

## **SAQ, Grimeton Radio near Varberg on the southwest coast of Sweden**

SAQ, officially opened in July 1925 by King Gustaf V, was in commercial service slightly beyond WWII. The Royal Swedish Navy then needed SAQ for VLF traffic to submarines and remunerated the maintenance costs. However, the naval interest decreased and in 1995 Swedish Telecom decided to close the station, still in perfect working order.

As people prepared themselves to listen to its last transmission, other people started a resistance movement. Interest to preserve the station increased and Grimeton Radio was soon listed as a national industrial monument. Forever, the station buildings, the Alexanderson alternator and the multiple tuned antenna system will be kept in working order, our next target being to get the unique SAQ listed as a Unesco World Heritage.

Plans are well underway to establish ITERNIA, a nearby Radio Technical Center. Apart from being the SAQ reception area, its main purpose is to stimulate young people to show interest in natural science and technology.

Point-of-contact is the SAQ website [www.alexander.n.se](http://www.alexander.n.se) with colour photos, tentative transmission schedules and information for those who wish to pay a visit to the station. [www.turist.varberg.se](http://www.turist.varberg.se) will inform you on the cultural and other amenities of the town of Varberg.

### **HF 01 visit to SAQ on Saturday, August 18th**

N. B. Travellers without weekend/airport limitations will be able to join as will those going by car. These participants have to book their travel and hotels themselves (ferry via Visby or Oskarshamn, [www.destinationgotland.se](http://www.destinationgotland.se), please book early; HF 01 hotel recommendations, [www.nordichf.cjb.net](http://www.nordichf.cjb.net), ferry from Grenaa in Denmark to Varberg). Air travellers could rent a car. No cost will be levied for the Grimeton visit, scheduled to take place around noon on Saturday, August 18th (buffet lunch). The overnight stay in some Varberg hotels includes a buffet supper where we hope to meet after the SAQ visit.

To allow for weekend round-trip airfares, the visit to Grimeton will take place after the conference. At present, we are negotiating two alternative hub airports for the connections from the Swedish mainland to the HF 01 venue and back. We will later choose between the Malmo/Sturup (near Copenhagen/Kastrup, over the bridge) and Gothenburg/Landvetter airports.

It is now rumoured that flights from southern Sweden to Visby will be available, 33 participants then being maximum. If not so, we will resort to charter bus and the Gotland ferry. We will need another month to clarify this issue and will assess the cost when we know the approximate number of interested people. We are pretty certain to be able to offer an attractive SAQ package price for the trip. We aim for your total travel cost to be less than that of a regular round-trip air ticket from home.

For the airlift, you should plan to arrive in Sweden not later than in the morning of Sunday August 12th. Our flight will leave at 1200 noon and you will reach the HF 01 venue on Sunday afternoon with 24 hours to prepare to assemble.

You will depart from HF 01 in the afternoon of Friday August 17th for an evening flight over the Baltic and overnight stay. After the Saturday visit to Grimeton, there will be another overnight stay, a buffet supper and transport to your Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> departure.

Details will be available on the HF 01 website [www.nordichf.cjb.net](http://www.nordichf.cjb.net) and will be sent to those showing interest (please use the HF 01 application form).

The Alexander Society wish you welcome to Grimeton.

**N. B.** If we cannot make the airlift alternative, you will have to arrive in Gothenburg (Landvetter) in the early afternoon of Sunday August 12th for bus travel from Gothenburg City (via Landvetter) to Oskarshamn. After the night ferry to Visby, HF 01 buses will connect in Visby on Monday morning August 13th.

After the conference, you will have to leave in the afternoon of Friday August 17th for the evening ferry to Oskarshamn and overnight stay. After a Saturday morning bus trip, we will meet at Grimeton around 1300. There will be another overnight stay in Varberg with a buffet supper. Next day, you will get transport to your Sunday departure.