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Publisher's Notes

The deadline to get materials here for the **Anniversary issue** is about two weeks away. Send in a forum, and introduce yourself or update us on your doings. Articles are welcome too, especially if they are related to IRCA history. How about a short story about a DX experience, or your best 10 catches of all time? Crank up the radios and give the roundup editors your DXing results. Do you DX with a timer? How did you first get involved in DXing as a hobby? What do you like about **DX Monitor**, what would you like to see in the future? Remember, the contents of this publication are the result of your contributions.

Eric Floden passes along news from the Northwest Broadcasters site:

02/13/02 - KKOL AM 1300 Seattle has moved out of its old transmitter site on Harbor Island and is currently operating with 1 kw from a ship, the Coastal Ranger, which is tied up at Alki. The operation is temporary until a new fixed facility can be completed. Clay's Corner Thanks to B & ML Cronin --RT

Seattle Annual Get-together

Bruce Portzer is having his annual DX Get-together on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 2 p.m. Bruce's address is 6546 19th Avenue N.E. in Seattle. If you have questions or want to RSVP, his phone number is 206-522-2521.

"Here's a chance to meet other radio listeners and talk about hobby stuff - medium wave, SWBC, utility, TV/FM, or whatever flavor of listening you like to do. Feel free to bring stuff like receivers, QSL cards, antennas, and other paraphernalia to show off or demonstrate. Please bring a potluck snack or something to drink. At dinner time, we'll pass the hat around and order some pizzas."

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!

Ongoing, February, 2002 - WKDK-1240, Newberry, SC will send CW IDs every day during the month of February, 2002 at 6:04 am EST, immediately following ABC news.

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

Powell Way, QSL Manager
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Newberry, SC 29108

Email (Reception reports only):
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(Arranged by **Powell E. Way III** and **Lynn Hollerman**.)

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Sunday, February 24, 2002 - WGY (810am, Schenectady, New York) will do a DX test. Since they will be running Coast-to-Coast AM at the time, they will run DX announcements three times per hour between 2am and 4am, at :03, :32 and :58 past the hour. Possible Morse code ID too.



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

Greg Foster, Program Director
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QSL's will be mailed.
(Arranged by **Dave Schmidt** and **Greg Foster**, via **Blaine Thompson**, NRC)

That's all for now...

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

Lists of radio stations from the past can be found at these two sites: one, created by **Deane McIntyre** in Calgary reproduces lists from of USA and foreign stations on MW in September and October 1936 from *All Wave Radio*, an American magazine. Find them as PDF files at: <http://136.159.225.44/StationLists1936.html> The other site, <http://www.olderadio.com/>, conatins lists of stations from 1922, 1925, 1927, 1930 and 1941. Look in "Contents", then "History", then "Radio Dialing." This is part of a larger effort to build a history of broadcasting, and is maintained by **Barry Mishkind**.

[IRCA] at Topica

There's been a flurry of messages recently on the IRCA e-mail reflector on using a timer to DX overnight; interesting results have been achieved. Not receiving these messages? By subscribing to [IRCA] at Topica, you become part of a select group that receives e-mails related to the club, advance notification of DX tests, chat between group members, and up-to-the-minute DX news submitted by group contributors. These messages can be sent to your e-mail applicati on such as Outlook Express, Netscape Messenger or Eudora, and can be read on your web browser, or in digest form. For more information, contact **Lynn Hollerman**, group moderator, at: lynhollerman@yahoo.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

NEW 2001 VERSION! The IRCA Mexican Log, 7th Edition

lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The log has been completely updated from the 2000 edition and carefully cross-checked by several IRCA members. **This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations.** Size is 8 1/2" x 11" and three hole punched for easy binding. Prices: IRCA/NRC members - \$9.00 (US/Canada/Mexico/sea mail), \$10.00 (rest of the Americas airmail), \$10.50 (Europe/Asia airmail), \$11.00 (Australia/New Zealand airmail). Non-members: add \$2.50 to the above prices.

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- (JW) John Wilkins-Wheat Ridge, CO peakbagger3@juno.com
Drake R -8, 4' box loop

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 710 KUET AZ, Black Canyon City 2/12 0145 noted in very tight KFIA null, over/under
KDIS and KIRO with clock ticks, snippets of repeated announcements
mentioning Phoenix radio, heard KUET call letters one time in the clear.
Thanks to Kevin Redding for alerting us on the Topicalist! New. (RT-CA)
+ Hit air at 9am MST on 2/12 with "Timeless Classics" according to Mike
Thomas from the station who e-mailed me to listen. Heard under KNUS
2/13 0915 Sinatra, etc music. (BN-CO)
- 560 KSFO CA, San Francisco 2/2 0534 "You're listening to Art Bell Coast to Coast on
Hot Talk 560 KSFO." Very good signal. (RN-HI)
- 570 KSNM NM, Las Cruces 2/13 0930 ad for Purple Sage Cafe, ID and weather. (BN-
CO)
- KNRS UT, Salt Lake City 2/12 2100 with a "570 KNRS" ID at top of the hour. KVI
strangely absent. New for me. (MS-AB)
- 580 KMJ CA, Fresno 2/2 0506 "You're listening to Art Bell Coast to Coast on Newstalk
580 KMJ." Tried hard to null KSSK then I got it. Signal quite good for 5000
watts. (RN-HI)
- 590 KOMJ NE, Omaha 2/9 "Magic 590" ID's 2030, NOS music. (BN-CO)
- 600 KOGO CA, San Diego 2/5 1300 female with news & ID very good daytime signal.
(GH-OR1)
- 610 KFRC CA, San Francisco 2/2 0413 promo "Million Dollar Money Machine on Oldies
99.7 KFRC." Decent signal - not much QRM from KSSK & KIPA. (RN-HI)
- KONA WA, Kennewick 1/27 0030 male announcer with Tri Cities weather report
and ID. Barely out there in a 3 way jumble with unID's. (GH-OR)
- 630 KIDD CA, Monterey 2/2 0508 WWI AS format. Signal was decent at this time.
(RN-HI)

- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 2/2 0400 ID "More stimulating talk radio KFI Los Angeles.
The station with the most frequent traffic reports." Heavy QRM from KHNR.
(RN-HI)
- 710 KIRO WA, Seattle 2/2 0406 Stan Freeburg "When Radio Was" show. Strong, but
the usual KQM QRM. (RN-HI)
- 730 KWOA MN, Worthington 2/9 0757 area ads, program notes, call ID's, Valentine's
Day floral ad. Poor copy. (JW-CO)
- 750 ?KBNN? MO, Lebanon 2/9 0805 out of ABC news and into "SkyScan Weather"
sponsored by fireplace store with outlets in Lebanon and Camdenton;
"Business Talk Radio" slogan and into golf show. Fair signal and no QRM
until 0830 when KM MJ signed on and took over. (JW-CO)
- KMMJ NE, Grand Island 2/9 0830 s/on in English and Spanish; address announced
per NRC AM Log, into a Mexican tune at 0832. Good signal. (JW-CO)
- 800 KDF0 CA, Bakersfield 2/14 0235 on top briefly with Fox Sports programming.
(AB-CA)
- 900 KBIF CA, Fresno 2/5 2355 faint ID in the slop. (GH-OR1)
- CKMO BC, Victoria 2/5 1900 legal ID mixing in the jumble with unID's. (GH-OR1)
- 920 KXLY WA, Spokane 2/15 0903 gal with news, KXLY call ID at 0904. Co-freq QRM
from KWYS. (AB-CA) (You were very lucky to hear KWYS! We have to be
within 10 miles from West Yellowstone to hear them (I've never heard them
from Billings).--NJ)
- 1020 KTNQ CA, Los Angeles 2/2 0416 Spanish format, telephone call-in show. Clear
signal. (RN-HI)
- 1030 KTWO WY, Casper 2/2 0417 "This is the weekend edition of the Trucking Bozo
Show." Good signal tonight. Very little QRM from KLHT. (RN-HI)
- 1090 KNCR CA, Fortuna 2/5 1700 faint "Real Country" ID, with country music. (GH-
OR1)
- 1170 KCBQ CA, San Diego 2/5 1530 good signal with talk & legal ID. (GH-OR1)
- 1180 KERI CA, Wasco 2/2 0500 "(Pro?) Life Perspective Program." Signal is quite
drifty. (RN-HI)
- KOFI MT, Kalispell 2/4 1945 strong signal with Moody Blues song. (GH-OR1)
- 1200 WOAI TX, San Antonio 2/4 1900 news & talk in the mix with unID's. (GH-OR1)
- 1230 KTRF MN, Thief River Falls 2/11 0100 with "1230 KTRF Thief River Falls
Minnesota" ID at top of hour, then into news. New for me. (MS-AB)
- KOBB MT, Bozeman 2/11 0900 with "KOBB Bozeman" ID at top of the hour. This
surfaced on 6 out of the 10 programmed sessions. New for me. (MS-AB)
- 1240 KMCL ID, Caldwell 2/11 with oldies music, ID caught in jumble at 0459:55
"KMCL..." (PM-OR)
- KMHI ID, Mountain Home 2/11 0259:55 call ID noted under KCVL "KMHI
Mountain Home." (PM-OR)
- KWIK ID, Pocatello 2/10 2159 with ID under KTIK, "KWIK Pocatello." (PM-OR)
- KTIK OR, Pendleton 2/10 ID at 2159:50 "Count on us for the latest news and
weather. KTIK Pendleton." (PM-OR)
- KCVL WA, Colville 2/10 ID at 2259:50 "Your hometown country is here on KCVL
Colville." (PM-OR)
- KXLE WA, Ellensburg 2/10 ID at 2059:50 going into news "Your choice for News
Talk KXLE, Ellensburg." (PM-OR)

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- 1270 KBZZ N.V., Sparks-Reno 2/5 1400 "The Buzz" ID. (GH -OR1)
CHAT A.B., Medicine Hat 2/5 1515 fair signal with news & weather. (GH -OR1)
- 1310 KMKY C.A., Oakland 2/2 0411 Radio Disney format, same as local KQM Q. Good signal. (RN -HI)
- 1320 ?KCLI? O.K., Clinton 2/5 2040 Latin pop vocals; occasional soft-voiced male announcer; at 2052 heard what sounded like "Trece Viente, Radio Azteca Copa." then a few seconds later, the "Radio Azteca" part again. Faded under KWYZ before top of hour ID; surfaced again at 2118 with "somos KCLI en el trece veinte AM ...las mas de la musica copa." Not sure of either call letters or slogan; phonetically KCLI is the closest' loops in that direction, too. KCLI was last heard as oldies. (JW -C0)
- 1340 CFYK N.W.T., Yellowknife 2/9 0858 timed switched on at the end of the first half of a program called Northern News. A man then gave different ways in which the CBC Yellowknife could be contacted, by fax at 1-867-920-5440, by phone at 1-867-872-4928, or by mail at PO Box 160, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2N2. Then into CBC national news. Not the perfect ID, but about the best you'll ever get from the CBC and good enough for me. New for me. (MS -AB)
- 1380 KTKZ C.A., Sacramento 2/5 2235 talk show with very strong signal. (GH -OR1)
+2/8 1959 "Talk and news, 13 -80, KTKZ, Sacramento" ID and into news. (BB-ID)
- KSRV O.R., Ontario 2/8 0759 ID at top of hour, semi-local. (BB-ID)
- 1390 KVIN C.A., Turlock 2/2 0509 WW1 AS format. Pretty good signal. (RN -HI)
KSLM O.R., Salem 2/9 2030 ID & spot for Vermont Teddy Bears. (BB -ID)
KLG N U.T., Logan 2/1 0045 man said "Everyone loves oldies on KLG N," NOS type oldies. Fair signal with deep fades. This is a new log! (GH -OR)
+2/9 0800 out of the mush with top of hour ID "KLG N Logan." (BB -ID)
- KBBO W.A., Yakima 2/9 0900 top of hour ID "KBBO -Yakima." (BB-ID)
- 1400 KART ID., Jerome 2/10 2059 top of hour ID "Cart Country" after country music. (BB-ID)
- KJDY O.R., John Day 2/10 2159 top of hour ID "You're listening to KJDY and KJDY FM." (BB-ID)
- 1410 KERN C.A., Bakersfield 2/10 0259 top of hour ID as "Newstalk 14-10, KERN." (BB-ID)
- 1420 KM0G A.Z., Payson 2/10 0359 top of hour ID as "Your number one news and information station, KM0G, 14-20, Payson." (BB-ID)
- 1449.83 KIOV ID., Payette 2/3 0905 finally ID'd this offender that has been putting a het against 1450 for several months. Heard at 0905 with 1-800 ads, then "It's the best of courtroom drama on radio - NBA basketball right here on Sporting News Radio 1450 KIOV" and into Peter Brown show. Soon faded. New for ID #30. (JW -C0)
- 1450 KBFI ID., Bonners Ferry 2/9 ID at 0259:55 over KXX0, etc. (PM -OR)
KXX0 O.R., Eugene 2/9 0259:50 call letter ID in the jumble. (PM -OR)
KLBM O.R., La Grande 2/9 ID mixing with KCLX at 1059:55 "KLBM La Grande" into news. (PM -OR)
KCLX W.A., Colfax 2/9 ID 0859:55 as "KCLX, Moscow -Colfax." (PM -OR)

- 1490 KNDC N.D., Hettinger 2/13 0400 with a "1490 KNDC" ID at top of the hour, then into ABC news. New for me. (MS -AB)
- KOVC N.D., Hettinger Valley City 2/13 0800 with a "KOVC-1490 Valley City/KDDR-1220 Oaks/KDAK-1600 Carrington" ID at top of the hour. New for me. (MS -AB)
- 1500 KSJX C.A., San Jose 2/5 2000 legal ID into ethnic talk program. Excellent signal. (GH -OR1)
- 1570 KHPN C.O., Loveland 2/13 good on top with C&W music (someone reported them with sports), ID at 0459:50 "The Giant of the Front Range in High Plain, KHPN Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley" into CNN news. (PM -OR)
- KVTK S.D., Vermillion per a phone call to the station, KVTK is the station I heard. "Home of the Chicago Cubs, this is all sports radio..." (fade). Listed as 71 watts at night at 0559:50 2/15. (PM -OR)
- 1630 KKWY W.Y., Fox Farm 2/13 0023 with a clear KKWY ID and back to C&W music. Really pleased about this one as I've been after it since it went on the air. Normally KCJJ owns the frequency here with nothing underneath whereas last night it was mostly over KCJJ. New for me. (MS -AB)
+2/14 0259 good strong signal with satellite country, full ID just before the hour mentioning "Spirit of Wyoming, KKWY Fox Farm -Cheyenne." In the null of presumed XEUT with spacey jazz music. New. (RT -CA)
- 1660 KAXW C.A., Merced 2/5 1945 sports talk show way over KXOL. (GH -OR1)

UNID

900 Odd dialect with acapella songs 2/5 1830. No ID given. (GH -OR1)

Welcome to WDXR, **Randall**. We hope to hear from you often. Everyone please remember, Friday March 8 is the WDXR deadline for the anniversary issue. I hope that you all will send a report that week!
Nancy 2/15 2100

2001-2002 IRCA DX CONTEST - Give Me Five!
Contest standings as of February 15, 2002

1. Bill Nittler	132	6. Pete Taylor	59
2. David Braun	110	7. Dale Park	35
3. Nigel Pimblett	99	8. David Jones	12
4. Don Kaskey	87	9. Mike Sanburn	10
5. Nancy Johnson*	85		

*Contest manager is not eligible to win.

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DOWN THE DIAL

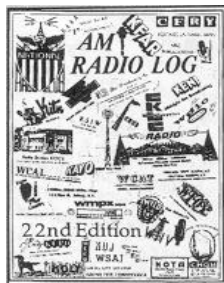
730 KKDA TX, Grand Prairie. 2-10 fair, alone. 06:32 with a Sunday Gospel show "... on KKDA." [JJR-WI]
910 WSUI IA, Iowa City. 2-10 poor, alone. 07:00 with ID following BBC programming. [JJR-WI]
920 WBAA IN, West Lafayette. 2-10 poor, local WOKY nulled. 07:36 with calls between jazz cuts. [JJR-WI]
1350 WIOU IN, Kokomo. 2-10 fair. 06:48 with Sunday religious show, local mentions. They used to be much more common here. [JJR-WI]
1370 KWRT MO, Boonville. 2-10 fair, dominating. No usual WSPD. 07:24 with "Classic Country 13-70 KWRT." [JJR-WI]
1400 KLIN NE, Lincoln. 2-6 fair, virtually alone, but mixing with pest WGI. 06:59 with clear calls during weather. Legal ID including state. This is my first GY catch from Nebraska! [TN-WI]
1520 KOLM MN, Rochester. 2-10 poor. 08:25 with calls after NOS song. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

February 26, 1977 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Greg Monti** of Bayville, NY talked about WOR's plan to start testing AM stereo soon ... **Michael L. Hogan** of Highland, IN said he has now heard 622 stations ... **Mike Sapp** of Woodbridge, VA moved from an apartment into a house and found reception far superior ... **Randy Tomer** of Sonora, CA told of his visit to Sawyer's Bar, CA and the radio reception from there.

OPEN MIKE

The CDXR deadline for the anniversary issue is March 9th. Be sure to send in your loggings for this big issue. This column was typed 2-9-02. 73, John



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LOGGINGS

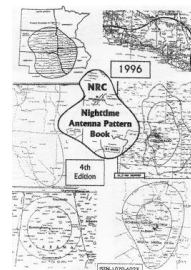
550 OH WKRC Cincinnati 1/22 1740 Local ads; "55-K-R-C" (WM-MD)
770 NC WLWL Rockingham 1/22 1747 Beach mx hrd; local ads "Big Wave 77" (WM-MD)
780 AL WZZX Lineville 1/25 1755 C&W MX hrd in WBBM fade; "Real Country" (WM-MD)
970 PA WBLF Bellefonte 2/10 2200-2300 Fair to Good, strong fade ins, but still under local WWDJ. Carrying ESPN and TOH ABC news. ID as both WBLF and WRSC, State College, 1390. Possibly On day power of 1000 watts. New (DH-NJ)
1020 SC WRIX Homel and Park 1/25 1742 S Gspl mx hrd in KDKA null (WM-MD)
1170 SC WLG0 Lexington 1/25 1715 Blk Gspl song hrd; local promo; ID (WM-MD)
1300 TN WNQM Nashville 1/22 1800 Presumed with program "Insight for Living" (WM-MD)
1320 TN WMSR Manchester 1/22 181- "The Groove"; then Beatles song (WM-MD)
1580 IN WHLY South Bend 2/9-10 2345-0100 Fair 1580 is always a jumble here. ID as WHLY and "Radio Hollywood" New (DH-NJ)
1630 WY KKYW Cheyenne 2/12 026hrd while listening for WRDW/KCJJ "K-W-Y" followed by Ricky Skaggs song. 10 O/S -9 solid from 0245-0248 when KCJJ faded back in. (HN-GA)

HELP WITH UN-IDEN

560 WV WJLS Beckley may be WM-MD uniden in 2/9 DXM (HN-GA)

Herb also writes that **Rich Boehme's** 1630 mention of "Remsen" may have been KCJJ, as Remsen is a town in NW Iowa

another short week 73 fresh .. 2/17 1900 see you all next week !!!!



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Some really nice Pan American logs this week from **Rich Toebe & Chris Knight**.

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 **MEXICO**, San Luis Potosi, SLP, XEWA 2/10 0348, SS. Good signal. PSA from Instituto de Segura Nacional (or sim) promo for program Instituto W. (CK-AZ*)
- 540 **MEXICO**, San Luis Potosi XEWA 2/14 0706 faded up o/jumble to give call ID, "La Voz de la America Latina" slogan, but did not seem // 900. Tele talk followed. New from Davis, usually XEBACH blankets the channel. (RT-CA)
- 540 **MEXICO**, Nuevas Casas Grandes, Chih. XETX 2/14 0640 noted with XEBACH very weak tonight, mixing with XEWA, playing nortena music. XETX IDs inserted between tunes New. (RT-CA)
- 550 **UNID**, SS talk by male noted o/jumble. Maybe Mexican? 2/14 0750 (RT-CA)
- 570 **MEXICO**, Caborca, Son. XEUK 2/10 0350, SS. Fair to good signal with ID: U-K de la radio en Caborca?" into slow ranchera mx. (CK-AZ*)
- 620 **MEXICO**, Chihuahua, Chih. XEBU 2/9 0115. SS Very good signal with La Nortena" slogans, mentions of Chihuahua anmts. Some KTAR QRM (CK-NM2)
- 710 **MEXICO**, Cd. Cuauhtemoc, Chih. XEDP 2/10, 0250 SS, Good o/KUET with clear jingle "XEDP La Ranchera de Cuauhtemoc" (CK-AZ*)
- 730 **MEXICO**, Cd. Muzquiz, Coah XEPQ 2/10 0254. SS Tuned in just in time to hear the tail end of the full ID mentioned. "Muzquiz" and gave "La Sabrosita" slogan twice. (CK-AZ*)
- 760 **MEXICO**, Nogales, Son. XENY 2/10 0215, SS Good signal with PSA for "La Secretaria de Energia" ad for Tecate, ID "atra vez en Radio Geny"? into banda music. Another XE underneath. (CK-AZ*)
- 790 **MEXICO**, Chihuahua, Chih. XEPRC 2/10 0424 SS, Poor signal u/KABC with "Radio Ranchito" slogan, into slow ranchera mx. (CK-AZ*)
- 920 **MEXICO**, Hermosillo, Son. XEHQ 2/10, SS. Mostly poor signal with some very good peaks with ranchera mx and "La Mejor" (CK-AZ*)
- 940 **MEXICO**, Mexicali, BCN, XEWV 2/10 0202 SS, Good peaks with "Fiesta Mexicana" slogan into Mexican Pops. PST(-1 hr) TC! Hrd call letter ID at 0305, recheck an hour later along with slogan. (CK-AZ*)
- 950 **MEXICO**, Hermosillo, Son. XEFA 2/10 0358. SS, Good signal with "Radio Amor" slogan, then full ID, into musica romantica. (CK-AZ*)
- 970 **MEXICO**, Caborca, Son. XEEZ 2/10 0415, SS. Very good signal with promo for "Los Medavis" La Super Zeta", into banda mx (CK-AZ*)
- 970 **MEXICO**, Cd. Juarez, Chih. XEJ 0010, SS, Excellent signal with musica romantica and "Radio Mexicana" slogan. (CK-NM1)
- 990 **MEXICO**, Mexicali, BCN, XECL 2/10 0156, SS, Very good with "Rockola" slogans, call letter ID. (CK-AZ*)
- 1000 **MEXICO**, Cd. Juarez, Chih. XEFV 2/9 0001, SS, Good on peak with full ID "La Rancherita" slogan, into ranchera mx. (CK-NM1)

Sunrise/Sunset Maps

12 maps showing 15 minute sunset and sunrise times for the US and 12 maps showing hourly sunset and sunrise times for the World. Explanation includes use of the maps and examples of DX made possible by knowledge of SR/SS times.

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- 1080 **MEXICO**, Cd. Moreles, BCN, XEDY 2/10 034. SS, Very good over KRLD/KSCO with local ad, PST and MST TCs, "Radio Gallo" slogan, into ranchera mx. (CK-AZ*)
- 1140 **MEXICO**, Naco, Son. XESOS, 2/11 0345. SS Excellent signal way over KHTK with vocals: "Radio Uno, la numero uno" slogan. (CK-CO)
- t1470 **MEXICO**, Tijuana, BCN XERCN 2/10 0313, SS, Excellent signal, ad for "Supermercado Tigre", into "Radio Unica" programming, mentioned Tijuana. (CK-AZ*)

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- (CK-AZ*) **CHRIS KNIGHT** DXing from Kingman AZ, Kenwood R -1000, Kiwa Loop < swrad@juno.com >
- (CK-NM1) **CHRIS KNIGHT** DXing from Watrous, NM, with 2002 Toyota Corolla car radio and whip antenna
- (CK-NM2) **CHRIS KNIGHT** DXing from Santa Fe, NM 2002 Toyota Corolla car radio with whip antenna
- (RT-CA) **RICH TOEBE**, 2103 Sargent Ct, Davis CA 95616 < richtoebe@jps.net > DXing with Grundig YB-305, barefoot

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TRANS ATLANTIC

AZERBAIJAN: The FS of Azerbaijan State Radio is broadcast on Pirsaat 1296 (and Gancä 6110) at 0315-0400, 1100-1600, 1700-1900 in the following languages: 0315-0400 Azerbaijani ("Güney Azärbaycan"); 1100-1200 Persian, 1200-1300 Turkish, 1300-1330 German, 1330-1400 French, 1400-1600 Azerbaijani ("Güney Azärbaycan"); 1700-1800 Arabic, 1800-1830 English, 1830-1900 Russian. At 1600-1700 these freqs relay Relay RL in Azerbaijani. (Azerbaijan State R via Mauno Ritola via Bernd Trutenau, BC-DX 2.1.2002)

BELARUS: Belaruskaje Radyjo has changed the schedule for the 2nd Program on 873/1008/1026/1197: 0500-2200, Sat/Sun 0600-2200. The daytime relays of R.Mayak from Russia were replaced by own prgrs and relays of the 1st Program. Mayak is now relayed only Mon - Fri 2100-2200, Sat 1800-2200, Sun 1900-2200. (Bernd Trutenau, mwdx)

ESTONIA: The Laitse transmitting station, housing the transmitters formerly used on 5925 SW, and 612/1035 MW, was officially closed down on July 01, 1998. Reports that these transmitters are used again by commercial stations (or might be in the future) thus seem improbable. The operating costs would be very high and listeners throughout the country have meanwhile become quite used to FM broadcasts. The only possible future of the Laitse facility might be as a mobile phone relay station. (van Delft, DX Window)

IRELAND: 252 Atlantic 252 has dropped its dance music format and now carries sample loops of the TeamTalk 252 all sports format that is expected to be launched on 25 February (see <http://www.teamtalk.com>). (Olle Alm, Arctic)

ISRAEL (PALESTINE): 675 Palestinian Broadcasting Headquarters Destroyed. Israeli troops have destroyed the broadcast centre and main transmitting mast of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) in Ramallah. Following heavy overnight bombing of the radio and TV studios, bulldozers were brought in on Thursday to raze what remained of the building to the ground. The main 225 meter high broadcasting antenna was blown up. An Israeli army spokesman said the station and other Palestinian media had been inciting

violence against Israel, a claim rejected by Palestinian officials. Transmissions on 675 have been silenced. (© Radio Netherlands Media Network, 13 December 2001)

Steve W asked about the Palestine mast Having been there and seen them, and then seen the toppling on TV late last night I can confirm it is the 700 feet tall mast used on 675 that went down. (Given the dreadful staying / guying on it I am only amazed it lasted so long!) Before the big mast went up, there was a T antenna used about 4 miles away - that may still exist and might be brought in. There was a 10kW rig there, in a 'sort of shed' structure. (Paul Rusling via MWC e-mail news 14. 12. 2001)

GERMANY. Today we discovered that the programming of Megaradio has changed. New jingles are in use now and quite professional news are broadcast on the hour. Also the music selection has changed, away from tracks which can be heard everywhere, at least that's the first impression. Looks like the programming is now produced by Antenne Bayern at Munich, especially since I have the impression that there are minor changes in the studio audio with a slightly decreased audio level. Also the homepage <http://www.megaradio.net>



is now up, although not fully operational yet. This page also shows a new spelling "MEGARADIO", replacing the previous "MEGARADIO". For nighttime reception the homepage recommends Burg 1575 for whole Germany, a bit early since this frequency is still to be boosted to 500 kW, at

present only 10 kW are in use (Kai Ludwig, Germany, 1/17, DXLD)

NEW -- MEGA Radio Hirschlanden (Stuttgart Germany) on 738. The MEGA Radio company from Munich Bavaria [seemingly a joint venture of Anglo-Dutch financial funds], which hoards mediumwave frequencies in many states of Germany, appeared here in Germany some three years ago. As of today January 16th, MEGA Radio joined the air from Stuttgart Hirschlanden transmitter site on 738. Station started on Wed Jan 16th, at 16.26:30 UT. Program consists of music like the usual "Youth Radios" format on FM band, but very few advertisements in between could be observed yet. \ program is heard in Germany on MW channels Woebbelin 576, Braunschweig 630, [Berlin]Oranienburg 693, Dresden 1431 and Luxembourg 1440, Burg 1575. Not yet on air: Greifswald 1017. Location: Deutsche Telekom Sender (Stuttgart) Hirschlanden, 738, with 5 kw registered by the local LFK Stuttgart authority and at ITU Genève, Switzerland band plan. Dominant station on this channel at this location is usually Radio Nacional de España RNE-1 Barcelona with 600 Kw from Spain. At same transmitter location Deutsche Telekom (ex DBP Deutsche Bundespost) is running 10 Kw on behalf of AFN - American Forces Network - Stuttgart (Program from Heidelberg studio) on 1143. AFN Hirschlanden station is on the air since 1963. In 1945-1963 AFN used ex-Reichspost MW, SW & FM site at Muehlacker, now public broadcaster SWR (ex-SWF) Baden-Baden Stuttgart. (Wolfgang Büschel, Germany, DXLD)

LATVIA: The last mediumwave outlet of Latvijas Radio, Riga (Ulbroka) on 945 (150 kW) was closed on the 1 January 2002. (Bernd Trutenau, Hard Core DX)

LITHUANIA: Baltijos Bangu Radijas (Radio Baltic Waves) is planning to leave the present transmitter site in a suburb of Vilnius (612 /100kW) for a new location in southeastern Lithuania late 2003. The new transmitter will operate on 630 /200kW daytime and 612 /100kW nighttime. BBR broadcasts in Belarusian for ethnic Belarusians in Lithuania and listeners in Belarus. (Bernd Trutenau, Hard-Core DX)

LUXEMBURG: From 1/1 China Radio International is relayed by RTL on 1440, apparently using 1200 kW. Programs are 1900 French, 2000 German and 2100 English. The programs are downlinked in Luxembourg City. (Joe Leyder, A -DX Dec 31 via BC-DX 5. 1. 2002) Full evening schedule: Until 1800 MEGA-Radio. 1800-1815 RTL-Radio in German. 1815-1900 three religious progs in Ge, at 1815 from an unid. producer, at 1830 from the Swiss "Missionswerk Freundesdienst", at 1845 from the German "Missionswerk Werner

Heuckelbach". 1900-2200 CRI. The gaps after each CRI bc (as well-known they are of 57 mins duration only) were filled with WRN promos, advertising the WRN satellite sces, inviting listeners to write to Beijing, "and do not forget to mention that you heard them on 1440 AM." At 2200 again a RTL annt ("you heard within a cooperation a progr of World R Network"), and yes, they still give it to us: The close-down annt, using as bed the track of the James Last orchestra dedicated to R Luxembourg, and the anthem of Luxembourg. A relic of the old days, simply cult. (Kai Ludwig -D, BC-DX Jan 1)

NETHERLANDS: Longwave Project Delta Blow. The chances of a longwave station beaming programs from The Netherlands into the UK receded when the Dutch Ministry of Transport and Communications decided not to extend the license of Delta 171, which ran out at midnight on 31 Dec 2001. Delta 171 wanted to construct two 412 meter masts on an artificial platform in the North Sea, and the plan was to broadcast an easy listening format in English branded as '171 - the Lounge'. One of the conditions of being given a license was that the station had to be on the air before 1 Jan 2002. Delta 171 hoped to get an extension to the license, but a court in Rotterdam has ruled that such an extension is not advisable. A Ministry spokesman said that it's unlikely that a new license will be issued, as the law has been changed in the meantime, and it's no longer possible to construct such high masts off the coast. So far, there has been no official reaction from Delta 171. (© Radio Netherlands Media Network, 31 December 2001)



The latest casualty of the Dutch government's dithering over the reallocation of broadcast frequencies is Q The Beat, which has abandoned its transmissions on 1224. That frequency is now silent. The station has been campaigning to get a national FM terrestrial frequency allocation, but without success. It is

urging its listeners to continue to give their support, which it says is 'massive', and hopes to be allocated an FM license in 2002. (© Radio Netherlands Media Network, 13 December 2001)

NORWAY: Although the external service programs of NRK ceased from 1 January, there are no changes in the transmission hours of 1314. (NRK via Olle Alm) 1314 NRK has now returned to its normal program format, i.e. a mix of P1, P2 and P3 as before. The only local broadcast is "Östlandssendingen" and the sea weather reports acc to WRTN 2002. (Bengt Ericson, 13.1.2002) Address for QSL-reports to NRK: Post- og teletilsynet, Ski Radio, Postboks 102, N -1401 SKI, Norway. (T. S. Bauge LA9BEA, HCDX)



RUSSIA: 873 St. Petersburg 873 does indeed carry mainly its own program of R. Rossi in St. Petersburg. Alexey Osipov in St. Petersburg informs about the following schedule (not all times are known in detail): 0300-0700, 0710-0920, 1100-??, 1300-??, 1410-??, 1500-??, 1610-1700, 1800-1900, 1910-??, 2010-?? (Bernd Trutenau via MWD X 13. 12. 2001)

• The Allrussian State Broadcasting Company VGTRK has now its own website: www.vgtrk.com. Not all pages are working yet (also the starting page is currently not available), but you can go directly to www.vgtrk.com/second.htm where you will find a map of Russia: you can click on the regions to get full contact info on the regional state broadcasting companies incl. e-mail addresses. All pages are in Russian. (Bernd Trutenau)

SPAIN: A new update of Spanish MW Stations List was uploaded at: <http://www.aer-dx.org/listas/eaenom.htm> The list is compiled by Martín Estévez, ee@aer-dx.org, and edited by Pedro Sedano, editor@aer-dx.org; both are members of AER Asociación Española de Radioescucha (= Spanish Radiolisting Association). The data of every station are: QRG, Name, Location, Network, Kw, Observations, Tx Location, QSL, Address, Tel. and Fax. There are 3 PDF files sorted by frequency, by location and by network. (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Spain, Hard-Core DX)

TRANS PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA : An item in The Sydney Morning Herald and on ABC news today (29 Jan 02), states that NTL the company huge multinational company which, as part of its concern, operates the transmitters for many radio and TV stations in Australia (including ALL ABC txers) is in deep financial difficulties. Apparently the share price has dropped from US\$90 about 2 yrs back to 44 CENTS now! and they are about \$1000 million dollars in debt. IT went on to say that this coming Friday, there will be debtors meeting to try and restructure which will involve a "debt for equity" deal. SO ABC transmitters will have a new owner, it seem s. These txers used to run in -house by the ABC, but as part of a massive restructure years back this was transferred to the Dept of Communications, then a special "Transmitter Authority" was set up to do the job. About 2 years ago, the Howard Govt. sold them off to NTL, stating that their size and stability meant they had the resources to keep the ABC on air indefinitely. (Jem Cullen, ARDXC)

CHINA: Voice of the Strait heard 9 Dec on 666 several times during the local evening. According to the Nagoya DX Circle, this frequency replaces 846, and in Fuzhou the Huayi Broadcasting Corporation (they run occasional IDs in English which say 'Corporation' rather than 'Company') has moved from 666 to 783. I can only hear Huayi on shortwave at this location. (Alan Davies, Bali, 17.12.2001)

Noted 2230 on Dec 20 a presumed NEW, high-powered CNR1 station on 1134. ID's in CC and EE ("China National Radio"), parallel with the other CNR1 stations like 1377, 1359, 981 etc. but even stronger (S9+5 on a non-amplified K9AY). (Bjarne Mjelde, HCDX 21.12.2001) Available information says that this is a US made 1200 kW transmitter. (OA/Arctic)

RUSSIA : 765 R Khabarovsk silent. (VoRussia "DX Club" 26.12.2001)
1224 Radio Olimp, Khabarovsk seems to be silent. Last time the station was on air was December 31. (Guzei 03.01.2002 via EuroLog 9.1.2002)
1413 From 1 October R Russii in Khabarovsk operates here. (VoRussia "DX Club" 26.12.2001)
1557 Since 20 December, the transmitter in Vladivostok on 1557 is carrying a relay of R. Shanson from Moscow, ex Yevropa plus Vladivostok. This relay is provided in cooperation with R. VBC which has its own prgr via Vladivostok on 612 & Dalnegorsk on 936. Email: info@radiovbc.ru. (Bernd Trutenau via MWD X 23.12.2001)

SAMOA: Plans for closer cooperation between the governments of Samoa and American Samoa have received a setback. One of the elements of the plan, designed to improve coordination between the two states in times of crisis and natural disaster, was to allow Samoa's Radio 2AP to operate in the territory of American Samoa. But the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has refused to grant a license to 2AP. The Governor of American Samoa, Tauese Sunia, told an inter-government meeting that the FCC refused the license because 2AP is a "foreign-owned radio station." Office space had already been reserved for 2AP in Tafuna, and Director Kika Stowers said that they were ready to move equipment in. Despite the setback, both countries remain committed to closer cooperation, and say that 2AP will continue to play a role in disaster awareness for both countries. (© Radio Netherlands Media Network, 7 December 2001)

LATIN AMERICA

ARGENTINA: 1670 BBC America Latina is inactive since some days for unknown reasons. (MAC in CON Digital 138). 1710 R Mec is a new station broadcasting from Caseros. The station identifies as "Mec 1710 kilo herz senal de ajuste". (Claudio Morales in CON Digital 138) 1710 R Mec or R Mec broadcasting from Caseros is new. Obviously the same station. (ASL in CON Digital 139) (All via Arctic)

COLOMBIA : 870 HJZH Nueva emisora en transmisiones de prueba desde Medellín "... Antioquia esta estrenando una nueva señal, en Colombia ya tenemos las 8 de la noche con 2 minutos de felicidad en Navidad y año nuevo les deseamos las 870 del AM HJZH donde muy pronto brillará vida, vida tensa los 870 del AM ..." (Rafael Rodríguez) The station is identified as Radio Vida (or Radio Viva) by our member in Quito, Björn Malm.
1010 HJZD Radio Panzenú has a new street address: Cra. Ira N° 28 -32, Montería WRT H
1170 HJKW Radio Musical, Medellín, ex Radio Nutibara
1470 HJII Radio Popular, Medellín, ex Radio Q BM (Arctic)

CUBA : Some Cuban web-sites (additional to WRT H 2002) :
Radio Angulo - <http://www.radioangulo.cu>
Radio Ciudad del Mar - <http://www.rcm.cu>
Radio Victoria - <http://www.tiempo21.islagrande.cu> Bruce Conti via NRC's DX-News 17.12.2001

An updated list of all Radio Progreso outlets:

640 Las Tunas
640 Ciudad de la Habana
660 Santa Clara
680 Cienfuegos
680 Santiago de Cuba
690 Jovellanos
700 Baracoa
730 Nueva Gerona
740 Camagüey
810 Guantánamo
820 Ciego de Avila
850 Mayarí Arriba
870 Sancti Spiritus
880 Pinar del Río
890 Chambas
Radio Progreso web site (Arctic)



900 Cacocun
920 Pilón

MEXICO. A recent addition to my website is a log of MW stations heard during a visit to Guadalajara in November, 2001. It includes around 75 real audio files. Go to: <http://donmoore.tripod.com/patesounds/mexilog.htm> Or, just go to the main menu at <http://donmoore.tripod.com/> and click on "What's New". (Don Moore, IA, Jan 26, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

VENEZUELA : Changes reported by "Venezuela en la onda". Can anyone confirm?
610 YVMN Radio Coro, Coro, ex 780
640 YVNN Radio Punto Fijo, Punto Fijo, ex 940
880 YVYM Venezuela 880, Puerto Ordaz, ex Mundial 8 -80 Venezuela en la onda (Arctic)
620 YVZC Radio Fé y Alegría, Guasdalito, ex 640. ID: "Radio Fé y Alegría 620 AM, 10 años formando hombres y mujeres útiles a nuestra patria. ... Fé y Alegría los Llanos, 10 años en tu corazón. ..." (Rafael Rodríguez/Arctic)
Circuito AM Digital is a new network in Venezuela owned by Circuito Radio Venezuela:
720 YVQE Radio Oriente, Porlamar
790 YVKC Radio Dif Venezuela, Caracas (flagship station)
880 YVYM Radio 880AM, Puerto Ordaz
900 YVMD Mara Ritmo 900, Maracaibo
960 YV. Radio Llana, Acarigua
990 YVTA Radio Tri color, Barquisimeto
1010 YVQF Radio Bolívar, Ciudad Bolívar
1110 YVQT Radio Carúpano, Carúpano

1150 YVMV Ondas del Caribe, Punto Fijo
 1190 YVRE Radio Barinas, Barinas
 1220 YVVM Radio Valencia José Elías Díaz and www.radiovenueza.com.ve (Arctic)

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 [2/9] Hello. Twice this week past local midnight I heard an OC on 1500, where may be faint audio was heard, plus slight QRM from 1510. This heard over car radio. I think one night was Wed. morning, so I decided to go check eastward and went out to prop. 1500 site, and OC still strong, but once I was real close, I knew it wasn't from there. Think now it was KSJX. I did notice a black hose connected to a hydrant at gate to property, so assume some work has started. Definitely no sign of tower construction yet. I see a listing of KALT 1610 but doubt I'll get anything as XR in San Fernando Valley has constant audio tones but if I go some distance away, I'll try to see what comes in. Good to see 2 rejoins in #1243. Many issues ago I commented on 1220 KIIS as CNN, but its mostly CHR with some CNN. Clear Channel has 2 stations on Riverside Dr., here: KIIS + KHHT, both FM. NRC log addresses not all correct for LA area Clear Channel AMs. 850 KACD does have a real location in Newberry Park. I'm hoping to stop in at Hispanic Br's, new location in Glendale, but will call ahead to make sure its convenient. There is a phone listing in new San Gabriel Valley book for KXTA but after speaking with an engr., he says its probably a remote line used periodically by Fox Sports. Hope Anniversary Issue is a big one and that there will be many contributions. 73

TIMES TO LISTEN FOR BCB DX
 (adapted for IRCA by Ith - 1996)

Reception during the daylight hours is possible over relatively short distances only, but during the winter months daytime reception can take place over surprisingly long distance. May daytime-only stations can be logged in the hour or two preceding sunset. And you sometimes find otherwise inaudible semilocal stations on top of the regular stations during unusual daytime reception periods.

The most fruitful distant reception times, however, are those from just before sunset to just after sunrise; that is, when all or most of the path between transmitter and the receiver is in darkness. Stations east of your DX location fade in near sunset before many stations to your west are audible. Similarly, at sunrise, after stations from the east have faded out, there is still a possibility for DX from the west.

The sunset skip period is particularly useful to DXers in the eastern part of North America, because stations in time zones farther west become audible after local daytimers have signed off. Western DXers have an advantage in being able to pick up many eastern signals in the mornings.

"Sunset" sign-off times for daytime stations are actually assigned by the FCC so that sign-off on the 15th day of the month is at local sunset (to the nearest 15 minutes). During the last half of the month in the fall, and the first half of the month in the spring then, a daytime station may broadcast later than the actual sunset. These are the best time in the month to listen for SSS (sunset) DX.

The season of the year also plays an important role in noise levels and directional openings. The noise at medium wave frequencies is much stronger during summer, primarily from electrical storms. This makes the late fall and winter months best for DX. But some reception paths are only possible or are much better during the summer months. So, if you can bear with the static, there often are outstanding DX openings during the summer (for example, South Africa from the East coast, and Australasia from the West coast). Best reception from Australia and New Zealand throughout North America seems to be during the months of February and March, with a secondary peak during the fall. Asia is best heard during the fall, with some reception possible during the spring. Deep South America reception is favored in the summer. A summary of the most usual seasonal openings is listed below; some of these are quite rare, others more common. Lack of a listing does not necessarily exclude its possibility, of course.

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