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IRCA 1997-8 TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD BALLOT: Each year, the IRCA membership selects an IRCA member to receive the TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD (TVA) The award was named after Ted Vasilopoulos, a charter member of the IRCA known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. The award is given to the IRCA member that has made a significant contribution to promoting and keeping the IRCA a thriving club during the 1997-1998 DX season. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a free year membership in the IRCA. The last 5 TVA winners are not eligible for the award. They are Pat Martin, Phil Bytheway, Lynn Hollerman, Nancy Hardy and JD Stephens. Any other IRCA member can be nominated and last year's winner, Pat Martin is coordinating the nominations. Send the names and a brief description why the person should receive the TVA to: Pat Martin, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138. Also up for voting is the Heald Award. The purpose of the Heald Award is to recognize the IRCA member who most benefitted the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year (1997-8). JD Stephens, Lee Freshwater and Ralph Sanserino are not eligible for the Heald Award. The winner receives a printed certificate. Should the same member win both the TVA and the Heald Award in a given year, he/she would be presented with the TVA, and the runner-up for the Heald Award would receive the Heald Award. Send your Heald Award nomination to: Pat Martin, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138. Deadline for receiving nominations is March 31 1998.

Thanks again... phil.....

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RENEWING: If the number on your address label reads 35-23 it is time.

WELCOME TO IRCA's "soft" DX MONITOR

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CPC DX TESTS SUMMARY

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PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure and drop a card, letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to the trouble to run a test!

Monday, March 2, 1998 - KICY-850, Nome, AK will conduct a DX test from 4:30 - 5:30 am EST. The test will consist of Morse Code IDs and will be run at 10 kW nondirectional. Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Tom Gulliam
Chief Engineer
KICY-AM
P.O. Box 820
Nome, AK 99762

E-mail: kicy@dwarf.nome.net
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Also, if you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via e-mail or the newsgroup! And, if you send a reception report to a station, please remember to include return postage with your report...

HOT STUFF

JD Stephens - Madison AL - jdstephens@juno.com

It's 9:55 PM CST here on Wednesday evening (0355 UTC), and for the past 15 minutes, I have been listening to someone on 1680 with a loud signal, tracking George Harrison's "All Things Must Pass" album. No announcements or IDs.

A new X-bander? Pirate?

Thursday evening, 6 :45 PM CST (0045 UTC), with oldies music ("Cherry Hill Park", "Nah Nah Nah Nah Hey Hey Hey Goodbye"). Strong signal. No ID noted as yet.

Western DX Roundup

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1370 KZSF CA, San Jose ex-KKSJ 2/9 0500 officially logged new calls
 with ID "KZSF, Alameda-San Francisco, KSF, San Jose, La
 Zeta." Per call to station earlier in week had changed
 over to KZSF call about 1/20. (RW-CA)
 1620 KRIZ WA, Renton strong 2/13 2252 "KRIZ 1420 and KZIZ 1560" ID,
 EZL/instrumental music. Has moved to 1620, but still
 announcing old frequency. (LG-MT)
 +even I heard this one!! (pb-WA)

 600 KIIX CO, Fort Collins 2/9 0418 good over KNRO/KOGO with ID
 "Memories, on AM six hundred, Kicks," also good 2/10 at
 0130 with same ID! (RW-CA)
 710 KDIS CA, Los Angeles 1/23 weak at 1000. Announcer mentioned
 "Radio Disney... Los Angeles." I still haven't heard a
 call ID on this one. (LG-MT)
 KNUS CO, Denver 1/26 ended local news (woman commentator) at
 2306 and gave call ID before weather. Rare here. No sign
 of KIRO; some QRM from KDIS. (LG-MT)
 WOR NY, New York in again 2/10 at 2259 with ad for
 trans-Atlantic cruises and legal ID. KIRO weaker than
 usual. (LG-MT)
 920 CFRY MB, Portage-la-Prairie 2/5 0059 weather for Winnipeg &
 Portage, then ID as "CFRY Real Country Radio," and into
 Broadcast news. (NP-AB)
 1050 KTRJ CA, Frazier Park strong at 1000 1/27. Man said "You are
 listening to classical 1050, KTRJ Frazier Park, the
 southern San Joaquin's classical music radio station, the
 radio station for the rest of us." (LG-MT)
 1130 KFAN MN, Minneapolis 2/3 2215 updates on hockey scores, KFAN ID,
 plug for contest. (NP-AB)
 1190 KDIA CA, Vallejo 2/6 1758 ID in English "11-90, K-D-I-A
 Vallejo." Still Asian format. Ex-KXBT. (BP-CA)
 1240 KFBC WY, Cheyenne 2/2 2100 ID thru the mess "It is 7:00pm, you
 are listening to KFBC Cheyenne..." New one for me.
 (NP-AB)
 1390 ?KJME? CO, Denver 2/11 0959 probably the one in Spanish with local
 newscast mentioning Denver. (LG-MT)
 1420 KMOG AZ, Payson 2/9 0844 strong over XEXX in KSTN null with ID
 "You're listening to the music of America, on Ram Country
 radio AM 1420, KMOG," still in at 1115! (RW-CA)
 KMHS OR, Coos Bay 2/12 1015 heard with current rock hits,
 several IDs. Had to phase out KITI with loop/Southern
 wire combo. Station not listed with information. I
 caught their phone number on the air 541-267-1451. Called
 station. Reports should be sent to: Steve Waler-Manager,
 KMHS Radio, 10th and Ingersoll, Coos Bay, OR 97420.
 Ex-several call letters including KYNG. By the way, they
 will QSL correct reports. (RW-OR)
 KITI WA, Centralia 2/9 1006 good with ID "KITI news time is
 7:05," just under KUJ, KSTN nulled. (RW-CA)

KUJ WA, Walla Walla 2/9 1010 good with ad for feed & supply on Highway 11 in Milton-Freewater "just south of Walla Walla." Looking for KMHS-OR which I didn't hear! (RW-CA)

1430 (KVVN) CA, Santa Clara 2/9 0300 - 2/9 2010 noted totally off this period. Came back on with open carrier about 1930 on 2/9 and then back on air at 2010. Had been off apparently due to storm over weekend. (RW-CA)

KYKN OR, Keizer 2/9 1930 blasting in over KFIG with ID "KYKN news time is 4:30," also was good 2/9 0353 with talk show, ID, on night pattern over KFIG. (RW-CA)

1440 KRDZ CO, Wray mixing with KMED at 0801 2/13. Man ID'd as "KRDZ and KATR in Wray, with studios in Yuma and Wray." Rare here. (LG-MT)

KODL OR, The Dalles 2/9 1938 good over KMED/KVON/KUHL with ID "KODL in The Dalles," faded out. Not heard in years! (RW-CA)

1530 WSAI OH, Cincinnati 2/2 1903 ad for Powerball, then ID "... the Cincinnati home of the Wildcats, 1530, WSAI." (NP-AB)

1540 KXPA WA, Bellevue 2/2 1901 apparently the one relaying KEST-1450 including a promo for a Vietnamese festival in Santa Clara and full KEST ID "KEST San Francisco-Oakland, personal growth for the San Francisco Bay area at 1450," then into Asian language. (NP-AB)

1550 KYCY CA, San Francisco heard on car radio at 1931 2/8 with C&W and ID as "Real Country 93.3." Call ID at 1935. Heavy QRM from KNTR. In again with local traffic report at 1025 2/9. (LG-MT)

KMRI UT, West Valley City 2/10 1010 strong and all alone on car radio, with ad for Deseret Recycling and legal ID between C&W tunes. New, ex-KRGO. (LG-MT)

1610 TIS CA, Placerville 2/10 0900 CalTrans station giving traffic info, has been ID'd. Gave info on traffic & weather for highways 50 & 80. S-9 here. (GJ-CA)

KOC774 WY, Fort Laramie 2/2 2057 TIS for Fort Laramie National Historic Site, mentioning opening times, and the fact that there is no food service at the Fort. First time I've ever heard this one dominate the frequency. (NP-AB)

1620 WPHG AL, Atmore 2/1 0621 asking for reception reports and giving an 800 number. S-9+ here. (GJ-CA)

+2/2 1952 male announcer giving postal address, e-mail address, fax & phone numbers. Then some Gospel music until USA Radio news. Considerably weaker than WCMQ on 1700 kHz. (NP-AB)

+2/4 moderately strong & all alone at 2300 with legal ID and USA Radio news, "Point of View" started at 2306. Also in at 0800 2/5 with "Voice of Prophecy" and ID. At 2257 2/7 announced website is www.wphg.com (but when I tried to access it I got message "no DNS entry found;" e-mail goes to johnnyk@netlinc.com; phone numbers 334-368-2713, 334-368-9495, and 800-495-9495. New state! (LG-MT)

1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo 2/6 1718 ID "16-40, K-D-I-A, Classic Soul. Ex-KXBT. (BP-CA)

+2/10 0913 logged ex-KXBT with ID "1640, KDIA, Oakland, Solid Gold Soul," R&B music. Fair to good, KGXL-1650 splash. (RW-CA)

+Ex-KXBT strong at 0959 2/6 with traffic report & ID as "KDIA, Vallejo-Oakland-San Francisco." (LG-MT)

1650 KGXL CA, Costa Mesa this is to confirm what others have heard, that they are on and // KGIL using two transmitters sites: day KLTX-1390 and night is KWIZ-1480, per conversation with prod. director of KGIL/KGXL/KKHI/KKGO. (GL-CA)

1670 ?TIS? TX, Midlothian 2/11 0504 TIS station giving info "723" prefix on phone which matches with Midlothian prefix, per phone call to Fire Chief. Tentative taped report sent. Station runs 3 1/2 watts from a 35' pole. (PM-OR)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 1610 LMT's logging of possible WCKI973 was actually WPKY673 in George, WA. It is operated by Grant County. (WJH-MD)
- 1610 LMT's logging of KHS829 is likely WPHF829. This is located at the Spokane International Airport and is licensed to the City of Spokane. There are two other licensed to the Spokane area. They both use the call sign of WNHL839, which is also phonetically similar to what LMT heard. One of the transmitters is located 17 miles east of Spokane and the other is 12 miles SW of Spokane, both along I-90. They are operated by the City of Spokane. (WJH-MD)
- 1610 LMT's logging of KOD711 is interesting! The unofficial US Federal Government TIS list shows KOD711 and KOP711 at Mount Washburn, Yellowstone National Park. (WJH-MD)
- 1620 PM's logging of TIS mentioned rangers could very well be one of the WPJM404 transmitters in Augusta, Country, as he suspects. I have heard that from them also. (WJH-MD)
- 1620 PM's logging of TIS mentioning Bensonville is probably WNWZ910. It is operated by the Village of Bensenville. (WJH-MD)

UNIDS

- 530 2/1 0645 TIS/HAR testing at Earlimart, CA, no ID given, suspect CalTrans. (GJ-CA)
- 660 2/9 0338 unID test tone very weak under KTNN, looping ENE. Ideas? Perhaps KEYZ, CFFR, or the new KZTU-OR station testing (they will be on in March, per PM-OR). (RW)
- 1430 2/9 1025 unID under KALI/KWDO/KYKN with "Daybreak USA" programming, faded under mess. Looped N-S. Perhaps KAMP-CA which I still need? Or KJAY, KBRC or KCLK? (RW-CA)
- 1440 NOS music station with jazz and ID that sounded like KBOL at 0900 2/9. May have been an FM call, as it seemed to follow another ID. Not KODL or KVON. QRM from KMED. (LG-MT)
- 1530 During evenings in mid-February around 2300, I heard a pulsating noise here that sounds like an under-water sound effect in submarine movies. Some kind of utility? (LG-MT)
- 1610 2/3 in briefly at 0632 with mention of lake and flood warnings. Very weak, behind Placerville TIS/HAR. Possibly Clear Lake, CA, operated by CalTrans. (GJ-CA)
- 1700 2/5 WCMQ faded out or weak. UnID with what sounded like airport traffic at 0505 & 0535. (GJ-CA)
- 1700 2/13 0550 unID man talking under WCMQ, with parking info. Hard to copy and WCMQ was fairly strong. Could catch bits & pieces during WCMQ fades. Soon lost. Caught "New York" a couple of times and "International Airport." I am going to try a taped tentative report to JFK Airport. Hopefully they can make out the tape. (PM-OR)

Thanks to Larry for the last minute tip that KRIZ has moved to 1620! Gary Jackson sent word that there are three new CalTrans TIS/HAR stations all on 1610. One in Willits, CA is now on the air, one in Eureka, CA due on at the end of February, and the third in Redding, CA due on the air at the end of April. The next WDXR will be in the Anniversary Issue. I hope that we have a lot of you report to that special issue.

Central DX Roundup

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Deadlines: 3-13, 4-3, 5-1, 6-5, 6-27, 7-31, 8-21, and 9-4. Please

report all times as Eastern. Keep tips to less than a month old.

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Kenwood R-1000, "Radio West" loop.
- [RCP-IN] Robert C. Pote, Greenwood, Indiana.
Radio Shack DX-392, Select-A-Tenna.
- [JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A, "Radio West" Loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1360 WCKY OH, Cincinnati. EX-WAZU. 1-29. 0640 with talk, "CNN Now Sports," "Sports Fan Net." ID "W C K - - Y Cincinnati, yet another sports station (guy in background shouting 'Because you can't hear the other two') All Sports 13-60." World Of Racing" program. [LB-MO]
- 1510 KNNS KS, Larned. EX-KANS. 1-31 weak signal in and out getting swamped by WLAC. 2205 with NOS format, ID "15-10 KNNS....memories..." This is a daytime only station so I called them and the guy I talked with said the FM was on with a Kansas State Game, I told him I was listening to AM with nostalgic music, and ID's, he said he didn't know anything! At 2243 ID "You're with 15-10 KNNS playing the music you remember. 2255 ID "The music you remember, KNNS." [LB-MO] (I show them with 67 watts night power. John.)
- 1620 KRIZ WA, Renton. New expanded band station on the air. 2-13 very strong. 2307 ID "KRIZ and KZIZ" into Urban-Contemporary music. 2311 "The Z Twins, KRIZ and KZIZ." Thanks to Larry Godwin for the phone call tip. This had to be their first day on the air as at 2000 on 2-12 it wasn't there, still could hear WPHG. [NJ-MT]
+2-14 very weak mixed with noise. 0955 with Urban-Contemporary music, 0959 legal ID "KRIZ Renton, Seattle, and 15-60 KZIZ Sumner, Tacoma." Later heard slogan "The Z Twins." Thanks to Nancy for the tip on this one! Nancy heard them with a very strong signal the previous evening. This could block 1620 for us from now on. [JcJ-MT]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 550 KFYZ ND, Bismarck. 1-25 poor, mixing with several others. 0741 with ID, mention of "Bismarck's ?? station..." followed by a 60's rock oldie. [RCP-IN]
- WSVA VA, Harrisonburg. 1-25 in very briefly. 0702 with station ID and a promo for a program "Living In Virginia." New station for me. [RCP-IN]
- 570 WVMI MS, Biloxi. 1-27 weak, getting clobbered by WWNC. 2030 with promo for "The Morning Report, three hours of local news and info each morning Monday through Friday." "5-70 AM WVMI Biloxi, Gulfport, Pascagula. News, talk, and information radio." News followed. [LB-MO]
- 610 KILT TX, Houston. 1-27 poor, up out of mess when WDAF faded. 2105 with basketball game on the Texas Longhorn Sports Network. ID "This is Stars 6-10 KILT Houston. Hear Texas Longhorn Basketball" back into PBP. [LB-MO]
- 620 WTVN OH, Columbus. 2-4 on top of WDAF for a while. 0730 with

promo for Columbus Winter Fest, TC,. ID "6-10 WTVN, 7:30 report..." Traffic, weather sponsored by Integrity Mortgage and Parts America." [LB-MO]

930 KSEI ID, Pocatello. 2-8. 0129 with ID, spot. [NJ-MT]

940 WMWR GA, Macon. 1-27 great signal. 0730 with news headlines, slogan "Talk Radio 9-40" weather, ID, news. [LB-MO]

990 WNOX TN, Knoxville. 1-28 fair for awhile u/CBW. 0848 with ID "You're on the go and need to know, it's News Talk 99 WNOX." Promo for Lady Balls Basketball, "Everret and Linda are up next, you're listening to the Wake Up Call on News Talk 99 WNOX." Talk format. [LB-MO]

1090 KBOZ MT, Bozeman. 2-14 dominant. 0951 with "10-90 KBOZ" ID. [JcJ-MT]

1100 KKLL MO, Webb City. 2-5 fair w/WTAM and WSGI. 0731 with full sign on information. Frequency, power, location, etc. Religious music format. [LB-MO]

WSGI TN, Springfield. 2-5 weak fading in and out w/WTAM more or less nulled. 0711 with spot for Westside Phillips 66 in Springfield. ID "Over 35 years of local...only on WSGI Radio 11-hundred." Spot for Dagget Farms Grain and Seed. [LB-MO]

1140 WBXR AL, Hazel Green. 1-31 weak, fluttery signal. 1745 with Gospel. 1758 sign off mentioned owned by a company in Spartaburg, SC. Studios in TN, transmitter and tower in Hazel Green, AL. "Christian Radio 11-40 WBXR Hazel Green, Huntsville, Fayetteville." SSB. [LB-MO]

1190 KXKS NM, Albuquerque. 2-2 over a weak KEX. 0202 with sign off after SS music. [NJ-MT]

1250 WDAE FL, Tampa. TENTATIVE. 2-2 weak signal in and out. 2235 with ID "Sports radio 12-50 WDAE." Listening to the tape, ID sounded like WTAE or WDAE. [LB-MO]

1290 CIFX MB, Winnipeg. 2-7 u/KOWB. 1005 with "AM 12-90 Talk Radio" slogan. [JcJ-MT]

WCBL KY, Benton. 1-27 weak, in and out, logs of fading. 0845 with ID "Good morning, it's 7:45 on WCBL AM and FM..." News sponsored by Bank Of Benton and Murray Appliance. Local and KY news, TC, spot for Murray Appliance. [LB-MO]

1330 WMNN MN, Minneapolis. 2-2 weak signal in and out. 2110 with news, TC, "WMNN means business now with twice hourly updates every weekday at 25 and 55 minutes after the hour. WMNN means news now." News and sports. [LB-MO]

1340 WAGN MI, Menominee. 2-7 fair to poor. 2100 with legal ID. [TN-WI]

1350 KRLC ID, Lewiston-Clarkston, WA 2-8. 0117 ID into country music. [NJ-MT]

1360 WMOB AL, Mobile. 1-31 weak signal out of mess. 2359 with ID "...right here on ??? WMOB Mobile." [LB-MO]

1450 KLBK OR, La Grande. 2-7 up briefly in mess. 1000 with "KBKR" ID. KLBK is |KBKR-1490. [JcJ-MT]

1470 KWSL IA, Sioux City. 2-8 poor through others. 0100 with ID. [NJ-MT]

1480 KYOS CA, Merced. 2-2. 0105 end of Ai News, local spot, 0106 ID by Art Bell into Art Bell Show. [NJ-MT]

1580 KGAL OR, Lebanon. 2-2. 0149 with Dick Bartley's "Yesterday Live." Spots. [NJ-MT]

WDAB SC, Travelers Rest. 1-30 weak signal in and out of mess. 0705 ID, regional news sponsored by a hardware store. "Helping to make your day a little brighter, WDAB AM 15-80." News. [LB-MO]

1600 WCGO IL, Chicago. 2-10 fair in mess. 0654 with "Chicago's unforgettable hits" including 70's song "I Know I'll Never Love This Way Again." 0700 ABC News. [TK-MO]

1620 WPHG AL, Atmore. 2-1, first day of broadcasting, very good signal here even before they switched to 10KW at 0630. 0710 with Gospel music, frequent ID's and mentions of their first day of broadcasting. Actively soliciting phone calls and reception reports from listeners. They also said those calling in with address would receive a small token

of appreciation from the station. I heard my name and location mentioned, also recognized several other club member's locations. Most distant at that time was Scaramento, CA. This was a very interesting program for the DX'er. I wish more stations were so accommodating. [RCP-IN]

- +2-2 weak signal fading in and out with noise. 0737 with religious music. ID "WPHG Atmore, Alabama 1620 AM..." Heard again at 0802 with USA Network News, local weather. ID "Attesting the Full Gospel on 16-20 AM, This is Radio WPHG Atmore Alabama where we are...." Spot for the Highway Cafe in Perdido. [LB-MO]
- 1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo. 2-10 fair to good. 0741 with ID in Urban/AC format. Last logged as KXBT on 1630. [TN-WI]
- 1650 KGXL CA, Costa Mesa. 2-13 fair to poor with splatter from WJDM-1660 (870 miles away.) 0242 noted with Adult Standards, frequent dual ID's with KGIL-1260. Legal ID at 0300. [EB-MO]
- 1660 WDJM NJ, Elizabeth. 2-2 weak fading in and out with noise. 0645 with laid-back music, Lou Rawles, etc. ID "This is 16-60 AM WJDM Elizabeth and New York." [LB-MO]

DX TESTS

- 670 (WVNS) VA, Claremont. 1-31 DX Test. 0000-0200 tried for test, but nothing heard except WMAQ and an unID SS. [RCP-IN]
+1-31 DX Test. 0000 nothing heard of the test, just WMAQ and an SS station, presumed Cuban way down in the mud. [LB-MO]

UnIDS

- 550 unID 1-25. UnID station heard, sounded like "KIRC." Checked 18th log, but nothing fits. Promo heard for "Rush Limbaugh live on KIRC." Fairly decent signal. [RCP-IN]
- 1140 unID 2-9. 0721-0745 unID station still here splattering 1140 with distorted signal. Signal popped up out of no where at 0721. Sign on or pattern change most likely. Heard over or with WRVA on car radio during morning drive to work. [TMJ-IL]

unIDS HELP

- 1620 unID Bill Harms offers some help with [TMJ-IL]'s unID in NC may be an unlisted federally operated TIS. A substantial portion of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is within Dare County. Thanks Bill!

25 YEARS AGO

February 24, 1973 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... We were told there were 475 members in the club ... Dan Myers of Toledo, OH logged KGEM ID for state #49 ... Jerry Peek of Los Alamos, NM logged 15 stations in two nights of DX ... Karl Forth of Villa Park, IL commented on taped "veries" saying the station heard is the sole party who can confirm a reception because the people there are the best qualified to do so ... Randy Minnehan of Columbus, OH logged ORTF-1554

OPEN MIKE

When it rains, why don't sheep shrink? The next issue is the Anniversary Issue! The weekly issues have come to an end for the season. Be sure to note the deadlines for the next few issues. Keep your loggings current as those over a month old will be edited from your reports. Please keep in mind the deadlines are way before issue dates. This column was completed on February 14th for the February 28th issue. Be sure to check out the new KTVQ web site at <http://www.ktvq.com> 73, John.

1997-98 IRCA DX CONTEST Standings As of February 15, 1998
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States & Provinces
 1. Craig Rathbone 371
 2. Bill Nittler 327
 3. John C. Johnson 274
 4. Stan Weisbeck 267
 5. John Tudenham 213
 6. Greg Hall 212
 7. Charles Dobbins 188
 8. Pete Taylor 174
 9. Nigel Pimblett 125
 10. Mike Sanburn 113
 11. Dale Park 19

Letterama
 1. Pete Taylor 260
 2. John C. Johnson 203
 3. Greg Hall 198
 4. Mike Sanburn 143
 5. Charles Dobbins 104
 6. John Tudenham 67
 7. Dale Park 9

It is interesting to note that
 a number of you are very
 close in points.

Eastern DX Roundup

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A real short one this week...Let's hear from you BEFORE the end of the
 weeklies..Deadlines are WED @ 6 PM...Lfreshwate@aol.com...Here we go!!

STARS OF THE WEEK

(CB-NY) Charles Bernth Eastport, NY VIA E-MAIL
 Yaught Boy 400 & S.A.T.
 (RB-1) Rich Boehme 1722 Piccadilly Cir., Allentown, PA 18103
 VW Jetta Deluxe VIA E-MAIL
 (MB-ON) Mike Brooker 99 Wychrest Ave., Toronto, ON M6G 3X8
 Panasonic RF-2200, RFB-45 VIA-E-MAIL
 (RW-KY) R.C. Watts 4109 Graaf Drive, Louisville, Ky VIA U.S.P.S.
 Sony ICF-SW7600, Black Box antenna

LOGGINGS

540 WWCS PA Canonsburg 02/13 08:00 Station ID and BBC news. [RB-1]
 550 WSWA VA Harrisonburg 02/13 08:07 Station ID and a commercial
 for a local tire store. Strong signal for this time of
 day. [RB-1]
 590 WLVA VA Lynchburg 02/15 19:10 Adult standards with station ID.
 Frequent fades, but came back in time for a station ID.
 [RB-1]
 620 WHJB PA Greensburg 02/04 07:25 Oldies music with Billy Joel's
 "Piano Man", with a segue into the call ID and a weather
 report, "33 degrees F with 1-3 inches of snow forecast".
 Came up out of the jumble and stayed for a few minutes.
 [RB-1]
 640 WNFC NC Fayetteville 02/04 18:05 Station Id with news program
 fading into the mush of many stations doing the news.
 [RB-1]
 690 WJOX AL Birmingham 2/6 1826 fr-gd o/CFTR slop and CBF w/talk
 on college basketball, ID as "Sports radio 690 WJOX".
 Could likely dominate here after CBF's move to FM.(MB-ON)
 690 WOKV FL Jacksonville 2/9 1757 pr u/CFTR slop w/business report,
 ID as "News-talk 690, WOKV Jacksonville" at 1800, into
 CBS nx. (MB-ON)
 940 WIDG MI St. Ignace 2/5 1800 fr in CBM null w/"Something in
 the way she moves" by the Beatles, ID as "This is the
 station for good time oldies WIDG St. Ignace, Cool 94

AM". Not all the "good time oldies" stations are in Canada! (MB-ON)

1050 WFBL NY Baldwinsville 2/16 17:19 Adult Standards with "WFBL" station ID. Came up really briefly and then faded into the mush. (RB-1)

1300 WXRL NY Lancaster 02/03 07:22 Country Music followed by ID "1300 Country WXRL". Frequent fades as the sun comes up over eastern PA! (RB-1)

1370 WALK NY Patchogue 2/18 0800 - "The Sunrise Radio Network" //1240 WGBB Freeport, NY with oldies. (CB-NY)

1510 WPUT NY Brewster 2/18 0850 - "the new WINE country" // 940 WINE Brookfield, CT with C&W (CB-NY)

1620 WPHG AL Atmore 02/09 16:00 Alabama's former governor on a call-in show. Later in the evening went to a gospel type show. Pretty decent signal in eastern PA. Later gave their web page, www.wphg.com. I get this one pretty regularly now, my first 'bamma' station from Allentown, PA. (RB-1)

1620 WPHG AL Atmore 2/7 1935 Good but fade, Celebration USA Gospel USA Radio NX & Sports (RW-KY)

UNIDEN:

760 unid ?? 02/05 07:30 Country music. This is not WJR Detroit as these two stations would alternate. I imagine it is some daytimer signing on, but I cannot fathom who it is. (RB-1)

960 ?? 2/13 1737 pr in fight w/usual suspects (WFIR, CFFX) w/non-ID slogan "This is the Choice" into FM-type album-oriented rock (to use a 70's term for this kind of mx). Sounded like an FM simulcast. Suspect WTCH, Shawano, WI as the calls would fit "The Choice" slogan. (MB-ON)

1610 ?? 2/8 0013 heard 4 or 5 test tones, loud, maybe VA (RW-KY)

1630 ?? 2/8 0035 Music and a couple of test tones, extremely weak. Couldn't even tell what type of music (RW-KY)

Nice to have Rich & R.C. back with us this week and regulars Charles and Mike...These are the folks that keep things going..Are "you" a part of the IRCA ?????? If not, then GET involved by reporting to Nancy, John or myself....Better yet, VOLUNTEER for a club position !!!!!.....Slow week for me..Didn't take long to prepare this column. How about LOADING me up ?????? See you all next week..73's.....fresh

DX Worldwide West

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DX has sure dropped off around here after having such a great December. It was probably the best December on record here on the Northern Oregon coast. Excerpt for the "Powerhouse" Japanese and a Korean or two, most of the Asian DX is gone. A few DUs are popping through now. Hopefully that will improve.

We have reports from Shawn Axelrod, Larry Godwin, Nigel Pimblett, Pete Taylor, and Robert Wien. Infact all reports were received VIA E-Mail. Thanks guys. We also have quite a few QSLs to report. So away we go.

- 189 ICELAND, Ríkisutvarpid Gufuskalar 2/15 0032. Fair signals with Icelandic talk and a mix of mx some in EE. Only LW station to produce audio. (VAL-DX)
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK Kvitsoy 2/15 0503 Poor to fair signals in NN talk and oldies mx. Only TA on the MW band. (VAL-DX)
- 1620 HOLLAND, PCH Scheveningen noted at fine level 0710 2/6 cutting through WPHG. First TA from here, taped. No sign of other TAs (no hets) above 1500 khz (PT-WA)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 UNID, 2/15 0145 Poor signals w/SS talk and possible ID as "O-V" (VAL-DX)
- 540 MEXICO, Monterrey, XEWA 2/15 0150 Good sigs over CBK w/mx (VAL-DX)
- 680 MEXICO, Hermosillo XESON 2/16 0934. Good at times w/suspected XELG. Local KNBR off until 1120, AC type mx, ID at 0934 on tape "Esta...en Radio Acir" ads with several mentions of Hermosillo. Per XE list they run 5KW and are 24 hrs. Dead frek an hr later. New. (RW-CA)
- 710 MEXICO, Cd. Cuauhtemoc, Chih. moderately strong in KIRO null 1254 2/18 w/ID as XEDP, La Ranchera de Cuauhtemoc. I noticed this stn IDs very frequently and whenever its audible there's a low freq. het on 710. (LG-MT)
- 720 UNID SS w/Rel pgm 0357-0402 2/18. Ancr mentioned "Cristo...la gloria de Dios" and it seemed like a revival. I don't think there was an ID on the hour, although signal faded u/KDWN somewhat at that time. (LG-MT)
- 720 MEXICO, Veracruz, Ver. XEAVR, w/awesome signal atop KDWN at 0358 2/19. Woman gave slow ID as XEAVR and slogan "Radio Formula, Veracruz." She gave power as 2500 watts (1998 WRTH says 5000) and phone number. There was QRM from another weaker SS was on about 720.5 that cut its carrier at 0359, prob. s/off. First new XE logging in many months. (LG-MT) (congrats. Larry. Great catch.PM)
- 730 MEXICO, Mexico DF XEX 2/15 1230 Good signals w/XE ballad mx (VAL-DX)
- 990 MEXICO, Monterrey XET 2/15 0200 Poor signals in partial CBW null w/mx pgm and ID (VAL-DX)
- 1180 CUBA, Havana CMBA strong along w/KOFI 1/25 0401. There were pretty chimes and ancr said simply "Rebelde Havana" Incidentally, NRC's DX News reports CMBT "Radio Taino" no longer operates on 1180, so CMBA is prob. the only Cuban here now. (LG-MT)
- 1620 ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires, Radio Esmeralda (presumed) 0859 2/4. SS preaching low key mx except for a Mahalia Jackson-type selection at 0915. Quite strong, wiping out WPHG since it looped East from here. I thought it was a new domestic. First SA from Tacoma. (PT-WA) (Great going Pete. Glad you logged this before KRIZ popped on.PM)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 AUSTRALIA, West Kempsey 2MC fair above NZ with Elton John mx at 1330 on 2/18. (PM-OR)
- 558 JAPAN, Kobe-JOCR fair above KK with JJ pops at 1445 2/16. (PM-OR)
- 594 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAK good with JJ talk at 1230 2/16. (PM-OR)
- 657 DEM. REP OF KOREA, Pyongyang, good with man in KK at 1333 on 2/16. (PM-OR)
- 666 JAPAN, Osaka JOBK good w/JJ talk in passing at 1337 2/16. (PM-OR)
- 693 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAB 2/16 at 1235 weaker than 594 w/JJ talk (PM-OR)
- 729 JAPAN, Nagoya-JOCK fair in CKLG splat at 1245 2/16. JJ talk (PM-OR)
- 738 TAHITI, RFO good with man in FF and very strong at 1506 2/19, Island mx, holing its own against 740. (PM-OR)
- 747 JAPAN, Sapporo JOIB very good as usual with JJ talk at 1250 2/16. (PM-OR)

- 765 JAPAN, UNIDs weak Commercial station(s) here but too weak to tell much. They are 5Kw for the most part at 1420 2/16. Some JJ pop mx in there. (PM-OR)
- 774 JAPAN, Akita JOUB very good, prob. the best JJ of the AM at 1500 with closing mx and chimes 2/16 (PM-OR)
- 828 JAPAN, Osaka JOBB fair in KSWB splat (They have really been over mod lately) at 1501 2/16 w/closing chimes (PM-OR)
- 864 JAPAN, UNIDs several 1 and 3 KW JJs here weakly at 1507 2/16. Some JJ pops in there too. (PM-OR)
- 891 AUSTRALIA, Adelaide 5AN. Very good with discussion pgm about the US and Iraq at 1430 2/19. Best hrd in a long time. Maybe DU cx are improving. Lets hope so. (PM-OR)
- 972 REP. OF KOREA good with woman in KK talk at 1333 2/16 in passing. Best Rep. of Korean stn this morning (PM-OR)
- 1008 JAPAN, Osaka JONR very weak w/JJ talk at 1345 2/16 (PM-OR)
- 1053 REP. OF KOREA, Jammer very strong. I believe this one has two TXers according to a JJ DXer a 500 KW and a 250 KW. Too bad they don't QSL. Hrd at 1320 2/16 (PM-OR)
- 1134 JAPAN, Tokyo JOQR, weak JJ talk at 1510 on 2/16. (PM-OR)
- 1143 TAIWAN, Prob the best DX of the morning o/u JJ & KK w/man in CC at 1510 2/16. This one gets out quite well for their 100 KW. Better than 738. (PM-OR)

TROPICAL BAND ROUNDUP

- 3220 TOGO, Radio Kara 0623 newsmagazine type pgm w/alternating man and woman ancrs. Came up to a good level 0625-0630. Then quickly faded. (NP-AB) (Great catch, Nigel. PM)

VERIFICATIONS

- 594 PHILIPPINES, Quezon City, DZBB rec. PD letter in 50d for taped report. V/S Shirley K. Escalante-Desk Editor. Address: GMA Complex, EDSA Cor., Timog Avenue, Diliman Quezon City 1103, The Philippines. (PM-OR)
- 639 REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Seoul, HLSA. Rec. FD letter and Cd in 99 d for taped report. V/S. DongSu Ahn-Liaison Officer, KBS at 18 Yoido-dong Youngdungpo-gu Seoul 150-790, Rep. of Korea. Also sent a beautiful red KBS Backpack. (PM-OR)
- 693 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOAB FD Radio Japan "Mt. Fuji" cd and Radio Japan info in 3 weeks for \$1 (returned) V/S was Y. Fushimi (NP-AB)
- 738 AUSTRALIA, Grafton 2NR FD map cd in 1 months for 2 IRCs (NP-AB)
- 1062 PHILIPPINES, Quezon City DZEC rec. PD letter in 48d for taped report. V/S was Art V> DeGuzman II, Network Mgr. Address: Eagle Broadcasting Corporation 887 Maligaya Bldg II, EDSA Quezon City, The Philippines. (PM-OR)
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE No detailed varie letter and tourism pamphlet from V/S Juan-Antonio Gutierrez Cabeza in 3 weeks for an IRC (NP-AB)
- 1179 SWEDEN, Stockholm, Radio Sweden sent FD cd in 32d for taped report. Unreadable v/s. Address: Radio Sweden SE105 10 Stockholm Sweden. Country #79 QSL'd. (PM-OR)
- 1197 GERMANY, Munich VOA FD cd "VOA Building" sticker and "VOA Guide" in 1 month (NP-AB)
- 1620 ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires, very little detailed letter is SS rec. from taped report from Radio Esmeralda in 60d. V/S were Washington B. Taroco and Pastor Genvario Rodriguez Almeida. Address: Radio Esmeralda-Avda San Juan 2461 Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Country #80 QSL'd. (PM-OR)
- 1665 AUSTRALIA, St. Peters. 2MM, sent second QSL letter in 180d for taped report. But this time they sent along a beautiful 2MM T-Shirt along with 2 2MM pens. Cost them \$10.50 in air mail this. The first time I have received a T-Shirt from an overseas station. V/S Vicky Karmogianni-Station Manager. Address: Locked Bag 888, St. Peters NSW 2044 Australia. (PM-OR)
- 1670.5 JAPAN, Erimo Lighthouse, Hokkaido. FD beautiful QSL cd in 19 d for taped report. This is one of several stations that broadcast a few minutes a day giving an ID and weather reports for the Japanese Fishing Fleet. All syations are 50 watts! No v/s.

Address: Erimo Lighthouse, Hokkaido Urakawagun-Urukawa-hou sakai
machi higaski 3 chome 18 bak 22 gov, hidaka kauho
hyoushikijimusho, Japan. My lowest powered JJ ever. Japan
station #103 QSL'd. (PM-OR)

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Report from Mark Connelly - Times / dates = UTC / 1998

[Connelly*H-MA] = East Harwich, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 70.021 W / 41.713 N)
(near junction of Routes 39 & 137: pitch pine forest 2 km from ocean)

[Connelly*O-MA] = South Orleans, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 69.991 W / 41.735 N)
(Town Landing / beach, off Route 28, 0.3 km N of Tar Kiln Road)

Receiver: Drake R8A

Antenna system - Broadband Loop-Sense Cardioid Array (B-LSCA)
consisting of BBL-1 broadband active loop, homebrew (BUF-A1 based)
active whip, and Superphaser-1 phasing unit

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

162 FRANCE, Allouis, FEB 14 0623 - two woman in FF talking and
laughing; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]

- 171 MOROCCO, Nador, FEB 14 0624 - running an SS vocal at this time; LOUD. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 177 GERMANY, Oranienburg, FEB 14 0624 - GG talk by man; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 183 GERMANY, Saarlouis, FEB 14 0625 - rock FF vocal version of a Bryan Adams song. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 189 ICELAND, RUV, Gufuskalar, FEB 14 0626 - tin-pan alley style vocal in a Scandinavian language; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 198 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., FEB 14 0628 - man talked about ways to save money; strong, way over DIW beacon. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 207 MOROCCO, Azilal, FEB 14 0630 - // 612 with AA vocal, drums, strings; huge, well over QI beacon. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 216 FRANCE, R. Monte Carlo, Roumoules, FEB 14 0632 - FF talk slightly over a second station; CLB beacon under both. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 234 LUXEMBOURG, Junglinster, FEB 14 0633 - man in FF; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 243 DENMARK, Danmarks R., Kalundborg, FEB 14 0634 - // 1062 with classical music; good, over YVB beacon. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 252 IRELAND, Atlantic 252, Kilmessan-Clarkestown, FEB 14 0635 - dance club hits; huge. FF talk (Algeria) way under.
+ FEB 14 0720 - "That's the Way I Like It" by K.C. & the Sunshine Band, ID "Longwave Atlantic 252"; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 531 MADEIRA, RDP, Porto Santo, FEB 14 0418 - // Azores-693 with US "rockabilly" music; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 531 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 0449 - // 684 with male SS vocal; slightly over Madeira & Algeria. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 531 SWITZERLAND, Beromunster, FEB 14 0528 - Swiss Alpine music; atop the channel with a good signal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, FEB 14 0418 - man with AA political speech; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 558 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 0427 - SS talk, AA-influenced SS music; fair, // 576, 585, 603, 684, et al. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 567 IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, FEB 14 0423 - woman in EE talked about Frank Sinatra and other entertainers, then she played "Lady" by Kenny Rogers; good signal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 567 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 0558 - // 684 with man in SS; under Ireland (which had quiet classical music). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 SPAIN, RNE5, Barcelona, FEB 14 0427 - // many other RNE's with SS talk, AA-influenced SS music; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, FEB 14 0427 - // other RNE's with Moorish music; LOUD. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 594 MOROCCO, Oujda, FEB 14 0631 - bits of AA program that was // to 207 & 612. In jumble with others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Lyon-Tramoyes, FEB 14 0533 - FF comedy routine; slightly over Spain / Madeira.
+ FEB 14 0542 - FF C&W vocal; excellent / dominant.
+ FEB 14 0601 - HUGE with FF male vocal version of Arlo Guthrie / Willie Nelson tune "City of New Orleans". [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 MADEIRA, RDP, Pico de Arieiro, FEB 14 0535 - // 837 with PP music; under France & Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, FEB 14 0427 - // other RNE's with SS talk, then Moorish AA-style music; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 IRELAND, Athlone, FEB 14 0435 - rock music; briefly to fair peak.
+ FEB 14 0605 - male DJ said "Good morning. It's Saturday morning, 5 after 6." Briefly getting through the powerhouse Moroccan. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebba-Aioun, FEB 14 0514 - emotional AA talk by man; BLASTING in. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 14 0450 - // to 684 with end of song, then man in SS; huge. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., FEB 14 0452 - // 648 & others with man in SS; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 648 SPAIN, RNE1, Badajoz et al., FEB 14 0452 - SS talk // 639; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, FEB 14 0453 - // 684 with old-fashioned show-tune type song by a woman in SS; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL, RDP, Lisboa, FEB 14 0500 - 3 very slow pips, then PP

- news by woman; poor, just barely above a tangle of others. This station doesn't seem to have much clout considering its power and location. Years ago it had a better signal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS, R. Ten Gold, Lopik, FEB 14 0505 - loud with "Heaven is a Place on Earth" by Belinda Carlisle, man in Dutch mentioned "gold", then "Everything I Own" by Bread was played. SAH from second station noted. This and Spain-684 were actually slopping over onto CKXG / nulled WRKO - 680. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, FEB 14 0427 - // other RNE's with SS talk, then Moorish style music; LOUD. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, FEB 14 0418 - // Madeira-531 with rockabilly music; fair, mixed with BBC UK. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 14 0454 - // 684 with nostalgic SS vocal; popping up over UK & Azores. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., FEB 14 0432 - EE newstalk; now over Azores & Spain.
- + FEB 14 0454 - man interviewing woman about politics, drug law enforcement. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 702 MOROCCO, RTM, Sebba-Aioun, FEB 14 0508 - bits of AA talk by man, then violins; poor. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711 WESTERN SAHARA, Laayoune, FEB 14 0607 - AA male vocal & strings, then AA talk by man; mixed with second station that seemed to be France. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 720 PORTUGAL, RDP, Porto et al. (t), FEB 14 0611 - bits of a Roger Whittaker style vocal seemed // to a similar one on 666. Mostly under CHTN. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviado et al., FEB 14 0448 - // 684 & 738 with SS ballad; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, FEB 14 0448 - // 684 with male SS ballad; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland, FEB 14 0616 - Dutch news by man; barely over SS station & others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 756 SPAIN, R. Euskadi, Bilbao, FEB 14 0522 - SS folk music with an exotic influence (Basque ?); over Germany. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, FEB 14 0523 - pop group vocal in the style of Abba; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 774 EGYPT, Abis, FEB 14 2345 - AA political speech; under Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 14 0524 - SS teletalk; sometimes stronger than WABC ! [Connelly*H-MA]
- + FEB 14 2345 - huge with teletalk; over Egypt. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 783 SPAIN, COPE, Barcelona, FEB 14 0618 - fast SS talk; fai to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 783 SYRIA, Tartus, FEB 14 2344 - AA string music & vocal; strong, over Spain and suspected Portugal. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 792 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Limoges, FEB 14 0620 - piano jazz, then man in FF; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, FEB 14 2344 - SS news, telephone interview; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 801 JORDAN, R. Jordan, Ajlun, FEB 14 2343 - Koranic AA vocal; good, atop Spain at times. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 801 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 14 2343 - SS teletalk; to good peak, over/under Jordan. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 801 unID (UNITED KINGDOM ?), FEB 14 2343 - bits of British EE talk seemed to be here as a third station on the channel (behind Jordan & Spain). [Connelly*O-MA]
- 819 MOROCCO, Rabat, FEB 14 0659 - // 207 & 612 with AA public speech by man. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + FEB 14 2342 - // 612 with AA music; under Egypt. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 819 EGYPT, Batra, FEB 14 2342 - AA talk by man; dominating over the Moroccan. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 827 SYRIA, Deir el Zawr, FEB 14 2341 - violins, AA female vocal; splittable from the usual incoherent blob on 828. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, FEB 14 0527 - // 666 with samba jazz (like the instrumental part of the "Girl from Ipanema" oldie). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 846 ITALY, Rome, FEB 14 0536 - woman in II, apparently with a

- telephone interview; poor to fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
+ FEB 14 2340 - uptempo '50s-style II vocal; excellent.
[Connelly*O-MA]
- 846 unID, FEB 14 2220 - SAH, bits of audio almost equal to co-channel
Italy. I'd like to think South Africa; obviously this is going
to require some further attempts. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., FEB 14 0537 - SS teletalk; good.
[Connelly*H-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, FEB 14 2339 - Koranic male vocal; over Spain &
others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 873 GERMANY, AFN, Frankfurt, FEB 14 2339 - US EE talk mixing with
Spain, then fading under it. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 873 SPAIN, SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, FEB 14 0538 - slightly echoey
SS talk; poor to fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 14 0540 - strident AA talk by man then an
interval of rock-like music with flutes, drums, and strings.
Monster signal, at least 15 dB stronger than the WBPS/WLS/Cuba
mix on 890. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Moorside Edge et al., FEB 14 2338 - man in
EE; fair, hetted by Gambia-907.8 and WABI-910. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 918 SPAIN, R. Intercontinental, Madrid, FEB 14 0542 - SS talk,
teletalk; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 936 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 0543 - // 684 with SS sports talk;
poor to fair, in mix with others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 945 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Toulouse, FEB 14 0653 - FF talk by man; fair.
[Connelly*H-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, FEB 14 2337 - SS news by woman; good.
[Connelly*H-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 14 0652 - group AA vocal; fair.
[Connelly*H-MA]
- 981 unID's, FEB 14 2336 - a three-station mix here rather than
clear-cut Algerian dominance. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, FEB 14 2335 - fast SS talk by man; in CKBW
slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS, Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, FEB 14 2335
- non-SER SS talk; fair over other station, fast SAH.
[Connelly*O-MA]
- 1017 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 2335 - SS talk in messy mix with
Germany and others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 14 2334 - SER SS talk atop the channel;
a second station was just a bit under. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebba-Aioun, FEB 14 2320 - drumming (sounding like metal
pipes being banged together), Berber-type tribal yelling; loud,
over Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 14 2319 - // 1575 with SS teletalk;
briefly over Morocco. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO, Tanger, FEB 14 2258 - AA flute music; dominant over Talk
Radio, UK. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, Start Point et al., FEB 14
2258 - // 1089 with man & woman in EE; under Morocco.
[Connelly*O-MA]
- 1071 SPAIN, EI, Bilbao, FEB 14 2300 - fast SS news; splittable from
strong CBA-1070. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, FEB 14 2257 - people on
phone-in talked about their love relationships. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, FEB 14 2301 - woman with Slavic-language news;
over Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1098 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 2301 - SS talk; under Slovakia.
[Connelly*O-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 2302 - SS news by man & woman; to
very good peaks (although with a choppy SAH). [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1116 SPAIN / ITALY, FEB 14 2302 - SS and apparent II tal mixing.
[Connelly*O-MA]
- 1125 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 2303 - SS news by woman; loud.
[Connelly*O-MA]
- 1134 CROATIA, HR, Zadar, FEB 14 2332 - Slav rock music; huge, now much
stronger than Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]

- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 14 2304 - SS news; slightly over Croatia. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 14 2304 - SS news seemed to be // 1134; choppy.
+ FEB 14 2332 - SS news; good, over jumble. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 2305 - at first the channel was a 4-station jumble; by 2306 UTC Spain came decisively atop with SS talk. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, FEB 14 2306 - SER SS news; over Sweden. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1179 SWEDEN, Solvesborg, FEB 14 2306 - Swedish talk; slightly behind Spain-Canaries. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1188 unID, FEB 14 2331 - Jackson Browne (or similar) vocal; poor. Hungary? [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1197 SPAIN, EI, Vitoria, FEB 14 2322 - // (strong) 1071 with C&W-influenced SS vocal; good, over 2 others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Bordeaux, FEB 14 0644 - FF talk, female vocal; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
+ FEB 14 2323 - FF; poor, over weak 1205 het. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 14 2324 - fast SS talk; under Virgin R., UK. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin R. synchros, FEB 14 2324 - "Owner of a Lonely Heart" by Yes; good; over Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1224 SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 14 2324 - fast SS talk / teletalk; poor with low-pitched growl. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1242 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Marseille, FEB 14 2325 - old-fashioned FF male vocal; good. This was easy with local WBUR-1240 phase-nulled to the dirt. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1250.8 unID, FEB 14 2326 - very weak 200 Hz het against Libya. Has been noted before, but never ID'ed. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, FEB 14 2244 - string music, then man in AA mentioned Allah and the names of several Arab countries. Excellent local-like signal, demolishing 1250. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1269 GERMANY, Neumbuster, FEB 14 2327 - woman in GG; getting past strong CJCB/WTSN-1270. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1286 CAMEROON, Yaounde, FEB 14 2328 - Afro-FF talk by man; poor. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1287 SLOVAKIA (/ CZECH REPUBLIC ?), FEB 14 2245 - Slavic talk by man; slightly over others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, FEB 14 2307 - SS telephone interview; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1305 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 2330 - // 1413 with '50s type rock-blues vocal, pips on the half hour, then woman in SS gave R. Nacional de Espana ID; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK, Kvitsoy, FEB 14 2248 - pop-rock vocal, then man in Norwegian, followed by a C&W-style Norwegian female vocal; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1332 ITALY, Rome et al., FEB 14 2248 - man & woman in II; to good peak. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND, BBC, Lisnagarvey, FEB 14 2249 - US night-club & showtune songs, then man in EE; barely over a big jumble of others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, FEB 14 2240 - AA vocal & strings; hacked up a bit by Irish fiddling on strong CKAD - 1350. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1359 SPAIN, Arganda, FEB 14 2250 - SS man & woman; poor to fair through slop. This got louder later on. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1386 RUSSIA-KALININGRAD, V.O. Russia, Bolshakovo, FEB 14 2239 - US-accented EE religious program; HUGE, better than semi-local WPLM on 1390 ! [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1395 NETHERLANDS, Lopik, FEB 14 2238 - Dutch teletalk with man & woman; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1413 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 2252 - // 603 with "Superfreak" by Rick James.
+ FEB 14 2330 - // 1305 with rock-blues vocal, pips on the half hour, then woman in SS with R. Nacional de Espana ID; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1422 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 14 2227 - undoubtedly this with FF talk;

- atop Germany at the time. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Hausweiler, FEB 14 2311 - woman in GG; excellent, now way over Algeria. Entertainment- quality signal with the R8A in 6 kHz bandwidth. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, FEB 14 2233 - interspersed music and AA talk by man; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1485 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 14 2312 - fast SER SS news by man; just over a pig-pile of others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1512 BELGIUM, Wolvèrtem, FEB 14 2228 - woman with EE news item about the Chief of Staff at the R. A. F. commenting on Iraq and Kuwait. Loud signal, easily getting by WNRB. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Duba, FEB 14 2228 - man with serious-sounding AA talk with compressed telephone-type audio. Big signal. SAH present, probably from SER Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1544 ALGERIA - CLANDESTINE, Tindouf, FEB 14 2225 - AA speech or sermon by man; local-like. There was a very weak 1.1 kHz low- side het (i.e. from 1542.9) in the background. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1548 KUWAIT, VOA, Kuwait City, FEB 14 2315 - US EE talk by man & woman; slopped. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 14 2318 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; atop romantic music (likely Italy) and bits of a third station that seemed AA. [Connelly*O-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 705 ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES, Kingstown, FEB 14 0458 - presumably this with a good strength carrier. Audio, if present, wasn't strong enough to make it past WOR slop. I don't see this station being reported that often - it wasn't even on Jay Novello's recent Caribbean cruise DX log report. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1060 CUBA, CMDX, Baracoa, FEB 14 2259 - instrumental version of "Guantanamera", then woman in SS; loud signal with typical compressed audio. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1505 ANGUILLA, R. Anguilla, The Valley, FEB 14 2314 - Carib-EE news to good peaks. Adjacent 1502/1503 was a total traffic-jam of hets and growls. [Connelly*O-MA]

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[2/12] Greetings! It's been awhile since I reported! I accessed two interesting websites Bruce Portzer mentioned in his fine DXWW-II column in the 1/10/98 DXM. The New Zealand government's site lists all commercial MW stations, but no beacons. The address of the NZ Radio DX League was incorrect, though; it's www.navigators.co.nz/nzrdx1 and contains a wealth of DX info. The beacon list is only for LW, though. There is a link to an Australian DX club and its lists and publications, as well as links to U.S. sites. Check it out. By the way, its beacon list contains this interesting info: some beacons are switched on only as an airplane approaches, so hearing them is a matter of chance as much as DX conditions. I'm delighted to see the new station grant for Hanover, NH on 720 with 50,000 watts, DA-2. I think that means it's non-directional days, so might be a prime DX target around sunrise. 1620 has been my lucky frequency this season with a new country (Argentina) and a new state (Alabama). To me the primary benefit of the X-band right now is an indicator of DX conditions. If

WJDM-1660 is in strong, it's a tip to try for WCBS-880 and other wanted EC stations. If WCMQ-1700 is strong, then VOA-1180-Marathon, FL might make it. If Argentina-1620 is there along with WPHG, then CB118-1180 in Chile might come through. Many thanks to Ralph for publishing our fine bulletin again this season. 73 and good DX to all.

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mas - major storm	spe - satellite proton event
mis - minor storm	ss - severe storm

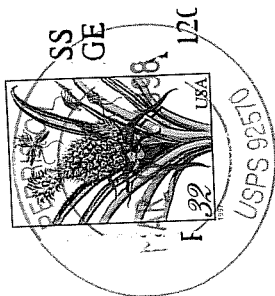
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17	105	8	4	low	quiet-mas	-
18	103	26	1	low	quiet-active	-
2/19	99	4	1	very low	quiet-active	-

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