

DUTCH PIRATE RADIO NEWS FROM Etherpiraten.com

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INTRODUCTION

Hello Folks. It's the last week of the year 2000 and in front of you is issue 3 of the Dutch Pirate Radio News from Etherpiraten.com. I hope everybody had a great Xmas, full of presents and pirate radio stations on your radio. In this weeks issue I will tell you about the Xmas pirate radio stations, the RDR and of course we have the Dutch Pirate Radio Website of the week.

XMAS VS PIRATE RADIO PART 2

As I told you last week, during Xmas a lot of pirate radio stations go on air to broadcast their special programmes. This year, over the 2 days the Dutch Pirate Radio scene was booming. I've received so many e-mails and phone calls from people telling me that they were on air. In The Hague area alone, there were over 30 stations on air. Also in northern parts of Holland there were a lot of stations active. Here in Holland we have websites from people informing us what they have received on their radio. It's a shame though, to see that so many stations are jamming each other by using the same frequency. Why don't they check the dial first to see if somebody else is broadcasting on that frequency? That's something I will never understand. But for the real Pirate Radio freak, the Xmas period is the most beautiful time of the year. So many stations, you don't know what to listen to first! It is too bad that the stations are only on the air at Xmas. If only it could be Xmas every day!

XMAS VS THE RDR

At Xmas most would say that they would prefer to spend days with their family, having a real Xmas dinner etc. That doesn't look to be the case for the gentlemen of the RDR. It seems that here in Holland they would rather be out busting Pirate Radio Stations than being with their family. And this year during Xmas, some stations got busted - Delta FM, Dynamic FM, Digitaal FM, Favoriet FM and more. There were also some close calls - De Kerst Koe (Xmas Cow) and Starpoint FM. We also received reports that some big Xmas stations (Pirate Radio Stations who are only broadcasting at Xmas with high power transmitters and laying on party tents for the fans) received a letter from the RDR saying that if they were to start broadcasting, they would be raided and fined. The fines would start at 10.000,- Guilders up to 100.000,- Guilders. So some stations saw their whole year of planning disappear down the drain!

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DUTCH PIRATE RADIO SITE OF THE WEEK

Last week I brought you the first Dutch Pirate Radio Site of the week. The owner of the station Flux FM called me and told me that he was very pleased with the reactions he got from all of you. So, I guess I will keep this up for a while. This week, the Dutch Pirate Radio Site of the week is that of Hurricane FM from The Hague. They started back in 1981 as a small QSO station, but now they are broadcasting every weekend over the Internet, and also have an FM outlet running on 107Mhz on Saturday nights. You will find some photo's and information about the station on the site and some MP3's of the music that they play. Also they keep a log of all the stations they receive in the The Hague area. The whole page is written in English, so that shouldn't be any problem. Check them out at <http://www.hurricanefm.nl/>.

FINALLY

I know that I promised to give you information about the transmitters that Dutch Pirate Radio Stations use. Because I've been so busy this past week, I haven't managed to find the time to do any research. So you will hear more about that in a future issue of Dutch Pirate Radio News from Etherpiraten.com. Talking about Etherpiraten.com, if everything goes right, the English section will be online this weekend. Check it out on <http://www.etherpiraten.com>. This was the last issue of this year. I know, there were only 3 issues, but judging from the e-mails I've received, you seem to like this little weekly information package. So, I will be back next year !! If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail me at dijken@etherpiraten.com and I will try to get back to you asap. I wish you all a very Happy New Year and see you all next week.

All the best, Lex van Dijken