



Second MT Internet Excellence Award: WUN Club

Monitoring Times is proud to give its second "Internet Excellence" award to the Worldwide Utility News Club (www.wunclub.com) for its dedication and excellence in the field of shortwave utilities. This is a challenging area of the hobby which requires a lot of original work and analysis to uncover users, modes, locations, etc. WUN's club president, Ary Boender, and webmaster Jason Berri shared a bit about where WUN has come from and where it is headed:

"The Worldwide Utility News (WUN) club web site was started as part of the creation of WUN back in 1995. WUN was created to provide an electronic medium (mailing list and web) for utility DXers to exchange information. The site was put together in the early days of the internet, when web browsing was still in its infancy.

"The WUN club site has evolved over the years from a simple design that was basically an archive of monthly club newsletters, to the more sophisticated, comprehensive design you see today. The site is constantly being updated, and undergoes regular reviews of design and content. In the future the site will continue to be a mainstay on the internet to provide information for utility DXers around the world."

While the site appears simple and utilitarian, there is a wealth of information available via menus or the search button. One of our favorite tools for the beginner is the library of audio files for about 30 different digital modes. Other comprehensive lists of ships, aircraft, callsigns, etc, help in the identification of intercepted signals. The WUN listserver is an excellent tool for sharing real-time intercepts for propagation and direction-finding purposes.

As always, a club or publication is only as good as its members and contributors, and in this, too, WUN is a winner. We hope you'll visit them soon.