

WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO - PDF e-QSL JUNE 2023

WMR has once again been broadcasting on the short wave bands of Europe in May 2023. The first known transmission was on 29th and 30th April on 6284kHz. This was followed the next week, 6th and 7th May, and the following weekend, 13th and 14th, on 6295. These transmissions consisted of old recordings of WMR from 2016, 2014, and other years. The transmissions were not from the WMR transmitters, but presumably the fake / hoax WMR that has shadowed us since the year 2000. Or is it someone new??

We made it known that if new shows were recorded, it would be appreciated if they were given airtime. A 60 minute initial test was recorded and uploaded to the WMR web site on 14th May. The hoax WMR took us a bit by surprise when they seemed happy to air it. The first initial test recording was looped / aired on Friday 19th May and all weekend thereafter. Each weekend since then, a new show has been recorded and uploaded. And each week the unidentified transmitter comes on the air and airs it.

So the former unidentified transmitter which aired WMR old shows, is now airing current shows for us, and indeed he seems happy to do that, for which we are extremely grateful. But this gives us a slight problem for the QSL cards. The transmission is still UNID to us, and therefore we can't fill in the transmitter power, or indeed even the country of origin. But instead of listeners being disappointed to be told it was a fake transmission, and nothing to do with WMR like in past years, the transmissions now have our blessing, and therefore they are now being verified with this pdf QSL.

So WMR will now QSL these new reception reports that have been coming in over the last few weeks, on the understanding that the QSL is accepted as is, so to speak, but the transmitter location in the case of 6295, and also 6950 is a complete mystery.

As of early June 2023, the so called fake / hoax WMR has been relaying the new shows for the last four weeks. Not only that, but another unid transmitter is coming on the air on a Saturday late night, on 6950 kHz, which is really powering out. Signals are getting out everywhere and reports have included 40 over S9 signals in Poland, various states in North America, as well as Columbia in South America.

And to further the appearance of WMR again on SW, the German station Shortwave Radio / Shortwave Gold has given the new shows a spin on 6160 and parallel 3975!! This multiple one off playout of the current shows is really appreciated, and again has continued for the past few weeks.

An attempt was made on the WMR latest news page to log and list these relay transmissions for each week they are on the air, although the most recent transmissions have not been logged in such detail.

BEST WISHES AND A HAPPY SUMMERTIME of SW DX TO ALL.........

JACK R, WMR

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Welcome to the WMR info sheet for "Fall 2023". Well that's the way the old international broadcasters described their schedules, back in the day.

WMR is off air on 6290kHz for a couple of weeks. But hopefully this primary service will be back on air again towards the end of September. (Back Sunday 24th September)

Since the previous page edited at the beginning of June, WMR has been on the air each and every weekend and seems to have evolved into the following schedule.

Via our friends at Shortwave Gold in Germany on 6160 and 3975kHz. Single play, Friday night 2000 - 2200 UTC, and Saturday night 2100 - 2300UTC. Possible daytime Sundays may be included as summertime conditions give way to Autumn. First heard on 17th September. Look for WMR 10/12 and 15/16 UTC.

The signal that mysteriously appeared on 6950 adopted a regular single play 2230 - 0030 UTC Saturday nights. Unfortunately the broadcast on 1st July which was on 6955 due to QRM was the last. Nothing more has been heard since. We have no idea even which country this signal came from, but the programme could have been easily listened to on the KIWI SDRs in Kuwait, Bonaire, Brasilia, Central Russia, Poland etc. The latter two booming in. The signals by the time darkness came to the North American East coast, were also quite listenable. Weaker signals were heard in Bangladesh / East India area, Australia, Thailand, but no trace in South Africa or Kenya. That was quite amazing.

The primary service on 6290 has been on the airwaves each and every weekend since the end of April. Signals during the summer conditions have been consistently very good, with nice processed sounding audio. (6950 was probably raw audio, just as is, so to speak). The style of the two hour show repeated all day long, is exactly the way we used to broadcast from the woods with the little 20 Watt transmitter, and a few good batteries. That used to run from a Saturday evening until sometimes early hours of a Monday. That two hour show also fits in nicely with the schedule of Shortwave Gold.

The contact with the unid relay on 6290 assures us that he was not in any way connected with the original hoax WMR, which was shadowing us since the year 2000. As time went on this summer, we sort of came to that conclusion anyway.

QSLs have been sent out to the dxers who sent in reports during the last few months. It is helpful if the full data is included in the report, so we don't have to guess at times and look at the date when the email arrived. Many emails however are just very short "good signal tonight in xxxtown" and are more a little note to say hi rather than a QSL request. We have even sent QSLs to requests made from reception using on line SDRs. Quite why this is any value to a dxer however is another question. But at least the dxers have shown an interest in WMR, so they deserve a response. So long as reports do not start coming in for listening direct from the web stream on the site!!!

It is quite incredible to think of the amount of good old SW cronies that have written to WMR this summer, so so many. In fact, if truth be told, I am so very humbled by this whole summer of broadcasting. It has been many a long year since we were on the air like this, and you know what? We / I have enjoyed every minute. Station founder, Dave is unfortunately now living at a distance from the WMR studio, and any programming input is not really practical.

BEST WISHES AND A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE POSSIBLE A FANTASTIC SUMMERTIME OF BROADCASTING FROM WMR.......

Jack R and Dave A, (Founder of WMR)

WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO - PDF e-QSL WINTER 2023

Welcome to the extended pdf for winter period 2023. We have again found some new photos to include, from the station's chequered past. Also added is a non data QSL as part of the three different QSLs. One for the German relays, one for the unid relays and now a third for the short notes we get. This is for the folk that send a three word email with no QSL details. We get a surprising amount of these type of reports. Just to say hello, and enjoying the show, etc. The sample QSL on the latest news page will include blank versions of all three. (Also now modified for the KISS AM relays)

So winter time is with us now. Not only does this mean that the winter woollies need to be looked out, but the winter time propagation is here now. The Shortwave Gold guys in Germany have been closing 6160 early in the evening, due to high powered interference from other broadcast stations, including China Radio broadcasting in of all languages, German!!!

Our primary service moved from 6290 to 6295, but on Sunday 19th November the freq was moved up a bit to 6300kHz to avoid QRM. I guess it is the nature of SW.

During the last weekend in November 2023, we included some quite cool waterfall art. This was only WMR, as something like WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO SCOTLAND lasted over 2 minutes, which when transmitted on AM is really just mush.

The broadcast on 6300 over the weekend of 8th / 10th December was the last until late January. So the following weekend we announced only via 6160 and 3975 from SHORTWAVE GOLD, oven in Germany. But on Sunday 17th December, a WMR signal appeared on 6300, and after some investigation, was identified as our friends at KISS AM. There was also a signal on 6300 on Christmas Eve as well as Saturday 23rd December. So thanks again for the airtime to KISS AM. All very much appreciated.

There was only talk and chatter here at WMR about a possible live show on Boxing day, 26th December, like we used to traditionally make. But due to having a house full on Christmas day, it became obvious time was not on our side, and there was no chance of any time for radio. Well we have been broadcasting every weekend for the rest of the year. But it was good to know the offer of a live transmission was there, for which we are extremely grateful.

And finally at this time there were a few reports for a WMR relay on 1494kHz. Not sure if this was a one off??

Jack, December 2023......Best wishes for 2024, from WMR...

UPDATE JANUARY 2024: WMR has been active on 48m all through January, thanks to our friends at KISS AM in Ireland. They were on air Saturday 27th January 2024 on 6300. On Sunday 28th, our usual friendly relay who has kept the free radio flag flying since last April, came back on the airwaves. Freq was 6290. But this past weekend reports have also come in from a partial relay on Friday night on 1494, followed by a windows tune, as though their PC had rebooted. As we never heard this ourselves, it is unknown how long this ended up on the air for?? Also this past weekend, as though that is not enough, the QRO relay from last summer came on the air on 6920 on Sunday night 2230/0030. Again we were unaware of this until the logs and reports came in. Signal in MA USA was given as 44444.!!! It has been a year of pleasant surprises, that's for sure. Also WMR was on the airwaves via the facilities of ShortwaveRadio in Germany, Friday 2100 3975. Saturday 1600 and 2100 on 3975, Sunday 1100 on 6160, and 1600 on 3975.

A seriously huge thank you to all friendly relay stations for the airtime. It really is so much appreciated....

WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO - PDF e-QSL SUMMER 2024

Welcome to the extended pdf for the summer period 2024. The band has been in general kind to us propagation wise, especially during the evening hours.

At the end of April we commemorated 44 years since our first **successful** test broadcast on 27th April 1980. A long time ago.

It is also a year since the first airing of old shows on SW caught our attention, and later our imagination, and as a result here we are, still broadcasting every week, a full year later.

We are still on the air each and every weekend, Saturday and Sunday via what we affectionately call our primary service, usually around 6290 / 6295, which loops the weekly two hour show.

Shortwave Radio / Gold in Germany now carry the shows for the summer months as follows.

Friday - 2000 / 2200 GMT 6160 and 3975.

Saturday - 1500 / 1700 GMT 6160 . . . 2000 / 2200GMT 6160 and 3975

Sunday - 1000 / 1200 GMT 6160. . . 1500 / 1700 GMT 6160. . .

2200 / 0000 GMT 3975

Monday - 2200 / 0000 GMT 3975

During June another mystery single play transmission has been heard, first on 6195, until it was realised there was a 15 watt Finnish station on the same freq, called Realmix Radio. So for the last two Sundays in June, WMR was on 5840kHz from 1800 / 2000 GMT. We have no idea if this is the same transmitter that came on the air last summer as well, around 6950, and popped up again from time to time recently in that area of the band, around 6920, 6940 etc.

In May our web site was taken off line by a former web space provider, a shockingly unprofessional outfit which is not fit for purpose. We were a customer of this outfit for many years, but they still seen fit to remove the web site despite it being paid up until years end. Does this look like the work of a team of professionals I ask? They also seem to operate like many large corporations these days, like the untouchables, no one answers phones or on line help chats. It stinks of large corporation buy out of a company that was once well respected.

However, we have a far better deal from another company, and now have the new domain of **wmrscotland.de** while the new email address in unconnected to a domain now. **wmrscotland@mail.com**

This arrangement will remain permanent. It is such a great pity that however the old URL was and still is at the time of writing top of the search listings. This could take many months to resolve itself.

The QSLs for the summer of 2024 will begin to be sent out in early July. We have to make sure all the mentions of the old contact details are changed, before sending the summer pdf out.

Apologies to anyone who has their emails returned via the old email address. We will try and reply to all the mail sent to the old address before it was closed. And please feel free to resend the QSL requests to the new address mentioned, if you feel your email has gone astray in the confusion.

Have a great summer, and the very best of DX.

From the team at WMR.

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QSL VERIFICATION

WMR TAKES PLEASURE IN VERIFYING YOUR RECEPTION REPORT OF OUR TRANSMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

TO DXER: XXX

COUNTRY: XXX

DATE: XXXXXXX

TIME: XX GMT

FREQUENCY: XXXX kHz

SINPO: XXXXX

TX POWER: UNKNOWN

ANTENNA: UNKNOWN

COMMENTS: THIS WAS A RELAY VIA AN UNID STATION



YOUR REPORT HAS BEEN CHECKED AGAINST OUR STATION LOG BY OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT. YOUR REPORT IS HEREBY VERIFIED.

JACK R - CHIEF ENGINEER, WMR



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WMR TAKES PLEASURE IN VERIFYING YOUR RECEPTION REPORT OF OUR TRANSMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

TO DXER: XXX

COUNTRY: XXX

DATE: XXXXXXX

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FREQUENCY: XXXX kHz

SINPO: XXXXX

TX POWER: 50 watts

ANTENNA: Half Square

COMMENTS: THIS WAS A RELAY VIA KISS AM, IRELAND

YOUR REPORT HAS BEEN CHECKED AGAINST OUR STATION LOG BY OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT. YOUR REPORT IS HEREBY VERIFIED.

JACK R - CHIEF ENGINEER, WMR

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WMR TAKES PLEASURE IN VERIFYING YOUR RECEPTION REPORT OF OUR TRANSMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

TO DXER: XXX

COUNTRY: XXX

DATE: XXXXXXX

TIME: XX GMT

FREQUENCY: 6160 / 3975 kHz

SINPO: XXXXX

TX POWER: 250 Watts

ANTENNA: Half Wave Dipole

COMMENTS: RELAY VIA SHORTWAVE GOLD IN WINSEN / ALLER,

LOWER SAXONY, NORTH OF HANNOVER, GERMANY.

YOUR REPORT HAS BEEN CHECKED AGAINST OUR STATION LOG BY OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT. YOUR REPORT IS HEREBY VERIFIED.

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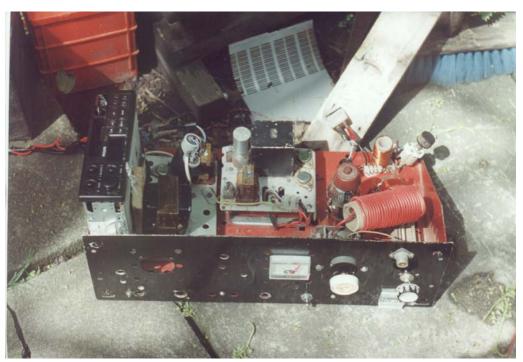
YOUR REPORT IS HEREBY VERIFIED.
WE HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUR PROGRAMMES.

JACK R - CHIEF ENGINEER, WMR



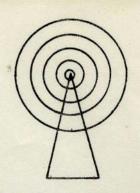
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WMR MOBILE 20 WATT TRANSMITTER AS USED FROM ABOUT 1995 - 2007

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Dear Radio Friend,

Thank you for your report of reception of a WMR broadcast

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TRANSMITTER:

Watts

ANTENNA: 1/2 wave dipole LOCATION: Central Scotland

SIGNED:

Your report has been checked against our station log and found to be correct. It was of great value to our engineering dept.

> Weekend Music Radio, 14 Stone Row, Coleraine, Northern Ireland, BT52 1EP www.wmrscotland.com wmrscotland@yahoo.co.uk Tel/ sms: 07837 226729





WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO QSL **EVERY——SUNDAY ON 48/41m SHORT WAVE** DEARTHE STAFF OF WMR CONFIRMS YOUR REPORT OF: DATE TIME FREQ: SINPO:..... POWER THANKS FOR YOUR REPORT. PLEASE WRITE AGAIN. ARRAN CLOSE CAMBRIDGE

SIGNED

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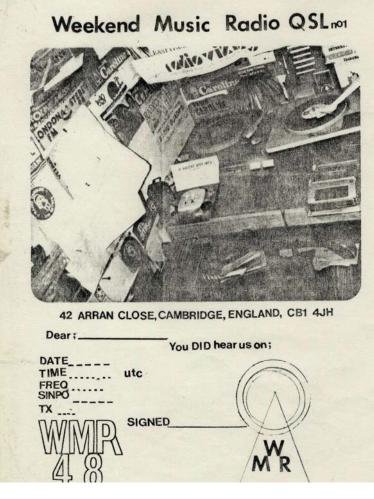


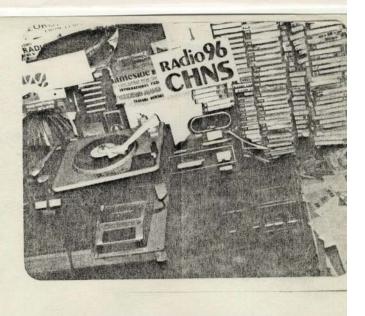
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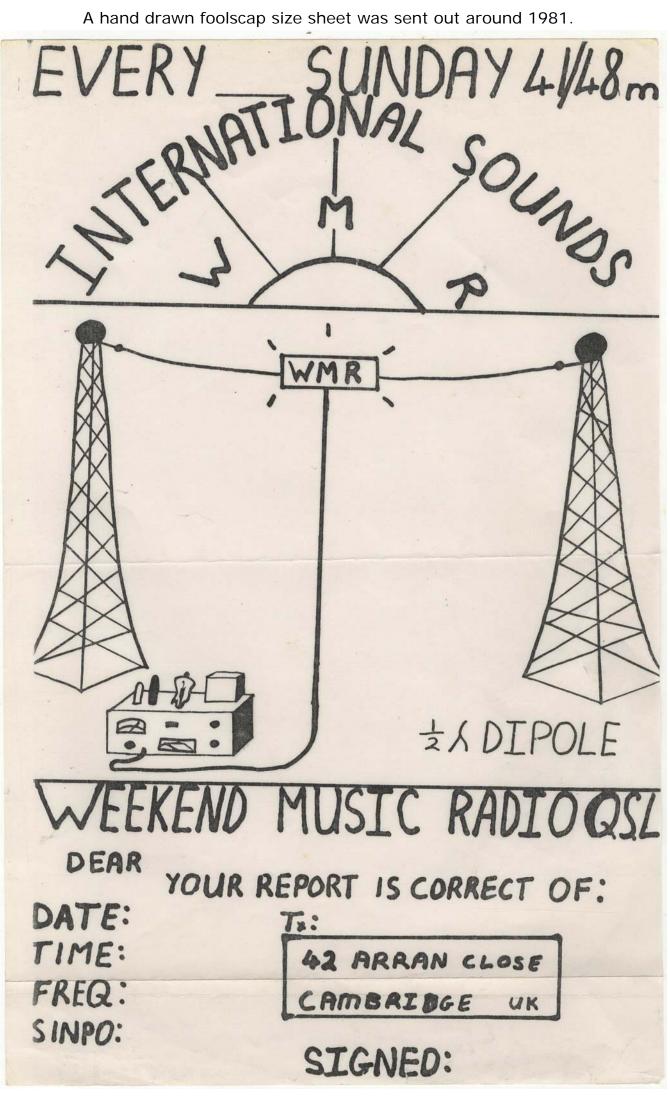






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A hand drawn foolscap size sheet was sent out around 1981.







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DX Report for immediate attention

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I have heard WMR as follows, and would like to qualify for a QSL package. This report form entitles me to a free QSL reply.

Date:

Receiver:

Time:

Antenna:

Freq:

SINPO:

Programme Details/ Comments

If the above information is found to be of value to the engineering department, I would like to receive your QSL card and station information pack. (A self addressed sticky label is helpful for WMR)

WMR, 14 Stone Row, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, Northern Ireland, BT52 1EP

e mail: < wmrscotland@yahoo.co.uk >

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24 hour hotline < 07837 226729 >

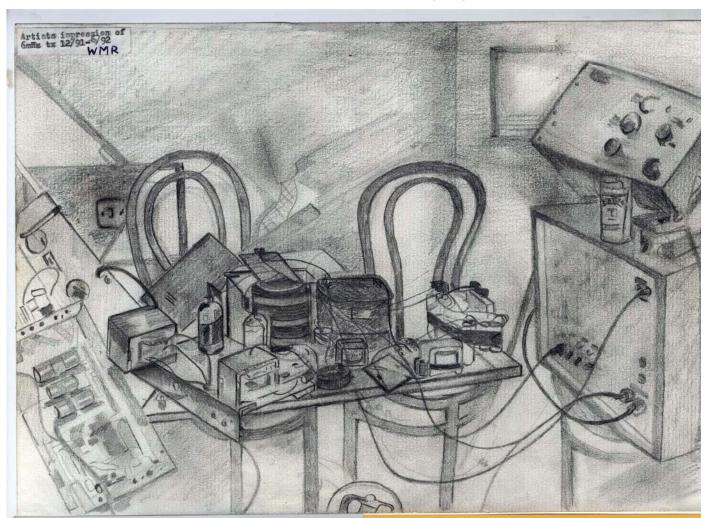
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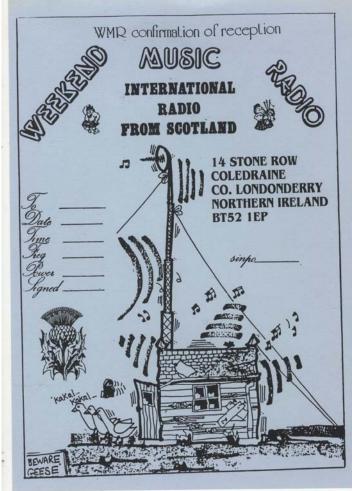


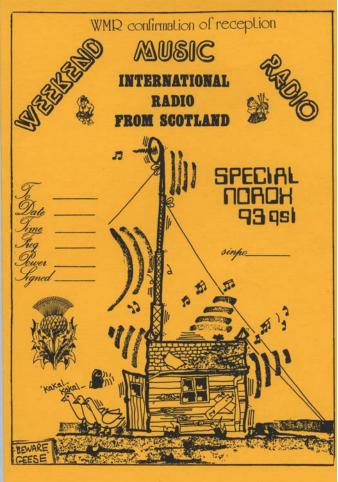
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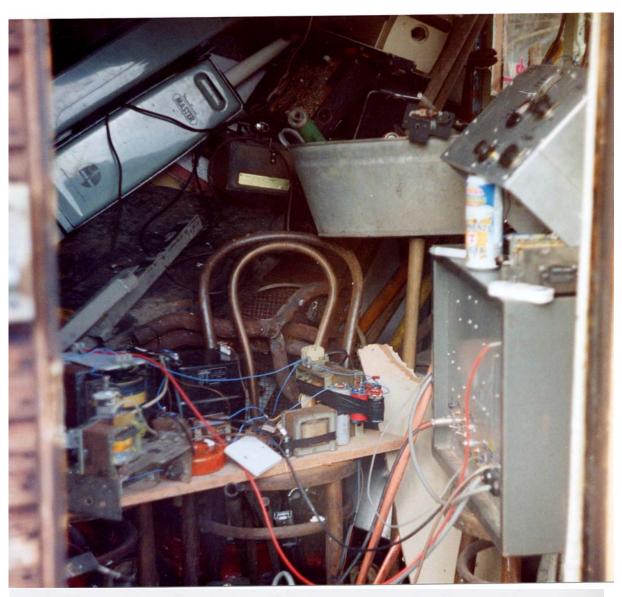
THROUGH THE DAY...... AND INTO THE NIGHT WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO FREE RADIO FROM SCOTLAND SINCE 1980

An artist's impression of the WMR transmitter from 1991/1992 time. Photographs of this construction are on the following pages.

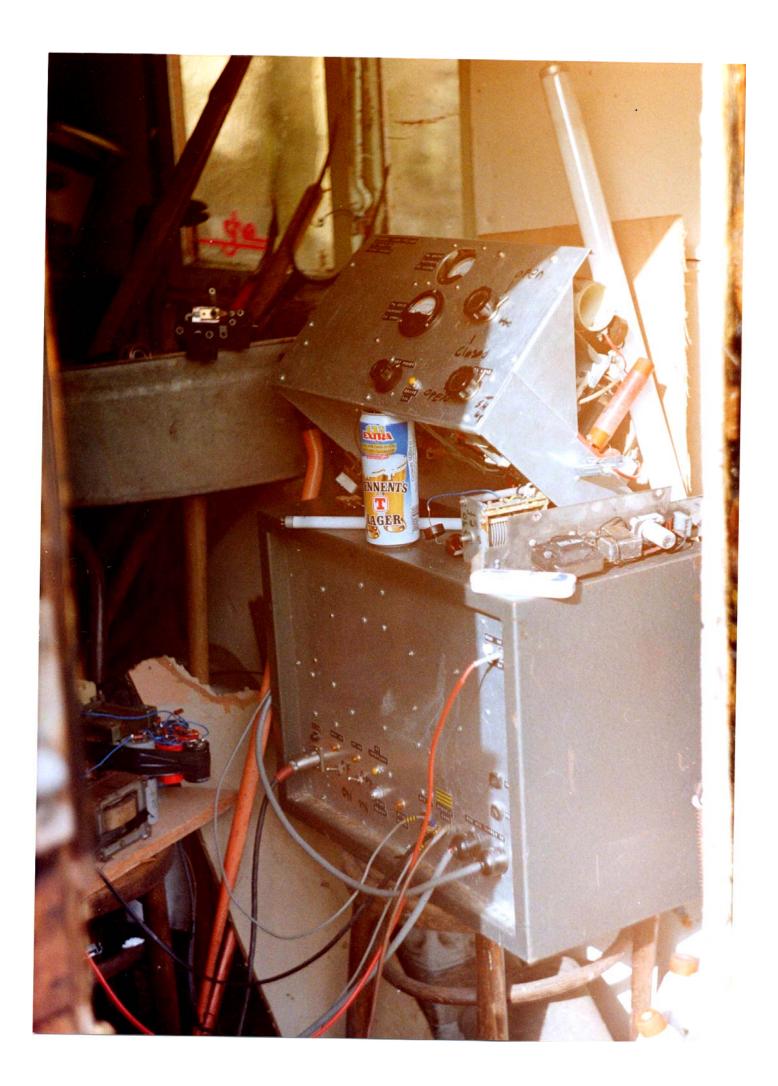
















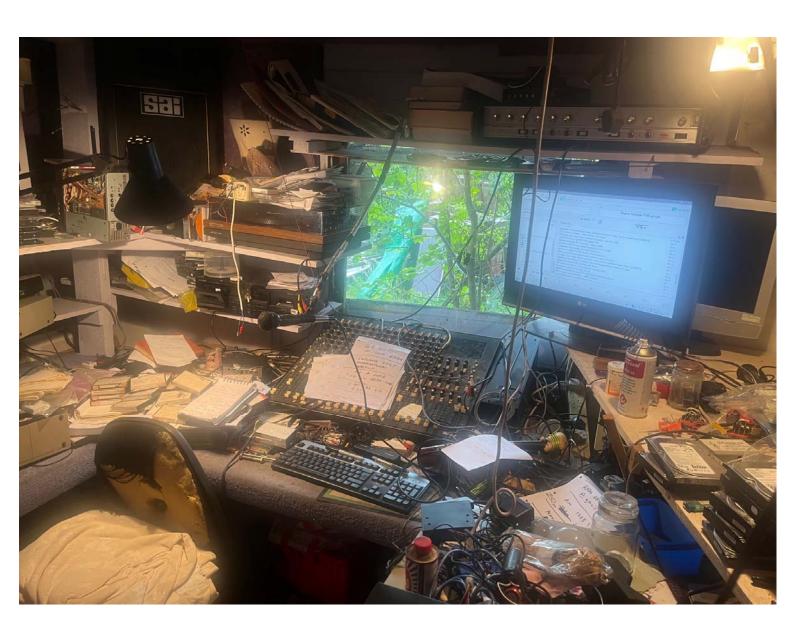
WMR STUDIO, APPROX 1987

Amazingly this old studio layout all worked fine, but there is not a single item in the photo used nowadays. The old SOUNDOUT desk still works fine and is kicking around somewhere, complete with the non standard (for these days) 5 pin din sockets.

The Eagle amp with the equalizer was used in the first series of WMR broadcasts at Ian's studio. It was used later at Jacks and remained in use for many years till it gave up on us. Maybe the RF at the time was too much for it.

The studio here is straight on, but there were no wide angle lens available back in the 80's, but these three join up kind of reasonable. Maybe we can try and make a better job eventually, but for now, this is how they came out the old album. Selotaped at the back!!





THE WMR STUDIO 2023 is a little on the rough side, with much of the set up either a little tired looking or not working at all due to many years of neglect. But we like to think we can still get a reasonable tune out of an old guitar..

On the top shelf is the old H+H amplifier that provided the echo / slight reverb on the mic for many a year. That has sat down on us as well at the time of writing, but it will be looked at soon. That old SAi speaker on the left has a 12 or 15 inch original GOODMANS loudspeaker in the cabinet, and sound is still superb from it.

I am kinda busy at the QTH to be doing any work to the studio. Maybe during the winter months there will be some time available. Just to tidy the place up and make it look as though it is NOT and old wino in residence!! Lol..

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER 2024 AND DO STAY WITH US HERE AT WMR ON SW!! KEEPING FREE RADIO ALIVE AND KICKING

BELOW: JACK'S FIRST (BASIC) STUDIO 1981

