



EDXC Conference in Ullared, Sweden



This year, the EDXC Conference was held in the touristic complex of Gekås, the biggest shopping centre in the west coast of Sweden. A very nice place in the Swedish countryside.

The conference was held in collaboration with the DX-Parliament of Sveriges DX-Förbund - SDXF.

On Friday 13th June, the first appointment was in Falkenberg for the visit to the local station « Wake Up FM ». This station changed its name some days ago to « Radio Falkenberg ».



Afterwards, Michael Andersson accompanied some participants on a historical tour with a guide to the town of Falkenberg.

Meanwhile, in Storstugan, the Swedish SDXF members began their DX Parliament.

After lunch and various activities, at 23:00 hours we had a Zoom meeting with Paul Walker, live from Alaska with KSKO broadcasting at the same time from Bulgaria on 5900 kHz.

The Saturday morning started with the DX Parliament for the Swedish members. And after 10:00, Bjarke Vestesen made a very interesting presentation how to listen to the Iranian medium wave stations. This was very fitting given the news of the last few days.

After lunch, it was Stig Hartvig Nielsen's turn to talk to us about the history and current events of his World Music Radio station. He reminded us that he had to stop broadcasting his second station, Radio 208.

At 14:30 we set off to visit the Grimeton transmitter centre, a few kilometres from Ullared. It's an early longwave transatlantic wireless telegraphy station built in 1922–1924, that has been preserved as a historical site.

From the 1920s to the 1940s it was used to transmit telegram traffic by Morse code to North America and other countries, and during World War II was Sweden's only telecommunication link with the rest of the world. Grimeton is the only remaining example of an early pre-electronic radio transmitter technology called an Alexanderson alternator. It was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2004. (grimeton.org)

To mark the centenary of its inauguration, on 2 July 2025 Alexanderson Grimeton, SAQ, will be exceptionally on the airwaves. More details at www.alexander.n.se



Upon our return, we had a long discussion about the past and especially the future of EDXC. More details to come in a few weeks.

Per-Erik Tell talked about its book, on the theme of DX tourism, with visits to various radio stations.

We ended the evening this Saturday with a very lively auction.

On Sunday morning, Jukka Kortovirta gave us his always detailed "FM-DXing" presentation. And around 11:30, our weekend of meetings came to a close. I was off to Copenhagen by train.

Christian Ghibaudo.

