Tuning In With Steve Kremer, KN0F

An easy guide to shortwave listening

Who the heck is this guy?



A bit about my background....

- History
- Experience
- Amateur Radio
- Today and beyond

What Is Shortwave?

- What are the frequencies?
- What can I hear?
- Do I need a license?
- What equipment do I need?
- What time is it?

Frequencies

- ▶ Basically 1.8 MHz to 30 MHz
- Broadcast Bands
- Amateur Bands
- Utility Bands
- Military "No Bands"

Broadcast Bands

- International News
- Local News
- Propaganda
- Target Areas
- Target Languages
- Times To Listen & MUF

Broadcast Bands

- ▶ 120M 2.300 2.500 MHz (Tropical)
- ▶ 90M 3.200 3.400 MHz (Tropical)
- ▶ 60M 4.750 5.060 MHz (Tropical)
- ▶ 49M 5.950 6.200 MHz
- ▶ 41M 7.100 7.600 MHz
- ▶ 31M 9.200 9.900 MHz

Broadcast Bands

- ▶ 25M 11.600 12.200 MHz
- ▶ 22M 13.570 13.870 MHz
- ▶ 19M 15.100 15.800 MHz
- ▶ 16M 17.480 17.900 MHz
- ▶ 13M 21.450 21.850 MHz
- ▶ 11M 25.600 26.100 MHz

Some Stations You Can Hear

- ▶ 0000 UTC
 - China Radio Int'l 6.020 MHZ
 - Radio Canada Int'l 9.880 MHz
 - Radio Cairo 6.270 MHz
 - WWCR 5.070MHz

More Stations.....

- ▶ 0100 UTC
 - BBC 5.970 MHz
 - VO Vietnam 6.175 MHz
 - Radio Havana 6.00 & 6.05 MHz
 - WWRB (TN) 5.050 MHz

And More Stations.....

- ▶ 0200 & 0300 UTC
 - Voice Of Russia 7.250 MHz
 - Vatican Radio 6.040 & 7.305 MHz
 - Voice Of Croatia 3.985 & 7.375 MHz
 - CKZU (Vancouver) 6.160 MHz
 - Radio Romania Int'l 6.130 & 7.305 MHz

Early Morning – 6 to 9 AM CST

- Radio Australia
 - 5.995, 6.020, 6.140, 9.475, 9.560, 9.580
 9.590 & 11.945 MHz
 - Radio New Zealand Int'l 15.720 MHz
 - Radio Ethiopia 9.705 MHz
 - Voice Of Korea (N) 9.335 MHz
 - KBS World Radio (S) 9.650 MHz

Utilities & Others

- Time Stations
- Digital Communications
- Military
- Aircraft & VOLMET
- Spy Numbers
- Clandestine

Try These Frequencies.....

- All USB
- Tune in and sit on them for a while, depending on MUF
- ▶ 6.762 MHz
- ▶ 8.846 MHz
- ▶ 11.175 MHz
- VOLMET 6.604 & 10.051 MHZ (NY Radio)

Special Circumstance Listening

- Aircraft phone patches
- Ship-to-shore
- Hurricane season

Equipment

- Tabletop Receivers
- Portable Receivers
- Amateur Transceivers
- Antennas & Tuners
- Power Sources
- Miscellaneous Equipment

Finding Frequencies

- WRTH (World Radio TV Handbook)
- Monitoring Times
- Popular Communications
- MDXC (MN DX Club)
- Internet Sources

How To Find Me

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