

German Bundespost. Thinking back to that raid one thing will always be remembered as very annoying: the evening before the raid Peter Verbruggen completed work on two 40W rigs. It was originally intended to use them on January 30th (5th Sunday broadcast). An almost new 350 A car-battery was obtained as power supply. We've never had the chance to put them on full power on the air, indeed a very sad thing! Confiscated were two 10W rigs, 2 aerials, 2 inverters, 2 car-batteries, a cassette-recorder (on the location), two 40W rigs and 4 inverters (in P.V.'s house). Fortunately NO studio-equipment was confiscated! Jan. 30th a special transmission was made to announce the bad news to the listeners. Thanks to the help of certain people FRSH continued to broadcast between February and June on various frequencies. And then came that letter from Delmare in which we were offered air-time via their powerful 6205 transmitter. We've never made an easier decision! July 24th, one week too late, a historical date: the FIRST official FRSH programmes via 6205 kHz. Because relays via Delmare were satisfactory thoughts came up to start a brandnew 6 hour schedule. After several deliberations a new schedule was put on paper with the EMPHASIS on a BALANCE between MUSIC and INFORMATION. This schedule still is the basis of what you can hear nowadays. A try-out was made Nov. 20th 1983 and already two months later the new schedule was officially INTRODUCED. March 26th Delmare was raided because of MEDIUM WAVE transmissions. An end on our activities for the time being. However, programmes re-commenced 3 months later on low power. Real success came in November when power was increased and thus much better results were achieved. The period February- July 1985 was characterized by very strange conditions, being very unreliable most of the time. We were suffering from one MAIN PROBLEM: the so-called LONG SKIP CONDITIONS. That means the signal can only be picked up in remoted areas while areas in a range of 200 to 350 KM's can't hear a damn. August '85 the band-conditions began to improve and till December we had a number of very successful transmissions, receiving hundreds of letters. A further disappointment came in January 1986 when Delmare was forced to close down because of various problems. One thing appeared to be very clear: we realized it was wrong to depend ONLY on Delmare. Therefore we decided to look for alternatives. Contacts were made with Radio Rainbow and the I.R.R.S. May 1986 FRSH was aired for the very first time via the IRRS. Main idea was (and still is) to be on the air via the IRRS every 3rd & 4th Sunday as long as Delmare is off the air. Is Delmare able to relay us we only make use of the 4th Sunday via the IRRS. After exactly 5 months of silence Delmare returned on the airwaves June 1st with...the FRSH May programmes (come-back of Delmare was originally planned for May 18th!). Conditions remained rather poor in the months to follow. A major change came at the end of September. short-skip conditions and loud signals offering everybody the chance to listen to FRSH in excellent quality. Due to an overcrowded 48 MB the transmissions via the IRRS were shifted to the 44 MB.

PURPOSE

It's our intention to provide the listeners with as much music and information as possible. Programme-standard is kept as high as possible and in this way we hope to bring you real Sunday-entertainment on the wireless. A varied programme offer in combination with a professional sound is our basis to attain our end and to bring you the very best in FREE RADIO. Besides it's our wish to keep you, the listener, interested in free radio on the short wave bands. Broadcasting on short wave keeps the communication between all sorts of people going....