

January 6th 1946

The big catch this week was at 7.50m on Saturday the 5th, when I tuned in KSL (1160^{mc}) Salt Lake City, Utah. Reception was remarkably free from static, and the signals were strong and clear. At one period the prog-ramme could be heard 15 feet from the radio.

Only once did the signals fade away during the ten minutes I was listening, and when the announcer wished us all good night they were loud and clear.

This is the best I have ever received any American station, and I hope it is an indication of good listening in the future. KSL is powered by 50,000 watts.

KTRH (740^{mc}) Houston Texas was tuned in on Thursday about midnight. Reception was fair. The power was 50,000 watts.

Two new Australian stations were also "logged." They were 2GZ (990^{mc}) Orange, N.S.W., and 2CH (1190^{mc}) Sydney, N.S.W. The former is powered by 2,000 watts and the latter by 1,000. Reception was fair.

Items of interest are:

2XL (920^{mc}) Cooma N.S.W. has for the past nine years conducted a 7/8 hour session of yodelling recordings requested from all over New South Wales.

2YA (570^{mc}) Wellington N.Z., so far

as I know is the most powerful broadcast transmitter in the southern hemisphere.

January 1st - to - January 6th			
CALL	LOCATION	MC'S	WATTS
KSL	Salt Lake City, Utah.	1160	50,000
KTRH	Houston, Texas.	740	50,000
2GZ	Orange, N.S.W.	990	2,000
2CH	Sydney, N.S.W.	1190	1,000

Sunday, January 13th 1946.

Two new N.Z. stations were heard in the evenings during the past week. They were; 2ZM (1180KHz) Gisborne and 2YB (810KHz) New Plymouth. Reception was fair to good. Jan. 8th brought a new Australian station, 2M.W (1470KHz) Muswillumbah which was received very well during the late evening. Between 7 and 8 PM the following "Yanks" were coming in at good strength; KGMB. KHJ. KOIN. KIRO. KSL. KGO at 9 and 10 PM Recept. fair. ZJV Suva at 9.16 PM. Recept. fair.

Jan. 9th was a great morning for American stations.

Between 12.50 AM and 3.30 AM I logged the following; KF1 (640KHz) Los Angeles California, KPO (680KHz) San Francisco California. These two were well received. KOB (770KHz) Albuquerque New Mexico, KECA (790KHz) Los Angeles California. KJR (950KHz) Seattle Washington. Recept. fair.

WOAI was strong at 1.15 AM. 2.5 AM KOA fair, and at 2.40 AM XERB was loud. It gave me a particular thrill when I tuned in XERB as it was the first American station I ever received. I can remember the day well. It was during the 5 to 6 o'clock period when all N.Z. stations were off the air, and I was just turning the knob in search of an odd "Aussie." Was I excited when I found I'd picked up a "Yank" instead.

This is the most profitable early morning listen I have had yet. Perhaps the fact that the air was remarkably free from static had something to do with it.

Between 7 PM and 8 PM that evening I received at good strength, although several local or Australian stations pushed it out at times, an American station that gave its call as KXLA (1100KHz), and as it is not logged in the Lamphouse

Annual I have at present no way of checking up on it.
 On Jan 11th KFBK was tuned in but signals were very weak.
 Jan 12th brought another new "Yank" KGA Spokane Washington at ^{7:55 PM}
 This station is powered by 10,000 watts, but signals were very weak.
 KSTP gave a fair signal at 9:58 and KIRO at 8:28 was fair to good,
 KGMB and ZJV, between 7:30 PM and 9 PM were very good.
 KHJ at 9.3 was good but subjected to heavy interference.
 Jan 13th. KFI, good at 1:30 AM. KPO, good at 2:5 AM. 2 AM KECA fair.
 At 1:20 AM 3HA Hamilton Victoria came in, but 2KY interfered.
 During the previous evening 2HR Lochinvar N.S.W and 4BC
 Brisbane Queensland were heard the latter being very strong.
 KFBK (1530 KCS) and KGO (810 KCS)

give a 24 hour a day service. It is possible that in the near future the power mains will be connected to our house, and this means that I shall have to purchase a new radio. The one I have in view at present is the of the latest type and con- sequently rather costly. But I suppose the perform- ance compensates for the price. I hope so. While I have my old radio I am trying to log all the stations I can with it.	January 6th - to - January 13th.			
	CALL	LOCATION	KCS	WATTS
	KFI	Los Angeles, California	640	50,000
	KPO	San Francisco, Cal.	680	50,000
	KOB	Albuquerque, N.M.	770	50,000
	KECA	Los Angeles, California	790	5,000
	KJR	Seattle, Washington	950	5,000
	KGA	Spokane, Washington	1510	10,000
	2HR	Lochinvar, N.S.W.	680	300
	3HA	Hamilton, Victoria	1010	750
	4BC	Brisbane, Queensland	1120	2,000
	2MW	Murwillumbak, N.S.W.	1470	200
	2YB	New Plymouth, N.Z.	810	100
	2ZM	Gisborne, N.Z.	1180	100
	KXLA	Unknown	1100	—

Sunday, February 23rd 1946.

I haven't, during the past month, done much DXing. One reason is that I haven't felt like it, and the other, conditions have not been favourable.

Only one night was successful and that was last Sunday the 17th when I tuned in new stations, KGDM Stockton California (1140 KES) and HNS Hollywood California (1070 KES).

I have received XERB, KHJ, KFI, KPO, KSL, KIRO, and KGMB on and off at varying strength. ZJV has also been coming in well. The unknown station KXLA has now been identified as the old Pasadena station KPAS.

KHJ (930K) is owned and operated by the Don Lee Broadcasting company.

I have paid the deposit on my new radio, and can get whenever I choose.

This is my first entry since I bought a fountain pen. It is a "Swan".

Jan 13th - to - Feb 24th			
CALL	LOCATION	KES	WATTS
KGDM	Stockton California	1140	5000
HNS	Hollywood California	1070	—

Sunday March 3rd 1946.

Well this is the pay off for the "Golden Knight" vibrator.

The last American station received was WBBM Chicago (780K). At first signals were weak but gradually improved to good at 7.40 when it signed off.

3TR Sale Victoria (1240K) was the last Aussie heard.