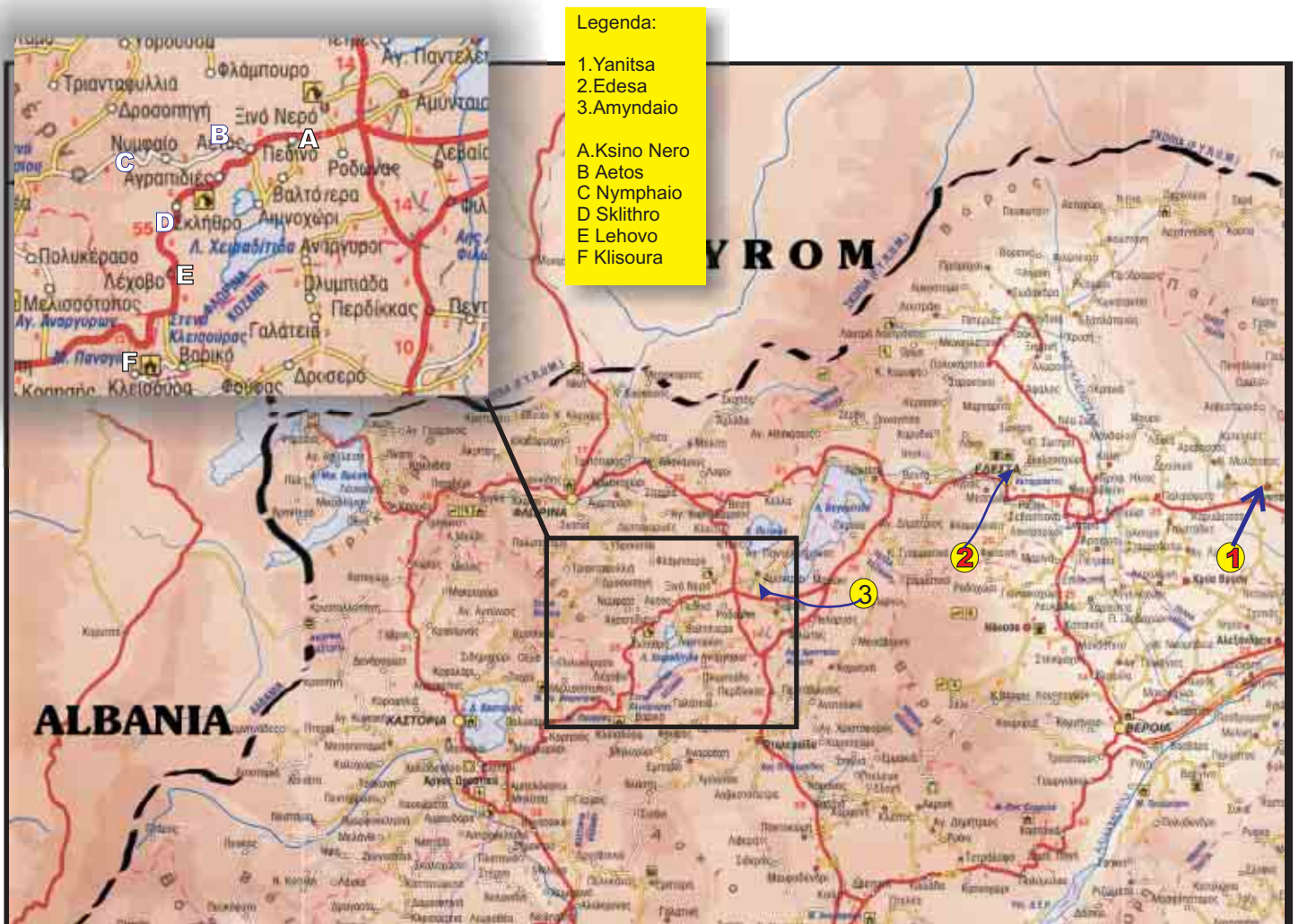


TRIP ON SKLITHRON

VERMION- WEST MACEDONIA

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Our intention was just to visit and remain for 3 days in Nymphaion but my best man suggested us instead residing in a very magnificent just renowned building in Sklithron called Agonari. And really he was true

We booked a room about one month ago and called for a last day verification for availability of the room 2 days before start our trip

And finally on Friday at midday we finally made the trip ...

The text is divided in 3 parts. Anyone wishing to see the parts separately please look at the links below:

1. Trip and impressions from the trip (including photos)
2. Discussions with people from the local radio stations
3. FM and TV frequencies found on Sklithron .

Hope that the text could be at your interest . Please let me know your opinions on the layout as well as to our experience

PART 1

The trip

Day 1 : Friday 21

AS noticed above we started our trip on Friday 21st, just after my wife's end of work at abt 1500 It was a very hot day, ca 31 C, so our drive was with air conditioner..

Our drive to Nymphaion was quite easy without any problems on the road . We first made a lunch stop at first on Chalkidona a town 20 km west of Thessaloniki then we took the road via Yanitsa .There was an option to use the road via Kozani



Pic 1 : Photo of Agonari Hostel

AS it is shown in the picture above, the hostel is made with building rock , a renewed traditional way. As far as I remember, near the same technique has been made with my grandpa's old house in Litohoron (the only difference was that the stones used in grand pa's house were very thick , more than 60 cm !)

At the left side of the hostel there is a big garden and some tables



Pic 2: Tavern is shown

(please see the map above) but we preferred a much shorter way via the also mountainous way via Amyndaio . And finally we arrived on 630 am for a ca 150 km total length

The hostel ,Agonari , is too easy to be found as it was just on the main road , at the entrance of the village at the left hand. There is also a restaurant at the opposite side of the same owner. The village of Sklithron could be accessed with a main road from one side of the hostel.

were used for bar

Our host in the hostel was the son of the owner Thomas. After check in he gave us the key which was as like a plastic card with a key. The plastic card was indeed the card to allow electricity to open all electric appliances of the room.except refrigerator

After a while , we made a short trip to Sklithron by foot. Some of them including young people also saluted us This is usual in small villages Our host that time in the hostel was Venezia a

family friend. Discussion with her was as like we knew her for many years and was also very charming. That day we were the only booked room

Day 2 Saturday 22nd of June

Our day started with a nice american breakfast that included eggs ,bread, salami and other kinds of sausages , cheese , traditional cheese pie , honey ,marmalade and juice. Of course we did not ate everything but just the basics.

Our trip of the day was only westwards due to unexpected problem after the midday. We visited

the nearby villages [Konitsa](#) and Lehovon.

We seen Konitsa only for a little while looking for a new film and a newspaper. The people advised us for sightseeing of the village but it was a bit difficult to see. But we found a very nice building to shoot



Photo of an extraordinary house on Konitsa

After this we returned back and visited the 3rd radio station of Lehovon , one of the two stations of the village. You can read more on this at the 2nd part. And after abt 2 am we returned back to hostel and took a meal in the restaurant at opposite side.

É was much impressed with the dishes it offers . Apart from the common dishes (steaks , fillets

etc) it included uncommon to greek standards meals such as ostrich fillet snails

We were unfortunate to make more visits that date. It was time to listen a bit to radio ! (and make the FM list)

Day 3 Sunday 23th of June

Our trip started to Nympheon. Due to restrictions we left the car just outside the village and entered it by foot.

In he picture you see the entrance of the village



Many interesting points have been found there. At first comparing to the previous time I visited (1985?) there are new buildings , all of same build . (made by stones) The only I remembered from the previous side was the Neveska, the original name of the village. The first time I have seen it , it was mainly a hostel , restaurant but now it is a restaurant

Also there were too many bars and restaurants this time , near to the center of the village
 Another interesting building we noticed was the folklore Museum and the elementary education school.



The most important of the village is Arktouros a 'brown bear' refugee . It was is 1000 m outside the village , at opposite side of the entrance. We waited a bit so that a group was formed of abt 15 persons and a person guided us in the farm/refugee . In a few words , Arktouros , has been established on 1992 primary as a bear refugee but after 1997 it expanded with a refugee for wolves , in another

point near to Nympheon and more recently another refugee for more general usage . The primary work if Arkturos was to prevent bears living in a 'fake physical environment since all of them . ca 15 cannot be returned in their environment. Most of them were slaves of their human 'bosses' demanding them to 'dance' or play mimics



Entrance card



Photo from one bear



On road between the refugee and the village , there was a equestrian club.

In the picture at the middle tree there is a flock of horses , abt 10 At right there is a collect of birds

After the return trip inside the village 1300 we tried to visit Ksino Nero . we have heard about a famous hostel- restaurant called Kontosoros , but we were unfortunate to find it so due to the time and the high temps (abt33 C) we returned back to our hostel

At afternoon we visited again Lehovo. It was time then to visit the other station R S Lehovo which is

Day 4th : Monday

This day was a vacation day in Grece as the day of Holy Spirit . That day we visited , a place near to the village Profitis Ilias (Prophet Elias), on the mountain close to Lehovon. This is a small church for the saint's name with much space for social

I found a nice point for making shots for Sklithron after discussing with agas station chief..It was very close to our village just little higher on the



also near to the main road . Below on the Part 2 you will find an interview of the director

Following this we made a small trip on the main street of the village As I have been informed , the village has 1500 inhabitants and is 800 m above the ground Most of the inhabitants are working on buildings

feasts as happened last year

In that point there is a TV relay system for the region just 200 m far on the top of the mountain .

mountain . It is a small church church of Agia Paraskevi



Just as the time has passed we returned back to hostel in order to be prepared for the return to home. The village as noticed by the hostel guest , is over 3 rivers and has about 500 inhabitants.

At about 1400 and after taking a meal on their restaurant we returned back to home

Last words: In general this trip is one of the most magnificent we have made the last years in Greece. It not only with the magnificent landscapes but also with the very charming and discussable people we met throughout our trip

PART 2a

Discussions with the responsables from the radio stations of Lehovo

Two radio stations have been found in Lehovo the R S Lehovon and 3rd channel of Lehovo

R S Lehovo

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As referred above we visited them the 3rd day, after noon . Their room is 150 m far from the main road. The room is divided in 4 parts in counter clockwise order : A recording studio and one computer just after the entrance , the program studio next to it , isolated from other part with full discography etc, at left of it with an interview part and next with the main office

I found both the partners of the station , I however had talks with **Mr Vuzas** . After my first talks with him identifying myself as a DX er etc , he confirmed that he is also a radio listener. He shown me a letter reception report - of Pertti Ayras. He started in amateur transmissions since the 70s and also shown me some logs from the web pages of dxradio.co.uk of their stations in N Europe.

Now about the station and the program.

Their main freq is 97.1 MHz with a relay on 97.7 MHz and 96.0 mHz seems unconfirmed fre possibly rel from others or their technicians They use also RDS but not more technical info was given

The program consists of music and information. The music program comes with MP3 s , LPs and CD s. Advertisements are totally computerized.

As it is referred in the business card , they are official contributor of **DW and BBC**.

Recent research of FOCUS (a market research company) shown R S Lehovon rated No1 station in Florina with secionds RS Florina and Era 1

The station can be contacted in this address

Email: rslehovu@otenet.gr

R S Lehovou, P Mela 4 , 53073 Lehovo (Florina) or by fax 0386 71444

And surely for any reception report they can send confirmation letter !

Lehovon 3rd station



Their home made business card

The station is very close to the other

When I entered the building the co-owner of the station Mrs Litsa Missiou at first wondered about my identity but after giving her my personal info her claims disappeared, and was hotter in our next discussions.

IN contrast to RS Lehovon they are a totally computerized station in their program. Everything is played by their own Mp3s. She told me that for many years after their start on 91 they had a highly paid staff who were not so accurate in their obligations (programming, adverts, smoking inside the isolated studio), this is the reason the recent years they replaced them with computer. They use 2 computers one for their programming and another for remain tasks

There is still one RDS generator but due to work overload, the technicians still have not set it up. Some of the freqs they use are: 102.9 103.3 104 105.0 Mhz although nearly all western is covered with at least 4 relay systems in Klisoura, Kelly, Klidi and Kozani

The station can be contacted in this email address : lexovo@dias.soft-hard.gr or by fax at 03860-71420

Part 2b

Photos of relay sites



Shot from inside Nymphaion



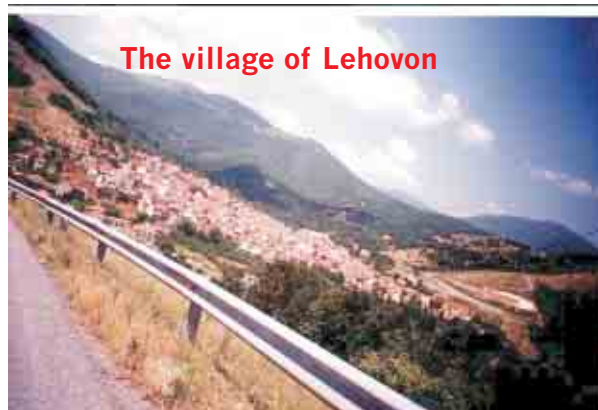
Shot from entrance of Nymphaion

Picture of the 3 towers in the antenna farm, just in the entrance of the village of Nymphaion

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The TV relay ch of Lehovon. . It is possible that th stations noted on 3 b are coming from this site



PART 3

Listings of FM and TV freqs heard in Agoneri hostel (all made with Yupi 7100 radio)

During our residence on hostel I found the following radio station on FM with the use of Jupi 7600 . Many stations have been ID ed with their many others were just ID ed. And 3 of them were not ID able....

QSN*	R Station	Site of origin	Notes
87.60	R Stagon 97.8	Kalambaka	D
88.00	Radio Ena	--	
88.3	--	--	
88.60	ERA 1	--	L
89.6	Ekklesia Elladas	Athens	
90.10	Star FM	Kastoria	
90.25	unIDable	--	
90.65	ERA 1/ERA sport	--	
91.00	Radio City	-	
91.25	Amyndeo FM	Amyndaio	
91.60	Kastoria FM	Kastoria	
91.80	Amyndeo FM	Amyndeo	
92.00	--	--	
92.3	RADio Skopje?	FYRO M	
92.8	Ihorama	Ptolemaida	
93.00	RADio Kastoria	Kastoria	
93.30	Melodia FM	--	
93.60	--	--	
93.80	Ihorama FM	Ptolemaida	
94.1	3o kanali Lehovou	Lehovon	
94.2	Ekklesia Florinas?	Flotina	
94.5	Dimot Radio Ptolemaidas	Ptolemaida	L
94.7	(rel)of Alpha	--	
95.15	Top FM	Kozani	
95.3	unIDable	--	
95..6	Akritikos FM	Florina?	
96.0	R S Lehovo	Lehovo	
96.3	--	--	
96.6	ERA sport	Athens	
97.1	R S Lehovo		L
97.7	R S Lehovo		
98.0	Western radio	Kozani	
98.3	Ekklesia Elladas	Athens	
98.5	--	--	
99.0	Elefthero Radio Ptolemaidas	Ptolemaida	
99.2	Sfera 102.2	athens	relay
99.65	--	--	
99.7	--	--	
99.9	Melodia FM	--	//93.3
100.2	Era sport	athens	L
100.65	era sport	athens	
100.9	Planet radio	--	
101.2	Kanali 2	Ahens	
101.5	Radio Florina	Florina	
101.85	Mousiko Panorama	Ptolemaida	
102.1	--	--	
102.4	R Melodia 104.8	Ptolemaida	
102.7	R Akroama	Ptomeaida	
102.9	3o kanali Lehovou	Lehovo	D
103.05	---	--	
103.3	3o kanali Lehovou	Lehovo	L

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103.5	--	--
103.7	Pedia Ptolemaidas	Ptolemaida
104	3o kanali Lehovou	Lehovo
104.3	Melodia	--
104.6	Melodia	--
105.1	3o kanali Lehovou	Lehovo
105.55	Mousiko Panorama	Ptolemaida
105.8	--	--
106.00	Makedonikos Ihos	--

QSN : the best freq to listen , many cases +0.05 above the carrier

Italics : stations of lower signal as heard in the veranda

Bold letters s : local level stations , possibly coming from Nympheon or from Lehovon. Also marked in blue letters

TV Station found in hostel

CH	station	audio carrier level.
05	ET1	P
07	ET1	L
09	ET3	F
11	MTV	FYROM
21	STAR	L
25	ET1	L
26	??	
28	ANT1	P
32	NET	L
33	MEGA	G
41	ALPHA	G
48	ET3	L
52	ET 3	G

Legenda : L *Local* F *Fair* G *Good* P *poor*