

Twelve reasons why OIRT FM band is still funny

OIRT means **Organisation Internationale de Radiodiffusion et de Télévision**.

This organization has disappeared in 1993.

(I am addicted to radio not to TV so) I am speaking only about radio band from 65.9 to 74 MHz.

Of course this band now is almost empty and no doubt that it's dying.

And no any obvious reasons to compare it with prosperous usual FM band.

- 1) In Finland this band is empty and clear from noise and from annoying local stations.
- 2) OIRT stations are easy to catch, Es skips happen more often and more powerful and longer than on higher FM band.
- 3) Now there are many receivers that easily tune on this band and on an exact frequency.
- 4) This band has some unique original stations that work only on this band and you can't hear its somewhere else.
- 5) Sometimes you can hear the same station from one site on two FM bands at the same time simultaneously. That's funny!
- 6) Despite a declining some countries are still using this band as are at least Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Lithuania (only one station), Armenia (at least one), Kyrgyzstan and China.
- 7) You can catch stations on very exotic and very strange languages, for example absolutely unbelievable and inconceivable Northern Caucasian languages.
- 8) If you like SDR, spectrum views and so on you have a chance to see (and to listen) different stereo systems on this band, usual pilot tone and unusual Soviet with polar modulation.
- 9) Even more, on this band you can catch at least three stations with RDS: 69.08 in Maykop (Radio Rossii and regional broadcasting in Russian and Adyghe with long-standing wrong PS 'MAYAK', interesting that the first log was on 24 May 2006 by Jussi Suokas *69.110 24.05.2006 1430- RUS: R Mayak-ketju. Lokaan curiositeettina, sillä antoi RDS:n "MAYAK"! Taajuus voi yhtä hyvin olla 69.08. JUS*), 73.76 in Rostov-on-Don and low power 73.88 in Pavlograd in Ukraine. This year **Konrad Kosmatka** in Poland was very lucky and caught RDS on Pavlograd's station.
- 10) On the one hand you are maybe not very glad to live near the big strange neighbour, on the other hand you are lucky to live next to quite different neighbouring country and to have a chance to catch something unknown and unusual from many directions from the huge territory.
- 11) This band is dying and stations on this band are disappearing very fast so you have a chance to catch something that very soon will become a history like old warm-sounding receivers or LW stations for example.
- 12) Again despite a declining some new stations appear on the old frequencies, I know about Ukraine.
- 13) This band is often used as a skip detector, maybe it's not so funny but very useful.
- 14) For the true Es addicts and fans this band could be a substitution therapy when you desperately wait for the *real* Es skip and you could easy forget about *that boring* OIRT band in favour of something genuine and precious on usual rich FM band.

Thank you!

69.08 RUS RDS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bisx2X-GEBg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgrqaRj1KRw>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57I1rbnVwqU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ymGYG0uLcc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d323h4fNxeI>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXH2VeapiZ4>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXl-Bz5fAZ0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NznWRoQ3jQY>

69.80 ARM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwqSg3GW4to>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_0anRYUXGk
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIzkEMW9rJc>

73.88 UKR RDS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrLSilaSr_I
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BrtMm4POPM>

73.76 RUS RDS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5t9eFIvpvk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngEliFcF3mE>

71.39 RUS RDS – now closed

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqCN7JDLx_I
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8PQMU2fJzU>

69.41 RUS stereo pt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwWjj4XXW-M>

