

## BAA Radio Astronomy Group.

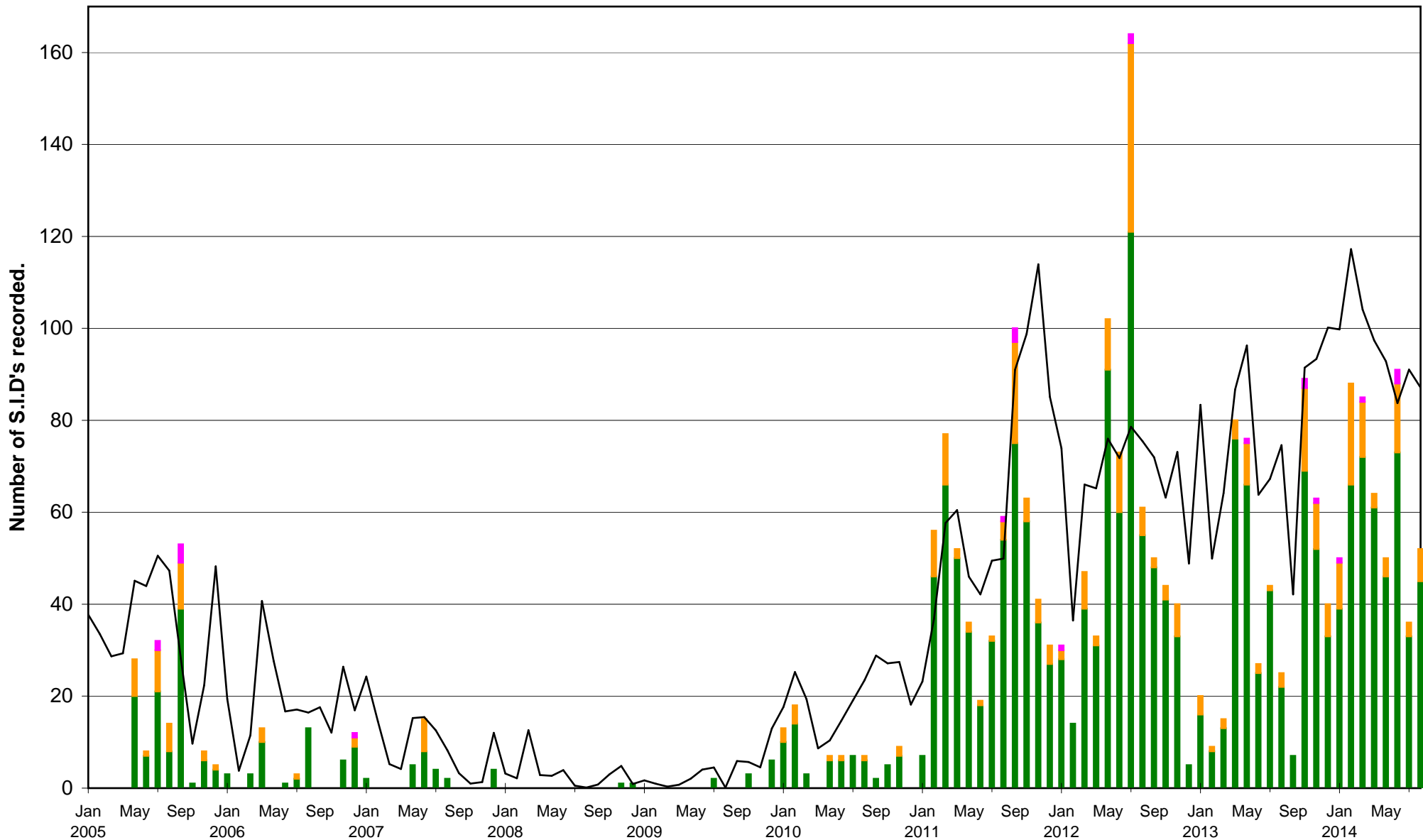
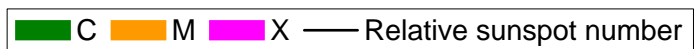
2014 AUGUST

DAY	Xray class	Observers	John Cook (23.4kHz/22.1kHz)	Roberto Battaiola (19.6kHz)	Paul Hyde (22.1/23.4/19.6kHz)	Bob Middlefell (22.1kHz)	Mark Edwards (20.9/24.0/19.6kHz)															
			Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.58m frame aerial.				Modified AAVSO receiver.				Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.96m frame aerial.				Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.5m frame aerial.				Spectrum Lab / PC 2m loop aerial.			
			START	PEAK	END (UT)		START	PEAK	END (UT)		START	PEAK	END (UT)		START	PEAK	END (UT)		START	PEAK	END (UT)	
1	C4.8	5	11:40	11:43	11:55	1-				11:35	11:45	12:12	2				11:39	11:48	12:23	2		
1	*	1															<b>13:55</b>	<b>14:16</b>	<b>14:33</b>	<b>2</b>		
1	M2.0	6	14:46	14:58	16:16	3				14:46	14:54	16:19	3				14:46	14:49	15:48	2+		
1	M1.5	5	17:59	18:11	?	-				17:59	18:16	?	-				17:59	18:12	19:46	3		
2	C1.6	1															10:46	10:50	10:57	1-		
2	C2.7	1															13:20	13:30	13:50	1+		
3	C1.0	1															12:17	12:23	12:47	1+		
5	C1.7	3								11:28	11:33	12:03	2				11:29	11:32	12:06	2		
5	C2.2	4	14:15	14:19	14:37	1				14:15	14:20	14:51	2				14:15	14:20	14:51	2		
5	C2.5	1															20:27	20:29	20:36	1-		
8	C1.8	3								11:29	11:35	11:47	1-				11:32	11:34	11:56	1		
8	C1.2	1															12:50	13:03	13:18	1+		
8	C1.0	1															14:06	14:14	14:24	1-		
8	C4.5	5	17:00	17:02	17:28	1+				17:00	17:04	17:29	1+				17:00	17:03	17:29	1+		
9	C2.7	3	09:00	09:03	09:33	2											09:00	09:02	09:24	1		
15	C1.1	1															12:02	12:05	12:17	1-		
15	C1.1	1															13:19	13:20	?	-		
15	?	1															13:23	13:24	13:25	1-		
16	C2.7	2															09:29	09:31	09:51	1		
18	C1.8	2															<b>13:39</b>	<b>13:47</b>	<b>14:12</b>	<b>2</b>		
20	C1.5	1															09:09	09:19	09:38	1+		
20	C4.9	6	12:40	12:51	13:45	2+				12:41	12:51	14:48	3+				12:41	12:53	13:46	2+		
20	C1.3	1															15:20	15:24	15:37	1-		
20	C1.8	2															16:21	16:24	16:37	1-		
20	C2.6	1															17:47	17:54	18:30	2		
20	C3.2	1															19:01	19:11	19:34	2		
21	C1.2	1	11:59	12:01	12:16	1-																
21	M3.4	7	13:24	13:32	14:50	3	13:25	13:32	14:13	2+	13:22	13:37	15:09	3			13:23	13:33	14:47	2+		
21	?	1															15:09	15:18	15:31	1		
21	C2.0	2															15:47	15:52	16:22	2		
21	C7.3	1															19:00	19:08	20:26	3		
22	M1.2	3	06:22	06:27	?	-				06:24	06:28	06:36	1-				<b>06:23</b>	<b>06:32</b>	<b>06:39</b>	<b>1-</b>		
22	C2.6	1															<b>08:32</b>	<b>08:42</b>	<b>08:47</b>	<b>1-</b>		
22	C8.5	7	09:14	09:25	?	-	09:04	09:20	09:38	2	09:14	09:27	10:19	2+			09:14	09:26	10:13	2+		
22	C2.2	3	10:21	10:31	11:14	2+											10:23	10:32	10:58	2		
22	?	1																				
22	C6.4	7	12:53	12:59	13:54	2+	12:51	12:59	13:10	1	12:53	13:00	13:57	2+			12:52	12:59	13:59	2+		
22	C6.2	5	15:47	15:52	16:15	1+											15:45	15:53	16:43	2+		
23	C1.3	2															11:26	11:32	11:43	1-		
23	C2.2	3															14:11	14:16	14:59	2+		
23	C6.0	2															17:24	17:28	17:52	1+		
23	C2.9	1															18:15	18:19	18:42	1+		





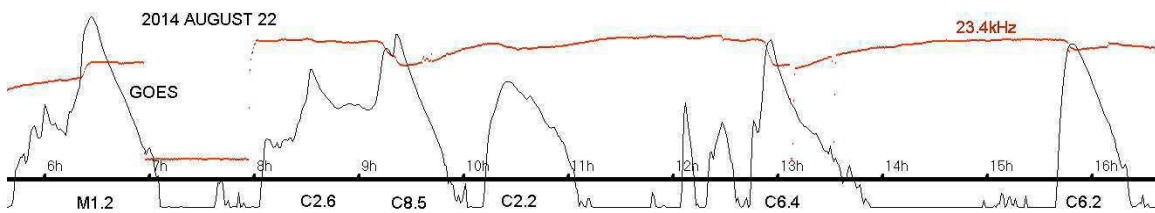
### VLF flare activity 2005/14.



August flare activity increased a little over July, with 64 flares recorded at SIDs. There were no X-class flares, the most energetic event of the month being the M5.9 flare on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The first half of August was particularly quiet, with mostly B-class flares shown in the GOES data. Some of the VLF signals were off for part of the time, 22.1kHz (Anthorn) missing from 10UT on the 11<sup>th</sup> until September 4<sup>th</sup>.

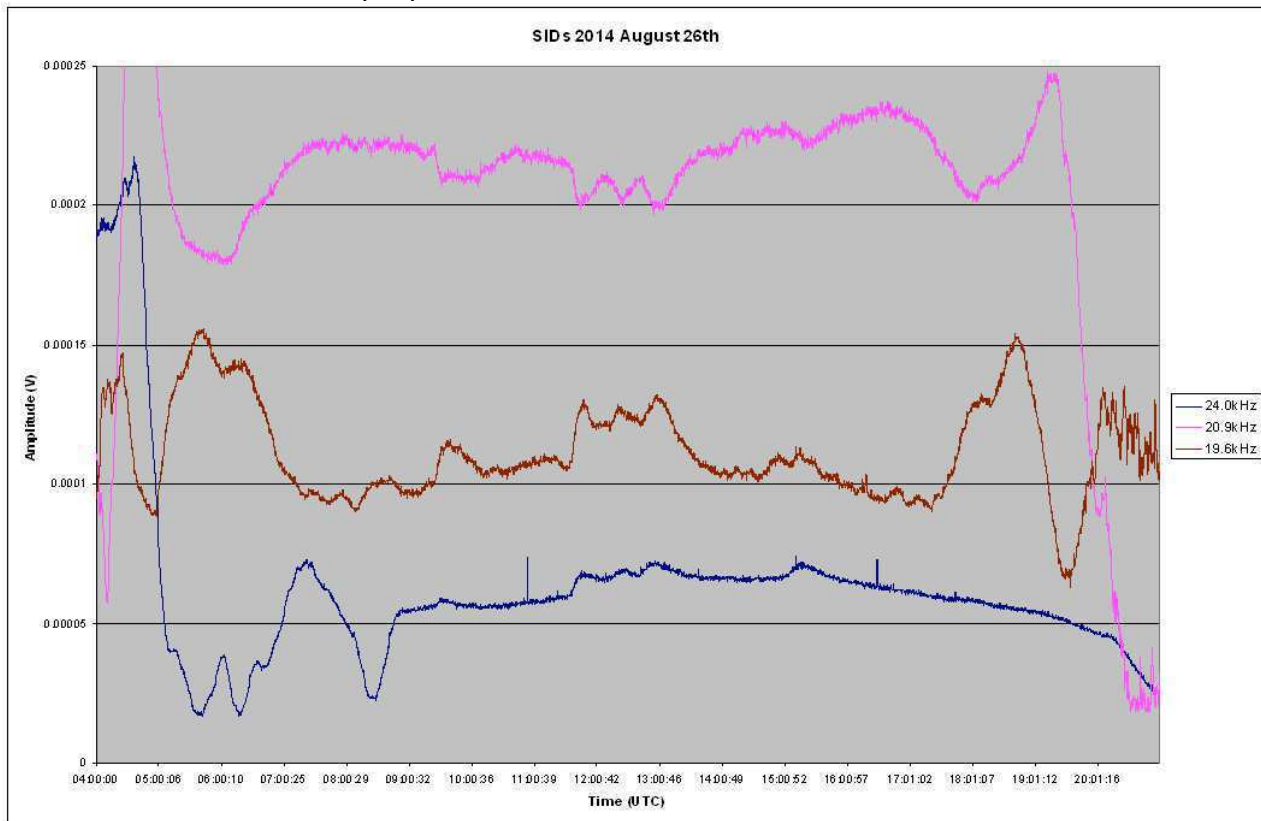
23.4kHz was also off for a short period overnight on July 31<sup>st</sup>/August 1<sup>st</sup>, but came back just in time to record a nice pair of M-class flares in the afternoon. The SID from the M1.5 event was distorted due to local sunset effects, but the start and peak were clear enough. Both Colin Clements and my own recordings show some significant noise on signals, particularly in the first 10 days.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> showed the longest period of sustained activity, as shown in my recording:

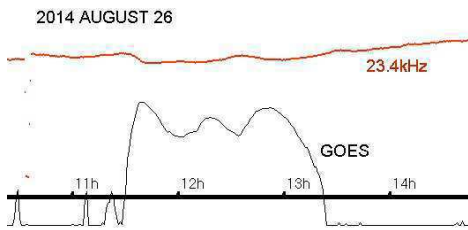


This activity was produced by AR12149, a large complex group on the Eastern limb, and AR12146, a much smaller group nearer the centre of the solar disc. These two groups were responsible for much of the flare activity over the following week.

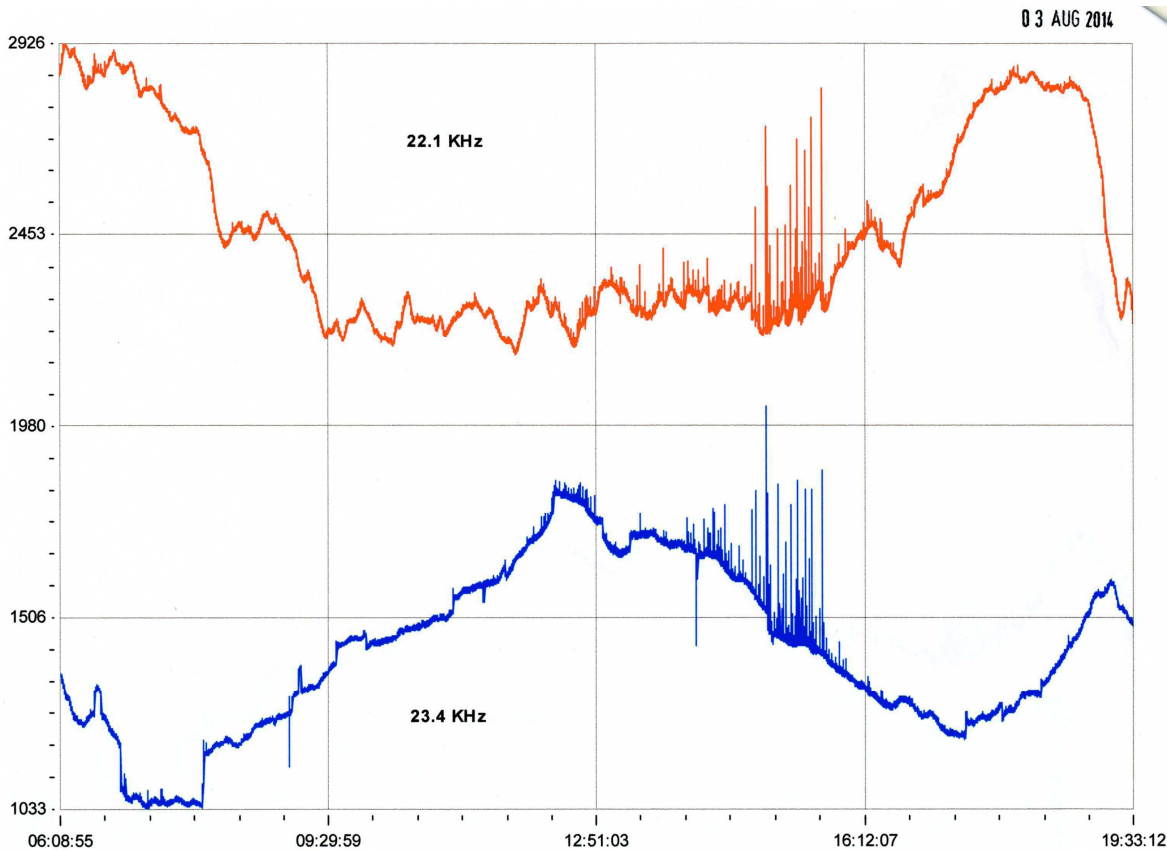
The source of the triple peaked SID on the 26<sup>th</sup> is unknown, as it is not listed in the SWPC bulletin.



This recording by Mark Edwards shows all three peaks quite clearly at 19.6kHz (brown) and 20.9kHz (Magenta), but less well at 24kHz (Blue).



The GOES data (black) also clearly shows a triple flare, although my 23.4kHz receiver has not reacted very well. The peaks are about C1.6. A very unstable 23.4kHz signal on the 31<sup>st</sup> caused the C7.1 SID to appear as double peaked, although the flare itself was a very short single event.

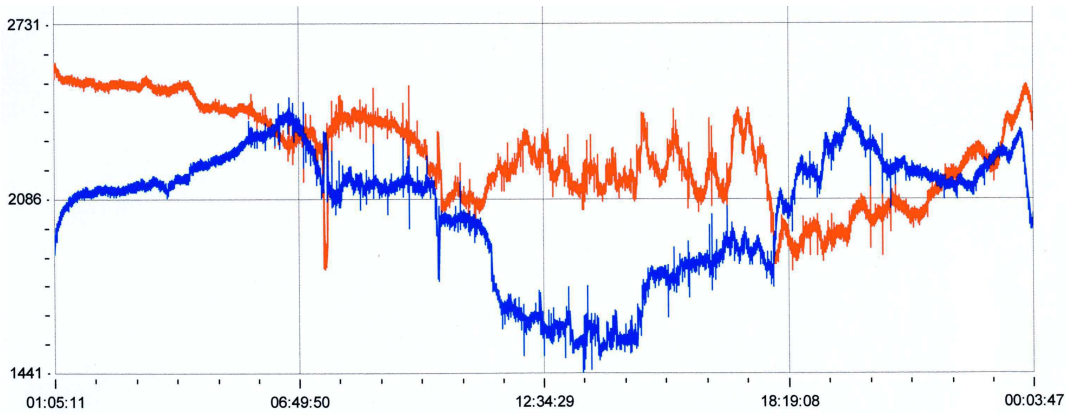


This chart recorded by Colin Clements shows a fairly strong and slow oscillation at 22.1kHz for most of the day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some local interference obscures the effect for about an hour from 14:50UT. Mark Edwards also noted a strong 10 minute oscillation at 19.6kHz on the 28<sup>th</sup>, again lasting through most of the day.

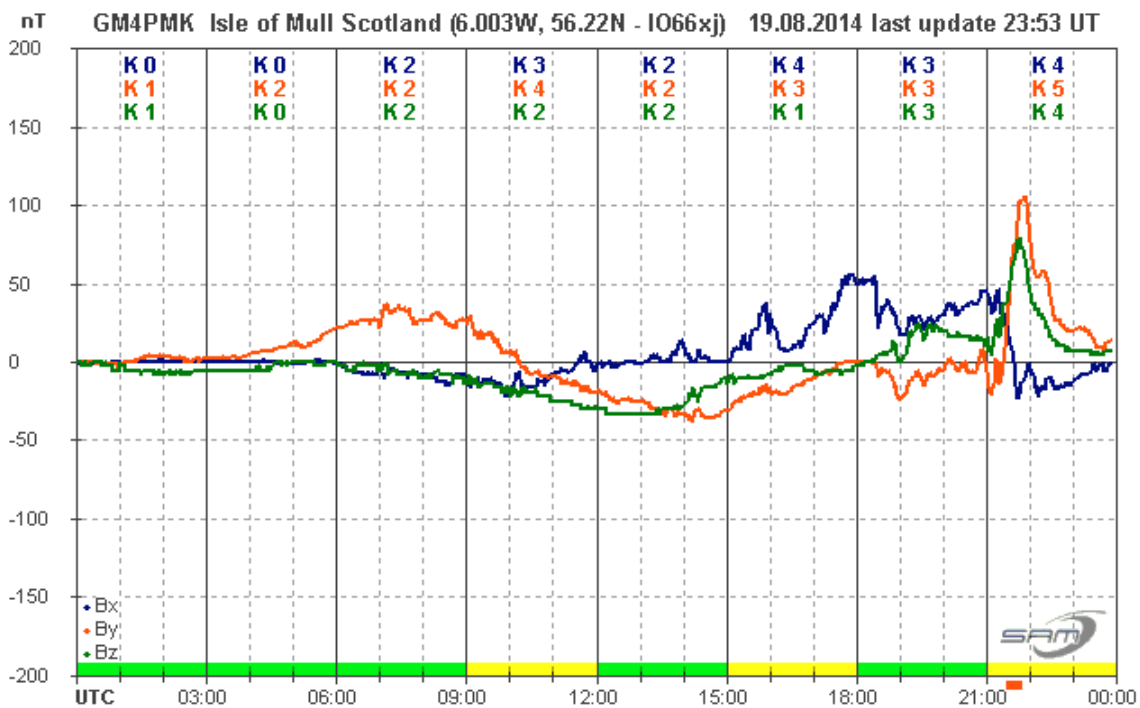
### MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.

There was a much higher level of magnetic activity in August compared to July. Much of it was from Coronal hole effects, but there were also a number of CME's caused by flares and filament eruptions.

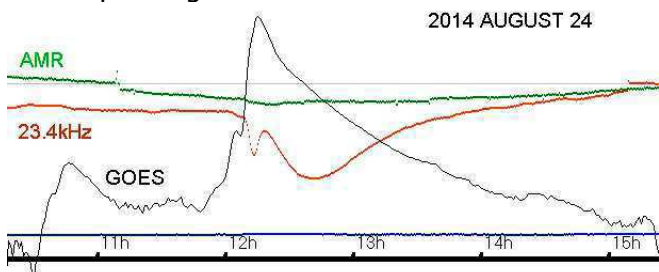
The high level of activity on the 22<sup>nd</sup> produced a complex CME, primarily from the C2.2 and C6.4 flares. This was Earth-directed, and produced some rapid variations in the magnetic field during the afternoon and evening of the 27<sup>th</sup>. No sudden storm commencement is evident in our recordings, but the disturbance seems to have started around 12UT. Using the C6.4 SID peak at 13:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> gives a rough transit time of 119 hours, among the slowest that we have recorded. The chart on the next page by Colin Clements shows the disturbance well:



X-field in red, Y-field in blue. A filament eruption at about 17UT on the 15<sup>th</sup> caused a two hour disturbance starting at 21:15 on the 19<sup>th</sup>, with a shift of 90nT in my own recording. This recording by Roger Blackwell shows a similar disturbance of just over 100nT:



The M5.9 flare on the 24<sup>th</sup> produced a very subtle SFE at 12:12 in my recording. This is a few minutes before the peak of the SID at about 12:20. In GOES15 data, the flare starts at 12:00 with a small dip at 12:07 before peaking at 12:16UT.



The SFE dip is about 6nT, not to be confused with the interference spike just after 11:00.

Magnetic observations received from Roger Blackwell, Colin Clements, John Cook, Gonzalo Vargas. Reports and observations to [jacook@jacook.plus.com](mailto:jacook@jacook.plus.com).

BARTELS DIAGRAM

ROTATION	KEY:	DISTURBED.	ACTIVE	SFE	B, C, M, X = FLARE MAGNITUDE.	Synodic rotation start (carrington's).
2423	F	24 MCC	25 C	26 C	27 MC	2011 March 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
2424	F	23 BC	24 MCB	25 C	26 C	2011 April 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
2425	F	19 B	20 BBC	21 CCC	22 CCMCC	2011 May 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
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