

## *Hans Knot's International Radio Report - January 2003*



First of all I want to wish you all a very happy 2003 and thanks a lot for the response in December.

It was very nice to receive a lot of Christmas and New Years wishes with the one who was first: Chris Cortez, who already sent us a card in early November, followed in December by The Emperor Rosko and Doris (Tony Allan). Then there were hundreds of cards and e-mails coming in and it would be too much to mention everyone, but here is a rundown of some names: Sagi Levek, Ingo Paternoster, Robin Ross, Fred Bolland, Elly van Amstel, Stewart Ross, Paul de Haan and the haantjes (not forgetting Ross), Leen Vingerling, Boudewijn Dom, Bob en Sandy Le-Roi, Chris and Stephanie Edwards (Offshore Echos), Ruud Doets, Hans Marijs, Herbert Visser, Gilbert Jonckierre, Georges Cany, Andrew Emmerson, Look Boden, Henk Bosmans, Gerard Doets, Michael Klosinski, Jacob van Kokswijk (he worked closely together with me in the seventies within the editorial board of Pirate Radio News), Dennis Manz (Koning King) Radio Caroline France, Henk de Groot, Jane Newbould, Colin Lamb, Larry Tremaine, Robert van der Leur, Patrick Jacobs, Rob Ronder, Willem Klomps, Dave Windsor, Bart Boons, Steve and Irish Young, Tom de Munck and family. Alfred and José (Free Radio Magazine), Steven Pragnell, Tom Collins (England), Rudi Koot, Henk Alferink, Brian Keith, Joyce and Pat Collier, Peter Zwirs, Team Radio Mi Amigo, Cran Canaria, Dick van Oirbeek, Bonnie Heller, John de Blok, Raymond Urquahart (for 30 years he always sent a card from Guernsey), Juul Geleick, Manfred Steinkraus, Koos Wijnants, Shaun Brannan, Herman Content, Russell Dodworth (Abe Nathan's right hand in New York in the early seventies), Ron C Jones from Toronto. Dan Terry, Tom en Margo or 'The Seapoodels'. Theo, Helma and Esmé sent us a Ross Revenge Christmas card, Maya and Henk Feenstra, Jean Luc and Suzie Bostyn (RadioVisie), Pieter Damave (ex Radio Noordzee), Peter from the RNI site, Wim van de

Water, Mike Guy, Chris Visser, Jan van Heeren, Ben Bode (Radio Paradijs), Martyn Webster, Mark de Haan, Marcel Zoete, François Lhote, Fred Glissenaar, Bert Bossink, Meindert Dikboom, Alex en Maria from Belgium (Maria once the Mi Amigo fan number one), Martin van Weerden, Ate and Betty Harstra, Wilfred de Jong (Caroline Road show), Karl and Sigi Landmann, Peter van den Berg (Chairman Radio London Foundation), Annemiek Deuling, Richard Smits, Piet de Lang, Jean Pierre Berckmans, Adrian Webster, Theo van Halsema, Mike Brand, Ada and Bart Serlie, Bert Alting, Dave Burke, David Shearer, Jonathan (Pirate Hall of Fame), Svann Martinsen, Steve Szmidt, Anke van der Mark, Look Boden, Cees Eijgel, Ferry Eijgel, Robert Preedy, Dave Foster, Peter Moore, Eduard van Loon Caroline Club Nederland, 'Vintage' Graeme Stevens, Melvyn 'RSL' Brown, Tom and Tanja van Zevenhoven, Poul van Onzen, P.Blom, Tim Chase, Josianne and René de Bruin, Jos Leijgraaff, Hans Spijkerman, Rob Olthof, Paul Rusling, Hil Favre, Lothar Flacke, Meindert van der Meulen, Michel van Hooff, Karel Gerbers, Rene Zweers, Bull Verweij, Roger Day, Radio Free Caroline Inc, Peter Moore, Peter Wollert, Peter Ham, Dick Bakker, Barry Fros, Alex Berrevoets, Naud Nellissen, Colin Wilkins, Henk Kruise, Jan Hendrik Kruidenier, Walter and Mirjam Zwart (Simons), Werner Schneider, Pierre Claessens, Leendert and Marjo Vingerling, Heleen Aalbrechtse, Geoff Baldwin, Martin van der Ven and many many more.

As every month I received a lot of response on the international report, which I partly want to share with you all:

The first one came from John Ross Barnard, whom we all know from his magic days at the radio forts and who could be found during the last Radio London RSL's as a newsreader. Then Mike Coren his comment: 'Have just read your December Newsletter and as always



Hans Knot and Bob LeRoi in 2000

found it very informative and interesting. You say that you could not find a store that had a World Space Receiver. When I purchased my receiver last December, there were at least four shops who had this radio in stock. These stores were in Tottenham Court Road, London and the price was on average about £100. I have the Hitachi KH-WS 1 model and sounds very good. I cannot remember the name of the store where I bought mine without searching for the bill but I can tell you the several stores which stock them are in Tottenham Court Road at the Oxford Street end.' What a lucky man he must be, Moore telling me there were only 250 sold in Great Britain up till December.

Then came from the 'Dutch Service' of Radio Caroline or the cable station, which is one year old this month, the news that some new presenters are in the team. Some are known from offshore days, others from RSL days of Radio Caroline: Again some 'new' presenters joined the Dutch service of Radio Caroline: Steve Satan (Colin Mueslibar), Richard Bismarck, Simon Clark, Gary Lee and an American presenter called Boomer. Of course you can only listen to them on cable in Holland (and via the Internet) and really it becomes time that both services stick together to join presenter forces. Also it became known that very soon Bob Le-Roi will also join the Dutch Service of Radio Caroline and as you know I made a strong point some nine months ago to give Le-Roi a change. He worked on Radio City in the sixties and had some short spells on Radio Caroline as well and

worked for several station within the Independent Local Radio, including managing stations.



Some memories to Radio Noordzee days, way back in 1974:  
Erik Post, Pieter Damave, Gerard Reitsma and Gerard Smit

All over from Surinam, the country in South America, came an e-mail from Gerard Smit, who was once newsreader and deejay on the MEBO II for the Dutch service on RNI,

with the next reply: 'Very nice again to read your report. Very nice was reading once again about nicknames. We had, on board the MEBO II, a kind Clan of Indians. As Head of News I was called 'Gradus', Chief of the clan, Marc van Amstel became 'het hijgende hert' (the panting deer). Dick de Graaf was called 'Diederik de Loper (the walker). Some other names I don't recall, but that is the age, isn't? It was very nice as the listeners took part in it as they wrote to us under the nick names instead of our own names.'

During the Christmas and New Year's period Gerard Smit took a holiday to his native country Holland. Already for years he's living in Suriname and he's working there on several projects and in radio. Once a week you can hear him on internet on Sundays around 22.30 hrs Dutch time. He's really popular with his program which is presented for the youth and parents: [www.apintie.sr](http://www.apintie.sr)

And talking about nick names again is was from the Riviera in France where we got an e-mail from Leen Vingerling. He worked in the late seventies for Radio Delmare and was responsible for tendering the Ross Revenge as well as the Communicator in the eighties. He came

up with some names: Not on the air but by his colleagues Dick Verheul was mentioned on Radio Monique 'Dick the Licker'. Kees Mulder on Radio Delmare : Kees 'Kaas' Mulder (Cheese), the two other tender boys from the Ross Revenge, Danny and Willy, were mentioned 'de neukemannetjes' (fucking lads). Probably they often went to the red light districts in harbours. Otto de Winter, one time deejay on Radio Caroline aka Leen Vingerling was called 'Boswachter'. (forest keeper). Simon 'Wally' Barret we do remember from Radio Caroline in the seventies and eighties and technician Andy Howard got the name 'Bilbo' and this name he also used as deejay. Thanks Leen! Finally one brought in by Martin van der Ven: Mark 'Wild and Wooley' Wesley from RNI 1970.

But more nicknames came in while listening to some old programs lately: Radio City's Paul Kramer used 'Your deejay P.K.', while Alan Clark was mentioned 'the smooth one loopie loo'. Also Tom Lodge can be named 'Mr Moonlight'. Even a jingle with the intro of the Beatles song was made for him.

Last month I reported that Don Stevens had written me a long e-mail in which he told about his career. He was telling that he was trading in all kind of things including the old jingle-packages in good quality. This gave a response from Stuart Aitken who wrote: 'Thanks again for another great news update. Good to hear Tony Allen is relatively well. OK, so can Don Stevens get me a good quality copy of Radio England's "batman" set of jingles? Spot Productions #21 ??????????' So maybe Don you could give us an answer.

Michael Klosinski from Germany wrote that he has sent money for the inscription to WorldSpace and that he couldn't get connected as the people had to make exchange costs at the bank. And so Michael had to sent in some more money. All those little mistakes are getting us to the real idea that the WorldSpace organisation is badly organised.

Then we got an email from Malcolm aka Peter Moore in which he has some news about Caroline: "Thank you for your good wishes. I am very busy now with the arrangements for the new satellite. Of course people are asking me not to leave Hotbird but to keep that going as well as 28 degrees. Well, perhaps I will be able to return to Hotbird at some time in 2003. Now we await a new style of Worldspace radio with a lower retail price than the Hitachi. These should be on sale in six weeks or so. No doubt we will speak and meet in 2003.' And on December 30th Malcolm had more news: 'It's difficult to get engineers from Worldspace and WRN to come in to work over new year and make the required alterations. So it seems more probable that we will start to work on the alterations from Jan 2nd. Certainly we will be on by Jan 6th, but we hope for the 4th/5th.'

Well last month we mentioned that The Foundation for Media Communication and the staff of the Freewave Media Magazine had decided to chose for a late Radio Day this year. We can now mention that we've chosen for Saturday October 25th. So go and get your agenda and put there '25 Years of Radio Days in Holland and 25 years Foundation for Media Communication as well as 25 Years of Freewave Media Magazine.' The day will be held at the Artis Party Centrum, Koningszaal in Amsterdam. It can be find at the Plantage Middenweg 41-43. The Koningszaal will be open at 10.30 and the program starts around 11 o'clock. For donators of the FMC the entrance fee will be 3 Euro. Non donators will pay 15 Euro. You can become a donator of the FMC by paying 7 Euro to SMC (for more info write to Rob Olthof at [smc@caiw.nl](mailto:smc@caiw.nl)).

We want to show a lot of video material which hasn't been shown in the past due to the too short duration and will edit it together. Therefore you can see a lot of footage mostly not shown before.



Erik Post (backside) in discussion with Peter Damave onboard MEBO II

Whenever you have something of interest

to show, please make contact with Hans Knot: [HKnot@home.nl](mailto:HKnot@home.nl). Also we would like to invite all guests who have been there during the past 25 years (of course on own expenses) and some special guest to be mentioned at a later stage. So far the info round the annual Radio Day.

December 2nd: On Radio 192 now every weekday 'Maat in de middag' (Maat in the afternoon) can be heard. Yes, the old Radio Noordzee deejay is back on the radio after he stopped with presenting for the NCRV a year ago. Two days later, even RTL4 TV spent some time on this revival on the radio. In the program Boulevard we could see Ferry in action as well as Ad Bouman (former Veronica and now 192 program director) giving some background info. Radio 192 is a regional commercial station only playing oldies music. Therefore it was nonsense that the presenter of the Boulevard item, Albert Verlinde, had to say that the Radio 192 had 0,0% listeners following the listening figures. Well it would count a lot of listeners when it could be received in the whole of Holland instead of only regional parts.

Got a very nice present this month, a three cd box with mostly never before released songs by Georgie Fame, including a very nice book on the history of the singer. Well nowhere I could find that Ronan O'Rahilly, who always claimed that he managed Georgie and couldn't

get his records played on stations and therefore started Radio Caroline, was indeed his manager. Instead of this it was mentioned that a certain Rick Gunnell was Georgie's personal manager during the period 1963-1967...



Andy Archer and Ferry Eden in 1978

On December 12th it became known that another former offshore deejay will join the team of Radio 192. A few times a week the presentation of the Flashback show will be in hands of Ferry Eden. Ferry was invited to give an interview early October. It was a three hour program and he really got the radio flue again and can be heard again after many years. For those who can receive Radio 192: on Saturday evening January 18th between 20 and 22 hrs Dutch time there

will be an interview with former offshore people Dick Verheul and Kees Borell. They will be interviewed by Martien Engel.

On December 17th it became known that from March Tony Blackburn will change ships. He will then leave Capital Radio in London to work for the Classic Gold Network. During the last 15 years Blackburn presented a lot of shows on the Capital Network including the very popular Breakfast show. And that's what he's will present on the Classic Gold Group to score at Prime Time in the morning.

One Euro more or less doesn't count in the following info, we got from Leendert Vingerling. He went through the list of the richest people in Holland and found several people who have their roots in offshore radio country: The list, published by Quote giver at number 22 - John de Mol jr.(Radio Noordzee) 640 million Euro, 27- Heerema Family (REM/Radio Monique) 500 million. 88 Willem van Kooten (Joost den Draaier)(Radio Veronica, Radio Noordzee, en Radio Monique) 172 million. 191 - Tendering company Van der Zwan (tendering Radio Delmare) 84 million. 249 - Ruud Hendriks (Rob



Hudson on Radio Mi Amigo, Radio Caroline) 68 million. 348 - Lex Harding (Radio Veronica) 50 million, 426 - Rob Out (Radio Veronica) 40 million.

On Monday December 24th in the television program 'Sporloos' (Trackless) a 52 years old guy appeared. He told that two years ago, when his mother had died, he found a



Gerard van Dam and Leen Vingerling working together in Delmare days

letter from which he learnt he had probably a sister. Indeed the team of the program found his sister in Dresden (Germany). And why this info here? Well the man was no one others than Gerard van Dam (Van der Zee) who worked for Radio 199, Radio Caroline (brought the Mi Amigo back to sea in 1972), Radio Atlantis and was the big man behind Radio Delmare.

Sad news came in that The Seapoodle, Tom Collins, died after a heart attack on Boxing Day. Tom was a very friendly man, I never met in person. But due to e-mail contact during the past 7 years we came very close to each other. Earlier last year he and his wife Margot removed to Cornwall and one of his ideas was to go for an ILR licence to start a station there. Also he just finished rearranging his internet site. Another lovely person within our radio world has gone far too early.

Finally for this month the info that on Old Years Day Danish Radio International paid attention in a special program to the memories of Radio Luxembourg. This because it's 10 years ago the station left the air. Not only the music from Luxembourg's days was played but also interviews with former jocks. And it was nice they'd chosen for

two former offshore deejays: Emperor Rosko (Radio Caroline) and Jessie Brandon (Laser 558).

I like to thank Pieter Damaeve, Jelle Knot and Leen Vingerling for borrowing some of the photos on this edition of the Monthly Report.

Well, that's all for this month. I was away for a 10 days in December and so I didn't had time to compile the news from Holland. Surely more next month. Take care and hope to hear from you whenever you've news or have some nice memories.

Greetings

Hans Knot