



Your Reports

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***Here you will find what shortwave
broadcasters have been heard over the
previous month or so***

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All loggings are assumed to be in English unless otherwise stated.

By the time you are reading this I will be mere days away from "Freedom 55". Despite not having to get up well before the crack of dawn for the 120 km trip to Toronto, I fear I will still not have enough time in the day to devote to all of my hobbies and interests, which is a blessed malady, I guess. At least I won't be suffering from boredom.

Not the biggest column this month, by any means of measurement, but next month should be much better as I will have some loggings from our Spring Shadow Lake Radio Camp which should help pad the column a bit. I invite you all to send in loggings, even if it's only a couple, to add to everyone's enjoyment of the hobby. Read on and enjoy!

0000 - 0059

4965 ZAMBIA CVC Voice Africa at 0052 with barely audible variety of music (Poor Feb 7 MY)

6145 CANADA Radio Japan at 0000 with time pips then ID and a man and woman with a program of pop music from Japan (Excellent Feb 14 MAC)

6240 MOLDOVA Voice of Russia at 0055 // 7240 with a music program then ID at 0058 (Very Good Feb 7 MY)

11780 BRAZIL Radio Nacional da

Amazonia at 0039 in Portuguese with a man with talk and Brazilian ballads (Very Good Jan 15 MY)

17795 AUSTRALIA Radio Australia at 0055 with a "Radio Australia Today" feature on dolphins then ID and news at 0100 (Fair Feb 1 MY)

0100 - 0359

3985 CROATIA Hrvatski Radio at 0223 in Croatian with a man with talk with a mention of "Hrvatski" then a woman with talk from 0226 (Good Feb 28 MAC)

5875 USA WHRI at 0205 with news then into "The Legal Edge" (Excellent Feb 2 RG)

6270 EGYPT Radio Cairo at 0100 in Spanish with a woman with ID and frequency info then national anthem (Good Feb 7 MY)

7440 UKRAINE RUI at 0140 with "Reading Lounge" featuring a letter by Nikolai Gogol (Excellent Feb 2 RG)

0400 - 0859

3185 USA WWRB at 0641 with paid religious programming asking for donations at 1-843-538-6689 (Good Jan 17 MY)

3320 SOUTH AFRICA Radio Sondergrense at 0400 in Afrikaans with a man with news then apparent weather (Very Good Jan 13 MY)

4885 BRAZIL Radio Clube do Para a 0411 in Portuguese with a man with talk and Brasopops (Very Good Jan 13 MY)

5045 BRAZIL Radio Cultura do Para at 0415 in Portuguese with Brasopops (Good Jan 26 MY)

0900 - 0959

6020 AUSTRALIA Radio Australia at 0900 in Tok Pisin with IS and a man and woman with sign-on then a man with apparent news in brief and into a man and woman with talk and island music from 0904 (Fair Feb 26 MAC)

6160 CANADA-NEWFOUNDLAND CKZN at 0915 with "BBC World and Business News" then Kathy Haag introducing BBC's "Witness" at 0920

and "The Fisheries Broadcast" at 0930 (Good Feb 26 MAC) – *while the rest of the country has Radio One's "World Report" at this hour, Atlantic Canada has programming from the overnight service until 0930 – ed*

7811 USA AFN at 0935 in USB with news and into a sports interview program "Live from the Vancouver Winter Olympics" // 5446.5 (Good Feb 26 MAC)

1000 - 1059

5000 USA-HAWAII WWVH at 1009 with female time announcements under WWV (Weak Feb 26 MAC)

5045 BRAZIL Radio Cultura do Para (Belem) at 1000 in Portuguese with canned ID then a man and a woman with talk and a string of ads and promos with mentions of "Belem" and "Brasil" (Fair Feb 26 MAC)

5905 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Deutsche Welle at 1013 in German with a woman hosting a sports report about the Vancouver Winter Olympics (Very Good Feb 26 MAC)

1100 - 1159

2500 USA WWVH at 1103 with time pips just audible above the noise floor (Very Weak and noisy Feb 26 MAC) – *when this one is in the clear you should look for other stations in the 120 meter band especially the Australian regional outlets – ed*

5960 CANADA CRI at 1100 with ID as "From Beijing this is CRI" then Susan Osmond with "The Beijing Hour" (Very Good Feb 26 MAC)

7255 THAILAND VOA at 1155 in listed Indonesian with an apparent interview program between a man and a woman then ID at 1158 (Fair to Good Feb 28 MAC)

9580 AUSTRALIA Radio Australia at 1110 with Sen Lam hosting "Asia Review" (Very Good Feb 13 MAC)

1200 - 1259

2325 AUSTRALIA VL8T ABC Tennant Creek at 1240 with weather and lineup of evening program features then an ABC promo at 1244 // 2310 poor, 2485 very poor (Fair Feb 22 HTS)

3320 KOREA D.P.R. PBS Pyongyang at 1257 with a Korean, commentary then anthem by a band at 1259 and time pips and announcements at 1300 (Fair Feb 22 HTS)

5025 CUBA Radio Rebelde at 1200 in Spanish with a man reading news (Good Feb 8 MY)

6020 AUSTRALIA at 1200 // 9580 with news then into "Saturday Night Country" which was marking John Nuttings' (*Jonno to his listeners*) retirement (Good Feb 27 MAC)

7280 CHINA Voice of the Strait tentatively at 1200 in Chinese with children's songs and talk by children and young people - some sounding like a Chinese version of Alvin and the Chipmunks! (Good Feb 28 MAC)

7385 CHINA-TIBET CNR tentatively at 1215 in presumed Tibetan with a woman with talk and local folk vocals (Fair but fluttery Feb 28 MAC)

9740 SINGAPORE BBC at 1229 with "Newshour" (Very Weak and noisy Feb 28 MAC) – *this one should be getting easier to hear as we slowly move towards solar maximum –ed*

12850 KOREA D.P.R. K.C.B.S. at 1251 in Korean with a woman with a dramatic reading or a commentary (Fair Feb 22 HTS)

1300 - 1359

3912 KOREA REP. Voice of the People at 1312 in Korean with a man and woman (Poor Feb 22 HTS)

3925 JAPAN Radio Nikkei at 1313 in Japanese with instrumental and soft jazz number in English. // 6055 very good (Good Feb 22 HTS)

6170 NEW ZEALAND RNZI at 1308 with a man and woman with "Tagata o te Moana" newsmagazine program (Fair Feb 7 MAC)

7220 RUSSIA-ASIA Voice of Russia presumed the one at 1302 in Russian with a woman with talk (Weak and noisy Feb 27 MAC)

7365 THAILAND Radio Thailand at 1310 with a woman with talk in presumed Japanese then gong IS at 1315 and a man with definite ID of "This is HSK9 Radio Thailand broadcasting from Bangkok" and into announced Mandarin program (Weak and noisy Feb 27 MAC)

9690 INDIA AIR (Bangaluru) at 1339 in English (sked 1330-1500) with a man ending news then ID and into commentary about Kashmir (Good Feb 22 HTS)

11675 AUSTRIA Polish Radio External Service at 1300 with fanfare and Polish and English IDs then Danuta Isler with news followed by "Europe East" (Good Jan 31 MAC)

1400 - 1559

2325 AUSTRALIA VL8T ABC Tennant Creek at 1452 with a host conducting a quiz show with listeners //2310, 2485 about the same (Poor-fair Feb 22 HTS)

5055 VANUATU Radio Vanuatu presumed at 1410 through 1505, mix of instrumental, English and French music, including Shania Twain. No announcements, including on the half hour and hour. Nothing heard on 3925 (Fair Feb 22 HTS)

6285 KOREA D.P.R. Voice of Korea at 1402 with anthem then a man and woman with s/on in Russian at 1403 (Poor Feb 22 HTS)

7240 AUSTRALIA Radio Australia at 1430 with a man and woman hosting "Sunday Nights" jazz music program // 9590 (Weak Feb 7 MAC)

9625 CANADA CBC North Quebec at 1450 with "The Sunday Edition" featuring the life and music of Oscar Brand who turned 90 years old this day (Very Good Feb 7 MAC)

9870 INDIA AIR (Vividh Bharati service via Bengaluru) at 1504 with lively local vocal music and a man with brief talk in presumed Hindi (Fair to Good Feb 21 MAC)

12095 SRI LANKA Deutsche Welle at 1404 in listed Pashto with a man

and woman with talk with mentions of "Deutsche Welle" and "Newslink" bumper music (Good Feb 26 MAC) – *this one signs on at 1330 in Dari then goes to Pashto at 1400. The target area is listed as South Asia but Afghanistan is where these languages are most used - ed*

1600 - 1659

9370 USA WTJC at 1633 with paid religious program (Good Jan 26 MY)

11730 CUBA RHC at 1630 in Spanish with ID and news (Good Jan 26 MY)

11760 CUBA RHC at 1659 in Spanish with a man and woman with talk and ID (Good Feb 8 MY)

12170 EGYPT Radio Cairo at 1626 in Arabic with local music and chanting (Weak but audible Jan 26 MY)

15630 GREECE Voice of Greece at 1639 with Greek music (Poor Feb 9 MY)

17680 CHILE CVC La Voz Cristiana at 1628 in Spanish with pop Latin music then canned "CVC" ID and into "CVC Noticias" at 1630 (Very Good Feb 2 MY)

1700 - 1759

6030 CANADA CFVP (Calgary) at 1736 with Keith Urban song in a syndicated music program // 1060 (Fair Feb 20 HTS)

7320 USA-ALASKA KNLS at 1752 playing "O Holy Night" traditional Christmas hymn then a man in Russian at 1756 with talk, several IDs,

and mentions of address before going off at 1800 (Good Feb 20 HTS)

7550 INDIA AIR at 1744 with IS then a man with sign-on in English at 1745 (Very poor Feb 20 HTS)

15120 NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria at 1747 with an interview about the Nigerian music industry (Fair Feb 20 HTS)

15235 SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa at 1739 discussing the role of media (Poor Feb 20 HTS)

1800 - 1859

7540 UKRAINE Voice of Mesopotamia (via Simferopol) presumed the one at 1850 in Kurdish with local folk music and a man with talk followed by a kind of chanting (Weak and noisy Feb 27 MAC)

9475 AUSTRALIA Radio Australia at 1806 with news with a report from the Vancouver Winter Olympics (Poor Feb 20 HTS)

9526 INDONESIA Voice of Indonesia at 1815 in German with apparent news with many mentions of Jakarta and Indonesia – gone by 1829 re-check (Good Feb 20 HTS)

9765 NEW ZEALAND RNZI at 1820 with a woman with mention of RNZI hosting a program of choir music (Fair Feb 20 HTS)

9650 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Polish Radio External Service at 1854 with "The Krakow Panoptikon" then John Beacham with sign off at 1856 followed by pop music and off at 1859 (Good Feb 27 MAC)

11655 MADAGASCAR Radio Netherlands at 1829 with a woman with ID and frequencies then into "Radio Books" featuring "The Apostate" (Good Jan 31 MAC)

11990 KUWAIT Radio Kuwait at 1801 with a man and woman with a program explaining aspects of Islam then pop music from 1815 (Very Good Feb 21 MAC)

15345 MOROCCO Radio Marocaine at 1812 in Arabic with Middle Eastern children's chorus then a man and a woman with talk from 1817 to 1825 and into chanting (Good Feb 27 MAC)

15420 SOUTH AFRICA BBC at 1838 interviewing the leader of a minority Zimbabwean political party (Good strength but heavy QRM Feb 20 HTS)

15580 BOTSWANA VOA at 1845 with "Nightline Africa" with excellent Afropops then a woman with a commentary on US support for Angola at 1855 (Very Good Feb 14 MAC)

1900 - 1959

7425 MADAGASCAR Radio Netherlands at 1930 with "Radio Books" featuring "Ascension Day" by Leo Pleysier (Weak Feb 7 MAC)

11690 CUBA RHC at 1900 // 11760 in Spanish with lively Latin music killing reception of Deutsche Welle in English via Meyerton (Poor and noisy Feb 27 MAC)

12080 SOUTH AFRICA Radio Netherlands at 1913 with a "Network Europe Extra" report by Magdalena Jensen from Polish Radio about the

growing popularity of reggae music in Poland (Good Feb 7 MAC)

12020 SRI LANKA Voice of America at 1958 with Special English, wrapping up a story and off at 1959 (Fair Feb 20 HTS)

2000 - 2059

9410 SEYCHELLES BBC at 2000 with Julian Marshall hosting "Newshour" (Good Jan 31 MAC)

9425 INDIA AIR (Bangaluru) at 2044 in Hindi with songs and woman with talk (Fair Feb 20 HTS)

9490 SWEDEN Radio Sweden at 2048 with a report on the teaching of religion in schools (Fair Feb 20 HTS)

2100 - 2159

9505 ZAMBIA One Africa at 2107 giving phone number for listeners to call in then contemporary Christian music (Poor-fair Feb 20 HTS)

9545 SRI LANKA Deutsche Welle at 2110 with ID with a woman talking about the internet (Poor Feb 20 HTS)

9580 GABON Africa Numero Un at 2113 in French with Afropops and a male DJ (Good Feb 20 HTS)

12015 KOREA D.P.R. Voice of Korea at 2127 with ID by a man then a woman profiling or giving tribute to a person and another ID at 2130 and into operatic music (Poor Feb 20 HTS)

11690 RWANDA Deutsche Welle at 2130 // 7280 (via Portugal) with Deborah Friedman hosting "Hits in Germany" (Very Good Feb 1 MAC)

12080 AUSTRALIA Radio Australia at 2100 with ID and a TC for "8 AM in Melbourne" then news (Very Good Feb 10 MY)

12085 SYRIA Damascus Radio at 2123 with a woman with news to 2124 then ID and into Arabic music (Good signal but distorted audio Feb 20 HTS)

15190 EQUATORIAL GUINEA-BATA Radio Africa at 2142 with a man giving Radio Africa ID and address and into religious program with hymns (Poor Feb 20 HTS)

2200 - 2259

5930 CZECH REPUBLIC Radio Prague at 2236 with a feature on weathering the global crisis and managing public finances (Fair Jan 26 RG)

6200 BULGARIA Radio Bulgaria at 2225 with opera music then ID at 2228 and into brief local folk music to 2230 then "Keyword Bulgaria" (Very Good Feb 9 MAC)

6240 MOLDOVA-PRIDNESTROVIE Radio PMR at 2200 with a man with "This is Tiraspol, capital of the Pridnestrovie Moldavian Republic" then anthem and into news followed by closing announcements at 2212 and into French program at 2213 – repeat program at 2245 (Very Good Feb 8 MAC) – *new sked as of Feb 1. The rotation of programs is English, French, and German in 15 minute blocks starting at 2200 and repeated at 2245 then French and German again at 2330 with no more English as this frequency is used by Voice of Russia from 0000 – ed*

9915 ASCENSION ISLAND BBC at
2201 starting news (Fair Feb 20 HTS)

2300 - 2359

**5930 CZECH REPUBLIC Radio
Prague** at 2330 with a man with news
then Daniella Lazarova with
"Magazine" from 2335 (Very Good Feb
13 MAC)

5960 TURKEY Voice of Turkey at
2300 with IS and frequencies then
news (Fair Jan 26 RG)

6055 SPAIN REE at 2305 in French
with a news report about the Basque
separatist movement ETA (Excellent
Jan 26 RG)

7250 ARMENIA Voice of Russia at
2307 with a feature about Russia at
the Vancouver Olympics (Very Good
Jan 26 RG)

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