

DUTCH PIRATE RADIO NEWS FROM Etherpiraten.com

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INTRODUCTION

Hello Folks, Lex van Dijken back again with the weekly (this time smaller) update of the Dutch Pirate Radio scene. In this weeks issue: Stations off the air and an update on the story RDR Vs Pirate Radio. Enjoy !!.

STATIONS OFF THE AIR

After 5 years of continuous broadcasting every weekend, Loostad Radio from Apeldoorn was taken off the air on Friday January 26th. The RDR took the transmitter and all the audio equipment away. One of the reasons for the bust was the local legal radio station, Radio Apeldoorn. Apeldoorn had asked the RDR several times to take Loostad Radio off the air. This is because they felt that Loostad were 'stealing' their listeners. It was perceived as a big threat to the future of Radio Apeldoorn, so after many requests, it was the end of Loostad. Word is that Loostad is on the air this weekend, to say goodbye to the listeners, but I can't confirm this, yet.

Also Mystery FM 95.7 was taken off the air by the RDR on January 27th at 19:15h. After 3½ years of broadcasting, Mystery FM was taken off the air for the first time. The 110 watts transmitter was taken. They will be back on the air sometime in the future.

RDR Vs PIRATE RADIO

Last week I translated a newspaper clip stating the new policy of the RDR due to the re-scheduling of the FM dial. This week the RDR decided to stop sending the letters with fines. After several court-cases, it was clear that they couldn't get any convictions because of lack of evidence. They couldn't prove that the owner of the building where the pirate radio station was transmitting from knew about the illegal radio station. And you cannot convict people who are innocent. This doesn't mean that the Pirate Radio stations in Holland are off the hook now. The RDR stated that they will try to bust as many Pirate Radio stations they can in the old-fashioned way - knocking on the door and taking the transmitter and sometimes the audio equipment away. This is the way they have been operating for years now, without success. Pirate Radio stations who stopped broadcasting because of the high risk of getting a letter with fine are back on the air again. It seems that the RDR will have it's hands full with busting every single Pirate Radio station in Holland. Usually, the busted station is back after 1 week. We wish the RDR the best of luck. Like some stations say, Pirate Radio will never die.

FINALLY

I know...this week there's no Dutch Pirate Radio site of the week. This is because of a lack of time. I've had a very busy week, so no time to check out new sites of Dutch Pirate Radio stations. Hope to have one next week. Again, I'm sorry. I can tell you however that I've received the 7 parts of the Irish Era on video. I have to say, it was great watching those video's. Now I've had a little behind-the-scenes look at the Irish scene. If you too would like the 7 parts of the Irish Era, check out the little ad elsewhere on this site. If you have any comments or questions, you can reach me at: dijken@etherpiraten.com. Have a great week and see you next Sunday. All the best, Lex van Dijken.