at 0400 this morning, on my Perseus recordings. I saw in the secondary window, a massive signal filling the screen. So I had a closer look, and found that 747 from NL was the strongest station on the MW band. It shows you what

band conditions can do.

Below is a screen grab of the whole MW band. Have a close look at my locals, 1035, 810, 198. All are lower!!!! I know they do run very high power. Phew. Imagine living near this thing.

I also include a screenshot from another time, when CBC was dominant and there was virtually no sign of the Cloggie.

Thought: It's a pity Radio 10 Gold or Arrow Classic Rock couldn't have got their hands on this transmitter.



ALL TIME LIST AND AUDIO FILES:

I have begun to update the listing on line of personal firsts from last season. I never thought I would ever get around to it, but I made a start. The file I am working from is all in chronological order ready to copy and paste into the list. Because of the design of the final file, I can't simply copy and paste the lot at once. Otherwise there would be no "nice" separators at each freq, so they have to be pasted one by one.

The file is that horrible yellow colour because that is that season's "first" colour.


[Click here](#) if you want a look at the list of firsts for 2009/2010

NEW MONTH, NEW SEASON, NEW ATTITUDE:

Well maybe not quite, but those words do make me think of an old radio jingle.....lol..



That is taken from a Belfast station that used to send in a reasonable signal here in Scotland at times, despite signals traveling over two countries to reach here. Energy 106 is long since gone, but the great jingle package and ads are still remembered. They used to broadcast from the Co Monaghan border area, very very close to the old KISS 1988 FM site (1008 / 103.7).

Listen to another cracking jingle from the time 

Or listen to a Star Treckie kind of an advert from the late 1990's. 

NEW STATION TODAY ON 1440 - WJL, NIAGRA FALLS / BUFFALO:

I noticed an unusual station at 0500 on 1440 today. It was also there at 0200. Assume this was on 1kw, and not the night power of 55watts.

100901_0500_1440_wjll_niagra_falls_buffalo.mp3

UNID - 1430:

I have another oddity today on 1430 at 0500. Just about too weak to ID, but if anyone wants to have a go, I thought it may be WMNC Morganton, NC, BUT. They are not streaming, and haven't been able to compare the toth ann with what I have received. This may be forever unid. It is certainly very weak. Sometimes I listen to the clip, and think I hear WMNC, then sometimes it sounds like something else!!!

This probably sounds better on the 2nd part, which is LSB, while the first part is from AM. CNN News can also be heard.

100901_0500_1430_unid_can_it_be_wmnc_morganton.mp3

OTHER DX TODAY AND YESTERDAY:

Other interesting stuff today?? Not a whole lot more, bar the slow music on 1420 through the hour at 0500. Not there 04 and gone by 0530.

I forgot to check intensely for daytimers this last few nights, seeing is it is the months end. For some reason I recorded a few minutes around 0000, but I should have recorded more. There was music mixing with 1520, there seemed to be stations disappear from 1390, and 1290, etc etc. There may have been another one on 1540. Maybe other dxers remembered that last night was the last of August later sign offs, and September will reduce their airtime, if indeed there were any elusive daytimers lurking in there.

A COUPLE OF RECORDINGS:

I had big signals from ESPN Montreal the other day on 990. Also here is the new TOTH for WEAV. No ann of the // 1320 now.

100901_0000_1190_wlib_gd.mp3

100828_0500_990_ckgm_montreal.mp3

100830_0500_960_weav_new_toth.mp3

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560	WEBC	Duluth, MN	 25/01/09 0900 ESPN (5kW) (Old File)
1070		Radio Santa Fe, Columbia	29/8/10 0530
1260	WSUA	Miami, FL (CARACOL)	 27/8/10 0500 (20kW) (Tip Paul C)
1350		Radio Buenos Aries, Argentina	0300 28/08/10 1st decent ID. Tip DH
1420	WACK	Newark, NY	 25/12/09 0900 (5kW / 500w) (Old File)

New / Personal first's this month = 5

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2010

100829_0530_1070_radio_santa_fe_columbia.mp3

100827_0500_0504_1260_caracol_miamu_wsua.mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 26th AUGUST 2010

MW BAND FULL OF LATINS AND BEVERAGES:

A real huge difference from the other day when Winnipeg was showing it's head above the noise in August!!

Yesterday morning, the 0500 recording was such a surprise with a band full of SS. Not much in the way of IDs sadly. This morning I used the short west pointing beverage instead of the usual 500m NW facing wire. The drawback being the length of the shorter wire, which has reduced performance by comparison, at the lf end of the band. The shorter wire is roughly 170m - 190m I recon. From memory, the former termination point which is prone to hedge cutters, was more or less 200m, and because of the said hedge cutters, I have held the earth point back into the woods a bit.

Anyway, around 2300 last night I was pleasantly surprised by the sound of the GLOBO transmitters on 1220 and 1100. Also some other signals around, inc 980 Brazil. 1130

and 1140 and even 1010 had much lower signals. So all the mucking around trying to improve aerals last summer for Latins, which was completely in vain, really couldn't beat the conditions.

At that time of night, I am troubled by Euro splatter. The beverages are fine for dawn dxing, and indeed I can not complain, but they sure do bring in the Euros at night time. An American dxe recently commented to me of his surprise that he could hear Euros on a beverage pointing to North America!!! LOL...I guess the chap is under some illusion that the beverage is more like a satellite dish than an mf aerial. Trust me, unless you have a much more sophisticated antenna than the simple beverage, the stations from the back will still come through, even if with reduced signal strength.

PERSEUS REFUSES TO RECORD LIVE:

I also had a small problem of my own making last night in the excitement to record 2300, and the GLOBO signals. The recording failed. Perseus went through the motions and looked as though it had recorded, but there was no recording. What was wrong?? Well I had forgotten that I had renamed the folder already, to something like the following.

"2010.08.25_la_0500"

This is so that I don't sweep the drive carelessly and delete the Latin files by mistake. Folders are normally only called something like the following "2010.08.25".

But last night in my haste, I hit record, and forgot there were a load of underscores on the folder name, which is a no no when recording. This is just a peculiarity to the Perseus software. It ain't no big thing, but you must always remember it. Playback from a folder with underscores is fine.

The file that was created instead of 2300_000.wav, was in fact 2010.08.25_la_500.wav, and this was created up a level, outside the folder of the same name. And because I couldn't see the file within the folder, which was open, I tried again after the top of the hour. Guess what. Same thing happened. But this time I discovered the error, but it was too late. The software had created new files, the same name as the files from the top of the hour, and overwritten them!!

Ach well. You can't have everything.

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A LATIN ID:

As stated above, I had some rare signals from Latins, and the 1290 recording below is the way I like to hear my IDs. The best ID is at 46s in the second part of the short rec.

GLOBO 1100 has an ID, but something happened to the audio recorded, and it sounds like a bad bit rate recording. Apolo is appalling ,lol, but there is an id there. The other Globo 1220 has no id at the time of the recording. Prob best I have heard it in years. Virgin was talking at the time, on 1215. There are a few other audio clips today. Unid 1580, as well as yesterdays poss CJMR on 1320. Snds kinda FF. I think that snds like a call at the start of the rec, but I ask for a second opinion. Rebelde 1620 has been good, as has 1180 and 670. Progresso is more unusual on 640. Usually NFLD is big here. The signal on 920 prob only says 920 am it's something o'clock. It was right at the end of my recording, so maybe there is more which I missed.

Both Paul C and I had unids on 1270 yesterday. Paul had sort of classical, but I thought mine was more like easy listening sort of tunes, as well as another SS mixing. Today didn't seem to have the same signals on 1270. I have absolutely no idea what the signals were.

I really don't like to make any claims like I have seen in the past in the dx press that go something like this.

"OM in SS. Pres 2 watter from darkest Peru". OK, I may be exaggerating a little. lol.

Unfortunately the most of the other stations on the band at 0500 the last couple of days, have been just that. OM in SS.

But I do wonder what a native SS dxer would get from the last couple of days Perseus recordings. Do any native SS guys want to try the last two day's 10m recordings at 0500??

100826_0457_0501_1290_radio_puerto_cabello_VEN_exc_ids.mp3

100826_0500_1320_radio_apolo_ven.mp3

100825_2300_1100_globo_(AUDIO_WENT_FUNNY_ON_CLIP).mp3

100825_2335_1220_globo_no_id.mp3

100826_0506_920_unid_time_check_end_of_rec.mp3

100826_0503_610_unid_yl_ss_poss_id_in_web_address.mp3

(UPDATE: Silly me. This is obviously Radio Rebelde!! Common stn. Tnx Paul C)

100825_0501_1270_unid_mx_and_ss_long_noisy_clip.mp3

100825_05_0503_1320_unid_lingo_ff_or_ss_(POSS_JUST CJMR?_CALL_AT_START??).mp3

100825_0500_1430_unid_w_stn_poss.mp3

100826_0502_1580_unid_yl_15-80_am.mp3

100826_0200_1620_rebelde.mp3

100826_0500_1180_rebelde.mp3

100825_0500_640_radio_progresso.mp3

100825_0500_1290_wjno_west_palm_beach_poor.mp3

100825_0506_930_cjyq_(RARE_DX_NOWADAYS!!).mp3

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - TUESDAY 24th AUGUST 2010

MW DXING:

Just before wiping files from this morning, Paul C reported a BBC Relay on 560, // the strong 555 St Kitts BBC relay. There wasn't a trace here, at 0500, but after checking the file at 0456, there it was, the BBC, exactly // 555. No idea where it was coming from, but Paul suspects possibly Guyana.

Apart from that oddity, there was nothing to really interest me today. Band was well depressed on yesterday's opening.

I often wonder who lives on an exotic island in the West Indies, and wants to listen to long winded news bulletins from the BBC, thousands of miles away.

MOROCCO STRONG LAST NIGHT 595:

I noticed Morocco off channel last night on 595kHz, quite strong at times, though muffled audio. Initially I hoped it may have been more exotic. Nigeria for example.

VINTAGE RADIO MAP AND BOOK:

UPDATE: Have fixed the London insert, where the join was pretty rough. Now it's only slightly rough. Same goes for the circle off Yorkshire. So anyone that needs to download again, then so be it.

As mentioned a few days ago, I have a vintage Radio map of Britain on line. The download is large. The original map is OS map size, and had to be scanned in about 25 parts. It joins up not too bad, bar the top right in the London insert. I actually believed I had this fixed, but must have used the wrong scan in the finished article. I

will repair. Anyway, the map seems to have generated quite an interest, judging by the number of downloads so far. The date was estimated to be in the 1920's, and closer may be 1922 - 1923. One of the experimental stations closed in 1923, but it is mentioned on the map.

Mike at MDS975 web site inform me that the data is from between March 1923 when 5SC started, but before 2BD started on 10th October 1923.

History of this map is this. I was given it by an architect friend who found it in an old building they were working on up the coast in Ardrosson I think it was. I have had it since the 80's.

To go with the map, I have reproduced another heavy download. A 71 meg download of a pdf by Burrows from 1924. This is a very interesting book, and well worth a look. It would also be a rarity I think. coming from the 1920's and entitled the Story of Broadcasting. The foreword is by none other than Marconi himself!!

Page 54 even mentions KDKA under the chapter entitled "1922".

Apologies if a few of the pages don't seem as sharp as they could. Maybe the old scanner is getting a bit past it's best.

Below are links to all the downloads I have produced in the last few weeks.

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The Story of Broadcasting - Burrows - 1924 - 184 pages - (71 meg pdf)

BBC Jubilee booklet - 1947 (45 meg pdf)

World Radio Television Annual 1947 - 6.4 meg pdf (Chronological developments only so far)

Radio Weekly September 14th 1951 (15 meg pdf)

Philips Wireless Map of Great Britain - 1922/3 (25 meg jpg)

Philips Wireless Map of Great Britain - Front of map (400k jpg)

Philips Wireless Map of Great Britain - Full sized map in HTML file (to view in browser)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - MONDAY 23rd AUGUST 2010

MW DXING TODAY - A SPOTLESS SUN AND PLENTY DX:

Although much of the common stations were heard today, the band seemed to be opening up a little bit, to begin to show powerhouse signals of common stations, and some less common stuff being noticed as well. So again, I have created a montage of various stations, mostly, though not exclusively from around 0400 - 0500. The file

length is 5m or so, and includes some much weaker and less common stns today. I was a bit surprised that CFRW made it through the mess at 0400.

UPDATE: DX neighbour Paul C had Sandy, Utah on 1640 at 0500. At that time I had a mix of Disney from Milwaukee, and WTNI with ESPN sports. We are mostly on different fades, and hear completely different stations when the band is open. Paul is about 20 miles North West, on the coast.

[CLICK HERE FOR 2 MEG AUDIO FILE FROM THIS MORNING](#)

700 WLW
 750 CBC
 870 WWL
 560 WGAN
 570 CFCB
 620 VOCM
 1000 WMVP
 1050 CP 24
 1100 WTAM
 1130 WBBR
 1520 WWKB
 1540 KXEL
 1580 CKDO
 1470 WLAM
 950 CKNB
 1510 WWZN
 1650 KCNZ
 1660 KRZI
 900 CHML
 1640 DISNEY WKSH
 1390 WEGP
 980 AM 980 LONDON ONT
 1440 WHKZ
 1120 WBNW (weak)
 780 WBBM
 830 WCRN
 1290 CFRW !!
 1330 WRCA

Also noted but not included 1240 VOCM, 1470 WJDY, 670 WSCR, 830 WCCO, 1320 WILS, 1200 WOAI, 820 WBAP and lots of other common stns, and a few unids. What sounded like KCKK was on 1510, but it did sound like a possible new toth ann. Old toth is given below.

091229_0700_1510_kckk.mp3

A COUPLE OF CHIN RECORDINGS FROM 1540:

I saw on the IRCA lists, someone wondering where China Radio on 1540 came from. It is common here in Europe, and in fact a pest. Below are two separate IDs, both slightly different.

091225_1000_1540_chin_vg.mp3

100303_0400_1540_chin_inc_fm_id.mp3

I must really take some time to improve and update the audio clip page by freq. Another half finished project. My idea was to include as best as possible top of the hour clips of many many stations that are heard here in Europe.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST 2010

MAR 1386 - FIRST LOG OF THE CURRENT MAR:

I have been chasing Merseyland Alternative Radio for a long time. They broadcast weekends on 1386 and sometimes 1314kHz as well. I assume to a different area??

MAR used to be a very loud and powerful station here in Scotland, about 30 years ago. The signal of the current MAR is no where near that of the old Merseyside Pirates that used to come in well here in Southern Scotland. I have included three audio clips of today's poor signal but a definite log, and an old recording from MAR from 30 years ago. There is also another recording of MFR, probably the strongest station ever heard here from Merseyside.

1386 today also gave me Carillion I think it was in the mess. Incidentally Energy Power AM from Dublin was still good on the next channel up on 1395. I should have recorded a clip of Energy for comparison.

100822_1932_1386_mar_weak.mp3 (id at 20s)

800622_1200_1125_mar_recorded_scotland.mp3 (2,488k)

830417_1200_1242_merseyside_free_radio.mp3 (3,933k)

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 21st AUGUST 2010**BROADBAND FIXED:**

The BT guy was out today and found the fault on the line....A hell of a nice chap, all the way from Dumfries on a Saturday as well!!!

I came in from the pub last night and set my timer to record MW, but forgot to plug Perseus in!!! lol.... So nothing overnight!!!

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 20th AUGUST 2010**BROADBAND STILL DOWN:**

Still my broadband is broken. It seems the joker I have been speaking to on the phone the last 3 days was not taking my call as a complaint, and he simply repeated like a budgie, that everyone North of Newcastle has broadband issues!!! I finally got a hold of someone, through using a number I had Davie up the road look for on line. It worked!! I guess I may well be off line till Monday!!!! The phone line is also hanging on by the skin of your teeth, but is very very crackly, worse than MW dxing in a thunderstorm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS - DX IN OLD FILES:

A couple of old logs noted here...

1570 20th December 2009 I had a reasonable WNSH 1570 Beverley Ma id at 2200

1420 25th December WACK 1420 Newark, NY 0900 (Pers 1st)

1330 WLOL 1000 30/12/09

1280 WADO NY 1280 1000 30/12/09

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - THURSDAY 19th AUGUST 2010**TV DXING:**

There was a brief opening yesterday evening from station M1 in Hungary. DH also reports NOVA Czech and 1+1 Ukraine. I am not sufficiently enthusiastic by this time of year, for minor TVDX openings.

MW DXING:

A few common stations heard this morning at 0400/ 0405 / 0430 or 0500:

540 CBC
 590 VOCM
 600 CBC
 600 REBELDE
 610 mx over the hr pres CHNC FF STN
 620 VOCM
 640 CBC
 650 VOCM
 660 Sports thru hr. Pres WFAN
 670 REBELDE
 680 CFTR
 700 WLW
 710 VOCM
 730 CKAC Sport
 740 VOCM
 750 CBC
 760 WJR
 780 WBBM
 800 CKLW
 830 WCRN
 880 WCBS
 890 WLS
 930 WBEN
 950 CKNB
 960 WEAV
 970 WZAN
 990 CBC
 1010 CFRB / WINS
 1020 KDKA
 1050 WEPN / CP24
 1060 WBIX
 1080 WTIC
 1100 WTAM
 1110 WBT
 1120 KMOX
 1130 WBBR
 1140 CBC
 1160 WYLL
 1180 WHAM
 1180 REBELDE
 1190 WLIB

1200 WXKS BOSTON
 1310 CIWW
 1320 WILS mix CJMR
 1360 WDRC
 1370 WXXI / WDEA
 1390 WEGP
 1400 CBC / WOND
 1420 WHK
 1470 WLAM
 1480 WGVU Real Oldies
 1500 WFED
 1510 WWZN
 1520 WWKB
 1540 CHIN
 1550 CBC
 1560 Disney
 1570 Laval FF New call.. CJAV?
 1580 CKDO
 1600 Muffled SS . prob just WUNR
 1610 FF. NO ID
 1630 KCJJ
 1670 RADIO ENFANTS
 1680 WTTM
 1700 KVNS

I have not even logged any of this lot in the log book. These are the common stations that I would expect to receive on an average night. There are other common stations I never ided today, but this will serve as a rough guide to what is being heard here in SW Scotland. I don't usually list many of these stations on a daily or even weekly or monthly basis.

I do know of enthusiasts that have not heard one single signal from across the Atlantic, perhaps due to a noisy QTH, or sometimes even lack of antennas. I have heard some stations without the aid of an external antenna sometimes in mid winter when signal levels are traditionally high.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - WEDNESDAY 18th AUGUST 2010

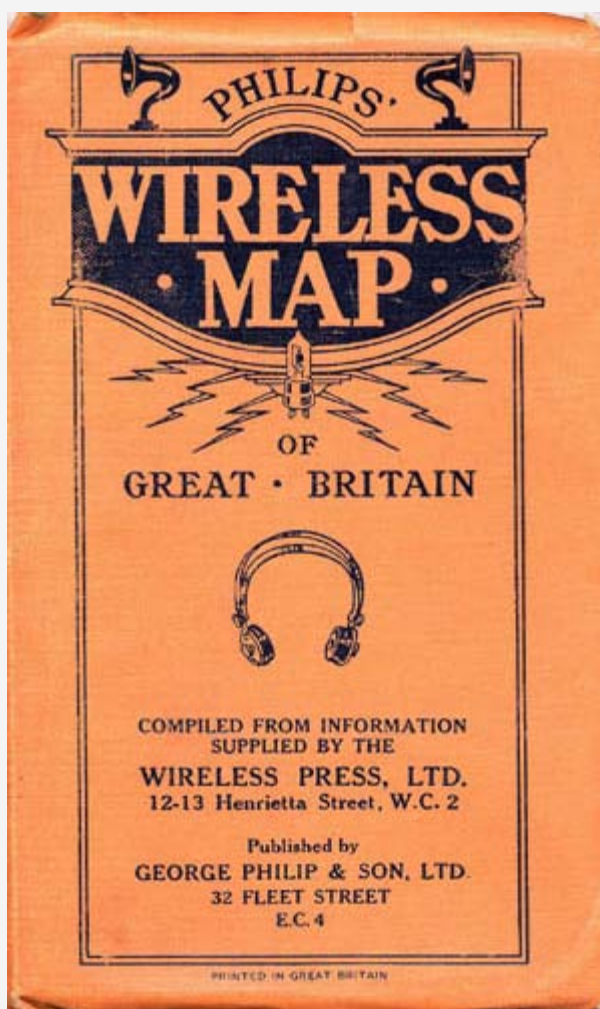
BROADBAND DIED:

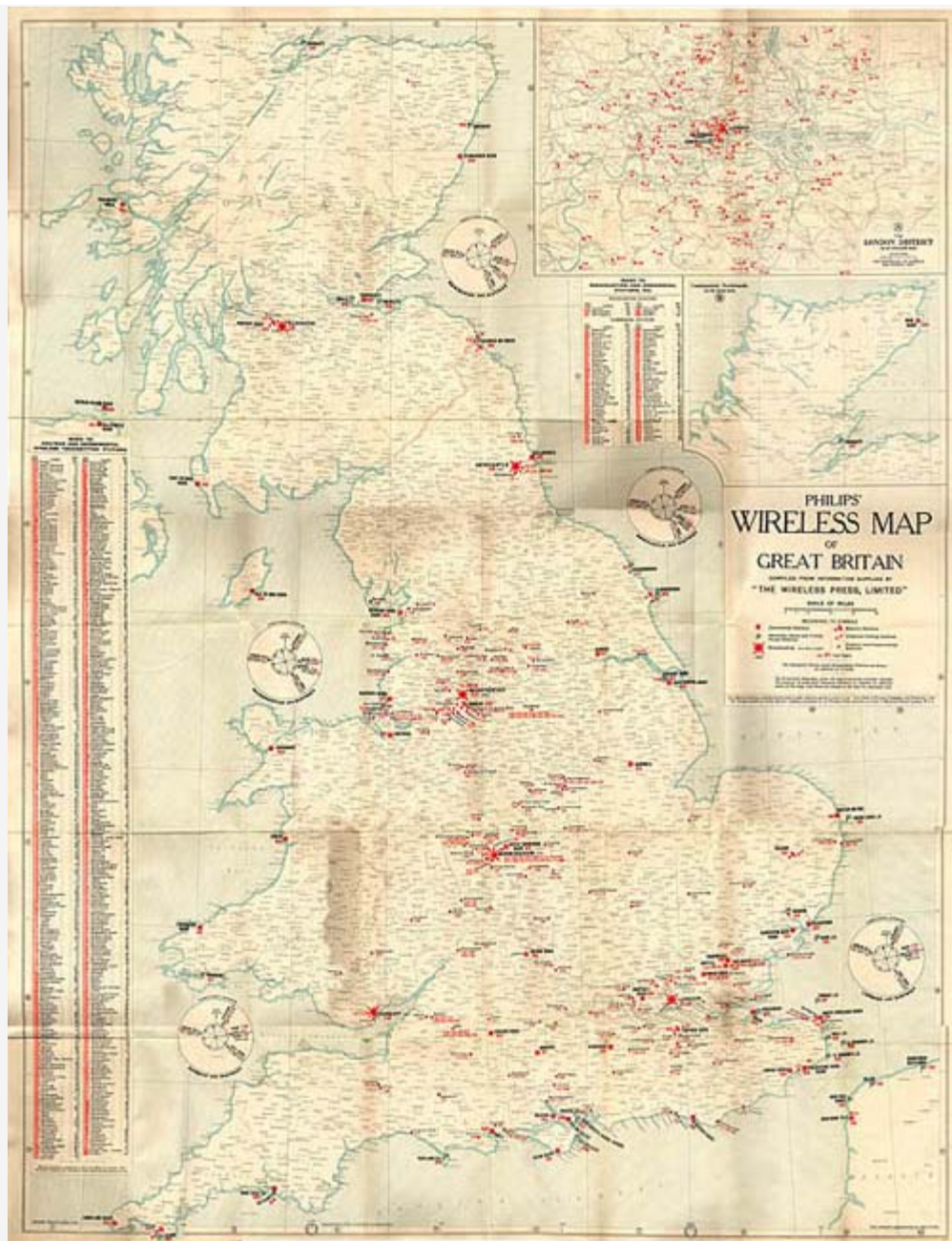
My broadband has died off on me unfortunately. The company are aware of the problem, and at the time of writing, it still hasn't kicked back in.

OLD UK RADIO MAP FROM THE 1920's:

I have an old UK map reproduced here. It is map size, and has been scanned and joined up on the PC, maybe a little bit rough in parts, but it is a reasonable scan. The original file size of half the map, was over a gig, and I was running out of memory trying to make a full sized map from that resolution. Anyway, the on line high res version is 5000 pixels wide, and around 25 meg if you want to try. Apologies if some of the joins are not perfect, and in fact the London area needs redone, the insert at the top. Remember NASA and their hi res images of Mars are not perfectly joined sometimes.

Click the images below to view in your browser, or click [HERE](#) for a direct download.





KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 14th AUGUST 2010

PDF YEARBOOK UPDATE:

I was letting time run away from me the other day when I put the yearbook as I call it on line. The PDF still contained a shed load of dead links, which I forgot to disable. So the updated pdf is now available, same link.

[Click here for the dxing in SW Scotland annual summer 2009 - summer 2010](#)

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO:

Today is now some 43 years since the closure by the Wilson Labour government of the offshore radio stations around the shores of the UK. Radio London, Radio 390, Radio Scotland, Radio England, Radio 355, Britain Radio, Radio City, Radio 270 are just a handful of the stations which were well known back in the 60's. Almost all closed after the Marine Offences Act came into force. Radio Caroline continued defiantly, with Johnnie Walker and Robbie Dale at midnight, playing we shall overcome.

As we all know, Radio Caroline is still going today, on satellite and on the web. This is certainly Radio Caroline, under a slightly different guise, despite snide remarks from some former offshore broadcasters, who like to pretend that it is not somehow the real Radio Caroline that we have on the air today, but an imposter!! Yet any "slow to learn" person could even manage to trace the history through the last 20 years back to the time at sea. There seems to be some kind of jealousy in some former ranks of the offshore scene. There are the clowns that sit and gripe, usually anon, on silly message boards. Then there are the guys that actually do something and strive to provide a service. I know I prefer to listen to my old favourite 70's presenters on Caroline, than sit and make cheap shots at guys that are do'ers. But the gripers think they are being funny, or maybe even feel they are somehow, in their own mind, being clever. As I have said on these pages in the past, these people that like to post anon on message boards, wouldn't come up to you in the pub and start mouthing off. I'd like to see them come to the door of my local pub and shout in that we were all a bunch of ignorant crap!!! Imagine the reaction!!! lol. But maybe it is the way of the web. It is not just radio boards that have anon entries having a go, simply because they can.

The latest rubbish I have read on one of the radio message boards complains about how rude the Caroline guys are, when they don't speak to their enthusiastic fans at conventions. I get the impression the gripers expect to be spoken to, despite being complete strangers. I went up and said hello to Buzby and co at the last convention I was at, and ended up knocking the corks off a few bottles. Telepathy doesn't work. You have to use the old fashioned art of conversation!!!

Back in 1988 I was at a convention in Blackpool, chatting to Heddy Eddie, at that time the engineer at Boyneside Radio in Drogheda, Ireland. (1305kHz). We became aware of these two guys standing staring, but not saying anything initially. It turned out they were after Eddie's autograph...lol..... Eddie of course was happy to help, as they looked on in awe at their hero!!! It takes all sorts to make a world.....

Back to the story. What do I think of the current day Caroline? I take my hat off to the guys that have somehow kept the service running on a shoestring for the last 2 decades. In 1991 we had no Caroline. Now we have it on the satellite and on the web for all. It is such a shame no one has won the lottery that is enthusiastic enough to hire airtime on stations like 1314, or 675, etc. Imagine a powerhouse pan European night time service again on MW.

They still have the 1980's ship, the Ross Revenge. At the end of the month, they again bring the sound of offshore radio to the AM band on 531kHz with flea power. The

signals, like those of the former 576 and 558, just don't quite make it to this part of the country. I have received many of the RSL broadcasts from the Ross, but never on 531. I have logged 1503, 1584. But 531? The Faroes are far too strong. If I null the Faroes, there is a station from either Spain, or is it Portugal, I don't remember. I have never even managed to hear the distinctive bell at the top of the hour.

I was not of an age in the 60's to have heard any of the era's offshore stations, but as a ten year old in 1973-74, I began to listen to Radio Northsea and Radio Caroline / Seagull. The Dutch era, with the ships anchored off the Dutch coast. Again in the month of August, this time 31st, 1974, The Dutch government brought their own Marine Offences Act into being. Caroline upped anchor and sailed again to the English coast, where the Mi Amigo remained until she broke anchor and sank in March 1980. By this time I was well and truly hooked on the enchanting album format they broadcast at that time.

Luckily these days, web sites like AZ Anorak have downloadable recordings available. There is quite an archive of 1970's recordings. I have quite an archive on line here on this site as well, but not so many of the late 70's. I didn't have unlimited amounts of tapes, and had only very basic recorders.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - FRIDAY 13th AUGUST 2010

DX BELGIUM BLOGSPOT:

My friend Maurits from Belgium has recently started a blog spot ready for the dx season. Click to look at Maurits' logs and comments, mostly in the Dutch language.

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

ANOTHER ANNUAL DX E-BOOK FROM SW SCOTLAND:

Again, I have included all the text from the last year, from August - July in one so called e-book. This pdf document had 301 pages this year, up on last year's 243. I seem to remember that last year, there were quite a large number of downloads of the annual pdf. The previous versions are linked through the logs and news index page.

NB: All the audio clips and high res images of photos are not embedded in the pdf. That would have made the file rather large. As it stands, it is about 5 meg. The reason why the annual is not produced in January at the start of a new year, is really to do with the mw dx season, which runs traditionally during the Autumn and Winter months. Thus from August - July will include the full MW season. This is also a great way to save these ramblings, anyone that's interested enough.

UPDATE: If you downloaded this file on Friday or Saturday, you may want to re-download it. I forgot to disable all the dead links, which link to audio files which aren't there. This saved half a meg too!!!

[Click here for the dxing in SW Scotland annual summer 2009 - summer 2010](#)

DX FOR FRIDAY 13TH:

Unlucky for some it seems, but I recorded today to see what this time of year would bring as far as mw dxing was concerned. We are still far too early in the season to become even remotely excited, and by the time you read this, the Perseus files will be already deleted. But I have included a montage of common stations heard as follows:

WINS 1010, WTIC 1080, WBBR 1130, CKNB 950, VOCM 620, WWKB 1520, WEGP 1390, WDEA 1370, WZAN 970, WFAN 660, CFTR 680

None of these stations can really be classed as difficult dx here at these latitudes, and are rarely even written into logs etc. But even at this time of year, there are a few reasonable signals around. Recordings all made around 0400, or 0430 this morning. Best peak seems to be around 0430 at this time.

100813_montage_common_mw.mp3

BBC BOOKLET FROM 1947:

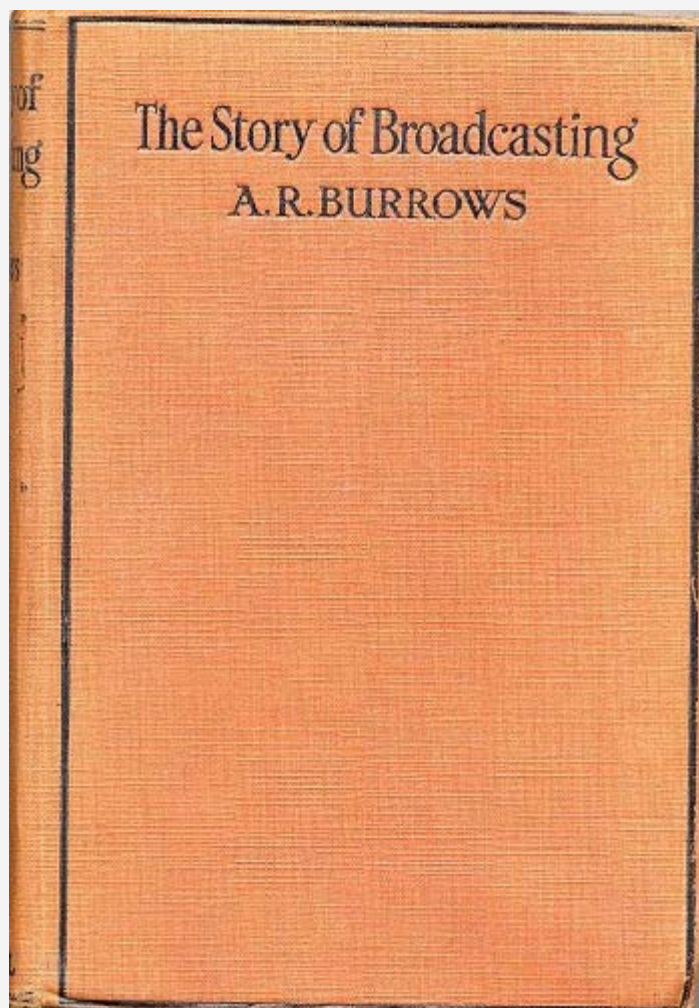
I assume no one at the Beeb is going to be worried about copyright from a pamphlet from over 60 years ago. I have scanned the said booklet and created a pdf, available here. There are many great old photos of the BBC including wartime damage. Worth a look.

[Click the image for a 45 meg download.](#)



Incidentally, I have another book I may scan and put up on line here. It is from the 1920's by A.R. Burrows, and is called THE STORY OF BROADCASTING. It is a very interesting book, published in 1924.

I doubt if there is anyone who would have copyright issues with another old book that is rarely seen these days.



FOREWORD

The appeal of broadcast telephony to the people of this and other countries is a matter in which I naturally take a very great interest. The remarkable progress made in Great Britain in the course of the last two years has my profound admiration.

I am pleased that Mr. Burrows, who made early and singularly correct predictions and who has been so intimately associated with this popular application of wireless science, has placed on record the story of broadcasting from its inception, dating back, as he states, to the first S O S at sea.

I concur with the author of this book in the belief that broadcasting, properly handled, will make a material contribution towards greater understanding and amity between Nations, the cementing of home life and the happiness of the individual.

G. Marconi

London, 1924.

KEN'S DX DIARY AND LOGS - SATURDAY 7th AUGUST 2010

PERSEUS AGAIN:

Do I have the 70's time warp attitude? Let me explain myself. In "real life" so to speak, the "folks down the pub" often accuse me of being musically selfish and stuck in a 70's time warp. So why do I care about the top 40 these days, when I can listen to classic acts from ACDC, Rainbow, Led Zeppelin, or Thin Lizzy, Bon Jovi, and the Eagles. I do like a much wider spectrum than that of course, but that would be the core style of my musical taste. The Eagles had a new album last year, which is just great. Does that qualify me as being into new music?? I doubt it. I think I will always be a dinosaur. I don't care. I like what I like. I can't stand silly screechy idiotic sounding girlie adverts on mainstream tv and radio, backed by mind numbing dance music. Listen to older recordings of NOVA for example and compare with the dumb blonde style adverts of today.

Anyway I digress.

I have a feeling I may have the 70's time warp attitude with regards to the Perseus software. Have I become so used to the GUI that anything else I try I simply scoff at? Well I have tried the WINRADIO Excalibur software on playback only, and have no doubt that I have seen absolutely nothing to interest me with this receiver. I see no advantage (for the type of dxing I do) of the Excalibur over the Perseus, with regards performance, and I also see a much much less user friendly software screen in front of me. I gave the software a real good go, with the few files that are available. I have to say I was a little disappointed.

Would I have felt the same if I had been thrown in at the deep end, having never used either the Perseus software or the Excalibur software? What if I had never used an SDR, and I was thrown a few SDR's to test using WINRAD, WINRAD HD, Excalibur, Perseus and SDR IQ software all to try and make a judgment?? I'm afraid I have absolutely no idea, because I have the "70's rock time warp" block in my mind now after nearly three years of running the Perseus.

But now, I am of the opinion that the Perseus software is way way out in the lead, compared with any other SDR front end I have seen to date. I doubt that attitude can change now!! Or is it a mental block?????

Because of the time of year, the MW dx season has not really started. I would have liked to hear a recording of the same complete MW band using Perseus and Winradio Excalibur. That would prove interesting to compare tight dx situations. I suspect they will be very much the same, from what I have seen so far.

A LITTLE PERSONAL HISTORY OF "ME AND MY PC":

Now after 16 years I guess I can no longer be called a beginner when it comes to the humble PC. But I never profess to be an expert. I am still learning. Everybody is still learning. I have no idea of my way around Windows 7 for example, and embarrassing as it may be, I have never ever been able to get a noise out of LINRAD. I tried many times and had to give up!!!

I also remember when I had to get a local lassie to switch on my first PC. An old 386 that you had to type WIN to start windows. I do remember thinking, phew, I can never learn this. I was a relative latecomer to the PC in about 1994, with Windows 3.1. Someone impressed me by altering the autoexec.bat file I think it was, to include the WIN command, and allow this basic 20mhz pc to start up straight into WINDOWS. I also had an amazing 330 meg of hard drive space to fill up. I discovered that a lot of secrets of the PC are actually concealed in books, and so I read a lot of what is now basic stuff, to try and get through this uphill struggle. I also learned by my many many errors, and harassing people I knew had worked these machines for years before me!! I also observe that the folks I used to harass with only few exceptions, really were glorified typists and hadn't a clue. But I only realised this once I had passed a certain stage of that learning curve.

Many years before the WINDOWS REVOLUTION, I tried to learn BBC computers. Incidentally the revolution can hardly be described as anything else, despite the anti Gates brigade. It was the development of Windows that made the PC what it is today. No doubt we would not be using the Perseus had it not been for Bill!!

Anyway, I had tried to learn BBC computers and Spectrum etc in the 80's I guess that was. Boy did I have NO clue whatsoever. None. I could not grasp this LINE 10 Let a#="b* etc type of programming. Some guys used to tell me it was so easy, but I must have had the dinosaur mind at that time too. George Wood used to talk computers talk on Radio Sweden when I was working with a manky old manual typewriter with dodgy keys to type up a column in Danish SW Clubs. I was the last of the "editors" to go computer in 1994. I used to cut handwritten logs into single strips, sit them out on the floor in order, big bit of sellotape to keep them in order, before anyone opened the door and blew them away, or before a dog would come in, and then laboriously type it all up. A nightmare that really became a chore. So when I had the old 386 and an old copy of WORKS, this was like...amazing man....

One thing I learned though, was not to be scared to try and improve the PC with useful software. I also learned that machines that are slowing up need formatted every now and again, to get back to having a responsive PC.

I also learned quickly that many people in positions of employment who supposedly "work every day with computers" have no clue, and just bumble through their well paid positions. I meet many on my travels that I guess would struggle to start winamp.

I often hear the same tale from many old wives, "Yea, my boy works with computers". It probably turns out he is a check out boy at Tesco!! I have even met some of these experts, who turn out not to be quite what the old mother imagines her son to be.

Heavens, a young chap I was friendly with a few years back swapped me a laptop for a TV, but he wanted his personal files wiped and hadn't a clue how to do it. Enter another young HND student. This guy reckoned he could easily enough create a large shopping web site like ebay, and I have no reason to doubt his claims. However the two of them tried to format this laptop drive for many many hours and failed. Enter an aging, PC self taught long haired joker, slightly the worse for wear from being at the pub. After a few minutes, the job was done. That same long haired joker had the laptop at the side of his bed one night, and promptly stood on it and smashed the screen, after coming back from the pub... O yes, and about that joker. .. You are reading his ramblings...lol

PERSEUS UNATTENDED RECORDINGS:

I have been reading on the Perseus group recently about many dxers that have never made unattended recordings with Perseus. I find this quite amazing, and unnecessary. Unattended recording is very important for MW dxing "like the way we do with Perseus" . The Autohotkeys script was the second best piece of software that came around, second to the Perseus software itself.

I think the biggest problem is fear among some dxers of installing third party software. Well I had to ask myself this. Did I want to record unattended files overnight, or did I not. If you do not want unattended files, then don't install, but if you do... just do it. Then worry about the consequences!! Scary?? Well I used to think so too, but you never learn if you don't bugger up things!!

I read on the Perseus Yahoo group a couple of years ago that Mathias had come out

with the script for unattended recording, and thought O dear O dear. I remember dx neighbour Paul C managed to get Autohotkeys running, after some hours. I did not have the confidence to tackle that myself at that time, till he had his working. When Paul managed to get it going, he sort of talked me through. After this, I never looked back.

Maybe again because of the 70's time warp mentality, I see no reason to try any of the other timers. They seem to require an operating system size download to work, in the shape of the dotnet framework. That will download about 240 meg.

I have used AUTOHOTKEYS script since it was released, and made a set of script files for every hour. In July, I was only recording a couple of hours, because it was mid summer, so all I have to do before bed time is click the 0330 and 0400 text files, and go. Two clicks. It couldn't be easier.

I see guys on the PERSEUS yahoo group that won't even try this. I am not sure why. I think the reason I use this script is simply because it was the first, and was always reliable, with very few exceptions, so why change.

I also saw comments about a RAR file I have had on line for a while, of Autohotkey essentials for Perseus. A chappie couldn't open it. Fair comment, maybe it should have been a zip instead. Windows have since XP, had the built in ZIP function without using WINRAR or WINZIP etc. So I have recreated the file below as a zip, adding a 47 page pdf file, which starting on page 6 includes autohotkeys instructions. The pdf is a collection of various Perseus articles I have written on these pages in the last year or so. It also includes the Windows 7 installation guide in ENGLISH. The Microtelecom instructions are include a lot of Italian. (As you would expect from an Italian company..hi)

NB: This file is for Perseus version 2.1i. The BETA 3 versions have a slight change in the way one of the windows opens, and renders the script useless. I shall update the script in due course. I was going to wait till a version was released that wasn't named BETA, but my thoughts are that it may now be some time due to work being done on the GEMINI SDR, and I suspect there will not be so many upgrades in the coming years.

PERSEUS AUTOHOTKEYS ESSENTIALS (6 MEG ZIP FILE)

NOTHING TO SAY:

Well for a few weeks I have made no entries on this blog. I have been recording the odd days, but nothing much to report until thursday morning, when the aurora etc caused a bit of LA reception again on MW. Davie H ided a Peruvian on 1540 on Wed morning. I hear SS here but can't hear any real ids. Not to say there isn't any there. My SS is poor unless IDs are jumping out at you. Like for example Radio Coro, with the shouting style IDs.

OVER ENTHUSIASTIC SPAM BLOCKERS:

Doe's anyone else see some overenthusiastic form of spam blockers on the go these days?? They seem to be blocking simple e mails with live links. This happened to me recently with a chappie in South Africa who was enquiring about the NRD 545 I have for sale. My reply with live links ended up in the spam folder for no real reason. By the way on investigation of prices to send 10kg to South Africa, it was a whopping £150 or thereabouts!!! Also checked DHL and they were similar!! Phew...

NRD 545'S ON EBAY:

I see there are 2 NRD545s on ebay just now. A few days to go on both, but both have bigs. £699 and £460 I think as I type this. I will watch with interest.

UPDATE: The £460 NRD from Leeds eventually sold for £680 I think it was. The other one in Aberdeen sold for over £700, but I had not bookmarked that properly, so missed the final price. There was a buy now price of £1000 on it.

WWVA 1170 ANTENNAS FALLEN:

An entry on the IRCA message board alerted me to the following story yesterday. All three towers were reduced to junk after a major storm. They have been part of the skyline for many years. The towers were all free standing, ie not guyed. This 50kW monster is a regular here in Scotland in the winter months.

Below are a couple of clips taken from last winter, of reception here in Scotland.

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091101_0700_1170_wwva_vg.mp3

In days gone by, WWVA was a powerful AM music radio station, but now sadly carries all the talk radio network dribble that many other former famous AM stations are reduced to. But I always like their deep voice overs that have such an AM growl - WWVA - WHEELING, heard at the top of the hour. I always find it cool when their signal sits right on top of the Euros, including all the ILR stuff from the UK. In the last couple of excellent DX winters, the station is classed here as a common log.

Some web links that will be interesting. NB. The kind of latest news type addresses may update with newer stories, but hopefully that photo gallery will remain.

<http://www.wwva.com/cc-common/mainheadlines2.html?feed=119921&article=7439986>

http://www.wwva.com/cc-common/gallery/display.html?album_id=244870

<http://www.wegw.com/pages/tyson.html>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5ByhpBFriM&feature=player_embedded. (same video as above)

<http://jeff560.tripod.com/wwva.html>

<http://www.chuckthewriter.com/wwva.html>