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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we begin the New Year of 1974, Andes DX'ers International is happy to welcome all our members and to wish each of you a Happy New Year. We are glad you decided to join our Club! Not only is this a New Year, but we are a new Club. We start out together with real expectation.

Our purpose is to serve each of our members in every way possible. Each month you will receive your copy of ANDEX which will bring you much information concerning the Club, HCJB, and the country of Ecuador. We do not plan to include DX Tips and information on radio stations in other countries of the world. For this type of information, listen to the DX Party Line and join one of the many Clubs that publish such material. We do plan to feature one shortwave station in Ecuador each month with as complete information as possible.

Enclosed with this January, 1974 ANDEX is your membership certificate for 1974. The border was drawn by a gifted Ecuadorian artist, Sr. Salguero, and represents Ecuador and HCJB. At the center top you will find the Equator Monument which divides the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. This monument is located just a short distance from Quito and is surrounded by the Andes mountains with many beautiful snow peaks. The sides of the border represent HCJB with our hydroelectric plant at the top and our transmitter building and antenna towers at the bottom.

As the year progresses we will have added features. We would encourage you to write to us letting us know your reactions as well as sending along your suggestions. Also, let your friends know about the Club and encourage them to join. They will receive the same cordial welcome we give to each of you.

DX'ER OF THE MONTH



Cornelius Webb

Selected to receive the first "DX'er of the Month" award is Cornelius Webb of Dallas, Texas. Corky is shown above at his listening post in his home. He is employed as a salesman, has been interested in shortwave DXing for about 4 years, and finds time to do an average of about 4 hours of listening each evening.

The excellent equipment owned by Corky includes two Drake receivers, R-4B and SPR-4. A Mosley SWL-7 antenna is supplemented by a dipole and a Joystick with Joymatch. Reception is improved with a Gilfer preselector. Two cassette recorders and a reel-to-reel recorder complete the installation. With such facilities it is little wonder that Corky is such a successful DX'er.

Other interests which occupy some of Corky's time include hunting, fishing and photography.

Our congratulations go to Cornelius Webb for having been chosen as the first "DX'er of the Month." An attractive certificate will be sent to Corky in recognition of this honor.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN ECUADOR



Ecuador is a very interesting country with fascinating customs and traditions. From month to month we want to share some of them with you to help you understand the people who live here. One of the most colorful is the celebration of New Year's Eve.

On the last day of the year there is a lot of activity in preparation for the events to follow. In front of many homes and stores, people are preparing life-size dummies and dressing them to look like old men. Often these 'old men' are seated in chairs with a shelter constructed around them made from branches of trees. Depending on the economic situation of the people involved, these 'old men' can be quite simple or very elaborate.

All of these effigies are constructed to represent the Old Year that is swiftly coming to a close. As darkness approaches, lights are turned on so that

these 'old men' can still be seen. The streets are crowded with people milling around and children playing. The climax comes as the midnight hour draws near. One by one these 'old men' are burned to represent the end of the old year. Fires can be seen all over the city until nothing is left but small heaps of ashes.

This is all done to signify the desire to be rid of the bad that has taken place during the past year and to start the New Year afresh with the hope for better things ahead. In other parts of the world the same desire causes people to write down resolutions for the New Year. Everyone feels inspired to get rid of the bad habits and to start the New Year right.

We all know from experience what happens next. The New Year isn't very old before we find our best resolutions broken and the evils we had tried to get rid of and burn up are still with us. We don't have the strength in ourselves to make the changes we would like to see. We need a strength greater than our own if we want to see our lives changed. Jesus Christ can give us this power if we will let Him take over our lives and run them for us. Only in this way will the New Year be better than the old.

The *Living Bible* puts it in these words:

"Since we believe that Christ died for all of us, we should also believe that we have died to the old life we used to live. He died for all so that all who live — having received eternal life from him — might live no longer for themselves but to spend their lives pleasing Christ who died and rose again for them. When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did . . . For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out . . . we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God. For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" (Portions from 1 Cor. 5:14-21).

As you start the New Year, don't depend on your own strength to make it a better year. Let Christ

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help you build your life. Let Him be the foundation on which you build. Then you will be building with material that will last for eternity. Again the *Living Bible* says:

“There is going to come a time of testing at Christ’s Judgment Day to see what kind of material each builder has used. Everyone’s work will be put through the fire so that all can see whether or not it keeps its value, and what was really accomplished. Then every workman who has built on the foundation with the right materials, and whose work still stands, will get his pay. But if the house he has built burns up, he will have a great loss.” (1 Cor. 3:13-15).

Be careful what materials you use for your construction. Will there be nothing left of your life at the end but a small heap of ashes like we see here in Quito on New Year’s Day? Or will your life pass the test of fire?

1974 can be a better year for you. Accept the salvation that Christ has provided for you and let Him control your life. Put your trust in Him as your personal Saviour. You will never regret it, here on this earth or in the eternity that follows. “Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

CONTEST WINNERS

We are happy to announce the results of our Club Naming Contest.

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or ANDEX INTERNATIONAL (abbreviated)

Of the nearly 300 names suggested by listeners, there were 6 that were very close to the choice of the judges. Actually, the winning name is a combination of these 6 entries. For this reason, we are awarding 6 identical prizes to the following winners:

David Ball – Downsview, Ontario, Canada
Rex Dwyer – Yorktown, Indiana, USA
Steve Holmes – Joplin, Missouri, USA
Kathy Rappel – Davenport, Iowa, USA
David Sexton – U.S.S. Dubuque, FPO, USA
John Sturman – Castle Camps, Cambridgeshire,
England

Our congratulations to these winners.

THE ENGINEERS



Sam Rowley – Engineering Director

God has provided a fine group of qualified engineers to design and operate the technical equipment at HCJB. Since most of these men are not heard regularly on the air, we want you to become acquainted with them.

First to be presented is Sam Rowley, HCJB Director of Engineering. Sam was born in Loveland, Colorado where he attended grade and high school. His college days were spent at Sterling College in Kansas where he received his BS degree in physics. This was followed by the Missionary Radio & Communications course at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. While a student at Moody, Sam taught Communications & Industrial Electronics at the DeVry Technical Institute.

It was during 1960 at Moody Bible Institute that Sam first heard of HCJB. Soon after, he applied for missionary service in Quito. He has been on our engineering staff since April of 1964. The first years were spent at our transmitter site in Pifo as a transmitter engineer. Since November 1972 he has served as Engineering Director.

The name of Sam’s wife is Grace and they have four children: Carol Sue, Sam Jr., Steve, and Sheryl. All the children are attending school in Quito.

Like many of our engineers, Sam is an amateur radio operator and holds licenses both in Ecuador and the United States. Calls are W0WVW and HC1WR. Sam has a good tenor voice and is a frequent participant in the HCJB Choir. He lists Proverbs 3:3-8 as his favorite Bible verses.

RADIO NACIONAL DEL ECUADOR



HCXY1 - Control Room

As the first in a series on radio stations in Ecuador, we feature the National Radio Station of Ecuador. This cultural service to the people of Ecuador began on May 24, 1961, in the capital city of Quito.

The studios of Radio Nacional are located in downtown Quito. Transmitters are located on a hill several hundred feet above the city which provides good coverage of Quito. The transmitter site bears the name, "Lomas de Puengasí." Telephone lines carry the programs from the studios to the transmitters.

The present studio arrangement includes a large control room situated between two studios, each about 15 by 20 feet in size. An RCA BC3B console handles both studios for normal operation. Other facilities include 3 Rek-O-Kut turntables, 5 Ampex 601 tape recorders and several RCA and Shure microphones.

The transmitter installation consists of two transmitters, each with a power output of 10 kilowatts. These are similar units manufactured by Continental Electronics. One operates on 640 kHz using a 300-foot non-directional tower. The other provides shortwave service on a frequency of 4940 kHz using a dipole antenna directional to the north and south.

Programs on Radio Nacional are entirely cultural in nature and in Spanish. Very complete coverage of government activities and events of public inter-

est is provided. Normally, the same programs are carried simultaneously on both medium and short-wave frequencies. 640 kHz is used daily from 1100 to 0400 GMT for local service. Shortwave operation is limited to two shorter periods, 1100 to 1500 and 2300 to 0400 GMT. Shortwave hours are frequently increased if a program of special interest is being released.

HCXY1 and HCXZ1 are the call letters assigned to Radio Nacional. Like many stations, however, these are seldom used for identification. A typical announcement is as follows - "En transmisión, Radio Nacional del Ecuador (In transmission, the National Radio of Ecuador.) This is followed by a mention of the frequencies in use and the location, Quito.

Radio Nacional anticipates an expansion of their medium wave facilities during 1974. An enlarged shortwave service could follow in 2 or 3 years. A network of 3 stations has been approved with 50 kilowatt transmitters to be installed in each of three major cities.

Radio Nacional welcomes reception reports from listeners. QSL cards have been printed which will be sent in response to all reception reports. Being a government station, they do not require return postage. Reports in Spanish are preferred, but English is acceptable. Many of you should soon have these QSL cards on your walls. Reception reports should be sent, preferably by airmail, to Radio Nacional del Ecuador, Casilla 82, Quito, Ecuador.

Listen to DX Party Line, and invite your friends to tune in. Now heard 3 times each week on HCJB.

For South Pacific: Monday - Thursday - Saturday
0930 GMT 31 m - 9.745 mHz,
49 m - 6.080 mHz

For Europe: Monday - Thursday - Saturday
1930 GMT 19 m - 15.300 mHz,
25 m - 11.945 mHz,
31 m - 9.635 mHz,

For North America: Monday 10:00 PM EST
(Tuesday 0300 GMT)
Thursday 11:00 PM EST
(Friday 0400 GMT)
Saturday 9:30 PM EST
(Sunday 0230 GMT)
25 m - 11.915 mHz, 31 m - 9.560 mHz