

British DX Club - Sheigra DXpedition Report

7th to 20th March 2015 - with Dave Kenny & Alan Pennington



Sheigra ("peaceful valley"), Sutherland, North West Scotland.

Receivers

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AOR AR 7030 Plus and Palstar pre-amp
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Aerials (long-wire Beverages use 7-strand 0.2mm wire supported on 4-5ft bamboo canes)

No 1 - 260 degrees	500m Beverage - terminated	Caribbean, Central & South America
No 2 - 300 degrees	500m Beverage - terminated	North America
No 3 - 340/170 deg	300m Beverage - un-terminated	UK & Africa + general SW reception
No 4 - 50 degrees	500m Beverage - terminated	Far East & SE Asia

We'd not been up to Sheigra in the month of March since 2002, as most DXpeditions have traditionally taken place in October or November. But this tiny crofting village in the far north-western corner of the Scottish mainland is always a draw for DXing or just to enjoy the wild open landscape. So, although very late in the MW DX season, we decided to chance a two-week DXpedition in March, ending on the day of a solar eclipse. Tony Rogers was unable to make this DXpedition, so just the two of us made the long drive north, for what records say is the 55th DXpedition to Sheigra. We certainly missed the extra pair of hands putting up and taking down the long Beverage aerials! Our DX base for both weeks was Murdo's cottage, a traditional crofters style house which we had used for the first time on the last Sheigra DXpedition in October 2013, and is more favourably sited for erecting aerials targeting the Americas. It was pretty wet and windy by the time we arrived in Sheigra on Saturday afternoon, so we just put up the initial lengths of our four Beverages to the croft fence, before retreating to the cottage to warm up and dry out. All four aerials were completed the next day (Sunday), but the Met Office warned of 80mph winds on the Monday night. Our Beverage wires, which are supported on garden canes, are usually flexible enough to survive the high winds which are common on the Sutherland coast. But after the gale arrived on Monday evening, a test at the cottage showed the North American aerial had already broken somewhere, and it was too dangerously windy to venture out into the wild dark night to search for and fix the break. We were relieved the following day to find the cottage had suffered no damage, despite the tremendous gusts and noises from the cottage roof during the night. And, just as important for DXing, the power was still on! However, walking up the 300° North American aerial revealed that the wire had been completely wrecked in the final exposed stretch which runs from a hilltop to the cliff tops, broken in

at least 8 places. Rather than unravel the mess of wire we found, it was replaced with a new length, in the hope that the previous night's storm would not be repeated.



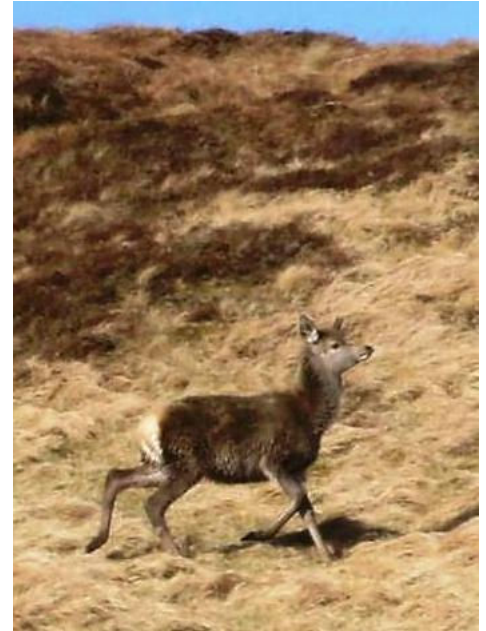
left: morning after the storm - Alan with wrecked North American Beverage wire.

Driving later to Kinlochbervie, we saw enroute that the telephone box at nearby Blairmore had been blown over and smashed, such had been the strength of the wind the previous night!

There were some more windy days in that first week, but none as bad as that Monday night, and from Friday 13th onwards, we were very lucky with the weather, with lots of sunshine and blue skies. Nice enough weather to sit outside the cottage, or stroll

down to the deserted sandy beaches at Sheigra and nearby Polin and Oldshoremore. Though plans for longer walks had to be shelved as Alan had suffered a torn ligament putting up the aerials on the first weekend.

We've also reported damage to our aerials from deer on past DXpeditions, but despite seeing lots of deer when driving up along the single track road from Lairg to Laxford Bridge, in Sheigra itself we only saw one fairly tame lone doe (photo right). Maybe rutting deer in the autumn are the ones more liable to damage our aerials? Likewise, the sheep, some soon to be lambing, paid little attention to our aerials, though liked to follow us along the aerials in the hope we had some feed for them!



Having not anticipated much on medium wave so late in the season (and in a season which has not been particularly good for MW DXing) we were pleasantly surprised to find quite lively reception from Atlantic Canada (fade-in around 2130 UTC) and East Coast USA, especially New England (around 2300), including some low powered stations and a number of Sheigra "firsts". Highlight on 13th March was hearing Virginia Dept of Transport Highway Advisory Radio on 1680 kHz – a low power 10 Watt traffic information station! Morning reception was mainly from Central and Latin America, with fade-out around 0930 - stations from Cuba and Florida often being the last to fade out. Nothing much was heard from further west in North America, but that would not be expected at this time of year and at this point in the solar cycle. Afternoon fade-in was typically around 1600 UTC when we had about an hour of interesting reception from Asia and the Middle East before these weak signals were swamped out by stronger European stations. Shortwave was generally quite poor, although a few stations from Peru and Bolivia were logged on 8th and 9th. Conditions changed dramatically on 17th when we were also fortunate to see an aurora – albeit partly obscured by cloud – after which



the MW band was only open to signals from much further south – mainly Brazil and Argentina; the SW band was also disturbed with only a few African signals being enhanced. We were pleased that the auroral conditions also gave us enhanced reception of a couple of Nigerian MW stations (594 Kaduna and 917 Gotel) from off the back of our 340 degree unterminated wire.

The final morning before aerals were dismantled (20th) saw disappointing poor reception of just a few LA stations with an early fade out. This was the day of the much anticipated partial solar eclipse and in the far north west tip of Scotland at Sheigra, more than 97% of the sun's disc was obscured. At the time of maximum obscurity (09.39 UTC), despite a lot of

fast moving cloud, we were still able to view the sun's disc in the blue patches and through thinner cloud edges using the solar glasses saved from the August 1999 eclipse. But what effect did the eclipse have on radio reception? We had noticed stronger reception of Spanish stations on medium wave as the eclipse tracked towards us that morning. But we noticed no reappearance of reception from the Americas on medium wave, which had been poor that morning anyhow. On shortwave Canada 6070 kHz and Ecuador 6050 kHz seemed stronger for a while – was this due to the eclipse? On 531 kHz, the Faroe Islands station is always a huge signal in Sheigra, so could be no indicator of the eclipse's effect on reception. But we did monitor 1485 kHz for a period around 10.10 UTC on our northerly aerial in the hope that the 100% eclipse on the islands of Svalbard would enable signals from the 1 kW NRK station at Longyearbyen to rise above the European mix on this channel – but sadly not a trace was heard, although the NRK longwave transmitter on 153 kHz peaked strongly during the eclipse.

Overall, we were not disappointed with a good varied mix of logs and reception conditions during the fortnight, given the time of year and position in the solar cycle. The space to put up long aerals and the lower interference levels at Sheigra means we can always rely on hearing lots more than at home! Our medium wave logs are below, followed by a selection of our shortwave logs.

Logs believed to be “Sheigra Firsts” are highlighted in bold (* indicates UK first).

MEDIUM WAVE LOGS

AFRICA

594	2255	17/03	FRCN Jaji, Nigeria	“Radio Nigeria Kaduna” ID, VV, -2301* //6089.9
819	1830	11/03	Egyptian R, Batra	well known ERTU signature tune.
917	2200	17/03	R Gotel, Yola, Nigeria	News in EE, “Radio Gotel News”, “Adamawa State”, audible until past 0030 UTC.
927	1920	14/03	RTA, Timimoun, Algeria	YL French ID “Radio Algerienne”
1422	1806	19/03	RTA, Ouled Fayet, Algeria	French/Arabic talk about terrorism
1530	2125	19/03	VOA Sao Tome	Rap mx – DJ Rap // 6080
1550	2308	14/03	RASD, Tindouf, Algeria	distinctive Saharan music, fq 1550.04
1566	2110	19/03	TWR Benin	French ID, “Doctor Luke” px. s/off anthem 2230.

ASIA / MIDDLE EAST

558	1700	16/03	Xinjiang PBS, Hutubi, China	Uighur service // 3990, 6120.
576*	2155	09/03	IRIB, Maku, Iran	Talk Farsi // 1467, 1476
585 *	1658	09/03	R Pakistan, Islamabad.	Talk in pres Urdu, pips, ID 1700, nx (new tx)
594	2038	10/03	IRIB Shiraz, Iran	YL nx in Farsi // 1476 etc
594	1915	09/03	UNID Asian (Thailand?)	Ethnic singing, ad for Budweiser(?) talks in possible Thai or SE Asian minorities language
603	1636	09/03	CRI, Dofang, China	CRI Vietnamese // 6010
648	1733	08/03	AIR Indore A, India	AIR EE news, “Ye Akashvani Indore”, -1740*
684	1707	15/03	IRIB Masshad, Iran	talk in Farsi, strident song @ 1713.
702	1720	14/03	IRIB Kiashahr, Iran	IRIB sig tune, start of Talysh programme.
738	1722	08/03	Xinjiang PBS, Hutubi, China	CC svc // 5960
765	2220	18/03	IRIB, Shahr-e Kord, Iran.	R Iran in Farsi // 927, 1512

765	2225	18/03	IRIB Chabahar, Iran	VIRI Arabic svc ID "Huna Tehran", // 6060
783	2240	18/03	Rep. of Syria R, Damascus.	AA music concert, ID 2254 "Huna Dimasq..."
819	1708	08/03	AIR, New Delhi, India	sitar mx // 1134 etc
918	1705	08/03	AIR Suratgarh, India	sitar mx // 1134 etc
927	1725	08/03	NHK relay, Dushanbe, Tajikistan	R Japan Urdu px mentions NHK Urdu web site
927	2130	18/03	IRIB Dorud, Iran	R Iran YL Farsi // 1512
936	2349	19/03	IRIB Urumiyah, Iran	Farsi // 1512 etc
1071	1712	08/03	AIR Rajkot, India	Urdu service // SW 6155
1071	2352	19/03	R Al-Nourt, Tartus, Syria.	YL ID, mx
1098	1610	09/03	RTI, Kouhou, Taiwan	CC talk // 7385 (under CNR 1 jamming)
1134	1700	08/03	AIR, Chinsurah, India	Sitar mx // 918 etc
1143*	1708	10/03	AIR Rohtak, India	Vivdh Bharati svce; 1730: news, ID. -1740*
1188	2250	08/03	IRIB Tehran, Iran	Mx, nx Farsi. R Payam ID
1296	1625	09/03	IBB via Kabul, Afghanistan	Ashna R Dari // 9900, 12140 kHz
1323	1805	19/03	BBC WS, Zyyi, Cyprus.	BBC WS news, EE // 6195
1395	1730	10/03	AIR Bikanar, India	ID, news in EE // 4880,648 etc
1449	1640	12/03	IRIB, Bandar-e-Torkamen	VIRI Turkmen svc.
1467	1627	10/03	TWR via Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	Pashto px, s/off with website, TWR IS. -1630*
1467.34	1745	09/03	IRIB Qom, Iran	YL/OM in Farsi
1476.26	2058	09/03	IRIB Marivan, Iran	Talk in Farsi // 1467
1503	1640	12/03	IRIB Bueshehr, Iran	Radio Iran ID, YL nx Farsi
1512	2058	10/03	IRIB Ardabil, Iran	News in Farsi // 1476. 1467 etc
1521	1625	08/03	CRI, Xinjiang, China	CRI Russian // 7215. ID "Radio Chitaya"
1539	1700	09/03	CNR1 Geemu, China	time pips, CC YL //7385 kHz
1575	1615	09/03	VOA via Bangkok, Thailand	VOA Bengali service. News, ID.

NORTH AMERICA

540	0832	09/03	CBT	Grand Falls	NL	'Central Newfoundland morning show'
560	0810	15/03	WGAN	Portland	ME	'AM560 FM105.5 FM News radio WGAN'
570	2317	09/03	CFCB	Corner Brook	NL	VOCM // 590
580	0800	11/03	CFRA	Ottawa	ON	"CFRA morning news"
590	0736	10/03	VOCM	St John's	NL	"weekdays on 590 VOCM"
600	0756	11/03	CBNA	St Anthony	NL	CBC Radio 1 ID // 1400
610	0918	17/03	WIOD	Miami	FL	"News radio six ten WIOD"
620	2319	09/03	CKCM	Grand Falls-Windsor	NL	VOCM // 590
640	2315	09/03	CBN	St Johns	NL	CBC R 1 // 540, 1140, 1400
650	0850	09/03	CKGA	Gander	NL	VOCM IDs, mx
650	1725	19/03	KNR	Qeqertarsuaq, Greenland		good peak, discussion in Greenlandic
660	0755	12/03	WFAN	New York	NY	"Sports Radio 660 The Fan"
680	0733	15/03	CFTR	Toronto	ON	"680 News time 3.33" Toronto traffic rpt
710	0014	11/03	CKVO	Clareville	NL	promo: "VOCM presents the 8am news"
730	0749	12/03	CKAC	Montreal	QC	"Radio Circulation" ID, Montreal traffic
740	0743	09/03	CHCM	Marystown	NL	C&W mx //590, "local news now - VOCM"
750	0818	12/03	CBGY	Bonavista Bay	NL	mx, CBC //540 etc
760	0819	15/03	WJR	Detroit	MI	Red Eye Radio, local Michigan adverts.
770	0754	11/03	WABC	New York	NY	ads, canned ID
790	0728	15/03	WPRV	Providence	RI	"... at 9 on AM 790" West Warwick ad.
830	0828	11/03	WCRN	Worcester	MA	"newstalk 830 WRCA Worcester-Boston"
850	0830	15/03	WEEI	Boston	MA	"you're listening to ESPN on WEEI"
850	0835	15/03	WFTL	West Palm Beach	FL	"...only on South Florida's 850 WFTL"
880	0858	12/03	WCBS	New York	NY	"News Radio WCBS New York"
930	2203	08/03	CJYQ	St Johns	NL	"This is Newfoundland-Labrador" mx.
930	0917	16/03	CFCB	St John	NB	"country favourites ... on 93 CFCB"
950	0921	11/03	CKNB	Campbellton	NB	CKNB weather "6.21 its minus 6 degrees"
960	0745	16/03	WEAV	Plattsburgh	NY	'CBS Sports Radio' "on 960 The Zone"
970	0005	11/03	WZAN	Portland	ME	"Maine's talk radio 970 WZAN"
970	0907	15/03	WFLA	Tampa	FL	"News Radio 9-70, WFLA"
980	0821	16/03	CHRF	Montreal	QC	"AM neuf quatre vingt", "Radio Fierté"
990	0855	12/03	CBY	Corner Brook	NL	CBC Radio 1 nx // 1400

1010	0808	11/03	WINS	New York	NY	"official Ten Ten Wins weather"
1010	0811	11/03	CFRB	Toronto	ON	talk on elections // SW 6070
1020	0830	12/03	KDKA	Pittsburgh	PA	"news radio 10-20 KDKA"
1030	2313	10/03	WBZ	Boston	MA	"WBZee News Radio 10-30"
1050	0826	16/03	WEPN	New York	NY	SS "ESPN Deportes Radio...Nueva York"
1060	0000	16/03	WQOM	Natick	MA	"Station of the Cross...WQOM Natick..."
1060	0858	13/03	WIXC	Titusville	FL	"WIXC Titusville", CBS nx.
1080	0906	12/03	WTIC	Hartford	CT	"WTIC newstime....."
1090	0906	09/03	WBAL	Baltimore	MD	"WBAL News Radio 10-90"
1100	0831	16/03	WTAM	Cleveland	OH	"..News Radio WTAM Eleven Hundred"
1100	2332	14/03	WHLI	Hempstead	NY	'Hits of a Lifetime on 1100 WHLI'
1110	0657	12/03	WBT	Charlotte	NC	"Coast to Coast" "Newstalk 11-10, WBT"
1120	0900	16/03	WBNW	Concord	MA	"WBNW 11-20 AM Concord Boston"
1130	0908	09/03	WBBR	New York	NY	"Bloomberg Radio"
1140	0900	16/03	WQBA	Miami	FL	Spanish talks, ID
1140	2202	08/03	CBI	Sydney	NS	CBC News then World this Weekend.
1170	0906	16/03	WWVA	Wheeling	WV	"News Radio 11-70 WWVA", wx f'cast.
1190	0155	13/03	WLIB	New York	NY	"WLIB 1190 your praise & inspiration station"
1200	2358	10/03	WXKS	Newton	MA	"Bloomberg Radio 1200, 94.5FM HD-2"
1210	2332	09/03	VOAR	St Johns	NL	"VOAR weather", mx
1230	0044	16/03	WCMC	Wildwood	NJ	"Classic Oldies WMID"
1240	0905	17/03	WMMB	Melbourne	FL	WMMB ID, America in the Morning.
1260	0909	13/03	CKHJ	Fredericton	NB	"a little more country.....on KHJ"
1270	0923	09/03	CJCB	Sydney	NS	"Cape Breton's Country 12-70 CJCB"
1290	0909	10/03	WJNO	West Palm Beach	FL	"News Radio 1290 WRNO" traffic, wx
1310	0703	12/03	WLOB	Portland	ME	"Newstalk WLOB" "wlobradio.com"
1330	0706	12/03	WRCA	Watertown	MA	'...Music in the Night on WRCA'
1340	0207	13/03	WMID	Atlantic City	NJ	"AM 13-40 classic oldies WMID"
1350	0817	09/03	WOYK	York	PA	"the sports leader... WOYK"
1350	2234	15/03	CKAD	Middleton	NS	AVR promos
1350	2324	10/03	WINY	Putnam	CT	"on WINY" promo under WOYK
1370	0931	09/03	WDEA	Ellsworth	ME	standards, "AM 13-70 WDEA"
1360	0200	13/03	WDRC	Hartford	CT	legal ID, "Talk of Connecticut"
1380	0001	15/03	CKPC	Brantford	ON	country mx YL "we're CKPC"
1380	0003	15/03	WMYF	Portsmouth	NH	promo/ID "on 1380 WMYF Portsmouth"
1390	0808	15/03	WSPO	Charleston	SC	"13-90 WSPO Charleston", promos
1390	0859	14/03	unid	-	-	"Number 1 inspiration station 13-90 AM"
1390	2240	10/03	WLAN	Lancaster	PA	"News Radio 1390 WLAN" "iHeart Radio"
1390	2240	13/03	WPLM	Plymouth	MA	Boston weather, "Easy 99.1" jingle
1390	2311	13/03	WCAT	Burlington	VT	comedy "...here on I Laugh Radio 13-90"
1400	0820	08/03	CBG	Gander	NL	Canadian national anthem s/on ann
1410	0900	13/03	WPOP	Hartford	CT	"WPOP Hartford Fox Sports Radio 14-10"
1420	0934	09/03	CKDY	Digby	NS	C&W, wx, "go to avrnetwork.com"
1430	0800	15/03	WNSW	Newark	NY	'WNSW Newark, New York City, Relevant Radio 1430".
1430	0900	14/03	WXNT	Indianapolis	IN	legal ID, "Indy's CBS Sports 1430"
1440	0759	11/03	WVEI	Worcester	MA	"home of Boston Red Sox.... 1440 WVEI"
1440	0800	11/03	WRED	Westbrook	ME	"WRED Westbrook..96 FM"
1450	2358	12/03	WPGG	Atlantic City	NJ	"WPG talk radio 1450... wpg1450com"
1470	2319	13/03	WWNN	Pompano Beach	FL	'Golf & Travel' show 'down here in Florida'
1470	2337	10/03	WLAM	Lewiston	ME	"on ...870.... and WLAM 1470". oldies
1480	0903	11/03	WSAR	Fall River	MA	promo "here on WSAR"
1490	2354	15/03	WBSS	Pleasantville	NJ	YL: "Kool 98 3" (simulcast of WTKU)
1500	0828	09/03	WFED	Washington	DC	"Federal News Radio" ID
1510	0900	13/03	WLAC	Nashville	TN	"News radio 1510 WLAC Nashville"
1510	2259	09/03	WMEX	Boston	MA	ads, ID "15-10 WMEX"
1520	0825	14/03	WWKB	Buffalo	NY	"Buffalo's ESPN 1520"
1540	0901	16/03	CHIN	Toronto	ON	"Focus on China", Canadian Real Estate
1540	0935	14/03	KXEL	Waterloo	IA	truck championship ad, 'Red Eye Radio'

1540	2307	10/03	WDCD	Albany	NY	"The new 1540 AM WDCD"
1550	0858	16/03	CBEF	Windsor	ON	toh ann including "ici Radio Canada"
1560	2300	09/03	WFME	New York	NY	Rel px, "Family Radio WFME AM"
1580	0046	11/03	CKDO	Oshawa	ON	cont oldies, "CKDO" between rcds.
1590	0010	15/03	WAKR	Akron	OH	promo ".the best of WAKR"
1590	0855	09/03	WIJK	Ocean City	MD	"WIJK Ocean City, W286BB Ocean Pine 105.1 The Ryde"
1590	2255	10/03	WARV	Warwick	RI	"changing lives WARV Warwick Providence"
1590	2300	15/03	WHGT	Maugansville	MD	FBN relay, ID "...WHGT is a ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church".
1600	0040	13/03	WUNR	Brookline	MA	Irish radio prog. "WUNR Brookline" ID
1630	0133	13/03	WRDW	Augusta	GA	"News talk sports 1630 WRDW Augusta"
1630	0915	14/03	KCJJ	Iowa City	IA	"10,000 watts of a big acoustic power, the Mighty 16-30, KCJJ", rock music evensong@RelevantRadio.com .
1640	0058	11/03	WSJP	Sussex	WI	ESPN "...1490 wx" (relays WXBD 1490)
1640	0059	11/03	WTNI	Biloxi	MS	Punjabi px, "Cina Radio" ID
1650	0000	11/03	CINA	Mississauga	ON	"Radio Shalom Montreal"
1650	0006	11/03	CJRS	Montreal	QC	"AM 1650 WHKT Portsmouth - The Answer"
1650	0758	09/03	WHKT	Portsmouth	VA	"CBS sports radio 16-60"
1660	0833	15/03	WBCN	Charlotte	NC	Korean talk.
1660	2247	10/03	WWRU	Elizabeth	NJ	"Bonjour....Radio Jeunesse". French.
1670	0052	11/03	CJEU	Gatineau	QC	"WPLA Dry Branch - Macon"
1670	2354	13/03	WPLA	Dry Branch	GA	
1680 *	0057	13/03	?	Virginia Dept. of Transport	Highway Advisory R, Hampton Roads VA.	Cont loop with traffic anns, IDs
1680	0101	13/03	WTTM	Lindenwold	NJ	"1680 WTTM Lindenwold - Philadelphia"
1690	0010	11/03	CHTO	Toronto	ON	Nx in Greek, EE ID at 0014.
1690	0802	09/03	WPTX	Lexington Park	MD	"Southern Maryland's newstalk radio.. WPTX"
1700	0002	09/03	WJCC	Miami Springs	FL	French/Creole talk. promo/ EE ID



CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

560	0753	12/03	R Rebelde, Ciego de Avila, Cuba	old ballad //5025 kHz shortwave.
570	0808	09/03	R Reloj, Santa Clara, Cuba.	Nx, ticking clock, ID, TC. SS
580	0813	09/03	WKAQ San Juan, Puerto Rico	ID: "Amanecer cinco ochenta"
600	0738	09/03	R Rebelde, San German, Cuba	old ballads //5025 shortwave
610	0735	12/03	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	Cuman mx // 600, 5025 etc
630	0802	11/03	R Progreso, Camaguay, Cuba	"Amigos de alegria...Radio Progreso, mx"
640	0730	12/03	R Progreso, Guanabacoa, Cuba	ID, "Radio Progreso, Cadena Nacional"
650	0726	12/03	R Progreso, Ciego de Avila, Cuba	ID, well known music, co-ch VPCM
670	0740	09/03	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	old tango song //600 5025 etc
710	0742	09/03	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	old Cuban ballad //5025
750	0829	12/03	R Progreso, Palmira, Cuba	ID and slogan (under CBGY)
790	0819	11/03	R Reloj (2 sites), Cuba	Nx, ticking clock, ID
840	0855	15/03	Dobleve, Santa Clara, Cuba	"Dobleve deste Santa Clara en el centro de Cuba"
850	0834	11/03	R Reloj, Nueva Gerona, Cuba	YL nx, ticking clock, TC // 790
860	0846	11/03	R Reloj, Jovellanos, Cuba	TC 0446, ID // 790
870	0845	10/03	R Reloj, multisite, Cuba	OM SS, time check, pips.
890	0859	11/03	R Progreso, Chambas, Cuba	Long ID, TC 0500 // 640
900	0825	12/03	R Progreso, San German, Cuba	Cuban mx, "Desportivo RP" at 0830
940	0814	17/03	WIPR San Juan, Puerto Rico	"para Máxima Nueve Cuarenta AM"

950	0849	10/03	R Reloj (2 sites), Cuba	Nx, ticking clock, ID
960	0822	12/03	R Reloj, Guantanamo, Cuba	SS nx, ticking clock // 950 etc
970	0821	10/03	WSTX Christiansted, St Croix, USVI	WSTX ID, gospel mx.
980	0844	13/03	R Reloj, Moa, Cuba	SS nx, ticking clock, TC for 04.44 // 1020
1020	0840	12/03	R Reloj, Victoria, Cuba	SS nx, ticking clock, "RR" ID in morse.
1120	2313	15/03	WMSW Hatillo, Puerto Rico	slogan inc "Radio Once", rel song (not sports)
1180	0833	08/03	R Rebelde (multi site), Cuba	SS ID, Cuban mx // 5025
1280	0856	10/03	WCMN Arecibo, Puerto Rico	"Noti Uno", 0900 IDs inc WCMN
1550	0839	17/03	R Rebelde, multi-site, Cuba	Strong, fluttery signal. SS mx // 5025
1570	0903	14/03	XERF-AM, Ciudad Acuña, Mexico	"La Poderosa presenta la hora de..."
1580	0808	16/03	Caracol R, Sincelejo, Colombia	Caracol promos
1610	0842	08/03	Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla	Dr Gene Scott on "definite article" // 6090
1620	2355	08/03	R Rebelde (multi sites), Cuba	Cuban mx // 5025
1660	0000	14/03	WGIT, Canovanas, Puerto Rico	SS rel, ID/slogan "Faro de Santidad" promos
1680	0001	09/03	R Senda, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Rep.	promos, multiple IDs, Christian talk px. SS



SOUTH AMERICA

610	0757	12/03	RCN, Bogota, Colombia	"La Corinera Bogota" "610 AM RCN Bogota"
680	0100	18/03	R Difusora, San Luis, Brazil	IDs, promo, idfusora.com web site
680	0741	09/03	Señal R Colombia, Barranquilla, Col	"Radio Colombia" ID, LA mx.
680	0759	10/03	R Continente, Cumana, Ven.	Cumbia mx, ID
740	2219	08/03	R Soc de Bahia, Salvador, Brazil	PP talk, ID/jingle
760	0747	09/03	HJAJ RN Barranquilla, Colombia	interview, ads, "RCN Noticias //770
760	2348	19/03	R Uirapuru, Fortaleza, Brazil	ID, mentions of Fortaleza
770	0800	09/03	HJJX RCN Bogota, Colombia	RCN news //760.
770	0820	10/03	R Nac Venezuela, Valencia, Ven	"RNV presenta musica de Venezuela"
780	0838	13/03	R Coro, Coro, Venezuela	SS ballads, canned ID "Radio Coro 780"
930	2158	18/03	R Metropolitana, Fortaleza, Brazil	PP ads, many mentions of Fortaleza
940	2312	17/03	Super R Boa Vontade, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	PP ID
900	0849	10/03	Venezuela Mara Ritmo, Maracaibo.	Venezuelan mx, TC, ID.
970	0833	10/03	R Red RCN, Bogota, Colombia	tc 3.33, SS, "Radio Red de RCN"
980	0042	13/03	R Nacional, Brasilia, Brazil	news, PP.
1000	0805	12/03	Caribeña Mil AM, Morón, Venezuela	SS ballads, promo/ID
1000	0808	12/03	RCN, Cartagena, Colombia	Promo for RCN heard under Caribena AM
1040	0047	18/03	R Capital, Sao Paulo, Brazil	promos with "Radio Capital" IDs, 'phone nos.
1070	0030	18/03	R Difusora Cajazeiras, Brazil	ID/promo
1070	0728	17/03	R Santa Fé, Bogota, Colombia	guitar ballads , "Radio Santa Fé" ID.
1100	0149	16/03	R Globo, Sao Paulo, Brazil	'Globo' ID by DJ after EE pop record.
1190	0210	13/03	R Cordillera, Bogota, Colombia	Cumbia mx, canned ID
1260	0105	18/03	R Morada do Sol, S Paulo, Brazil	'programa Voz da Libertação' www.ipda.com.br
1290	0804	10/03	R Puerto Cabello, Pto Cabello, Ven	"Radio Puerto Cabello" ID, mx
1350	0034	18/03	R Buenos Aires, Argentina	SS ID, pop mx
1350	2150	08/03	R Boa Vontade, Salvador, Brazil	PP preacher, jingles, ID 2158, // 6040
1380	0806	10/03	Ondas del Mar, Puerto Cabello, Ven	music, IDs
1390*	2159	19/03	R Educadora, Bragança, Brazil	promo/ID "Radio Educadora...Para"
1400	2259	18/03	R Zorrilla de San Martin, Tacuarembó, Uruguay	jingle, full SS ID.
1430	0157	18/03	RB2, Curitiba, Brazil	Long rel talks, "RB2" jingle/ID
1450 *	2140	17/03	R Boa Nova, Guarulhas, Brazil	hymn, clear "Rede Boa Nova" ID. PP.
1570	0209	18/03	R Carraviz, Juliaca, Peru	SS preacher, "Atención habitantes de Juliaca..."

1580 0802 17/03 Verdad R, Bogota, Colombia "Verdad Radio 1580 AM HJQT"
 1670 0056 13/03 R Rubi, Rafael Castillo, BA, Argentina ID "Radio Rubi AM 16-70", local music.



EUROPE

153	1010	20/03	NRK Ingøy, Norway	Report from Svalbard re eclipse
612	1724	14/03	R Radonezh, Moscow, Russia.	Chimes & ID // 684. Russian orthodox choir
684	1705	14/03	R Radonezh, St Petersburg, Russia	OM RR monologue, church bell //612.
738	1659	10/03	WRN, Kurkino (Moscow), Russia	ID, relay Polish R Russian "Radio Polska"
828	1710	14/03	Pravoslavnoye R, St Petersburg, Russia.	ID Russian, rel mx
837	1740	08/03	UR1, Kharkiv, Ukraine.	ID
1395	1705	10/03	R Rossii, Buguruslan, Russia	Radio Rossii nx.
1431	1900	14/03	R Ukraine Int, Mykolaiev, Ukraine.	ID in pres Russian.
1503	0132	18/03	AFN, Lajes, Azores.	US Army PSA, AP news update

UK LPAMs

1350	1013	11/03	Kingstown R, Hull	"the heart of classic hits.....Kingstown Radio"
1386	1647	10/03	Carillon R, 2 sites, Leics	oldies // Carillon on 1431.
1386	2300	08/03	R Jcom, Leeds	"you're listening to Radio Jcom"
1431	1627	10/03	Carillon R, 2 sites, Leics	"Carillon Radio" jingle under Smooth
1575	1005	11/03	R Tyneside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	live DJ chat mentions Radio Tyneside.



above: Fishing boats moored at nearby Kinlochbervie harbour

SHORTWAVE LOGS

kHz	UTC	Station, programme details, language etc	SIO	Date	Init.
2485	1749	VL8K Katherine, Australia – chat about recipes //4835.	152	10/03	APs
3255	1834	BBCWS via Meyerton, S Africa – talk on Boko Haram.	353	09/03	APs
3289.98	0716	Vo Guyana (pres) – weak “BBC World Service” px. No ute QRM.	141	12/03	APs
3310u	0033	Odessa Coastal R, Ukraine. “Ukraine Navigation Warnings” in EE	233	13/03	DKs
3915	2256	BBCWS via Kranji – Rutles rpt, World Book Club promo –2259*	353	11/03	APs
3975	1949	Vatican R – YL leading Catholic prayers in Latin.	454	14/03	APs
3990	1705	Xinjiang PBS, China – Uighur service // 558, 6120	232	16/03	DKs
3995	2301	Life FM via HCJB Deutschland – nx in Gerry Adams, wx, ID: “Life FM, shining the light over Cork” then jingle.	444	11/03	APs
4010	1753	Kyrgyz R1, Biskkek, Kyrgyzstan – OM in Kyrgyz: 1757: anns inc ID as ‘Birinchy Radio’, sung National Anthem to exactly 1800 then off.	353	10/03	APs
4055	0040	R Verdad, Guatemala. SS rel talk, 0100 chimes, IDs, addr. SS	244	14/03	DKs
4716.7	2322	R Yatam Ayllu Yura, Bolivia – drama with narrator. “Radio Yura”	252	09/03	APs
4747.58	2337	R Huanta 2000 – time check, many adverts, 2352: ID	242	08/03	APs
4750	1703	Bangladesh Betar – news in VV, ID then off @ 1706.	353	10/03	APs
4774.9	0024	R Tarma, Peru – “Atencion Tarma... Radio Tarma de Peru”. SS	233	14/03	DKs
4774.92	2311	R Tarma, Peru – SS OMs, CODAR QRM.	333	09/03	APs
4800	1745	CNR 1, China – reading in EE and CC alternately // 7230, 9830 etc	344	19/03	APs
4835	1930	ABC Alice Springs, Australia - ABC nx EE	233	07/03	DKs
4835	1937	VL8A Alice Springs, Australia – finance chat, EE	353	09/03	APs
4905	1612	Xizang PBS Lhasa, Tibet – ‘Holy Tibet’ in EE //4920 6130	253	10/03	APs
4920	1611	Xizang PBS Lhasa, Tibet – EE rpts on finance //4905 6130	243	10/03	APs
4940	2303	R San Antonio, Peru (pres) – SS religious singing, church service.	151	09/03	APs
4955.0	2322	R Cultural Amauta, Peru – OM talk with Andean mx. 2326: ID	253	08/03	APs
5000	1730	BPM, Shaanxi, China – 1 sec pulses, 1 min pips with call sign in morse and YL voice anns at 29 and 59 mins past the hour.	252	14/03	APs
5025	2156	VL8K Katherine, Australia – talk w/ NSW Fair Trade commissioner ID “on 105.7 ABC Darwin”. EE	353	08/03	APs
5040	2302	R Havana, Cuba – “Weekly Review”; 2312: DXers Unlimited. EE	353	08/03	APs
5066.34	1955	R Candip, Bunia, DR Congo – long talk in FF, occ morse, off 2016	242	07/03	APs
5066.34	1951	R Candip, Bunia, DR Congo – cont. African mx. Off by 2026 check	242	14/03	APs
5110.97	2357	WBCQ Monticello ME – ID over reading from Lord of the Rings.	343	08/03	APs
5129.97	1720	SW relay svce Bishkek (pres) – C Asian song, choir, VV.	242	16/03	APs
5910	1616	Shiokaze (Sea Breeze), Japan. EE (Thurs), sig improves->1700	242	19/03	APs
6000	1900	Adygey R, Russia. IS, s/on in Adygey, local folk mx (Sunday)	233	15/03	DKs
6003	1650	Echo of Hope, Suwon, Rep Korea. drama in KK //6250 best LSB	232	19/03	APs
6005	1710	Vo Mongolia via Kall. EE, tourism, best after 1720 IRIB s/off.	343	19/03	APs
6050	0929	HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. Ethnic sounding mx. YL ID SS	243	09/03	DKs
6055	1810	R Rwanda. French ID (under CRI also in French)	322	14/03	APs
6070	0812	CFRX, Toronto, Canada. Talk on voter turnout // CFRB 1010	244	11/03	DKs
6089.85	1854	R Nigeria, Kaduna. OM in Hausa. Blocked by CRI, 1900+	232	15/03	APs
6089.85	2114	R Nigeria Kaduna. OM in Hausa, “R Nigeria’ ID //594 MW.	443	17/03	APs
6090	1855	Amharic State R, Geja. Horn of Africa mx, best USB.	232	15/03	APs
6130	1612	Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet. EE rpts, ‘Holy Tibet’ //4905 4920.	353	10/03	APs
6518J	1642	VO People S Korea to N Korea. Talk in KK // 6600	333	19/03	DKs
6600	1640	VO People S Korea to N Korea. Talk in KK // 6518	344	19/03	DKs
7175	1750	VOBME, Eritrea. Talks in VV (?Amharic) 1801 anthem, s/off	344	10/03	DKs
7255	2130	VO Nigeria, Lagos. Talk in African language..	222	19/09	DKs
7265	1540	Hamburger Lokalradio, Germany. World of Radio. Glenn Hauser	344	11/03	DKs
7570	0855	Overcomer via WRMI, USA. Bro Stair selling FM txr “send \$70”	243	19/03	DKs
9505	1810	VO Africa, Omdurman, Sudan. YL ID, African Woman px. EE	233	10/03	DKs
9545	0755	SIBC Honiara, Solomon Islands. local flight info, EE/Pidgin. ID at 0800: “Radio Happy Isles, the Voice of the Nation”, news.	253	16/03	APs
9560	1050	R 700 via Kall, Germany. Test with relay of R700. GG.	353	19/03	APs
9664.69	0844	R Voz Missionaria Camboriu, Brazil. OM in PP talk about SW.	252	18/03	APs

9685	0945	Vo Zhonghua, China – CC field report with children, //11620	253	19/03	APs
9690	1000	R Free Asia via Lithuania. s/on EE ID, into Tibetan. No jamming.	344	19/03	DKs
9765	0905	R New Zealand Int. rpts on Vanuatu, Fiji. EE	354	19/03	APs
9840	1810	WHRI, Cypress Ck. cont pop 1830: Lighthouse Bible Study	142	19/03	APs
9955	2205	WRMI, USA. “Chelmsford Calling” px with Sunny Jim. EE	233	11/03	DKs
11368	1950	All India R, Hindi px // 7550 (pres 11670 on wrong freq)	455	07/03	DKs
11580	2310	WRMI, Okeechobee, USA. World of Radio. EE	344	08/03	DKs
11580	2330	R Ukraine Int. via WRMI, USA. Ukrainian Diary. EE	344	08/03	DKs
11620	0948	Vo Zhonghua, China. outside bcast, CC //9685 – 1000+	354	19/03	APs
11764.7	0909	Super R Deus e Amor, Curitiba, Brazil. preacher in Portuguese..	253	19/03	APs
11780.13	0853	R Nacional da Amazonia, Brazil. EZL ballads, DJ in PP.	344	18/03	APs
11880	2310	R Havana Cuba. Comment on US-Venezuela relations. EE	243	10/03	DKs
12014.89	1537	Vo Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. song, EE interview on tourism -1600*	252	19/03	APs
15215	1600	R Oomrang/Amrum via Issoudun. Talks in EE,GG & Frisian.	555	08/03	DKs
15215	1600	R Oomrang via Issoudun. EE/GG ann, interviews inc EE. -1700*	444	08/03	APs
15550usb2140		WJHR, Florida, USA. Church “planting” in Spain. s/off 2204. EE	254	14/03	DKs

below: cliff tops north of Sheigra on a calm sunny day



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