

DUTCH PIRATE RADIO NEWS FROM Etherpiraten.com

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INTRODUCTION

Hello Folks, It's Sunday again, another week gone by. In front of you is issue #9 of the Dutch Pirate Radio News From Etherpiraten.com. In this week's issue, the following: Stations off the air, a photo of a real Rhode and Schwartz transmitter and the Dutch Pirate Radio Site of the Week.

STATIONS OFF THE AIR

Last week I mentioned that our Radio Authorities had to go back to the old-fashioned way of taking Pirate Radio Stations off the air, which was decided after several court-cases. And the RDR have been busy since then. 5 Pirate Radio Stations have been taken off the air by Mr. Willem van Essen - a member of the RDR - on one night between 21:15h and 24:00h. The following stations had to turn in their transmitters: Radio Bim Bam from Heerde, Radio Torpedobootjager from Elburg (broadcasting for 24 years on Friday nights), Radio Esro from Oldebroek, Radio Albatros and Radio Minerva, both from Hattem. On February 4th, Radio Fellatio from Haaksbergen was taken off the air by the RDR. The 20 year old operator saw all his equipment disappear in a car belonging to the RDR.

Also Radio Slag en Barst went off the air. This was not by the RDR however, but of their own accord. On February 9th they wanted to transmit their last broadcast, which would last the whole day. Unfortunately for them it came to a premature end at around 18:00h. Another Pirate Radio Station, Radio Maximaal, came on the air on the same frequency and a lot of listeners could no longer hear the final broadcast of Slag en Barst. This behaviour is typical in Holland. It seems that some Pirate Radio operators don't check their frequency before they go on air. It's doesn't need to be said but the only thing they are achieving by going on the air on a frequency which is already being used by an other station, is to cause interference on that frequency meaning the listeners cannot listen to either one of the stations. Too bad for Radio Slag en Barst that their final broadcast had to come to a sad end like this. Discussion is pointless: we've had many and somehow some Pirate Radio Operators don't or won't understand the situation.

Last week I also reported that Loostad Radio from Apeldoorn was taken off the air by the RDR after many requests by the local legal radio station. Word was that Loostad were back on air last weekend and now I can confirm that Loostad were indeed on air to say goodbye to their listeners. What will happen now is not clear. It seems that the people behind Loostad Radio want to get a licence for commercial broadcasting. Whether or not they will succeed we don't know but we will let you know.

DUTCH PIRATE RADIO SITE OF THE WEEK

Because of lack of time, I didn't have a Dutch Pirate Radio Site of the week last week. But this week I do. On this site you will find many audio clips of radio stations from the 80's. Back in those days, alongside the normal Pirate Radio Stations, there was also another big thing on the FM dial. It's called DXing. One station goes on air for several minutes with some music, asking other Pirate Radio operators who have managed to receive them to come on the air after he signs off, to report how strong the signal was. It's similar to CB Radio, only difference is, everybody who has a radio can hear it. Radio Schorpioen (Scorpion) from Helmond was one of those stations and over the years he talked with many stations all over Holland. You can listen to many of those stations, since the operator of Radio Schorpioen made a lot of audio clips available for download. Also more information about the 60cm radioband can be found on this site. So, if you want to know more about DXing of the 80's and today, check out Radio Schorpioen's site at <http://www.schorpioen.bizland.com>

TRANSMITTER EXAMPLE



Some people have asked me if I could show you a photo of a transmitter, used by a Pirate Radio Station. Well, this week I will show you one of best transmitters around, a real Rhode and Schwartz with a power of 400 Watts. At the time of this photo, the transmitter was on the air in test mode, 180 Watts of power. This transmitter is being used by The Matrix Team from Emmeloord, a station where I started my Pirate Radio 'career'. The dude on the left with that very big smile, well, that's me ;-). This photo was taken in November 2000. If you want to see more photos of transmitters used by Dutch Pirate Radio stations, please have a look on the site of Etherpiraten.com: <http://www.etherpiraten.com/fotoboek/fotos.htm>.

FINALLY

There you have it again, a new issue of Dutch Pirate Radio News From Etherpiraten.com. I'm still very busy with my new house, so I don't have much time to bring you all the latest news from the Dutch Pirate Radio scene. But I will be back next week. Have a great week and for comments or questions, you can reach me at dijken@etherpiraten.com. Till next week, all the best, Lex van Dijken.