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CPC DX TESTS SUMMARY

 CPC Chairperson (IRCA) - Lynn Hollerman - gmhollerman@mindspring.com

- 1/ 1/00 Sat - 0300-???? - 1420 - KSTN - Stockton CA (IRCA)
- 1/ 9/00 Sun - 0030-0045 - 1500 - WFIF - Milford CT (IRCA)
- * 1/17/00 Mon - 0400-0500 - 760 - WVNE - Worcester MA (IRCA)
- * 1/23/00 Sun - 0000-0100 - 1090 - KTNS - Oakhurst CA (IRCA)
- * 1/30/00 Sun - 0100-0300 - 1450 - WILM - Wilmington DE (NRC)
- * - 0100-0130 - 630 - WMAL - Washington DC (IRCA)

SCHEDULED TEST THAT DID NOT AIR... pb

Saturday, December 18, 2000 - WAAT-750, Olyphant, PA will conduct a DX test from 12:00 am - 2:00 am EST. The test will include tones, code IDs, and POLKA MUSIC. Phone calls (prepaid only) may be made to 570-342-7575.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Kevin Fennessey
 WAAT-AM
 WAAT Bank Towers Building
 321 Spruce St. 3rd Floor
 Scranton, PA 18502

(Arranged by Dave Schmidt for the NRC CPC.)

"...Due to antenna damage, the WAAT test scheduled for 12/18 has to be rescheduled for a later date. We had an ice storm go through the area on the 14th which damaged the antenna. Repairs should be made in the next few days but the TEST will have to be rescheduled for January." Dave

ADDRESS UPDATE. Concerning the WJIB-740 DX test on 12/20/99, I have received mail from the station owner alerting me to the fact that the address given for QSLs was out of date (2 years old), and mail sent there WILL NOT be forwarded. The CORRECT ADDRESS FOR QSLs IS:

Mr. Bob Bittner
 Owner/Manager
 WJIB-AM
 443 Concord Av
 Cambridge, MA 02138

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And please remember to include a SASE with your reception report!

Saturday, January 1, 2000 - KSTN-1420, Stockton, CA will conduct a DX test from 12:00 am - ? am PST (3:00 am - ? EST). Request line - (209)948-1420 - will be open to go on the air with New Year's greetings. The format will be '70s disco music. There will be a prize drawing from all reports received for a souvenir piece of the transmitter.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Paul Shinn
Chief Engineer
KSTN-AM
2171 Ralph Avenue
Stockton, CA 95206

E-mail: KSTN@broadcast.net

(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

Sunday, January 9, 2000 - WFIF-1500, Milford, CT will conduct a DX test from 12:30 am - 12:45 am EST. The test will include tones, voice IDs, and Morse code IDs. Also note, International DX reports will ONLY be replied to via E-MAIL. For Domestic US reports only, they *MUST* include a SASE. Again, INTERNATIONAL reports will *ONLY* be responded to via E-MAIL.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. William Barnett
Engineer
WFIF Radio
90 Kay Ave.

Milford, CT 06460

E-mail: WFIF@aol.com

WWW: <http://www.lifechangingradio.com>

Monday, January 17, 2000 - WVNE-760, Worchester, MA will conduct a DX test from 4:00 am - 5:00 am EST. The test will include tones, voice IDs, and Morse code IDs. Power will be 25 kW directional daytime pattern.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Lincoln W. Hubbard (N1ATU)
Chief Engineer
WVNE-AM
52 Park View
Warwick, RI 02888

(Please note: Use this address for QSLs!)

E-mail: wvne@aol.com

(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

Sunday, January 23, 2000 - KTNS-1090, Oakhurst, CA will conduct a DX test from 9:00pm-10:00pm PST (12:00 am-1:00 am EST). The test will consist of "Music of your life". The test will be run at KTNS's full daytime power of 1000 watts and a non-directional antenna pattern will be used.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Larry W. Gamble

General Manager

KTNS-AM

40356 Oak Park Way

Oakhurst, CA 93612

Email: mtkaat@sierratel.com

(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

Sunday, January 30, 2000 - WMAL-630, Washington, DC will conduct a DX test from 1:00 am - 1:30 am EST. The test will consist of Morse code Ids inserted into regular programming at the top of the hour. According to CE John Butler, the station will be running "When Radio Was" at this time, an anthology of classic radio shows.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. John Butler

WMAL-AM

4400 Jenifer St. NW

Washington, DC 20015

Email: John.C.Butler@abc.com

(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

Monday, January 30, 2000 - WILM-1450, Wilmington, DE will conduct a DX test from 1:00 am - 3:00 am EST. The test will include a combination of tones, sirens, and unique music, all correlated to specific times, and will run during the test time except for a brief period after the top of each hour. A special millenium QSL, which may be seen in the January 2000 PopCom, will be issued. Prepaid phone calls at 302-656-8134 will be accepted, and reception reports with a SASE are preferred.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Allen Loudell

Program Director

WILM-AM

1215 French St.

Wilmington, DE 19801

(Arranged by Allen Loudell for the NRC CPC.)

If you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via either e-mail or in rec.radio.shortwave! And if you send a reception report to a station, please remember to include return postage with your report...

CPC RESULTS & INFO

I may have another DX test for us - WVNE-760 in Leichester, MA (mailing address is in Warwick, RI, tho). The CE, Linclon Hubbard, tells me that his station's 25kW is mainly directed out to sea, and that the signal to the SW is blocked by WJR. I have tried to contact WJR and see if they'd go off for an hour while WVNE tested, like WGN-720 did for KUAI-720 back in 1992, but I haven't heard from WJR. Can anyone on this list help me with this? Anyone know anyone at WJR?

Thanks... Lynn.

Here's the results of the most recent DX test that have been received here:

WMIB-1660, Marco Island, FL tested Sunday, November 28, 1999 from 12:00-4:00 am EST:

Gordon Bell (WA2YQY), near Troy, NY (upstate NY) heard the test pretty well on a Kenwood R-5000 w/random wire. David Cox in Birmingham, AL heard this test from 0321-0337 EST with a poor to fair signal, about the same as the signal from WQSN in MI. Tom Jasinski in Shorewood, IL reports he heard this test well. Bob Smolarek says the WMIB test made it to his QTH in High Bridge, NJ. Brian (SuperCFL@aol.com) in Greensboro, NC says he heard the test pretty well with WRRU-NJ dominant at times and WQSN underneath. Peter Scherwat in Sweden reports he heard WMIB at his location, so well that he was able to call the station on his cell phone after hearing the phone number announced! Jeffdeck@aol.com in Columbus, OH reports he was able to receive the WMIB test under WQSN-MI. Also, Jerry Bond in Rochester, NY reports he heard the test from 0120-0230 EST and up until about 0200, WMIB was mostly under WQSN and WRRU, but then WMIB's signal was often dominant.

HOWEVER...

Mike Stonebridge in St. Isidore, AB, Canada, tried for the test, but only heard KXOL, as was the case for Chuck Boehnke in Keaau, HI, Frank Aden (N7SOK) in Boise, ID, and Ragnar Danneskjold in Mesa, AZ, tho Ragnar reports he also picked up KRZX. Patrick Martin in Seaside, OR, also heard mainly KXOL, as well as some stations he was unable to identify. Pat Griffith in Westminster, CO says he heard mainly a dominant KXOL, as well as an UNID with sports talk (perhaps MI?), and a loud het that lasted a few minutes at 0000 and mixed with the other signals on his Kenwood R-600 w/Palomar loop.

THE 2000 IRCA CONVENTION

The 2000 IRCA convention will be held August 25,26,and 27 in Billings, MT. The convention will be hosted by John and Nancy Johnson. Contact them for further details... or check out their site.

IRCA's 2000 Convention has a web site for complete information.
http://pages.prodigy.net/john_johnson/irca2000.htm

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF - phil bytheway

This action packed issue has ALL the regular columns!!! Many thanks to Ralph, who, once again, took on the task of preparing SDXM the last two weeks while I was on travel in RI. I'm working for Teknologic now... but still have the use of Raytheon facilities until sometime in January. Tek's email is not up yet, but should be soon. I'll keep you posted. pb

IRCA 1999-2000 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 1999-2000 DX season. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a free year SDXM/HDXM membership in the IRCA.

The last 5 TVA winners are not eligible for the award. They are Mike Sanburn, John C Johnson, Pat Martin, Phil Bytheway and Lynn Hollerman. Any other IRCA member can be nominated and last year's winner, Mike Sanburn is coordinating the nominations.

Also up for voting is the Heald Award. The purpose of the Heald Award is to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year (1998-9). Phil Bytheway, Ralph Sanserino, JD Stephens, Lee Freshwater and Nick Hall-Patch 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 the names and a brief description why the person should receive either award to: Mike Sanburn, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707

Deadline for receiving nominations is February 1 2000.

IRCA Foreign Log #10 is NOW available from the IRCA Bookstore for \$10.00 US. Overseas, add \$2.00 US for airmail delivery. This edition contains ALL the SDXM DXWW-E and DXWW-W tips from 9/96 to 7/99... almost three years of material! All collated and in frequency order by TA, PA and TP for each DXWW column.

2000 M STREET RADIO DIRECTORY (9th Edition)

The IRCA Bookstore is proud to announce that the 'M Street Corporation' has agreed to offer a discount on their 2000 'M Street Radio Directory' to DXers ordering through the IRCA Bookstore. The Directory contains a complete listing of over 15,000 radio stations (AM/FM, US/Canada) including the following information: facilities, ownership, formats, LMAs, station personnel, phone numbers (and FAX), addresses, ratings, as well as information on almost 400 radio markets in the US and Canada. Stations are listed by location (complete info), frequency (frequency, call, location, power and pattern) and call (call, frequency, location) and market (frequency, call, location, rating, format). It also includes a former call reference (old call, location and current call). Major network information (addresses/phone numbers/etc) and several interesting radio articles are included as well.

The price to US and Canadian DXers ordering through the IRCA Bookstore is \$40.00 post paid (UPS address required). The book is expected to be out by February 2000 (usual disclaimer on date 'cause we can't be sure!). Retail will be \$72.00.

Europe - add \$5.00 for surface, \$19.20 for airmail delivery.

Australia/New Zealand - add \$5.00 for surface, \$27.25 for airmail delivery.

IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334

(all checks payable to Phil Bytheway)

NOTE IRCA DUES STRUCTURE WHEN RENEWING

SDXM - WORLD - \$10.00

USA - DXM \$20.00, DXM/SDXM \$25.00

Canada - DXM \$22.00, DXM/SDXM \$27.00

Overseas surface - DXM \$23.50, DXM/SDXM \$28.50

Airmail (Central America, Caribbean) - DXM \$35.00, DXM/SDXM \$40.00

Airmail (Europe, North Africa, Middle East) - DXM - \$38.00,

DXM/SDXM - \$43.00

Airmail (rest of the World) - DXM - \$41.00, DXM/SDXM \$46.00

IRCA's web site check it out!!

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/5792/>

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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SECTION 1:

FORMAT CHANGES:

AL Carrville	WACQ-1130	was talk, now ABC oldies
AZ Lake Havasu Cty	KNTR- 980	was KBBC, WW1 stds., now talk
AR Farmington	KFAY-1030	was talk, adds nx/sports
AR Springdale	KZRA-1590	was regional Mexican, to be JRN ranchera (La Buena) (January)
CA Fowler	KQEQ-1210	was urban, now regional Mexican //KXEX
CA Salinas	KTXX-1460	was silent, to be sports "The Dude" (M Street reported this as on air, but they are not yet as of 12/20/99-ed.)
CA Salinas	KTOM-1380	was sports, to be JRN classic country (when KTXX comes on, KTOM will move sports pgming to KTXX-ed.)
FL North Miami Bch	WKAT-1360	was ethnic, now SS talk, stds. (receives sat. pgming from Colombia overnights)
GA Ellijay	WPGY-1560	was WJLA, s. gospel//FM, adds talk (reains sim of WLJA-FM classic country AM drives)
GA North Atlanta	WCNN- 680	was nx/talk, to be nx/talk (4/3/00) (will broadcast African/American focused nx/talk format)
MI Flint	WTRX-1330	was sports//WMAX, now 1 on 1 sports
NY Riverhear	WFOG-1570	was WRHD, classic hits//FM, rptd silent (off due to vandalism, expects to be back on by spring)
NY Rochester	WLGZ- 990	was WDCZ, religion, now AS
NY Schenectady	WVKZ-1240	was sports, now AS//WUAM (new call letters expected shortly)
OK Muskogee	KBIX-1490	was sports, now oldies
TN Benton	WBIN-1540	was S gospel, now Lifetalk cont Xtian/religion
TN Germantown	WOWW-1430	was black gospel, now Xmas music
BC Kelowna	CKOV- 630	was talk, stds., now AC
BC Nanaimo	CKEG-1570	was country, now oldies
BC Parksville	CKCI-1350	was oldies, now oldies//CKEG (retains local morning drive show)

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

CA San Francisco	KIQI-1010	mod. CP to inc. to 50000-N, DA-2
FL Blountstown	WYBT-1000	inc. to 5000-D, ND

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

AL Birmingham	WMKI- 850	becomes WYDE
AZ Lake Havasu Cty	KBBC- 980	becomes KNTR "News Talk Radio"
DE Wilmington	WAMS-1380	requests WTMC
GA Ellijay	WLJA-1560	becomes WPGY
NE Omama	WOW - 590	becomes KOMJ "Majic (Magic) 590"
NY Riverhead	WRHD-1570	becomes WFOG
NY Rochester	WDCZ- 990	becomes WLGZ "Legends"
NY Watkins Glen	WBZD-1490	becomes WGMF
OK Duncan	KKEN-1350	requests KXCD
PA Johnstown	WJAC- 850	becomes WODZ "Oldies"

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. passes on the following info from Blake Lawrence of San Francisco, CA.:

In my quest to ID a 1230 catch posted to this list on Sunday, I did a web search and found the email address of the former owner of KLLK-1250 Willits, CA. He recently sold the station and yes, KDAC-1230, KUKI-1400, and KLLK-1250 are now a 3-way fulltime news-talk simulcast.

Dave Gordon of San Jose, CA. passes on the following info from "Eric" of the Hudson Valley Message Board:

WDCD-1540 AM reverts calls back to WPTR, Monday, 20-Dec-1999 21:06:21

Heard at 9pm tonight on 96.7.. "This is 96.7 WDCD-FM Clifton Park-Albany and AM 1540 WPTR-Albany".

There was a rumor on Northeast Radio Watch of 1540 going from Religion to Standards, I think we have evidence its on the way. Owner Don Crawford has been converting his other stations in the same way.

What happens to 96.7? Stays Religion. Goes to Standards with 1540. Goes to another format hole. Sold off.

Also, the towers had WPTR letters on them for years and was recently replaced with WDCD ones, I hope they saved the old ones.

Pete Taylor of Tacoma, WA. passes along the following:

970 - KFTA - Rupert, ID. The calls here are KFTA (not KTFA), as in "Fantastico 9-70." As I am sure you (ye ad-ed.) vividly recall, I heard SS on 11/11 so presumed it was Bakersfield. After hearing SS several other times, I presumed it was the Rupert station. On the phone, the secretary kept calling it "KTFA," even after I spelled it out phonetically. After seeing M Street's reference to it as KFTA, I called back and the apologetic secretary confirmed it was KFTA. Address is 120 S. 300 W., Rupert ID 83350 and the manager is Benjamin Reed.

Pat Martin sends along the following:

1670 WFKC502 CA, MENLO PARK, rec nice letter from: Dominick Peloso - Support Services Commander in 8d. Address: City of Menlo Park - 701 Laurel Street - Menlo Park CA 94025-3483. 10 watts.

Mike Brooker of Toronto, ON. sends along the following:

WJL-1440 Niagara Falls, NY is off the air as of today (12/17/99-ed.), because of a fire that destroyed much of their studio. Not known how long before they return. They were planning to move to a new facility in West Seneca, NY in a few weeks anyway, according to a news item I heard on WBEN-930.

Pat Martin also sends along the following:

1680 TIS CA, San Mateo County? Probably the new one running SF NOAA Wx radio at 0200 EST 12/17 mixing with Northstar-Lake Tahoe.

Eric Bueneman of St. Louis, MO. passes along the following:

KZJZ-1380 St. Louis, MO, which had been running a traditional Jazz format since July 1998, pulled the plug on the format (and the station) on December 10, 1999. The station, which is owned by Reverend B.T. Rice, had been having some financial difficulties.

The station operated with a daytime power of 5,000 watts from a transmitter site at Chouteau Island, IL, across from the northern tip of St. Louis. The nighttime signal, which operated with 1,000 watts, originated from a transmitter site near Dupou, IL, across from Mehlville, MO. The site had been used since 1984, and had trouble covering metropolitan St. Louis outside the Interstate 270-Interstate 255 loop.

The station came on the air as KWK, that three-letter call was dropped in 1984. Its most successful incarnation over the last 15 years

has been as an Oldies station (KGLD), which ran from 1984 to 1991. After that, it tried an all-Sports format (KASP, 1991-93), then two periods of simulcasting a Top 40 format (1993-95 and 1996-97, all as WKBQ), an all-talk format (1995-96, as WKBQ and KRAM), and simulcasting a Hot Country format (1997-98 as WKBQ, simulcasting WKKK). Reverend Rice accepted the station as a donation from Emmis Broadcasting in 1998. They tried an all-talk format as KKWK for five months, before switching to the jazz format in July 1998 (taking the KZJZ calls the following month).

The station has been silent before (both times as KWK)...first during the early 1960s, and a long period from 1973 to 1978, before Doubleday returned KWK to the air as a Rock Hits station.

No word on who will come forward and buy the station. Whoever does would have to find a way to better cover the St. Louis market at night.

Rich Toebe of Fairfield, CA. passes along the following (confirmed by ye ed.):

Last Saturday (12/10/99-ed.) I noticed that KJAX (1280 Stockton, CA. ed.) changed calls! They're still doing "Ho Ho Ho 1280" slogans, with wall to wall Xmas music, but the top of the hour ID is now KUYL. You know that call sign won't last with the next format change. (Unless they call themselves "Cool", hi.)

Pat Martin also sends along the following:

1680 CA, LAKE TAHOE, rec. E Mail QSL in three hours. 10W. Address: bhamilton.ns@boothcreek.com. IDs are "North Star" which is the Ski Resort there.

1680 CA, SAN MATEO. New County TIS expected on in about a week (about 12/21/99-ye ed.) per Gary Jackson (Sacramento, CA-ye ed.). Also 10 watts.

1680 TIS CA, LAKE TAHOE, E Mail QSL rec. in 3 hours from: Bob Hamilton- Sales Dept. 10 watts. operated by the North Star Ski Resort. Address: bhamilton.ns@boothcreek.com

Chuck Boehnke of Honolulu, HI. passes along the following (via Pat Martin):

A new TIS type station is testing at this very moment (1225 UTC Sunday 12/12/99) on 1610 kHz from an unknown location in Hawaii. It is relaying Weather Station KBA99 with the flood warnings due to the bad weather we have been having, heavy rains etc. Every 30 seconds a make voice interrupts the broadcast with "Testing, one, two, three, four, five"! First time heard here. Signal is good but with fades so I doubt it is local or very close to me. Possibly it is a special transmission because of the weather conditions, or it might be a new service. If it is new, it would be Hawaii's second TIS type as there is one on 530 kHz at Hawaii Volcano National Park here on the Big Island which I hear regularly.

Pat Martin also sends along the following:

There is a new TIS operated by the City of Menlo Park on 1670 khz. Heard weakly here. In fact I just logged it and the phone rang and it was Gary Jackson (Sacramento, CA-ye ed.). He also heard it this morning. Right now the message says something like "This is a test transmission, 1670 AM, from the city of Menlo Park California...."

SECTION 2:

FORMAT CHANGES:

AR Dumas KDDA-1560 was urban AC //KZYP, rptd silent (expects to return w/s gospel fmt early 2000)

GA Atlanta	WGKA-1190	was fine arts, to be religion (March 2000)
GA Milledgeville	WMVG-1450	was TWM cont Xtian, to be talk/sports (TWM network will cease operation 12/31).
MD Brunswick	WTRI-1520	was SS religion, to be Korean upon sale
MS Carthage	WSSI-1080	was silent, to be talk sports (1/2000)
MO St. Louis	KZJZ-1380	was jazz, rptd. silent (expects to return with new format soon)
NC Albemarle	WZKY-1580	was JRN stds., now JRN oldies
NC Cherryville	WCSL-1590	was country, sports, now oldies, sports (WCSL format "The Net" is simulcast on WGNC, WLON and WOHS)
NC Gastonia	WGNC-1450	was C&W, sports //WCSL, now oldies, sports //WCSL
NC Lincolnton	WLON-1050	was C&W, sports //WCSL, now oldies, sports //WCSL
NC Shelby	WOHS- 730	was C&W, sports //WCSL, now oldies, sports //WCSL (has also dropped Rush Limbaugh)
TX Port Arthur	KALO-1250	was urban AC, gospel, rptd. silent
TX Post	KPOS-1370	was country, rptd silent (returned license to FCC)
VA Appomattox	WWAR-1280	was silent, now black gospel
VA Moneta	WVLR- 880	was stds//WLQE-FM, now CNN nx/talk, (adds SRN's Michael Medved)
VA Narrows	WNRV- 990	was silent, now gospel//WWWR
VA Winchester	WNTW- 610	was talk, sports, now cont Xtian (new format debuts 12/26 playing Xmas mx)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

OK Moore	WWLS- 640	inc. to 5000-D, changes to DA-2 from DA-N
WA Selah	KJOX- 980	changes to DA-2 from DA-N

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

QU Montreal	CKNN- 940	becomes CINW "940 News"
QU Verdun	CKVL- 690	becomes CINF "Info 690"

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. passes on following info from Blake Lawrence of San Francisco, CA.:

KTRB-860 has filed an application to move day site 56 miles NNE of existing single site near Modesto, 2nd proposal has them putting day site in Sacramento River delta, near Pittsburgh, CA., 50 kw. ND. Night site still would be near Modesto, but with 50 kw., ex-10 kw. nights.

Pat also forwards the following tips from Pete Taylor of Tacoma, WA.:

KKGR-680 East Helena, MT. operates with 5 kw. 6AM - 6 PM, MST during winter, and changed format from C&W to oldies, as in "Good Time Oldies".
CJVI-900 Victoria, BC. carries 3 hour "Rona shows" around 10 PM, PST, otherwise carries "Decades" format (Music from 60's to 80's). Music is produced at their station. Station will move to FM during summer/fall of 2000.

CKBI-900 Prince Albert, SK. also produces its own music, basically a blend of whatever they want (oldies, country, etc.). CKBI has one FM and is acquiring another.

Pat Martin sends along the address for the TIS on 1670 khz, in Menlo Park, CA.:

Dominick Peloso, Support Services Commander, Menlo Park Police Dept., 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA. 94025-3483

Pat also sends along info that KBOI-670 Boise, ID. is now 50 kw. nights,

changed pattern to mainly north with 6 towers, as KIRN-670 Simi Valley, CA. will be boosting power in the near future. KIRN made a deal with KBOI, apparently.

Pat also sends information along from Pte Kemp as posted by Joe Dugan on the NY Radio Board 12/21/99:

WPTR-1540 Albany, NY. now using these calls, the new format which will be stds. is also on their 96.7 FM frequency.

Jim Hilliker of Monterey, CA. passes on the following:

The FCC has given the OK for KTXX-1460 Salinas, CA. to operate, they tested at full power on 12/18, should go on air with sportstalk between now (12/26) and 1/1 or shortly thereafter. The Dude-Sportsradio 1380 (KTOM- Salinas, CA. -ed.) is running promos that they'll soon be switching to 1460. KTOM-1380 will have their new classic country format then, and 1460 will switch to talk format sometime in 2000, possibly by next summer.

Hope everyone has a Merry Xmas, happy Y2K and happy winter solstice (along with the brightest full moon in years on 12/22!). Next column will be in the new millenium. Peace on earth and hope that your DX is the best you've ever had. 73's.

5 days till the new millenium! Hope the power stays on, hi. 73's.

FCC

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PREPARED ON 12/26/99

CALL SIGN CHANGES

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER CALL
WKYH	PAINTSVILLE, KY	600	WKLW
WWKK	PETOSKEY, MI	750	WJNL
KFTA	RUPERT, ID	970	KBBK
WMKI	BOSTON, MA	1260	WPZE
KUYL	STOCKTON, CA	1280	KJAX
KSLG	ST. LOUIS, MO	1380	KZJZ
KBLJ	LA JUNTA, CA	1400	K9ZZ
WPTR	ALBANY, NY	1540	WDCD

* The F.C.C. does NOT list the frequency in their database. I have tried to suplliment this with information from my own database, so look it over "carefully" before you change anything in yours.

We have put this information in order of frequency rather than location. Send any suggestions, changes AND corrections to the above E-Mail address.

IRCA BOOKSTORE

***** IRCA Bookstore, send the correct amount (in US funds payable to Phil Bytheway) to: IRCA BOOKSTORE, 9705 MARY NW, SEATTLE WA 98117-2334

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

Nancy Johnson - 265 Waterton Way - Billings MT 59102-7755
Electronic Mail: Internet: nancyjohnson@uswestmail.net
WDXR DEADLINES: Each Friday. Please use Eastern Time.

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using Sangean ATS606 and Radio Shack 15-1853 tuned loop
- (LG) Larry Godwin-2390 Clydes Dale Lane-Missoula, MT 59804
lbg@selway.umd.edu
Hammarlund HQ-150, Sanserino air-core box loop & KIWA loop
- (GH) Glen Hansen-3585 SE Franklin St.-Portland, OR 97202
Hammarlund HQ-150, various longwires, Sanserino box loop
(GH-OR2) DX'in in St. Helens, OR with HQ-150, 50' folded dipole antenna
- (GJ) Gary Jackson-7735 Center Parkway-Sacramento, CA 95823
FRG 880 & KIWA loop
- (PM) Patrick Martin-P.O. Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138-0843
Drake R8, 1500' E Beverage, 900' NNW Beverage, 40' vertical,
term. EWE antenna, ANC-4
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Sangean 803-A portable
- (NP) Nigel Pimblett-1146 Queen Street-Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1B4
Kenwood R-5000, Collins HF-2050, Beverage antennas
- (PT) Pete Taylor-6002 Bayview Dr. NE-Tacoma, WA 98422-1227
Sony 2010, KIWA air core loop
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Pontiac Delco car radio
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GE Superadio, Select-A-Tenna, HQ-180A, Radio West loop

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1280 KUYL CA, Stockton with non-stop Christmas music format; started
around Thanksgiving with this format and the KJAX calls,
but noted with KUYL calls 12/12 1800. As they are
apparently going oldies after the holidays, I don't think
these calls will last. (RT-CA)
+12/20 0558 good under KDYL (don't get these two mixed up,
hi) with ID "Straight from the North Pole, KUYL, Stockton,
ho, ho, hi, twelve-eighty," into "Chestnuts Roasting On An
Open Fire" by Johnny Mathis. Call change, ex- KJAX. (RW-CA)
- *****
- 530 TIS MT, Eureka 12/17 2058 tape loop with man advising that this
was a test of the Lincoln County Emergency Preparedness
Department. Different format to the message from the other
two stations. (NP-AB)
- TIS MT, Libby 12/17 2057 tape loop by a woman announcer advising
that this was a test of the Lincoln County Emergency
Preparedness Radio System for the Libby area. (NP-AB)
- TIS MT, Troy 12/17 2106 almost identical tape loop to the Libby
station, except using a male voice, and replacing "Libby"
with "Troy" in the announcement. (NP-AB)
- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 11/20 0915-0925 "News, weather, traffic"
announcement and LA traffic reports by (sounded like) Mike

Olin (I was half asleep!). (FE-HI)

690 XETRA BCN, Tijuana 11/20 0800 strong with call ID in Spanish by woman, then Mexican national anthem. Man mentioned "Extra Sports" in English. (LG-MT)

710 KDIS CA, Los Angeles on top with two call ID's during Radio Disney program 2258-2301 12/13. Announcers gave phone number that sounded like 1-8880-KDIS-018, but when I dialed it, got a recording "not in service." (LG-MT)

760 (KFMB) CA, San Diego 12/13 0645 off 2nd MM in a row with open carrier... (RW-CA)

820 WYPA IL, Chicago 12/12 1831 ID as "AM 820 WYPA Chicago and 930 WAUR Sandwich-Chicago," then said good-bye to listeners until next morning, so apparently either s/off or powering down. New catch for me. (NP-AB)

850 KOA CO, Denver 11/28 with call sign announcement at 0200 as "Your 50,000 watt voice of the west, 850 KOA" with Radio Shack spot just prior to 0159, then followed by news of a mono-ski accident and the tight labor market for seasonal workers. (FE-HI)

CKLW ON, Windsor 11/28 0012-0210 Saturday Night Oldies program with Buddy Holly song "Oh Boy" at 0015, Paul Anka song with "Put Your Head on my Shoulder" lyrics at 0022. Seems a hard to believe catch for me, but he call was heard very clearly once then never again for confirmation. (FE-HI)

860 (KTRB) CA, Modesto 11/28 0208 call sign announcement with news & temperatures for the Modest area about 0219. (FE-HI)
+12/13 0648 off with open carrier, KBEE-UT in weak under open carrier with XEMO nulled. (RW-CA)

890 KQLX ND, Lisbon 12/12 1703 weather, ad for "KQLX Christmas Auction." (NP-AB)

910 KCJB ND, Minot 12/12 1904 weather, ID "This is 96-7 FM, KCJB AM, KYYX FM, Minot," into a country countdown program. New catch, and I was amazed to hear it way over CKDQ. (NP-AB)

920 CKCQ BC, Quesnel 12/18 0948 local ads, country music, slogan ID's as "Wild Country," Cariboo Radio news at 1000. (NP-AB)

930 KSEI ID, Pocatello 12/15 0100 legal ID into sports talk program. Seldom heard. (GH-OR2)

990 KTMS CA, Santa Barbara 12/14 0050:45 good on top with spots, ID "... and the news is next on KTMS Santa Barbara." (PM-OR)

1030 KTWO WY, Casper 11/20 0030-0013 "Wyoming's Radio Station" promo and the "Truckin' Bozo Radio Show," spot for the Sunrise Shopping Center about 0130. (FE-HI)

1050 KCTC CA, San Mateo-Oakland 11/19 0035-0105 with "The New Ticket" and "Flagship Station of the Oakland Raiders" announcements with "Insider" on "Sports Fan Radio Network." (FE-HI)

1070 KNX CA, Los Angeles 11/19 0000-0100 "KNX 1070 Newstalk Radio" with "Lux Radio Theatre" program "How Green Was My Valley." (FE-HI)

KFDI KS, Wichita 12/12 1804 weather, mention of "KFDI News Centre," sung jingle ID. (NP-AB)

1090 KTGO ND, Tioga 12/12 1759 end of country song, s/off announcements by a man, then off after SB. (NP-AB)

WAQE WI, Rice Lake 12/12 1755 country music, "Northwest Wisconsin's favourite country songs of all time, Classic Country, AM 1090..." then lost to KTGO. (NP-AB)

1100 KFAX CA, San Francisco 11/23 0155-0202 religious programming. (FE-HI)

1120 KPNW OR, Eugene-Springfield 11/23 0050-0100 "News, traffic, weather" ABS affiliate, "American Longevity Products" spot

at 0052, health-type program with Dr. Joe Wallach as host.
(FE-HI)

1130 CKWX BC, Vancouver 11/22 0100 "All news, all day, all night" with news & weather report. (FE-HI)

1140 KHTK CA, Sacramento 11/25 0108-0130 "Sports Fan Radio Network" and spot for the Roseville Automall, and Adam in Green Bay call-in at 0112. (FE-HI)

1150 KXTA CA, Los Angeles 11/25 0105-0203 "Extra Sports 1150" announcement announcing NFL betting in Las Vegas with prediction of Green Bay over San Francisco by 6 points for 11/29 Monday night game (I don't recall it being anywhere like that close). (FE-HI)

KAGO OR, Kalmath Falls 12/10 0330 ID as "Newstalk radio 1150 KAGO" into news, then faded off into the slop. Seldom heard here. (GH-OR)

1160 KSL UT, Salt Lake City 11/22 0035-0100 with broadcast #3666 of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, in the 71st year of the program. (FE-HI)

1180 KOFI MT, Kalispell 12/13 0005 news into Talknet with Bruce Williams. Good signal. (GH-OR2)

1190 KKOJ MN, Jackson 12/12 1855 weather, "It's hot, it's new, it's Jackson - Spirit Lake 1190 KKOJ," into country music. (NP-AB)

KEX OR, Portland 11/22 0010-0040 with "Imagination Theatre." (FE-HI)

1230 ?KRXX? ID, Roxburg 12/14 seemed to be the very rapid call ID given in English at 2300. Man mentioned "Fiesta Mexicana" which may have been name of Spanish-language program in progress. (LG-MT)

KZZR OR, Burns 12/13 0310 good on top with C&W music with KVAS totally phased out with ANC-4. "All your country favorites on KZZR" into C&W music. (PM-OR)

1240 KSUE CA, Susanville 12/15 fair on top at 0559:45 with ID "Newstalk 1240, KSUE, Susanville." (PM-OR)

KWIK ID, Pocatello 12/15 0256 fair in jumble with "AM 1240 KWKW" IS. (PM-OR)

KQEN OR, Roseburg 12/15 0559:50 fair in jumble with ID mixing with KSUE, as "KQEN Roseburg." (PM-OR)

CKMK BC, Mackenzie 12/18 0959 heard through dominant CFNI with relay of 550 CKPG. Mentioned "CKPG Information Centre," and went into weather. Only 2nd time logged. (NP-AB)

CFNI BC, Port Hardy 12/18 1000 dominating the frequency, "From the north island's #1 news source, this is Coast Radio news." (NP-AB)

1250 KLLK CA, Willits 12/8 2000 fading up & down with Dr. Joy Brown into news with ID. Poor signal on SW wire. (GH-OR)

1280 KIT WA, Yakima 10/10 0300 news & talk program. Very weak signal on box loop mixing with unID. (GH-OR)

1320 KGDC WA, Walla Walla 12/8 0200 barely out there mixing with KFNZ. Did catch ID at the top of the hour into news. New log. (GH-OR)

1330 KWLO IA, Waterloo 12/12 0145 KWLO fair on top of & on with NOS format, ID's as "KWLO" and "Stars 13-30," a lot of Christmas tunes. (PM-OR)

KFH KS, Wichita 12/12 0215 good on top with "1330 KFH" ID and also what sounded like "Hot Talk 13-30," running Hilly Rose sitting in for Art Bell. (PM-OR)

KMNN MN, Minneapolis 12/12 good on top but trading places with others, ID's as "News Radio 1330, MNN," weather at 0215.

- Mixing with KFH. (PM-OR)
- 1370 KPCO CA, Quincy 12/14 1600 news and legal ID. Poor signal. A rare appearance. (GH-OR2)
- KUND ND, Grand Forks 12/12 1759 ID as "KFJM 90.7 and KUND 1370 AM, broadcasting from the campus of the University of North Dakota, here in Grand Forks," then PSA's, weather, and into "West Coast Live" program. New for me. (NP-AB)
- 1380 KSRV OR, Ontario 12/14 1605 man gave weather report into Dr. Laura show. (GH-OR2)
- 1400 KNND OR, Cottage Grove 12/14 fair on top with "Your home town station KNND Cottage Grove" at 0259:45. (PM-OR)
- KBJM ND, Lemmon 12/12 1752 presumed the one with ad about "Lemmon Bucks" promotion from the Lemmon Area Chamber of Commerce, then into oldies. (NP-AB)
- KLCK WA, Goldendale on top at 2300 12/16 with ID "Your 24-hour source for great oldies, 1400, KLCK." (LG-MT)
- 1410 KRML CA, Carmel 12/9 0858 jazz, AP network news at 0900, local news, sports and weather followed. Strong. (AB-CA)
- CFUN BC, Vancouver 12/13 0923 man with "C-Fun" slogan/ID, under KERN and KRML. (AB-CA)
- 1420 KULY KS, Ulysses 12/11 1910 Ulysses area ads, postgame show for Guymon vs Ulysses girls basketball, ID "You're listening to Tiger sports on KULY." (NP-AB)
- 1430 KMRB CA, San Gabriel 12/13 0914 man with KMRB ID, under local KJAY. New phone number is (626) 844-8882 which is in Pasadena, CA, under former call KALI. New. (AB-CA)
- 1450 KEZJ ID, Twin Falls made rare appearance at 2300 12/15 with call ID, mixing with several others. (LG-MT)
- 1460 KLTC ND, Dickinson 12/12 0259:45 totally topping KMWX with C&W music, ID "This is Real Country's KLTC Dickinson." (PM-OR)
- KMWX WA, Yakima 12/16 0200 ID into Bob Dylan song. Strong like a local. (GH-OR2)
- 1490 KBZY OR, Salem 12/10 0900 KBZY ID and ABC news. New. (AB-CA)
- KEYG WA, Grand Coulee 12/15 0259:50 good on top with "1490, KEYG, Grand Coulee." (PM-OR)
- 1510 KGA WA, Spokane 11/22 0000-0015 "ESPN Sports Network" talking about Sunday football results. (FE-HI)
- 1520 KOMA OK, Oklahoma City 11/26 0101 fade-up just in time to hear call sign and nothing else. (FE-HI)
- 1530 KFBK CA, Sacramento 11/25 0055-0105 call announced at 0103 with 67 degree temperature and traffic check with all roads clear. (FE-HI)
- KSMM MN, Shakopee 12/12 1625 promos for other programs on KSMM, with call letters given several times. (NP-AB)
- 1540 KXPA WA, Bellevue noted relaying KSUH-1450 with Korean program 12/11 0100. However, they have different PSA's (2) in English right after the 0100 3-station ID (also KXYZ). As per call, this is on 0100-0900 7 days a week. (PT-WA)
- 1590 KDJS MN, Willmar 12/11 1805 weather, "We've renewed our license to thrill, AM 1590 KDJS Willmar," into 60's tune. (NP-AB)
- 1610 TIS CO, Loveland 12/17 2204 Tis for the City of Loveland with woman giving general information, and man giving Y2K information. Also talked about Christmas tree recycling. New one for me. (NP-AB)
- KNNV605 ID, Pocatello 12/17 2103 TIS for Idaho State University with woman giving directions to ISU and parking information. (NP-AB)
- WPKV296 WA, Toppenish 12/17 1957 Christmas oriented tourism message, with mentions of 1-800 number and web site address. (NP-AB)

KOC744 WY, Fort Laramie 12/17 2052 weak, but caught mentions of Fort Laramie and visitors centre on tape loop with male announcer. (NP-AB)

1630 ?XEUT? BCN, Tijuana 12/20 0615 wonder if they left their open carrier on by accident? Loud open carrier looping N-S. Hopefully KBEG Clovis, CA isn't testing, hi. (RW-CA)

1660 KRZX TX, Waco finally logged at 0800 12/2 while KXOL was running open carrier only. Poor copy, but I heard man with Texas accent mention Waco, plus CST time check an call ID that was only partly readable. (LG-MT)

KXOL UT, Brigham City had open carrier only on 12/2 from 0750-0801. Noted back on at 0857. (LG-MT)

1670 WPNR210 CA, Menlo Park 12/9 0630 "You are listening to a test broadcast on 1670 kHz from the City of Menlo Park, California." Repeated tape. Heard again 12/10 0600 testing and asking for reports. Phone 650-858-3306. (GJ-CA)

+12/11 2042 with first regular broadcast after testing period. Message dealt with Y2K and other emergency preparedness and also asked listeners in certain neighborhoods to call letting them know how their signal was coming in. Don't know where these call letters came from, they were using WPNR510 during testing (which is the call allocated to them in the FCC data base). I'm sure of the call, but it doesn't fit the usual WN or WP type ID's. (BP-CA)

+12/15 0225 good with area info & phone number to call. (PM-OR)

+12/20 0700 fair with info about Menlo Park, competing with WTDY-WI in background. New. (RW-CA)

1680 TIS CA, Lake Tahoe 12/14 very good with ID as "North Star" (Ski Resort). Test message at 1000. Was in as late as 1400. 12/17 0200 in well over/under NOAA station with test message. This one has been in at 1330 during the day, it really gets out. QSL received in 3 hours from Bob Hamilton, Sales Manager. Is 10 watts, operated by North Star Ski Resort. Address: bhamilton.ns@boothcreek.com (PM-OR)

+12/14 0600-0900 very weak testing for Information Radio System, a station that will go on line soon. Address for QSL is BoB Hamilton, North Star at Lake Tahoe, P.O. Box 129, Truckee, CA. (GJ-CA)

+12/15 0844 fair-good with mention of "This is a test of the North Star Radio Information System, located at 1680 on your AM dial..." Thanks to PM-OR for tip. New, e-mail report sent to bhamilton.ns@boothcreek.com. (RW-CA)

TIS CA, San Mateo County 12/14 TIS/HAR is ready to go on air this weekend or next week. QSL address: Attn: Tory Yuson, c/o San Mateo Radio Shop, 50 Winslow Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063. (GJ-CA)

+Probably the one running San Francisco NOAA radio mixing with North Star Ski Resort at 0200 12/17. This one was supposed to come on this week or next week. Thanks to Gary Jackson for the tip. (PM-OR)

?WTTM? NJ, Princeton likely the very weak sports talk station at 2249 12/9, mixing with soul program from presumed WJNZ. No trace of common WTIR. (LG-MT)

DX TEST
740 (WJIB) MA, Cambridge 12/20 0000-0020 nothing heard under KCBS. (FA-ID)

UNIDS

- 1140 11/25 unID with country & western sounding format, spot for Paul Harvey news then unintelligible ID at 0119. (FE-HI)
- 1240 12/13 2141 sounded like "Right here on KPON" amid jumble. (PT-WA)
- 1330 Ohio??? Station popping up with news story on "Toledo couple" at 0202 12/12. Sounded local or regional news, but soon lost in jumble. (PM-OR)
- 1330 12/12 0220 unID with CNN news topping channel briefly. (PM-OR)
- 1330 12/12 0223 second NOS station mixing with KWLO, playing Frank Sinatra Christmas song. (PM-OR)
- 1520 11/26 0100 unID announced ABC news and LAX airport spot before fading out. Possible KVTA, Port Hueneme? There were at least two other unid"s on frequency that were just too much in the noise. (FE-HI)
- 1560 12/15 2103 unID newscast. Complete dropout within a minute of tune-in. Very good level. Not much to choose from. (PT-WA)
- 1610 12/12 1813 station relaying NOAA weather for North Dakota. Gave freq. as 162.475, but no mention of the MW relay. (NP-AB)

Pete Taylor sends along word that KFTA (as in "Fantastico 9-70") are the correct calls for Rupert ID on 970, not KTFA as reported.

 IRCA 1999-2000 "Scrabble" DX Contest
 Standings as of December 15, 1999

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| 1. Pete Taylor | 894 | 5. John C. Johnson | 359 |
| 2. Nancy Johnson* | 743 | 6. John Tudenham | 278 |
| 3. Tom Jasinski | 551 | 7. Dave Braun | 242 |
| 4. Nigel Pimblett | 498 | 8. Lynn Hollerman | 92 |

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- [JJR-WI] John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee, WI johnjrieger@webtv.net
Icom IC-R70, FRG 100, Kiwa Loop, MFJ-959B, DSP599zx.
- [JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with a "Radio West" loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 550 KOAC OR, Corvallis. 12-22 good. 22:59 with ID. [NJ-MT]
- 650 KGAB WY, Orchard Valley. 12-11 good in WSM null. 19:05 with ID's, weather, talk. Thanks to Bill Dvorak for this tip! [TN-WI]
- 760 KTLK CO, Thornton. 12-20. 21:05 with call given twice into spots. [NJ-MT]
- 910 WALT MS, Meridian. 12-10 fair. 19:01 with "T-91 WALT" ID in urban Gospel format. [TN-WI]
- 920 KVEL UT, Vernal. 12-20. 21:11 with basketball PBP. [NJ-MT]
- 1050 KNML NM, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. 12-16 strong. 20:04 with "KNML" ID into sports news, "Sports Animal" slogan. [NJ-MT]
- KTCT CA, San Mateo. 12-17. 19:02 with legal ID into promo for Radiers game. Slogan "The new ticket 10-50." [NJ-MT]

- 1140 KSOO SD, Sioux Falls. 12-24. 18:50 with local spots, promo with tag "...on eleven four oh KSOO." [NJ-MT]
- 1150 WMST KY, Mount Sterling. 12-17 fair. 07:39 with weather, calls, spots, local mentions. [JJR-WI]
- 1160 WAMB TN, Donnelson. 12-17 fair, way over WSCR. 07:46 with ID's, spots, NOS format. [JJR-WI]
- 1230 KHDN MT, Hardin. 12-20. 13:56 with G. Gordon Liddy Show, spots, 14:00 ID "You're listening to Big Sky Radio. KBSR AM 14-90 Laurel, Billings, KHDN AM 12-30 Hardin" into Radio Press International News. Noted off the air on 12-25 when we drove past Hardin on our way to Sheridan, WY. [NJ-MT]
- KZZR OR, Burns. 12-13 good over others with KMZK-1240 slop. 21:14 with "KZZR AM 14-50" into country song. [NJ-MT]
- 1240 KBIZ IA, Ottumwa. 12-16 good when they popped out of mess, then back to slush! 00:11 with calls. [JJR-WI]
- 1260 KTTS MO, Springfield. 12-3 fair. 17:55 with traffic report, spot, "Classic Country AM 12-60." [JJR-WI]
- 1290 KUMA OR, Pendleton. 12-18 strong. 18:47 with "12-90 KUMA" into Christmas music. [NJ-MT]
- 1350 KRNT IA, Des Moines. 12-22 strong. 21:58 with "Central Iowa's source for Cyclone's sports. 13-50 KRNT Des Moines." [NJ-MT]
- 1380 WMJR KY, Winchester. 12-9 fair. 20:59 with call ID's in Catholic format. [TN-WI]
- 1410 WRMN IL, Elgin. 12-17 good, never heard htis loud before! 07:55 with sports, ID, local spots. [JJR-WI]
- 1450 KKXO OR, Eugene. 12-13 good, on top. 21:00 with NOS format, "Your station for great memories, Memories 14-50 KKXO Eugene." [NJ-MT]
- 1470 KELA WA, Centralia. 12-18 over usual KBSN, KEZZ, KRAK, KKTY. 18:59 with call during Sonics promo and ID "KELA AM 14-70 Centralia, Chehalis." into ABC News. [NJ-MT]
- 1490 KBSR MT, Laurel. 12-18. 16:00 with ID "You're listening to Big Sky Radio KBSR AM 14-90 Laurel, Billings, KHDN AM 12-30 Hardin" into Radio Press International News. [NJ-MT]
- 1520 KOLM MN, Rochester. 12-24 strong. 18:18 with Christmas music, local spot, more Christmas music. 18:29 ID "You're listening to AM 15-20 KOLM Rochester." [JcJ+NJ-MT]
- 1570 KHPN CO, Loveland. 12-17 faded up over KOSZ. 18:04 with CNN News, ID "News now from across the region on AM 15-70 KHPN." [NJ-MT]
- KOSZ SD, Vermillion. 12-17. 17:58 with ID out of oldie, "KOSZ Vermillion, Cool 15-70" into ABC News. [NJ-MT]
- 1660 KXOL UT, Brigham City. 12-25 good signal on I-90 near Hardin, MT in the 1998 Mustang. 12:10 with Paul Harvey. 12:25 with dual ID "KSOS and KXOL" into Christmas greetings from Salt Lake City businesses. "KXOL 16-60 and KSOS 800. Together for the holidays." This station is quite strong up this way, even in the daytime. [JcJ+NJ-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

December 28, 1974 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... A new WDXR editor was announced, Nancy Hardy will replace Jeff Braiser ... A new DXWW was also announced, Bruce Portzer will replace Ron Schatz ... Richard K. Shaftan of New York, NY told about his new Hammurland HQ-140-X receiver ... Bill Harang of San Jose, CA logged Japan-1240.

OPEN MIKE

Economy is a way of spending money without getting any pleasure out of it. Happy New Year! 2000 is almost here. 73, John

2000 IRCA CONVENTION NEWS

The 2000 IRCA Convention will be held in Billings, Montana on August 25, 26, and 27th. Log onto the convention web site at http://pages.prodigy.net/john_johnson/irca2000.htm for complete details. Watch the printed pages of DX Monitor soon for details.

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Sangean RTS808a/Telescopic Ant/Q stick E-MAIL
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LOGGINGS

- 540 WLUX NY, Islip 250w 1640 EST with a singing ID and Christmas promos. Fair (12/13) (RB-NY)
- 800 CKLW ON, Windsor 1645 EST w/ID as "It's 4:45 at am 800 - CKLW" ; promo for 'Santa's Shoebox Campaign' for area needy kids; talk about welfare fraud. Good (12/13) (RB-NY)
- 900 CHMS ON, Hamilton 1650 EST with ID as "Hometown Radio - 900-CHML" ; weather, traffic and ad for a 'Photo Reading System'; NOS mx. Strong (12/13) (RB-NY)
- 1030 WBZ MA, Boston 1656 EST w/'Metro West bank ad and into talk at toh. Strong (12/13) (RB-NY)
- 1120 WEMN GA Gordon, 12/15 1700 good signal with R&B oldies, ID as "This is WEMN, Gordon, Macon's R and B oldies station, AM-11-20" (LF-FL)
- 1150 WRUN NY, Utica 1705 EST with slogan "The Big Frog - 104" // 104.3. Plenty of c/w mx (10 in a row). F-G (12/13) (RB-NY)
- 1220 WKNR OH, Cleveland 1715 EST w/ID as "Sports Radio 1220-WKNR". Ad for a dry cleaners that does the clothing of the stars' Kenny Roda w/sports talk. F-G (12/13) (RB-NY)
- 1300 WIMO GA, Winder 12/13 0700 up out of the mud with id as "radio 1300- WIMO-Winder" Poor (LF-FL)

Nice to have Ray back with us again. Hope you all had a nice Holiday season, and are ready for some DX !!!!! see you next time.....

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PAN-AMERICAN

- 530 UNID, SS male and plaintive LA mx in RCVI null & mixing with unid TIS 0345, 12/6. Looped Costa Rica-ish. Haven't Dxed in a while, is Rumbo still on? (Thomas-FL)
- + Still a semi-regular here. Noted with SS male singing 0259, DEC 11 poor in RVC null. [Thomas-FL]
- 535 GRENADA, St. George's. Soft-spoken women in EE at poor/fair level, 0127, DEC 11. [Thomas-FL]

- 540 NICARAGUA, Managua. YNOW noted in passing @ 2300, DEC 7 with ID as "R. Nicaragua" (not Corporacion). Poor under WQTM & WDAK. [Thomas-FL]
- 550 JAMAICA, Montego Bay. Fair with nice reggae at 0033, DEC 8. [Thomas-FL]
- 555 ST. KITTS, Basseterre. ZIZ noted in passing at fair level but with poor audio. (Thomas-FL)
- + Dec 4, 0246 presumed, EE Carib-accent announcer, over continuous dance music, telephone calls. Fair to poor signal. (Mohrman-VT)
- 555 UNID. There's someone else here with ZIZ and causing a SAH. Carrier detectable in ZIZ null and roughly looped Central America /northern South America. Absolutely no hope for audio. This @ 0145, DEC 10. [Thomas-FL]
- 564.5 t PERU, Lima. Just a weak carrier looped tightly at about 165 degrees, no chance for audio. Had a "distant" character to the carrier (i.e., very tight DF peak, short presence). This at 2245, 11/19 (grayline to Peru open at this time). R. Oriente heard about here once in the past. (Thomas-FL)
- 567.9 UNID. Fair carrier with weak acoustic guitar. Garble from 570 masked anything useful 0133, DEC 12. [Thomas-FL]
- 570 CUBA R. Reloj - CMDC; Pilon, Dec 4, 0248 CW ID way under WMCA, WSYR. (Mohrman-VT)
- 580 JAMAICA, Galina. RJR atop @ 0010, DEC 8 with news about firefighters. [Thomas-FL]
- 580.6 UNID. Someone hetting the crowd on 580 @ 0158, DEC 10. [Thomas-FL]
- 627.5 UNID. This one finally produced some audio at 0212, DEC 12 but not enough to even wager a guess. SS male singing and a well-modulated SS male appeared for about 5 secs at this time. Carrier is usually pretty good but readable audio is rare. [Thomas-FL]
- 640 CUBA R. Progreso; Dec 9, 0340 Nice ballads, poem by Uruguayan poet, // 890 and +20dB over! (Mohrman-VT)
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena 2 - HJKH; Bogota, Dec 10, 0022 Mixing with and briefly over HIAT with ad and "RCN Antena 2" ID. Fair signal. (Mohrman-VT)
- 650 DOM. REP. R. Universal - HIAT; Santo Domingo, Dec 10, 0009 presumed, Mixing with RCN Antena 2 on top of WSM, mentions of "Santo Domingo", ads for Castrol Lubricante, Autocleen, and another unidentified ad which I recognized from Radio Villa on 4960 khz also from Santo Domingo. Into sports talk/commentary at 0020. (Mohrman-VT)
- 652.5 UNID. The only time I've heard this one. Male shouting in SS, then a heartfelt ballad at 0223, DEC 10. Quickly gone; hasty DF says deep Central America /northern South America. [Thomas-FL]
- 660 CUBA R. Progreso - CMHG; Santa Clara, Dec 2, 0302 SP vocal in WFAN null, // 890, weak, poor signal. (Mohrman-VT)
- 670 CUBA R. Rebelde - CMQ; Arroyo Arenas, Dec 2, 0233 // 5025, weak with deep fades in, out and under WMAQ. (Mohrman-VT)
- 700 JAMAICA RJR; Montego Bay, Dec 4, 0252 presumed, EE announcer with dance music. rap promo, telephone calls, in WLW null. Fair signal. (Mohrman-VT)
- + Battling WLW with local spots 0421, DEC 9. Conditions very good to the south tonight. [Thomas-FL]
- 710 CUBA R. Rebelde; Dec 2, 0245 // 5025, weak fluttery beisbol in WOR null. (Mohrman-VT)
- 720 JAMAICA, Kingston. One of the less frequent Jamaicans here. JMC fair under Cuba with phone-in show @ 0239, DEC 10. [Thomas-FL]

- 730 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO (t), Port of Spain. Popped on top for about 5 mins at 0335, DEC 9 with distinctive island music and accented EE female. No ID heard but DF agrees. [Thomas-FL]
- 750 VENEZUELA R. Caracas - YVKS; Caracas, Dec 4, 0256 Beisbol in WSB null, ads for Banco Union and Arroz Primor. Good peak "RCR" promo/ID. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 759.77 CUBA R. Reloj; Dec 4, 0307 SP news and CW ID, weak under WJR. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN - HJAJ; Barranquilla, Dec 9, 0347 "RCN" ID and news in WJR null, fair signal. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 765 UNID. In every night with a poor/fair carrier and intermittent audio. Usually just a muffled SS male but plaintive SS singing heard once. Audible here 0200-0300 the week of DEC 5. DF ranges from 172-176 degrees and suggests any of a half dozen possible QTHs. [Thomas-FL]
- 770 COLOMBIA, Bogota. HJJK fair with R. Colombia ID (not RCN) at 0303, DEC 10. [Thomas-FL]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Bonaire. TWR good atop with EE announcer & ID @ 0329, DEC 8. Switched to SS at 0330. [Thomas-FL]
- 810 COLOMBIA, Bogota. HJCY noted in passing at a super-loud level with news and ID @ 0430, DEC 11. [Thomas-FL]
- 830 CUBA R. Reloj; Holguin, Dec 9, 0352 Fluttery, weak SP talk, time pips and CW ID under domestic religious station. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 840 CUBA CMHW; Santa Clara, Dec 2, 0246 presumed, Beisbol in WHAS null, NOT // Rebelde. Mentions of "Santa Clara". Nice peak at 0252. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 850 CUBA R. Reloj; Baracoa, Dec 10, 0212 Weak CW ID way under WEEI. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 880 CUBA R. Progreso - CMAF; Pinar del Rio, Dec 4, 0318 // 890 and weak under WCBS. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 890 CUBA R. Progreso - CMDZ; Santiago, Dec 2, 0258 SP vocal in WLS null, good signal // 660. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 900 MEXICO, Mexico City. XEW good in Cuba null with female choral singing at 0332, DEC 10. [Thomas-FL]
- 965 UNID, Fair carrier, intermittent SS male. No ID but looped HC (but WRTH says HCOT1 is inactive...dunno). This 11/5 at 0030. (Thomas-FL)
- 1000 COLOMBIA RCN - HJAJ; Cartagena, Dec 10, 0220 Futbol match between Santa Fe and Caracas. //760, on top with good signal. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 1000 VENEZUELA, San Cristobal. YVOA fair/good w/Colombian. R. Tachira ID and many ments of San Cristobal. Upbeat, "happy" LA mx. 0212, 12/6. (Thomas-FL)
- 1050 MEXICO, Cancun. XEQOO Super loud with frequent ID as R. Pirata. 0120, 11/19. (Thomas-FL)
- 1050 MEXICO, Monterrey. XEG, La Gigante del Norte excellent in XEQOO null 0345, DEC 10 with light Latin American music. [Thomas-FL]
- 1050.3 UNID. Mark Connelly's unid carrier also noted at weak level and being obliterated by XEG and XEQOO at 0346, DEC 10. DF seemed to be Honduras/Nicaragua but highly uncertain. [Thomas-FL]
- 1060 MEXICO, Mexico City. XEEP, R. Educacion poor/fair with w/soft-spoken SS male and lite LA mx (not ranchera). 0218, 12/6. (Thomas-FL)
- 1110 VENEZUELA R. Carupano - YVQT; Carupano, Dec 10, 0229 LA pop ballads with ID between each song, in WBT null. Weak poor signal. (Mohrmann-VT)
- 1135 UNID. A fair to good carrier appears here (along with a het from Spain-1134) some nights between 0100-0400. The only audio has been an unintelligible, muffled SS male. Signal is tightly

looped on Guatemala so I'm guessing that this is LV de la Costa Sur, a station that was a semi-regular here the last time I DXed seriously a couple of years ago (WRTH says it's on 1130, though).
[Thomas-FL]

1180 CUBA R. Rebelde; Villa Maria, Dec 10, 0235 Beisbol // 5025, fair to poor in WHAM null. (Mohrmann-VT)

1466-1467v UNID. Chased this one for a couple of weeks before it disappeared. Looped Hispanola/Puerto Rico noted on freqs from 1466.1 to 1467.3. Upbeat LA mx and muffled SS male and intermittently audible from about 2330-0400 w/occasional het with 1467 (France) and stn on 1468.1. (Thomas-FL)

1466-1468 approx. UNIDS. Over the past weeks, carriers have been noted around here suggesting at least 3 different stations. A station heard on 1466.2 (DF 120 deg, Hispanola/PR) was almost good at times with upbeat SS music including steel drum. Noted a carrier on 1468.1 later and thought the 1466.2 stn had drifted but both faded up at the same time (along with a weak het from France 1467). The 1468.1 produced audio (ment's of Valencia, Caracas, Isla de Margarita, etc.), a DF of 123 deg., and a shouted, ID-like "Latina Radio" which suggested this was R. Latina, Valencia, Venezuela. More recently, a station has appeared on 1467.3 and looped 142-deg. This one does not sound commercial but rather like a provincial Cuban flea-powered stn and DF points right at Cardenas, Cuba (R. Ciudad Bandera, CMGE). As of today, I haven't heard the 1466.2 unid in weeks but the others make intermittent appearances. Anyone in southern Florida hearing these ?
[Thomas-FL]

1468.1 t VENEZUELA, Valencia. Pretty sure this is the one contributing to the confusion on 1466-1468. Looped a couple of degrees S of unid on 1466-1467. Many ments of "Latina Radio," Valencia, and other nearby cities. Audible nightly from 0030 on; still here 12/6. Programming varies thru the night from SS male monologues to moderate(not raucous) LA mx styles.(Thomas-FL)

1544 UNID. Fair carrier but couldn't dig out any intelligible audio...hrd bells, barking dogs, and unreadable SS male. Seemed to be looped CAM but grayline still a little east at 2240 on 11/18. Dunno. (Thomas, FL)

1597.5 UNID. Another barking dog mystery. Similar uncertain bearing as 1544 and hrd almost daily briefly at SSS. Noted with SS female singing 2235, 12/6. (I seem to recall that barking dogs were indicative of a particular network/country but my old brain and misplaced logs of the past have let me down...) (Thomas, FL)

1610 ANGUILLA. Un-nullable multiple stns here 0330, 11/6. Several TIS mixing with the gospel singing. Fair signal. (Thomas)

UNID LA CARRIERS I'M CHASING: 546.4, 576, 627.5, 765, 1058, and 1101.3 (Mark's 1100.8?) (Thomas-FL)

TA stns are sparse around here except at SSS when France (1467) makes an appearance and stns occasionally on 1602 and once on 567 (both UNIDed).
(Thomas-FL)

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TRANS-PACIFIC

- 945 SOLOMON ISLANDS, Gizo fair in 940-950 splash with man in EE/Native talk Children group singing, mentions of "Solomon Islands Broadcasting from Gizo. Haven't hrd this one in years. at 1020 UTC 12/13. (PM-OR)
- 1701t AUSTRALIA, Sydney, 2NTC probably the one with non-stop C&W mx at 1155 to 1235 UTC 12/19. There were jingles, in between the music, but very hard to understand. At 1220, the ID sounded like letters "N...C", several songs heard, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, etc., QRM from Brisbane. (PM-OR)

Drake R8 - 1500' Eastern Beverage Term, Term EWE antenna, 200 foot EWE antenna, 900' NNW Beverage, ANC4, w/1500" Eastern Beverage & 40 foot vertical

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Just a few days before Christmas and a bit late to wish you all a merry one. So I hope you had a Happy New Years instead and with the best of DX and everything else during 2000. Heard WGAI-560, code only, during the DX Test on 11/7 but nothing of KMON. Meanwhile, my X-rays went to California to see if stents could be made to fit into and patch my aorta. No go, so went into the hospital 12-3 for the tough one. Had some difficulty but got home 12-14. Very weak but ready for the 12-17 DX tests. The CC radio on one side of living room recliner and my old Magnavox on the other. The inaugural 1999-2000 season of the Louisville Panthers hockey team is being carried by WLKY-970. Didn't hear WAAT-950! Col. DX

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I had four days off at Christmas so I was planning to do quite a bit of listening then. However, I wound up with some kind of infection so I slept more than anything--something I needed anyway after 4 months of about 60 hour workweeks. My wife gave me a Lenoxx Sound AM/FM stereo cassette recorder for Christmas. I've never heard of the brand before but she found it at a Wal-Mart when she had to go back to Alabama because of a death in her family. I tried it out a little bit at work Monday evening but not much good inside of the concrete building. Incidentally, they tell me that the building I work in used to be the old RCA recording studios here in Indianapolis so it's possible the walls might be a little thicker and soundproof than would normally be the case. I know that the building maps they have up show an extra thick wall on two of the rooms. I don't work in either of them, though. I had WMYS-1430 in fairly decent until about a half hour after they should have gone directional. No trouble on the car radio with them while I was driving home at 0300. A three day weekend coming up--hopefully I will feel well enough to turn the radio on then. I hope all of you have a good DX year in 2000 and that nobody has any trouble with the Y2K bug (except those who went overboard in preparing for it, hi.) 73.

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[12/14] Hi. Hope all had happy holidays and a great New Year to you. Also that you all had plenty to eat and a warm place to sleep. My job currently is 24 hours a week and I'll work Christmas morning and New Year's. May good DX be heard by all IRCAnS. Art Bell mentions IRCA regarding the CC Radio. Good review by Gary Thomas on the CC Radio. I take the GE SRII with me to work but mostly listen to KABC, KGO, KFMB, KRI or others. I too know of Hooked on Trivia on KFMB and listen at times. Another one that's good to hear is Radio A Go Go on KIEV 9-midnight Pacific time. It's all 60's music and a request line 24 hours is 818-623-7098. Spoke to long time friend Gary Parton and gave him e-mail addresses and rates of DXM. Hope he rejoins. 73

Dale Park, PO Box 22778, Honolulu HI 96823 (Please note that Dale says he will have a new address soon, so I don't know how long this one is good for.)

Happy new millenium! A good excuse as any for a brief re-intro. I'm in my thirties and have been DXing medium wave and shortwave for twenty years. I joined IRCA in the early eighties and have been a member off and on since, even serving a few spells as Sports columnist. The other night I was tuned to "Coast to Coast with Art Bell" and Bell was reading the latest ad for C. Crane Company's CCRadio. As many of you know, Bell got interested in amateur radio as a teenager and has turned his hobby of broadcasting and DXing into a successful career. Anyway, I was floored when he mentioned the IRCA! I don't know whose review Bell was reading - at least two have been printed in the DXM - but Bell said the IRCA gave the receiver positive marks. I guess that sample copy of DXM I ordered for Bell's webmaster did the trick, hi! (Since when did "hi" turn into "LOL," hmmm?) Happy holidays to all and may your DX achievements grow in the new century. And if you're a fan of "100.7 FM The Buzz," blow me up Reid. [Sorry, Dale, but "The Buzz" doesn't do anything for me - when I'm listening to the radio for pure relaxation, it's KING-FM classical for me.]

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[Northstar ski resort, Lake Tahoe, CA]; E; 1; PM [10
watts]

WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form
letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar
card supplied by station; P = Prepared card supplied by DXer; R =
DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E =
Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map;
B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies
WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail,
FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return
postage returned

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Good to have Bob back with us this month! Mike reports that KCTK-960
returned his detailed report with a business card enclosed but no real
verification; he will try a follow-up. Gary, Bob, and Patrick all
report receiving verifications from the TIS station in Menlo Park,
California on 1670 kHz. Gary reports the callsign of this station as
WTRN210 and notes that his verie states that he was the first person to
report the station. Bob heard them during their testing period when
they were using WPNR210 as their callsign, but he notes that they
changed callsigns to WFKC502 for their regular broadcasts. Patrick
reports his verification with the callsign WFKC502 and notes that the
power is 10 watts. I can confirm the accuracy of the different
addresses reported as I used to live in Menlo Park, but I also checked
the City of Menlo Park web page. The City Office is at 701 Laurel
Street while the Police Dept is at 801 Laurel Street. This column was
prepared on 12/21/99. Happy Holidays to all! 73, SSH.

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But the real highlight this afternoon was an African station on 1062 that had all three of us, listening and taping intently. All indications were that this station was from Nigeria, however, it took us until the next night to confirm this. By early evening, stations in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay were making a good showing. Many of the Argentinians were new for me, including 630, 1030 and 950.

But by far the highlight of the night was hearing a station on 530 with a British-accented announcer in English under Radio Visión on the Southern Beverage. Could it have been Falklands?

On Sunday afternoon before I left, I went for a short drive in the countryside. After passing through "The Barrens," a zone of sub-arctic tundra with only rocks, a few short trees and ponds, I reached the hamlet of Portugal Cove South and the sign to Cape Race and its lighthouse. Only 20 km to Cape Race the sign said, so it should only be a short drive. The road started off as a gravel road, turned into a more rocky trail and then it really started to degenerate. After about 6 km, it was little more than two tire paths over the rock and grass. At times it was hard to tell where the road stopped and where the field took over. I finally reached the end of the road. My rental car had scraped over the rocks to get here and there was the lighthouse was finally in view. After all that, when I got a little closer, I saw that the lighthouse was surrounded by scaffolding and plastic - a reconstruction project. So much for getting a nice photo of a remote lighthouse on a desolate Atlantic point!

Sunday evening left only a few hours of DXing before I had to leave, but they were good hours. In all of my trips to Cappahayden I had never experienced really good conditions to Southern Africa. There were a few glimpses of Lesotho and Botswana, but never anything really solid. Today that changed. It started off with strong signals from Guinea on 1386 and quickly led to Angola 945, a weak signal from Senegal on 765 (so they are still on, but not very strong), a killer signal from Mozambique on 1206 and a possible unauthorized relay of Merlin Network One on 1485.

Once again it was great to see Jean and enjoy his hospitality and the use of his Icom R71A. That saved me from lugging around a communications receiver for 3 weeks while I traversed North America and Germany on business. Once again, I got to meet Neil for a couple of hours; it seems like one of us is always leaving when the other is arriving. Maybe one of these trips we will overlap for a longer period. And it was a pleasure to meet Al for the first (and probably not the last) time. While I have numerous tapes to keep me busy for a little while, I am already looking forward to my next trip to the windy coast of Newfoundland.

Again, Neil and John seemed to cross in the air! As the weather continued to disappoint, the DX didn't. Conditions were quite auroral on the night that John left, and we scored some fabulous reception of Mozambique on 1206 kHz and of the Nigerian on 1062 kHz. We also picked up some good Argentinean and Uruguayan signals, and the best audio I have for Falklands on 530 kHz was taped that night. The next few nights were not as interesting, even though more new Brazilians were logged.

The 19th was probably our worst day in terms of weather. The 120 km/h winds, the tail of Hurricane Irene, had managed to drag our European wire into the heavy surf during the night, then in the morning as I drove to St. John's there were snow flurries. (The missing

sections of the European wire were spliced in a few days later, and we set out another, shorter wire aimed roughly at southern Africa.) However, the 19th was also the evening in which auroral conditions returned, and this time in spectacular fashion. I missed most of the fun since I didn't arrive back in Cappahayden until after Africans had signed off. Neil and Al gleefully recounted how I had missed Lesotho on 891 kHz and a bunch of stations from Botswana.

Fortune smiled when the weather didn't. The auroral conditions persisted, and in subsequent evenings I managed to relog most of the stations I had missed on the 19th. This included Family Radio on 1197 kHz, which is from the ex-BBC transmitter in Lesotho, Emissora Provincial de Tete from Mozambique on 963 kHz, and three "new" (for me) Botswana stations. We also caught a lot of great signals from southern South America, and even a "new" Peruvian on 810 kHz. Every DXpedition I gripe that we never hear Chile on our big antennas. I did hear Radio Familia del Maule on 1570 kHz back in August, so it doesn't hurt as much to admit it this time...we still didn't hear Chile on a DXpedition, but I'll trade Falklands for Chile any day!

To wrap up, here's a final word from Neil:

Neil Kazaross: It was great to see Jean and John again and to meet Al and see the impressive K9AY loops in action. The DXpedition was a HUGE success thanks to great auroral conditions, and helped towards Africa by the shorter wire just to the east of our monster 1-km Brazil-getter!

The Logs (UTC dates and times)

Trans-Atlantic DX

- 530 UNID 20 Oct, 1951 - Woman in AA, AA music; SIO 221 with splatter from LORAN [JB]. 21 Oct, 2045 - Here again with AA music, then Koran with French translation, Neil has an ID for Cairo on tape! SIO 222 [JB].
- 531 BOTSWANA R. Botswana, Maun, 19 Oct, 2145-2200 - Poor-fair with EE music, // 972, then lost under the Spanish pest; new wire put a nice null on Spain to give us a new logging [NK]. 23 Oct, 2111 - African pop music, // 972; SIO 243 [JB]. 23 Oct, 2116 - In well over Spain and Madeira with mellow African music, // loud 873 and 972 [NK].
- 540 MALI ORTM, Bamako, 23 Oct, 2147 - Clear under CBT with tribal African rhythms, // 4783 [NK].
- 549 ALGERIA RTA, Les Trembles, 16 Oct, 0113-0118 - AA stringed music and AA talks; very good // 891 was poor [JF].
- 567 IRELAND RTE-1, Tullamore, 16 Oct, 0119 - Interview with woman about a nurses' strike; fair [JF].
- 612 MOROCCO RTM, Sebba-Aioun, 16 Oct, 0122 - AA talk in what sounded like a news-magazine show; fair until faded under co-channel Ireland [JF].
- 630 NORWAY RRK, Vigra, 21 Oct, 2244 - Country and western music, // 1314; SIO 333 [JB].
- 630 TUNISIA RTT, Tunis, 16 Oct, 0100 - Slow pips over AA music, AA talk from 0002; SIO 443, but later QRMed increasingly by another AA station [JB].
- 648 GAMBIA Gambia R., Bonto, 17 Oct, 2028 - Decent with tribal music and African talk [NK].
 - + 17 Oct, 2036 - Presumed; man in African language; fair to good [JF].
 - + 21 Oct, 2131 - Woman with news about Gambia and Africa; SIO 242 but no sign of Botswana [JB].

- 657 ENGLAND BBC R. Cornwall, Bodmin, 16 Oct, 0108 - Report on Hurricane Irene, // 909; SIO 322 [JB].
- 657 ISRAEL Kol Israel B, Tel Aviv, 16 Oct, 0012 - Hebrew phone-in then "My Way," // 1206; SIO 322, under Spain [JB].
- 657 SOUTH AFRICA Pulpit R., Meyerton, 23 Oct, 2133 - Tentative; religious tunes; few or no announcements until off at 2200, but level too low for much comprehension by that time; SIO 242-1 [JB].
- + 23 Oct, 2135 - Presumed; over Spain for a few minutes on our African antenna with EE religious singing; after 2200 this was off but their open carrier was clearly on [NK].
- 666 ALGERIA ENDS Tindouf, 21 Oct, 2242 - Clear and almost alone, // 891, with AA talk [NK].
- 675 NETHERLANDS R. Ten Gold, Lopik, 10 Oct, 0007 - Pop music, jingle ID; SIO 544 [JB].
- 747 BURKINA FASO Radiodif. Nat. du Burkina, Ouagadougou, 23 Oct, 2114 - Man in African language, // 4815, but lost to Spain shortly after; SIO 232 [JB].
- 760 YEMEN Yemen R., Mukalla, 9 Oct, 2037 - Woman in AA; SIO 333 with LORAN QRM [JB].
- + 9 Oct, 2209 - Koran, man with announcement in AA, anthem at 2212 and off; SIO 243 [JB].
- 765.08 SENEGAL RTS, Dakar, 17 Oct, 2022 - FF talks by a man - the type of French definitely sounded more African than European - pop music; fair, but only audible on the southern Beverage; nothing heard on the European antenna [JF].
- + 17 Oct, 2023 - Presumed; man in African language, sounded like Senegal of old, but weak; SIO 242 [JB].
- 765 SWITZERLAND R. Suisse Romande, Sottens, 9 Oct, 2039 - Pop music; SIO 444 over unID Brit [JB].
- + 9 Oct, 2300 - FF news, sports, and weather; SIO 544 [JB].
- + 16 Oct, 2145 - Pop music, FF news at 2200, IDs as "La Première;" good [JF].
- 792 GREECE Voice of America, Kavalla, 22 Oct, 0353 - Over Spain with woman in Slavic language interviewing an American EE speaker [NK].
- 792 UNID 16 Oct, 0126-0131 - Koranic chants, AA (?) talks, time pips at 0130 mixing with co-channel Spain and starting to fade down; fair [JF].
- + 16 Oct, 0126 - Koran, possible AA ID at 0129, AA talk under Spain; SIO 322 [JB].
- 810 SCOTLAND BBC R. Scotland, synchronos, 9 Oct, 2249 - "Celtic Connection" program to 2255, then news and weather and into BBC WS at 2300; SIO 444 [JB].
- 846 ITALY RAI R. 2, Rome, 16 Oct, 0305 - News in EE; SIO 333 [JB].
- + 16 Oct, 0305-0311 - EE news and sports and into Italian news at 0306; "Notturmo Italiano" program at 0311; fair [JF].
- 846 SOUTH AFRICA R. Xhosa, Komga, 17 Oct, 2041 - Talk in unidentified language on southern Beverage; poor [JF].
- + 18 Oct, 2125-2127 - Fair with talk in Xhosa into mellow EE music; on our new, shorter 1300-foot wire, which had great nulls to Europe in this bad area, we could listen to this basically clear of Italy all night [NK].
- 864 ARMENIA Trans-World R., Kamo, 10 Oct, 0042 - Eastern language, into "Old Rugged Cross," IS and ID in EE at 0045 then American syndicated religion; SIO 544 [JB].
- 864 EGYPT Egyptian R., Santah, 17 Oct, 0320 - Koranic readings, // 9755; fair [JF].
- 873 BOTSWANA R. Botswana, Ghanzi, 22 Oct, 2152 - // 972 with man and woman in African language well atop Spain [NK]. 22 Oct, 2155 -

- Man and woman with news, // 972; SIO 252 [JB].
- 891 LESOTHO R. Lesotho, Maseru, 19 Oct, 2220-2240 - New to our log thanks to new wire with a great null to Europe in this frequency range and very little QRM from Algeria and only remnants from Portugal; station had African talk and nice tribal music, // 4800, with good peaks [NK].
- + 20 Oct, 2005 - Man in African language, // 4800; SIO 232, best on the K9AY loops since the Beverages were picking up a lot of QRM from co-channel Algeria and Portugal [JB].
 - + 20 Oct, 2022 - HUGE signal, way better than SW!! When this was this strong, it beat up Algeria on our Brazilian Beverage as well [NK].
 - + 20 Oct, 2036 - Now strong with nice African music, over Algeria; SIO 433 [JB].
- 907.84 GAMBIA R. Syd, Banjul, 19 Oct, 2013 - EE country & western music; good [NK].
- + 21 Oct, 2137 - African music, then woman DJ in EE before more African music; SIO 242 [JB].
- 909 BOTSWANA Voice of America, Selabi-Phikwe, 23 Oct, 2048 - Very weak under unID African with woman in EE, definitely // 4950; SIO 121 [JB].
- 909 ENGLAND BBC R. 5, synchros, 16 Oct, 0125 - EE interviews [CB].
- 909 MOROCCO RTM, Safi, 17 Oct, 2026 - Talk in French and local music, // 774; fair [JF].
- 909 NIGERIA FRCN Abuja National Station, Fwagwa Lada, 23 Oct, 2043 - Tentative; males in African language, definitely mentioned "Abuja" at 2050, African music after 2056; SIO 222 [JB].
- 945 ANGOLA R. Nacional, Cazenga, 17 Oct, 2046-2102 - Religious program with male preacher in PP who mentioned Angola several times and some religious music, clear ID at 2056 as "Radiodifusão Nacional Angola," more music until French news at 2100; good [JF].
- + 17 Oct, 2047 - Man in African language preaching, mentioned Angola often; SIO 444 [JB].
 - + 21 Oct, 2030 - HUGE signal; man reading news in FF mentioning various local officials [NK].
 - + 21 Oct, 2034 - French "MicroMagazine" news program to 2045, then African music; SIO 354 [JB].
- 954 UNID 22 Oct, 2127 - Presumably an African; weak briefly well under the Spanish pest with American Black-oriented music [NK].
- 963 FINLAND Oy Yleisradio Abe (YLE), Pori, 10 Oct, 0254 - Finnish folk music, pips and news at 0300; SIO 333-2 [JB].
- 963 PORTUGAL R. Renascença, Seixal, 17 Oct, 2253 - Pop music including "Monday, Monday" by the Mamas and Papas, PP IDs and ads at 2257; fair to good with no sign of Finland [JF].
- 963 MOZAMBIQUE Em. Prov. de Tete, Tete, 22 Oct, 2100 - ID as "Emissora Provincial de Tete..." I can't make out the word after Tete; into PP news mentioning Cidade de Beira after 2100; this had virtually no QRM on the new shorter Beverage, which allowed nice African reception due to wider beam but a nice null of Europe [NK].
- + 23 Oct, 2058 - On the K9AY loops and on the African Beverage; pop music, PP talk from 2059, telephone report at 2101; SIO 242, R. Renascença was audible on the European Beverage [JB].
- 972 BOTSWANA R. Botswana, Sabeli, 17 Oct, 2042 - EE announcer giving sports scores and then African language; fair-good [NK].
- + 20 Oct, 2034 - Man in African language; SIO 243 [JB].
 - + 22 Oct, 2123 - Deep-voice man then woman with news report in EE; SIO 333 [JB].

- 972 GERMANY Norddeutscher R., Hamburg, 16 Oct, 0258 - German talk mentioning Hamburg, instrumental music bridge; good [JF].
- 972 UNID 22 Oct, 2128 - Likely a Nigerian; emerging to mix with Botswana, woman in African language hosting program of US pops; SIO 222 [JB].
- 981 GREECE ERT, Athens, 16 Oct, 0333 - Woman in Greek; fair-good [JF].
- 999 ENGLAND Magic 999, Preston, 21 Oct, 1955 - Oldies, news at 2000, nice ID at 2006; SIO 322 [JB].
- 999 SPAIN R. Pop. de Madrid, Madrid, 21 Oct, 2019 - Local ID as "COPE Madrid en 9-99;" over RAI but Brit has disappeared, SIO 333 [JB].
- 1008 CANARY IS. R. Voz, Tejada, 16 Oct, 0122 - Loud SS talk [CB].
- 1017 GERMANY Sudwestfunk, Mainz, 16 Oct, 2110 - Music "When I Need You" by Leo Sayer, male announcer in German mentioning Baden-Baden; poor [JF].
- 1017 TURKEY TRT-1, Mundanya, 16 Oct, 0245-0304 - Local music with female announcer, news at 0300, music at 0304; good [JF].
- + 20 Oct, 1916 - Football play-by-play, IDs as "Radio Bir;" SIO 322 [JB].
- 1035 ENGLAND Country 1035, London, 9 Oct, 2111 - "Country 10-35 AM" ID, country music; SIO 343 [JB].
- + 9 Oct, 2304 - Jingle seemed to include "Ritz Country;" SIO 232 [JB].
- + 16 Oct, 0337-0404 - IDs, C&W music with no announcements, ad at 0359 for "Country 1035 Match-maker," 0400 Independent Radio News read by Mitch Karasay, C&W music at 0402; fair [JF].
- 1053 ENGLAND Talk Radio, synchros, 16 Oct, 0107 - ID and phone-in show; good and // 1089 fair, 1107 fair [JF].
- 1062 DENMARK Danmarks R., Kalundborg, 19 Oct, 0341 - Rock tune, male DJ in Danish, woman with marine weather from 0345; SIO 343, with QRM from test tones (RAI?) and a buzz on the frequency [JB].
- 1062 NIGERIA Enugu State BS, Onitsha, 16 Oct, 2159 - Station/location tentative; African music fading up, EE ID by woman (muffled audio) and time as "11 o'clock," pop tunes, ID at 2237 as "Radio 2," seemed to be news at 2300, children recite Nigerian pledge at 2310 and off; variable but SIO 443 at peak [JB].
- + 16 Oct, 2202-2310* - Program of pop and rap music including songs by Madonna and Michael Jackson, female announcer in English with heavy African accent with time checks for UTC +1 and numerous IDs mentioning "Radio 2", but on this day it was not possible to clearly make out the full ID, jingle ID, time check and ID at 2300 followed by news, music at 2304, English prayer at 2309, children's' chorus giving a pledge including the words "God Bless Nigeria, my country," short anthem and then off; fair to good (JF).
- + 17 Oct, 2058-2102 - Rap music, ID at 2100 as "This is the local - -- service of Radio Nigeria," news read by a woman; good but over modulated [JF].
- + 17 Oct, 2100 - Woman with the "latest from the news service of Radio Nigeria;" audio always muffled! SIO 443 [JB].
- + 18 Oct, 2300 - Muffled ID included "Radio Nigeria," Nigerian news, religious message, Nigerian pledge, anthem and off at 2309; SIO 342 with deep fades [JB].
- + 19 Oct, 2000 - Good with ID "ADFC AM you've got the place;" this was very easy to hear all week [NK].
- 1062 UNID 15 Oct, 2338 - Back to back old pops/country tunes, suspect Country R. in Czech Rep.; SIO 242 [JB].
- 1098 SLOVAKIA Slovenska R., Velke Kolostany, 17 Oct, 0057-0123 - Slovak talk, time pips at 0100 followed by news, overnight EZL music program at 0104; good [JF].

- 1116 CHANNEL ISLANDS & ENGLAND BBC Guernsey and BBC Derby, 16 Oct, 0217 - BBC Overnight show with the two stations not synchronized producing a one-second echo; fair [JF].
- 1134 CROATIA Hrvatski R., Zadar, 16 Oct, 0219 - Pop music; good, // 1125 was fair [JF].
- 1152 ROMANIA R. Romania, Cluj, 16 Oct, 0221 - East European music, male announcer; fair, // 855 was poor [JF].
- 1161 SCOTLAND R. Tay, Dundee, 10 Oct, 0237 - Scottish-accented presenter w/ "Five Questions" contest, music, seemed // Clyde 2 on 1152 kHz; SIO 342 [JB].
- 1170 NIGERIA Ogun State Broadcasting Corp., Abeokuta, 17 Oct, 2136 - Tentative; talks under co-channel Brazilian; very poor [JF].
+ 19 Oct, 2020 - African-sounding language mixed in a mess of QRM [NK].
- 1179 SWEDEN R. Sweden, Sölvesborg, 16 Oct, 2032 - Dance music request show in EE and Swedish, // 6065; fair [JF].
- 1188 BELGIUM R. Twee, Kortrijk, 16 Oct, 2010-2033 - Two men in Flemish, jingle ID at 2012, variety of music including Shania Twain, Sister Sledge; fair with fading under Hungary by 2030 [JF].
- 1188 HUNGARY Magyar R., Szolnok, 16 Oct, 1938-2010 - Pop music, news at 2000 in Hungarian mixing with co-channel Belgium; fair [JF].
- 1197 LESOTHO Family R., Lancer's Gap, 17 Oct, 2034 - EE religious program on southern Beverage; poor [JF].
+ 17 Oct, 2134 - EE religion; SIO 222-1 [JB].
+ 20 Oct, 2044 - Religion in EE, "Family Radio" ID at 2101, more religion; SIO 242 [JB]. This is the ex-BBC 100-kW transmitter.
- 1206 ISRAEL Kol Israel Reshet Bet, Haifa, 16 Oct, 0010 - Hebrew phone-in program; long deep fades, SIO 443 [JB].
+ 16 Oct, 2343 - Phone-in show with announcer saying "Shalom;" only in momentarily, poor [JF].
- 1206 MOZAMBIQUE Em. Prov. de Inhambane, Inhambane, 17 Oct, 2102-2206* - Pop music program with PP announcements, nice ID at 2200, anthem at 2204 before sign-off; fair peaking at good [JF].
+ 17 Oct, 2123 - PP news, instrumental guitar music and PP songs; SIO 333 [JB].
+ 18 Oct, 2022 - Good with local mentions during PP male and female commentary; the Beverage and auroral conditions took out European QRM [NK].
+ 22 Oct, 2055 - Pop music, ID, silence for almost 2 minutes before music at 2059, ID and news at 2100; SIO 333 [JB].
+ 23 Oct, 2106 - PP woman tried to talk to child...she couldn't understand the child either; SIO 332 [JB].
- 1215 BOTSWANA R. Botswana, Mahalapye, 23 Oct, 2119 - African music, // 972; SIO 232 [JB]. 23 Oct, 2120 - Very good, // several others [NK].
- 1251 LIBYA Voice of Great Homeland, Tripoli, 16 Oct, 2348 - AA talk and music, // 15415; poor [JF].
+ R. Voix de l'Afrique, 18 Oct, 2031 - EE news just ending then FF news with IDs; SIO 433 [JB].
- 1260 ENGLAND Classic Gold 1260, Mangotsfield, 21 Oct, 2027 - DJ chats with female caller, pop tunes, weather for "Bristol and West" and "Bristol and Bath," lots of IDs and promos; SIO 333 [JB].
- 1260 ENGLAND Sabras Sound, Freeman's Common, 21 Oct, 2022 - (It's not "common" here!) Poking occasionally above Classic Gold with Indian music; SIO 222-1 [JB].
+ 21 Oct, 2040 - Peaking now with Indian music; SIO 232 [JB].
- 1269 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio, Neumunster, 15 Oct, 2224 - German talk; good [CB].
- 1278 ENGLAND Classic Gold 1278, Bradford, 19 Oct, 0155 - Over and

- under Ireland with "Classic Gold" ID [NK].
- 1296 ENGLAND R. XL 1296, Langley Mill, 10 Oct, 0004 - Indian music, Hindi announcer but some EE; SIO 444 [JB].
- 1323 GERMANY Voice of Russia, Wachenbrunn, 16 Oct, 1924-2000 - FF programming, sign-off announcement at 1958, chimes IS, time pips and EE ID at 2000; EE news; fair [JF].
 + 16 Oct, 2052 - "Russian by Radio" program, frequency announcement and IS at 2058; SIO 333 [JB].
- 1332 UNID 23 Oct, 2005 and 2043 - African here in PP, not // Portugal or Madeira stations, with US music; is this Angola or Mozambique? [NK].
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND BBC R. Ulster, Lisnagarvey, 16 Oct, 2028 - C&W music show, program promo for a BBC Live music show for the Millennium, ID as "BBC Radio Ulster," old jive music; very good [JF].
- 1359 EGYPT Egyptian R., Batra, 9 Oct, 2131 - Fade up over Brits w/ classical flute music; SIO 332 [JB].
- 1368 ISLE OF MAN Manx R., Douglas, 16 Oct, 2318 - Oldies music "Imagine" by John Lennon; fair with het [JF].
- 1377 ENGLAND Asian Sound R., Manchester, 15 Oct, 2200 - Independent Radio News to 2202, then quickly faded; SIO 222-1 [JB].
 + 15 Oct, 2355 - Male host in unIDed language, Independent Radio News, then ads or slogans; SIO 242-1 as Tanzani

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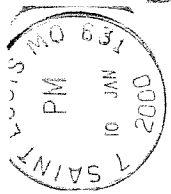
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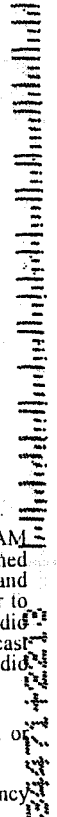
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