



Looking Back

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Looking Back is a nostalgic reflection on the shortwave scene of yesteryears, written from the personal experience of the author, who has been DXing the shortwave bands for over seven decades.

VOLMET Broadcasts

An interesting network of stations comprises the Aviation Weather Broadcasting Service, which gives regular reports and forecasts for airports in their regions. Each group has its own frequency and transmits at regular times.



go out on other frequencies, such as 6578 for New York.

Those who are especially interested in these broadcasts are advised to purchase The Worldwide Aeronautical Communications Frequency Directory by the late Bob Evans, who was an ODXA member. It's still available from Universal Radio.

Incidentally, the word VOLMET is derived from French, quite literally translated "flight weather".

These stations have been good verifiers in the past, if you can find the correct address.

Good listening.

Note: Here's a website you can check out. <http://www.dxinfocentre.com/volmet.htm>



The reports include ceiling, wind, temperature, visibility, altimeter and dewpoint. Also included are observations on general weather, such as snow.

These transmissions are usually in USB mode. The easiest to hear in East and Central Canada is New York Radio on 6605 kHz, reporting on such airports as Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Cincinnati New York Kennedy, Newark, Baltimore, Bermuda, Miami and Tampa.

These broadcasts last 10 minutes and then another station in the net comes on.

Gander Radio reports on Canadian airports.

The VOLMET broadcasts are NOT part of direct ground-to-air or in-flight communications, which

