

DSWCI Jubilee Band-monitoring competition on Nov 18 2006.

30 years ago the DSWCI held some popular Band-Monitoring Competitions where members should listen to broadcast stations on a certain metre band within a specific time period. We did the same again on the exact date when the DSWCI was born 50 years ago. The task was to log as many broadcast transmitters as possible on the 60 metre band between 4750 and 5060 kHz between 0001 and 2359 UTC on Nov 18, 2006 and send the loggings to me before Dec 01, 2006.

Only seven DX-ers from six countries did participate in this contest! In addition I made band scans myself from Peru and Bolivia at the border of Lake Titicaca for short periods. Many other DX-ers might have refrained from taking part in a belief that nothing could be heard on 60 meters. The contest results disprove this: A total of 322 valid loggings were sent in for this contest! I hope to publish the list of frequencies heard in SWN FEB 2007.

Number of accepted Contest tips:

1.	Dario Monferini, Milano, Italy:	77
2.	Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli, Italy:	65
3.	Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria:	47
3.	T. R. Rajeesh, Kerala, India:	47
5.	Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen, Greve, Denmark	32
6.	Christoph Ratzler, Salzburg, Austria:	23
7.	Nobuya Kato, Kanagawa, Japan:	18
-	Anker Petersen, Peru and Bolivia:	13

Congratulations to the four winners who will get a free DBS-9 when published in May 2007 and to Dario Monferini who can also expect a special prize from our long time member Victor Goonetilleke in Sri Lanka. (Anker Petersen)

A few reflections about year 2006 in the DSWCI

The New Year 2007 is quickly approaching and it is time for a few reflections about year 2006 in the DSWCI. As you all know, the Club was formed on Nov 18, 1956 and we did celebrate this big anniversary in many ways throughout the past year. Our history was described in a jubilee publication which hopefully has been received by all present members.

On March 24 began our first Jubilee Listening Contest "The Grand Tour with Cancer and Capricorn" organized by Jaroslav Bohac. It lasted 16 days and had 17 participants from 14 countries. On May 04-07 we had our annual DX-Camp in Vejers with many activities and 34 persons participating from 8 countries. We had the following special radio broadcasts celebrating the 50 years Anniversary:

May 04: Live FM-broadcast from Radio Charlie in Varde, Denmark with Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen and Kurt Pedersen in the studio. The DSWCI issued special QSL-cards and this broadcast was verified to 10 DX-ers in 4 countries.

May 06: Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Finland, did propagate very poorly and was only verified to 1 German DX-er.

May 06-07: Nine hours special broadcast from Pirate station "Mystery Radio" somewhere in Europe could be verified to 34 DX-ers in 13 countries.

May 06-08: Radio Japan with phone interview of Anker Petersen was widely heard and could be verified to 69 DX-ers in 21 countries.

May 27-29: Radio Japan with report from the AGM by Toshimichi Ohtake was widely heard and could be verified to 46 DX-ers in 17 countries.

Nov 04-05: Seven hours special broadcast from revived Radio St. Helena with the organizer Robert Kipp in studio. There were recorded interviews of DSWCI members Tibor Szilagyi (Sweden/Hungary), Toshimichi Ohtake (Japan) and Anker Petersen (Denmark). Despite only 1 kW of power, it was widely heard and so far the DSWCI has sent QSLs to 217 DX-ers in 27 countries.

Finally on the Anniversary Day, Nov 18, a 60 metre band monitoring contest was organized by Anker Petersen which resulted in 322 loggings from 8 participants in 8 countries.

The Board hereby thanks all the many DX-ers around the world who in various ways have participated in celebrating the 50 years Anniversary of our international Shortwave Club and thereby made 2006 a successful year for the DSWCI!

Anker Petersen Chairman DSWCI

Jubilee Greetings

Thank you very much to those members, who have sent greetings to us in connection with our 50 years jubilee. Much appreciated. Let me here mentioning a letter from our German member Eckhard Röscher:

"Today is the great Birthday of your fantastic DX-club DSWCI and I want send you my best wishes and congratulations. I could enjoy the last annual meetings (from 2002) in Vejers. Always I was fascinated about your friendship. The meetings are unforgettable for me. To join your club was the right decision. So I could meet new DX-friends and I could learn more about DX. By the way the visit of your annual meetings was always a guarantee for me to receive new radio countries.

SAINT HELENA – Once again

"Revive Radio Saint Helena Day 2006" was a project initiated and last weekend successfully implemented by our member Robert Kipp with a seven hours live shortwave broadcast from St. Helena Island in the South Atlantic which was audible in most parts of the world. All those who heard it can only agree with Robert in his final words ending the broadcast to North America: "It has been a marvellous experience!"

It became also a great introduction to the 50 years Anniversary Day of the DSWCI on Nov 18. Particularly in the broadcast towards Europe, about one hour dealt with our international Club and Robert very appropriately played our favourite AGM-song "Det var en lørdag aften" (It was a Saturday Evening) twice! Thank you very much, Robert!

As earlier mentioned, both R St. Helena and the DSWCI are going to issue special QSL-cards for this broadcast for correct reception reports with return postage. Please read more about the revival broadcast under ST. HELENA.

We are still working hard in verifying the many correct reception reports, the DSWCI received on the special broadcast on Nov 04. and should be sent out before New Year. Our Irish member, Patrick Cody writes this:

"On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the DSWCI it was a pleasure to listen to the special broadcast of Radio St. Helena and to welcome them back after such a long absence. The reception was reasonably good here in the west of Ireland. Fading was moderate enough but occasionally the audio was a little distorted. However a very good performance considering the power and distance involved.

I wish to congratulate you on fifty years service to the shortwave community worldwide and hope that the dedication of you and your members will continue for many years to come. It was very heartening to hear the greetings from listeners from all over the world and it highlights the power of radio for good in the whole world.

With best wishes from Ireland.

ST. HELENA...TURNS ME ON!