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Publishers Notes

A sad note to start off. A more overseas-oriented issue... lots of DX and station news. -RT

Roy Millar

Bruce Portzer reports: "From former NRC member Bart Cronin, I recently learned of the death of long time BCB DXer **Roy Millar** of Marysville, Washington. Roy passed away in September from an apparent heart attack. He had been a DXer since at least the mid 1950's, and had been a member of both the NRC and IRCA at various times. Roy had logged and verified all sorts of impressive DX, including some amazing Trans Atlantic catches during the low sunspot years of the mid-1960s. From what I understand, he sent his large QSL collection off to the CPRV several years ago. I would have to rank him as one of all time greats in the hobby, especially from this part of the country."

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Elections are Coming

From now thru March 1, 2003 nominations are open for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the seven members of the Board of Directors.

Only one nomination each for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven nominations for the Board shall be allowed each IRCA member. An eligible member may nominate him/herself. All nominations must be submitted in written form (letter, fax or e-mail) to the Election Committee Chairman, **Reid Wheeler**, by March 1, 2003. His address is 5910 Boulevard Loop SE, Olympia, WA 98501-8408. Telephone 360-786-6756, fax 360-753-3824 and e-mail wma001@attbi.com.

Seattle DXers Gathering

Bruce and **Evelyn Portzer's** annual all-band DX gathering will take place at their home, 6546 19th Avenue N.E., Seattle WA, Saturday, February 15, beginning at 2 pm. Bring radios, logbooks, and munchies. For more information, call Bruce at 206-522-2521.

DX Tests

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

CFAN-790, Miramichi, NB - tested Sunday, January 26, 2003-Saturday, February 1, 2003 from 12:00-6am AST daily. No reports on this test received here.

WBMJ-1190, San Juan, PR/WIVV-1370 Vieques, PR - tested Sunday, February 2, 2003 from 12:00-2:00am AST. According to WBMJ-WIVV Operations Manager Bert Johnson, this test DID run as scheduled; but, no reports of reception for it were received here. There were, however, several reports of non-reception, such as that from **Stephen Howe** in St. Albans,

VT, **Mike Battalino** in Madison, NJ, **Gerry Bishop** in Niceville, FL, **RC Watts** in Louisville, KY, **Steve Francis** in Alcoa, TN, **Tom Jasinski** in Shorewood, IL, **Randy Stewart** in Battlefield (Springfield), MO, **Mark Connelly** in Billerica, MA, **Les Rayburn** in Helena (Birmingham), AL, **Rick Kenneally** in Wilton, CT, **Patrick Griffith** in Westminster, CO, **Joe Rocchino** in Cuddy (Pittsburgh), PA, **Russ Edmunds** in Blue Bell, PA, and **Pete Taylor** in Tacoma, WA.

CHWO-740, Toronto, ON - tested Sunday, February 2, 2003 from 12:30-1:30am EST. This test was heard with more success. **Stephen Howe** in St. Albans, VT heard the test with code IDs and mentioned CHWO's signal was much stronger than the station's anniversary broadcast on 1/8/03. **Mike Battalino** in Madison, NJ says CHWO is a bit of a pest for him, and the same was true during the test. **Joe Rocchino** in Cuddy, PA heard the test, but found the signal was weaker than expected, with some QRN and fading, along with a sports station. **Gerry Bishop** in Niceville, FL says he heard the test loud and clear - aside from some co-channel Spanish, CHWO was all there was on 740 kHz. **Mike Brooker** in Toronto, ON, had no problem hearing the test (naturally!), but in Alcoa, TN, **Steve Francis** found that CHWO's signal was mostly buried by KRMG's basketball game, but the code IDs were noted ok. **RC Watts** in Louisville, KY heard CHWO's test, and mentioned that the station is a regular for him. **Gordon Bell**, just west of Troy, NY, sent a detailed report of his reception of the CHWO test. **Tom Jasinski** in Shorewood, IL also heard the test, both voice and code IDs, and mentioned that CHWO was a regular for him. However, **Randy Stewart** in Springfield, MO mentions that while CHWO usually competes well with KRMG at his QTH, the test wasn't heard by him. **Les Rayburn** in Birmingham, AL, also had no luck hearing the test. **Kevin Redding** in Mesa, AZ tried for the test with no success, and it was the same for **Patrick Griffith** in Westminster, CO and **Pete Taylor** in Tacoma, WA - Pete mentions that while their was something there, it was drowned out by some noise and a strong CBX - their was a weird splatter all over. That's all for now...

PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure to contact the station, and thank them for going to the trouble to run a test! Please remember, what's listed as being on, say, Monday morning "may" be what you think of as Sunday night! (Test times are in the station's LOCAL time.)

Sunday, February 16, 2003 - WRCR-1300, Spring Valley, NY will conduct an equipment test from 12:00-01:00 am ELT. The station will broadcast Morse code IDs, station promos, and AC music. Power will be 500 watts, mostly NW, protecting WAVZ - New Haven, CT. Reception reports may be sent to:

Alex Medakovic, Owner
WRCR-AM
Nanuet Mall, Suite 2126
75 West Route 59
Nanuet, NY 10954
(Arranged by the NRC CPC)



Sunday, February 23, 2003 - WFNY-1440 Gloversville, NY will conduct an equipment test from 12:00am-1:00am ELT. The test include Morse code IDs, station IDs, and AC Hit music. Reception reports may be sent to:

Michael A. Sleezer, Owner
Radio Station WFNY
P.O. Box 746
Gloversville, NY 12078

(Arranged by Ron Musco for the NRC CPC.)

If you try for (or hear) any of these tests, PLEASE post a message letting me know, and please, drop the station personnel a note, via e-mail or snail mail, thanking them for running the test!

Lynn (ircamember@ircaonline.org)

Web Sites for AM DX Stuff

Tim Hall reports: "I finally got around to updating my home page (see URL below). Western DXers will find a ton of TIS/HAR info now; I've posted all my 2002-2003 TIS/HAR updates covering a good chunk of CA, NV, OR, UT, and AZ." Check out his site at <http://www.inetworld.net/halls/dx/index.html>.



Dennis Gibson alerted us to a webpage that shows the geographical distribution of radio stations in the US; further, they are color coded as to K and W calls. The effect is quite striking, but it doesn't reproduce well in back and white. The best thing is to go to the site and see this for yourself. You'll find it at <http://www.dobe.com/wts/uscallsigndist.htm>

NRC Convention News

The **National Radio Club** sends advance word that this year's convention will be held in Texas! More precisely, the Holiday Inn Select DFW South, in Irving, just minutes from the airport. Dates are Friday, August 29 through Sunday, August 31. Registration is \$45, but only \$25 for spouses/additional guests. Rooms will be \$69, single or double. More details to be announced later.

For Sale

Kevin Redding in Mesa AZ has a number of radios for sale, originally posted on IRCA's Topica e-mail list:

- Sony TFW 6160W** AM/FM radio, 2 C cells, coat pocket size, working, \$12.
- Realistic 12-180** AM/FM stereo 2 AAA cells tiny, 1" speaker or headphones Working \$10.
- Realistic 12-711** AM/FM mono, 6 AA cells, portable working. \$10
- Ando SS-100** working but with sticky dial cord and pointer. Very small shirt pocket sized radio AM stereo AM mono only unit. \$10.
- Realistic 12-795** AM/FM/SW/AIR/VHF/TV/WX 530-1710 kHz, 4-12 MHz, 108-135 MHz, 87-108 MHz, 145-175 MHz, Channel 2-13. Working very good condition. AC/DC 4 D cells or DC 9V wallwart, not included. You can see this in the RS catalog or at the store today for \$99. For sale here \$45 plus shipping.

Halicrafters SX-99 powers up but not working. Probably needs a new tube. \$50 AM/SW
Knight R-55 powers up but filter cap is toast AM/SW needs dial stringing. \$25 (Kevin notes that shipping these two will be expensive as these units "weigh a ton".)

Contact Kevin at amfmdx@fastq.com for more information.

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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	OLD CALL	CALL CHANGES	NEW
640	WLWJ	- ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL	WJNA
710	KUET	- BLACK CANYON CITY, AZ	KMIA
710	KDIS	- LOS ANGELES, CA	KSPN
770	KNWX	- SEATTLE, WA	KTTH
1040	WJNA	- BOYNTON BEACH, FL	WLWJ
1110	KSPN	- PASADENA, CA	KDIS
1160	WMVI	- MECHANICVILLE, NY	WABY
1210	KBSG	- AUBURN, WA	KNWX

1260	WWJQ	- ZEELAND, MI	WPNW
1320	WDEP	- SAN JUAN, PR	WSKN
1420	WCLV	- CLEVELAND, OH	WRMR
1430	WRDN	- DURAND, WI	WQQQ
1490	WZUR	- PONCE, PR	WDEP

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ.	CALL - CITY	NEW INFO
580	WLSS - LAWRENCEVILLE, VA	BLACK GOSPEL //WHFD
690	XETRA - TIJUANA, BCN (SAN DIEGO)	SPORTS//KXTA-1150
710	KSPN - LOS ANGELES, CA	ESPN SPORTS 710 (ex-1110)
710	KMIA - BLACK CANYON CITY, AZ	SS OLDIES 'LA CONSENTIDA'
770	KTHT - SEATTLE, WA	NX/TALK 'THE TRUTH'
850	KACD - THOUSAND OAKS, CA	COUNTRY //KTDD-1350
900	WWLK - EDDYVILLE, KY	SILENT
910	KLCN - BLYTHEVILLE, AR	IS NEW. COUNTRY
940	WGRP - GREENVILLE, PA	WAS REL., NOW SILENT
990	KWAM - MEMPHIS, TN	TALK 'TALKRADIO 990'
1070	KWEL - MIDLAND, TX	TALK
1070	KWEL - MIDLAND, TX	TALK
1110	KDIS - PASADENA, CA	RADIO DISNEY (ex-710)
1120	WBNW - CONCORD, MA	ADDS COUNTRY NIGHTS
1160	WYNS - LEHIGHTON, PA	RPTD. SILENT
1160	WBOB - FLORENCE, KY	TALK
1210	KNWX - AUBURN, WA	BUSINESS NEWS
1260	KLYC - McMINNVILLE, OR	OLDIES
1260	WWJQ - ZEELAND, MI	GOSPEL
1270	WFRN - ELKHART, IN	TALK, S. GOSPEL
1270	KESS - FORT WORTH, TX	REG. MEX. //KDXX 'LA RAZA'
1300	KAKC - TULSA, OK	ESPN SPORTS 'THE SCORE'
1320	WISW - COLUMBIA, SC	TALK
1350	WWRN - BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC	TALK, SPORTS
1350	KCOR - SAN ANTONIO, TX	SS HITS //KCOR-FM
1390	WPLM - PLYMOUTH, MA	BUS. NX, C&W//WBNW
1400	WKAV - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA	FOX SPORTS 'THE TICKET'
1430	WTMN - GAINESVILLE, FL	ABC BLACK GOSPEL
1450	WQJM - MYRTLE BEACH, SC	NX/TALK/SPORTS
1480	KSBQ - SANTA MARIA, CA	SS RELIGION 'R. VISION'
1540	WKKM - HARRISON, MI	EX-SILENT, CNTRY OLDIES
1550	WCLY - RALEIGH, NC	DROPS BLACK GOSPEL
1570	WFTU - RIVERHEAD, NY	MODERN ROCK
1580	WTTN - WATERTOWN, WI	OLDIES 'THE GOOSE'
1650	KBJD - DENVER, CO	TALK 'KNUS II'

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

FREQ.	CALL - CITY	NEW INFO
1080	WWDR - MURFREESBORO, NC	DEC. TO 930-D, ND-D

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

FREQ.	CALL - CITY	NEW INFO
540	KDFT - FERRIS, TX	DEC. TO 249-N, DA-2
1080	WFTD - MARIETTA, GA	INC. TO 50000-D, 30000-CH DA-D
1210	KGYN - GUYMON, OK	INC. TO 50000-D, DA-2

1270	WXYT – DETROIT, MI	INC. TO 50000-N, DA-N
1320	WDMJ – MARQUETTE, MI	DEC. TO 135-N, ND
1330	WMOR – MOREHEAD, KY	DEC. TO 800-D
FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS		
FREQ.	CALL – CITY	NEW INFO
1330	WRCA – WALTHAM, MA	INC. TO 25000/17000 DA-2

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

David Gordon of IRCA passes on the following:

Radio news: CNET radio is gone from KNEW. The new format is supposed to start 6 a.m. Monday. I think it will be a talk format. Oh wow, another talk station! Day one of the new format on 910. The call letters did not change. It is a talk format with Alex Bennett in the morning. It may get a one share in the ratings.

I'm still hearing oldies on KOMA but that's supposed to end soon.

Pat Griffith of Westminster, CO passes on the following re 1670 Warner Robins, GA

I think they are still WRNC. I think the WLCG call I heard was for a sister station that they were // with. The ID gave the frequency as 1280 and didn't mention 1670. Also the AM Query web site showed the COL as Dry Branch but I think that was old info from the original CP. I think Warner-Robins is the correct COL. I have them QSLed also.

"Bill in Fort Worth" of the NRC passes on the following (courtesy of Pat Martin):

There is a line item in the FCC database for a "NEW" U4 50000/50000 in Ottawa. It may be a leftover from the CFGO era, then mebbe not. KZNU 1450 St. George, UT has received permission from the FCC to move to 1440 kHz with U2 10000/500.

I'm going to start including facility applications and grants (eg. Power increases/decreases, frequency changes, etc.) starting with this column. Again, please send Email tips only to the above Email address, otherwise they may get lost, or else phone them or snail mail them to me. Thanks. 73's.

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550	KOAC	<u>OR</u> , Corvallis 2/7 0749 jazz music, NPR spot. Slight co-frequency QRM from KUZZ. (AB-CA)
560	KSFO	<u>CA</u> , San Francisco 2/7 1423 good with talk. (PM-OR)
	KPQ	<u>WA</u> , Wenatchee 2/3 0559 fair under KSFO. Mentions of Cashmere Valley and local pancake breakfast, ID at 0600 then ABC news. (DP-OR)
570	KNRS	<u>UT</u> , Salt Lake City 2/7 0744 Rush Limbaugh spot, ID, "Family Value Radio" slogan, weather. Good with KLAC nulled. (AB-CA)
590	KID	<u>ID</u> , Idaho Falls 2/7 0739 Idaho news, fair with KQNT QRM. (AB-CA)
610	KFRC	<u>CA</u> , San Francisco 2/7 1425 good on top with oldies. (PM-OR)
620	KTAR	<u>AZ</u> , Phoenix 2/7 0837 Paul Harvey, "Newsradio 6-20 KTAR," local weather at 0841. (AB-CA)
630	CKOV	<u>BC</u> , Kelowna 2/3 0613 several ID's and Kelowna mentioned a few times, but sounded poor under a loud hum. Heard "Newstalk" but sounded like they went into music. (DP-OR)
640	KFI	<u>CA</u> , Los Angeles 2/7 1427 good with talk, "KFI" ID's. (PM-OR)
650	KMTI	<u>UT</u> , Manti 2/3 poor with ID at 0622, followed by Bellamy Brothers song. Even with KSTE. (DP-OR)
710	KSPN	<u>CA</u> , Los Angeles 2/3 0645 good, in well with ESPN Sports Center. Legal ID at top of the hour. Heard as KDIS, but never ID's. (DP-OR)
730	KBSU	<u>ID</u> , Boise 2/7 0850 nice piano jazz. Poor/fair with slight KCBS-740 slop. (AB-CA)
	KLOE	<u>KS</u> , Goodland on top of a mix with weather, ID as "Full Service Radio KLOE," into CBS news. New one for me. (NP-AB) (1/31 or 2/1?—NJ)
740	KVFC	<u>CO</u> , Cortez 2/1 0858 over a Radio Unica station (KIDR?) with dual ID "Where SW Colorado goes for new and talk, 1240 KDGO Durango, 740 KVFC Cortez," ads, and CNN news. (NP-AB)
760	KKZN	<u>CO</u> , Thornton 2/3 0846 pounded by KFMB, with "The Zone," followed by traffic update. (DP-OR)
	CFLD	<u>BC</u> , Burns Lake 2/7 1415 with "LD-BV" mention. (PM-OR)
830	KUYO	<u>WY</u> , Evansville 2/7 fair with religious program, and at 1429 "Classic Christian Radio is KUYO." (PM-OR)
840	KKNX	<u>OR</u> , Eugene 2/7 1422 fair with oldies, with KSWB off. (PM-OR)
	KMAX	<u>WA</u> , Colfax 2/7 1422:30 good with talk. (PM-OR)
860	KARS	<u>NM</u> , Belen 2/2 0145 good in XEMO null with ID "From the heart of New Mexico, 24 hours a day, this is AM 860, KARS," C&W. This station is a pest here now! Are they REALLY only running about 150 watts night, or are they on 1300 watt day power by accident? (RW-CA)
910	KGME	<u>AZ</u> , Phoenix 2/2 1940 alone, excellent with ID as "Extra Sports, 910, the sports authority for the valley," Pro Bowl from Honolulu. (RW-CA)
	KNEW	<u>CA</u> , Oakland 2/3 0423 fair through KALI-900 splash in KGME over XEAO with mention of "The talk starts Monday at 6am," construction noises and various renditions of "God Bless America" by Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, etc... First day on air was talk with Alex Bennett in morning per several DX'ers, no call change. (RW-CA)
		+ 2/3 0900 began new format of talk. (DKK-CA)
930	?KXXX?	<u>CA</u> , Paradise 2/2 1945 tentative in KKHJ null with religious program, mentions to "Praise the Lord" (heard similar program on them in past in San Jose), KPAY totally dominating 1290 at the time, so seemed about right time, will keep checking... (RW-CA)

940 KNNZ UT, Cedar City 2/2 1935 strong in KWRU null with CNN news, KKHJ930 splash, ad for teamwork.com ID on hour "Information 940, KNNZ, Cedar City." (RW-CA)

980 KSVC UT, Richfield 2/2 2002 good in KFVB null with ad for Richfield Truck Parts, "KSVC" ID into C&W. (RW-CA)

1020 KKSE NE, Plattsmouth 2/1 0858 weather, ID as "AM 1020 The Source" and also "AM 1020 KKSE Plattsmouth-Bellevue" and into ABC news. (NP-AB)

1090 (XEP) BCN, Rosarito Beach 2/3 0115 noted totally off! Is this regular now? Very weak station I suspect was KBOZ with C&W (I have heard KBOZ here with better signal in tight XEP null last month). Nothing else noted. (RW-CA)

1130 KWKH LA, Shreveport 1/31 1948 pre-game show for Mudbugs hockey game vs Corpus Christi, ad for jeweler in Shreveport, many slogan ID's as "AM 1130 The Fan." New one for me, and it was in for over an hour, mixing with CKWX and XETOL. (NP-AB)

1170 KFAQ OK, Tulsa 1/22 0411 cutting thru KLOK nicely with talk. (DKK-CA)

1230 KPLY NV, Reno 3/1 1000 Sporting News Radio program, ID as "KPLY Reno, K Play, Sports Radio 1230," CBS news. (NP-AB)

KQIK OR, Lakeview 2/4 2033 ID while carrying Portland-Orlando NBA game. Stayed in for a good 10 minutes. (DKK-CA)

1240 KMHI ID, Mountain Home 2/4 2100 noted "You're listening to your favorite country music on KMHI Mountain Home." Had tracked C&W music from 2045-2100 in/out thru QRM. Heard as KJCY in 1984. (DKK-CA)

KELK NV, Elko 2/4 2102 rose up for ID after oldies piece. (DKK-CA)

1260 KOIT CA, San Francisco 2/2 2035 good in KSUR null with ID "One great song after another. 96.5 and 1260 AM, KOIT." (RW-CA)

KZNI ID, Idaho Falls 2/4 2033 good in KSUR null with talk show about Columbia space shuttle disaster, ad for Idaho dairy products at 2035. (RW-CA)

1270 KTFI ID, 2/4 2030 good over mess with the "KTFI Sports Report." (RW-CA)

KBZZ NV, Sparks 2/6 1045 with a couple of ID's and talk. (BN-CO)

1300 KPTL NV, Carson City 2/2 2017 good in KAZN null with "Capital 1300 AM" ID, oldies. (RW-CA)

KAPL OR, Medford 2/4 2038 good, strong over KPTL in KAZN null with ID as "K Apple," Christian C&W style music "He Touched My Hand." (RW-CA)

1330 KLPZ AZ, Parker 2/2 2032 fading over KTOM with promo for Paul Harvey "On classic country 1380 AM, KLPZ," ad for AZ National Guard. Usually night dominant here. (RW-CA)

?KLSB CA, Los Banos 2/2 2020 suspect good in KWKW null with Portuguese music, balakaika-like instrumentals in background. (RW-CA)

1340 KTOX AZ, Needles 2/4 2100 good over KRLV with ID "KTOX 1340 AM, Needles," unID AdCon station in background over a real GY! (RW-CA)

KTPI CA, Mojave 1/21 1931 "KTPI Classic Country" ID. (DKK-CA)

KTSN NV, Elko 1/22 0400 ID during break from Coast to Coast. 2/4 1933 with ID "Oldies here on KTSN." Noted all evening so probably a format change from news/talk. But, KELK-1240 is oldies as well. Hmmm. (DKK-CA)

1350 KBID CA, Bakersfield 1/22 0349 up with call ID thru KSRO. Oldies format. 2/4 2240 blasting KSRO with Anaheim Mighty Ducks NHL. Best 33 watts I've ever seen. (DKK-CA)

1380 KTOM CA, Salinas 2/2 2026 good with ad for Dakota Joe's on North Main Street in Salinas, faded under KLPZ. (RW-CA)

1400 ?KESQ? CA, Indio 2/4 2045 possibly one good with Spanish, fading over all then gone rapidly. KSUN-AZ another possibility, but this one is much closer. (RW-CA)

KQMS CA, Redding 1/31 0230 with talk under KVTO. (DKK-CA)

KUKI CA, Ukiah 1/31 0230 with Spanish music fair under KVTO. (DKK-CA)

1460 KCKX OR, Stayton 1/18 0315-0325 with classic country atop talkers. 1/25 0320 nicely atop and alone. ID 0325 "KCKX Cowboy Country." 15 watts, eh? (DKK-CA)

1470 KELA WA, Centralia 1/25 0315 atop, along with KBSN, with Coast to Coast. XERCN off. KIID way below and some Spanish noted, probably KUTY. (DKK-CA)

1520 KOMA OK, Oklahoma City now "News talk 1520." (BN-CO)

1590 KMBD OR, Tillamook 1/17 1948-1952 with long ad break, then back to "The Savage Nation," in null of KLIV-KQLO-KUNX. (DKK-CA)

1670 KHPY CA, Moreno Valley 1/31 2019 "Disco Drive at Five" program, with 70's songs, many "KHPY 670" ID's and also a ski report. New for me. (NP-AB) + 2/6 1023 oldies and jingle ID, but difficult with KNRO. (BN-CO)

1700 KBGG IA, Des Moines 1/22 0338 mixing with KTBK with woman talking. KTBK with Sporting News Radio. Rare this winter. (DKK-CA)

DX TEST

740 (CHWO) ON, Welland 2/2 0045-0130 DX test tried, not heard in KCBS null. Mike Sanburn and I rushed over from the movie "Chicago" to try and hear this (RW-CA)

UNID

760 2/7 1415 station weak under CFLD with what sounded like Christian music, but mostly buried in noise. KGU? If this was Hawaii, it is the first time I have logged Hawaii daytime in over 30 years, not since I logged the mix of KORL/KYAK-650 back about 1970. Check at 1425 it was gone, just CFLD. Format fits and it was only heard on EWE antenna aimed at the Pacific. Some of the best daytime conditions I have heard in a long time. (PMOR)

860 2/3 0200 unID Mexican heard fading over KARS in XEMO null (not XEMO), then gone. XEZOL? (RW-CA)

930 2/2 1944 unID Spanish fading up in KKHJ null, looping NW/SE, possibly Douglas, AZ? Faded under suspected KKXX. (RW-CA)

970 2/2 2003 unID Spanish good over KGET et al with ID "La Super Zeta." KFTAID??? (RW-CA)

1490 1/26 0438-0443 someone with Sporting News Radio atop for a few minutes... Sure like this one. (DKK-CA)

1490 2/4 2000-2005 station giving news in Spanish. Was CNN news. Not KBKO so either KTBO or KWAC most likely. (DKK-CA)

HELP WITH UNID

1660 Saw GH-OR's unID with "The Ticket" ID and San Jose Sharks. This is KTIQ Merced. I listen to Sharks regularly on KTIQ since I moved to Azusa from San Jose. I null KXOL to hear them, they put a strong signal down here. (RW-CA)

I'm happy to see a few more reporters have DX'd this week and reported what they have heard. Nancy 2/8 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

640 CFOB ON, Fort Frances. 1-24 fair to good. 06:58 with tape loop ID and saying to tune to 93.1. [TN-WI]
 840 WHGH GA, Thomasville. 2-4 poor. 07:41 with calls, TC. Urban A/C format. First new one on 840 in 16 years! [JJR-WI]
 910 WBRJ OH, Marietta. 2-7 poor under WSUI the entire time. 05:58 with local spots and promo. 06:00 ID "9-10 WBRJ Marietta...." Missed the second town mentioned. They also mentioned the Ohio Valley. New for me. [PALMN]
 930 WBCK MI, Battle Creek. 2-2 poor. No usual WAUR. 03:34 with ABC news brief, calls, TC, "Coast To Coast" talk program. [JJR-WI]
 1170 KFAQ OK, Tulsa. 2-5 fair to good. 18:46 with "Talk radio 11-70 KFAQ" ID. Needed for call change. EX-KVOO. Much harder to hear since the call change. [TN-WI]
 1180 WZQZ GA, Trion. 2-4 poor, alone on 1180. 07:29 with obits, ads, calls. [JJR-WI] +2-5 good. 06:57 in solid with legal ID and standards music. [TNWI]
 1190 WBSL MS, Bay St. Louis. 2-4 poor, no WOWO at all. 07:25 with calls. Blues music format. [JJR-WI]
 1240 KIUL KS, Garden City. 2-8 poor. 04:58 with ESPN programming. 05:00 ID mentioned KFLA-1310. [PAL-MN]
 1310 KBTK NM, Corrales. 2-6 good. 19:26 with "News talk 13-10 KBTK Corrales, Albuquerque." Traffic report and another slogan ID. [NJ-MT]
 KEIN MT, Great Falls. 2-6 strong over nulled KZXR. 21:00 with "The great music of today and the memories of yesterday. 13-10 KEIN Great Falls." [NJ-MT]
 KZXR WA, Prosser. 2-6 strong. 19:00 with "This is KZXR AM 13-10, KZXR Prosser, Sunnyside, Yakima" into ABC News. [NJ-MT]
 1350 WGAD AL, Gadsden. 2-4 fair, alone. 07:15 with weather, calls. Oldies format. [JJR-WI]
 1440 WZYX TN, Cowan. 2-2 fair, alone. 18:38 with calls, weather. Satellite AdCon. [JJR-WI]
 1490 CFPS ON, Port Elgin. 2-2, poor but clear. 19:06 with "CFOS" after news. Station runs // with CFOS. Rare here. [JJR-WI]
 KTTR MO, Rolla. 2-2 poor over others. 19:00 with dual AM-FM ID, "News Radio" slogan. CBS News on the hour. [JJR-WI]
 1550 KAPE MO, Cape Girardeau. 2-2 very good. 18:34 with WW1 NOS, calls. [JJR-WI]
 1570 KVTM SD, Vermillion. 2-2 poor, but on top. 18:30 with "ESPN 15-70 KVTM" out of game into spots. Rare here. [JJR-WI]
 1580 WLJ TN, Shelbyville. 2-4 fair, alone, dominating. 07:05 with USA News, promo, weather from a NWS computer voice into country music. [JJR-WI]
 1620 WTAW TX, College Station. 2-3 fair. No WDND, KOZN. 02:00 with "Coast To Coast" program, ID, CBS News. [JJR-WI]
 1650 KWHN AR, Fort Smith. 2-5 fair. 19:20 "News talk 16-50 KWHN" in promo. [TN-WI]

DX TESTS

740 CHWO ON, Toronto. 2-2 fair to good. 00:32 with ID in DX Test. First time I've heard them ID with this set of call letters. [TN-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

February 11, 1978 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **C. M. Stanbury II** of Crystal Beach, ON discussed R. Swan's alternate transmitter sites ... **Paul Mount** was back at Columbia University in NY and had classes daily at 9 AM ... **Gerry Thomas** of Pensacola, FL told about his letter to Radio Shack concerning the rumor that the TRF was to be discontinued ... **Bill Harms** of Provo, UT finally heard KJRB 790 by nulling KABC mixing with KGHL.

OPEN MIKE

Nice turn out this week. This column was typed 2-8-03. 73, John

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550 NC WIOZ Pinehurst 2/5 0005 good and dominant at times. I was camped out here trying to get a positive ID on a potential Colombian, and this just popped up out of the murk for a few minutes. Gave "WIOZ weather forecast" then into nostalgia music. Auroral conditions. New. (DH-NJ)
 720 NC WGCR Pisgah Forest 1/23 2335 good; dominant at times over WGN and way over CHTN. On emergency facilities because of severe cold weather; giving shelter announcements and offers of rides for people to get to shelters. New. (DH-NJ)
 940 GA WMAC Macon 2/4 0000 good and dominant at times. Frequent IDs at top of hour as "news talk 940" and full call and city ID. Auroral conditions. New. (DH-NJ)
 1220 NH WZBK Keene 2/6 0000 fair to good. I was camped out here trying to track down a Spanish talker (possibly Cuba?) and "WKBK, the information station" popped up. A cursory web search showed that WZBK and WKBK are parallel. WHK much weaker than usual. Auroral conditions. New. (DH-NJ)
 1460 PA WTKT Harrisburg 2/6 2330+ fair to good. Carrying indoor soccer (MISL) game between Harrisburg Heat and San Diego. Blurb for Fox Sports Radio Network. Other stuff underneath, like classical music and Spanish dance music. Co-channel from WCTC a mile away makes this channel tough. New. (DH-NJ)
 1550 GA WAZX Smyrna 1/31 0000 excellent; dominant over CBE with light Spanish ballads. ID'd as "la que buena" and English call ID at top of hour.. Thanks to Barry McLarnon for the dxtip! New. (DH-NJ)
 1580 OH WVKO Columbus 1/27 0020 fair in graveyard-like jumble. Running gospel music and call letter ID popped up between songs. Then back into the mush. New. (DH-NJ)

Not a whole lot going on this past week..... Let's hear from YOU !!!!!Fresh 2/8/03 1300

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A pretty good week for TP/DU DX. The best I have heard in quite a while. Even a few Filipinos came through, plus some good Latin DX from John and Nigel, where Nigel got a tentative log on Guadeloupe-640 and WDHP-1620-US VI!!! So away we go.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 580 **MEXICO**, Chihuahua, Chih. XEFI 1/27 at 1220 - This noted "signing on" at the usual time of 1220 on several recent AMs with Mexican NA and "Radio Mexana" slogan used several times. John Wilkins noted a more normal s/on time of 1300. hen heard here (Okla), it is usually fairly weak and beneath XEMU, Piedras Negras. (JB-OK)
- 640 **GUADELOUPE**, 0127 2/8, presumed the one for about 5 minutes with 2 men conversing in FF. Signal was quite good at times. Now if only they'd be in at ID time! (NP-AB) *(I haven't seen this reported in the West for many years. Sounds like you got them. Good going. PM)*
- 720 **MEXICO**, Saltillo, Coah, XEDE 1/27 at 1230 UTC - This station here on numerous mornings mixing with SS language KSAH, San Antonio. Signal are usually about equal until KSAH goes to day power at dawn. XEDE runs XE NA at about 1200 and is a morning talk format, with many ads and other mentions of Coahuila. (JB-OK)
- 1130 **MEXICO**, Toluca XETOL 0139 2/1. Well over CKWX with "Radio Lobo 1130" IDs, ads. Mexican mx. My first definite log of this after several tentatives. (NP-AB) *(Good going Nigel. PM)*
- 1180 **CUBA**, Dominating the frequency with a long speech by man at 0207 2/2 // to weaker 5025 kHz SW. (NP-AB)
- 1530 **MEXICO**, Silao, XESD 0105 UTC 2/8. ID as "La Ley, XESD..." Then into mx lost under KFBK. A new catch here. (NP-AB)
- 1620 **U.S VIRGIN IS**, WDHP 0133 UTC 2/8. In and out with KOZN for nearly an hour with calypso-style mx, ad forupcoming cricket match, dual IDs for 1620 WDHP and 103.5 WAXJ-103.5, IRN News, ID as "the Powerhouse of the Caribbean, AM 1620 Stereo" ad for car dealer in St. Croix. New country for me. (NP-AB) *(Good going. PM)*

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 **JAPAN**, Morioka, JOQG good with JJ talk 1446 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 558 **FIJI**, Suva, Radio Fiji good signal with man in Fijian and Island mx 1502 2/4 (PM-OR)
- 558 **JAPAN**, Kobe JOCR. Good with JJ talk and JJ pops 1450 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIK very good with JJ talk //531 1448 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 567 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington 2YA good at 1503 with news 2/4 (PM-OR)
- 576 **UNID**, presume Russia with soft. inst. mx 1455 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 585 **JAPAN**, Kushiro, JOPG good //531, JJ talk 1557 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK STRONG, local-like //531 JJ talk 1556 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 603 **REP. OF KOREA**, Male & Female talk in KK 1508 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 612 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane 4QR. About the only Aussie heard this morning 2/8 at 1504 with ABC news. (PM-OR)
- 620 **HAWAII**, Hilo, KIPA 1453 2/5 with JJ programming & mx (PM-OR)
- 639 **UNID**, weak mx station at 1511 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 666 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBK, good with JJ talk /531 1444 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 666 **NEW CALEDONIA**, Noumea, u/JOBK 1515 with FF talk, Jazz mx 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 670 **HAWAII**, Hilo KPUA 1506 2/5 with CBS promo "KPUA" ID (PM-OR)

- 693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB 1457 2/5, JJ talk (PM-OR)
- 720 **HAWAII**, Eleele KUIA pop mx and ID at 1459 2/5 "It's 5 o'clock, 720 KUIA Eleele, Kauai's radio station" into net news 1500 (PM-OR)
- 729 **JAPAN**, Nagoya JOCK good with JJ talk //594 at 1451 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 738 **TAHITI**, good with island mx 1511 2/4 (PM-OR)
- 747 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIB, JJ talk 1509 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 756 **NEW ZEALAND**, Auckland 1YA 1510 talk 2/4 (PM-OR)
- 760 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KGU, very strong at 1500 2/7 with soft Christian mx (PM-OR)
- 765 **NEW ZEALAND**, Napier 2XT, Maori mx 1512 2/4 (PM-OR)
- 774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB JJ talk //747 1510 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 783 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, Samoan Capitol Radio 1512 UTC Island mx and ancr in Samoan 2/4 (PM-OR)
- 792 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane 4RN, 1513 2/4. Woman talking about possible war with Iraq (PM-OR)
- 801 **UNID**, weak music in splash at 1457 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 828 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBB 1446 2/8 JJ talk (PM-OR)
- 864 **JAPAN**, Unid, Trad. JJ mx at 1230 UTC 2/9. (PM-OR)
- 873 **JAPAN**, Kumamoto, JOGB, JJ talk in passing at 1434 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 891 **AUSTRALIA**, Adelaide 5AN 1512 UTC 2/4, man talking about tax cuts in Australia (PM-OR)
- 900 **HAWAII**, Kahului, KNUI good with Filipino talk 1515 2/5. Totally dominant (PM-OR)
- 936 **PHILIPPINES**, Unid play by play sports at 1520 2/8. I have heard DXIM-Cagayan De Oro here in the past. JJ QRM (PM-OR)
- 954 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOKR very strong with male & female talk in JJ, JJ Pops, website address given 1459 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 954 **PHILIPPINES**, DZEM? maybe the one with filipino talk 1501 2/8, u/JOKR. (PM-OR)
- 954 **UNID**, Rel. station in EE popped up briefly u/JOKR with miniter talking. FEBC has a unid. FE Russia outlet listed. Maybe them? at 1505 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 972 **REP. OF KOREA**, good with woman in KK 1506 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 1008 **JAPAN**, Osaka JONR good with JJ pops, woman ancr 1512 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 1053 **JAPAN**, Nagoya JOAR fair with JJ mx 1515 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 1062 **PHILIPPINES**, Metro Manila, DZEC, telephone talk 1521 2/8, Filipino talk (PM-OR)
- 1134 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOQR SS in passing 1517 UTC 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 1179 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOOR, JJ talk by woman 1513 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 1242 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOLF good with male & female in JJ, JJ pops 2/8 (PM-OR)
- 1287 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOHR, weak w/JJ talk in passing 1522 2/8 (PM-OR)

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Greetings! I just e-mailed Reid Wheeler my nominations for IRCA officers. I think it's easy to take for granted the privilege we enjoy: the ability to democratically elect our club's leaders. In large part, this is the reason the IRCA was formed. I'm sure it's not the most efficient way to run an organization, but I believe it's the best. Let's face it: in national and local government elections, a single voter has little chance to impact the outcome. But because of its small size, that's not true in our club. We don't have a primary, so the name of every nominated member who agrees to run appears on the ballot. Would you like to serve on the Board? Don't be shy; nominate yourself! In any event, please take a few minutes to send Reid your nominations by March 1, and then vote in the spring. 73 from Montana,

Gary Larson, 2806 Lincoln, Burbank CA 91504

[2/3] Just got DXM 1277. In my forum, about KXTA, it should read "(actually L.A.)". The portable rx I mentioned is a GPX. My apology for handwriting. Lee, good job w/Br Info column – I believe RW is planning to be editor. Later this week (Thurs), I see temps are to be in 30s-40s so will check AM these nights. Job hrs + nights not too regular currently. 73

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TRANS ATLANTIC

NEW EUROPEAN MEDIUM WAVE GUIDE PUBLISHED: As of 4 Dec 2002, the new edition of the European Medium Wave Guide is freely available in PDF format. In addition most of the contents can now also be consulted on-line on the EMWG web site.

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(Herman Boel, EMWG Publisher) (or try <http://users.pandora.be/hermanb/Emwg/>)

FRANCE: A few weeks ago I mentioned that the 1557 transmitter in Nice would close and be replaced by one on the former Radio Monte Carlo site in Fontbonne. The new unit has now gone into operation. It is still on reduced power but will eventually operate with 150 kW. The new station is not omnidirectional like the old one. It beams its signal towards the city of Marseille. The old station will come back on for a couple of days this month when engineers make the final adjustments on the new site and will then be silent for good. (Rémy Friess, Montbéliard, France, via mwc)

The CSA, the French radio regulatory body, has announced that it is soon to release information about the upcoming MW stations in this country. The stations concerned have already been informed that they will be awarded a license. This was not to be made public but some information has leaked already:

- There will be 30 licenses issued, six of them for the Paris area, two in Marseille, two in Strasbourg, two in Montpellier and two in Toulouse. Other cities will receive a single license. There is no mention yet of stations getting access to the air in more than one area (Ciel AM and RMC Info, among others, have asked for several outlets).

- Among the new licenses will be some high power stations (the powers mentioned are radiated power, not transmitter power): Nice will receive a 2.6 MWatt station. A station in Marseille and another in Strasbourg will be allowed 1 MWatt. The stations in Paris will get 5 kW, but the CSA is looking into the possibility of granting 10 kW.

- Here is the frequency plan. The country is divided into five areas.

1. The Paris area: Six channels with 5 kW each, with a possibility of 10 kW daytime if the CSA gets clearance from the ITU. The channels are: 981, 999, 1062, 1080, 1314, 1575.

2. The Rennes area: Brest 1485 (1 kW), Nantes 1584 (1 kW), Brest or Saint-Brieuc, or Rennes or Lorient: 1071 (160 kW)

3. The Toulouse area: Montpellier 1071 (300 kW), 1584 (1 kW); Nîmes 1602 (1 kW); Perpignan 1584 (1 kW); Toulouse 1161 (160 kW), 1485 (1 kW)

4. The Nancy area: Metz 1584 (1 kW); Mulhouse 1584 (1 kW); Nancy 1485 (1 kW), 1350 (160 kW); Reims 1485 (1 kW); Strasbourg 1584 (1 kW), 1161 (1 MW, 63 kW at 90°130°)

5. The Marseille area: Ajaccio 1161 (20 kW); Bastia 1071 (20 kW); Marseille 675 (1000 kW), 1485 (1 kW); Nice 1350 (2.5 MW, 300 kW at 220-230°, 100 kW at 80-100°); Toulon 1584 (1 kW)

All outlets on a given high power channel will carry the same program. This plan reflects almost exactly the situation we had before France Inter left the MW band. Only the low-powered stations are new.

Whether they will find applicants for the big boys is another story. For instance RMC Info would certainly like to use 160 kW on 1071 in Rennes or 1161 in Strasbourg or 1350 in Nancy... But if they apply for 1071 they will also have to use it in Bastia and in Montpellier, which are already served by the LW transmitter, if they take 1161 they will also have to use it in Toulouse, also served on LW and FM, if they take 1350 in Nancy they will have to use the 2.6 MW station in Nice, which duplicates the LW transmitter exactly...

Also, and strangely enough, two channel that might have been used, 963 in Paris and 585 in Marseille have not been awarded. The original plan mentioned 30 channels and not 28, so I guess these might be added...

Anyway, don't expect anything on the air before next summer at the earliest... This leaves you hardcore DXers plenty of time to hunt for stations on the newly awarded frequencies, and me time to think about which of the 6 presets on my car radio to reassign to the new programs... ;-) (Remy Freiss, mwc)

ITALY: Radio Speranza, a religious station, is currently broadcasting on the local transmitter on 1494 with a very good signal. It is located between Bologna and Modena. (mwc)

LITHUANIA: On 19 Dec, the transmitting centre in Sitkunai conducted a second test transmission on 1557 (150 kW, ND) in cooperation with Radio Baltic Waves International (Vilnius), in order to determine the coverage area. The program aired was a Chinese language broadcast of China Radio International at 1800-2000. Current relay schedule of Vilnius 612, provided by Baltijos bangu radijas (Radio Baltic Waves): Daily in Belarusian: 0400-0600* & 1400-2200* R.Svaboda (RL), 2200-2230 R.Polonia. Other relays: Sat 0600-0700 Fundamental Broadcasting Network in English, Sat 2230-2300 Universal Life in English. Power: 50 kW, except *) 100 kW. (Bernd Trutenau, mwDX)



NAMIBIA: The AM frequency 594 (Tsumeb) is not in use any more. (Markus Weidner, currently in Namibia, as published in the German ML A-DX via Willi Passmann, DXLD)

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 Martin 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) www.aer-dx.org The data of every station are: QRG, Name, Location, Network, Kw, Observations, Tx Location, QSL, Address, Tel. and Fax. Next: web & e-mail (Pedro Sedano, HCDX)

SVALBARD: NRK days are numbered? There seems to be some uncertainty regarding the future of the NRK Svalbard transmitter in Longyearbyen, 1485 . NRK primarily wants to close this 1 kW outlet, but the local communities have objected to this. The original decision to close on January 1, 2003 now seems to have been postponed while the operator, Norkring, calculates the costs of upgrading the transmitter mast. NRK Ingøy 153 does cover the western and southern parts of Svalbard. The rest of the Svalbard archipelago does not receive Ingøy well, and RFI problems in the Longyearbyen center also prohibit reception of Ingøy. However, the major Svalbard communities do have satellite-fed FM relays of the NRK networks. NRK Svalbard mostly relays NRK P1 programming, including the local service from NRK Troms. During the winter night, NRK Svalbard is often heard with good strength in Scandinavian locations north of the Arctic Circle, especially on the shores of Arctic Norway. At 78 degrees North, NRK Svalbard is probably the northernmost ordinary broadcast station in the world. (From the world's northernmost DXer, Bjarne Mjelde, Lensmann Elliliasveg 4, N-9980 Berlevag, Norway, Dec 7, dxing.info via DXLD)



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Radio Farda - a new Persian language radio station aimed at the broad mass of people under 30 in Iran - began broadcasting in Dec 2002, the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) has announced. Radio Farda will complement the VOA's existing Farsi service on shortwave, which has a strong following in Iran. Radio Farda will be broadcast on medium wave (AM) as well as on shortwave, digital audio satellite and by the Internet. (BBG Press Release via MWC e-mail news 29.11.2002)
R Farda 1539. I listened to 1539 early this morning and was able to sort out R Farda from the Sp stn. R Farda was on 1539.08, so most likely they are using the Sharjah facility, at least for the time being. (Olle Alm-SWE, BC-DX Dec 22)

Ras Al Khaimah R is about to switch on a new tx. Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid bin Saqr Al Qasimi has already officially opened the new stn at Al Jazerah Al Hamrah, but it will not come into operation until 11 January. Ras Al Khaimah R will be off the air on 9 and 10 Jan. The move to a new tx location was necessary due to concerns for the health of girls at a school near the old site. The 200 kW tx operates on 1152 . At the inauguration ceremony, the Crown Prince revealed that being hours will be increased to almost 22 per day, but the stn will no longer bc non-Arabic progrmes such as Hindi, Urdu and Malayalam. Sheikh Khalid said he will personally chair the weekly meetings of the board and implement new ideas. "I will dedicate one day a week to spend at Ras Al Khaimah R to monitor progrmes," he said. ((c) RNWMN NL 31 Dec)

There is a radio stn called Radio Asia in Ras Al Khaimah, one of the seven emirates that constitute the UAE, that has been being in Malayalam lang from 11am to 4pm local time (4 hrs) on 1152 MW. The stn has now annd that it will bc in Malayalam 24 hrs a day beginning at 6am on 1st Jan 2003 on 1575 MW. It claims that it will be the first radio stn in the world to bc in this lang round the clock. (P. Sreevalsan Nair, DX_india Dec 30) Radio Asia noted on 1575 with Malayalam songs around 2300 UT on 3 Jan and following days. This station moved to this frequency from 1152 on January 1, 2003 and is broadcasting 24 hours in Malayalam which by the way is my mother tongue. There are lot of expatriates speaking this language in the Middle East. Malayalam is the mother tongue of the people of the Kerala state in South India (Jose Jacob, Hyderabad, DXLD)

UKRAINE: On 15 Nov the transmitting centre in Kopani (near Mykolaiv) was reactivated on shortwaves; at the same time also the MW transmitter on 1431 (500 kW) was again put into use for relaying Voice of Russia, a.o. in Russian and Arabic. (Bernd Trutenau via MWDX 15.11.2002) Updated schedule of Voice of Russia broadcasts via Ukrainian MW facilities: 936 - 1500-2000 Sodruzhestvo; 2000-2100 VoR Russian; 972 and 1278 - 1400-2000 Sodruzhestvo. (Alexander Yegorov-UKR, RUI Nov 20) 549 in Kyiv is silent. Transmitter in Brovary on 207 is active since 6 Nov, but uses 50% power of 250 kW only. (Alexander Yegorov 20.1.2002 via MWC e-mail news 29.11.2002) 936 and 972 carry Sodruzhestvo sce by the VoRussia already at 1200. Probably the same could be observed on 1278 , but transmitting power is lower on the latter, and it doesn't propagate to Kyiv so early. At 1300 VoRussia WS in Russian is bc on 936, 972, 1278 - all acc to the schedule (Bernd Trutenau-LTU, 8 Dec)

UKOGBANI (Isle of Man): The long awaited 279 radio station licensed in the Isle of Man, has finally had the last hurdles overcome, which has prevented the station from setting up its proposed transmission site The High Court has dismissed the Petition of Doleance brought by the Bride Commissioners against the Department of Transport's award of a Siting Licence for the long wave transmission facility in Ramsey Bay.



The Petition raised seven objections to the licence, most of which were dramatically withdrawn halfway through the court hearing. The Department of Transport as landlords of the seabed are responsible for all activities taking place on or over it and the Bride Commissioners claimed they ought to have been consulted, as the platform will be only four Kilometres from their coastline. "It's good news for Ramsey and good news for the Island," said Paul Rusling, the project's founder. "We can at last get on with building the facility and get the radio station on the air, hopefully during the Summer." (from www.ukradio.com, via John Williams, mwc)

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