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DXer OF THE MONTH



Robert Peil - ANDEX No. 160

This month we take you to France to meet the winner of our "DXer of the Month" award. Robert Peil lives in the city of Martigne-Ferchaud, in western France, where he is employed as a commercial technical agent. In the picture you see him seated in front of his Gründig Ocean Boy 210 receiver. This radio, along with an external horizontal antenna about 50 feet long gives Robert excellent shortwave reception from all parts of the world.

Robert became interested in shortwave listening in 1953 so has been enjoying the hobby for more than 20 years. His first reception of HCJB was on October 25th, 1956, at which time he listened on the 15.115 mHz frequency. He has been a frequent listener to the Voice of the Andes ever since. He considers himself to be an SWLer more than a DXer but does enjoy collecting QSL cards and pennants. Contests of various kinds also interest him.

Shortwave listening occupies about 2 to 3 hours of Robert's days, and he finds the hours between 1800 and 2100 GMT to be the most convenient. Robert also enjoys other hobbies, including photography and bicycling.

HCJB ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Many changes were made in early May which affect the frequencies used by HCJB for English programming. To keep you up-to-date, here is the current schedule for English programs effective during the period May 5, 1974 - September 1, 1974:

To North America:

0030-0100 GMT: 11.915, 9.560 mHz
0100-0230 GMT: 15.115, 11.915, 9.560 mHz
0230-0700 GMT: 11.915, 9.560 mHz
1215-1230 GMT: 11.740 mHz
1230-1300 GMT: 15.115, 11.740 mHz
1300-1630 GMT: 17.880, 15.115, 11.740 mHz
(Sundays only signoff at 1600)

To South America:

0230-0500 GMT: 9.745 mHz

To South Pacific:

0500-0700 GMT: 9.745, 6.085 mHz
0715-0900 GMT: 9.745, 6.085 mHz
0900-1045 GMT: 9.745 mHz

To Europe:

0715-0830 GMT: 11.915, 9.760 mHz
0830-1030 GMT: 11.915 mHz
1730-1745 GMT: 17.815, 15.315
(Monday through Saturday only)
1900-2045 GMT: 17.815, 15.300 mHz

For complete information on other languages, write for our International Program Schedule.

ANDEX Membership Report: As this issue of ANDEX International goes to press, we have 630 members from a total of 36 countries. Tell your friends about ANDEX and help our membership grow.

DXing HIGHLIGHTS

For Amy Froehlich, of Mesquite, Texas, the biggest and most outstanding thrill came back in 1969. She had just started DXing and HCJB was the first station she picked up. For 6 months she didn't really care to listen to any other station and continued listening and writing to HCJB.

Her DXing highlight came, as she describes it, "When I turned on my small receiver and heard Tom Fulghum say, 'Good morning Amy, how are you?' Then he went on to say they had gotten my letter and my very first QSL would be on the way. Then he read part of my letter over the radio and thanked me for writing and asked me to write again. I was so thrilled at hearing my name and letter from South America, I picked up the phone and did I call any and all I could think of."

That was 5 years ago and Amy has gotten down to business with DXing and monitoring 5 countries since then. As a result she does not have the time to listen to HCJB or write as often as she used to or would like to. Even so she still feels, "They are tops on my list. I believe in them 100 percent and pray each day for them. Believe me, if I were not crippled up with arthritis, I'd love to be in Ecuador with them."

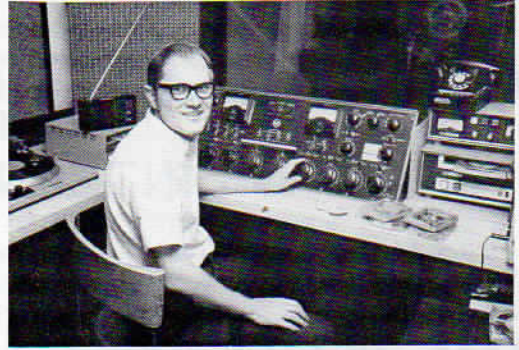
This was Amy Froehlich's DXing Highlight. How about sending along your most interesting or exciting experience in DXing. We know many other ANDEX members would like to read about it. We'll be looking for your letter soon.

It is better to eat soup with someone you love than steak with someone you hate. (Prov. 15:17-Living Bible)

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MEET THE ENGINEERS



Bill Wooten

In the April edition of ANDEX International, we presented the story of HCJB-2 FM Stereo, World Radio's outlet serving the large coastal city of Guayaquil and the surrounding area. Bill Wooten is the engineer currently assigned to the maintenance of the equipment, studios and transmitter, in this installation.

Bill was born in New Orleans, LA. His education took him to Tulane University, where he received his degree in Electrical Engineering, and also to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He gained experience as a radio operator at a broadcast station in Chicago and as a television engineer in New Orleans.

As a teenager Bill used to listen to HCJB on his shortwave radio so he was no stranger to the work when he joined the engineering staff in Quito during 1966. During his 8 years with HCJB Bill has served with HCJB-TV in Quito, in shortwave transmitter operation at our transmitter site in Pifo, and now as the Guayaquil engineer responsible for HCJB-2 FM Stereo. Bill has been working in Guayaquil since HCJB-2 started operation 1-1/2 years ago.

Bill met his wife, Ruth, here in Ecuador where she was serving as a nurse with the HCJB Medical Department. Their family includes one daughter, Janice, 2-1/2 years old.

Like many other engineers, Bill considers electronics to be his hobby as well as his work. He is active in the Urdesa Baptist Church in Guayaquil. His favorite Bible verses are — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5, 6)

PEACE

Peace -- this is one of the most common words we hear these days. One can't listen to the radio, watch television or read a newspaper for very long without being struck by the word -- Peace. The news is full of reports of peace conferences. Diplomats travel all over the world in search of solutions to the problems that face humanity. Peace treaties are signed but the fighting goes right on. The more talk there is about peace, the less real peace we seem to have. In the Bible we read, "They shall seek for peace, and there shall be none." (Ezekiel 7:25) Jesus Christ is the "Prince of Peace" and as long as He is left out of our peace negotiations we will never have real lasting peace on this earth.

The wonderful thing is that in spite of world conditions each one of us can have peace of heart and mind, that inner peace that Christ gives us when we accept Him as our Savior. Here are a few verses from the Living Bible concerning this peace:

Christ says, "I am leaving you with a gift -- peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. Stand silent! Know that I am God!

"Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need! He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams. He restores my failing health.

"Those who love God's laws have great peace of heart and mind and do not stumble. Following after the Holy Spirit leads to life and peace. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness. He will give His people strength. He will bless them with peace. He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord!

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more

wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. And now fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about. Keep putting into practice all you learned, and the God of peace will be with you.

"Prosperity shall overflow like a river, says the Lord, for I will send it. His ever expanding peaceful government will never end."

The day is coming, perhaps sooner than we realize, when Christ will return to this earth and establish His Kingdom with perfect justice and peace. But until that time, He wants to give us inner peace of heart and mind. Do you have this peace in your heart? You can, if you take Jesus Christ, by faith, as your personal Savior and let Him control your life. Why delay any longer? Make this important decision right now! If you do, let us know, so we can praise God with you and pray for you.

GRAN COLOMBIA



Gran Colombia Control

Among the older stations operating in Quito is Emisoras Gran Colombia, HCMJ1. During September of 1974 they will celebrate 30 years on the air serving Quito and Ecuador. Actually, Emisoras Gran Colombia consists of a network of stations all broadcasting in Quito. These include Emisoras Gran Colombia (615 kHz), Radio El Tiempo (1410 kHz), Radio La Voz de la Democracia (1280 kHz), Emisoras Gran Colombia (4.910 MHz) and Radio Estereo FM (91.3 MHz). All of these stations transmit from a complex of studios on the fourth floor of a building in down-

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ANDEX SEAL CONTEST

As we mentioned last month, ANDEX is offering a prize for the best design to use for our Club seal or emblem. We're sure that many ANDEX members have good ideas for an attractive design, so here's your chance to be a winner!

Send one or more designs, each on a separate piece of paper, right away. Each design should be neatly drawn in full color and with all lettering indicated clearly. The winning design should be usable in black and white so that it can be made up in the form of a rubber stamp to identify members' correspondence. Beyond that, we'll leave it up to you!

To qualify in this contest, all entries must be received here in Quito by the end of July, 1974. The winner, or winners, will be announced soon after that date. We'll be looking for your entry, and we anticipate many excellent designs will be submitted.

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town Quito. Normally they carry separate programs but are frequently combined as a network for special events.

Emisoras Gran Colombia uses a frequency of 615 kHz in the medium wave band with a 20 kilowatt transmitter built by Continental Electronics in Dallas, Texas. Two years ago this transmitter and a quarter-wave vertical antenna were inaugurated at a new site a few miles south of the city on the Panamerican Highway. Programming is continuous from 6:00 AM until 1:00 AM (1100-0600 GMT) daily. All programs are in Spanish and are of a commercial or cultural nature. The station specializes in sports events and is known as the "Sports Voice of the Capital".

On shortwave a composite 5 kilowatt transmitter is used which was constructed locally. The antenna is a dipole with directional characteristics north and south. The same programs are carried as on 615 kHz but for fewer hours. Operating on 4.910 mHz, the shortwave service is on the air daily from 6:00 to 10:00 AM (1100-1500 GMT) and again from 5:00 to 12:00 PM (2200-0500 GMT).

One large studio is available for programs with audience participation with a smaller room for news-

casts and regular announcing. A Sparta solid-state console combined with Rek-O-Kut turntables, various tape recorders and RCA and Shure microphones makes for a flexible operation. Programs are carried to the transmitter site by a small FM transmitter.

Future plans call for an increase in power to 50 kilowatts on 615 kHz and 10 kilowatts on shortwave. A modern studio installation in a new building on the north end of Quito is also anticipated. There is no definite date at present when these improvements will be completed, but it will probably be a year or more.

The Director of Emisoras Gran Colombia, Sr. Eduardo Cevallos, tells us that they receive many letters from DXers in other countries. They appreciate hearing from these listeners and find their reception reports both interesting and helpful. They do not have QSL cards but send a pennant and letter of verification in response to all reports. All reports of reception should be in the Spanish language since their staff is not bilingual. Return postage is not necessary. Address all reception reports to: Emisoras Gran Colombia, Casilla 2246, Quito, Ecuador. Keep a lookout for this station on 4.910 mHz, and we wish you good success in verifying this Ecuadorian station! During June we will be playing the ID for Gran Colombia on several releases of the DX Party Line, so listen and this will help you with your identification.

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

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

For Europe: Monday-Thursday-Saturday
1930 GMT 16 m - 17.815 mHz
19 m - 15.300 mHz
0930 GMT 25 m - 11.915 mHz

For North and South America:
0230 GMT Sunday (9:30 PM Saturday EST)*
0300 GMT Tuesday (10:00 PM Monday EST)*
0130 GMT Thursday (8:30 PM Wednesday EST)
19 m - 15.115 mHz
25 m - 11.915 mHz
31 m - 9.560 mHz
0400 GMT Friday (11:00 PM Thursday EST)*
25 m - 11.915 mHz
31 m - 9.560 mHz
(*31 m - 9.745 mHz for South America)