

**THIS IS
RADIO
CLASH...
YOUR PIRATE SATELLITE QSL**

YES, IT WAS US YOU HEARD ON: SEPTEMBER 11

FREQ: 6325KHZ

SINPO: 52333

POWER: 18 WATTS

QTH: THE OUTER EXTREMITIES OF EUROPE

REMARKS: OUR THIRD REPORT FROM FRANCE

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Dear Radio Friend,

Many thanks for getting in touch with Radio Clash, broadcasting mainly on 6325khz from the outter extremities of Europe. As the great Tom Taylor from European Music Radio used to say, "Your reception reports are our wages!" Names have been changed to protect the guilty, but our head honcho Steve Kelly was part of the same late '70s/early '80s UK short-wave pirate scene as EMR and Radios ABC International, Zodiac, Zenith, Corsair, Utopia, Cavendish, Atlanta, Mercury, Blue Sky Airways, Empire, Impact and, well, the list goes on and on. We'd all grown up listening to the offshore stations and wanted to recreate some of that magic on what was mainly Sunday mornings when 15 watts was enough to get you to the other side of the Atlantic.

Altogether less enthusiastic were the GPO (boo!) who carried out periodic raids on the houses, woods, farmers' fields and occassional tower-block where ½-wave dipoles were strung up once a week or once a month depending on how routine the lawbreaking was.

We were a tight band of brothers and a few sisters (hi, Radio Julie) who swapped jingles, equipment and technical advice, which pre-internet was far harder to come by than it is now. We'll spare you further 'jumpers for goalposts'-style reminiscing, suffice it to say that being a pirate back then was a whole lot of fun.

After one GPO raid too many (they even confiscated his wheelbarrow), Steve decided to join the great pirate goldrush to Ireland where thanks to a legal loophole the country's archaic broadcasting laws were suddenly rendered null and void. There then followed a period in which he flitted from DJ gig to DJ gig not just in Ireland, but also Italy (Radio Sovereign), the Mediterranean (Voice Of Peace) and the Northsea (Radio Caroline) which, let us tell you, was bloody rough in December.

After that (double boo!) a civilian life beckoned, but still the lad couldn't get pirating out of his bloodstream. Locked down during Covid, he became owner for the first time in over forty years of a communications receiver and set about reacquainting himself with the SW scene, which was no longer confined to 41 and 48 metres or Sundays.

Helped by some very kind people, Steve aquired a little baby 15 watt TX, slung up a new ½-wave dipole in the garden - his partner who doesn't share his anorak tendancies was not impressed - and on July 10, 2021 went back to his pirate roots with a test that resuled in reports from Sweden, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Ireland and the UK.

While enjoying the teccy side, for Radio Clash it's all about the music and the rebel spirit personified by the great Joe Strummer, a massive pirate lover himself who we consider our patron saint and pay tribute to with our name,

73s from the Radio Clash crew

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