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Publisher's Note

DX Monitor has a Holiday present for your DXing friends not already IRCA members. Provide me with their address, and I will mail them a free copy of DX Monitor. ...If you send in articles related to MW DXing, receiver reviews, work you've done with your antenna setups and/or your shack, stories about interesting DX sessions, your 10 Best Catches of all time, what was it that made you interested in MW DXing, whatever else you may think of (no poetry, please); we just may have an ultra-jumbo issue for your Christmas and Hanukkah reading pleasure! *Please don't make me run the following blurb again! I know for a fact that some are thinking about hosting IRCA 2002. To plan a great convention for next summer, thinking time is running out, hi -RT*

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2002 IRCA Convention Bids

Anyone interested in hosting the 2002 IRCA convention, please contact IRCA President Lee Freshwater, 414 SE 3rd St, Ocala FL 34471. E-mail: ENGWTRS@aol.com.

Editors Needed

The DX Worldwide – EAST and Sports Information columns need editors. If you would like to participate in YOUR club, contact Lee Freshwater at engwtrs@aol.com

If you'd like to know what it takes to do these columns, contact Lee or me at richtoebe@jps.net. We'll show you how little work it actually takes to do the job, and you'll get your name in headlines every week! Just asking doesn't obligate you, either. -RT

DX Tests

Please remember, what's listed as being on, say, Monday *may* be what you think of as Sunday night! 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!

Sunday, December 2, 2001 - WPRI268 - 1620 am, Leominster, MA will conduct a DX test from Midnight - 1:00am Eastern Time. From its transmitting facilities in Lancaster, MA, you will hear test tones of varying frequency intermingled with Morse code ID's and an occasional Voice ID. QSL requests can be sent to WPRI268@aol.com or by USPS to:

WPRI268
25 Blodgett Street
Orange, MA 01364

P.S. QSL Cards for WPRI268's response need to be sent to that address, please!
(Arranged by Blaine Thompson for the NRC.)

Monday, January 7, 2002 - KTNS-1090, Oakhurst, CA will conduct a DX test from 12:00-1:00am PST. KTNS ("Kittens AM 1090") will broadcast using a power of 1000 watts nondirectional. Tones and CW IDs identifying KTNS will be broadcast, along with their regular Music of Your Life (MOYL) format of adult favorites from Jones Satellite Audio.

Reception reports(with return postage) may be sent to:

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(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

Saturday, January 12, 2002 - WRCS-970, Ahoskie, NC will conduct a DX test from 12:00-1:00am EST. WRCS will broadcast at a power of 1000 watts nondirectional. Tones and CW IDs identifying WRCS will be played. If any music is played, it will be gospel music with spoken liners between songs. But the test will consist mostly of CW IDs.

Reception reports(with return postage) may be sent to:

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(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

Also, 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...—Lynn Hollerman (ircamember@geocities.com)

Web Sites for AM DX Stuff

Here's something that may help you with pesky interference problems. "Using Ferrites For Interference Suppression" is actually a paper that goes into scholarly detail on why it works, and how to choose ferrites for highest impedance, with links to suppliers of suppression ferrites. It's at <http://www.elmac.co.uk/ferrite.htm>

Now that you've got all that interference suppressed, you'll want to seek out those DU stations. The New Zealand Radio DX League maintains a list of MW stations in New Zealand, giving call, frequency, net, power, station name, location and postal address. Your QSL collection will never be the same! Check out http://radiodx.com/spdxr/NZ_MWL.htm.

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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CALL CHANGES

	OLD CALL	NEW
1460	KRTR – HONOLULU, HI	KOAM
1580	WJVA- SOUTH BEND, IN	WHLY
1620	WHLY- SOUTH BEND, IN	WDND

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ.	CALL – CITY	NEW INFO
890	WBPS- DEDHAM, MA	C-NET TECH.
900	KFLP- FLOYDADA, TX	FARM NEWS
1190	WPSP- ROYAL PALM BEACH	SPAN HITS
1200	KYAA- SOQUEL, CA	OLDIES 1
1220	KZEE- WEATHERFORD, TX	KOREAN
1230	KOZA- ODESSA, TX	SS HITS // KQLM
1260	KBRH- BATON ROUGE, LA	ALTERNATIVE
1370	WALK- PATCHOGUE, NY	ADLT. STNDS

1430	WKDA- MADISON, TN	SS HITS
1450	WHSC- HARTSVILLE, SC	OLDIES // WWFN
1460	KRTR- HONOLULU, HI	KOAM – KOREAN
1520	WDMN- TOLEDO, OH	CONT. CHRIST.
1580	WJVA- SOUTH BEND, IN	WHLY – A. STNDS
1620	WHLY- SOUTH BEND, IN	WDND- SPORTS ESPN

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

980 WPGA – PERRY, GA HERB NEWBERRY reports that on 11/12 @ 1325 noted REG MEX pgm. We will keep our eyes open for an official format change. Our 1290 in Ocala used to do an hour or so of REG Mex, but the format remained as News. WPGA is listed as a Disney outlet. 2

1- PAT MARTIN 2- HERB NEWBERRY

Not a lot going on this week as the Holidays approach. Send your info to me at :
ENGWTRS@AOL.COM 73's to you all fresh 11/17/01 0900

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Kenwood R-5000, 1000' Beverage

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- 530 WPFK507 CA, Fresno 11/3 0400-0600 TIS/HAR testing, saying "This is a test on 530 kHz of Highway Advisory Radio WPFK507." According to Paul Gonzales head of North region CalTrans, location is at Highway 99 & Cedar Ave. Heard on car radio in Fresno. (GJ-CA)
 - 790 KJRB WA, Spokane 11/14 0844 man with KJRB ID under KABC & KOOR. New for WA #56. (AB-CA)
 - 870 KRLA CA, Glendale 11/15 0800 man with "KRLA News Center," news, local weather at 0801 followed by "Newstalk 8-70 The New KRLA" slogan. (AB-CA)
 - 1040 TIS/HAR CA, Fresno 11/3 0600 Fresno State giving weather & traffic before football game. Heard on car radio in Fresno. (GJ-CA)
 - 1300 KKOL WA, Seattle 11/10 0802 on top with (SRN?) news, "KOL" ID. (AB-CA)
 - 1520 KVTA CA, Port Hueneme 11/5 1934 KVTA ID, 4:34 time check, traffic report, plug for "KVTA traffic hotline." (NP-AB)
 - 1550 KKJY NM, Albuquerque 11/5 2001 traffic report by a woman, who ended with ",,,on Joy Radio, 1550 KJY." (NP-AB)

Thanks to Art, Gary, and Nigel for their reports this week. Where are the rest of you? Hope that next week everyone will report your special catches to your Roundup editor, Lee, John, or myself. Nancy 11/16/01

2001-2002 IRCA DX CONTEST - *Give Me Five!*

Contest standings as of November 15, 2001

1. Bill Nittler	106	*Contest manager is not eligible to win.
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DOWN THE DIAL

- 580 WELO MS, Tupelo. 11-11 poor with unID. 19:06 with calls, NOS format. [JJR-WI]
- 880 KHAC NM, Tse Bonito. 11-13 fair with KRVN nulled. 20:59 with end of "Focus On The Family," legal ID. [NJ-MT]
- 890 CJDC BC, Dawson Creek. 11-16 strong. 22:58 with "The Peace Country's Best Music Mix. Radio 8-90 CJDC." Weather. [NJ-MT]
- KDXU UT, St. George. 11-13 fair. 22:00 with "The latest news every 30 minutes, news talk 890 KDXU St. George" into ABC News. [NJ-MT]
- 970 KHVN TX, Fort Worth. 11-11 fair, WJMX nulled. 18:37 with "Heaven 97 KHVN" into Urban Gospel. [JJR-WI]
- WDAY ND, Fargo. 11-16 poor with WHA nulled. 07:11 with farm news, spots, station promo. Rare here. [JJR-WI]
- WJMX SC, Florence. 11-11 poor. 18:35 with calls out of a spot into talk programming. [JJR-WI]
- 1010 KXEM AZ, Tolleson. 11-10 good. 19:00 with ID "KXEM Tolleson, Phoenix. The News Station" into AP Network News. [NJ-MT]
- 1050 KRBL NM, Los Ranchos De Albuquerque. 11-12 good. 20:59 with country music, legal ID, CNN News. [NJ-MT]
- 1190 WBSL MS, Bay St. Louis. 11-11 poor, WOWO nulled. 18:12 with calls. [JJR-WI]
- 1260 WEKZ WI, Monroe. 11-16 good. 07:05 with local news, calls. Never have heard WEKZ this well. [JJR-WI]
- 1430 WCMY IL, Ottawa. 11-12 fair. 07:34 with very localized detailed news, farm news, spots. Rare. [JJR-WI]
- 1450 WAOV IN, Vincennes. 11-12 poor, buried in mud. 01:00 with ID, "News talk 14-50 WAOV" ID heard. [JJR-WI]
- 1460 WBRN MI, Big Rapids. 11-16 fair in tight WBJX null. 06:51 with calls. [JJR-WI]
- 1520 WHOW IL, Clinton. 11-11 poor. 17:43 with sign off, mention to tune to 95.9 for beautiful music until midnight. No SSB. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

November 27, 1976 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Dave Martin of Helena, MT said he was 34 and had an 18 month old daughter. He worked as a reference librarian at the Montana State Library ... John Bradley of Vail, CO told about the network of stations airing Denver Nuggets NBA basketball games ... H. John Clements of Panorama City, CA told about his new apartment and that he hasn't had time to set up his DX equipment yet.

OPEN MIKE

NBA fans know that the Nuggets are now in their 25th season. It's not too late to join this year's DX contest! This column was typed 11-17-01. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP
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Deadlines are : 8 AM SUNDAYS

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (HN-GA) Herb Newberry 405 JH Whittaker Rd, Newborn, GA 30056-3033
Kenwood R-5000,150' lw N-S/ 150' lw E-W
- (WM-MD) William McGuire 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD
DX-398
- (NP-GA) Nigel Pimblett Dxing from Atlanta, GA w/ Sony ICF 2002 &
KIWA pocket loop
- (RWK-CT) Rick Kenneally Wilton, CT
Sony 2010, 1100 S. Beverage, 300' lw.
Quantum phaser, Quantum loop

LOGGINGS

- 550 GA WDUN Gainesville 11/06 0011 Expecting to hear WAVR, found WDUN w/ Hawks BB. Perhaps at full power ? S-9 level w/ flutter. ID @ 0013 (HN-GA)
- 560 FL WAYR Orange Park 10/29 2200 ID: "Sharing Jesus Christ.....This is WAYR Orange Park (NP-GA)
- SC WVOC Columbia 10/30 2257 Presumed the one with Dr. Laura and ad for Saturn dealer in Columbia (NP-GA)
- SC WVOC Columbia 11/06 0032 Poor out of the slop w/ "560- WVOP"; then Back to Jim Bohanan (?) Better on N/S wire (HN-GA)
- 590 GA WDWD Atlanta 11/06 0048 ID "Radio Disney"; 10 over 9 and steady. Best on N/S wire 0052 Legal ID as "590- Radio Disney WDWD-Atlanta." (HN-GA)
- 620 FL WDAE St. Petersburg 11/13 0000 TOH promo for fishing shows. Legal ID into Fox Sports Net News. Sig S-9 at peak. Best on N/S wire. BY 0003 gone into mud. (HN-GA)
- 640 GA WGST Atlanta 11/06 0103 News at TOH, "Newstalk 640, WGST"; back to Art Bell @ 0108 a Cuban (?) overpowered. Best on N/S, S-9 at peak. (HN-GA)
- 670 IL WSCR Chicago 11/13 0009 ID w/ "The Score" Good sig. 20 o/S-9. Best on N/S wire. No sign of usual CMS (HN-GA)
- 680 ON CFTR Toronto 11/07 0200 Weak but readable on night that was otherwise auroral...Woman w/ news & "AM 6-80 News...CFTR". No WRKO (RWK-CT)
- GA WCNN North Atlanta 11/13 0014 Equal with WRKO in strength. 20 O/ S-9. WRKO w/ Rush Lim. & WCNN w/ sport talk (HN-GA)

740 FL WQTM Orlando 11/09 1800 In clear w/ads , then ID: "W Orlando, this is the finish line w/Jerry & The Shot Doctor.." (RWK-CT)

FL WSBR Boca Raton 11/09 0100 Weak but readable during AU cx w/ ID "Featuring the very best of business "" , you are listening to AM 7-40 WSBR- South Florida's only money talk radio station" ABC news. New (RWK-CT)

ON CHWO Toronto 11/13 0021 In w/ AC-NOS format. Slogan "Prime Time Radio." Pgm called "Jukebox Radio Show" 20 over S-9 (HN-GA)

VA WMBG Williamsburg 11/09 1900 In mix w/ "WMBG- 740 Williamsburg" Then long live ad. New (RWK-CT)

760 NC WCIS Morganton 11/06 1715 S GSPL mx hrd, ID (WM-MD)

780 NC WWOL Forest City 11/08 S GSPL mx hrd. Full sign off. (WM-MD)

810 TN WMGC Murfreesboro 11/14 0059 On day power w/Mexican sounding mx then EE TOH ID: "WMGC Radio 810 Nashville- Murfreesboro: Mixing w/ WGY, Caracol, slop from WNYC ,WLAD, & het from 813-Cuba. New. Thanks to Neil Kaz for tip. (RWK-CT)

920 GA WAFS Atlanta 11/06 0148 Equal on both wires, w/ WMEL in background in E/W wire. S-9 level. (HN-GA)

960 AL WERC Birmingham 11/06 0216 Suspect WERC w/ Art Bell behind WRFC and WTGM. Equal on both wires (HN-GA)

GA WRFC Athens 11/06 0214 On top best on E/W wire S-9 to 10 O/S-9 ESPN talk show in progress. (HN-GA)

GA WTGM (t) Sallisbury 11/06 0216 Suspect WTGM, stronger on E/W wire. Rising up and falling back behind WRFC with BLK GSPL (HN-GA)

970 SC WJMX Florance 11/13 0100 "Newstalk 970 WJMX Florance" Into ABC news. Best on N/S wire. Signal gone by 0106. New (HN-GA)

980 GA WPGA Perry 11/12 1327 Solid S-7 signal noted with English ID "WPGA- Perry"; but with SS format ??? Best on E/W wire (HN-GA)

DC WTEM Washington 11/02 2033 Presumed the one with ID as "Sport-talk 980"; hocky commentary and ad for busines in Baltimore (NP-GA)

TN WYFN Nashville 11/01 2100 Christain music, "WYFN Nashville" (NP-GA)

990 AL WLDX Fayette 10/29 2204 Country music; ID: "...right here on AM AM 990...WLDX.." (NP-GA)

1050 LA KVPI (t) Ville Plante 11/13 0118 Way in background, w/ rock oldies. Log shows "oldies" w/// FM 92.5.Equal on both Cuba QRN(HN-GA)

1060 PA WIXC Titusville 11/13 0124 In with a "WIX-C" S-9 level into NOS mx during WKY fade. Gone by 0126 (HN-GA)

1070 TN WFCI Lookout Mountain 11/13 1336 GSPL mx, on top S-3 to S-5. Best on E/W. (HN-GA)

1080 GA WKTD Marietta 11/12 1340 // WPLO 610 – Grayson, GA Equal signal from both. SS-MEX format. (HN-GA)

NC WKGX Lenoir 11/08 1730 old C&W mx; ID; sign off at 1805 (WM-MD)

1150 GA WXKO Ft. Valley 11/12 1437 S07 Groundwave Sig best on E/W. 1000 W. daytimer good sig at 90 miles. ID as Heaven 11 (HN-GA)

1170 VA WKPA Lynchburg 11/08 1725 S GSPL mx hrd; traffic report; ID(WM-MD)

1180 FL VOA Marathon 11/13 0138 Dominant w/ SS mx 20 o/ S-9. WHAM in background. Equal on both wires. (HN-GA)

1250 FL WHNZ Tampa 11/02 2200 Call letter ID came through the mess (NP-GA)

1330 VA WESR Onley 11/12 2357 Very strong on day power w/C&W mx & "The Shore's pioneer radio station, AM 13-30 WESR Onley/Onanka (?) Then a short banjo rif then silence. Thanks to Dave Hochfelder For tip. (RWK-CT)

1420 CT WLIS Old Saybrook 11/06 2130 Election coverage. Mention of Middletown ; ID; // WMRD (WM-MD)

1430 AL WFHK Pell City 11/01 1900 ID as "WFHK- Pell City" then into news by woman (NP-GA)

- 1460 VA WRAD Radford 11/01 1905 Promo for Business Talk Radio; ID; weather, then Elvis song (NP-GA)
- 1470 NY WTKO Ithica 11/06 2058 After "Animals" song, ID (WM-MD)
- SC WLMC Georgetown 11/08 2000 Apparently on w/day power, and usual WMMW-CT knocked out by aurora. Man w/muffled audio "Spreading the Word of God through song, WMLC- Georgetown. New. (RWK-CT)
- 1520 GA WDCY Douglasville 11/02 2000 Tri-station ID including WDCY (NP-GA)
- 1630 GA WTEL Augusta 11/13 0237 WTEL dominant w/ KCJJ Iowa City in background. Slight het tone noted. Better on E/W wire (HN-GA)
- 1650 IA KNDN Cedar Falls 11/13 0246 On top w/ WHKT in background. Art Bell show. Equal on both wires. (HN-GA)
- 1670 GA WRNC Warner Robbins 11/13 0252 Noted with Christmas Music rather than the usual C&W fare. ID as "Christmas 96.5" (HN-GA)
- 1700 AL WEUV Huntsville 11/13 0301 Expecting WAFN, hrd gspl mx. At 0302 KTBK became dominant, with Sports. Equal on both wires w/ 10 O/ S-9. Solid when at their peaks. (HN-GA)

TIS/HAR

- 1610 GA WPQX600 Hawkinsville 11/02 1210 Endless loop about severe storm watch warning. Legal ID at beginning of loop. "This is WPQX600 broadcasting on 1610 khz. Tape announced power of 10 w. (HN-GA)
- 1610 NJ WFPF978 Bordentown 11/11 2028 Womans voice penetrating the hash w/ "Thank you for traveling the NJ turnpike...This is station WFPF97 16-10 on your AM radio..." (RWK-CT)
- 1700 NY KNAA585 Queens 11/10 0649 Weak but readable in morning w/ info on construction & roadwork at JFK airport. No calls heard. (RWK-CT)

UNIDEN

- 1130 ?? ???? 11/08 1930 "La Musica Americana" hrd; SS mx in WBBR fade (WM-MD)

DX TESTS

- 1230 VA WODI (t) Brookneal 11/4 0100-0200 Hrd morse string @ 0102-0104, Could not get full copy but did hear two "o's". Tape sent (HN-GA)

 Thats a wrap for this week. Had the biggest column of the season !!!!Nice to hear from Nigel who was in Atlanta on business..Always a pleasure to have Nigel visit EDXR land..Looks like Rick caught a few stations running day power at night....Lets hear from the rest of you !!!!! 73s and all the best....G.B.A.fresh...11/18/00....0800.....Happy Turkey Day

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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This week we have the fantastic DU catches from Bruce Portzer on his DXpedition to Grayland. Also more LA DX to report from Nancy Johnson and Nigel Pimblett, and Pete Taylor.

Last weekend, November 11-12, Chuck Hutton and I made another DX pilgrimage to Grayland. This time, we put up two terminated Beverages, a 700 foot aimed west, and a 900 foot aimed at about 220 degrees. The results were rather interesting, especially with the intense solar storm a few days earlier. The solar activity was apparently still having an effect, because medium wave stations from Asia were missing in action, nowhere to be found, completely absent, and just

plain not there. Not even a hint of a het or carrier from any of them. The only high latitude station we heard was KBBI-890, which was in for a few minutes around sunrise 11/11.

Down Under DX, on the other hand, was nothing short of amazing. Plenty of Aussies were in, as well as many Pacific Islanders and Zedders. I had unusually good luck with stations 1 or 2 kHz removed from strong domestics, like 2QN-1521, National Radio-819/981, 2NZ-1188, NZ-909, unid Aussies on 1071 & 981, etc. 4BC-1116 was astounding at times, possibly the strongest DU of the trip, usually rivaling the 50 kw ABC stations. I added one new country, Micronesia-1503. Overall, this was one of the best Down Under sessions I've had in 20 years of Beverage expeditions. I also did a bit of SW listening when the MW wasn't in, see the end of the listing.

We had several interesting unids, which I'm hoping some Aussie DXers can help us with. The most mysterious ones are summarized here. See further down for more details.

UNIDS

- 981 - Southern Cross Network //4BC-1116, obviously 2NM or 3HA, but please don't anyone say both!
- 1017/1071 - two stations in parallel with soft-rock oldies, at the top of the hour they ran 6 pips and a woman saying "Today's Easy Hits" or something phonetically similar. Hrd the same ToH thing on 2PM-531 if that helps.
- 1179 - the rock music station we heard in September was in again, with one announcement in something other than English.
- 1215/1287 - Two stations briefly // with a pop vocal
- 1314/1341 - Two stations in Parallel w/talk. I would think it was Racing Radio, but the parent station on 1017 was either inaudible or was the one w/the lame oldies format (see above)
- 1386 - Pacific Island programming at various times. Could be Solomons, but was heard w/what could pass for locally-produced programs long after 1035/5020 went into their BBC-WS relay.

TRANSPACIFIC DX

- 531 AUSTRALIA, Port Macquairie, 2PM, 11/12 1258 fair w/EZL music, local ads, 6 pips & "Today's Easy Hits" (?) slogan by woman at 1300, also see 1017/1071.
- 550 HAWAII, Wailuku, KMVI, 1229 11/12 & other times, loud w/ESPN sports talk, no ID but format and conditions leave little doubt
- 558 FIJI, Naulu, R Fiji 1, 1453 11/11 fair-poor w/island music //1152. Loud w/island mx 1314 11/12.
- 567 NEW ZEALAND, Wellington, 0958 11/12 talk //756 fair-poor
- 590 HAWAII, Honolulu, KSSK, 0922 11/11 local-like with light rock, "Hawaii's best mix of yesterday & today, 92.3 KSSK"
- 594 AUSTRALIA, Horsham, 3WV fair w/Aussie talk w/splatter from domestics
- 620 HAWAII, Hilo, KIPA, 1338 11/12 monster 20db/S9 signal w/oldies, "620&790, it's Rainbow Radio" ID
- 650 HAWAII, Honolulu, KHNR, 1124 11/12 local news/wx "AM 650 Hawaii's News Radio" ID mixing w/mainland stms
- 666 NEW CALEDONIA, Noumea, 1425 11/11 good w/woman in French //Tahiti-738
- 670 HAWAII, Hilo, KPUA, 0520 11/11 ads, "67 AM KPUA" ID, Univ of Hawaii football game
- 702 AUSTRALIA, Sydney, 1231 11/12 Aussie Talk good w/heavy KIRO-710/CBU-690 splatter
- 720 HAWAII, Eleele, KUAI, 1230 11/11, KUAI ID by woman u/KDWN, then Fleetwood Mac song. Dominant w/KDWN off 1113 11/12 w/mix of pop/cw/Hawaiian mx
- 729 AUSTRALIA, Adelaide, 5RN, 1234 11/11 ABC news, Radio National ID, into country music program, fair w/CJNW-730 QRM
- 738 FRENCH POLYNESIA, Papeete, 0523 11/11, island music good with KCBS-740 splatter, French talk good 1007. 11/12 already in w/FF talk 0506, fair-strong at several rechecks

- 747 AUSTRALIA, Towoomba, 4QS, 1313 11/12 fair w/jazz //774
- 756 NEW ZEALAND, Auckland, 1YA, 11/12 1001 strong w/news & weather, then jazz piano. 1100 11/12 time pips & RNZ news good.
- 765 UNID, 1040 11/12 what sounded like rap music in non-EE briefly, then lost
- 774 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne, 3LO, 1240 11/11 talk pgm good. 11/12 1235 good w/discussion. Loud w/talk 1356 11/12
- 774 AUSTRALIA, Townsville, 4TO, 1044 11/12 pop mx, ads, "The best songs of all times..4TO" ID, fair, soon lost in 770/780 splatter
- 792 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane, 4RN, strong 1241 11/11 w/talk pgm
- 819 NEW ZEALAND, Rotorua, 1YZ, 1343 11/12 briefly good //756 w/inst mx & female operatic in heavy KGNW-820 splatter
- 850 HAWAII, Hilo, KHLO, 0537 11/12 strong w/Filipino program, ad for business next to Hawaii Community College
- 870 HAWAII, Honolulu, KAIM, monster signal both nights w/religion, ID "The Right Choice Every Time, KAIM" 1129 11/12.
- 890 ALASKA, Homer, KBBI 1520 11/11 fair-good w/Weekend Edition program, the only northern path DX catch of the night, strong het from SAN-891. Not hrd 11/12.
- 891 AUSTRALIA, Adelaide, 5AN 1518 11/11 Aussie talk, still good. 1531 11/12 good w/ABC news, brief mx 1540, then went into coverage of plane crash in New York, alternating between CNN feed and local announcers which continued until after they faded out around 1615.
- 900 HAWAII, Maui, KNUI, 1356 11/12 strong w/local ad into Hawaiian song
- 909 NEW ZEALAND, Napier, Southern Star, 1113 11/12 lite music //657, briefly good then gone
- 927 AUSTRALIA, Gladstone, 4CC at various times 1010-1500 11/11, 70's rock songs, finally hrd 4-double-C ID 1506
- 936 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane, 1233 11/11, Newsradio ID good. 11/12 didn't appear until 1440 w/BBC coverage of US plane crash //SIBC-5020. Still there 1607 but no longer relaying BBC, gone by 1610.
- 981 UNID, 1248 11/11 DU talk poor in 980 splatter, 6 pips 1300 weakly, then talk too poor to decipher
- 981 NEW ZEALAND, Kaikohe, 1YE, 1340 11/12 piano & female operatic 756/819 poor w/horrific 980 splatter
- 981 AUSTRALIA, unid, 1502 11/12 fair in 980 splatter w/Southern Cross Network nx, 1504 went into network coverage of American Airlines crash in NYC //4BC-1116. Either 2NM or 3HA, which one carries this network?
- 990 HAWAII, Honolulu, KHBZ (tentative) 1238 11/12 investment ads & business nx atop freq, no ID but format & conditions match
- 1017 AUSTRALIA, unid 1300 11/11 good w/70's soft rock, 6 pips at ToH, then woman said "Today's Easy Hits" or something phonetically similar //1071, both in well at times w/nonstop music, only break noted was 1321 when man talked about the songs he'd played. Again 1400 11/11 w/weak ad, 6 pips, & same slogan. Had same thing or similar on 2PM-531.
- 1017 TONGA, Nuku'alofa, 0935 11/12 very good w/island vocals, soft voiced woman DJ
- 1026 UNID, 1202 11/12 nx w/NZ accent into EZL mx dominant, low growl noted here most of the night as though someone slightly off freq.
- 1035 SOLOMON ISLANDS, Honiara, 1029 11/11 fair w/talk //5020. Good w/discussion about local elections //5020 1020 11/12, s/off strong w/anthem 1100, then BBC relay the rest of the night w/good signal o/2ZB.
- 1062 AUSTRALIA, Renmark, 5MV, 1531, woman w/nx weak & fading fast, seemed //5AN-891, weak mx in background probably 4T1
- 1071 AUSTRALIA, unid, 11/11 1300-1400 70's pop songs //1017 (see 1017 for more details), good-nil in 1070 splatter
- 1098 MARSHALL ISLANDS, Majuro, 0958 11/11 loud with woman in island language. Good w/country music song 1107 11/12.

- 1107 AUSTRALIA, Sydney, 2EA, (tentative) 1048/1152 11/11 good w/talk in unid language. Good w/BBC nx 1201 11/12 o/unid. BBC nx //SIBC-5020 1523 11/12
- 1116 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane, 4BC, very good 1122 11/11 w/ads 4BC ID & telephone talk, also 1250 w/ID, ads, "Psychic Encounters" talk pgm. Spectacular signal 1150 11/12 & other times w/telephone talk, possibly the strongest Aussie of the night! Still good w/coverage of US plane crash 1524 11/12 & promo for pgm "on Brisbane's 4BC".
- 1125 UNID, telephone talk 1253 11/11, NOT//1332
- 1134 AUSTRALIA, unid, 1405 11/11 telephone talk //1143, may have been //1206 but not sure, probably 2AD-1134/2HD-1143
- 1152 FIJI, Rakiraki, R Fiji 1255 11/11 island music good, loud 1419. Loud all night 11/12
- 1179 UNID, 1452 11/12 briefly good w/rock music & man in unid language
- 1188 AUSTRALIA, Inverell, 2NZ, 1128 11/11 presumed the one w/teletalk //1206, then ads, broke for James Taylor's "Candy Man" 1134, fair-nil in KEX-1190 splatter. Quite good w/nx report on plane crash in New York //1206 1511 11/12.
- 1206 AUSTRALIA, Grafton, 2GF, 1128+ 11/11 2SM network teletalk, good at times, used it to check other freqs for //s. Often good w/teletalk 1105-1500+ 11/12.
- 1215 UNID, 1353 11/11 female vocal //1287, not sure if Aussie or NZ. Nothing seems to fit.
- 1215 UNID, 1411 11/12 briefly good w/pop music, & possible "----- hits" ID or slogan. Gone by 1413
- 1251 UNID, 1138 11/12 music not //1206 briefly hrd, also briefly hrd 1448, NZ or 2DU?
- 1269 AUSTRALIA, Sydney, 2SM, 1134 11/11 poor in 1270 splatter, IDed by checking 1206 etc for //
- 1270 HAWAII, Honolulu, KNDI, 1501 11/11, dominant w/ID "KNDI Honolulu, the Broadcast House of the Pacific", best signal ever for them
- 1278 UNID, telephone talk fair 1119 11/11 & 1444 11/12. Coverage of American Airlines crash not //1206 1514 11/12, then gone 1515.
- 1287 AUSTRALIA, Tamworth, 2TM, 1120 11/11 good-nil w/70s rock song "1287 2TM" ID, into Abbott & Costello routine, mixing w/another station, probably NZ. Also 1139 w/James Taylor song //other 2SM network stns
- 1296 NEW ZEALAND, Hamilton, 1ZH, 0928 11/12 teletalk //1035 briefly good, the lost in splatter
- 1314 AUSTRALIA, unid, either 3BT or 2ZW 1209 sports news fair-nil, couldn't find // on 927 or 1017
- 1332 NEW ZEALAND, Auckland, R Sport, 1216+ 11/11, ads, Radio Sport ID, telephone talk, good. Mixing w/unid 70s rock (probably 4BU) good-fair at several rechecks. Also 11/12 1147 & other times w/sportstalk
- 1332 AUSTRALIA, Bundaberg, 4BU probably the one battling NZ various times 11/11 & 11/12 w/oldies & Aussie DJ, never hrd ID
- 1341 AUSTRALIA, Newcastle??, 1257 11/11 Aussie talk //1314 fair-poor, Possibly Racing Radio, but wasn't //1017
- 1380 HAWAII, Pearl City, KIFO, 1201 11/11 light jazz atop, Chuck hrd ID a minute earlier
- 1386 UNID, 1303 11/11 fair w/talk & singing in island language, still there 1414 w/island music. Also 1024 & 1206 11/12 w/island language. Possibly SIBC but wasn't/SIBC-1035/5020 & was hrd after SIBC went into BBC relay. Maybe NZ but they're supposedly all Hindi.
- 1413 AUSTRALIA, Newcastle, 2EA, 0950 11/11 telephone talk in Chinese, talk in Russian-sounding lang (listed as Czech on their website) 1103, woman in Asian lang 1222, BBC news in EE 1302
- 1422 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne (very tentative) 11/11 1029 Greek music briefly audible, then lost in 1420 splatter
- 1467 FIJI, Rakiraki, R Fiji 2, 0936 11/11 loud with Hindi program. Also loud at several times 11/12

- 1503 MICRONESIA, Kosrae, V6AJ, 0952 11/11 island music (sounded religious) with no announcements between songs good-nil in KGA-1510 splatter, best on western wire, woman in island language 1043-1047, more island music to 1055, then same woman w/apparent s/off in EE, seemed to mention V6AJ, then anmt in island language & song (anthem?), gone after 1100. Again 11/12 0938 w/upbeat island vocals, male ancr, good at times but usually lost in domestic splatter, seemed to s/off in island language 1101, then anthem(?). Confirmed it was them by calling station a couple days later and describing what I heard. Ex-1584, still listed there in WRTH. New country.
- 1503 NEW ZEALAND, Radio Sport, 1202 11/11 fair-poor w/sportstalk //1332
- 1512 AUSTRALIA, Newcastle, 2NA, 0932 11/11 Aussie EE & what sounded like Aboriginal chanting good
- 1521 AUSTRALIA, Deniliquin, 2QN, 11/11 1104 weak-fair in KKSJ-1520 splatter w/news in English, ID as "1521 2QN" then woman w/weather, into Michael Jackson song, then lost when 1520 went back into music
- 1540 HAWAII, Honolulu, KREA, 0931 11/11 Korean talk atop KPXA
- 1548 AUSTRALIA, Emerald, 4QD, 0927 11/11 already in with sporting event, good
- 1557 AUSTRALIA, unid teletalk, 1019 11/11, probably 2RE
- 1566 AUSTRALIA, 1022 & 1223 11/11, oldies, probably 3NE
- 1593 UNID, 1225 11/11 several hundred Hz het between 2 stns, neither was audible except for brief bits of music. Paul Ormandy says R Samoa in NZ is off-freq here.

TROPICAL BAND DX

- 2310 AUSTRALIA, 1325 11/12 fair-good //2485/2325, man interviewing women
- 2325 AUSTRALIA, 1325 11/12 good w/interview //2310/2485
- 2485 AUSTRALIA, fair-poor w/Aussie woman 1323 11/12
- 3250 NORTH KOREA, 1328 11/12 woman in Korean, fair signal but shallow modulation
- 3280 UNID, Chinese music good 1329 11/12, Voice of Pujiang listed.
- 3320 NORTH KOREA, 1330 11/12 good w/woman in KK, either //3250 or similar program (couldn't decide)
- 4000 CHINA, 1539 11/11 Chinese talk good, Nei Menggu listed
- 4460 UNID, Asian talk 1537 11/11 fair w/RTTY QRM
- 4820 INDIA, Calcutta, 1528 11/11 talk in unid language, the 6 pips and news in English, best of the 60 meter Indians, weaker parallels noted on 4775 4800 4880 4895 4970 4990
- 4850 CHINA, strong 1555 11/11 Chinese talk, 5&1 time pips 1600, anthem, then woman w/ZRGD ID & apparent s/off anmt, carrier cut 1603
- 4890 PNG, strong much of the night 11/12, noted w/Fundamentalist Preacher 1352 11/12, left carrier on after 1400 s/off
- 4915 BRAZIL, 0152 11/12 many ads, woman DJ, R Anhaguera ID, suddenly off 0202 (matches listed s/off)
- 4919 ECUADOR, SS talk & R Quito ID 0240 11/12
- 4965 ZAMBIA, 0228 11/12, vocal mx, "Radio Christian Voice" ID fair-good
- 4985 BRAZIL, 0143 11/12 good-fair w/Portuguese version of "California Dreaming", 0146 ads & "Brazil Central" ID
- 5020 SOLOMON ISLANDS, Honiara, 11/12 strong the entire night, noted 1020+ w/interested pgm about upcoming election, apparent interviews w/politicians, one talked about leading the country out of its "dark period", Signoff with Anthem 1103, then relayed BBC-WS the rest of the night.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 850 MEXICO, Mexicali, XEZP 0059 11/6. Mexican music, call letter ID just after the hour also mentioning Super Banda slogan and power as "mil watts de potencia". Way over KOA thanks to the aurora. (NP-AB)
- 860 MEXICO, Tijuana XEMO 11/10 2059:30 good with call, frequency, and "La Poderosa" slogan. (NJ-MT)

- 1000 MEXICO, Cd. Juarez XEFV, 11/11 2300 strong with ID and "La Rancherita" slogan. (NJ-MT)
- 1170 COLOMBIA, Cartagena HJNW, 0556 11/12. On top briefly with program promo and Caracol IDs. New catch, now that CKGY is gone. For some reason KVOO was weaker than normal. (NP-AB1) *(Colombia is not reported often in the West these days. Good catch. PM)*
- 1560 MEXICO, UNID, 11/13 0640, hrd with ballads, with no KNZR. Thought I hrd "La Consentida" which would make it Mexico City. However it was talk for at least 10 minutes at 0640, which sounded like preaching in SS. Gone by 0700. Ideas? (PT-WA)

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PAN AMERICAN

- 527 BAHAMAS, ZLS, Stella Maris, NOV 13 0245 - Very strong w/Morse code. [Kenneally-CT]
- 530 TURKS & CAICOS, R. Vision Christiana, South Caicos, NOV 13 0252 - Huge, local-like signal on Southern Beverage w/slow contemporary Spanish vocals, then man giving call-in phone number in Spanish. [Kenneally-CT]
- 555 ST. KITTS, ZIZ, Basseterre, NOV 13 0258 - Excellent signal w/upbeat EE Caribbean songs and mentions of "Zed I Zed" between songs. [Kenneally-CT]
- 570 CUBA, R. Reloj, Santa Clara, NOV 13 0240 - Just pips & "rr" audible under phase-weakend WMCA-NY. First reception w/new south Beverage. [Kenneally-CT]
- 580 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, R. Monte Cristi, HIAF, Monte Cristi, NOV 13 0304 - Over WKAQ-PR w/upbeat LA songs w/funky DJ giving "Monte Cristi" IDs between each. WTAG-MA & WHP-PA dominant on longwire, but non-existent on Beverage. New. [Kenneally-CT]
- 580 PUERTO RICO, WKAQ, San Juan, NOV 13 0301 - Mixing with Dominican w/non-stop talk and mentions of "WKAQ" and "R. Reloj". [Kenneally-CT]
- 680 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMJV, Ciego de Avila, NOV 19 0700 - Very weak w/distinctive 9-note R. Rebelde noticias leadin and ments of "La Habana". Under dominant WPTF-NC on Beverage. New. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 680 PUERTO RICO, WAPA, San Juan, NOV 19 0900 - Very good w/news & sports, then after top of hour, "Wapa" and "Puerto Rico" mentions, then "W-A-P-A" spelled out just as my tape ended. New. Boy, they sure talk fast in Puerto Rico. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 690 COLOMBIA, R. Recuerdos, HJ CZ, Bogota, NOV 15 0001 - Mixing w/Cuba w/talk by man mentioning Recuerdos, then a quick "R. Recuerdos" recorded ID by woman. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 690 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, R. Guarachita, HIAW, Santo Domingo, NOV 14 2312 - Mixing w/R. Progreso & Montreal w/slow, sad-sounding song, then strange burst of

- distorted audio - sounded like operator error – then loud recorded ID by man: "H-I-A-W R. Guarachita" in middle of song. New. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 700 COLOMBIA, R. Net, HJCX, Cali, NOV 17 0355 - Good in WLW phase null w/SS teletalk interview mentioning Cali, break w/sports & many R. Net mentions. Over another SS singer (R. Sur, Venezuela?) and blissfully low WOR-710 slop. New. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN IS., ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, NOV 16 2300 – Fair signal rising above R. Coro w/accented EE woman, then man mentioning Virgin Is., short mx interlude, then man: "Coming up - BBC World Service news" then nice, clear "Zed BVI" jingle. Into BBC news. One of my favorite LA loggings. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, NOV 13 2250 - Presumed with accented EE commercials (hardware store and print shop) then, later, REL discussion. Mostly buried by R. Coro. [Kenneally-CT]
- 790 VENEZUELA, Venezuela 790, Caracas, NOV 18 0318 - Great at peaks, but fading during IDs all evening until 0318 when man gave good clear time check "en Venezuela 790" then back to upbeat, trumpet-heavy LA mx. Another SS in the mix. New. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 810 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJCY, Bogota, NOV 14 0557 - Way on top of WGY on beverage w/"Esta es CARACOL, premier cadena radial Colombiana". Haven't logged this before for some reason. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 814 CUBA, R. Progreso, Guantanamo, NOV 14 0556 - Audio barely readable in monster het against 810 & slop from WNYC-820. Woman w/"R. Progreso, cadena nacional" just before top of hour. Audio very fuzzy - this transmitter is a mess. New. [Kenneally-CT]
- 840 CUBA, CMHW, Santa Clara, NOV 15 0455-0505 - excellent; dominated WHAS at peaks. ID'd at top of hour as "Doble V, Santa Clara, Cuba." Played American pop music, for instance, just after top of hour "Africa" by Toto. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 860 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, R. Clarin, HILR, Santo Domingo, NOV 15 0300 - Good w/mentions of "radio cadena comercial", ments Santo Domingo, "R. Clarin", and time check "once de la noche". New. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 870 COLOMBIA, R. Mar Caribe, HJSB, Barranquilla, NOV 18 0233 – Rose above mix w/penetrating jingle sung by clear-voiced woman "Radio Mar Caribe ohhhh La Primera", then man talking over snippets of music like he was pitching a new album. Frequency dominated by Cuba, Puerto Rico & WCB5-880 slop. New. [Kenneally-CTa]
- 900 MEXICO, XEW, Mexico, DF, NOV 14 0000-0020 - good in CHML null; very strong at times, but with deep ten-minute fades. Male and female announcers (by turns, not together) and frequent mentions of Mexico at top of hour. A sample of "Surfin' USA" used for theme or intro music at 0002. [Hochfelder-NJ]

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[11/14] Hi. Been reading old DXM's '88, '89 and feel more and more like the members are family. Writing this at new Empire Center about 11 am my time. Sunny, warm, windy – rain just couple of days ago here. DXed AM here plus early morning drive to Antelope Valley. Got 1380 KWJL good about Sierra Hwy & Av N. Night power may get out far at times but poor in S. Valley area. Heard many AMs as well as FM. Now getting Claremont FM on car rx Playing variety of older comedy spoofs, etc. Song on now is favorite – Der Fueher's Face (Spike Jones). About old DXM's – really good to see Ric Heald's forums, plus others who haven't been sending in forums or reports. Ric put on some great GTG's, per reading about them. Back home now, to continue. Just got DXM 1231 today. It's a strong possibility Don Kaskey has heard KUTY which is Unica and had 2 of 4 towers down some time ago, so maybe pattern is back to normal. I did hear them on visit to area there but unable to detect if any stronger – signal while near Acton was good and much stronger as I went north on Sierra Hwy around Av. M. The XR is at about Av. K-10 & 70th East, Lancaster. Oh, also heard OC on 1340 (KAVC, KTPI FM + KOSS FM) but no activity – maybe automated. Am wondering if John Rieger heard WICH-1310 – 21st NRC Log has them as Ac/EZL. 5 KW day+night. Or KOKX, IA. KRBI, MN has OLD/EZL. WNAE, PA is listed as Ac/EZL. WDOD, TN says NOS; 5 KW day+night. Just some possibilities. I think the 40 years of KXTR means how long its existed. No way 40 years on 1660! Good to see a new member in Canyon County – looked in phone book for that area that I have, and no listing. Plus Ridgcrest. Wish there were more S. Cal. Members, maybe for a GTG sometime. I did get 104.9 country on radio early this morning in the A.V. area. The 2 AM in Ridgcrest not heard. To those new and rejoining members, get involved and send in forums and reports to DXM. Hope Jim Stately is enjoying CNN Headline News now on 1220 KIIS. 73

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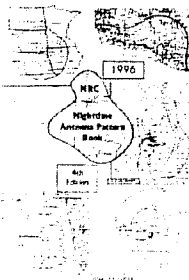
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Haven't contributed to this column for a while so I figured it was high time. I just finished running some tests on the current Radio Shack portables (article should be appearing soon, if it hasn't already). The only worthy contender in the competition was the DX-398, a pretty darn good little portable for the money (especially if you can get it on sale for \$149). Its two principal drawbacks, in my mind, were its appetite for batteries and its less than optimal audio. Regarding the latter, the audio sounds fine on medium to strong AM stations but its bass-biased passband is counterproductive when trying to dig out an ID on a weak, noise-masked station, a condition that becomes very apparent when comparing it side-



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by-side with, for example, the CCRadio with its voice-optimized passband. Speaking of the CCRadio, I have been using it for the past year and a half or so for at least 3-4 hours a day and have noticed a couple of peculiarities that have cropped up in the past couple of months. First, the LCD display is getting a bit cantankerous. Initially, segments of the LCD numerals would activate/deactivate, making frequency determination difficult. At first, this could be remedied by simply pressing the reset button recessed in the base of the radio. Now, I've found that I have to take the batteries out of the radio overnight or longer and then hit the reset button to correct the situation. I'm having to do this more and more frequently, so I don't know what's going on. The second thing about the CCRadio is that the recessed grip on the back of the radio that serves as a handle has never provided me with a secure feeling when I've had to move the radio. As a result, I've dropped the darn thing about 4 times since I've had it, the last drop apparently messing up the IF section (I'm getting some feed-through to adjacent channels from my locals) so I guess I'm going to have to go inside and re-align the IF stage. Nonetheless, the CCRadio remains among the very best BCB DX portables around, in my mind, especially for digging out IDs on tough domestic DX. As long as I'm talking about radios (one of my favorite subjects), I've noticed the noise floor on my Drake R-8 has risen a bit in recent months. Anybody have any ideas (before I go inside and start probing around)? As a result, the Palstar R-30 and JRC NRD-535D have taken front and center for DXing.

In closing, I finally got the Radio Plus+ website up and running (it's at <http://www.dx-tools.com>....don't forget the hyphen). After months of wrestling with Frontpage 2000, I gave up on my initial fancy design and went plain-Jane. I've noticed that on some computers the website looks pretty good; on others (that apparently don't support esoteric fonts) it looks crappy. As soon as I get some time, I'll try to fix it up. In the meantime, if you want details about Quantum Loops, a MW phaser, Q-Stick, etc., check out the website. Club members get a 10% discount. 73....GT.

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 I took my backyard antenna down the other day to repair squirrel damage before winter. Hurt my knee in the process so didn't get to visit the public radio stations. Was finally able to hear WEUV-1700, Huntsville. Hard catch here. Mailed a report. Also had a QSL sheet from the WODI-1230 DX test. Enjoyed the CCRadio articles by Gerry Thomas and Harry Helms, I too found the carry handle a pain but the CCRadio case (C. Crane co. \$29.95) is a big help. I also like the easy turn turntable (C Crane co. \$14.95). Anyway, I love my CCRadio almost as much as the old Sony 2010, which I don't use much anymore. 73, col. dx.

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1610

KALT TX ATLANTA (REP. SILENT)

1620

WPHG AL ATMORE (SILENT)
 KSMH CA AUBURN REL (ETWN)
 KBLI ID BLACKFOOT SPT (ESPN)
 WDND IN S.BEND SPT (ESPN)
 KOZN NE BELLEVUE SPT (ESPN)
 WTAW TX COLLEGE STN TLK
 KYIZ WA RENTON UC-AC

1630

*WTEL GA AUGUSTA TLK/SPT
 KCJJ IA IOWA CITY AC/OLD

KKWY WY CHEYENNE C&W

XEUT BCN TIJUANA JAZZ

1640

KDIA CA VALLEJO TLK
 KPBC OR LAKE OSWEGO REL/GOS
 KBJA UT SANDY SS (UNICA)
 WKSH WI SUSSEX REL

1650

KWHN AR FT SMITH NX/TLK
 KFOX CA TORRANCE KK
 KBJD CO DENVER REL-AC
 KDNZ IA CEDAR FALLS NX/TLK/SPT
 WHKT VA PORTSMOUTH NOS/SPT

1660

§KAXW CA MERCED SS
WODX FL MARCO ISLAND NX
KXTR KS KANSAS CITY CLAS
WQSN MI KALAMAZOO SPT (ESPN)
WWRU NJ JERSEY CITY SS (UNICA)
KQWB ND WEST FARGO NOS
KRZX TX WACO NX/TLK/SPT
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WGIT PR CANOVANAS SS

1670

KNRO CA REDDING SPT (ESPN)
WRNC GA WARNER ROBINS C&W
WTDY WI MADISON TLK/SPT

1680

KAVT CA FRESNO KID (DISNEY)
WTIR FL WINTER GARDEN TOURIST
‡KYEA LA MONROE UC-GOS

WJNZ MI ADA UC-CHR
WTTM NJ PRINCETON SPT (ESPN)

1690

KSXX CA ROSEVILLE SS/ETH
KDDZ CO ARVADA KID (DISNEY)
WPTX MD LEXINGTON PK SPT (SSN)

1700

WEUV AL HUNTSVILLE UC-GOS
WJCC FL MIAMI SPRS SS/REL
KBGG IA DES MOINES NX
KQXX TX BROWNSVILLE OLD
KTBK TX SHERMAN SPT (SSN)

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§ KAXW soon will change to KTIQ and go Sports.
‡ KYEA also reported using KRJO calls.

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