

SHORTWAVE BULLETIN

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According to Internet info it seems that WRTH 2023 is delayed a few days. Also reviews point out that there are need for improvements for 2024, especially regarding used fonts.

As there has been a huge interest in the test broadcasts from LRA36 I have to share a few pictures from the Base. It must be interesting to work there.

Down here in South Sweden spring is approaching. We have had almost no snow this year and temperatures most days above zero. Yesterday TV interviewed a man from far up north and according to his diary starting in 1946 wintertime is now 1 month shorter than in 1946. That's something real scary to think of.

As usual I have to present an old receiver for you. This time I found info about the old National NC-2-40D which is regarded as a good old receiver.

Also take a look on the progress of the Solar Cycle progression indicating that Sun-spot Counts Hit a 9-Year High.

Many thanks to Ronny Forslund for prepaqing a Nostalgia column for every SWB.

Keep on

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QSL, comments, etc.

Many thanks to *SWLing Post* contributor, Adrian Korol, who shares the following details for the next two **LRA 36 Radio Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel** test broadcasts.

Tests were performed Wednesday March 1st, 21:00 to 23:00 UTC & Saturday March 4th 21:00 to Sunday, March 5th 03:00 UTC. Lots of loggings in all Internet groups.

Here are some nice pictures from the Base and antenna.



(via SWLing Post)

GLENN HAUSER LOG ROUNDUPS. Please note and spread the word - for those not on a list where my almost-daily all-band but mainly SW log reports appear -- or for those who are but find this a more convenient archive, weekly merged roundups of all these reports in their original form are posted early every Thursday via WOR: <http://www.worldofradio.com/Hauserlogs.html>

The latest ones direct: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2023_0223_0301.txt

Previous issue: https://www.w4uvh.net/ghlogs_2023_0216_0222.txt

Useful log links:

WOR: <https://groups.io/g/WOR>

SWLDXBulgaria News: <https://groups.io/g/WOR/messages>

WDXC Top News: <https://www.wdxc.de/topnews.shtml>

DXplorer: <https://groups.io/g/DXplorer/messages>

DX Fanzine: www.dxfanzine.com (also pirate stations)

Lianga: <https://zlianglogs.wordpress.com/2022/> (mostly using KIWI's around the world)

Pirates: <https://shortwavedx.blogspot.com/> <https://www.betajbk.com/log/> <https://ukdxe.webs.com/>

3310	Feb21	0102	Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi, Quechua, comments. (Méndez)
3325	Feb25	1427	VOI, 1303 & 1403. with no signal at all; later at 1427, broadcasting in Bahasa Indonesia, but weak modulation. (Ron Howard, California)
3915	Mar3	2208	BBC, Kranji relay. WS in E to SEAs, nx. 3 (CG)
3955	Mar1	1835	Channel 292, Rohrbach English pop songs 4 (AP-DNK) + (CG)
3975	Mar1	1840	Shortwave Radio, Winsen English ann, pop songs from 1997 4 (AP-DNK) + (CG)
3985	Mar1	1845	Shortwaveservice, Kall-Krekel English talk about Ukrainian children, songs 4 (AP-DNK)
3990	Feb18	1740	Xinjiang PBS Urumqi. Uighur, songs. 3 (CGS)
3990	Feb19	2240	Gannan PBS (p), Tianshui. Tks. 1 (CGS)
3995	Mar1	1850	HCJB, Weenermoor German talk about living in Sweden, 1900 German news and weather, 1903 Low German ann, songs 4 (AP-DNK) + (CG)
4055	Feb28	2200	R. Verdad, which has been off the air from Chiquimula for more than a year: Dr Madrid is still believing that by paying some organization, which has no web presence, the 4055 SW signal will soon be available worldwide via satellite. And claims that testing is now underway. A few days ago it was ``heard`` in China, and the perfect-Spanish ``reception report`` he forwarded is pretty obviously fabricated. This has been discussed in more detail in the WOR iog. For once, he publicized the latest test in advance: Feb 28 from 2200 past 0300, the first part to be heard in Europe only. Guess what, UTwente is getting no sign of it at 2237, 2321, 2355 chex, but there is a roaring noise centred 4050 with no specific carrier. Later he says the worldwide test would be around 3 am - I guess local time? So 09. We are 99% sure that poor Dr Madrid is letting himself be conned out of scare funds and have warned him repeatedly in the past. If any legit DXer ever hear this directly or via any remote, we may have to reconsider; meanwhile beware of a pirate possibly pretending to be this on 4055. He seems to be implying that the SW frequency 4055 is being transmitted from multiple satellites, as if HF 4 MHz were not totally inappropriate for direct satellite broadcasting; has promised to explain how this worx once it's successful (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
4560	Mar1	1825	Voice of the People, via Goyang, South Korea <u>New frequency</u> . Korean talk 2 // 3480, 3930, 6520 (jammed) and 6600 (jammed) (AP-DNK)
4750	Mar1	1855	Bangladesh Betar, Shavar pop, English closing ann, pause signal 3 (AP-DNK)
4765	Feb21	0103	Radio Progreso, Bejucal, comments. (Méndez)
4765	Mar1	1910	Tajik R 1, Yangiyul Tajik talk, local songs 2 (AP-DNK) + (Méndez)
4810	Feb23	0434	JBA carrier from presumed R. Logos, Chazuta, vs STANAG noise on plus side. My habitual bandscans after 0700 do not hit it; maybe runs until 0500 UT = local midnight? EiBi says 10-12 & 21-03; also irr. at 07-10, all in vernacular rather than Spanish. But Aoki says 09-24 daily in Spanish. WRTH 2022 gives no times but website without the www which is required, leads to: https://www.ethnicradio.org/2020/06/radio-waves-in-chazuta-peru.html#more Nothing there more recent than June 2020. Feb 23 date is correct, overlooked in my previous report (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

Hi Glenn - Here is some additional info: <https://ethnoma.org/partners/ethnicradio>

Radio Logos broadcasts programs in eleven of the 17 languages in the listening area. Among them: Bora, Junicui, Ticuna, Pastaza, Quechua, and Achuar.

Radio Logos' shortwave transmission broadcasts the gospel into the neighboring department of Loreto - Peru's largest and most remote region. It is comprised of thousands of miles of dense jungle, flood plains, and numerous rivers, including the mighty Amazon itself. The broadcast has even reached parts of Brazil and Ecuador!

<https://radiologoschazuta.com/es/BI%C3%89NVENIDOS%20A%20NUESTRO%20SITIO%20WEB>

Radio Logos programming - <https://radiologoschazuta.com/es/prograncion>
(Ron Howard, California)

The last link shows individual language blox, and matching the spans as in EiBi, not including when I heard it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)

4810	Mar2	0743	JBA carrier vs CODAR and STANAG, presumably another night that R. Logos has not turned off its transmitter. Others report it after 1000 with programming (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 2180)
4885	Mar2	2146	R.Club do Pará, Belém PA. F/ball px. QRM de KOR + KRE jammer. 3 (CG) + (Méndez)
4930	Mar1	1920	VOA Africa, Moepeng Interval signal in LSB - Severe noise in AM and USB 2 (AP-DNK)
4940	Feb21	0520	Unknown relaying Fuerza de Paz, religious songs and comments. (Méndez) + (CGS)
4985	Mar2	2200	R.Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Songs. // 11815. 2 (CG) + (Méndez)
5025	Feb23	0000	Radio Rebelde, Bauta, news, fair (Bernardini)
5045	Feb26	0847	Bay Islands Radio , just missed their start up; tuned in at 0847, to hear pop songs; random listening; best ever reception since reactivation; had only been hearing non-stop pop songs recently with no announcements at all, which conforms to what others have been reporting, but Feb 26, heard with positive YL DJ, so must be a relay of Island FM; too much QRN (static) to hear positive ID; anomaly 0935-0942, with just open carrier/dead air/no music; 0942+ was fairly easy to ID songs (The Troggs - "Wild Thing," Joan Jett - "I Love Rock 'n' Roll," Eric Clapton - "I Shot The Sheriff," The Rolling Stones - "Honky Tonk Women," Fleetwood Mac - "Go Your Own Way," etc.), till 1120 tuned out. Very respectable reception for a low powered station! (Ron Howard, California)
5050	Feb25	1505	Beibu Bay Radio, broadcasting from Nanning, capital of the Zhuang Autonomous Region of Guangxi; brief English segment; "Today's keywords are 100 families banquet," explaining about the Zhuang ethnic group attending the famous "100 families banquet"; here is a picture of one such banquet. (Ron Howard, California)
5050	Feb22	2355	WRMI Radio Miami Int., Okeechobee, songs, weak (Bernardini)
5055	Feb20	-1157*	Radio 4KZ. (Ron Howard, California)
5895	Feb21	0701	Radio Northern Star, Bergen, country songs in English. (Méndez)
5915	Feb22	2345	Myanma Radio, Naypyidaw, talks Burmese, fair (Bernardini)
5930	Feb20	1709	World Music R, Bramming. Mx & songs. 2 (CGS) + (Méndez)
5940	Mar1	2216	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Natl. nx magazine A Voz do Brasil. // 9665.011. 3 (CG)
5955	Feb21	0548	Sunlite Radio, Westdorpe, oldies. (Méndez)
5970	Feb21	0605	Radio 208, Hvidovre, rock and pop songs in English. (Méndez)
5980	Mar4	1415	Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat Finnish ann, ID, pop music 25232 // 11690 (4 QRM R Farde 11695) (AP-DNK)
5985	Feb22	2325	Myanma Radio, Yegu, talks Burmese, weak (Bernardini)
5989	Feb27	2231	UnID. Songs. 1 (CG)
5995	Mar1	2214	R.Mali, Kati. F, local songs & mx, tks. 3 (CG) + (Bernardini) + (Méndez)
6035	Feb25	1318	"Yunnan Radio International" (PBS Yunnan); Vietnamese is scheduled 1000-1030 & 1300-1330; heard in Vietnamese with announcers and EZL pop songs; 1330, multi-language IDs (English - "Yunnan International Radio"); then into Chinese. (Ron Howard, California)
6055	Mar4	1320	OZ-Viola, Hillerød Danish ID, popular music 3 (AP-DNK)
6085	Feb20	1635	Radio Mi Amigo International, Kall Krekel, pop songs, id. "Mi Amigo, Mi Amigo". (Méndez)
6115	Feb20	-1830*	Radio Congo, Brazzaville, French, news id. "Radio Congo", at 1827 African song. (Méndez)
6150	Feb21	*0800-	Europa 24, Datteln, German, "Europa vierundzwanzig", news, pop songs. (Méndez)
6170	Feb21	0542	Radio Saturno, Belo Horizonte, Carnival and Brazilian songs, id. "Radio Saturno". (Méndez)
6170	Mar4	0535	Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat Finnish ann, Finnish pop songs 3 (AP-DNK)
6180	Feb20	2032	Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, comments, at 2025 "Cinco horas e trinta e cinco minutos", comments about "Carnaval", 2110 "Programa Carnaval de Brasil". // 11780. (Méndez)
6185	Feb21	0512	Radio Educación, Ciudad de México, Mexican songs, comments, id. "La onda corta de Radio Educación, 6185 kHz, banda internacional de 49 metros", more songs, new id. at 0715 "Radio Educación, 1060 AM 100.000 watts de potencia, Servicio Nacional de Comunicación, desde la Ciudad de México", more songs, classical music. (Méndez)
7110	Feb25	-1502*	Radio Ethiopia (Home Service); via long path; announcers and HOA music/singing; 1500, ID and gong rung three times; then into the news till cut off; my local sunrise was at 1443, with Addis Ababa sunset at 1535 UT. (Ron Howard, California) + (Méndez)
7235	Feb22	2300	Voice of Korea KCBS, Kujang, talks Korean, fair (Bernardini)

7255	Feb27	0747	VON S9 with some unreadable modulation, weaker than neighbor VANUATU, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
7254.9	Feb20	0606	Voice of Nigeria, Abuja Lugbe, Vernacular, comments, interval signal, more comments. Strong carrier weak audio. (Méndez)
7260	Mar4	1005	Radio Vanuatu; on the air again with news till 1017, seemed to be a long interview about the weather situation on Vanuatu(?); the usual RV promo after the news; much weaker than normal and mostly unreadable. (Ron Howard, California) + (Méndez)
7289.93	Feb26	-0812*	RRI Nabire, 0805-0812*, Feb 26; non-stop EZL songs with no announcer. Cut off time really varies a lot day-to-day! (Ron Howard, California)
7385	Feb20	1610	PSB Xizang, Lhasa, English, px "Holy Tibet", news, comments, Tibetan songs. (Méndez)
7390	Feb21	*1259-	R.NZPacific. Tks. Barely audible. Improving, rtd. 35443 at 1530. 1 (CGS) + (TB)
7440	Feb22	2304	Tele Diffusion de Algerie, Holy Kuran, fair (Bernardini)
7475	Feb20	1912	Radio Thailand, Udon Thani, English, "Radio Thailand news", news and comments about Thailand. (Méndez)
7570	Feb20	1918	Voice of Korea, Spanish, news about North Korean weapons and other news. (Méndez)
7600	Feb22	2308	Afghanistan International, Gavar, Pastho presumed, talks songs, excellent (Bernardini)
9265	Feb21	2310	WINB Red Lion, Religious in English, fair low modulation (Bernardini)
9275	Feb21	2120	WMLK Bethel, religious songs, English, very good (Bernardini)
9330.42v	Feb21	2315	WBCQ World's Last Chance, Monticello religious in Portuguese, good (Bernardini)
9405	Feb21	2320	FEBC Radio Liangyou 3, Chinese talks, very good (Bernardini)
9550.1	Feb20	2103	Radio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, religious songs and comments. // 11895. (Méndez)
9580	Feb21	2325	Radio Vaticana, via Tinang, Vietnamese program fair (Bernardini)
9665	Mar3	2157	R.Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC. Rlgs. propag., songs, natl. nx magazine A Voz do Brasil at 2203. 3 (CG) + (Bernardini)
9700	Mar2	1651	R.NZPacific, Rangitaiki, mx, ID, mx 44433 (TB)
9710	Feb22	2245	Radio Habana Cuba, songs & reports, fair (Bernardini)
9765	Feb22	2240	MWV Palavra Alegre, Mahajanga, Portuguese bc, good (Bernardini)
9795	Feb21	2340	FEBC Manila, talks and religious songs Lao, fair (Bernardini)
9819.1	Feb20	2015	Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, religious comments. (Méndez)
9925	Feb21	1835	Radyo Pilipinas, Tinang, talks Pilipino, good //12120 fair - 15190 poor (Bernardini)
11665	Mar4	1043	Wai FM. Well above the norm and no longer with the long standing poor audio (crackling sounds and echo audio), so they must have repaired the transmitter! From 1057+, very strong QRM from 11660, with VOA and CNR1 jamming. 9835 (Sarawak FM) remains silent since early Nov. 2022. Thanks to Amano (Japan) for this week pointing out the improved signal and audio. He found a useful site with the full Wai FM daily programming - https://content.as-tro.com.my/channels/Wai-FM-145 . (Ron Howard, California) + (CGS)
11690	Mar4	0820	Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat English talk, ID's, wellknown pop songs 4 (AP-DNK)
11720	Mar4	1045	Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat Finnish ann, Finnish pop song 4 (AP-DNK)
11725	Feb21	1845	Radio New Zealand Pacific, talks songs, excellent! at 1857 one minute stop (Bernardini)
11740	Mar4	1435	China Business R, Lingshi Chinese interview with laughter 4 // 7425 (AP-DNK)
11745	Feb21	0603	Al-Azm Radio, Jeddah, Arabic, comments, mentioned "Yemen". (Méndez)
11750.03v	Feb21	2100	Rádio Voz Missionária, Florianopolis, talks, weak (Bernardini) + (Méndez)
11760	Mar2	0748	S9+20 of dead air; AND 11670, S9/+10 of dead air; obviously RHC which may have been modulating English or Spanish before 0700; while no RHC signals remain on 5, 6 or 10 MHz bands. Something's always wrong at RHC. The Other Side: <i>"One year of war in Ukraine: a timeline of the Cuban regime's support for its Russian ally --- Havana has tried to ease the UN's pressure on Moscow and has echoed Putin's disinformation in Latin America. DDC Madrid 01 Mar 2023 - 01:47 CET Russia's war in Ukraine is one year old. Since February 24, 2022, more than 42,200 people have died and 14 million have been displaced in what Vladimir Putin defined in his speech as a "special military operation" in defense of the Donbas region. Beyond the human and material consequences for Ukrainians, the first territorial invasion of a sovereign state in Europe in 80 years has had international repercussions, from food to energy. What the western democracies condemned from the very first moment, and continue to today, with heavy sanctions against the aggressor, was justified by the Cuban regime, also from the beginning of the conflict. Havana has been in charge of reducing pressure on Moscow exerted by the United Nations, and has disseminated the disinformation spouted by Putin across Latin America..."</i> https://diariodecuba.com/cuba/1677631672_45522.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR)
11775	Mar4	1440	Voice of China, Nanning Chinese conversation with music 4 // 11710 (AP-DNK)
11780	Feb21	2105	Rádio Nacional Amazônia, Brasília, reports, fair (Bernardini)
11815	Mar2	2209	R.Brasil Central, Goiânia GO. Songs. 3 (CG) + (Méndez) + (Bernardini)
11860	Feb21	1852	Yemen Radio Sana'a, via Saudi Radio, Arabic, mx talks, fair over Radio Marti (Bernardini)
11885	Feb21	1925	Voice of Vietnam, Hanoi-Sontay, English to Europe, very good (Bernardini)
11895	Feb20	2058	Radio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, religious songs and comments. // 9550.1. (Méndez)

11940	Feb21	1900	Radio Exterior España, sport news about Champions League. Excellent (Bernardini)
11945	Feb21	2112	Radio Free Asia, Saipan, Korean talks, fair (Bernardini)
11985	Feb21	1903	AWR, Trincomalee Sri Lanka, Arabic talks, good (Bernardini)
12050	Feb21	1908	Radio Ndarason Int. Ascension Island, talks in Kanuri, very good.1930 French (Bernardini)
12085	Feb21	*0859-	Voice of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, interval signal, "Welcome to the Voice of Mongolia in English", English program, news, Mongolian songs. (Méndez)
13610	Mar4	0850	Voice of China, Nanning Chinese talk with music behind, 0900 time signal and ID: "Zhong-yang Renmin Sheng Guangbo Diantai" 4 (AP-DNK)
13700	Mar4	0905	CNR 13, Lingshi Uighur talk 3 // 15390 (AP-DNK)
13755	25/2	1105	R.NZPacific, Rangitaiki. E, nx, wx, ..., interview & mx. Increasingly fluttery. 3 (CG)
15190.1	Mar3	2201	R.Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG. A Voz do Brasil. 2 (CG) + (Méndez)
15375	Feb23	0722	Fu Hsing BS; on 15375 (a frequency I rarely hear!) // 9774, with 9410 blocked by BBC. (Ron Howard, California)
15420	Feb21	0921	FEBC, Bocaue, Minangkabau language, comments, songs. (Méndez)
15476U	Feb25	2100	LRA36 continued from last report. Stayed on past 2100 and widely reported via remotes and direct to various parts of N America. Seems mostly music and talk segments repetitious of what we've heard before. At 2255 with some hum on the audio. Then at 0017 Sun Feb 26 I can report: <i>Recheck at 0000, I'm finally getting LRA36 direct, S3/S5 barely above the noise level, mostly music on 15476-USB. From their rough scheduling probably not on much longer tonight. Still at 0016. It would take too much research to find when I last logged them direct, but it's been years. Glenn, OK</i>
			Continued monitoring direct and at least a JBA signal remained at 0030, 0100, 0131, 0146; ID at 0156 saying they are playing Argentine music; still at 0230, but finally off at 0300*. Walt Salmaniw recorded the closing when they said next broadcast would be Wednesday at 21. Walt is thrilled with how well it gets into his remote at Masset BC. I point out, that far west, it's almost all Pacific Oceanic path, missing Chile and Mexico, just ultimately crossing California and Oregon. Hope they stay with evening rather than morning emissions, for better propagation and convenience (Glenn Hauser, OK, WOR) + (AP-DNK)
15700	Feb21	1231	World Music R. Mx & songs. // 25800 rtd. 25442. 1 (CGS)
15720	Feb25	2142	R.NZPacific, Rangitaiki. E, interview on depression. 3 (CG) + (TB)
15770	Feb21	2115	Radio Miami Int. Okeechobee, many ids, songs, English, fair good (Bernardini)
25800	Feb20	1032	World Music R, Mårslet. Mx & songs. 3 (CGS) + (Méndez)

CLANDESTINE & TARGET BROADCASTING

3910	Mar2	2203	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CG)
3930	Mar2	2202	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. 1 (CG)
3945	Mar3	2205	R.Echo Of Unification (cland.), Chongjin. Kor to KOR, tks, mx & songs. 2 (CG)
3985	Feb26	1126	Echo of Hope - VOH, heard on 3985 // 4885 // 5995 // 6250 // 6350 // 9100 kHz. from starting at 1126 to finishing at 1150, started and ended with the usual theme music, for the weekend only program of the English language lesson with the reading of a portion of Chapter 12 of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," along with lengthy explanations in Korean. Same program was heard earlier (0726-0750 UT) on three frequencies (4885 [Brazil QRM] // 6250 // 9100 [both jammed]) and their signature foghorn at 0803. Still with a four hour program loop. 1126 - Starting with "he was missing, too, from Important Modern Magical Discoveries, and A Study of Recent Developments in Wizardry. And then, of course, there was the sheer size of the library; tens of thousands of books; thousands of shelves; hundreds of narrow rows . . ."; the usual good reception at 1126, while earlier was jammed; my audio - https://app.box.com/s/h98sm6yyyb9p3di3objzs0td6x879bus . I always enjoy listening to this program on the weekend! (Ron Howard, California) + (CGS)
4450	Feb18	2205	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. CODAR QRM. 2 (CGS)
4885	Mar1	2206	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Nowong-gu. Kor to KRE, tks, mx. Jammed. QRM de B too. 2 (CG) + (AP-DNK)
5920			Voice of Freedom, 1215 UT, on Feb 24; "Ingwon baloalgi" (Getting to know human rights); drama and music; no jamming. My seven minute audio - . (Ron Howard, California)
6250	Mar1	2210	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, pops. 3 (CG)
6340.2	Mar2	2205	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CG)
6350	Feb26	1801	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, songs. Occ. uty. QRM. 2 (CG)
6520	Mar1	2212	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed 2 (CG)
6600	Feb18	1733	Voice Of The People (cland.), Goyang. Kor to KRE, tks. Jammed. 2 (CGS)
6970.1	Mar2	2207	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CG)
7810.1	Mar1	2239	Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CG)
9100	Mar1	2218	R.Echo Of Hope (cland.), Hwaseong. Kor to KRE, tks, pops. 3 (CG)

9180.1 Mar1 2221 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 2 (CG)
 9300 Feb19 2245 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CGS)
 9970 Feb27 2204 Sound Of Hope R Int'l., unk. site. Mand to CHN, tks. 1 (CG)

VOLMET & UTILITY STATIONS

3485 Mar2 *2220- VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 2 (CG)
 6507 Feb28 1906 VMC Marine Weather Station, Charleville QLD. Wx warnings (p). 1 (CG)
 6604 Mar2 *2220- VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 3 (CG)
 6676 Feb24 1903 VKA-930 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT? Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 6676 Mar3 -2151* ARA Karachi Volmet. Met rpt. QRM de SNG Volmet 2150-2151. 2 (CG)
 6676 Mar3 *2150 9VA-40 Singapore Volmet. Met rpt. QRM de PAK Volmet 2150-2150. 2 (CG)
 6679 Mar3 2146 VRK Hong Kong Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 8113 Mar1 2237 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 1 (CG)
 8812U Feb24 *1235- VISHIPEL (Vietnam Maritime Communications and Electronics LLC) coastal station (site?); one of the many marine coastal stations; in Vietnamese; segment started with tones, then marine forecast; *1235-1237*, in English; somewhat readable; "Weather information for South China coastal waters provided by the Hong Kong observatory. Area forecast for the next 24 hours. Outlook for the following 48 hours. End of Broadcast." Later on 8812-USB, assume a VISHIPEL station, 1330+, on Feb 24; music and announcer in Vietnamese; seems NOT to be related to weather info? Site? (Ron Howard, California)
 8828 Feb19 1053 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CGS)
 10051 Feb18 2226 VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 3 (CGS)
 11387 Feb21 -1044* HSD Bangkok Volmet. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
 11387 Mar1 -2235* VKA-931 Australian Volmet, Alice Springs NT? Met rpt. 1 (CG)
 12362 Mar1 2236 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 2 (CG)
 13270 Feb21 1225 VFG Gander Volmet, NL. Met rpt. 2 (CGS)
 13282 Feb21 1723 ZKAK Auckland Volmet. Met rpt. 1 (CGS)
 15034 Mar2 *2214- CHR Trenton Volmet, NL Met rpt. 2 (CG)
 16531 Feb22 0935 VMW Marine Weather Station, Wiluna WA. Wx warnings. 3 (CGS)

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Station news

GUATEMALA. {Slightly enhanced Google translation}

Re: [WOR] Radio Verdad Internacional test Tue 22z

"We need to be ready from 22:00 UTC (4:00 {p.m.} Guatemala). I can't be sure about the exact time the transmission will start, because the Technicians and Engineers will be making all the previous connections of the equipment. But the broadcast will be long, like 12 consecutive hours, in part to see if the equipment can handle it and not get hot.

After this test in Guatemala City, we will have to move all the equipment to the city of Chiquimula, install everything again, and do the final tests, until the new Radio Verdad Internacional is inaugurated, via satellite. The signal is expected to come through strong and clear. We await your reports, preferably with recorded reports.

It has been a great struggle for 6 years, but I think that now we have finally triumphed, because 4 days ago we did a test transmission for 3 and a half hours, and we received an excellent report from China. We will reach Central America, Mexico, the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Thank God and the efforts of our Engineers.

{I already pointed out the inconsistencies in the China report, notably said via remote in CHILE, and far from the alleged time - gh}

When we inaugurate the new International Truth Radio, via satellite, we are going to announce all the instructions and

explain how this new invention works. This is the same project that, initially, was called "Radio Verdad Transmundial", about which we received many excellent reports, but Radio Transmundial opposed us, and forced us to change its name, despite the fact that the law was on our side.

Thank you, God bless and keep you.

Dr. Edgar Amílcar Madrid, Radio Truth International, Chiquimula, Guatemala, C.A."
(via WOR)

APOLOGIES: We apologize to all of you. We could not go on the air yesterday with Radio Verdad Internacional, because Network Transmissions cut off our channel, because we have not paid them the last Q.1,400.00. We hope that the channel will be opened for us later, to make the last test transmission, before moving all the equipment to the city of Chiquimula. Be aware.

(Dr. Edgar Amílcar Madrid via WOR)

KOREA SOUTH. Echo of Hope - VOH, 3985 // 4885 // 5995 // 6250 // 6350 // 9100, at 1136 UT, March 4 (Saturday); the weekend only program of the English language lesson with the continued reading of a portion of Chapter 12 of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," along with lengthy explanations in Korean; as usual 9100 with very good reception (not jammed). Has been about seven weeks now since VOH last changed any frequencies!

Voice of the People remains with their long standing unchanged frequencies on 3480 // 3910 // 3930 // 4450 // 4560 // 6520 // 6600, at 1105, March 4.

Voice of Freedom, on 5920 kHz., on March 4, with fairly good reception:

1115 UT - "Dodbogilo boneun sesang" (The world through a magnifying glasses)

1130 - "Aneun geos-i him-ida" (Knowing is power)

1200 - The usual single tone; then "Jayu-e solibangsang-eseo bam 9 (ahob) sileul allyeodeulibnida" (In English - Voice of Freedom has announced 9pm); nice singing station jingle - "jinsil-e soli, huimang-e soli, jayu-e soli bangsong!" (Voice of Truth, Voice of Hope, Voice of Freedom broadcast); then the "Bodo gwangjang" (News Plaza) segment. (Ron Howard, California)

USA. Radio Angela. Greek Music Refuge plus agenda for March '23

Frequency: **5130 kHz**. Program times: GMR 0330z & D&B 0450z

Mar 4: we will air songs of the lesser known singer Katerina Kanari with her very distinctive and heavily twisted voice. This is your curators second fav singer by time. The singer is mostly known singing songs for festivities. Voiceovers include more info for each song.

- Mar 11: will be the second part of the program with very recent singers (20+ and above)
- UPD Mar 18: here is a program update with songs of the pre war period. This is a upon requests program for several people asking song of 50s.
- Mar 24: Dangdut and Beyond includes main songs from 3 sexy indonesian female singers. One of them is today juror in song contests.
- UPD Mar 25: Xarhakos will be featured. He is one of the most known composers of the 60s and after. pop and folk songs of the era*.

The random music program is shifted for the next month. For both programs GMR & D&B (Zacharias Liangas, The music programmer)

VANUATU.

[WOR] Fw: [bdxc-news] Radio Vanuatu changing frequencies

No trace on Radio Vanuatu on 7260 kHz when I checked this morning (3 March) around 0800 UTC on the Brisbane KiwiSDR. Gary Pence confirmed this on the World of Radio iog whilst using the Half Moon Bay KiwiSDR in California at 0939, but he detected a weak carrier on 3945 kHz, a stronger S7 carrier on 7890 kHz (the second harmonic) and S5 carrier with weak or no audio on 11835 kHz (the third harmonic). I had also noted that carrier on 11835 kHz.

This evening (3 March), first checked on the Brisbane KiwiSDR at 1855 UTC and found nothing on 7260 kHz, but there was a carrier with no audio on 5040 kHz, one of their alternative frequencies. The live stream had no audio at 1855 but sprung into life at 1901, news reports and emergency reports followed in Bislama from which it was easy to determine that the situation was/is quite serious as the BBC News report implied (see Mike's earlier post)

A reminder of the live stream: <https://www.vbtc.vu/en/listen-online-2/>

(73's Tony Rogers via WOR groups.io)



Other radio news

[WOR] A BBC monitoring station that listened in on the world is being sold.

<https://archive.ph/Bk7Ei> The Economist, Feb 20th 2023



Picture shows - Staff in the office at work in BBC Monitoring, Caversham Park

Eavesdropping on the airwaves was a habit that was slow to begin in Britain, but by 1943 BBC Monitoring was operating in earnest at Caversham Park. Now the radios have fallen silent. A BBC monitoring station that listened in on the world is being sold.

The end of the Cuban missile crisis was first heard in a country house in Berkshire.

The denouement was undramatic. The Cuban missile crisis in 1962 might have begun with public declarations from President John Kennedy and the threat of nuclear annihilation for all, but its conclusion was much more muted. The West first realised that the end was not nigh after all when, in a charming country house in Berkshire

in south-east England, a translator working for the BBC put on a pair of headphones, tuned in to Radio Moscow and listened as Nikita Khrushchev's climbdown began.

The wars of the 20th century offered two main ways for enemy nations to understand what the other was up to. One was to use secret agents and tradecraft and derring-do. The other was to switch on the radio and let that nation simply tell you, sometimes twice daily, often with nice music in between. The radio led to few thrills and fewer thrillers (not many novels star a protagonist sitting in headphones for eight hours a day) but it still mattered. Joseph Goebbels was convinced that his department had been infiltrated by a spy; in truth, British translators had just been listening to Nazi broadcasts each morning.

Eavesdropping on the airwaves was a habit that was slow to begin in Britain. An initial government department, set up at the start of the second world war, comprised three people, one of whom first taught his junior to make tea properly. But it was the BBC, which started its own service at around the same time, that won out.

By 1943 BBC Monitoring—the branch of the broadcaster that doesn't speak but listens—was operating in earnest. It took up residence in Caversham Park, bringing with it radios and receivers, typewriters and teleprinters, and numerous refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe to act as monitors. They set about building Babel by a lake in Berkshire—and then they set about translating it. Over the years that followed the reports they produced were used by the BBC itself, by other news agencies and by wartime and peacetime governments.

The radios have now fallen silent; the monitors have moved elsewhere (mainly to London); and Caversham Park itself is about to be sold to be turned into swanky retirement flats. The legacy remains, however. Over the static of the radio and the taka-taka of the teleprinters, the broadcasts of 40-odd countries were listened to by (at one point) 150-odd staff who produced briefings of half a million words daily, amounting to 15m pages of transcripts over eight decades.

They include some of the scoops of the century: Khrushchev's Cuban climbdown; the first, confused reports of the Chernobyl disaster in 1984; and the proclamation of the fatwa against Salman Rushdie in 1989. ("Hold on," the duty editor said to his Persian monitor, "what the fuck is a fatwa?") Monitoring of the most important broadcasts was a group effort, with speeches split into sections and given to different translators. The divisions on Khrushchev's speech can, like a game of thermonuclear consequences, still be seen.

But Babels can cause problems—in wartime Britain as in the Bible. At an early incarnation of the monitoring station, in Worcestershire, the natives were variously alarmed by female monitors (who wore trousers); Russian ones (who wore Astrakhan coats); and Scandinavian ones (who wore nothing at all in front of their bedroom windows). The monitors were in turn unnerved by their British colleagues' language skills, which had in the 1940s led them to believe that Hitler was about to invade Portugal (as a Hungarian translator calmly pointed out, he wasn't).

BBC Monitoring still exists but, in the internet era, its purpose is less obvious, its uniqueness diminished. Its importance had already faded with the collapse of communism—which, naturally, it also listened in on. On the evening of November 9th 1989 a teleprinter spat out a message about increasing freedom of movement in Berlin. A German monitor tore it off, read it and said: "That's it." Hours later the Berlin Wall started to fall.

(via David Cole)

Soviet audio equipment in the cinema.

In the wonderful comedy "Three plus two" of 1963, in different episodes, you can see the radio receiver, "Gauja", which has a special place in the film. In some places, you might even think that this is an intentional advertisement. Since 1961, the Gauja radio receiver has been produced by the Popov Riga Radio Plant. This small-sized radio receiver was one of the first, among other portable receivers, released by the domestic industry in the early 60s. The receiver received its name in honor of the river of the same name, which flows through the whole of Latvia. Radio "Gauja" was filmed not only in the cult film "Three plus Two", but also in other films of Soviet films.

(<https://music-vintage.ru/news/306> & <https://music-vintage.ru/news/146>)

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For a long time, one of the most significant achievements of the Soviet radio industry was considered the transistor radio receiver "Speedola", produced since the early 1960s at the VEF Riga plant.

The developers of the radio receiver were two engineers who worked at the VEF plant at that time, Janis Cerps and Uldis Briedis. It is possible that the receiver would have remained in a single version and would not have gone into mass production if, at the beginning of 1960, the VEF plant had not encountered the problem of the illiquidity of tube radios. Warehouses were filled with bulky lamp devices that simply did not want to buy, wanting to find something more compact and convenient. And then the engineers showed their "Speedola" to the management, which, after its release, caused an unprecedented demand among the population.

After Speedola, the Baltic radio industry for a long time secured fame throughout the Union as the best manufacturers of consumer electronics.

"Speedola" was even exported to the UK, albeit under a different brand - Convair, but still, in fact, it was the Soviet "Speedola".

The choice of name for the transistor portable radio was quite extravagant. According to Latvian mythology, "Spidola" is the name of a witch who was quite a beautiful woman, but personified evil forces in Andrey Pumpur's Latvian epic about Lachplēsis.

Without a receiver, it was difficult to imagine a middle-class person of that time. Listening to "Speedola" was not only convenient, but also stylish. Even in a number of Soviet movie hits, such as "Prisoner of the Caucasus", "Mistake of the Resident" and even later "Love and Pigeons", the radio receiver "Speedola" constantly appears in the frame, complementing the image of one or another movie character.

(<https://music-vintage.ru/news/74>)

(RUS-DX #1226)

[WOR] WRTH: disappointment, so many glaring errors

From: Dan Goldfarb, Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2023, 18:45 UTC

In this month's MWN I was immediately drawn to the excellent review written by Jack Weber.

Using the WRTH arm of Facebook I have been mounting a one man campaign to relay message to Günter and the other editors to "get their act together."

Inevitably the WRTH Facebook page has been flooded with posts either praising the publishers for actually getting the bulky volume to their QTH or bemoaning the fact that the publication has seemingly failed to reach their corner of the planet.

Once they get the book I invite them all to look inside it.

So many glaring errors! Page 684 is the start of what is supposed to be the "East Asia and Pacific" part of the AM frequency list. One problem - every AM station inside the Oceania area is missed off!

Another problem is the sheer lack of consistency within the Countries section. Some start with FM. Others start with AM. No logic at all. Jack has already highlighted another annoyance - the mixture of FM and AM within lists of frequencies where the title is FM (MHz)! I humbly suggest that Long Wave and Medium Wave should always come at the front - if they are still used.

My final gripe is that not a single night power is given. An unforgivable sin since in North America wonderfully low wattages are used at night.

Fear not - every one of my points has been made directly to the WRTH team by email.

I think that I am certainly earning my stripes as a long standing major contributor to WRTH. By the way even those many key DXers have been renamed "Members of our Hall of Fame"

(73 and 88 Dan Goldfarb, MWCircle iog)

International broadcasting, History, Radio.

Will the short-wave "golden age" of foreign broadcasting in Russian be repeated (Part One)

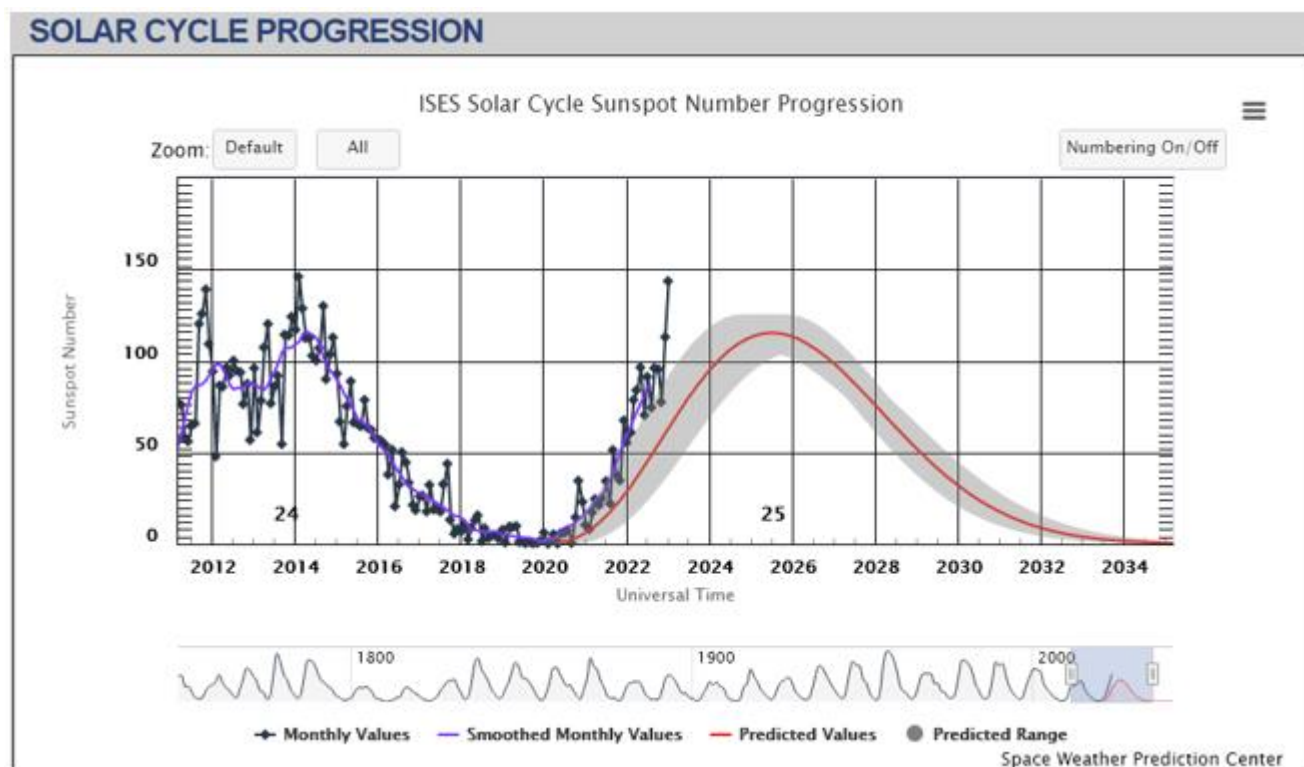
Details in Russian - (<https://obob.tv/radioveshhanie/povtoritsya-li-korotkovolnovyy-zolo/>) (<https://obob.tv/>)

(RUS-DX #1227)

Sunspot Counts Hit a 9-Year High

"In a continued sign of strength for Solar Cycle 25, monthly sunspot counts just hit a 9-year high. Current trends suggest that Solar Cycle 25 might soon surpass old Solar Cycle 24 en route to an unexpectedly strong Solar Maximum next year.

The plot as attached above from NOAA shows how the monthly sunspot number skyrocketed in January 2023.



The President signed the law on the state language of the Russian Federation.

On February 28, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law amending the Federal Law "On the state language of the Russian Federation."

According to the amendments, the Russian language should be used as the state language in a number of areas: education, state and municipal information systems, information for consumers of goods, works and services, as well as in official correspondence of organizations of all forms of ownership with citizens. In these cases, the use of foreign borrowings is unacceptable if they have commonly used analogues in the Russian language.

The norms of the modern Russian language will be fixed in standard dictionaries, grammars and reference books.

Details in Russian - <https://www.cableman.ru/content/prezident-podpisa-zakon-o-gosudarstvennom-yazyke-rf> (<https://www.cableman.ru/news>)

(RUS-DX #1227)

National NC 2-40D

The National NC-2-40D is a single conversion (IF 455 kHz) general coverage shortwave receiver that tunes: 0.48-1.04, .92-2.1, 1.68-4.05, 3.4-4.05, 3.4-7.4, 6.9-7.35, 6.65-14.6, 13.8-14.46, 13.9-31 and 26.9-30.05 MHz.

Bandspread on 10, 11, 20, 40 and 80 m amateur bands.

Features include: 1" headphone jack, S-Meter, antenna trimmer, RF Gain control, dial lamp, phono input, circular logging scale, noise limiter, mute, tone control and hinged top cover. Five selectable bandwidths: 6, 4, 2, 1, 0.2 kHz.

Dimensions (W*H*D): Table version:

489*279*305 mm. Weight: 27.2 Kg

Manufactured in USA, 1946-1949. The first production run featured a round S-meter while later sported a square one. New price 1947 in the US: \$241.44.



DX nostalgia by RFK

Time for another edition of DX nostalgia. Although we have just shown a small part of the collections of some of Sweden's top DX-ers and we still have loads of material left in would indeed be interesting to see some of your own QSLs. So why don't you mail a couple of scans to info @ rock.x.se ? Your contributions are always welcome. It can be anything related to broadcast DX-ing, like QSL cards, clippings, memorabilia – whatever you can think of. Maybe you have a short story connected with some of your QSLs? What was the first broadcasting station you ever reported? Any special memories of the logging? Please let us hear from you.

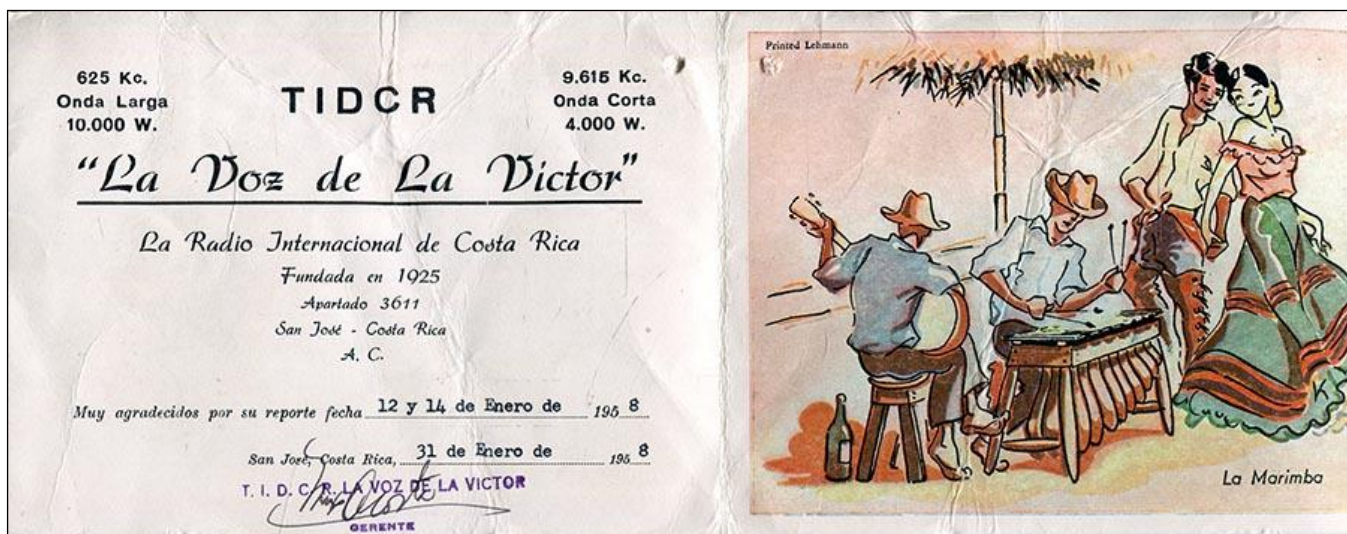
Before we had the Internet many of used to tune in to this station to get up to date information regarding solar activity which of course is very interesting for a DX-er. These "geophysical alerts" were about to be discontinued in 2011 but this decision was retracted and these reports from the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) kept on to be broadcast on SW at 18 minutes past the hour.

WWV is located near Fort Collins, Colorado and was established already in 1919 by the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. Originally located in Maryland it moved to the present site in 1966. The services provided by the station can be seen listed on the QSL card below received by Lars Rydén LR in 1953. Both WWV and LR are still active on the bands.

Station WWVH in Kauai, Hawaii provides a similar service since 1948 and shares the frequencies of 2500, 5000, 10000 and 15000 kHz with WWV. In order to avoid interference between the two stations the antennas of WWVH are beamed west but still it happens that due to ionospheric conditions both stations can be received on the same frequency at the same time. This is especially common on the west coast of North America. In order to avoid confusion the two stations use different voices for their announcements. WWV uses a male voice and WWVH a female voice. The voice on WWVH is that of voice actress and singer Jane Barbe (1928-2003). Her voice is known from several commercials, voice-overs and voice mail systems.



The nation of Costa Rica have housed several SW stations over the years and many of them were heard well over large distances. LR received this QSL folder from La Voz de la Victor – “La Radio Internacional de Costa Rica” in 1958.



The photo below comes from the Facebook group Clásicos de Costa Rica and shows radio pioneer Francisco Montero in the studio of La Voz de la Victor.



A pre-revolution Cuban QSL card which Lars Rydén LR received in 1958.

CIRCUITO NACIONAL CUBANO

PINAR DEL RIO	CMAN	840 KC.	1.000 W
HABANA	CMW	590 KC.	25.000 W
..	COCY	11.740 KC.	1.000 W
MATANZAS	CMGF	930 KC.	250 W
JOVELLANOS	CMGN	960 KC.	500 W
SANTA CLARA	CMHI	570 KC.	10.000 W
CIEGO DE AVILA	CMJM	840 KC.	500 W
CAMAGUEY	CMJN	960 KC.	5.000 W
HOLGUIN	CMKV	600 KC.	10.000 W
STGO. DE CUBA	CMKN	930 KC.	1.000 W
GUANTANAMO	CMDN	1.110 KC.	250 W

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REPORT OF Director Técnico.-

Here is another Cuban QSL from the collection of Lars Rydén. The owner of Circuito CMQ, Goar Mestre, was a Cuban-Argentine businessman who owned several radio stations plus a large number of companies in other fields.

CIRCUITO CMQ

PINAR DEL RIO	CMAQ	920 KC.	1.000 W
HABANA	CMQ	630 KC.	25.000 W
..	COCQ	8.825 KC.	5.000 W
SANTA CLARA	CMHQ	640 KC.	15.000 W
CAMAGÜEY	CMJL	920 KC.	10.000 W
HOLGUIN	CMKJ	730 KC.	10.000 W
SANTIAGO	CMKU	850 KC.	2.000 W

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CMQ NETWORK GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR
 REPORTE DE ESTA FECHA: Noviembre 16, 1952.
REPORT OF:

Below a 1950s photo of the radio centre of CMQ in Habana, Cuba.



Station COKG Cadena Oriental de Radio verified LR:s 1953 report by this postcard showing the Morro Castle at Santiago de Cuba. The station was received on 8955 kHz. Don't hesitate to send your contributions to DX nostalgia – they are highly welcome. QSLs, clippings, photos, radio memorabilia and so on. Please mail me at info@rock.x.se. Take care and stay safe. 73 & GOOD DX

