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Publisher's Notes

The Anniversary Issue is 3 weeks away. This is the time when traditionally we send in Forums to introduce or reintroduce ourselves, talk about the club, our DX shacks, whatever you think may be appropriate and interesting to the membership. It tends to be a fatter issue, and I'd like to see a big turnout so we'll have lots of read and think about. I recently asked for comments on DX Monitor; now is the perfect time to share them with everyone. How did you start DXing? Was there someone who introduced you to the hobby or did you stumble into it (like I did)? What receivers and/or antennas do you use, and what was your most interesting DX experience? If you have any pictures from previous conventions or gettogethers that would reproduce well in black and white, they are welcomed too. Sending in a tip or two to the respective DX columns is welcome too. Let's make this a blow-out issue!

Welcome to new members **Les Rayburn** in Helena (Birmingham) AL and **William J. Speedie** out somewhere in cyber DX land—we look forward to hearing from you soon! -RT

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.

DX Test

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 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:

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(Arranged by Ron Musco for the NRC CPC.)

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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

The IBB/VOA recently replaced their towers for the 600 kW transmitter site at Sao Tome in Africa—pictures of the old towers' demolition are posted at **Ydun Ritz's** website for MW DX. Find her site at www.ydunritz.com and look in the News section. Since they were used by permission I will not reproduce them here.

There's a fascinating story by David L. Hollyer, who worked for RFE, Radio Liberty and VOA, on the "fate of the MB50" transmitters that were used first for Radio Free Europe, and then for Radio Swan, in the propaganda war with communism at **Radio World's** website. Find this at http://www.radioworld.com/reference-room/special-report/01_rwf_mb50.shtml.

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.

Hallicrafters 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".)

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CALL CHANGES		
OLD CALL		NEW
1240	WARF - JASPER, AL	WTID
FORMAT CHANGES		
FREQ.	CALL - CITY	NEW INFO
590	WMBS - UNIONTOWN, PA	AS
920	KYST - TEXAS CITY, TX	SS SPORTS 'R. DEPORTES'
1200	WVIV - CHICAGO, IL	SS HITS//WVIV-FM
1230	KOZA - ODESSA, TX	TALK
1230	WESX - SALEM, MA	CON. XTIAN //WJIE
1270	KTFI - TWIN FALLS, ID	SPORTS, TALK
1280	WANS - ANDERSON, SC	BLACK GOSPEL

1330	WETZ – NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV	JRN COUNTRY
1340	WBBL – GRAND RAPIDS, MI	ADDS HOWARD STERN
1340	WTYS – MARIANNA, FL	OLDIES
1350	WYSK – FREDERICKSBURG, VA	SS //WPWC 'R. FIESTA'
1380	KRCM – BEAUMONT, TX	WAS SIL., NOW TALK/REL
1390	WRIG – SCHOFIELD, WI	TALK, SPORTS
1400	WEZW – AUGUSTA, ME	AS
1440	WFNY- GLOVERSVILLE, NY	IS NEW, GOLD-BASED AC
1450	WWXL – MANCHESTER, KY	WAS SILENT, NOW OLDIES
1490	WTVL – WATERVILLE, ME	AS//WEZW
1520	WWKB- BUFFALO, NY	WAS BUS NX, NOW OLDIES
1530	WTTI – DALTON, GA	WAS SILENT, NOW S. GOS.
1550	WDLR – DELAWARE, OH	ABC AC
1550	WZRK – LAKE GENEVA, WI	WAS SILENT, NOW EWTN
1580	KVVY – MERCED, CA	COUNTRY OLDIES

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

FREQ.	CALL – CITY	NEW INFO
1500	WQCR – ALABASTER, AL	INC. TO 2300/3 ND, 1200CH
1570	WNSH – BEVERLY, MA	DEC. TO 85-N, DA-D

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS

FREQ.	CALL – CITY	NEW INFO
730	HOQUIAM, WA	1000/1000 DA-2
1100	LAS VEGAS, NV	20000/600 DA-2
1340	TAOS, NM	1000/1000 ND

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

FREQ.	CALL – CITY	NEW INFO
830	WCRN – WORCESTER, MA	INC. TO 50000-N, DA-2
1210	WNMA- MIAMI SPRINGS, FL	INC. TO 47000-D, DA-2
1290	KKAR- OMAHA, NE	INC. TO 50000-D, DA-2
1400	KTEM- TEMPLE, TX	DEC. TO 950 WATTS

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS

FREQ.	CALL – CITY	NEW INFO
930	WLLL – LYNCHBURG, VA	INC. TO 9000/42 ND
990	KWAM – MEMPHIS, TN	DEC. TO 5000CH, 330 DA-2
1290	WTMI – WEST HARTFORD, CT	ADD 11-N
1590	WZUM – CARNEGIE, PA	DEC. TO 1000/24 DA-2

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Dan Sys of Langley, BC passes on the following:
560 CKNL Fort St. John,BC Moving to 101.5 with 40,000 watts. Will remain C&W.
550 CKPG Prince George,BC Moving to 99.3 with 9,300 watts. Will remain AC/Talk.
830 CFJR Brockville,ON Moving to 104.9 with 5,600 watts. Will remain AC.

I'm in process of getting my ham call letters changed from KG6OXP to KG6RJW. DX down here in So. CA. hasn't been too bad, but it's been raining like heck the last 4 days! Will be doing some DX from the San Luis Obispo area this weekend, and back in San Jose on the w/e of Feb. 21-23rd. 73's.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1300 KBZC CO, Colorado Springs ex-KUBL 2/11 1800 "The Buzz" talk show and ID. (BN-CO)

580 KUBC CO, Montrose now "Real Country," heard days here. (BN-CO)

770 KTTH WA, Seattle 2/10 0800 call change noted with ads, "Talkradio 770" slogan, legal ID. Signal about even with KKOB, looping Seattle. KCBC doesn't sign on until 0830. (RT-CA)

800 CHAB SK, Moose Jaw 2/5 played "The greatest hits of all time" and ID'd as "Home Town Radio... CHAB" at 0758. This new slogan is unfortunate, because KINY-AK on the same frequency also uses it. (LG-MT)

840 KMAX WA, Colfax 2/7 2003 with Palouse Country News under Belvedere, CA TIS WPX988. ID 2006 and into the Laura Ingram talk show. (DKK-CA)

860 KMVP AZ, Phoenix 2/10 0538 suspect good over KARS/KTRB in XEMO null with talk about Arizona spring training next month, constant talk about Phoenix. Faded out to KARS which took over frequency again (KARS is amazing!). Unneeded, but first time heard from Azusa. (RW-CA)

930 KAGI OR, Grants Pass 2/10 0259 "KAGI Grants Pass." NPR/Jefferson Public Radio schedule of programming. (DP-OR)

940 KICE OR, Bend 2/9 1833 very poor under KWBY with sports, ID at 1700. New, finally! (DP-OR)

KNNZ UT, Cedar City 2/9 1954 poor under KWBY with "940 AM KNNZ," followed by "State Forecast." New. (DP-OR)

960 KKNT AZ, Phoenix 2/3 ran a commercial for Grand Canyon University at 0959, in CFAC null. It faded at top of the hour. I phoned station to confirm. Only the second time I've heard it. (LG-MT)

980 KVLV NV, Fallon 2/13 was buried in the hash with call ID at 1000. (LG-MT)

1040 ?WHOF? IA, Des Moines 2/10 0411 weak talk in static along with faint unID possibly Chula Vista. (GL-CA)

1050 KDRK WA, Dishman 2/10 0400 good "Classic Country 1050 KDRK" into the Judds song. (DP-OR)

1060 KDUS AZ, Tempe 2/7 2200 dominate after KBGN signs off, running Fox sports net. (FA-ID)

?KTNS? CA, Oakhurst 2/10 0408 way under KDUS with NOS sounding music. Mostly poor, some 1070 slop. (GL-CA)

KBGN ID, Caldwell currently NSP (as it sometimes has been), has been signing off around 2100. (FA-ID)

+2/4 ended a hymn at 0800, ID'd and began USA Radio network news. Despite its proximity, I don't hear it often. (LG-MT)

1090 KBOZ MT, Bozeman 2/10 0500 fair with a few ID's and mention of Bozeman plus Gallatin Valley weather. At times it was blending in too well with other stations. Heard "Good times and great oldies." Sunday programming or another station? (DP-OR)

(XEPRS) BCN, Rosarita Beach 2/10 0100?-0145 totally off this period. DX'd in my car radio (Ford) coming back from Long Beach. unID C&W noted weak in there (likely KBOZ) and unID Spanish (KMXA??). I get both of these with XEPRS nulled in San Jose at night, KBOZ, especially! This appears to now be a regular SP for XEPRS but will keep monitoring it... (RW-CA)

1100 KAFY CA, Bakersfield 2/10 0520-0705 poor in Spanish, English ID at 0608. Quite a variety of mostly music. Seemed to pick up after 0600 with a party-like atmosphere. (DP-OR)

1170 KCBO CA, San Diego 2/5 had a monster signal on the car radio at 2016 with ID as "1170, KCBO" between news items. (LG-MT)

1180 KERI CA, Wasco 2/14 0150 fair in mix with legal ID at 0202, into Dr. J. Vernon McGee. (DP-OR)

1200 KYAA CA, Soquel 2/9 was strong and all alone on car radio at 2000 with ID as "The Oldies Channel, KYAA." (LG-MT)

1230 KKEE OR, Astoria 2/9 1938 fair with ad for Rogers Marine Repair, plus "The biggest collection of oldies on the coast, AM 1230 The Kite." (DP-OR)

KMUZ OR, Gresham 2/9 1924 poor in Spanish with many slower ballads, a few birthdays mentioned and slogan "La Zeta." (DP-OR)

1270 KJUG CA, Tulare 2/12 0845 ads for Central Valley & "Classic Country." (BN-CO)

1280 (KFRN) CA, Long Beach 2/10 0402 open carrier with two others under, Arroyo Grande possibly one. (GL-CA)

1360 KPXQ AZ, Glendale 2/10 was neck and neck with KOHU at 1000 with call ID "Christian Talk KPXQ." Second time heard. (LG-MT)

KOHU OR, Hermiston 2/10 even with KPXQ at 1000 with ID "KOHU Hermiston, La Grande, Umatilla." (LG-MT)

+2/13 1534 with C&W music and a multi-jingle ID followed by "AM 1360 KOHU" ID. New for me. (MJS-AB)

KUIK OR, Hillsboro 2/12 0110 atop briefly carrying HS basketball game, Blencoe vs Jesuit, over 3 or 4 other stations. ID and ads at first quarter break?? Perhaps a re-creation...if not they were playing pretty late (10:10pm local time). (DKK-CA)

1380 KWJL CA, Lancaster was miraculously all alone, but very weak at 1000 on 2/4. A NOS piece ended and man gave call ID. Very unusual that neither KSRV nor KRKO was audible. New. (LG-MT)

KOTA SD, Rapid City 2/11 was on top at 1000 with jingle ID. (LG-MT)

1410 ?KRML? CA, Carmel 2/10 0536 suspect KRML good in KCAL null over everything with smooth jazz instrumental music, heavy on bass and trumpet. Surprised to get them here this good! 1st time from Azusa, but unneeded! (RW-CA)

+ KRML this was indeed the one RW-CA suspected with smooth jazz instrumental music on 2/10. They have been known to "forget" to power down from 500 watts to 16 watts. They are ND full time. (DG-CA)

1430 KJAY CA, Sacramento 2/7 dominant until about 2100 then gone, running Chinese and lots of ads for Sacramento area. (FA-ID)

1560 CBKD AB, High Level 2/9 2238 with classical music. Parallel to 740 CBX Edmonton. Alone on channel. Good signal for 40 watts. Not exactly DX from here, but it has been so long since I last heard this I was beginning to think it had moved to FM. (MJS-AB)

1580 KVVY CA, Merced was nip and tuck with KGAL 2/7. At 0754 a man ID'd as "Classic country, the Valley 1580" and at 0800 "KVVY Merced, your new home for country..." Format change. (LG-MT)

1600 KVRI WA, Blaine 2/13 1508 with woman speaking in the Punjabi language. Followed by an ad partly read in English for a mattress store in Richmond. The clincher was the phone number given, which had a 604 area code prefix, which is for the greater Vancouver and lower mainland area of British Columbia, just across the border from Blaine. First heard, but not counted, while on my way to the 2002 IRCA convention in Seattle. New for me. (MJS-AB)

1670 TIS CA, Dixon 2/13 1000 now moved to this frequency, ex 1610, with road conditions for the Sierras on highways I-80 and US 50. Road signs with flashers to alert motorists when the TIS is on have been changed as well. This only broadcasts with conditions warrant. Moved because of KSMH-1620. (RT-CA)

KHPY CA, Moreno Valley finally heard after many nights of trying. On 2/9 it was well atop KNRO with oldies and ID at 2257 "The new stereo 1670, KHPY." New. (LG-MT)

KRNC GA, Warner Robins 2/10 0200 in poor with Gospel music and "WRNC Warner Robins." (CM-CA)

1700 TIS CA, Burbank 2/10 all night local with open carrier over KSMH. (GL-CA)

WTDY WI, Madison 2/10 0200 in poor with WTDY ID. (CM-CA)

DX TEST

790 CFAN NB, Newcastle 1/29 2300-0500 conditions were great to the east that night. Heard bits and pieces of Morse code coming in poor. Surprised to hear them from California. New. (CM-CA)

UNIDS

1220 2/14 0210-0430 Spanish (religious programming?). Mostly slow talk interspersed with some music. Couldn't understand most of it, but did hear "La Palabra" a few times and "Radio Personas." Could this be WHK-The Word? XEB was behind and KWKU's // not heard. (DP-OR)

1550 2/10 0558 while looking for KKJY-NM (not heard) someone popped up in KYCY null over weak mess including unID religious station (KMRI?). They mentioned "Radio Disney, AM 1550!" Likely KADZ-CO? Any other possibilities, or did 1550 NM go Disney?? Have heard 1550-CO under both KQXI and KADZ call from San Jose. (RW-CA)

1550 2/11 0045-0105 suspect either KMRI or KXTO with country/Gospel music cutting in & out in local KYCY's null. Top of hour ID smothered by KYCY. (DKK-CA)

1560 NOS station atop KNZR had dead air at top of hour at 2300 on 2/5 before newscast, and also at 0900 on 2/6 and 2/10. Possibly KIQS, per tip from Pete Taylor. (LG-MT)

It's good to see so many of you DX'ing, and even more importantly, reporting to WDXR. Great turnout this week! Nancy 2/14 2100

2002-2003 IRCA DX CONTEST

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Standings as of January 15, 2003

1. Bill Nittler	353	7. Nigel Pimblett	145
2. Paul Swearingen	279	8. Nancy Johnson*	121
3. Pete Taylor	240	9. John C. Johnson	35
4. Doug Pifer	218	10. Dale Park	20
5. David Braun	215	11. Mike Sanburn	5
6. John Tudenham	157		

* Contest manager is not eligible to win.

You can join this year's contest at any time. The rules are on the IRCA web site, and in *DX Monitor*, Volume 39 Number 35, dated August 31, 2002. Then send your entries in to me at the address above!

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

550 KFYZ ND, Bismarck. 2-9 poor, alone. 07:12 with "K-fire 5-50" slogan and oldies. Mostly talk now, but nice to hear. [JJR-WI]
580 CKY MB, Winnipeg. 2-9 poor. 05:43 with "KY-58" slogan and oldies. [JJR-WI]
600 CKAT ON, North Bay. 2-9 poor mixed with unID. 06:17 ID, country. [JJR-WI]
800 CKDR ON, Dryden. 2-13 poor, alone, no CKLW. 07:17 with local spots, AC music format. [JJR-WI]
910 WFVR GA, Valdosta. 2-9 poor. 20:49 with Florida tourist information. [JJR-WI]
970 WATH OH, Athens. 2-8 poor. 18:48 with spots, weather, ID into ESPN. [JJR-WI]
1040 WOKT KY, Cannonsburg. 2-13 poor in WHO null. 08:07 with "Joy" slogan and satellite fed gospel music. New for me. [JJR-WI]
1070 WAPI AL, Birmingham. 2-11 good, no WTSO. 19:45 with local talk show, calls. This is rare here. [JJR-WI]
1180 WPUR937 WI, Kenosha. 2-14 poor in WHAM null. 07:10 TIS with calls, 1-800 number and web info. New logging. [JJR-WI]
1330 KWKW CA, Los Angeles. 2-14 good. 20:58 with SS format. 21:01 legal ID. [NJ-MT]
1450 WDLB WI, Marshfield. 2-13 poor, but alone. 07:38 with "WDLB news time..." This used to be more common here. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

February 18, 1978 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **John Czarnomski** of Staten Island, NY said he was 25 and a graduate of St. John's University. He works as a pharmacist ... **Frank Colella** of Brooklyn, NY has logged 37 states ... **Brian Sherwood** of Elmhurst, IL told about attending **Robert Kramer's** get together ... **Robert Wien** of San Jose, CA said he has logged 557 stations with 276 verified.

OPEN MIKE

February is half over already! This column was typed 2-15-03. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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LOGGINGS

780 NC WWOL Forest City 1/23 1720 Weather; ID (WM-MD)
870 KY WMTL Leitchfield - 1/28 0730 - Sign-on, into KY AG NET agricultural news, then bluegrass music "Bluegrass AM-870" (KVJ-GA)
TN WPWT Colonial Heights - 1/28 0745 - "Power Talk 870" with local political talk show; "Common Sense" with Paul Jacobs, local ads (KVJ-GA)
880 OH WRFD Columbus 1/22 1730 Sign off; ID; "The Word" (WM-MD)
900 KY WLSI Pikesville 2/4 2300 "Your Old Friend"; ID; C&W (WM-MD)
910 AR KLCN Blytheville 2/4 1850 "Classic Country"; id, New (WM-MD)
920 KY WTCW Whiteburg 2/5 1740 Local Ads, news, PSA's into C&W (WM-MD)
940 VA WNRG Grundy - 2/5 0818 - News/Weather, ad for Grundy National Bank (KVJ-GA)
950 SC WWJK Moncks Corner - 2/5 0752 - "The All-New Talk radio 950-WJK" with Imus in the Morning, Traffic Report for Charleston (KVJ-GA)
1000 TN WMUF Paris - 1/28 0801- local ads, "AM-1000 WMUF - The Best Country" into country music (KVJ-GA)
FL WKMK Blountstown - 1/28 0838 - ads forAppalachee Restaurant and a local handyman, "More of your favorites on WPHK 102.7", country music (KVJ-GA)
NC WSPC Albemarle - 1/31 0732 - "1010 AM WSPC", local ads, "Birthday Club" (KVJ-GA)
1010 MO KXEN Festus-St. Louis - 2/5 0700 - Full ID (almost like a sign-on announcement) mentioning 50,000 watts and disclaimer about programming, "KXEN 1010 AM", religious program (KVJ-GA)
1110 AL WBCA Bay Minette - 2/4 2000 - Country music, ID "You are listening to the Boss, WYDH FM 105.9 and WBCA AM- 1110 Bay Minette-Mobile" ad for Faulkner Community College (KVJ-GA)
1120 PA WKQW Oil City - 2/4 1900 - "The Big Talker, Oil City's 1120, KQW", CNN News, then Laura Ingraham Show, fair in KMOX null; was this on past sign-off? (KVJ-GA)

1210 FL WNMA Miami Springs - 2/8 1800 - "Radio Unica" English ID "WNMA Miami Springs" with female voice into news (KVJ-GA)
 OH WDAO Dayton - 2/8 1730 - weak with UC music, "1210 WDAO" Male/female talk (KVJ-GA)
 OK KGYN Guymon - 2/5 0817 - "KGYN Newstime in 7:17", sports (KVJ-GA)
 1220 VA WFAX Falls Church - 2/7 0830 - "Inspirational Radio", program "Faith Seminar of the Air" begins (KVJ-GA)
 FL WJAX Jacksonville - 2/7 1700 - Easy-Listening music noted, ID, then CNN News (KVJ-GA)
 1420 MA WBSM New Bedford 1/25 2300 ID; CBS News (WM-MD)

Thats a wrap for this week. Nice to hear from Karl. I'll be in NC on business part of next week.... Back in FL on Friday..... Don't forget to NOMINATE someone for the upcoming Elections!!!! Be a part of YOUR club!!!! Let's hear from YOU!!!! Fresh 2/16/03 0900

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PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 880 **MEXICO**, Rio Verde, SLP, XEEM 2/11 1310 UTC heard here with oddly timed NA (I believe this to be legit. late sign-on). Followed by ID and then several references to station as "EM" and "La M" Noted here as an unid with NA at 1314 several days ago; also as an unid at 1215 last year. Glad to finally nail this one with the help of Wiseblood's 2002 logging. (JB-OK)
 940 **MEXICO**, Nueva Rosita, COAH, XEYJ 2/8 1225. Hrd mixing with XEQ, to finally dominate at 1230. Romantica plus lots of morning talk. Full ID twice at 1230. Good at times. New for me. (JB-OK)
 1090 **MEXICO**, Monterrey, NL XEAU 2/7 1150. Multiple mentions of Monterrey, heavy use of "Que Buena" slogan and Orch. NA at 1156. Did not hear call letters following NA, so presumed. Fair signal. (JB-OK)
 1140 **MEXICO**, Monterrey, NL XEMR 2/5 1210. Began obligatory NA at 1200, following usual sign on routine. Good level. (JB-OK)
 1300 **MEXICO**, Cd. Juarez, CHIH, XEP 1158 2/5. Noted with Radio Treche slogan several times lately, with a good but QRMed signal. Never logged here before. A new antenna? (JB-OK)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 550 **HAWAII**, Wailuku, KMVI, very good over everything with spots for Valley Motors and ESPN sports at 1435 UTC 2/13 (PM-OR)
 570 **HAWAII**, Lihue, KONG, good o/KVI with Joy Brown show at 1440 2/13 "KONG" slogan. (PM-OR)
 590 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KSSK, Comedy Routine at 1445 2/13 "On vacation in Hawaii" several "KSSK" IDs. (PM-OR)
 620 **HAWAII**, Hilo KIPA, Good on top of KTLK with usual morning JJ programming at 1448 2/13 (PM-OR)
 650 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KHNR, local spot u/KSTE at 1451 2/13 (PM-OR)
 670 **HAWAII**, Hilo KPUA, good with talk at 1456 2/13 (PM-OR)
 760 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KGU, lately the strongest Hawaiian I hear in the mornings with soft Christian mx at 1440 2/13 (PM-OR)
 900 **HAWAII**, Kahalui, KNUI, good with Filipino talk at 1452 2/13 (PM-OR)

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*** TRANSAMERICAN DX ***

- 550 **COLOMBIA (t)** R. Diff Nacional, Marinilla, FEB 5 0400 - good to dominant at times. Playing light ballads/love songs. Top of hour mention of Colombia and ID'd with mentions of "melodia." Auroral conditions. Previously logged as presumed Venezuela. [Hochfelder, NJ]
 580 **JAMAICA** RJR, Baileys Vale, FEB 6 0600 - fair. Reggae sounding music and announcer with accented English; clearly parallel to 720, but much better on 580. Spanish underneath, but unsure who. Also thought I heard "WIBW," but not enough for a logging. Auroral conditions. New. [Hochfelder, NJ]
 1140 **VENEZUELA (t)** La Voz del la Caribe, Porlamar, FEB 6 0400 - good to dominant at times. Coca Cola ad just before top of hour, then 15 minutes of talk, possibly news, then back to light/romantic music. Shortly before 0500, religious talk with frequent mentions of "amen" & "nombre de Dios." Auroral conditions. New. [Hochfelder, NJ]

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That's all for this issue. 73, Brandon.

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It seems that the yearly intro's are coming up and we are so shorthanded at work that life has been a little hectic. So if I don't send it now I will forget.

I am 56 and married with two grown children and two grandchildren. I work in the Network Operations Center of a phone company in Stockton California. I am a Ham, WV6U, and have been AM DXing on and off since at 7 I "discovered" the mysterious, far away stations I could hear at night on my parents Philco. It was an amazing discovery and I have never gotten over it.

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Hello everyone. I was sad to hear about the passing of Roy Millar. A great long time DXer. I send the best to his family. It is tough losing a loved one, after losing Bob in December. I was glad to hear his QSLs will be saved. There is a lot of history and each one of us should

plan ahead if you have collections. There have been so many that have been lost. Back in Sept. 02 I logged two new Alaskans for me, KSKO-870-McGrath and KZPA-900-Ft. Yukon. I haven't heard from either so I phoned them. The PD at KSKO never received my report as he answers them and KZPA just replied as their station was tore up remodeling. So hopefully I will get those. I sent another out to KSKO. The day I called, there was no mail delivery in Ft. Yukon as there was a bad snow storm. Some good daytime DX of late. Got a tentative on KGU at around noon the other day. No ID, but was buried under CFLD-Burns Lake, but the soft Christian format matched. The last time I heard a Hawaiian at Noon was around 1970 when I heard a mix of KORL/KYAK one Winter day. Good DX to all.

Gary Larson, 2806 Lincoln, Burbank CA 91504

[2/8] DXM looking good as usual. Seems handwriting is poor so I'll correct a couple things in my forums of DXM 1278 – KTPI is 1340, misspelled col of 103.1 Tehachapi. Date of 3rd forum is 1/29 and the work moved is lower case. Last name of one executive of Lotus is Kalmenson. Guess I forgot the "to" in end of forum "Good to learn that Rob't...." For many days at a time, local TIS 1200 has OC only. Winter weather back again – to be 40 here locally, clear sky tonight. Good dx weather. Come on, contribute something, members who usually don't. 73

Doug Pifer, 3410 Marion St. SE, Albany, OR 97322 KE6GMM

Well, I had planned to listen more this morning but the local buzz came on strong. (That would be two buzzes actually- one electrical and the other caffeine). I called it quits at the radio but still have the energy to type a forum or two. Passed by CSPAN-2 a week ago or so, by accident, and caught the CEO of Clear Channel defending himself against most everyone else. He seemed to be getting nailed by everyone, therefore I watched it till the very end. I guess my interest was also a bit higher since they have a studio about four blocks away. They seem to be rather impersonal these days and I feel sorry for there loss of the excitement of radio. (I think they run 5-6 stations out of it, Albany and Corvallis). Well, DX is still happening here. I keep expecting it to slow down but it hasn't. Most of what I input to the Western DX Roundup are still first time catches for me at this location. Fifty percent are surprises to myself and the other 50 percent I figure I should have caught sooner. It's still fun either way. From what I can tell, it seems like quite a few folks DX with their car radios. I do a good amount of scanning while driving, but I'd say most of it wouldn't qualify as DX, unless perhaps I'm way out of my local area. Has there been any car radio comparisons lately? Ever? Or, are most of us more or less satisfied with what comes with the car we happen to have? I know mine could definitely use more selectivity. A lot more. Last but not least, I'd like to challenge everyone from the NorthWest to show me the DX that I've been missing. And thanks to those who already are! 73's to everyone. Doug

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DEADLINES: Sundays

My deadline for the anniversary issue will be Saturday 3/8

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Greetings and 73's to all IRCA members. News since my last entry. Longtime oldies station in the Atlanta market, WFOX-FM 97.1 "Fox 97" has dumped this format (1030 am EST 1/31/03) for urban contemporary rap and dance hits, ID'ing as "Jam 97". Atlanta needs this station in a market overrun with several well-established UC stations on FM (95.5, 99.7, 103.3, et. al.) So, people in my age group, too old (48 in 2/03) for "Lite Rock-FM", (80's & 90's), AoR and the like and not C&W fans just don't have a choice for the oldies (i.e., the former "Top 40s of 1955-1080). I've resorted to AM: WYTH-1250, Madison, GA and WGFS-1430 Covington, GA with sat-fed oldies and CHWO-740 and WSAI-1530 after dark. Still, I

do miss oldies in FM stereo... Also, received QSL card, bookmarks (x2), short historical sheet and brief note from Brian Smith on CHWO's second anniversary "DX test". The card is a beauty and has entered the verie collection. Thanks, Brian. I was more than happy to send the tape. The engineers really enjoy and learn from an audio sample. I always observe a rule of sending either a 46 or 60 minutes of audio. (A c-46 or c-60) unless a "DX test" is "long", then I use a c-90. Also, I send a "raw" audio - no filters, no processing - straight from the radio to tape. it's a small expense, but I usually use a tape that has been slightly used and "recycled" with bulk erasure, new label and insert. Postage is not bad - continental US and Canada runs no more than \$1.25 - cassette, letter, SASE in small brown envelope, first class mail. The tape has been referred to often as "greatly appreciated and a nice touch." It has generated extra "goodies" on occasion - on station sent me an audio tape with the "DF test" in stereo on one side and 30 minutes of their news/talk format on side two (WVLK-590 Lexington, KY). A tape may be the "leverage" to get that tough verie... That's all for now - good DX to all and 73's de Herb.

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LATIN AMERICA

COLOMBIA: R@dionet has reduced the number of stations from 10 1997 to just 4 today. They are: 590 Medellín, 700 Cali, 850 Santafé de Bogotá, 1270 Bucaramanga - all 24 hrs.

870 HJZH Vida AM, Medellín, 5 kW. Web: www.vidaam.com

1613.1 HJ.. R Ideal, Umbita heard here, nom 1600 kHz.

Radiodifusora Nacional in Colombia will return to the air in 5 departments; Boyacá, Casanare, Guajira, Meta and Santander. The AM frequencies will be 610 for Guajira and 960 for stations in Boyacá, Casanare and Santander. (Arctic)

New Radio María stations in Colombia: HJE20, formerly Radio Ciudad de Urrao, on 1450 AM in Antioquia province became a member of the Radio María Colombia family today, thanks to a donation of the Radio María World Family. It follows three more stations that have become Radio María Colombia stations in the past month. On Nov 23, HJTA formerly NVI Radio, 1320 AM in the important, violence-plagued city of Medellín became the fourth RMC station. The following day, HJUW formerly La Voz de la Feria, 1500 AM in Manizales in the Departamento (province) of Caldas joined the network. The 5 kw station covers dozens of towns and cities in the area. On December 7, HJTF formerly Ondas del Darién 1460 AM in Turbo in Antioquia (1,000 watts) became the sixth RMC station. These four are the first stations to be bought by RMC since HJET in Santiago de Cali was purchased in May 2000. The station in Paso, is the extreme south of the country, near the Ecuadorean frontier, no longer rebroadcasts Radio María Colombia. Except for this southern area, Radio María Colombia now covers most of the valleys that run southwest-northeast, and in which 75% of the population lives. HJTF Turbo lies outside these valleys, in the northwest of the country, near the Panamanian frontier. (Catholic Radio Update via Arctic)

New Catholic Radios in Bucaramanga and Malaga: There is a Catholic radio station in Bucaramanga, Colombia, apparently a fairly new one, according to a report in the Argentine DX Club bulletin, Conexión-Digital Nro. 189, published today. According to radioaficionado Señor Rafael Rodríguez of Colombia, he heard HJHH Radio Católica Metropolitana 1450 AM on December 6th from 9:30 to 9:50 p.m. LT with the following announcement embedded in the program: "...at the service of evangelization and culture; with the best technology, bring the Good News for the past year, coming to your homes for 365 days means a great step towards evangelization, thanks for travelling with us by way of 1450 AM for the Good News broadcast by way of Radio Católica Metropolitana..." According to the



2001 World Radio TV-Handbook, the station, formerly Radio Metropolitana, operates with 5,000 watts fulltime. (Rafael Rodriguez via Catholic Radio Update, via Arctic)

MÉXICO: From the "Oops" department, disregard the item for XEW in the last DXWW2. It was for XEW TV. Thanks to Glenn Hauser for pointing it out. (ed)

TRANS PACIFIC

AMERICAN SAMOA: KJAL 580 kHz 5kW confirmation email letter in 8 days for email report from Vickie Haleck, Station Manager. Says station has been on air now for 7 months and they're very happy with progress. First known QSL from either WDJJ (original callsign) or KJAL. Pacific QSL #90 (excluding A/NZ) and American Samoa #3. David Ricquish, Wellington, New Zealand (www.radiodx.com)

AUSTRALIA: Is anybody listening to X band anyway? The notable turnover in stations in the X band and the fade out for many after less than a year suggests there isn't the support or resources to sustain a viable operation --- let alone how many domestic receivers cover the range. Sharing their views on the website of the Australian MW Group <http://home.iprimus.co.au/onleyd/mwoz/> it is suggested that the reason most of the survivors cling to 1611, 1620 and 1629 is that most conventional receivers probably "stretch to that range". With FM well and truly established x-band stations will struggle. It is noted that Hot FM has moved to SW on 2368 after being "railroaded" off 1656 (David Onley/John Wright MWOZ via NZ DX Times via DXLD)

CHINA: 603 Henan News BS: 29 October 24 h
666 Hefei PBS: 1 September 1326 ID
846 Changzhou PBS News Station: 18 November 2111
846 Jinan PBS Economic Channel: 25 November, 2055 s/on
909 Tianjin PBS News Station: 19 July, schedule 2155- 1800 (ex 1600)
954 Anshan PBS: 3 October, schedule 2055-(1400)
972 Henan PBS Economic Channel: 19 November. schedule 2125-1600
1026 Yancheng PBS: 18 November, 2155 s/on
1071 Tianjin PBS Economic Station: 19 July, schedule 2155-1800 (ex 1630)
1080 Suzhou PBS: 23 November, schedule (2100)-1630
1125 Changjiang Economic BS: 21 July, schedule 2055-1600
1179 Yangzhou News Station: 18 July, 1530 s/off
1197 Heze PBS News Station: 15 June, 1500 s/off
1206 Jinling zhi Sheng: 4 July, schedule 2030-1600
1254 Anyang Economic BS (actually on 1254.5, nominal 1251): 25 Oct, 1000-1400 s/off
1278 Nanchang PBS: 3 October, schedule 2030-1700
1287 Xuchang PBS: 28 June, 1500 s/off
1314 Xiangfan PBS News Channel: 7 November, schedule 2150-1600
1314 Chongqing PBS: 19 November, 1800 s/off
1341 Taizhou PBS: 4 November, 1600 s/off
1395 Anhui PBS Women and Children Station: 12 July, schedule 2130-1600
1404 Hubei PBS: 6 November, 1700 s/off parallel 774 (1730 s/off)
1422 Xiaguang Music Station: 14 August, 1712 (jammer)
1458 Lianyungang PBS News and General Channel: 23 November, 2125 s/on
1521 Xiaguang Music Station: 14 August, 1712 (jammer)
1521 Zhejiang Station Voice of Traffic: 30 June, 1741 ID (jammer)
The "music" jamming, consisting only of nonstop Chinese classical music, has been noted occasionally on 630, 981, 1035, 1206, 1251, 1359, 1395, 1512 and "always" from 1733 on 1440. (All by T. Gima in ABI December issue via Y. Kato)

INDIA: I just found that allindiaradio.com is not working. However, if you go to <http://www.allindiaradio.org>, that is working. Click the "About Us" link, and then go to the drop-down menu to find information about the External Services, including a mailing address for reception reports and other mail. (Marie Lamb, DX-India e-mail group) (The site also includes addresses for local stations. bp)

JAPAN: We, KDXC, release frequency and address list of Japanese radio stations incl FM. Please visit, <http://www10.plala.or.jp/azwave/> (Iwata Gaku, via Dxing.info)

MARSHALL ISLANDS: Agreement has been reached with our partner 25 kW MW station here to help in constructing their tower (the rest of the station is already built), in returning for allowing us to build a shortwave station, in one of the best areas we've seen (Doc Burkhart, Dec WJIE Update, monitored Dec 20 at 1330, notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST) Station name, location, frequency???(gh)

TRANS ATLANTIC

BELARUS: 1170 Sasnovy is used for the Sodruzhestvo service of the Voice of Russia (in Russian), 1200-1700, 800 kW, antenna directed to the west. 279 Sasnovy carries Belarussian Radio 1, 0400-2200, 500 kW, omnidirectional. 873 Kalodzicy (formerly Kanal Kultura) is inactive. 1125 Kalodzicy carries Kanal Kultura, 0500-2200, 150 kW, omnidirectional. (Sergey Alekseichik - BLR via Dmitry Mezin via BCDX) The late evening relays of Radio Mayak from Moscow on the 2nd programme (Kanal "Kultura") of Belarussian Radio (1008/1026/1125/1197 kHz) have been replaced by own programming from Minsk. The new schedule of Kanal "Kultura" is daily 0500-2200. As widely published, with the beginning of the new year the Belarussian authorities decided to cancel the relays of Russian state radio programmes on the territory of Belarus. It still has to be confirmed whether also the Radio Mayak relay in Sasnovy on 549 have been switched off. (Bernd Trutenau via MWDX 6.1.2003, frequencies amended by OA as per above report, via Arctic)

BELGIUM: RTBF's Radio Trafic has been removed from MW (see EMWG for frequencies) and has been replaced by RTBF's Radio 21, the youth station. This may have to do with the very serious cutbacks RTBF needs to do in the new year in order to survive financially. They may as well silence the transmitters as it is illegal now in the European Union to broadcast simultaneously to the same target area(s) on both FM and MW, not that any of the different Belgian governments ever bothered or will bother to apply the Union's Guideline on this...(Herman Boel via MWC e-mail news 13.12.2002)



CROATIA: Web site of Croatian Radio www.hrt.hr differs from Herman Boel's EMWG. HRT does not list Radio 1 783,837 or 1197 or HRT Radio 2 on 1602. Both agree on sites, freqs & times for 594, 774,1125 & 1134 EXCEPT for hours of 1134. Web site says 1400-0630 UTC; EMWG says 1200-0430 frequency schedule is dated 27 Oct 2002 (Steve Whitt, mwc)

CYPRUS (TURKISH): From the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Radio Bayrak International transmitting at location MF Servisleri - Konum: Yeni iskele - 35 13' N / 33 55' E at 1494 KHz (10 kW) and 6150 kHz (25 kW), 0630-2400 [no hint given UT or local time. I presume local timeEd.]. Postal address is Bayrak Radio Television Corporation, BRT Sitesi, Dr. Fazil K † k [sic - lost characters] Bulvari, Lefkoça - Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, via Mersin-10, Turkey. Web: <http://www.brt.gov.nc.tr>. (BRT Webpage via JKB, 16.01.2003 via Jan WWDXC DX Magazine via DXLD)

CZECHIA (and SLOVAKIA): as every year in January a new edition of the list of transmitters in the Czech Republic and Slovakia is to be printed. Edition 2003 contains all info on AM, FM and TV transmitters and stations in both countries. Published by the Czechoslovak DX Club (CSDXC), this 100-page book costs 5 EUR. (Karel Honzik, mwdx) (For more info, see <http://www.dx.cz/en/publikace/prehledy7.html> bp)

DJIBOUTI: The U.S. Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) is soliciting bids for facility renovations at the Dorale Transmitting Station, owned and operated by Radio-Television de Djibouti in the Republic of Djibouti. Work will include two 40 kW MW transmitters (1170 & 1539) and one 50 kW HF transmitter, with integration of the new transmitters with the existing single tower MW antenna and HF log periodic antenna. (via DXLD)

GERMANY: I can hear two new transmitters of Mega Radio since 16 Jan: 819 Regensburg (5 kW), 1386 Würzburg (5 kW) (Karel Honzik, mwc)



IRAQ (Non): European DX'ers are hearing a strong station on 1584 ID'ing are Radio Tikrit, named after the city where Saddam Hussein was born. Programming appears to be opposite Hussain's regime (various sources) On 6 Feb at 1900 UTC sign-on. Multi ID's which sure sound like R Tikrit. Arabic pops and some slogans with frequency announcement. Signal is super, much stronger than 1593 Farda and 1566 clandestine. Beats also Sawa 1548 as this 1584 has no other strong stations. Program style is "western" with echo-id's etc. Just standing by for any web etc. announcements. (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, HCDX)

KUWAIT: 1593 0000-2400 Radio Farda in Persian 24 h, operated by the USA and broadcasting news/music for the younger generation in Iran. Also on 1539 (see UAE) and shortwave. The 150 kW transmitter was transferred from Holzkirchen Germany. IBB info mentions 500 kW here, but this has not been confirmed. Farda is pronounced with the full stress on the second "a" and means "tomorrow". (ARC) Now www.radiofarda.com works. Includes streamed audio. Format seems very similar to Radio Sawa in style. (Steve Whitt via MWC e-mail news 19.12.2002) Radio Farda, the new Farsi service of Radio Liberty via a 150 kW tx in Kuwait. This tx is on the air 24h since 19 December, with a beam of 5 deg. (Bernd Trutenau via MWDX 20.12.2002). On medium wave it is on 1593 from Kuwait with a power of 150 kW. I would be interested in any reports on this particular frequency because I just spent three months in Kuwait installing that transmitter (smile). It is an old Continental 318.5D series working into a two tower 1/4 wavelength array. The transmitter in Kuwait is using an Orban Digital Optimod limiter/processor. There is another MW transmitter with only 60 kW on 1539 (I think) at Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. (Gaines Johnson via MWC e-mail news 20.12.2002)

LEBANON: Radio Lebanon (Ida' atu Lyubnian) booming in on 837 with great signal at 1400 Jan 11, news in Arabic. At 1410 ceremonial announcement about new US made superpower transmitter of 1000 kW "covering Egypt, Turkey, etc." and mentioned Bulgaria already too. Reception without using loop-antenna, just built-in aerial (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, BC-DX Jan 11 via DXLD)

LITHUANIA: 1386 Sitkunai with "Freundesdienst" programming, starting at 2300, could be 150 kW. Transmitter was already on before 2300 with ID loop, deep underneath co-channel Bolshakovo with s/off as always at 2300 after the end of the VOR Sodruzhestvo program, leaving Sitkunai in the clear for now. (Kai Ludwig-D, BC-DX Jan 3) From Jan 1 "Radio Baltic Waves International" started regular broadcasting on 1386 daily at 2300-2315, 750 kW nondirectional, from Sitkunai). (Rimantas Pleikys-LTU, via Rachel Baughn, DXLD Jan 6)

MONACO: Superloustic, a station for children under 12, is back on the air after an 11 year absence. They are using the Monaco transmitter on 1467 between 0530 and 1730 with 50 kW. This seems to be just a test and it is not clear yet how long it will last. They are actually testing the program they will put on the air if they are awarded a MW channel by the CSA next month. (Rémy Friess, Montbéliard, France. MWC)



ROMANIA: Romanian local radio station Radio Moldova from the city Iasi had returned to its former name Radio Iasi (phonetic: 'yash'). Radio Iasi broadcasts now 0355-2000 on 1053 kHz. ID "Aici Radio Iasi, Romania". A relay of Radio Moldova 1st programme from the neighbour Republic of Moldova at 2100-2200 (Mo-Fr) is canceled. So, no more misunderstandings between the listeners with two Radio Moldova's. (Robertas Petraitis, Lithuania in an email (6/11-2002), Ydun's MW News)

SÃO TOMÉ. The VOA 600 kW transmitter on 1530 is currently using a non-directional pattern which may give more radiation toward the US than the usual directional mode. They

should be in this mode for the next few weeks. Daily at 0300-0530, 0600-0630, 1600-1800 and 1830-2200: 0530-0600, 1800-1830, 2200-2230 Mon-Fri; and 0630-0700 Sat-Sun, English, Portuguese, Hausa, French (Jerry Berg, DX-plorer, via Harold Sellers, Newmarket, Ontario, Feb 4, ODXA via DXLD, via MWC)

SWAZILAND: Thought this info from TWR Swaziland might be interesting. We have 3 X 100 kW SW transmitters and 1 X 50 kW MW transmitter. The station is fully automated. We receive programming via microwave link from Manzini office 35 km away. Manzini plays out from satellite receivers, studio and computer recorded material. Info regarding the Swaziland Commercial Radio station: the two SW transmitters are no longer on the air. Only the 50 kW MW transmitter. It is running on low power as the Power Supply filter capacitor blew and they have borrowed some spare, lower voltage ones that TWR had, just to get the 1377 MW transmitter going again. This MW transmitter is only on the air in the evenings and early morning. (Sean, G4UCJ, via HCDX)



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