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The theme is "Allo DX" and you can hear it every week over Radio Canada as Messrs. Jean-Louis Huard and Yvan Leclerc introduce their weekly meeting of the Radio Canada Shortwave Club in the French language. They are shown in the photo (Jean-Louis Huard, left and Yvan Leclerc, right). Both announcers speed up the rhythm of their show to accommodate the "GO-GO" generation one week a month when they become attuned to the teenagers who wish to follow in the footsteps of their dedicated shortwave listening elders.



LETTER FROM A NEW MEMBER

The following is a letter received from a new member of the club, he is Mr. Robert S. Reynolds of Venice, California, USA.

Dear Sir, It is with deeply felt appreciation that I am informing you that I have just received my certificate of membership in the Radio Canada Shortwave Club. It's been a long time coming, this particular certificate -- not since submitting my first reception report as a prospective member -- but 17 long years, to a time in 1952, when, in Juneau, Alaska, Radio Canada smacked me into really true radio consciousness. I still remember vividly the time and day -- a bleak Sunday morning in mid-September when the semi-Arctic stillness of the otherwise small city of Juneau pulsed with excitement -- and fear, that 450 sailing passengers of a ship of the Canadian Pacific fleet, the "Princess Kathleen" would not be placed in comfortable shelter after a most trying night of cold and feared danger which resulted from the forced abandonment of the KATHLEEN when she reefed in the early morning hours in the Lynn Canal, 30 miles north of Juneau, and then sank. I was then with the Alaska Broadcasting station, KINY, and from the standpoint of a sudden news break, it was what is so loosely called a reporter's dream come true. But, this realization came not from the disaster of the KATHLEEN specifically, but that I was able to use the microphone of my station, and plead for all available shelter in the homes of the townspeople. And, do you know, within an hour and thirty minutes of my repeated announcements, the Baranoff Hotel where the stricken passengers were brought and hurriedly fed, had received upwards of 600 telephone calls all offering a place to sleep, rest, revive. But what was the magnificent aspect of this total experience was that within hours of the accident, Radio Canada broadcast an appeal via a statement to all businessmen of Juneau to extend fullest credit to any and all the passengers for necessary supplies. And the response was immediate and truly heart-warming.

Every business door reverberated with immediacy and ready service. Such rapprochement I have never before seen anywhere; not in any of the towns, large or small, in Italy, France, Austria, in World War II, or anywhere since. But what made this immediate reaction possible was the seemingly truly felt sympathy and sincerity of the CBC announcer. I never doubted this for a moment for it stirred me, supposedly an experienced radio news reporter. For, in an instant I learned the true power of a radio station, and the man behind a microphone. This dramatically learned lesson stayed with me these many years. And so it was with much joy that upon hearing the International Service of CBC on my small table model CANDLE -- 5 band radio early one Sunday morning in January, 1969, I submitted my first reception report, and now, today, I proudly display my Radio Canada Listener's Certificate -- and my membership number -- 1911. I do want to thank you for installing me in the RCSWC. And my appreciation abounds as - note the excellent shortwave information, even the fine quality of paper and the printing on which it is transcribed: But, particularly am I grateful for the memorable lesson taught me on that September-Sunday morning when the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation showed me the true values of my position in a radio broadcasting station. And I am still learning of true values via CBC, as I listen nightly to the International Service of Radio Canada. I can't help respecting and appreciating the objectivity of Radio Canada's news, given not as hashed up murder, violence, chaos, but looking out on the world and reporting of Canada's growth, progress, her sometimes painful but always steady and decent development to greater nationhood. Thus, I am, and hope to remain, your avid listener and devoted Radio Canada Shortwave Club member, for a long, long time. With kindest regards. Yours very truly, Robert S. Reynolds.

MEMBERS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Our two Members in the Limelight this month are from widely separated areas of the globe. However, they have at least one thing in common and that is their avid interest in shortwave listening.

Mr. Thomas Bullion King Arhin (4431) Ghana Customs and Excise, P.O. Box 302, Tema, Ghana, West Africa is 27 years old and is currently employed as an Officer of Customs and Excise. His interest in shortwave radio started some eleven years ago. His grandfather owned a Super Philips receiver and Thomas would tune in to the BBC during the former's absence. He now owns his own Orienta 5610 which was manufactured in West Germany. The news, RCSC program and Focus are his favorites over CBC. Other hobbies include Volleyball, singing, swimming and reading. He is also a chorister in the Catholic church in Tema and he has formed his own Volleyball club which he calls "The Untouchables". Thomas ended his letter with these words: "It has rather become part of my life that I respect and smile to anyone I meet, be he male or female, young or old and that produces many friends. I am an adventurer and I toured all of Ghana in 1966 with a survey team. If perchance I should accumulate enough funds, I may visit Canada to acquaint myself with its people and way of life because I personally like the country."

Mr. Douglas J. Doull (725) of 78 College Road, Northcote, Auckland is 26 and has been shortwave listening since 1956. Douglas is a blind operator but he manages to fill in his own reports with very little assistance from his parents. His receiving equipment consists of the Eddystone 940 a communications receiver, a Philips 8 tube domestic receiver and two other smaller receivers as well as a tape recorder. His antenna is a 65 foot long wire about 50 feet high and running East-West. With this set-up, he has logged 71 countries out of 75 for a total of 296 QSL cards. Douglas is a member of 11 clubs run by shortwave stations around the world. He has been called over the air three times in one day, by Earl Fisher of CBC, Radio Budapest and Radio Switzerland. Over the years his name has been called over the air by a total of 18 countries and Earl Fisher has called his name during his Christmas program for the past six years. In addition to this hobby, he collects stamps and coins and is interested in foreign affairs. Douglas ended his letter by saying that he has a pet budgie called Peter who loves to watch TV and also drinks beer. Peter can say his name and address as well as his master's name.

AN INTERESTING VISITOR (Concluded)

Here is the final contribution left with us a few months ago by Arthur Cushen while he was visiting Club Headquarters. Here is what Arthur had to say about the New Zealand Listener.

"I have a DX column in the "New Zealand Listener" the official program magazine of the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation. In New Zealand, all radio stations are operated by the NZBC and programming and information about radio and television can be obtained in advance, only in the weekly magazine, the "New Zealand Listener". This magazine reaches most of the households in the country and has a circulation of about 150,000. Its predecessor, the "Radio Record" contained information on programs broadcast by private radio stations before nationalization. It also contained DX notes from members of the New Zealand DX Club. The "Listener" purchased the "Radio Record" and it is now the only magazine of its kind in the country. My own column in the "Listener" has been running since 1951 and it brings in about 400 inquiries per year from people who are interested in shortwave and wish to expand their knowledge. The information helps to stimulate interest in the hobby and those who wish to pursue this interest may join the NZ Radio DX League. I am the Public Relations Officer for this organization as well as a life member. The "New Zealand Listener" is published weekly and sold for ten cents per copy and may be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 3140, Wellington, New Zealand. Subscription rates are available."

WHERE THE WORD "HAM" ORIGINATED

Edward Vidunas (7591) of 1813 Merriman Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15203, USA says that a 1965 magazine article stated that radio amateurs were called AM's which was short for amateurs. Somewhere along the line, the H was picked up and amateurs became HAMs.

Philip Ragusa (7402) of 2295 West 11th St., in Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223, USA says that the American Radio Relay League gave the following explanation: "Before radio, landline telegraph operators referred to sloppy operators as hams or plugs. When wireless telegraph sets were installed on ships, these landline telegraph operators went to sea. Because of the simple "spark" transmitters of those days, everyone was on the same frequency. Amateurs increased in number and because of the interference they caused to commercial operators, they were called HAMs. Radio amateurs did not know the meaning intended, and over the years, they came to calling themselves "Hams". Similar explanations were put forward by Mark Wallace (6987) Oklahoma City, Okla., USA and T.A. Iserbyt (4035) Croydon, England.

CHANGES.....CHANGES.....CHANGES

It's a time of change. And, as opinion polls and statisticians assist program directors to serve their listeners better, frequencies and schedules keep being changed. Deutsche Welle, the voice of Germany, emanating from Cologne in the Federal Republic, has completely revamped its German language service, expanding coverage of news and actualities. Some of their programs to Eastern Europe are going out at new times, and a Maghreb section took up work some time ago. Vatican Radio is working to make their format more attractive. A number of programs have been moved to new times, to suit, it is hoped, the listeners better. Radio Worldwide in New York has changed its air-time, and they have got a number of surprises in store for their Spanish speaking audience throughout Latin America. (H. P. S.)

VISITORS TO CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Last month we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. David Frankl (1860) of Slough, Bucks, U.K. as well as Rodolfo Roeske of Argentina and Mr. Edward C. Grobber (2745) of Dayton Beach, Florida, USA, when they visited us here in Montreal.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere condolences to the parents and friends of the following club members who have recently passed away. They are Mr. Hans Flertmann from West Germany and Mr. E. M. L. Priestly of Kingston, Jamaica.

PEN-PALS AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Edward A. Owens (7334) 902 Page St., McKees Rocks, Pa. 15136, USA - would like to hear from anyone, who has built an "Ameco" Model R-5 Allwave Receiver kit and pen-pals.

Ellen Stitler (7244) 2691 West Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Penn. 15216, USA - do any club members have a tape of the different English Language transmissions going on and off the air?

Brian Wolesensky (6136) 1700 Brent Blvd., Lincoln, Nebr. 68520, USA - 16 yrs. - pen-pal in France, Tunisia, Morocco in English - trade stamps with Morocco, Luxemburg, Greece.

Juhani Moisio (4865) Viitasaari, Keiharinkoski, Finland - 36 yrs., pen-pals in USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand - English or Finnish.

David Lochlin (1678) 14 Birralee St., Muswellbrook 2333, N. S. W. Australia - like to help other members on the subject of QSLing Hams.

Karl Zuk (3774) 224-04 Stronghurst Ave., Queens Village, N. Y. 11427, USA - pen-pal 15 yrs - correspond with someone in England or Australia.

Roger Chambers (5547) 1039 Scott Ave., Salina, Kansas 67401, USA - correspond with any members in Philadelphia, Pa. who would like to hear from or meet him. Put phone no. on card. He will be there for Drum and Bugle Nationals in late August (17th).

R. J. Edwards (7478) 63A, Beaufort Rd., Havant, Hants, PO9 3HT, England - request information on operating an Eddystone receiver on the DX bands.

Melvin Lee (6849) 36 Tudor St., Belmont, N. S. W., Australia 2280 - pen-pal 17-19 yrs., boy or girl interested in radio and SWLing, anywhere in world.

Paul Jordan (2033) 3990 Gorman Rd., Sand Creek, Mich. 49279, USA - exchange postcards.

Louis Goldstein (4327) 150 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, Mass. 02121, USA - a collector of unaddressed 1st day covers - like to learn of other members experienced in obtaining such FDC's from Pitcairn Island and Togo. Has had no luck with these 2 places.

Gilbert F. Roth (6600) 8801 Behrwald Ave., Brooklyn, Ohio 44144, USA - pen-pal 16-18 yrs.

Wayne Junop (7441) Palmer Rapids, Ontario, Canada - interested in all kinds of Radios. He would like to get service information on the Pygmy 2001 French-made radio.

Richard K. Thompson (1010) 3632 Greenway Dr., Suitland, Md. 20023, USA - with Asia, Africa, Europe or Australia.

Craig Masters (7836) 2615 Belle Vista, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46809, USA - exchange match-books, records.

Joseph A. Breton (6066) P. O. Box 34, Methuen, Mass. 01844, USA - SWL card swapping - outside USA.

Bill Lauterbach (6680) 100 Luther Blvd., Albion, Mich. 49224, USA - start a monitor club.

Lutz Thormann (895) 1 Berlin 20, Seegfelder Str. 82, W. Germany - stamps.

Dieter Opitz (4202) 593 Geisweid, Fichtenweg 27, W. Germany - with US, G. B., and Germany in German, 14-16 - exchange stamps.

Joachim Culmann (7693) 668 Haus-Furpach, Zum Kuhfeld 1, W. Germany - age 17 with boy or girl in Australia in English, French or German.

Mike Davis (4946) 410 Gratz Brown, Moberly, Missouri 65270, USA - with Asia or Pacific Islands in English - age 15-25.

Donald Rhodes (908) 16 Maud Ave. Leeds 11, England - interested in exchanging first day covers with members outside U. K. - English or Spanish.

H. U. Shenoy (1197) "Lovedale", IDU, Karkala (S. K.), Mysore State, India - wants information on construction and operation of commercial SW monitoring station.

Michael Leiboff (5689) 60 Sylvan Ave., Bergenfield, N. J. 07621, USA - anyone wishing a mint Apollo 11 commemorative stamp (US postage) send 2 IRC's for postage.

Hans Fuhrmann (5836) 8812 Seifhenersdorf, Grenzweg 3, E. Germany - girl or boy 16-18 from Canada, USA or England in German, English and Russian.

Manfred Weiss (5774) 84 Regensburg, Weiherweg 6, W. Germany - correspond in English or German with anybody who is politically interested outside Germany.

Albert Kosnopfel (4872) 7926 Böhmenkirch, Breiter Weg 2, W. Germany with boy or girl in German, English and French.

Günter Wiemer (7084) 7716 Geisingen, Waldstrasse 14, W. Germany - age 16 - with Oceania, Caribbean Sea, New Zealand or South America in German and English.

Peter Oligmtiller (7297) 3500 Kassel-Wilh., Rolandstr. 7, W. Germany - age 14, with girl who is interested in Dxing, stamps and beat.

Rainer Moselewski (7534) 5109 Kalterherberg/Eifel, Am Klüsenborn 9, W. Germany - age 18 - wants to become a bank businessman - correspond with 18 years old girl interested in DXing, collecting of coins, stamps and postcards.

DX PARADE (All times are GMT)
Stations logged in North America by Club Members

<u>kHz</u>	
4890	Port Moresby-Papua-good signal 1030 (D. Buxton-4134)
5954	Radio Casino, Costa Rica-English 0530-0600 (J. Ziegler-7981)
5955	TGNA-Guatemala strong signal 0000-0300 (D. E. Szyclinski-7617)
6070	CFRX-Toronto, Canada at 2335 (R. E. Redman-566)
7140	R. Riga, Latvia in Latvian 0500(M. Mahoney-6291)
7210	R. Khabarovsk (Siberia) 1315 Russian-Music (L. Jackson-7405)
7335	CHU-Dominion Observatory Canada-Ottawa-24 hours (R. McCarthy-7907)
9500	R. Vilnius-Lithuania Fri. & Sun. 2330 (C. Goodwin-6907)
9730	R. Berlin International 0100-0230 (L. Doty-7282)
11855	Saudi Arabia - Arabic News at 1920 (L. Clark-5732)
11875	Nicaragua in Spanish at 1428 (J. A. Breton-6066)
15110	ORTF, France in Spanish to Lat. America 0230 (J. M. Gallen-4822)
15240	R. Pakistan in English at 2010 (G. Raymond-7616)
15275	R. Damascus, Syria in English 2030 (R. Raymond-1277)
17655	Radio Cairo 1808-1845 in English to C. Africa (C. D. Sanders-7838)
21690	Windward Islands at 2150-2210 (M. E. King-2964)
21740	R. Australia to North America 0230 (R. Landau-1199)

Stations logged in Austria (H. P. Stumvoll)

<u>kHz</u>	
9610	Austrian Shortwave Service; 1915 every second Sun.; DX-pgr.
15233	Ceylon, Commercial Service; 1600 program preview; excellent
15263	Afghanistan, Radio Kabul; 1730 German, 1800 English, 1830 French; excellent recep.
15270	Syria; Radio Damascus; sign on 1720 Russian, 1730 German, etc.
15405	Kuwait; Radio Kuwait, 1600-1900 English; Tues. "International Hit Parade", news daily at 1730. Usually heard like a local station, loud and clear

Stations logged in New Zealand (A. T. Cushen)

<u>kHz</u>	
6065	Radio Singapore heard with English news at 1130 on this new frequency
7255	ORTF, Paris, news in English at 0515
9655	Trans World Radio, Monte Carlo, noted on this new frequency on Sunday at 0800 with Gospel program
9705	Radio Pakistan has English news at 0245
11865	HCJB, Quito, English service to North America to 0400 then program is beamed to Europe
11870	Vienna, Austria, strong signal to South America with sign-off at 0400
11875	Radio Nacional, Nicaragua, Managua, Fair signal at 0400 but blocked by Moscow at 0430
15165	Copenhagen, Denmark on the air to the Far East 2000-2115, English, from 2045. A good signal on this test transmission
17815	Radio South Africa, Johannesburg using this frequency to New Zealand from 0800-0855 and received at fair level. The other frequency 21545 is too high to propagate at this time.

Stations logged in South Africa (C. Uitzinger)

<u>kHz</u>	
3288	Malagazy-Tananarive-heard 1900 in Fr. with NX followed with MX
6175	Brazil-Rad. Guiarani- Heard at 0530 with adverts and NX in Portuguese
7205	Congo-Rad. Lubumbashi - has also been noted on this frequency at 1400 till 1600 in African and Fr. lang. with NX and good MX progr.
11755	Equador-Voice of the Andes - heard at 0745 with Rel. Prog.
15165	Denmark-Rad. Denmark was heard at 1730 with talks and MX in Danish
15220	Neth. Antilles-Radio Nederland Via Bonaire Relay station beamed to West Africa with s/o at 1830 with NX, commentary and music
17865	Rwanda-Radio Deutsche Welle was heard at 0900 with a test XMSN via their new 250 kW XMTR in Kigali to East Africa in Swahili, Eng. and Fr. Idents. every 1/4 hr. - (with music)
21655	Norway-Radio Norway heard at 1800-1830 and 1900-1930 in Norwegian with NX Comm. and MX. Also 21730 kHz (NX=News, MX=Music, s/o=Sign on, c/d=close down)

Happy listening, good DXing and 73s.

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