

Letterbox



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Once again I am happy to be able to publish some letters from our members. Please do continue in that way.

Our Web master, **3365 Rolf Wernli, Switzerland** writes: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you We have green Christmas this year. In the Alps, they have lots of snow, and we also had 40 cm. But now, it rains in the lower elevations, so the snow is gone. My office is closed for the rest of the year, so I hope it will be possible to use the radio a bit more than usual.

Hoping that you had some good catches, - Kaj

3718 William Patalon III, Maryland, U.S.A. writes:

I have said this before to many of you all (and to you personally, Kurt) although I'm far away and we've never met, you're one of the kindest, most-helpful group of folks I've ever met. It's a pleasure to belong to an organization headed by people with your kindness and depth of character. I feel very fortunate to do so. Happy holidays my friends, and thank you for the help. -Thank you very much for your very kind words, Bill. Now you have a good opportunity to meet us in German at our AGM and EDXC Conference that should be just great! – ed.

3583 Graham D. Bell, United Kingdom writes these words after meeting Anker and I in September. Look at the front page in the October/November issue.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet you (Anker) and Kaj on Tuesday night. I'm so glad it worked out. Thanks for the jubilee publication, I found it really fascinating and enjoyed seeing pictures of the young Anker and Kaj in it. I didn't realize that you two as well as Noel had such a long association with the Club. Thanks also for the links to the Lapland site. I do want to make a plan to go there, once we are more settled here in London. I am already feeling withdrawal symptoms from having no radio and antenna set up. Once I have more time I think I must speak to the neighbors about at least setting up an Wellbrook 1530 in a tree.

-It was certainly also great to meet you, Graham, though a rather short meeting. Hoping that we can do it better another time - Kaj.

The next letter comes from our long time member, **798 Jerry Berg, Mass., U.S.A.** who has the following comments re. the weather in his region. We lost power Saturday around 2100 EST, just got it back today, Wednesday (today is Wednesday, I think) at 1210 EST. There was a lot of snow in central and western Mass., but here in the Boston suburbs we got 3 inches, barely enough to notice. But it was wet and the trees were still fully loaded with leaves, resulting in huge tree damage and extended outages. I have several big tree limbs sitting in my front yard, fortunately none of them hit the house on their way down. This was another one of those 100 year events that seem to come around every couple of years now.

Another well-known American member, **2812 Richard D'Angelo, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.** also writes about the storm in North America last autumn. The unexpected snow storm dumped about 8 inches of heavy, wet snow in our area causing a bunch of problems which included no electricity for me until Tuesday at the earliest. Consequently, weekend listing didn't exist nor did keeping up with e-mail, etc. I am back in the office where it is warm

and the electricity works so I am able to finally send this off. From what little news I have heard, things are worse in the New England states with over 2 feet of snow reported in parts of Connecticut. Ouch! I wasn't aware that winter began, when does it end?

I just enjoyed reading the October/November edition of Short-wave News. As usual, it was packed with great news and information related to our radio hobby. Nice job to all! The NASWA Winter SWL Festival is always held in Pennsylvania with the location in recent years being the Doubletree Guest Suites in Plymouth Meeting. This year's event promises to be extra special so how about that few more of our European friends making the trek across the pond for a visit? I hope to see some my fellow DSWCI members in attendance this year.

Yes, Richard, it should be just nice to attend one of you SWL Festivals I myself can however not do it this year, because I'm going on a tour to Cuba in that period - Kaj. Our DX-Mirror editor, **3607 Dmitry Mezin, Kazan in Russia** writes: also about the extreme weather: "Certainly, we have snow here in Kazan, as usual this time of year. In 2011 it covered the ground a bit later than ever, in early November. Just for your fun, here is a site that transmits some web cameras in my city; sadly, it is not a dynamic one and you have to refresh the image using F5 key. <http://www.doroga.tv/kazan/cameras/list/> The 1st in the 1st row: Kazan University main building is to the left

The 3rd in the 1st row: right near my company's office The 3rd in the 3rd row: a park in the city center that may better illustrate the amount of snow. I hope your antenna installation survives the coming storm!!!



Attached find two of my pictures from The Fisherman's Wharf, Tanshui, North East of Taipei. In both pictures one can see the SW site antennas not far away from the waterfront heading to the west, mainland China that is. In JPG # 1415 you see also the transmitter building in the middle, behind the masts, pretty well hidden. This Tanshui site is used by Radio Taiwan International, and other international broadcasters.

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