

Press Release

WWCR Cooperates with Adventist World Radio, Madagascar: May 3 DX Test a Partial Success

Adventist World Radio has been transmitting from the Radio Netherlands relay station at Talata-Volondry via a 7.5 kw transmitter on 3215 kHz. They are presently broadcasting at 0300-0330 and 1530-1600 UTC in the Malagasy language.

In North America the station is virtually impossible to hear as WWCR is on 3215 during the North American evenings. At the request of Jerry Berg, Massachusetts, WWCR agreed to silent periods on UTC May 3 and 10.

The May 3 DX test was hampered by thunderstorm static along the eastern seaboard. Early feedback was monitored in the IRC #swl channel. David Ross, Ontario, Peter Costello in New Jersey, and the WWCR Webmaster in New Jersey reported snippets of audio throughout the half hour, best around 0315. The best results were reported by Al Quaglieri in New York (using an R8A and an 80m Zepp antenna) and David Crawford in Florida (using an R8 and a 200-ft longwire running to the south). Most everyone heard the distinctive AWR interval signal at 0325 UT.

There will be another opportunity to listen to the AWR relay next weekend, Saturday night in North America, UT May 10 at 0300-0330. WWCR is certainly happy to have been able to assist the DX community in their efforts to hear AWR. Finally, this press release may be updated as other receptions are made known to us.

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