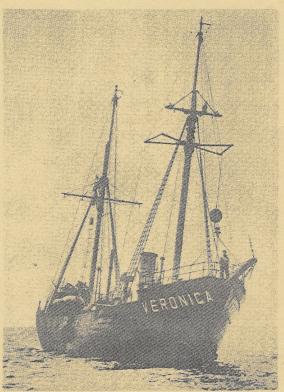
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AM Radio Days in Norway

AM Broadcasting Stations Monitored In Norway 1945-1994

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# "THE AMazing AM " AM RADIO DAYS IN NORWAY AM BROADCASTING STATIONS MONITORED IN NORWAY 1945-1993. **Editors: KJELL ARNE OLSEN SVENN MARTINSEN** DX-LISTENERS' CLUB NORWAY(c)

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Finally it's ready! We've been working on the project for 3-4 years, but now it's completed. The 230 page A4 sized softback book lists all loggings of mediumwavestations made in Norway over the years 1945 to 1994. The book will serve as an excellent source of information not only to norwegian DX-ers, but fellow DX-ers elsewhere. A lot of research have been carried out in order to bring the general level of information to a high standard. Opening and closing dates, transmitter sites, frequency changes, etc can all be traced through this new publication from the DXLC. The book is written in english by authors Svenn Martinsen and Kjell Ame Olsen.

The book is divided into the following sections; Europe (ex. the British Isles, Iberia and Int. Waters), Iberia (Spain/Portugal), UK/Ireland/Int. Waters, Africa, Asia, Pacific, North America, Central America and South America. The sections are sorted in frequency order, and includes station name, site, country, fq-info, loggings by year, and first-loggings. A lot of entries in addition have footnotes. The UK, Ireland and International Waters section have a total of 629 footnotes giving additional informations. AM-azing AM is not only a list of MW-loggings, but also a radiohistoric document.

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Original Preface(Original data file "READ ME" updated and corrected)

#### The Northern Beacon

Edition closed on May 1st, 1994 with a few additional corrections since then.

Welcome to "The AMazing AM(AM Radio Days in Norway 1945-1993)"!

This is the 3rd edition of an enormous collection of Long-and Medium Frequency Broadcasting Stations monitored in Norway.

It first appeared in 1974 with Arvid Frøsland and Svenn Martinsen as editors. A new edition emerged in 1979 with the same persons in charge, while the current edition has been worked on since the middle of the 1980s, with a special intense period since 1990.

The task has been particularly difficult this time.

Both editors have been very busy in their daily work.

We have also witnessed a vast amount of changes during the last years, within ex-USSR, East Europe, Germany etc., and it has been quite a challenge to stay in touch with all those changes.

A lot of work has also been put into the fields of Ireland, UK, International Waters, Holland, incl. the land based pirates there, Military stations etc.

Then, the collecting and editing of notes for the separate countries and parts of the world have taken much time. In the end, one Apple Macintosh(and a 50 MHz 486 PC for the final formatting) computer at each of the editors did a great difference. We have used one of the better spreadsheet programs (Microsoft Excel 5.0 for Windows/4.0 for the Mac), and we are able to supply data in these and other data formats for DOS/Windows and the Macintosh. The basic listing of material has been done by Kjell Arne, while the finishing work for the European, African, Asian, North American, and Caribbean parts has been done by Svenn. The finishing work for Latin America, and the layout for the whole publication was done by Kjell Arne.

The data version may be used for historical reference, but might also be used as platform for your own country lists, personal log lists, and lists of several types.

Please note, however, that any new lists produced from this licensed product, have to be authorised by the editors of The AMazing AM before work can start.

You are however, without further notice, authorised to make changes in the listings, by correcting them, or adding information to them.

The editors would be glad to be notified of important corrections and additions.

**Comments** to the listings.

All in all, we have followed a traditional way of listing the stations.

The first column is the logged frequency.
The second column has some

Codes:

1000 v Station was varying in frequency

1000 a Station's approximate frequency

1000 # Station has closed.

1000 x Station's old frequency

1000 n Station's new frequency

1000 h Station logged on harmonic of fundamental frequency

1000 s Station's spurious frequency

1000 d Logging via daytime propagation

#### The third column is for station call letters.

The fourth column is for station name.

There are different ways of listing the name. Both the method of listing all known names in this column and listing older names after an "ex" in the notes after each section are used. The first method is especially suitable for transmitters with several identifications. =, and () means both same as...

**and b)** for station transmitter site. There are different ways of listing the site. In all cases, we have tried to come as near as possible to the actual geographical spot of transmitter and towers/wire. However, for USA and Canada, the traditional city/town of license is maintained. For these areas, the site may be indicated in the comments column.

For The United Kingdom, the closest known name to the site has been used in some cases, as several of IBA/RA/BBC sites are quite difficult to find on maps, and the original IBA contracting areas were quite approximate. E.g. 1530 Huddersfield&Halifax.Transmitter in the Kirklees area, site name Vicars Lot. On the

other hand, the famous BBC site names are all used.

For Ireland, even actual house is used in some cases. E.g. John Thewlis, Joe Jackson.

For e.g. Germany, ex-USSR and Spain, the site is indicated after an - of actual city. E.g. 810 Berlin-Charlottenburg. If more is known, the comments will contain this information, e.g.Savignyplatz in this particular case.

The fifth column is for state/county of a particular country. Not used much, but covered for ex-USSR, Mexico, the USA, Canada, and South America.

**The sixth column** is for country, mainly according to ITU abbreviations.

The seventh column is for a number indicating a note/comment.

The large eighth column is for the year listings between 1945-1992. An x will indicate a logging of the station on the channel in question that year.

The right and last columns deal with FFN, first from Norway, the first known logging of the station, firstly person's signature, and then date.

The notes/comments are for comments on loggins/station or any related topic. These follow each section, and the numbers here correspond with column seven in the main listing.

1993 listings indicating new stations or stations on new channels are in a separate file. Some offshoot lists, plus 1922-1944 listings for some areas, will become available during the next year or so. Write for details. Lists of Long and Medium Wave Beacons, plus Utility Medium Wave are also in the making.

#### Signatures:

Arnstein Bue, Trondheim

Arvid Frøsland, Bergen/Mandal/Brønnøysund/Lakselv/Farsund

AH Arnfinn Høigård, Madla

AHO Arvid Husdal, Orkanger

AHĂ Aslak Hakedal, Grovane

AL Asbjørn Lie, Haugesund

AM Arnfinn Mong, Egersund

AMY Arnold Myhre, Slagen

AOF AF and OF, Lakselv

AS Arnfinn Sætre, Orkanger ASK Arild Skalmeraas, Rissa

AÅ Alf Årdal, Gurskøy

BE Bernt Erfjord, Kvinesdal/Kristiansand

Bjarne Mjelde, Berlevåg

BRØ TN, KM, Brønnøysund

DL Dag Leraand, Buvika

DLF Dag Leraand, Finnmark

LA150 Tore Eikeri, Oslo

LA232 Leiv Hov, Hundorp

DX632 Ø Nybø, Hardbakke

Edmund Austigard, Årdal i Ryfylke

Ellmann Ellingsen, Hamar/Oslo EE

EG TW, PI, RM, Egersund

FNL TN, AF, RM, Bergen

GS Geir Stokkeland, Vestnes

GSA GS at these Arctic QTHs: Hopen, Bjørnøya, Jan Mayen

GSF GS in Finnmark

HAH Harry Høgberg, Hamar/Åsnes

HAå Hans Anton Ålien, Eggedal/Oslo

HB Henning Bergseth, Haslum

Ingolf Kapelrud, Trondheim ΙK

IS Ivar Stormo, Åsen/Trondheim/Spikkestad ISS IS, Sula

JA Jan Alvestad, Borhaug/Sola/Sandnes

JAM Jan Alvestad, Mong

JAX Jan Alvestad, mobile QTHs (mainly Møre og Romsdal)

JGG Jarl Georg Grov, Hauge i Dalane

JHÅ Jens Harald Aamodt, Hauge i Dalane

JPV Jon Peder Vestad, Molde

JS Jarle Synnevåg, Oslo

JSV John Svendsen, Eidsvoll/Lørenskog/Vestby

KAO Kjell Arne Olsen, Brumunddal/Oslo

KAOF KAO, Kirkenes/Lakselv

KAOM KAO, Molde/Bud/Rekdalstranda

KHO Knut Hongrø, Oslo

KL Kjell Larsen, Kotsøy

KM Kai Mauseth, Stjørdal/Bardufoss/Oslo

KMV KM, Vadsø

KOH Knut Olav Hande, Jar

KRH Kjetil Rå Hauge, Lærdal

LAX BH, KM, OF, AF, TN, Lakselv

MAG2 GS, Magerøya

MF Magne Førde, Bremanger/Florø

MS Morten Selnes, Trondheim

NS Njål Skår, Årdal i Ryfylke

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OF Ole Forr, Hundorp/Lakselv/Bardufoss

OJS Odd Jørgen Sagdahl, Rissa/Trondheim

ON Olav Nordli, Follebu

OT Oddleiv Tungland, Mandal

OU Ottar Ullestad, Årdal i Ryfylke

PH Petter Haugan, Levanger

PI Per Ingebretsen, Oslo

PIM PI, Mong

PIX PI, mobile QTHs (mainly Møre og Romsdal)

PIX2 PI, mobile OTH Nordland?

PKB Per Kristian Bjønnes, Trondheim

RB Reidar Bø, Stavanger/Oslo

RH Rune Håland, Egersund

RIP AB, IS, OJS, Rissa

RL Rolf Løvstrøm, Hamar/Oslo

RM Rolf Mong, Trondheim/Bergen/Egersund/Mong

RTO Rolf Torvik, Trondheim

RW Runar Wiersdalen

SAH Svein Arvid Hjortland

SEL PI, OF, SM, Øyvind Rømo, Selvik

SJH Svein Jakob Hollerud, Hildre/Eggedal

SJL SJH, Lakselv

SJS SJH, Sula

SM Svenn Martinsen, Stend/Stabekk/Tveit/Bud/Solsvik

SOP Svein Olav Pedersen, Vanse

SOS2 AB, IS, OJS, Rissa

SULA PI, TN, PH, Sula

TBV Tore B Vik, Mysen

TF Torbjørn Frantsen, Hamnvik

THO Roar Thomassen, Kristiansund

TJB Tore Johnny Bråtveit, Flaktveit

TK T Krüger, Hemnesberget

TN Tore Nilsen, Hamar/Brønnøysund/Tolga

TOR Rolf Torvik, Grimstad/Kristiansund/Trondheim

TW Torgeir Woxen, Nøtterøy/Oslo/Kjeller/Sørumsand

TWM TW, Mong

TWX TW, mobile QTHs (mainly Møre og Romsdal)

TWX2 TW, mobile QTH Nordland?

WINDX AF, PI, BH, Kongsfjord

ØF Øystein Frøiland, Bergen/Erdal

ØK Øyvind Kolobekken, Hundorp/Oslo

ØS Øivind Stenberg, Oslo

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#### About the Editors:

Kjell Arne Olsen:

Kjell Arne is 56 years of age, started DXing in 1975, but is no longer active. He is now living in Kjeller outside Oslo. Kjell Arne works for the Hedmark county public transport authority with ticketing and information systems.

#### Svenn Martinsen:

Facebook

Svenn is 65 years of age. He is now living on Sotra island, to the west of Bergen, and is running the radio stations <u>Radio Northern Star</u>, and <u>The Ferry</u> through Northern Star Media Services AS. Facebook

Here is Svenn's self-presentation when writing reception reports 20 years ago in 1994:

My listening equipment also consists of a Hammarlund SP-600 JX-21 radio, made in the USA in the late 50s, plus a Drake SPR-4 radio for longwave, made in the USA in the early 70s, both being of the best there is for long distance reception. 2 different antennas of the long-wire type are utilized, 175 metres to the southwest for the British Isles and the Iberian Peninsula, plus 600 metres to the Southeast for Eastern Europe. Besides, a Sony reel-to-reel tape recorder and a Sony cassette recorder is used.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am a member of the Arctic Radio Club for AM listening, a joint Swedish/Norwegian/Finnish project. I am 43 years of age, and I started in this wonderful hobby in 1964, listening to Radio Luxembourg and the British offshore stations. Listening to distant radio stations is called dx-ing, and here where I am living, in the little village of Solsvik, right to the west of Bergen, is a particularly favourable position. As you well know, on the lower bands, radio waves, are greatly helped in their propagation by salt water, and on FM you need an open location.

I am a Church of Norway Priest, and my Ministry is in Fjell, meaning"The Rock". The municipality of Fjell has about 16000 inhabitants, and we live to the northwest in this municipality, on Sotra island, about 30 kms from the centre of the city of Bergen, Norway's second largest city with 210000 inhabitants, well known for musicians and composers like Ole Bull, Edvard Grieg and Harald Sæverud, the spring music festival Festspillene, but also for attractions like Fløibanen Funicular and the old King Hall of Håkonshallen. The entire county of Hordaland, part of Bjørgvin Diocese, has nature varying from flat, windy(as here!) areas at the seafront, to higher mountains inland.

If you look us up on a map, you will find Bergen on about 60 degrees N and 5 degrees E. I live happily here, with my wife and 3 kids. From our house, situated on a hill above the village, we are able to see the burning off of gas on clear days in the Troll oil and gas field, to the northwest, and to the west the open, and often rough North Sea, with the outer archipelago. On the horizon occasionally large tankers going to the Sture and Mongstad oil terminals. Right off the shore are also 2-3 fish farms. To our South and South East sectors a vast open area of mostly stony, wet terrain. 5 kms away to the nearby industrial center of Ågotnes is CCB, Coast Center Base, with occasional visits by rigs and supply vessels. At the moment we have the Ross Isle here. CCB has its own local VHF service. Here is also the mast of a local radio transmitter, the Decca chain longwave rig for this area.

Quite often, the helicopter routes of Helikopter Service, Braathens and Mørefly pass over our house to and from the North Sea oil fields. In the South the mountains of Kvinnherad may be seen, and to the north of Gulen, in Southern Sogn. To the East we can see the lights from Bergen at night, and in the daytime we can see the highest mountain of the Bergen area, the Gulfjellet, plus nearer mountains with the Bergen Radio(coast radio station) VHF mast at Rundemanen, (Bergen Radio's MF transmitters plus one of Rogaland's are at Marøy, just to the North) plus the NRK FM and TV mast at Ulriken. The best NRK output are the regional programs of NRK Hordaland(radio) and Vestlandsrevyen(TV). From this same mast the signals of our new television channel TV2, plus 3 local radio channels are also broadcast. TV2 has its main center and studios in Bergen. The most popular local stations are Puddefjord Radio, 104,1/106,1/107,8, with a varied format of older and newer music, Radio 1FM, 105,8/106,7/107,1 FM, of the same company broadcasting the current hits. Our local radio station here, Radio Sotra, 104,5/105,5 is also no.3 in Bergen, with a "format" of everything! On Askøy, now connected to Bergen by means of a large bridge, the masts of the closed NRK AM transmitters on 890, 20000 watts, (Closed 1978) and 1115 kHz, 1000 watts (Closed 1966) still stands as they were left.

We also have a local television station, TV-Bergen/Bergen BY-TV. Also mentioned might be

Kystradioen,KYST FM,("coast")105,8/106,7/107,1 FM STEREO, a Christian station with a heavy accent on news from the 5 municipalities around Bergen. I worked myself there as a presenter 1991-1993 part-time and did an Oldies/Contemporary Gospel show on Thursday mornings, using PAMS jingles(licensed!) from the 60s and had great fun. This is broadcast from the same complex and studios where Radio 1FM and Puddefjord Radio are housed.

I have heard over 500 North American AM stations, and also many from the Caribbean, Central and South America, this mostly when I lived in Bud, northwest of Molde. I have also been quite active in the fields of offshore radio, and British and Irish broadcasting. Here, I mostly concentrate on European listening.

My best verified beacon loggings are these: LF6N Statfjord "C" 615, 2 watts, GA,Grinna(Trøndelag coast) 289,6 4 watts ALW Alwyn North 327 10 watts, LF5D Hod 561 10 watts, SDV MSV Stadive 597,5 20 watts, SB Sumburgh head lighthouse 291,9 20 watts, LFSQ West Vanguard 561 25 watts, SB Sindbad Saxon 579,5 25 watts, OQ Frigg QP 367 25 watts, DRL High Seas Driller 597,5 35 watts, RG2 Rowan Gorilla 897 40 watts, NC Ninian Central 284 40 watts, SS Scatsa Ness 315,5 40 watts, HL Hellodden 258,5 50 watts, RTV Rotvær 365 50 watts, (near Evenes airport in Troms) CML Clonmel, Co Tipperary 387 50 watts, GAR Garristown Co Dublin 407 50 watts, IOF Isle of Flotta, Orkney Isl.,357 50 watts, KK Kulusúk Greenland 283 200 watts, SAL Sal airport 274 1000 watts. (Cape Verde Islands) The indicated ones are via daytime propagation!

My favourite verified AM broadcast loggings would be KHLO Hilo, Hawaii on 850, 1 kW, KPHX Phoenix, Arizona on 1480, 500 watts and KFQC Davenport, Iowa on 1580, 500 watts (nominal) from North America, and from Ireland and Britain: Radio Dublin 2 Inchicore 1250 40 watts, Radio Caroline Dublin 1330a with 75 watts, Alternati≤ve Radio West from Ballina, Co Mayo on 1130 150 watts, BBC Hereford&Worcester 738 and 819, both 37 watts, BBC R Wigan&Leigh 1296 50 watts, Radio Jackie Worcester Park 65 watts on 1323, plus BBC Radio Bedfordshire from Bedford on 1161 with 80 watts. The tiniest transmitter heard are from Iceland: The Navy Broadcasting Service from Høfn, 1400, with 10 watts! Tiniest from Norway: NRK Mo i Rana 1121, 40 watts. I was a great admirer of the offshore stations Radio London 1127, Radio England 1322, Britain Radio 845, and the Irish pirate Radio Nova 846/819/738.

In addition to Kystradioen, I have worked part-time for the NRK. I am now working behind the scenes for a new station.

#### Credits/Sources:

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Airwaves no.2

AIRSPEC News

Ken Baird, Sorn, Scotland.

Robin Banks, Gloucester, England.

Eddie Caffrey, Drogheda, Ireland.

Paul Cotter, Clontarf, Co Dublin, Ireland.

Paul Davidson, Dublin 9, Ireland.

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DX-Kuuntelija/DX-Clusive/Sunspot, Finland.

DX-Monitor IRCA, USA.

DX-News Norway.

DX-News NRC, USA.

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### "THE AMazing AM AM RADIO DAYS

IN NORWAY SVENN MARTINSEN

RADIO CONSULTANT, RADIO LISTENING SPECIALIST, BROADCASTER, PASTOR, (CHURCH OF NORWAY)

"GO,TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAINS....." (IS.52,7)

Your ref.:

Our ref.: Date: 31-01-94

Medium Wave News, Steve Whitt,

#### UNSOLVED QUESTIONS REGARDING SIGNALS FROM BRITAIN AND IRELAND. ETC.

In connection with our AM Radio Days publication, now in its final stages of completion, do you or anyone you might think of know the source of these unidentified signals/and status of these transmitters? (Some of these might be unannounced and sporadic tests from the BBC or IBA,as from time to time I know they have had special tests, like BBC Radio London from Lea Valley on 1395 in 1979. Most are, however, British land pirates and Irish unlicensed commercial stations from the 80s.)

Freq/ AM Ireland:	Date	Time/UTC	Station, Program, Notes, Questions, Listener
639	19 <b>83</b>		R.Nova . Test or unwanted relay?Joe Jackson? Doctor Don? On <b>621</b> in Sweden!
729	081182		RTE R 1. KILKENNY test?(SM)
(729	spring 83		RTE R1/CORK LOCAL R., CORK.PRESENT TX NR. COBH HARBOUR JUST OUTSIDE CORK)
729	2905 <b>84</b>		R.Nova . Test or unwanted relay?Jackson?
738			SUPER Q site at Killeen Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 12.Still operative?
765			R West, Mullingar. Which marsh site near Mullingar was used?
819/82	8		KLAS Radio. Tx ex CCR 819, CE: Patsy Traymore. Which site(s)?
<b>819</b> a	autumn 83		Nova after the raid. Had a "hum" Off channel on the LF side. Shankill?
828	June 83		Nova right after the raid. Shankill?
845,8			North Atlantic Radio.From still near Muff,
846.0			located "MALINHEAD + REDCASTLE" in 1992)
			according to QSL card

Many inquries went out in letter form and phone calls to correspondents. Here is an excerpt of the letter to the Editor of Medium Wave News, Steve Whitt in early 1994.

In tribute to the late Norwegian DX-er Per Ingebretsen

and these great radio stations heard in Norway:

#### Thanks for the memories!

1142/1143 AFN Bremerhaven

773 Radio 390, International Waters

1520/1169 Radio Caroline North, International Waters

1320/845 Britain Radio, International Waters

845/1320 Radio England, International Waters

1127/1137 Radio London, International Waters

602/606 Radio Nord, International Waters

1562/557 Radio Veronica, International Waters

891/846/819/738 Radio Nova, Dublin

927/891/981 R Star Country, Brogan mountains

1476 First Gold/The Gold AM Guildford

930 CJON/CJYQ St.Johns

800 CKLW Windsor

960 CFAC Calgary

1410 CFUN/CKVN Vancouver

950 CHER Sydney

1050 CHUM Toronto

1320 CKEC New Glasgow

770 WABC New York

570 WMCA New York

1130 WNEW New York

1190 WBMJ San Juan

1000 WCFL/WLUP/WMVP Chicago

1390 WEGP Presque Isle

1510 WMEX/WITS Boston

1410 WPOP Hartford

560 WQAM Miami

920 KDHL Faribault

980 KFWB Los Angeles

1090 KING Seattle

1170 KJNP North Pole

560 KMON Great Falls

1000 KOMO Seattle

#### Also to these great radio personalities heard in Norway:

#### Thanks for the memories you made:

"Daffy"Don Allen, CFAR Flin Flon, Radio Caroline South/North, Manx Radio, Radio Noordzee Internationaal, BBC Radio Merseyside, Sunshine Radio Dublin, Royal County Radio, ERI Cork, Radio West Mullingar, CCR Cavan, Radio Star Country, Radio 3 Tullamore.

Simon Bates, BBC Radio 1FM, Atlantic 252.

Boom Boom Brannigan, Swinging Radio England.

John Clarke, Radio Nova Dublin, 2FM Dublin, Millenium 88 Dublin.

Larry Dean, Swinging Radio England.

The late Paul Kay, BFBS Kenya, Wonderful Radio London, Radio Luxembourg.

Paul May, Radio Noordzee Internationaal, Laser 558.

Cousin Brucie, Bruce Morrow, WABC/WNBC New York.

Emperor Rosko, Radio Luxembourg, Radio Caroline South, Virgin 12-15.

Keith Skues, BFBS Kenya, BFBS Germany, BFBS Kuwait, Radio Caroline South, Wonderful Radio London, BBC Radio 1/2, Radio Hallam, Classic Gold.

Johnnie Walker, Swinging Radio England, Radio Caroline South. KSAN San Francisco, BBC GLR, BBC Radio 5.

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Bernt Erfjord, ... Kristiansand, tel: ...sells radio station recordings from many parts of the world. Send a SAE/an IRC for details.

## Comment 2016-edition: Bernt Erfjord passed away June 26th, 2004 42 years old, RIP.

Brumunddal/Solsvik, September 18th, 1994,

Kjell Arne Olsen/Svenn Martinsen.

Reissue Sotra November 30th, 2016 Svenn Martinsen

This issue also includes some heritage around this large project. It is almost unbelievable that we managed to do it and that it is now 22 years ago!

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Utdrag, se försättsbladet för kommentar.

Fq Call	Station & OTH	Co								88888999 56789012	lat loos	ed by/date
1107 x	BBC Northampton, North Northampton, Norths	G	212	1 00	2345	6/890	117242		/XXX	XXXXX	SM	29.05.82
1107	BBC RIFM, Wirral, Merseyside	G	213	- 1							SM	01.01.83
1111 d#	Wicklow Local R, Arklow, Co Wicklow	IRL	214	1				Ι.	XXX	XXXXX	PI	08.11.80
1115 dx	BBC P. Darby Purporter Darbyshire	G	215					l	٩	1 1	SM	13.12.73
1115 # HRLK	BBC R Derby, Burnaston, Derbyshire BIG L 266/Wonderful R London, My Galaxy off Walton-on-the-Naze, Esse						XXX	XXX/		1 1	SM	13.12.73
1115 # 11115 #		ITW			X		/x	1		1 1	C1.4	06.01.74
1115 #	R Atlantis, My Jeanine off Knokke	ITW						1		1 1	SM	01.06.70
1115 dv# HR	Capital R, My King David off Noordwijk	ITW			- 1	XX	1'			1 1	SM	01.06.70
1115 dv# HR	R 270. My Oceaan VII off Bridlington, Humberside	ITW			/x	xx/		1	1	1 1	RM	03.06.66
1116 d#				1	/ ×	X/			Barren A		RM	03.00.00
1116 d#	BBC R Derby, Burnaston, Derbyshire	G	221		- 1			/XXX	qxxxx:	XXXXXX		
	BBC R Derby, Burnaston, Derbyshire	G	222							X		160000
1116 d	BBC R Guernsey, St. Peter Port. Channel Isl	G	223					,		XXXXXXX	SM	16.03.82
1116 #	North West Comm. R, Buncrana, Co Donegal	IRL	224	- 1	- 1				/:	XXX		
1116 #	BIG D R, Chapel Lane, Co Dublin	IRL	225		- 1			N			JA	01.08.78
1116 x#	KIKS FM, Creagh, Co Monaghan	IRL	226	- 1						X	SM	21.10.89
1116 #	Boyneside R, Dollymount, Co Dublin	IRL	227		- 1				X		SM	06.03.85
1116 #	Kiss-fm, Foley Street, Co Dublin	IRL	228		- 1				1	dx/		
1116 #	BIG D R, Lower Camden Street. Co Dublin	IRL	229		- 1			XX			JA	01.08.78
1116 x	North Atlantic R, N.Muff, Co Donegal	IRL	230						1	l x		
1116 #		IRL	231		- 1				1	x	SM	14.10.88
1119 v#	Cork City Local R. Cork City. Co Cork	IRL	232		- 1			,	4		SM	22.10.80
1122 x	BBC ES, Crowborough, Kent	G	233	x	- 1				1	1 1		
1122 #	BBC ES, Ottringham, Humberside	G		x	- 1					1 1		
1122 #	ABSIE(Am Bc Stn in Eu) Stripes Net, Westerglen, Central Scotland, etc.	G	234	x	- 1					1 1		
1125 d	BBC R Wales, Llandriddod Wells, Powys	G	235		- 1				,	XXXXXXX	SM	20,12,85
1125 #n	R Carousel, Dundalk, Co Louth	IRL	236					1	XXXXX			
1125 d#		IRL	237							xx		
1125 #		IRL	238		- 1					xx		
1125 x		IRL	239		- 1					×	SM	01.03.91
1127 d# HRLK	BIG L 266/Wonderful R London, My Galaxy off Walton-on-the-Naze, Esse	ITW	240	1	x					1 7	RM	27.12.64
1130 d#		IRL	241						N.	1 1	SM	05.12.81
1130 #		IRL	242		- 1				×		EA	01.03.83
1133 x#		IRL	243		- 1			X	1	1 1	SM	12.10.78
1133 dv# HRLK	BIG L 266/Wonderful R London, My Galaxy off Waiton-on-the-Naze, Esse		244		/xx	Lyz		.,			RM	12,10,10
1133 ds#	R Caroline South/R Caroline International S, My Mi Amigo off Frinton-on-		245		XX					1 1	ICIVI	
1134		G	246		~~				x		SM	05.12.82
1134		G	247	1	- 1				x		JA	24,12,83
1134 x#		IRL	27.		- 1				^		SM	09.02.87
1134 #		IRL	248		1			/ x		r	SIVI	03.02.01
1134 #		IRL	249		- 1			, x			SM	05.10.84
1134 x#		IRL	250	-	- 1			1	x/		SIVI	03.10.84
1134 d#		IRL	251	1	1			/xxx		1 1		
1134 Um	ARD. Alternative R Dublin, Finglas I, Co Dublin	IKL	251	1	1			1	X	1		

- 189 Ex 1034, ex BBC R Medway, Site Hoo. Channel to be used for commercial London Country Radio from London-Crystal Palace? 1994.
   190 Ex 1034. Site Broadfield Road Now Virgin 12-15, 1242
- 191 Tx ex Longford CR-1035.
- 192 (BBC R1, now 1053) 193 (R4. R1. now 1053)
- 194 to be part of INR-3,1995
- 195 AM transmitters supposed to go off during nighttime, but this stayed on relaying FM. Also Enniskillen?
- 196 Tx ex R Carousel, C'blayney-1071(1984) + ARD-1161 (original). Paul Cotter Tx? Later to 1035kHz. Tx sold to Roscommon R, Elphin after this. 197 Ex 1317

- 197 Ex 1317
  198 Orig, tx: Peter Gibney.
  199 Ex 1413, tx in a shed near Carrigdale Hotel, S Jonesboro, = R Carousel North/R Carousel
- Newry. 200 Test transmission. Position: 51°47' 9" N, 01°20' 55" E
- 201 See also 647, 804,809,1122,1295,1340 202 (R4, R1, now R1 FM-relay)
- 203 100 kW
- 204 AM transmitters supposed to go off during nighttime, but this stayed on relaying FM.
- 205 Logged in connection w. BBC channel redistribution 206 to be part of INR-3,1995
- 207 1098-1100 208 1098-1100
- 209 1098-1100
- 210 Ex BBC Third 1474, Now 774
- 211 Site Tarbat Ness
- 212 Ex BBC R Northampton, Site Kings Heath.Now Virgin 12-15,1197
- 213 Site Wallasey
  214 Site: Ferrybank, 1359v (1388-1363) 1134 WLR in Wicklow no connection
- 215 Now 1116, heard by SM September 1973.Site Burnaston airport 216 On this channel for a short time in the summer of 1966. Position: 51\*47 9\* N, 01°20' 55\* E
- 217 Ex 656 (test)
- 218 Anti-skywave-antenna, transmitter ex R 270
- 219 1111-5
- 220 1111-5, RCA 10 kW-sender
- 221 Ex 1115.Site Burnaston airport 222 Site Burnaston Lane

- 223 Site Rohais, ex BBC R2-909
- 224 Ex 1296, = NWCR, also 1170
  225 Billy Ebrill tx.Big D's first Site. The premises(nr. St.Stephens Green) completely gutted by
- 226 Ex KITS-FM 837 (=FM-100). Became new tx of R Star Country and raided
- 220 Ex Al 13-rn 337 (4-19/100) Excellent law on R shall country and randow.
  227 John Thewlis tx/house in Dollymount/Clontarf.Site also used for R Echo1596, "Nova Northside" 981/1125, Carnival R-1114,CR Dollymount-1116,Dublin CBC-1116,CR 257-1134,(briefly on 1116 from Portmarnock)Kiss am&fm-1134,ICR-981,Heartbeat/Cara 1116 &O-102
- 228 Orig, site was Joe Jackson at Sallynoggin Inn.nr. Dun Laoghaire. ("Nova Southside" 684)
  Same fq(1116) but didn't work. Later, John Thewlis moved his tx from
  Dollymount/Portnarnock to Foley St. Cf. notes 88/166/228/249/294/397. Orig. tx was ex
  RCR.846 (RCA ET)
  229 Billy Ebrill/John Kane tx 600W.Later Big D Automation,etc.see note 1980.
- 230 Tx Site N. Muff, Co. Donegal Ex 1125. Tx ex Glencoe R-1125/1143&Melvin CR (Manorhamilton)-1125. Later to 954/846.
  231 Heddy Eddie tx, ex 999.
- 232 1117-9, tx Site: 2A French Church St. Later to 1152v from Glanmire. 233 See also 647,804,809,1122,1295,1340

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  234 Moorside Edge& Rampisham also used, cf.977
  235 (BBC R Cymru, was to be BBC R Powys/Heads of the Valley)
  236 Tx-Site Dundalk Shopping Centre, Billy Ebrill tx, 500W.Later new Site Fairways= R
  Dundalk 1364/1164, As o a Carousel Castleblayney(1982)1062/1071.
  237 Site: Fairways Hotel. R Dundalk was Indep. R Dundalk-1360v, became Skyline R-1512,
  Boyneside R-1260(1984), and R Carousel's new Dundalk site. Orig. tx was Con
  McParland's production.
  238 Ex 981, 1386v. 1125: Heddy Eddic/Miles Johnston tx
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- 239 Tx Site N. Muff, Co. Donegal. Tx ex Glencoe R-1125/1143&Melvin CR (Manorhamilton)1125. Later 1116/954/846.
  240 1124-7. Position: 51\*47 9" N, 01\*20" 55" E. Originally R KLIF London/R Galaxy
  241 = ARW, broadcast from Lord Edward Street, Ballina.

- 242 Ex 1155, to 1404. Here nom fq 1125.
- 243 Tx-Site Dundalk Shopping Centre, Billy Ebrill tx, 500W. 244 1133-7, 75 kW RCA-transmitter. Position: 51°47' 9" N, 01°20' 55" E
- 245 Spur caused by the ships being close together? Position: 51\*47 N 1\*19' E 1964-1967. From the sailing of the Galaxy 20th August 1967 same position as R London, cf1115/1127/1133.
  246 Later to 1170
- 247 Pirate transmitters here at the time incl.County R 1323, Sounds Alternative 1179, Wulfrun
- 248 R 257= ARD. Latter used 1143 daytime, 1134 nites. Studio&tx located at this hotel near Dublin airport. Ex1247. Also used by Boyneside 82.
  249 John Thewlis tx/house in Dollymount KJSS am&fm (=KJSS Computerstn) had offices in

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# The AMazing AM

After nearly four years of hard work, the Norwegian DX - Listeners Club have just completed a mammoth project. They have produced what can only be described as a veritable goldmine of radio information.

What is this goldmine then? Well it is a 230 page A4-sized softback book containing loggings of all medium wave radio stations received in Norway between 1945 and 1994. However, what is so good about this book, is that it is not just the loggings which may be of interest, but the footnotes to many of the entries which give much detailed information such as opening and closing of transmitter sites, frequency changes etc etc.

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#### DXX -719 Bjarne Mjelde

Helt uten oppfordring har jeg bestemt meg for å gi en vurdering av "AMazing AM" - den store norske logglista. Det fortjener den. På den annen side er det umulig å gå i detaljer uten å bruke fire numre av DX-News. Dette blir derfor mye følelser, og litt fakta. Men er det ikke følelser DX-ingen egentlig dreier seg om? Lengselen etter det nye, ukjente... Svenn Martinsen og Kjell Arne Olsen fortjener heder, hvorav tittelen "Amazing OMs"!

På sytti-tallet, da jeg var relativt fersk som DX-er, fikk jeg bl.a. gjennom kontakt med -405 Arvid Frøsland smake mellombølgens helt spesielle atmosfære. Det som gjorde meg avhengig var utvilsomt den aller første amerikanske MB-stasjonen som dukket opp i radioen min. Det var legendariske KJNP North Pole, Alaska. Bare navnet på byen (egentlig en forstad til Fairbanks) var nok til å suge meg fast til mellombølge-DXingen. Man fikk syn for at begrepet lokalradio var noe mer enn distriktssendinga fra NRK Finnmark.

WRTH var da som nå en viktig informasjonskilde for DX-eren. For meg ble en annen kilde etterhvert svært viktig, særlig i den perioden hvor jeg hadde lite erfaring. Det var den første MB-logglista som ble laget. Det er gjerne slik at de fleste stasjoner er hørt før, særlig for nybegynneren. Da var det å ha ei liste over akkurat de stasjonene veldig verdifullt. For det første var det ganske sannsynlig at den stasjonen jeg hørte stod på lista. For det andre ble det ofte slik at "har andre klart å høre den skal vel saktens jeg også klare det!". Slik bygget man opp erfaring og kunnskap inntil man var kommet så langt at man selv var i stand til å bidra til lista gjennom førstelogginger. Og betydningen av erfaring og kunnskap for nettopp MB-DXingen kan ikke overvurderes.

Amazing AM inneholder all den erfaring og kunnskap som norske MB-DXere har tilegnet seg gjennom tidene. Norge har et lite DX-miljø sammenliknet med Sverige og Finland, og våre naboer har DX-ere som går langt utenpå oss med antall logginger, QSL osv. På den annen side legger en del av dem ned store ressurser i form av tid og penger på

hobbyen sin. Vi er nok mer "amatører" sånn sett, men vi har det minst like moro, og jeg tror AMazing AM viser at Norges DX-ere ikke står langt tilbake fra våre naboer i sør (sett fra Finnmark, hi!).

Jeg har tilgang på PC og assortert programvare, og valgte derfor AMazing AM i diskett- versjon lagret som Excel 4.0 filer. På disketten lå en selvutpakkende fil med navn "XL4-AMR.EXE". Lag katalog på disken og kopier inn filen, og kjør den. Vips, har du 11 filer hvorav ni er "kontinentfiler", én fil for nye logginger i 1993 og én les-meg fil. Siden Excel er et Windows-program kunne les-meg filen med fordel vært skrevet med Windows' ANSItegnsett. Nå erstattes de norske tegnene æ,ø,å med andre tegn. En bagatell, men herved nevnt.



Til min store glede viste seg at redaktørene ikke hadde falt for fristelsen til å legge forskjellig info inn i samme kolonne. Dette gjør at dataene er organisert slik at man har full fleksbilitet hvis man ønsker å redigere dataene. På den annen side blir det et voldsomt antall kolonner, eller felter om man ønsker et normalt databaseformat - hele 65. F den grad brukeren ønsker en annen framstilling av data enn det som er lagt inn som basis har man alle muligheter. På den annen side må det arbeides endel på egen hånd.

Jeg bruker Microsoft Access til daglig, og ønsket derfor å konvertere Excel-filene til Access filer. Dette går problemfritt, nesten. Årstallsfeltene har en tendens til å bli formattert som tall-felt. Dette CONNAZING Z



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