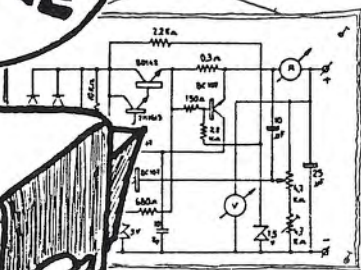
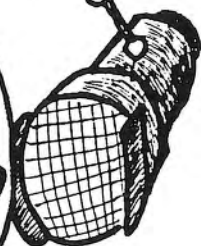


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Hello and a very big **WELCOME** to our little information booklet! This is Mark Brown talking and writing to you on behalf of all of us here at **RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL** - your independent non-political and non-commercial Free Radio Station. We have been broadcasting alternative music programmes from several clandestine transmitters in Europe and around the world since 1975!

This booklet contains all the answers to questions our listeners kept asking over the years ranging from historical to technical information. Feel free to tell us if you like our programmes or not. We will be pleased to hear from YOU!

Our aim has always been to present a wide spectrum of music and to entertain you with jingles, jokes and information. We hope that you have enjoyed listening to our programmes so far. Stay tuned for more! We hope to continue with **RTI** in the months and years ahead.

We do not wish to interfere with any other station whether legally authorized or Free Radio. We beg your pardon if we have caused some **QRM**!

Thank you very much for the interest you have shown and please keep listening to **RTI** - **RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL** and Free Radio!

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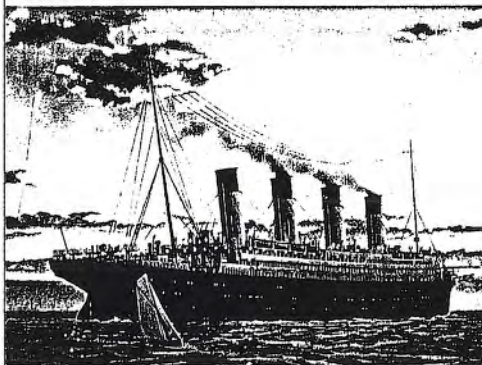
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THE EARLY YEARS 1975 -1977

The station idea was first conceived in the spring of 1975 - 63 years since there was panic on the **TITANIC** and 10 years before the discovery of the ship's wreck.

We were especially fascinated by the possibilities of broadcasting on medium wave and short wave, to reach many different countries with a low-powered radio transmitter. Many times we listened to the alternative radio stations, offshore and clandestine. We got more and more enthusiastic and finally our station called **RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL** was founded.

We bought a home built medium wave transmitter and made some short tests on various frequencies, however nobody noticed! Thus we swapped the MW rig for a short wave one and on August 3rd, 1975 the first test transmission on SW took place, without any response unfortunately.

The first successful broadcast was made on August 24th, 1975 from 09:07 to 09:29 GMT /UTC on 48 metres, 6225 kHz. We received 25 letters for that programme!

Our mailing address until September 1976 was: **RADIO TITANIC-RTI**, Box 830; 22, Col-dershaw Road, West Ealing, London W13 9DX, United Kingdom.

In 1975 we made 8 transmissions on the 48 metre band and got 77 letters. RTI made use of several different transmitters with various powers and frequencies. All transmissions were aired from sites in West Germany.

The year 1976 was a very happy one for RTI. We broadcast on 18 (!) days (transmissions No's. 9 to 26) approximately 10 hours in all and we received 57 reception reports from many different countries in Europe. There were even letters asking for information that came from Argentina and the United States of America.

All transmissions were made from good old Germany, again all were made in the 48 metre band on frequencies between 6217.5 and 6255 kHz. We used halfwave dipole and longwire antennas.

Talking of long distance reception the number of countries in which our short wave service was heard has grown to 32 - deadline August 1997. From Europe we have had listeners in:

01. Austria
02. Belarus (from 1990)
03. Belgium
04. Channel Islands
05. Czechoslovakia (until 1992)
06. Denmark
07. Estonia (from 1990)
08. Finland
09. France
10. GDR (until 1989)
11. Germany
12. Holland
13. Ireland
14. Italy
15. Liechtenstein
16. Lithuania (from 1990)
17. Luxemburg
18. Norway
19. Russia (from 1990)
20. Spain
21. Sweden
22. Switzerland
23. Ukraine (from 1990)
24. United Kingdom (incl. England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland)
25. USSR (until 1990)

and elsewhere in the world:

26. Canada (via US and KIWI relay)
27. USA (directly+via US/KIWI relay)

28. New Zealand (via KIWI relay)
29. Australia (via KIWI relay)
30. Japan (via KIWI relay)
31. Paraguay (via KIWI relay)
32. Argentina (via KIWI relay)

We hope to add to this list over the years ahead.



On January 2nd, 1977 we relayed the very final transmission of the famous Radio Valentine with our good old mobile 17 watt VFO equipment. For RTI itself only 3 broadcasts on 48 metres were made just for celebrating the 2nd anniversary in August and September. At that time transmitter power was 40 watts. Mark Brown still was the only presenter.

From 1975 to 1977 we did 29 (!!) transmissions - all in the 48 metre band - and we received 139 reports. The "one and only" DJ was yours truly Mark Brown! About half the broadcasts went out with the kind help of one of the Radio Partisan operators - thanks a lot, lad!

During that period we sometimes also used an ex-army "BC 1306" set. Power output didn't come up to our expectations, and modulation quality left much to be desired, too.

Due to a lot of problems, the station closed down after the broadcast on September 4th, 1977.

RTI remained off the air for almost three years. However, the idea of running the station was not forgotten. We decided to find a transmitter with higher output, one which could also transmit the improved audio sound our new studio equipment produced.



READY FOR THE 80s !

It was exactly 68 years after the tragedy of the "TITANIC" on sea that **RTI** returned on April 13th, 1980. Once again we used our good old 17 watt transmitter on 6250 kHz, 48 metres.

On May 23rd we had a test transmission on medium wave, 1331 kHz, 227 metres at nighttime via the facilities of the famous Radio Delta from Elburg. Sadly, just a handful reports were received.

In autumn the station began some test broadcasts still on 48 metres but with different equipment (we used the old 100 watt transmitter of Radio Partisan which wasn't confiscated during their raid way back on May 7th, 1978 !) since when an improved aerial and earth system had increased range.

Unfortunately we were without luck again. There was something wrong with the PA-circuit of our new homemade transmitter that we bought in April. Thus 1980 saw only 5 broadcasts (transmissions No's. 30 to 34) with 21 reports. Due to problems we even forgot to celebrate our 5th birthday that year.

Meanwhile we changed our mailing address again from 134, Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 8DT, United Kingdom to the wellknown FRS, Postbus 41, NL-7700 AA Dedemsvaart in Holland.

Finally, in November 1980 Tim Cooper started his career on **RTI**. From then on he did a show for us almost every year!

THE YEAR 1981

1981 saw transmissions No's. 35 to 39 and it was again a very successful year for the **RTI** staff. For only 5 transmissions we received the reception reports No's. 161 to 270!

With good conditions on 41 metres on Easter Sunday Tim and Mark made our first official one hour transmission on 7325 kHz. We received more than 50 reports from 12 different countries all over Europe. The 41 metre band proved to be very good on the long distances during the early 80's!

We had happy summer months, we went on holidays and celebrated our 6th birthday ! Because the old 17 watt transmitter was not available in August and September, we made 2 further shows on 7340 kHz via the Dutch Radio Hotel Amigo! During the Christmas period **RTI** came back on the air with a show on 41 metres and a test on 1620 kHz, 185 metres as well.

With the transmitter being repaired in autumn 1981 we now utilized five transmitters and could be heard throughout the greater part of Europe.

THE YEAR 1982

In 1982 **RTI** was on the air 9 times (transmissions No's. 40 to 48). Looking back to March we began with a "bang" with our very first 15 (just only fifteen!) minutes test transmission with 100 watts on 26 metres! That band became very popular among Free Radio stations at that time. 10 letters arrived at our mailing address in Holland for that brief test.

But a number of things still were not right. One of the transmitters was not working to its full potential and we had problems with the modulator too. That's what our mobile broadcasts in May brought to light.

For that reason several further relays were made by friendly stations, e.g. Radio Hotel Amigo from Holland and Sunrise Radio from Sweden.

However, still many problems plagued us - **RTI** was still in its early experimental stages due to

technical and economical reasons - so we blew up one transmitter, one modulator during a test on 185 metres, 1620 kHz and a mobile power supply to get the station on the air, in as little as two months!

In mid October another 26 metre test was aired. This band proved to be just as interesting as the 41 metres.

Only Mark Brown pulled his circles that year and we received some 74 letters.

THE YEAR 1983

To continue with our station history we come to 1983 when RTI hit the airwaves 14 times (transmission No's. 49 to 62).

In February Tim and Mark had a programme aired by Radio Hotel Amigo. March and July saw Radio Apollo relays followed by relays via Radio Atlantis Shortwave in the UK.

Around Christmas RTI made a test transmission to North America, unfortunately this was unsuccessful.

RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL

CONDITIONS IN GENERAL

While conditions on the short wave bands during 1982 were fairly settled, thus could not be said for 1983. From 1983 to 1985 conditions, especially on the 41 and 26 metre bands and the higher frequencies, were very unusual. Due to weird conditions affecting the ionosphere which meant that the skip for our low powered signals was much increased from its usual 10 to 100 miles to over 400 miles. That was great for reception in Switzerland and Northern Scandinavia but very bad for our listeners in Central Europe.

From time to time this phenomena occurred the following years as well. Sometimes we really thought we transmitted for ourselves, but were surprised to get much long distance mail for these transmissions.

WE ARE AT ORWELL's 1984

In 1984 RTI made 2 transmissions only. April saw our first ever transmission relayed by Radio Freedom / KIWI Radio from New Zealand on 5825 kHz during the Easter period.

The 2nd and final transmission that year took place on September 9th on 26 metres to celebrate our 9th birthday (what a coincidence...) with the kind help from Sunrise Radio from Sweden.

OUR 10th ANNIVERSARY - 1985

1985 became a very special year for the station. All the people behind RTI and also some guest DJs - Dave Scott of Radio Apollo and the chaotic Dieter + Willy Dolby - presented several unique shows with a brandnew equipment, and results on the whole were very good.

In February, March and June we had shows via Radio Hotel Amigo on 41 metres. In May we did a brief test on 26 metres with a longwire aerial which was unsuccessful. In June we were mobile on 6240 kHz with our good old 17 watt rig. In July Radio Hotel Amigo returned with a RTI relay on 6280 kHz, 48 metres.

Finally we celebrated our 10th birthday on September 1st, 1985 with three shows and we printed a unique 10th anniversary QSL card for this occasion. While one show was relayed via Radio Hotel Amigo from Holland again in the 48 metre band both the others came from one site from Germany and were on 48 and 41 metres.

We received some 26 letters for these funny shows with Tim, Dave, Hank, Mark and especially the Dolby brothers appeared to be a bang!

Later in the year RTI was relayed with a special show for North America (presented by David Carmichael) from a site in the USA as part of "Trans Atlantic Free Radio" project. Unfortunately we received just one reception report for that broadcast which went out on November 22nd on 7435 kHz. On Christmas Day we were relayed via Radio Hotel Amigo for the very last time! The year 1985 saw 12 transmissions (No's. 65 to 76) and 129 listeners dropped us a line!



WIRELESS ENTHUSIAST (to sympathetic neighbour)

"Yes, it's quite all right in theory, but somehow or other in practice the darned thing won't work"

THE YEAR 1986

Into 1986 and RTI started on September 21st with our 11th birthday parties, these were repeated several times via the high powered Belgian station Radio Delmare on Saturdays and Sundays.

We received 105 reception reports and the listeners' letters persuaded us to continue. Some guest presenters were heard again during these broadcasts - Dave Scott, Simon Hendrix, Pirate Andy and again the Dolbys were mixing up our studios.

Around Christmas of 1986 RTI made a brief appearance on short wave with the help of the PFBS repeating the previous year's Christmas show, but due to adverse reception conditions no response was received for that show.

No's. 77 to 82 of our transmissions were made during the year.

THE YEAR 1987

In 1987 RTI returned with a 100 watts test transmission to North America in February, unfortunately this was unsuccessful again.

During the summer we had our by now "compulsory" birthday shows presented by some well known guest DJs like Duncan James of Radio Apollo as well as Simon Hendrix and Pirate Andy of PFBS!

The results were superb! 2 relays from the UK via Radio Apollo in August with Tim Cooper's 12th anniversary show and a "3 transmitters on one single site" gig (with the cooperation of the PFBS and Radio Karibu operators who were on the site as well as David Carmichael and Mark Brown) in September brought many letters.

Later on in November we tested on the 60 metre band, 5300 kHz for the very first time and had a show on 6225 kHz on Christmas Day too.

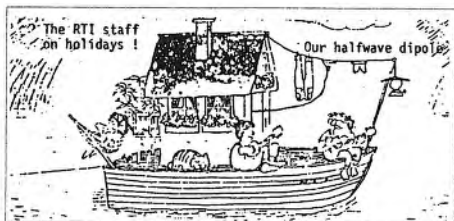
Thus we received 62 reports for 10 shows.

1988 - ON AND ON AND ON !

In 1988 we started broadcasting in the 2nd half of the year and we had the transmissions No's. 93 to 98 all made from Germany with our "normal" transmitters and that year saw the reception reports No's. 706 to 758 (which were 53, to be exact!)

In August and November RTI was on the air on 2 frequencies - 48 and 60 metres - from one site each time and we celebrated - guess what - our 13th birthday with good old Dave Scott, Pirate Andy and Simon Hendrix.

Finally, in November we also tested on 6225 kHz with some brief CQ calls to PFBS and KBC from Holland and of course they answered!



RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL celebrated their 18th birthday on October 31st via programmes on both 6239 and 7484. The first channel gave excellent reception at our QTH and it was very nice to hear RTI back on the air. It was just a pity that I did not manage to hear more of the programme. If you do witness the broadcast, you should receive a complimentary produced celebratory booklet and a number of other bits and pieces!

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Frankreich - : "Radio
verschiedene Programme aus. So lief am
auf 7440 kHz ein eigenes Programm, während auf 11400 kHz gut.
Relais von "Radio Titanic International" gesendet wurde.
Im G- RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL auf 7440 kHz ist der Empfang auf 11400 kHz gut.
Tut man sich die Mühe, den Sender zu hören. Auf 6230 KHz war dann auch
bursag ausstrahlte "Radio Titanic International" mit gutem Signal zu
191h. As many German stations nowadays. More
seems to be taking advantage more and more
of relay offers rather than using their own.

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RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL
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and on the 10th at 0025 on 3910. ADD - 4.

FIXING UP THE NEW AERIAL

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THE YEAR 1989

We come to 1989 when the station hit the airwaves 7 times (No's. 99 to 105) - all these transmissions were made in the 48 metre band. We had four relays via the facilities of Weekend Music Radio from Scotland in January and August while the transmissions in June, September and December that year came from Germany with our very own equipment.

In January Tim Cooper turned up again with his part of the 13th birthday party. Actually this show was intended to be aired in November 1988 but technical troubles - as usual - resulted in this late appearance!

RTI's transmission No. 100 wasn't the special one we expected due to(!).... technical problems again. We weren't heard on January 29th on either 6200 kHz or 6317 kHz except for small snatches of the show and finally the broadcast was cancelled!

Worth mentioning with the June 1989 transmission was the usage of an VHF link, 148.100 MHz, during the whole broadcast, which gave the possibility to announce a frequency change to the audience after 45 minutes of time as well as to settle with our cars a few miles from the real site of the main transmitter! This was a very interesting subject and it worked quite well. Unfortunately we never used this facility again.

For our 14th birthday shows in August presented by Dave Scott and Mark Brown we only received two reports directly to our RTI HQ. Unfortunately the other reports disappeared for a while at Mr. K. M. Westert's Postbus 41 in Dedemsvaart. Such a shame after several years of good cooperation with that man. Absolutely nothing received from him since June 1989, so we decided to join the Postbus 19074, NL-3501 DB Utrecht, Holland address.

In September RTI had a very short QSO with Passion Radio on 6225 kHz which was RTI's first ever nighttime appearance on short wave !

Finally on Christmas Day we had a brief show with our new fixed location's transmitter which we use now occasionally: a "STANDARD ELEKTRIK LORENZ FuS4"; 25 / 100 watt!(P.11)

In 1989 we finally received 24 letters - some of them came in 1992 when Mr. K.M. Westert decided to post off our mail after several years of silence.....odd tactics!



WE ARE READY FOR THE 90's !

The year 1990 became a very active one for RTI again, we made 13 transmissions in all with varied success. Starting with a short test to North America on January 1st without response there, we had a nice on air chat with several European stations - both Continental and UK ones - on February 11th on 48 metres (e.g. WMR, Radio Gloria, VOTN and PFBS being involved).

Our first "official" programme at nighttime took place in June using full 100 watts of our fixed transmitter. We received only 8 reports. One week later we were on both 48 and 41 metres in parallel and received some 24 reports for this co-channel transmission. Guest DJs this occasion were Dave Scott of Radio Apollo and last but not least Mark Graison of Radio Marabu for the very first time.

Later in summer and autumn we tested our modified fixed and mobile equipment and finally in October our 15th birthday shows via our French relay station Radio Waves International on both 41 and 26 metres short wave were aired. These broadcasts with Dave Scott, Tim Cooper and Mark Brown were quite successful and we received 32 nice reports.

1990 brought 77 reports, which brought the total to 859 so far!



Dear Sir,
I'm a fairly new associate with the TIS and I'm very happy with my membership. I read the Titanic Commis-
sioner for week. It's a fine publication.
I'm a radio hobbist and like to monitor the airwaves for weak signals and belong to the National Radio Club
which specializes in the broadcast (AM) band. I also keep my eye on the maritime emergency frequencies, often what I
hear is routine although I have heard ships in distress. One time with mechanical failure and so on. My radio often drifts
back to the Titanic's radio operators sending their distress messages and what I imagine it would be like to be a short
station picking up the signals.
You may be surprised to learn that there is an illegal, unlicensed pirate radio station named Radio Titanic
International. They play rock music but they do make references to the ship. I've heard them a few times, once they
claimed to be broadcasting from the wreck.
Mark Burns, Indiana

Dear Mark,
Thanks for your letter to the TIS regarding your radio interest and the pirate radio station. That was news to us
and appreciate your sharing the information.



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Sep 2 - *2131-2203* - 6954.99 - USB -
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(Suter, VA 343) (Wolfish, ON Fair) (Folk, KY S6/343)
(Filipkowski, RI 444) (Provance, OH) (Grace, DC
+10/333 Good show)

Sep 4 - *0202-0233* - 6955 - USB - Relay
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VA 311) (Shelley, CA 111) (Hassig, IL 333) (Keeney,
KS 423 One of the best Euro shows) (Zeller, VA
222) (Murphy, VA 333) (Rose, VA 211)

Another excellent weekend with many US stations
being logged here in Europe.
WREC (RADIO FREE EAST COAST) aired a real
cool program with lots of jokes, funny music and
extravaganza. Later on operator P. J. Sparx relayed a
brandnew show of the German based RADIO
TITANIC INTERNATIONAL about a Titanic
exhibition of about 600 artifacts in Hamburg until
November. Even Mark Brown promised to QSL soon -
at least several listeners are waiting for QSLs after
more than a year! RTI will be the final station being
relayed via KIWI RADIO on June 29th from about
07.15 UTC on 7475 kHz.

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THE YEAR 1991

Into 1991 and RTI started in spring with relays via Radio Mirage on 41 and 48 metres and we made a test and a 2-hours appearance in the 26 metre band with a 5 watt transmitter from Germany. In July RTI returned on 26 and 31 metres from a fixed site on the west coast of Denmark for the very first time, radiating 10 watts into a half wave dipole. We took this occasion to celebrate our 16th anniversary! The signals were heard in Scandinavia and the Alps as well.

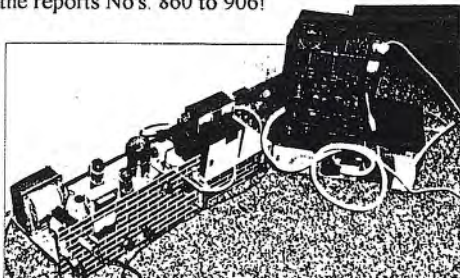
Due to bad reception conditions during that period we decided to repeat the show both from sites in Germany in August and France in September, the latter with much more power than the little transmitter in Germany. It was the well known "7484" transmitter situated at the French Radio Waves International site built up and owned by another pirate operator! It's a shame that Peter Hills always pulled up the modulation!

Anyway, a big surprise occurred when we received our very first Trans-Atlantic reception report from Newfoundland, Canada for our nighttime transmission from Germany on October 19th, 1991 on the 48 metre band with only 10 watts of power (this mobile rig is to be used on 48 and 26 metres resp. but producing only 5 watts on 26 metres but 10 watts on 48 metres).

By the way, this special transmission was working fully automatic with a timer set up on a mobile basis.

Last but not least we were relayed by Jack Russel's Weekend Music Radio on Boxing Day on both 48 and 41 metres celebrating Christmas with Mark and Tim on the microphones.

1991 saw 12 transmissions and we received the reports No's. 860 to 906!



80 YEARS AFTER THE "TITANIC" DESASTER - 1992

What a big surprise when in January 1992 we received a large envelope with loads of reception reports way back from 1988 to 1990 from the former Dedemsvaart maildrop operator! Only he knows why he didn't post off the mail earlier!

Of course we verified all these reports immediately and be sure it really wasn't our fault!

The year 1992 was characterized with several tests during the nighttime to abroad and the experiences with new relay stations.

In spring and early summer we did some 9 transmitter tests from our fixed site as well as from Denmark again - this time from a small island close to the German border and we used the 26 and 19 metre bands only.

In June and July we made some tests again to reach areas we normally cannot reach, but we only received letters from Europe. These shows were done by good old Dave Scott as well as Mark Brown.

During that year the pirates discovered the 76 metre band was a good choice for nighttime reception, so we went on the air on 3920 kHz for the very first time! Unfortunately we got no countable reaction.

After having made another nighttime test on July 25th in cooperation with some other German pirate operators on 6250 kHz - we spent some happy hours on the special site together with all the Mark's - Graison, Jones and Brown - as well as Danny Kay and David Carmichael - RTI were relayed twice via the Russian outlet of Radio Without Borders International (RWBI) in August with our 17th anniversary shows in the 48 metre band for the very first time. The signals heard were quite fair in Central Europe although the distance from Moscow is said to be more than 1000 km. Anyway, we only received 3 reception reports.

After another 19 metre test in November on 15053 kHz we were heard again with low modulation via the usual French operation. On Boxing Day we had a boost with the help of the

Northern Ireland Relay Service (NIRS) on 6262 kHz where we were relayed for more than 12 hours in a row and finally received a report from Pennsylvania, USA for a Sunday morning UTC broadcast.

1992 saw the transmissions No's. 131 to 147 (17 occasions) and with the 36 reports that we got that year we mailed our QSL card No. 942!

1993 - LET'S DO IT AGAIN !

Into 1993 and RTI started again on January 3rd on 3914 kHz at night and on 7th the same month on 3910 kHz in the afternoon with relays - although "unforeseen" but nevertheless "desired" - via our keen Russian friend of Radio Without Borders International (RWBI) near Moscow. Unfortunately we only received 5 reports due to the weird conditions on these occasions.

On September 25th the same situation happened when the Russian station repeated an old RTI tape on 3905 kHz at midnight and this time another 6 reports were received for this outlet.

We had some interesting meetings both private and officially wise concerning Free Radio operations this year again and due to lack of time as usual we decided to postpone the 18th birthday party till autumn. These series of anniversary broadcasts started on October 31st with our transmissions No. 152 and No. 153 with 2 frequencies in the 48 and 41 metre bands. Both operations were by relay stations again,

- on 48 metres, 6238.5 kHz via the "Belgian International Relay Service" from England for the very first time. At once we got some 24 reception reports for this marathon overnight transmission of more than 12 ½ hours! Thanks folks!

- on 41 metres via the French outlet with low modulation as usual. We had 3 reports for 2 hours. We have to think about it!

November only brought a brief QSO chat on 76 metres with PFBS and Starshine Radio, the latter is located in Scandinavia, but we had some HF trouble with our fixed 100 watt rig. Anyway, 3 people wrote in.

On December 11th we relayed Pirate Radio Boston on 3915 kHz at nighttime for the very first

time but unfortunately the response wasn't good. Only 2 reports were received due to weird conditions on the bands.

The final RTI gig in 1993 was on December 19th on 6200.5 kHz via the facilities of the Dutch power blasting Radio Orang Utan with another repetition of the birthday party presented by Marc Jones of Radio Mirage as our guest DJ, Mark Brown and Tim Cooper, the latter with one of his nice R+B shows. We put out a very strong signal with the very powerful transmitter of more than 200 watts that produced superb signals all over Europe although the conditions weren't favourable again. A large package of 52 reports was delivered by the postman - it's nice to see the GPO men are good for something!

8 transmissions in 1993 resulted in 93 reports. The QSL card No. 1000 was posted to one of our very few female listeners out there in radioland! Congratulations - B.W.!

Sadly Radio Orang Utan and the BIRS were raided in January 1994 while starting to relay other stations! Poor Freddy! Poor Paul!



1994 - MASSIVE ATTACK ON TRANSATLANTIC AUDIENCE

In 1994 the DX world heard our broadcasts No's. 156 to 178! 23 transmissions made it the most active year since 1976!

Late 1993 we discovered some great relay opportunities outside Europe, e.g. the North American Pirate Relay Service (N.A.P.R.S.) and Radio Free East Coast (WREC), both from the Eastern part of the USA! We produced a 30 minute special with a round-up of our station history.

At the end of January RTI was relayed on 7308 and 7410 kHz in both USB and AM mode and we received some 8 reports. Best reception was on February 5th on 7412 kHz AM. We received 16 fine reports from the USA and Canada. Transmission times were always in the early evening hours EST so far. Next appearance of RTI was via WREC on February 12th with some 100 watts of power but conditions were not good that evening but next morning another N.A.P.R.S. relay brought 8 more letters for a transmission again in the USB mode. Power was 65 watts from a Drake T-4XC transmitter. Transmission No. 162 on April 9th on 7385 kHz USB was done with a Hallicrafters HT37 transmitter producing 100 watts fed into a halfwave dipole for 40 metres.

May and June had further relays again via WREC and N.A.P.R.S. with the 19th anniversary show hosted by good old Dave Scott. That was the last broadcast to the U.S. for some months.

Back to Europe where July 2nd saw an unexpected appearance via RWBI from Moscow testing its 75 metre equipment with our old 18th birthday show and 1 listener wrote in.

Duncan James and Dave Scott were the presenters of our "official" 19th birthday shows put out by another new relay station - Starshine Radio from Scandinavia. That transmission took place August 27th on 3905 kHz with 90 watts into a longwire. Even the starry operator Kim Hawk was satisfied with several letters received from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia.

In September and October 1994 we made use of the 200 watt Radio Baltic relay service from

Swedish Gotland island. This site was very good for the North Eastern European audience. Then we had another relay over our good old 7484 kHz outlet in France! Fortunately many listeners wrote in and we were very happy that the transmitter worked properly!

Meanwhile Joe Vincent of Jolly Roger Radio in Ireland aired Dave's and Duncan's shows on 6235 kHz and the response was fair. 10 reports arrived for these relays.

The final European transmission for 1994 took place via the facilities of Radio Mirage with some 30 watts but only a few DXers wrote in for the November 6th show hosted by Duncan James.

Last but not least Duncan's programme was heard in the USA and Canada again mid-November via Richard T. Pistek's N.A.P.R.S. and we got 10 reports. (By the way, we call him "Dick"!).

All in all 110 listeners reported to RTI in 1994 and we were very pleased to get such great relay stations that year! Unfortunately due to several circumstances no show was aired over our own rigs. But we can tell you that we successfully relayed the US based Radio Hallowe'en on October 30th on 7420 kHz and we heard about the response for that creepy show.

1995 - 20 YEARS ON YOUR SHORTWAVE DIAL !

On January 1st, RTI was briefly and unexpectedly relayed by Weekend Music Radio from Scotland but unfortunately after a while the transmitter blew up! Bad luck again, Jack Russel never had luck with RTI relays in January (see 1989!!). Anyway, just 3 reports were received.

On April 15th, exactly 83 years after the disaster of the real "TITANIC", we had a transmission from New Zealand again for the first time after 1984. Graham J. Barclay of KIWI Radio - The Voice of the South Pacific- relayed our special 1994 information show for the overseas audiences. Signals were heard all over the world - in New Zealand, Australia, the USA and even in Germany! 350 watts were in use, fed into a halfwave dipole.

Two different colour photo QSL-cards were printed for 1995 (one shows the TITANIC's departure, the other one the international Hallo-we'en symbol -an orange jack-o'-lantern). We hope you liked them. Both are still in stock.



In August, October and November of that year KIWI Radio repeated our programmes. Then in September it was time again for some US relays via WREC and the N.A.P.R.S. - the latter on US Labor Day, first Monday of September. It was a big success again and thanks to P.J. and Dick we received more than 30 reports.

It was October 8th and Mark Brown tested his own equipment again with some odd QSOs with Crazy Wave Radio and Radio Communication on 6280 kHz. Later the evening 6955 kHz and 3900 kHz were occupied with some 50 watts of power.

Around Hallowe'en 1995 RTI made it again via the N.A.P.R.S. On 3936 kHz we used our own rigs for one of our "scary" specials. A US test from Europe on 6955 kHz was only heard by a Swede and a German. On November 19th the international shows were repeated in Europe again, this time by our friends at Radio Mirage. Some 15 letters made Mark and Ian very happy. In spite of quite bad conditions on 48 metres several new listeners dropped us a line.

Finally, and as a surprise to us, we were relayed by US based Outlaw Radio on 6957 kHz USB for the very first time at the same date. The operator must have received the tape from another US pirate operator and aired it just for fun. Thanks anyway, good guy! We received a dozen reports.

1995 saw our transmissions No's. 179 to 194 and we verified some 85 reception reports during that year.

Well, you may have missed some information of any 20th anniversary programmes to be expected but all the guys behind the station had so many personal and work commitments during that year. That's why we decided to do a special 2 hour show - at last things started in April of 1996.

1996 - TIME TO CELEBRATE, BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

In 1996 only two transmissions were aired with own equipment, all other transmissions were relays by good friends of ours from abroad. But again we aired some relays for friends.

We started into 1996 relaying US based Radio Duplicado/XEROX on March 31st on 6245 kHz and that 20 minutes show resulted in more than 25 reports for operator Bart Sambo. Next one was a relay for The Fox, September 29th on 6255 kHz. Several nice letters were received again and we learnt that the audio quality had been excellent.

But now we have to report on our 20th and 21st anniversary programmes which were aired from April onwards. We presented all DJs heard during the past 2 decades along with the most incredible variety of music and unusual entertainment ever put together on the station in the German, English, Swedish and Dutch language. It was real fun having been in a superb studio again. Here are the fact files in brief:

We started the first and second weekend in April with several broadcasts of a new 1996 edition of our "Titanic on the rocks" programme aired again by the untiring N.A.P.R.S. Over the Easter weekend and the 3rd weekend of April we rearranged our French outlet on 7484 kHz and this time good signals were received. Starshine Radio was our relay service on 76 metres on April 13th and the N.A.P.R.S. made it again during the following night.

By then the time should have come for some relays put out by the high power station of the IRRS in Milan, Italy. We advertised our 2 hour

anniversary special in several magazines and DX programmes and everything should become a hit! But unfortunately the IRRS had some transmitter trouble again and they broadcasted our tapes some weeks later than planned. Anyway, better late than never we were heard on 3980 kHz on April 19th during local evening and in fact the station was heard in Australia! The next weekends we were heard quite well in the afternoon and evening and we received some nice reports again, but 90 % were from our German audience only. We would love to get mail from more other European countries in future.

Meanwhile DJ Yves of International Music Radio made a copy of our tape for his Pirate Radio Relay Service and he aired the 2 hours on the unusual 7270 kHz in-band frequency on April 21st. We never thought to get any reports for that strange pirate channel without any advance notice in the press but we were wrong and received 2 reports.

Finally, RTI made a nighttime test on 6290 kHz on August 17th especially for participants of the Merchweiler DX meeting. This came from one of our fixed locations in Germany but we 'just' received one single report from Perm, Russia, some 3500 km away from our TX site. Not bad at all!

One week later our very first USB mode test transmission was carried out at night to reach the USA or any other Overseas listeners but we had no luck. On the other hand we received an excellent report from the UK. Anyway, the Wave Radio operator from Scandinavia called CQ to us after signing off but we had no luck in answering due to a disadjustment of the PA stage. But we hope to do more USB modulation tests in future because we have got hold of a good solid Drake TR-4C transceiver which should produce 300 watts PEP SSB and 260 watts PEP AM.

Not to forget Radio Mirage's help in relaying our anniversary show plus Ian's own programmes on June 9th and September 15th on 6280 kHz. This time some more UK listeners decided to drop us a line. Thanks for your favour, both the listeners and Ian!

The first weekend of November our Hallo-wen show was aired by an unknown station in

America on 6955 kHz - this time in AM mode. We are still looking forward to getting hold of the operator to say "Thank You"! Anyway, we have a guess.....!

On November 17th RTI provided its transmitting facilities to our good friend at the N.A.P.R.S., USA with the famous 'Dick' Pistek to hold the station's 4th anniversary & farewell broadcast for the European audience. 27 reports were received from Italy to Scotland and this made Dick very happy.

An old RTI tape was relayed by KIWI Radio on Christmas Day and the 350 watts transmitter made it across the world from New Zealand over Japan and Canada to Germany.

1996 saw yet another 23 transmissions (No's. 195 to 217) and we received reports No's. 1231 to 1313, so 83 for that year!



1997 - 85 YEARS AFTER THAT SINKING FEELING!

Well, we were heard again via the KIWI Radio rig on January 26th with our transmission No. 218 and this time we received 6 excellent reports from New Zealand, Germany, Paraguay and Argentina. Both the latter were again new countries for our files.

In June we restarted our American activities with several repetitions of our 1997 "Expedition Titanic" exhibition show via our friends at WREC and another very well known Appalachian station on the usual US 6950/6955 kHz frequency range in the USB mode. Broadcasts were on June 8th and 15th and resulted in more than 30 logs in several magazines like e.g. the ACE, Pirate Pages and Free Radio Weekly. Even some written reports came in in August at last.

On June 29th we were relayed with that same 1997 show as part of KIWI Radio's final transmission with their own equipment so far. Thank you for all your unselfish help, Graham! By the way, many reporters were impressed about the music and information on the ship's sinking. Thanks for your kind words.

Finally, in August we called America some more on 6955 kHz SSB and in autumn we aired some more transmissions around Hallowe'en with all those scary DJ voices on the station mixed with music concerning the ship's name!

227 transmissions have been made so far and we have received about 1360 reception reports since 1975 (deadline this time was August 1997)!

OUTLOOK ON THE FUTURE

Well, to talk about our future - it is more uncertain than ever. Due to several reasons and many further commitments besides Free Radio (in fact Free Radio isn't all in our life!) we cannot do any shows on a regular basis each and every year but we hope to reach the 25 years celebration of our activities in the year 2000 and you may expect to have something special on that occasion, hopefully. But we do not promise anything.

Meanwhile we always plan to broadcast on English bank holidays and occasional Sundays 2 or 3 times per year only so you should hear us from time to time on 76, 48, 41, 26, 19 metres short wave and 185 metres medium wave.

We promise to keep you informed about our future activities. RTI will put out relays of foreign stations, and we'll be relayed by other pirates in Europe, in North and South America and Australia/New Zealand when there is a chance.

Well, that's it for this time! So if you ever send in another reception report in future an updated version of this info booklet will be available. This little history is to be continued when there is anything to add - we promise!

THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR STATION!

DJS WHO APPEARED ON RADIO TITANIC SINCE 1975

- Dave Scott** - Radio Apollo, RTI
1985+1986, 1988 - 1992, 1994 - 1997
- David Carmichael** - RTI, Passion Radio, Level 48
1983, 1985 - 1989, 1994, 1995
- Dieter + Willy Dolby** - RTI,
1985 - 1987, 1995
- Duncan James** - Radio Apollo, RTI
1987, 1994 - 1997
- Hank Somers** - RTI
1983, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1991,
1994 - 1997
- Mark Brown** - RTI, Level 1
1975 - 1997
- Mark Graison** - Radio Marabu, RTI
1990, 1995 - 1997
- Marc Jones** - Radio Mirage, RTI
1993, 1995 - 1997
- Pirate Andy** - PFBS, Level 48, RTI
1986 - 1989, 1995
- Simon Hendrix** - BRI, Radio 101, PFBS, RTI
1986 - 1988, 1995 - 1997
- Tim Cooper** - RTI,
1980, 1981, 1983, 1985 - 1987, 1989 -
1997



All the DJs were heard on our 20th anniversary special in 1995/96 and this cassette tape is also available on a C120 for DM 20 incl. p.p. (please add DM 5 for overseas airmail delivery).

Danny Kay, Johnny Best, Mr. November, Dave Anderson and John Perfect sent audio greetings for our 12th birthday in 1987!

Jack Russel, RBL, Danny Kay and the FRS Holland made several jingles for our station! Thanks a lot!

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Dear FREE RADIO enthusiast!

As you might know it's taken some time since RTI did an up-to-date press release about what has happened during the past months or years. Now after a long break we are back on the air. Finally we have updated our information booklet with our station history from 1975 to 1997 and we sincerely hope that you will all like it as we do! Unfortunately RTI cannot run any programme schedule in the future due to several circumstances but we hope that you will join our shows now and again.

RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS: THE ULTIMATE 1997 "EXPEDITION TITANIC" SHOW 85 YEARS AFTER THAT SINKING FEELING IN 1912!

In 1912 the "TITANIC" disaster sent shock waves throughout the world - in 1997 RTI sent HF waves around the globe! We thought that even today the tragedy lives on in the human imagination, in books, films, plays, even on the Internet and of course in Free Radio. One of the reasons why RTI produced a special 30 minutes show in 1997 was in fact not only to celebrate our 22nd anniversary but the "Expedition Titanic" exhibition in Hamburg, Germany from May to November 1997 and our aim as always is to interest our listeners to that certain titanic steamer.

On April 14th, 1912 after only 5 days of her maiden voyage the world's largest - most luxurious ship to grace the seas - the "RMS TITANIC" - had been mortally damaged by an iceberg and 2 hours and 40 minutes later she sank taking with her more than 1500 people!

Throughout it all the "TITANIC" casts its spell, showing that it cannot be forgotten or ignored even after all those 85 years! The "TITANIC" story will never die! It has a mystique about it which fascinates people like us!

We learn from the fate of this beautiful ocean liner that "man proposes but God disposes!" In remembrance of those souls who perished with the "RMS TITANIC" on April 14/15, 1912 the crew of RADIO TITANIC INTERNATIONAL is willing to continue broadcasting on the Free Radio bands as long as our spare time will allow us to do so!

God bless you!

Tim at RTI

