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Publisher's Notes

This issue is SDXM only; a double HDXM combining this and the last issue of SDXM is sent out concurrently.

IRCA president **Lee Freshwater** sends word to all committee heads to send their annual report to **Phil Bytheway**, who will be chairing the Business Meeting at the convention.

Welcome to new members **Dan Phillips** of Coopersville, MI, **Stephen Ponder** in Houston, TX, and **Allan B. Turner** of Milton, ON. We hope to hear from you soon! --RT

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Election Results

A total of 39 ballots were cast with the following results (winners are indicated with an asterisk and in bold type for those of you who may be numerically challenged, hi):

PRESIDENT
*** Nick Hall-Patch** - 37
 no vote - 2

SECRETARY-TREASURER
*** Lynn Hollerman** - 38
 Don Kaskey (write-in) - 1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (in order of most votes)

*** Phil Bytheway** - 35
*** Patrick Martin** - 32
*** Mike Sanburn** - 30
*** Pete Taylor** - 28
*** Karl Zuk** - 27
*** John C Johnson** - 23
*** Tim Noonan** - 23
 Frank Aden - 22

Dave Hochfelder - 14
 Dennis Gibson - 10
 Doug Pifer - 9
 Nancy Johnson (write-in) - 1
 Rich Toebe (write-in) - 1
 Ray Bauernhuber (write-in) - 1
 Art Blair (write-in) - 1

As provided for in the IRCA Bylaws, the seven winners of the Board of Directors election will be balloted by the ECC immediately for the purpose of their selection of Chairman of the Board.

The above election results will be effective for the period September 15, 2003 through September 14, 2005.

All ballots received were in order and none were rejected.
 The above election results are certified correct and complete.

/s/ **Reid Wheeler**, Election Committee Chairperson

PS - The results of the **Ted Vasilopoulos** and **Ric Heald** awards will, in accordance with tradition, be announced by the senior officer at the 2003 annual convention.

Station and DXer Photographs

Robert Wien sent a photo of the KIGS-620 site in Hanford CA taken June 15 2003 by **Fred Campbell** of San Luis Obispo CA.



Special DX Test

I am passing this on from some ham friends of mine for any and all that might be interested:

HISTORIC MORSE CODE RADIO STATION WILL RETURN TO THE AIR
 Stations KPH and KFS To Be Heard Once Again

In the fourth annual event that has become known as the "Night of Nights" historic Morse code radio station KPH will return to the air in commemoration of the last commercial Morse message sent in the United States. KPH, the ex-RCA coast station located north of San Francisco, will return to the air for commemorative broadcasts on 12 July at 1701 PDT (13 July at 0001 GMT), 4 years and one minute after the last commercial Morse transmission in the US. These on-the-air events are intended to honor the men and women who followed the radiotelegraph trade on ships and at coast stations around the world. Transmissions are expected to continue until at least midnight PDT (0700GMT). For this fourth annual Night of Nights one frequency for equally historic coast station KFS will also be activated. Veteran Morse operators, including many former KPH and KFS staff members, will be on duty at the receiving station at Point Reyes, CA listening for calls from ships and sending messages just as they did for so many years before Morse code operations were shut down.

The transmitters are located 18 miles south of Point Reyes in Bolinas, CA at the transmitting station established in 1913 by the American Marconi Co. The original KPH transmitters, receivers and antennas will be used to activate frequencies in all the commercial maritime

HF bands and on MF as well. KPH will transmit on 4247.0, 6477.5, 8642.0, 12808.5, 17016.5 and 22477.5kc on HF and on 500 and 426kc on MF. KFS will transmit on 17026.0kc. These frequencies have been made available through the generous cooperation of Globe Wireless, the current owner of the KPH and KFS licenses. Many of the transmitters will be 50s vintage RCA sets. Power output will be 4 to 5kW. The transmitting antennas include a Marconi T for MF, double extended Zepps for 4, 6 and 8Mc and H over 2s for 12, 16 and 22Mc. Operators will listen for calls from ships on 4184.0, 6276.0, 8368.0, 12552.0, 16736.0 and 22280.5kc on HF and 500kc on MF. KPH and KFS will send traffic lists, weather and press broadcasts and commemorative messages, many of which will be sent by hand. At other times the KPH and KFS "wheel" will be sent to mark the transmitting frequencies. Reception reports may be sent to:

Ms. DA Stoops
P.O. Box 381
Bolinas CA 94924-0381
USA

Members of the public are invited to visit the receiving station for this event. The station will be open to visitors beginning at 1500PDT (3:00pm). The station is located at 17400 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and is on the route to the Point Reyes lighthouse. Watch for a cypress lined driveway on the right about a mile past the entry to Coast Guard station NMC. KPH is operated by the Maritime Radio Historical Society in cooperation with the Point Reyes National Seashore, part of the National Park Service. Further information may be found on the Maritime Radio Historical Society Web site at <http://www.radiomarine.org> or by contacting Richard Dillman at +1 415-990-7090 (email: rdillman@igc.org) or Tom Horsfall at +1 510-237-9535 (email: wa6ope@hotmail.com).

That's all for now, Lynn (ircamember@ircaonline.org)

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP
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WDXR DEADLINES: July 4, July 18, August 1, August 15. Please use Eastern Time.

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(5P-CA1) DX'ing in Cordelia, CA with ATS-818 CS, Terk AM 1000
(5P-CA2) DX'ing in Fairfield, CA with Dodge car rx
(5P-CA3) DX'ing in Silicon Valley, CA with Dodge car rx

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 620 KIPA HI, Hilo 5/19 back on the air // KKON-790 but with very weak signal, even weaker than 500-watt KUAU-1570 and much weaker than the old 1kw KAHU-1060. It's also only audible at night so this must be the Hilo-area tower and not one of the two West Hawaii sites that aired a synchronous signal. Now uses the pompous-sounding slogan "The Voice of Hawaii." (5P-HI)

- 790 KKON HI, Kealakekua-Hilo 4/21 0801 noted reactivated; noted later in May with overmodulated signal and ABC's "Unforgettable Favorites" AdCon oldies service. Some dead air where local ads were supposed to air, corrected during 5/14 recheck. However, master station KIPA-620's West Hawaii relays are still off; sometimes I hear a KSKK-590/KZOO-1210 mixing product. (5P-HI)
- 1060 KHBC HI, Hilo 5/7 0240 woman named Ululani airing mix of AdCon from 60's to 90's plus Hawaiian and Hawaiian contemporary music, with no ads. Some mentions of "KHBC AM Stereo." At 0300 time check in Hawaiian/English sponsored by KTA Stores supermarket chain, ID "KHBC Radio, Hilo, Hawaii." So KHBC is now the legal call sign as well as a nickname. Ex-KAHU. (5P-HI)

- 590 KTHO CA, South Lake Tahoe 4/25 1136 Ad Con oldies, DJ talk mentioned "Playing your favorites," ads, Tony Bennett song, slogan "You're listening to the nation's originals on K-Tahoe AM 5-90." Poor, heavy KMJ-580 slop. (5P-HI1)
- 690 KNZR ID, Blackfoot 6/9 was strong on top of CBU at 0800 with dual ID for itself and KZNI-1260. Daybreak USA had just ended and ABC news followed. (LG-MT)
- 790 KABC CA, Los Angeles 5/29 2953 Bank of the West ad, call ID, AI Rantel mentioning what will be on the 9:00 hour. Fair, with QRM from other stations. (RA-NV)
- 830 KNCO CA, Grass Valley 4/24 1412 "Rush Limbaugh Program" // KSFO-560 and KFBK-1530. Good. (5P-CA2)
- 920 ?KVIN? CA, Ceres 4/25 1203 noted in passing with adult standards format (Westwood One?), just as I heard them back home in HI in January as KLOC. (5P-CA1)
- 1010 ?KGUY? OR, Portland 4/24 0010 raucous-sounding DJ with C&W oldies, fair under KIQL. (5P-CA2)
- 1040 KLVP OR, Tigard 5/27 was on top of CKST at 0802 with K-Love Radio Network promo (no ID). (LG-MT)
- 1050 KTCT CA, San Mateo 4/25 0959 thanks to radio alarm, woke up to a Hotwire.com ad followed by slogan "KNBR 10-50 The Sports Leader" and softer, quicker ID "KTCT San Jose" (?) into Fox Sports Update. Also heard the "KNBR 10-50 Sports Ticket" and "KNBR 10-50 Traffic." Incidentally, KTCT airs non-sports talk shows as a public service Saturdays & Sundays 0800-0900. (5P-CA1)
- 1060 KTNS CA, Oakhurst 4/24 0946 Engelbert Humperdinck song, ad, man with weather for Sierras region "on FM 103.1 and AM 10-60," with break for promo for show Saturdays 6-8pm, back to adult standards music. 0959 ID into AP Network News at 1000.Por, unID talk station way underneath and ripply, heavy KTCT-1050 slop. (5P-CA1)
- 1080 ?KWJJ? OR, Portland 4/24 1010 "Imus in the Morning," probably KWJJ per station website. Poor to fair at times in KSCO null, 50 minutes past sunrise. (5P-CA1)
- 1120 KZSJ CA, San Jose 4/24 1059 full ID in English "This is 11-20 AM, KZSJ San Martin, San Jose, and the Bay Area" into presumed South Vietnam national anthem, band music & VV announcement by man. Fair. (5P-CA2)
- 1230 KHDN MT, Hardin 5/23 made a rare appearance at 0800 with NOS tune and call ID plus slogan Big Sky Radio. (LG-MT)
- 1380 ?KTKZ? CA, Sacramento 4/23 2359 announcement that KTKZ is the home of Fox Sports Radio in Sacramento, into co-owned SRN news. Probably KTOM underneath. (5P-CA2)
- 1390 ?KLOC? CA, Turlock 4/29 1737 noted in Mountain View with Mexican music, many ads for Cinco de Mayo events and sales. Caught mention of Modesto at 1752. Very poor, KVTO-1400 QRM. (5P-CA3)

- 1400 KODI WY, Cody 6/13 mixed with several others at 0800. At top of the hour I heard a clear ID for KZMQ-Greybull, which confirmed by phone its affiliation with KODI. (LG-MT)
- 1430 KFIG CA, Fresno 4/23 2155 S.F. Giants vs Pittsburgh noted in passing // KNBR-680. Fair, KVVN fading in at times. (5P-CA2)
?KYKN? OR, Salem 4/23 2235 Portland Trailblazers basketball playoff game vs Dallas // KPNW-1120. Fair to poor over/under KVVN & presumed KFIG. (5P-CA2)
- 1440 ?KMED? OR, Medford 4/23 2229 man with Northwest Radio Network news before fading out; back in with ad for Southern Oregon Speedway, back to tape-delayed "Sean Hannity Show." Poor, under KVON with Jim Bohannon and mixing with Spanish station (KDIF?). (5P-CA2)
- 1470 XERCN BCN, Tijuana 5/28 was weak but all alone at 0800 with Radio Unica program and partial ID. I hadn't heard it at this hour before. (LG-MT)
- 1480 KGOE CA, Eureka 4/23 2202 ABC-I news 7 seconds ahead of KGO, man mentioning KGOE Eureka. Poor, over/under Spanish and C&W stations. (5P-CA2)
- 1490 KTEL WA Walla Walla now has an oldies format (ex-C&W), heard with legal ID at 0900 on 6/3. (LG-MT)
- 1500 KUMU HI, Honolulu 5/5 0605 noted still on with usual automated AdCon oldies, so apparently the 0600-1200 silent period has expired with the installation of new equipment. (5P-HI)
- 1520 KVTA CA, Port Hueneme 4/23 2206 weather, slogan "Ventura County's news and talk source," into Jim Bohannon Show. Fair to poor, over/under KMPG, KFBK-1530 QRM. (5P-CA2)
- 1570 KSXT CO, Loveland 6/4 was on quite strong at 0800. A Business Talk Radio program ended, then legal ID followed by CNN Radio News. (LG-MT)
- 1600 KUBA CA, Yuba City 4/25 1237 ID "AM 16 Hundred KUBA, the only station for great singers, timeless melodies, American's best music," adult standards, many slogans and local ads. Unlike many adult standards stations, this one has local DJs! Good with music station way underneath (KGST?), slight KLIV-1590 splatter. (5P-CA1)
+6/3 was strong with a local commercial at 0754. (LG-MT)
- 1620 WPF596 CA, Milpitas TIS local afternoon 4/29, noted in Redwood City with repeating loop of 4 announcements, including one on establishing a safe shelter in case of terrorist attack, then same announcement in Spanish. Poor, under KSMH. (5P-CA3)
- 1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo 5/29 had a good signal at 0800 with ID as KDIA Vallejo, San Francisco, and then AP Network News. (LG-MT)
- 1660 KTIQ CA, Merced 4/24 1535 Oakland A's vs Detroit baseball // KFRC-610 noted in passing. (5P-CA2)
- 1670(WPIN401) CA, Dixon local afternoon 4/24 noted signs along I-80 freeway between Vacaville and Dixon to tune to this TIS, which was inactive at the time. Was launched 9/30/02 and when active runs 10 watts. No sign of WPSH292 in nearby Woodland either. (5P-CA2)
- 1680 WPSH202 CA, Foster City 4/28 1738 noted in Santa Clara carrying NOAA radio with Bay Area weather, then PSA's from Foster City departments (such as Police Dept. Explorer Scouts), mention of www.fostercity.org then weather again. IDs as "Radio Foster City." Fair for less than 10 watts power. Callsign is from city's website, FCC says it's WPUJ472. (5P-CA3)
- 1700 WPTZ516 CA, Oakland Int'l Airport TIS 4/28 1732 woman barely audible under Ames Research Center TIS WPT201 while driving in Sunnyvale, heading SE towards San Jose station was getting stronger with parking info, mentions of Oakland. (5P-CA3)
- UNID
- 1190 5/19 2347 Spanish speaking DJ playing snippets of music to be played. Heard "Sonora" spoken twice. If from Mexico, where? (RA-NV)

It looks like the summer DX season has arrived. Thanks to our reporters this week. Nancy 6/13 2100

2002-2003 IRCA DX CONTEST

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Final standings of June 15, 2003

1. Bill Nittler	386	7. John Tudenham	177
2. Nigel Pimblett	302	8. Nancy Johnson	148
3. David Braun	301	9. John C. Johnson	36
4. Paul Swearingen	279	10. Dale Park	34
5. Doug Pifer	258	11. Bill Speedie	22
6. Pete Taylor	246	12. Mike Sanburn	5

The IRCA contest has finished for this season. Congratulations to **Bill Nittler** for being our winner. Bill receives our prize of a \$5.00 IRCA Bookstore credit. I can't remember a closer second and third place finish; Nigel finished only one point ahead of David. Thank you to all twelve contestants this season. Even if you did not win the prize, I'm sure that you received some new stations as a result of the contest. I will be back in the fall with the 2003-2004 contest. If you have any ideas for the new contest be sure to let me know!

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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RIDING GAIN

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DOWN THE DIAL

1230 KKPC CO, Pueblo. 6-4. 05:59 coming out of BBC World Update with "This is Colorado Public Radio 12-30 AM KKPC Pueblo." Then into promo for classical music on KKPC. New. [PAL-MN]

25 YEARS AGO

June 10, 1978 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Dr. Richard E. Wood** of Ashland, NH told about his new house and the DX conditions there ... **Frank Aden** of Bend, OR was planning a Cascades Beverage Antenna party in the Deschutes National Forest ... **Nick Hall-Patch** of Victoria, BC has noticed 2YC 660 and Malaysia 1475 a number of times recently.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Paul we have a column this issue. This column was typed 6-14-03. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines are: 7/7, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17

(DH-NJ) David Hochfelder STARS OF THE WEEK
New Brunswick, NJ
Sony ICF-2010 KIWA Pocket Loop
(HN-GA) Herb Newberry 405 JH Whittaker Rd, Newborn, GA 30056-3033
Kenwood R-5000, Quan Loop, 300' I.w.

LOGGINGS

580 WV WCHS Charleston 5/14 0000 ESPN Talk, Legal ID into ABC news
New on Phasor S-9 signal. (HN-GA)
770 KY WCGW Nicholasville 5/15 2044 Full legal sign off, SSB S-7 signal
at LSS. 2047 carrier off. New (HN-GA)
910 TN WJCW Johnson City 5/16 2158 Atlanta BB. Also noticed WEPG South
Pittsburg on after hours. S-9 on top. New (HN-GA)
920 SC WYMB Manning 5/16 2209 Good occ. fighting with WAFS Atlanta. 20
over S-9 at peaks. (HN-GA)
970 SC WTMX Florence 5/16 2222 MRN Net pgm ID during break. "Newstalk
970 W-J-M-X" Excellent sig. New (HN-GA)
1170 SC WLGO Lexington 5/31 1200 With WMLE phased, heard "WLGO
Lexington....10,000 watts WLGO.."S3 New (HN-GA)
1210 GA WDGR Dahlonega 5/24 1305 "WDGR Dahlonega conducting Transitter
test > Tape loop, non stop (HN-GA)
1380 NC WJTV Asheville 5/12 1225 with WAOK in null. Doing a "swap" show.
Local news * & PSA. S-5 signal, New (HN-GA)
1490 NJ WUSS Liberty 6/4 0020 Good. Oldies and ID as "Solid Gold 1490
WUSS" New (DH-NJ)
NJ WKNY Kingston 6/4 Fair. Call ID just popped up, tape replay confirmed
it. New (DH-NJ)
1560 NJ WGYM Hammonton 6/3 000 Good w/Jim Bohannon and ID as
1400 WOND New (DH-NJ)
1650 MS WTNI Biloxi 5/14 0205 Local wx after ABC news. "Your Source of News,
Talk, AM 1640 WTNI" New on phasor (HN-GA)
(Herb needs an address for this one-ed)
1660 MI WQSN Kalamazoo 5/14 0219 Dominating signal. ESPN talk. (HN-GA)

T I S

1610 GA WPQX600 Watkinsville 5/12 1250 Back on air after several months. Tape
loop about local hazards. Power is 10 watts. (HN-GA)

Not a big week this time... Let us hear from you !!!!!!!!!!!!!..... 73's and all the
best.....fresh 6/15/03 0900.....

IRCA Stationery

Black/red masthead with the IRCA logo and name. Great for using when
writing for verifications. 100 sheets, \$5.00 (US and Canada), \$7.50
(rest of the world).

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IRCA BOOKSTORE, 9705 MARY NW, SEATTLE WA 98117-2334



DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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all times UTC

Greetings and welcome to another DX Worldwide West. This time we have reporters, Tim Hall from CA vacationing in WY and UT and Dale Park from Hawaii.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

540 **MEXICO**, Nuevo Casas Grandes, CHIH, XETX 6/1 0310 Local ads for Nuevo Casas
Grandes and Chihuahua "La Ranchera de Paquime" jingles. (TRH-WY1)
560 **MEXICO**, Stgo. Papasquiario, DUR, XESRD 5/25 0346 Fair on SE beverage with "la
grande de la sierra" slogan and another slogan that began with the word "super".
(TRH-UT1)
660 **MEXICO**, UNID 5/25 0443. XE anthem noted under another XE station. No sign of
KTNN tonight even though the SE beverage was aimed almost right at them.
(TRH-UT1)
660 **MEXICO**, UNID 5/25 0501 Another XE anthem noted under another XE station, but
still no sign of KTNN. (TRH-UT1) (*Maybe KTNN was off? PM*)
1140 **MEXICO**, Agua Prieta, SON XESOS, 5/25 0405 Good on SE beverage with full ID
mentioning city of license (Agua Prieta) slogan "radio uno, la numero uno" and
power 10 kw (TRH-UT1)
1180 **MEXICO**, Cd. Delicias, Chih., XEDCH, 5/25 0250 Good on SE beverage with
"Romantica 11-80" slogans. Station is getting out well lately. (TRH-UT1)
1220 **MEXICO**, Mexico DF, XEB 6/1 0318. Time check "10:18 en XEB La B Grande." (TRH-
WY1)
1240 **MEXICO**, Cd. Juarez, Chih. XEWG, 5/25 0237 Good on SE beverage with local
PSA's, slogan "La frecuencia de amor, radio amor." (TRH-UT1)
1330 **MEXICO**, Monclova, Coah. XEWQ, 5/25 0247 Good on SE beverage with local
anmts, "aqui en W-Q" (TRH-UT1)
1420 **MEXICO**, Tijuana, BCN XEXX 6/1 0326 Faded up nicely for an ID. CX seemed pretty
auroral my last day or two in Yellowstone. (TRH-WY1)
1420 **MEXICO**, Cd. Juarez, Chih. XEF 5/25 0253 UTC Good on SE beverage with call-in
program "Linea deportiva 14-20" (TRH-UT1)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

620 **HAWAII**, Hilo, KPIA 5/19 recheck showed KIPA back on the air //KKON-790 but a
very weak signal, even weaker than 500 watt KUAU 1570 and much weaker than
the old 1 KW KAHU-1060. It's only audible at night so this must be the Hilo-area
tower and not one of the West Hawaii sites that aired a synch signal. I made a
follow up call to sister FM station 6/04 and the DJ there said that a change in
management in delaying some of the repairs. Now uses the slogan "The Voice of
Hawaii". (5P-HI)
630 **AUSTRALIA**, Townsville QLD, 4QN Noted 1102 UTC 5/28 with man with state and
world news. Qld wx, outro "ABC news" intro on hostess on "ABC Radio
Queensland" //4QR-612. Poor (5P-HI)
738 **FR. POLYNESIA**, Pape'ete, Tahiti, Noted 0704 5/28 in FF with man talking lots of
"er" and "uh" mentioned Pape'ete into Tahitian-style reggae and trid. mx. Fair to
poor. (5P-HI)
1017 **TONGA**, weak with Island mx and man in Togan at 0845 6/11 (PM-OR)
1060 **HAWAII**, Hilo. Per phone call to station 6/4. station's address is now 1990 Kino'ole
St, Hilo 96720-5241 and mailing address is PO Box 515, Hilo HI 96721-0515.
Talked to owner/GM Buddy Gordon, who says he uses a Mainland consulting eng.
firm and not a local CE. (5P-HI)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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TRH-UT1 DXing a few feet east of the NV/UT border
TRH-WY1 DXing at Yellowstone Lake Village
DXing with Sony ICF-2010, Kiwa Loop, Quantum QX, Marantz tape recorder,
Intermatic DT-17 timer and beverage
5P-HI **DALE PARK**, Honolulu HI <DXFool@aol.com>
PM-OR **PATRICK MARTIN**, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138-0843 <mwdxer@webtv.net>
DXing with Drake R8, EWE antennas

REPORT FROM NICK HALL-PATCH

[I've] been away at sea, working up to 1000+ km. Offshore Got to DX. Nothing earth shattering, though many more DU than I expected. May provide a few targets for Graylanders. 73, Nick

- 153 **RUSSIA**, Komsomolsk. 1228 9 Jun. RR talk //243, poor at best; this appears to back on air; 180 also noted. (NHP 52N 145W)
- 243 **RUSSIA**, Razdolnoe. 1227 9 Jun. best signal of Russian LW, though that's not saying much. //w/various others (NHP 52N 145W)
- 279 **RUSSIA**, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. 1224 9 Jun. //243 w/deep voiced man in noise; poor at best (NHP 52N 145W)
- 530 **ALASKA**, Adak, "ADK". 1316 5 Jun. "strong" with code ID but only S5 on the meter. (NHP 50N 145W)
- 540 **NEW ZEALAND**, New Plymouth/Tauranga, 2XV/1XC. 1334 5 Jun. Man declaiming "on New Zealand's Rhema network" //549 followed by commercial. Poor to fair (NHP 50N 145W)
- 550 **ALASKA**, Anchorage, KTZN?. 1504 10 Jun. "Alaska's total country morning and afternoon", but calls hardly sounded like KTZN; poor-fair in noise (NHP 53N 141W)
- 560 **ALASKA**, Kodiak, KVOK. 2010 3 Jun. Ad for Bristol Bay cellular and mention of KVOK; man gave weather forecast, and another KVOK Kodiak ID. Fair strength in ship electrical noise, fairly consistent signal w/another station under. (NHP 50N 145W)
- 567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo, JOIK. 1259 3 Jun. JJ talk; giant size signal... no ID on hour, eventually //594 at 1309. Also at 1143 4 June. (NHP 50N 145W)
- 567 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, 2YA. 1319 5 Jun. //756, man talking EE, but soon fighting with JJ again? (NHP 50N 145W)
- 570 **CANADA**, Whitehorse, CFWH. 1511 10 Jun. CBC news, followed by forecast for Whitehorse, Atlin, Mayo etc. Poor in noise (NHP 53N 141W)
- 580 **ALASKA**, Petersburg, KRSA. 1930 2 Jun. "heard daily on KRSA" ID in buzz after mention of Back to the Bible, fair (NHP 50N 141W)
- 590 **ALASKA**, Anchorage, KHAR. 1454 9 Jun. KHAR ID out of the blue upon tune in. Good strength in noise (NHP 52N 145W)
- 590 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KSSK. 1349 5 Jun. "30 stories above Waikiki KSSK AM-5-90 and 92-3 KSSK" followed by teletalk. (NHP 50N 145W)
- 594 **NEW ZEALAND**, Timaru/Wanganui, 3XL. 1339 5 Jun. pop mx...v. weak but //540 R. Rhema (NHP 50N 145W)
- 612 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane, 4QR. 1252 3 Jun. Monster EE talk by man; computer advice program by phone; presumed 4QR (NHP 50N 145W)
- 620 **ALASKA**, Homer, KGTL. 2000 2 Jun. A flea market program poor to fair 1943, "KGTL Homer" ID poor in radar noise at 2000 after country mx (NHP 50N 141W)
- 650 **ALASKA**, Anchorage, KENI. 1349 7 Jun. "news radio, this is KENI Anchorage" ID at 1400; the other station trading places with it likely Hawaii; also noted 10 June 1342 (NHP 50N 145W)
- 690 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KORL. 1359 5 Jun. Hyper R. Disney and AM 690 KORL ID, fair strength in noise (NHP 50N 145W)
- 693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo, JOAB. 1330 7 Jun. EE lessons, fair, //poorer 774 (NHP 50N 145W)
- 700 **ALASKA**, Anchorage, KBYR. 1500 9 Jun. "This is talk radio, AM 7 hundred KBYR Anchorage" ID; good strength, format change from last time heard a year ago. (NHP 52N 145W)
- 720 **uniID**. 1245 3 Jun. JJ talk by woman after Latin sounding vocals, fair to good, then into more JJ sounding vocals. Only 1 kw JJ listed; does KUAI do JJ programs? (NHP 50N 145W)
- 738 **tTAHITI**, Tahiti. 0642 3 Jun. island mx in splash, poor (NHP 50N 145W)
- 750 **ALASKA**, Anchorage, KFQD. 2000 3 Jun. KFQD ID at top of hour, fair signal in ship's radar noise (NHP 50N 145W)
- 770 **tALASKA**, Valdez, KCHU. 1358 9 Jun. NPR mentions, then NPR nx //670 (NHP 52N 145W)
- 810 **FIJI**, Labasa. 1310 9 Jun. Melismatic vocal mx, fair to poor. No //891 but was //to even weaker 1467 (NHP 52N 145W)
- 810 **uniID**. 1359 4 Jun. Light jazzy guitar instrumental briefly above weak KGO and //567. Likely 4YA Dunedin, but could have been Aussie 2BA //4JK (NHP 50N 145W)
- 819 **NEW ZEALAND**, Rotorua, 1YZ. 1324 5 Jun. Weak w/ man talking, // similarly weak 567; but fighting it out with KK talk (NHP 50N 145W)
- 890 **ALASKA**, Homer, KBB1. 2059 2 Jun. "PRI" mention after what sounded like BBC programming; ID ("KBB1 8-90 Homer") on hour by woman followed by wx for Homer and marine forecasts (NHP 50N 141W)
- 891 **AUSTRALIA**, Adelaide, 5AN. 1346 4 Jun. Two men talking, Aussie EE //612, fair in noise (NHP 50N 145W)
- 900 **HAWAII**, Kahului, KNUI. 1303 10 Jun. KNUI ID upon tune in, fair signal, followed by Hawaiian mx (NHP 53N 141W)
- 918 **uniID**. 1312 7 Jun. JJ talk by woman fair-good, followed by mx;not //1242 or 1440...so not allnight Nippon? (NHP 50N 145W)
- 930 **ALASKA**, Ketchikan, KTKN. 1923 2 Jun. "Ketchikan's news and information station AM-930 KTKN" ID by woman after light pop mx, fair (NHP 50N 141W)
- 940 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KHCM. 1309 10 Jun. Big KHCM ID between country mx selections (NHP 53N 141W)
- 963 **AUSTRALIA**, Warwick, 4WK. 1331 9 Jun. Teletalk fair down to poor fading beneath piano mx, but briefly //1530 (2SM network) (NHP 52N 145W)
- 972 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, 2XG. 1342 5 Jun. Another R. Rhema here....pop mx, poor to fair but definitely //540 (NHP 50N 145W)
- 972 **ts. KOREA**, Tangjin, HLCA. 1250 5 Jun. Giant signal, man in KK, no // (NHP 50N 145W)
- 990 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, ?. 1248 5 Jun. various "Hawaii's talk radio" IDs...but advertising the "Rich Hamada experience on KHVH 830". What's happening here? good signal; dominant (NHP 50N 145W)
- 999 **JAPAN**, NHK1 synchros. 1247 8 Jun. Exotic flute mx poor, but //594. Somebody at 998.4, which may have been CC talk (NHP 50N 147W)
- 1008 **NEW ZEALAND**, Tauranga, 1ZD. 1314 5 Jun. "14 1/2 past one at newstalk ZB" //1035, briefly the strongest of 1035, 1098 (NHP 50N 145W)
- 1008 **tAUSTRALIA**, ?, ?. 1253 11 Jun. Horse racing, poor, //1314 but who? 4TAB? (not listed as part of net?) (NHP 53N 136W)
- 1017 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI. 1238 8 Jun. KK talk by woman, then singing, fair to nil. Faded up w/man talking in KK //5965 at 1244 (NHP 50N 147W)
- 1017 **tTONGA**, Nuku'alofa, A3Z. 0559 7 Jun. Likely Tonga with island mx and talk; fair in radar noise. 5 short, one long pips on hour....ID in there? Man could have mentioned Tonga, but not sure. Became quite strong by 0608 w/island mx and woman talking. This began the only sunset enhancement observed of Pacific

Islands and New Zealand. Most evenings were quite dull by comparison. (NHP 50N 145W)

1026 **NEW ZEALAND**, Kaitaia/Whangarei, 1ZK/1ZN . 0632 7 Jun. Jazzy instrumental, fair-poor //1008, 1035. carriers all over, particularly middle and higher band (NHP 50N 145W)

1035 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, 2ZB. 1357 3 Jun. Talk about 14 year old drunk driver in a car with no doors, no windows, no seat belts. Interesting place, New Zealand. "News-talk ZB" ID after ads. Fair to good signal. (NHP 50N 145W)

1035 **S. KOREA**, Pohang, HLCP. 1316 8 Jun. Woman w/KK talk //1305 u/presumed 2ZB w/DU EE talk, then becoming dominant w/instrumental mx (NHP 50N 147W)

1098 **NEW ZEALAND**, Christchurch, 3ZB. 1312 5 Jun. EE teletalk //1035, fading into noise. Had to ride on edge of giant open carrier (well S7.5) to read this (NHP 50N 145W)

1110 **HAWAII**, Kihei, KAOI. 1356 5 Jun. Mention of Sandalwood Golf Course, "aloha" etc. "here in Hawaii" "in our islands" then a KAOI ID. Big bassy signal. (NHP 50N 145W)

1116 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane, 4BC. 1354 3 Jun. Big signal, "Brisbane 4BC" by man commercials, teletalk. This was one of the most consistent Aussies after 4QD-1548. (NHP 50N 145W)

1125 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros. 1257 5 Jun. Good signal with JJ talk //774, then EE lessons (NHP 50N 145W)

1134 **AUSTRALIA**, Armidale, 2AD. 1319 10 Jun. Woman and man poor w/teletalk //1530, 2SM net. Things pretty well faded out by now (NHP 53N 141W)

1134 **JAPAN**, Tokyo, JOOR. 1308 5 Jun. Monster JJ signal S7...much merriment between 2 men...drinking party? Another interesting place, Japan. Also, still rapid fire JJ talk here w/EE talk under, 1354 3 June. This was late for an Asiatic at this location (NHP 50N 145W)

1140 **ALASKA**, Soldotna, KSLD. 1529 10 Jun. "Top of the World... rocking Kenai, this is KSLD" Female announcer between slabs of rock mx, fair becoming poor strength (NHP 53N 141W)

1143 **unID**. 1311 3 Jun. likely Taiwan; woman w/CC talk. No //738 at this time (NHP 50N 145W)

1152 **FIJI**, Rakiraki. 0628 7 Jun. Likely Fiji with island mx and natter by man in unID language; no parallel frequencies available (NHP 50N 145W)

1170 **S. KOREA**, Kimje, HLSR. 1300 5 Jun. Just caught 3 and 1 pips on hour....very definiteCC talk; found to be KBS CC service. //5975 & 6135. Faded after hour. Also noted 1313 8 June //6135 (NHP 50N 145W)

1197 **JAPAN**, Asahikawa, JOWL. 1318 4 Jun. Fair to good JJ talk followed by rapid fire bass line and JJ pop singing; didn't think to check //1440. JOBF is much further south, so perhaps less likely (NHP 50N 145W)

1206 **AUSTRALIA**, Grafton, 2GF. 1347 3 Jun. EE talk by man, mention of 2GF and Grafton and 2 hours of sports; local commercials; fading fast after a few minutes. Would this also have been the one 1333 9 Jun w/teletalk //1530? Opening pretty well shot by this time (NHP 50N 145W)

1230 **ALASKA**, Sitka, KIFW. 1743 2 Jun. "you're at work AM 12-30 KIFW", fine signal in broad daylight. This one puts one a good signal into the Pacific (NHP 50N 141W)

1233 **AUSTRALIA**, Newcastle, 2NC. 1342 3 Jun. Big signal, man talking S5+, Aussie EE // to and stronger than 774 and 747. Faded down by 1344. Also heard 1348 4 Jun. (NHP 50N 145W)

1242 **JAPAN**, Tokyo, JOLF. 1329 7 Jun. Monster signal w/JJ pop mx, then woman announcer (NHP 50N 145W)

1296 **NEW ZEALAND**, Hamilton, 1ZH. 0620 7 Jun. Vocal mx in noise//1035 which was now quite loud. Also noted poor in noise 1238 10 June w/teletalk //1035 (NHP 50N 145W) 1305 **S. KOREA**, Ulsan, HLSV. 1303 8 Jun. KBS fair w/man in KK //3930, still hanging in there w/good signal 1344 //3930, w/instrumental mx (NHP 50N 147W)

1314 **TAUSTRALIA**, Wollongong, 2ZW. 1252 11 Jun. Sounded like horse racing, fair //1017 which was poor (NHP 53N 136W)

1314 **Japan**, Osaka, JOUF. 1319 7 Jun. Excited JJ talk by woman not //1242 (NHP 50N 145W)

1322 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI. 1306 8 Jun. RR talk by woman? off channel; likely CC foreign BC //5990 and //5915 (NHP 50N 147W)

1332 **Japan**, Nagoya, JOSF. 1332 8 Jun. Woman in JJ talk, fair but beginning to fade u/EE talk by man at this time (NHP 50N 147W)

1350 **Japan**, Hiroshima, JOER. 1332 8 Jun. JJ talk by two men, fair to poor, dominant on channel (NHP 50N 147W)

1370 **HAWAII**, Pearl City, KJPN. 1300 11 Jun. Couldn't find ID at top of hour, JJ talk by woman, then by man. This one is about 20Hz high on channel? Also noted 1314 10 June. (NHP 53N 136W)

1386 **Japan**, NHK2 synchros. 1346 8 Jun. JJ talk fair-good //828 which was poorer; also 7 June 1340 //693 trading places w/presumed R. Tarana with Hindi mx (NHP 50N 147W)

1386 **NEW ZEALAND**, Auckland, 1XOR. 0618 7 Jun. Exotic sounding Middle Eastern male vocals, likely R. Tarana. Lots of potential NZ popping up all over by this time. Also noted 1238 11 June. (NHP 50N 145W)

1422 **Japan**, Yokohama, JORF. 1336 8 Jun. JJ talk by man and woman, fair, but fading (NHP 50N 147W)

1440 **Japan**, Sapporo, JOWF. 1316 4 Jun. Frantic JJ talk by man, o/domestic EE talk, followed by JJ punkish rock //1242, All Night Nippon program presumably; also 1315 7June, good //1242 (NHP 50N 145W) 1460 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KHRA. 1358 8 Jun. Musical interlude, good strength, followed by Radio Korea ID 1359 (NHP 50N 147W)

1500 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KUMU. 1350 11 Jun. Finally, an ID (Music for Memories KUMU AM-fifteen hundred), poorish, and fading down, after lots of laid back mx. Much stronger 1/2 hour before and on other days (NHP 53N 136W)

1512 **AUSTRALIA**, Newcastle, 2RN. 1324 3 Jun. Light jazzy vocal mx //792 pr to fair strength, but clear, followed by man talking. Somebody fading up behind w/soul mx, faint. (NHP 50N 145W)

1521 **Japan**, NHK2 synchros. 1326 8 Jun. Poor to fair w/JJ talk //828 which wasn't much better strength by this time (50N 147W)

1530 **AUSTRALIA**, Moree, 2VM. 1329 9 Jun. Man and woman interview / teletalk? up to fair and dominant at times. //2HD-1143 and //2NZ-1188 (NHP 52N 145W)

1540 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KREA. 1301 9 Jun. Man w/KK talk of Pyongyangish intensity at fair level voiced over female vocal operatic mx followed by "this is KREA Honolulu" EE ID (NHP 52N 145W)

1548 **AUSTRALIA**, Emerald, 4QD. 1320 3 Jun. "on ABC local radio Queensland" ad for rugby; fair signal; fast SAH, but no audio under (NHP 50N 145W)

1557 **AUSTRALIA**, Taree, 2RE. 1255 10 Jun. 2SM net v.poor, w/woman talking //1206 (NHP 53N 141W)

1566 **AUSTRALIA**, Wangaratta, 3NE. 1202 14 Jun. Poor w/SAH (from HLAZ?) and splash but definite DU EE talk w/mention of Wangaratta in a commercial. A bit of a surprise back in a BC mainland coastal inlet. (NHP-Rivers Inlet)

1566 **S. KOREA**, Cheju Island, HLAZ. 1303 3 Jun. Got to be HLAZ w/woman in JJ talk, strong, steady signal. Rules the eastern Pacific, even in June. (NHP 50N 145W)

1593 **Japan**, Matsue/Niigata, JOTB/JOQB. 1259 8 Jun. Good level w/man in JJ talk followed by mx interlude, then pips on hour//774; CC pips and "...dientai" underneath was China, but didn't think to check for obvious parallels (NHP 50N 147W)

1602 **Japan**, NHK2 synchros. 1258 8 Jun. Fair w/JJ talk //747 (NHP 50N 147W)

1638 **TAUSTRALIA**, Sydney, 2ME. 1316 9 Jun. Arabic sounding talk, poor-fair (NHP 52N 145W)

1683.24 **AUSTRALIA**, Sydney. 1318 9 Jun. Ethnic vocal mx, poor; also noted 3 June at this time, along with weak audio 1665, 1638, 1629, 1620, 1611. (NHP 52N 145W)

1701.17 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane, R. 1701. 1152 14 Jun. Rather murky talk by woman, though fair strength, didn't seem EE. Definite Middle Eastern singing followed. Another coastal inlet surprise. (NHP-Rivers Inlet)

NHP--**Nick Hall-Patch** on CCGS *John P. Tully* at various points in the northeast Pacific Ocean using 60' horizontal wire, matching transformer and Drake R8 driven by laptop.

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Geomagnetic Summary May 20 2003 through June 16 2003
Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx Today	Space Wx Forecast	Etc.
5/20	115	13	3	no storms	no storms	7
21	117	13	2	no storms	no storms	4
22	119	19	5	minor	minor	9
23	118	26	3	minor	no storms	6
24	118	15	3	minor	no storms	7
25	117	21	5	minor	minor	8
26	121	23	3	minor	no storms	6
27	125	17	4	minor	minor	9
28	129	25	6	strong	minor	9
29	130	34	5	strong	minor	8
30	138	76	7	severe	strong	10
5/31	117	40	6	moderate	moderate	7
6/ 1	113	20	2	moderate	moderate	5
2	112	18	4	minor	minor	7
3	121	26	4	moderate	minor	7
4	115	26	5	minor	minor	8
5	106	19	3	no storms	no storms	5
6	114	11	3	no storms	no storms	8
7	126	12	3	minor	minor	7
8	133	22	5	no storms	minor	9
9	153	22	4	minor	minor	7
10	158	27	6	strong	minor	9
11	177	29	4	moderate	moderate	5
12	193	22	3	strong	moderate	4
13	164	21	4	moderate	moderate	5
14	151	21	5	minor	minor	7
15	134	46	5	moderate	minor	7
6/16	129	31	5	strong	minor	7

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Western States TIS Update

Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA

The following update is the result of a meandering 4,675 mile car trip taken May 23 - June 7, 2003, with overnight stops in Lone Pine, CA; US highway 6/50 at the NV/UT border; Eureka, NV; Ketchum, ID; Yellowstone Lake Village, WY; Green River, WY; Teasdale, UT; and Las Vegas, NV. All times are ELT.

530 KOC913 ID Arco (area) - INEEL (Idaho National Environmental/Engineering Laboratory) station is on the air with a brief tape loop about the nation's first nuclear power plant. 4 transmitters were originally licensed, but I would agree with a web article I read a while back implying that only the station near the US-20/26 split is on.

530 (WPIW323) ID Idaho Falls/Roberts - No station noted here as we drove through town.

530 (WPET783) ID Twin Falls - No station noted here as we drove through town.

530 (KOJ876) NV Hoover Dam - Not noted as we drove south on I-15. Used to be an easy catch from I-15, so they may be silent again.

530 (WPWF496) NV Wells - This recently-licensed station does not appear to be on the air yet. It was not on as we drove through Wells.

530 (TIS) UT Glen Canyon NRA - There is no trace of a TIS station anywhere in the Utah portion of this park, at least in the areas where any roads exist (US-89, UT-95 Hite Canyon, UT-276 Bullfrog/Hall's Crossing). I don't believe this station exists.

530 (WPBF898) UT St. George - "Color Country" station is still silent, perhaps gone for good? Used to get out well when it was on.

530 (TIS) UT Vernal-Jensen - I don't think this station is still on, although we were only in Vernal and didn't drive over to Jensen.

530 (KCP271) UT "Vernal Annex" - I don't think this station is on; no sign of a station on 530 when we were in Vernal.

530 TIS WY Jackson (area) - National Elk Refuge TIS is still active and getting out well during the day. Station is north of Jackson, WY, probably near the visitor center.

530 (KCP272) WY Rock Springs - This station appears to be long gone. No trace of them when we drove through, and the Ashley National forest ranger at Green River had never heard of these stations.

660 "KRSX" CA Victorville - Good signals with oldies (mostly pre-British invasion) and slogans "Cruisin' Oldies" and "The big 66." I read about this station in Route 66 Magazine; it is run by the former owner of KMIN-980 and runs with 0.1 watts. Commercials sell for \$1 each. The signal was audible for 15 or 20 miles along I-15 as we returned on June 7th.

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- 1000 WPFM428 CA Barstow - CalTrans HAR is still getting out well. Message very similar to WPSG912-1610 and WPSE479-1610.
- 1570 UNID NV Las Vegas - Some kind of a low-power station, noted along Charleston Blvd. with a woman interviewing the author of a children's book.
- 1590 WPLP689 ID Victor - Wyoming DoT station for ID side of Teton Pass is active, but with a very short tape loop and a very long gap between messages. I did not get over to Jackson, WY, to hear the companion station at the other end of the pass, but it was on when we drove through in May 2000.
- 1600 WPWA784 MT West Yellowstone - MT Fish and Game department TIS getting out well with a message about aquatic pests carried by boats from one lake to another. Announcer mis-IDs as WDWA784. Contrary to someone's report a few years ago, the West Yellowstone (national park) TIS did not move to 1600. This is a new station.
- 1610 -- CA Chula Vista / Otay Ranch - Talking house for Arroyo(?) Realty advertising a 7-bedroom(!) house. Tape loop includes clips of the song "Takin' Care of Business."
- 1610 KMC723 CA Manzanar NHS - New station is on the air with a short test loop. (Manzanar is only now being prepared for tourist access). Logged from Lone Pine at night and for a few miles along US 395 during the day.
- 1610 (WPSG912) CA Mountain Pass - Station was off as we drove through their coverage area. Signs posted 10 miles from their transmitter on each side of I-15 say the station is only on when the lights are flashing. The big road widening project has now moved 14 miles west of the transmitter site.
- 1610 WPSE479 CA Needles - CalTrans station is getting out well with a message that is almost identical to that of WPFM428-1000 and WPSG912-1610 except for the interstate highway numbers (15 and/or 40) and city. Logged from AZ, UT, and NV at night.

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- 1610 KNEC996 CA Yosemite (west side) - Can be logged from NV and UT at night with CalTrans road information, mixing with WPSE479.
- 1610 -- ID Driggs - Talking house noted for new Creekside development and a local mortgage company. 1610 (TIS) ID Teton Scenic Byway - Recent Internet articles mentioned TIS coverage on 1610 for the scenic byways (ID highways 31, 33, 32, 47) but none were noted and no signs were posted.
- 1610 (KNNV605) ID Idaho Falls - Not noted as we drove through town. I think the Pocatello station is still on the air (have heard these calls at night on recent trips) but we didn't get to Pocatello on this trip to confirm.
- 1610 KOE780 ID Sunset Cone - Craters of the Moon NM station was not on when we first saw the signs on US 20/26/93. Rangers didn't realize the station was off, and they turned it on when I told them about it. Gets out poorly, possibly carrier current or talking-house transmitter, only audible within a few hundred feet of the visitor center. Message emphasizes safety hazards of exploring caves and lava tubes. Announcer seems to have gotten the idea that his station's calls are "XRC01!"
- 1610 (KII596) MT Cooke City - We found no trace of a station here. The station at the NE entrance to Yellowstone is only a few miles away from here, so it's unlikely a station has existed in Cooke City recently.
- 1610 KOP796 MT Deer Lodge - Grant-Kohrs Ranch TIS is getting out well with information about the self-guided walk.
- 1610 (KII605) MT Gardiner - Delete this old listing. The Yellowstone north entrance station is located in Gardiner.
- 1610 KOP708 MT Gardiner (Yellowstone NP North entrance) - Local monitoring indicates the station is located at the north entrance gate at Gardiner, not in Mammoth Hot Springs. It gets out amazingly well through the canyons and 2000-ft. elevation gain from Gardiner to Mammoth, and is still strong enough in Mammoth to fool you into thinking it might be located there.
- 1610 (TIS) MT Madison River Canyon - There is no evidence of the listed station here, which is a shame. The Madison River Earthquake area has some fascinating local history, and there are numbered road signs all along this road that don't make any sense until you stop at the visitor center near the north end of the canyon.
- 1610 KOP709 MT Silver Gate (Yellowstone NP NE Entrance) - Gets out pretty well with the same message as the other entrance stations.
- 1610 (KHA517) MT Targhee Pass - We've never heard a station at this location. If it existed, it has probably been gone for years.
- 1610 KOP710 MT West Yellowstone (Yellowstone NP West entrance) - Station is still here (did not move to 1600 as someone had reported a while back) but much weaker than before. Gets out about a mile at best with same message as other Yellowstone entrance stations.
- 1610 WPXK767 NV Carlin - NV DoT HAR station (also licensed as WPWF496) is running a test message and getting out well.
- 1610 WPXK767 NV Dunphy - NV DoT HAR station (also licensed as WPWF496) is running a test message almost identical to the Carlin station.
- 1610 -- NV Elko - Station noted running NOAA weather seemed to be coming from Elko as we drove by. There is a license for LaMoille listed in the FCC database (same group of stations as Carlin and Dunphy) but not Elko.
- 1610 -- NV Ely - White Pine Middle School in the center of town is operating what sounds like a talking house transmitter with local school news (e.g., interviewing a student who had recently won at a track meet).
- 1610 (Part 15?) NV Mesquite - Local oldies station "the boss" was off the air as we drove through this time. They were on last June when we drove through, and were mentioned in a recent Internet article, so maybe just temporarily silent.
- 1610 (TIS) UT Fremont Indian State Park - Evidently, there was indeed a station here at one time. Signs are still up on I-70 a few miles on either side of exit 17. No trace of a station on either day we were in this area. Note that KCP260's message does make mention of this park.

- 1610 (KOJ777) UT Fry Canyon - No sign of a station here. There is basically only a single private lodge building at this location, and it isn't currently open, so there's nothing for a TIS station to talk about.
- 1610 KOP798 UT Bryce Canyon NP - This station is on with park shuttle info, but it does not currently get out anywhere near as well as the Garfield County station which covers some of the same information in its message.
- 1610 TIS UT Kolob Canyon (south of Kanarraville) - Station near I-15 exit 40 is on the air but putting out horrible weak signals. Male voice with tape loop about vehicle restrictions for the Kolob Canyon scenic drive.
- 1610 (KOQ516) UT Mackinaw - Fish Lake Forest TIS was silent all 3 days we were in this area. They were on last year with good signals.
- 1610 WPBE828 UT Panguitch (Red Canyon) - Garfield County Information Station has gone back to a longer message (covering Bryce Canyon and all of the other attractions along scenic highway 12) and is easily logged at night throughout NV, UT, and even WY. It is especially easy to mistake this for the Bryce Canyon station (KOP798), which does not get out as well and only mentions the Bryce Canyon Shuttle and the 1590 station, both of which are also mentioned on this station.
- 1610 "KCEU" UT Price - "Broadcasting live from a janitor's closet at the College of Eastern Utah, this is KCEU, Price, Utah." Typical rock format.
- 1610 (KOJ494/KOJ499) UT Steinaker - Two old US Department of Interior stations were listed for this state park near Vernal, but there is no sign of a station. This location is within the midday coverage area of KCP270.
- 1610 KCP260 UT Salina Canyon - Tape loop contains some basic information assembled at a visitor center in Richfield, plus 3 additional tape loops from Wayne, Sevier, and Emery counties.
- 1610 KCP270 UT Vernal - Former Ashley National Forest TIS is now run jointly by several government agencies. Tape loop describes various attractions in "Dinosaurland." Of all the stations listed in this area, this is the one that is actually on the air.
- 1610 KOJ723 UT Virgin-La Verkin (Zion NP) - Zion's monster TIS station is now using these calls (station is audible for about 30 miles along I-15 middays despite being located well east of the freeway). There are 5 stations in Zion NP; this is consistently the one that gets out.
- 1610 WPLP689 WY Dubois - Mobile HAR station warning motorists about the numerous accidents involving cars striking migratory deer and elk (158 incidents per year in this location, with an average damage of \$2000 to each vehicle involved). Located at the WYDOT maintenance yard in Dubois.
- 1610 (KCP270) WY Green River - Delete the old listing for an Ashley National Forest station at this location. The senior ranger at this location had no memory of such a station, and the calls are in use by the station in Vernal, UT. (It seems as though most old Forest Service stations have either been taken over by other federal or local government agencies or gone off entirely).
- 1610 (KOP714) WY Madison Junction - This inside-the-park station was active in 2000, but is currently silent.
- 1610 KOP701 WY Pahaska Teepee (Yellowstone NP East entrance) - Station is on and getting out pretty well with the same message as the other entrance stations.
- 1610 KOP711 WY South Entrance (Yellowstone NP) - Same messages as other entrance stations, gets out for about 5 miles each way.

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- 1610 KOP718 WY Yellowstone Lake Village (Fishing Bridge) - Station is here (not 1550) with an "inside the park" message emphasizing staying away from wildlife and how to handle food so as not to attract bears.
- 1620 -- UT Roosevelt - Talking house near the intersection of US 191 and Utah highway 121.
- 1650 Pirate NV Las Vegas - Pirate station in Summerlin area is getting out pretty well. A word about Yellowstone NP stations: The only active TIS stations in Yellowstone are the 5 entrance gate stations and the station at Lake Village - Fishing Bridge, all on 1610. Another inside-the-park station was active at Madison 3 years ago, but not this year. Most of the other two dozen or so listings for stations at individual attractions in the park (all of which would be very useful if they did exist) have probably been gone since the fire of 1988 and should be deleted.

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