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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE 9/15/03

We're seeing a major changeover in IRCA to start this new DX season, with not just a new president and board of directors, but a new publisher as well. I hope we can all live up to the standards set by our outgoing president, publisher and board. Thanks especially to Rich Toebe and Lee Freshwater for a job well done.

Thanks to Doug Pifer, we will continue to have a professional looking DX Monitor; it will be up to the rest of us to fill that publication with worth while, even exciting (at least to a DXer) information. With the solar cycle waning, it's to be hoped that we will have little excuse to not be hearing DX. Let's keep DX Monitor a publication worth referring to again and again.

During this term, I hope we will again have an up to date list of re-prints, as well as a new Technical Guide, which, along with DX Monitor, will help make IRCA attractive to new members.

As always, the e-mail and snail mail boxes of both myself and the board are open. If you have ideas for improving IRCA further, or concerns/criticisms about how things are going, let us know. Good DX, Nick

## Publisher's Notes

With this issue, I'd like to welcome Nick Hall-Patch, as the new President of the IRCA. His dedication to our club has been proven over many years of involvement.

Nick has quite a history with the IRCA, first joining around 1964. After taking a few years off, he rejoined in the mid-70's and has been a member ever since. Nick has been on the Board of Directors several years and has been editor of the IRCA Technical Column since it's inception in the late 70's. Other credits include being the Slogans editor (the first?), as well as assisting with producing the Foreign Logs and organizing DX Tests. Last, but not least, he is the editor of "A DXer's Technical Guide", now approaching it's fourth edition in 20 plus years. What a guy!

Nick's specialties and interests beyond the technical, (modifying / designing /building receivers /accessories / antennas), include: DXing for foreign stations, and studying TP/TA

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propagation using on-going (6 years now) signal strength recordings, using a PC controlled receiver and home brewed programs. 24 years worth of Beverage DXpeditions (usually coastal) have been among the DXing highlights.

I want to thank Nick for letting me draw up a bit of a "DX-Bio" about him. He certainly deserves a lot of "kudos" for what he has done. On another note: I had a nice visit with fellow DX'er from Montana, Larry Godwin. We had a good lunch over in Corvallis and also stopped by my place (in Albany) to see the "DX set-up", as simple as it is, hi. I've admired his catches many times over including his many Mexican loggings. When he logs a station, I take notes too! 73's Doug

**New Members:** Ward Jones, Dallas TX, Ira Elbert New III, Watkinsville GA and Wilhelm Herbst, from Denmark (renewal). Check out Wilhelm's, *DXing in Denmark* at:

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Welcome, and we hope to hear from you soon.

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## CALL CHANGES

| OLD CALL  | CITY                  | NEW CALL |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 560 WLLZ  | Monroe, MI            | WRDT     |
| 900 WOTW  | Nashua, NH            | WSNH     |
| 950 WWJK  | Moncks Corner, SC     | WQTK     |
| 1220 WEZU | Stillwater, MN        | WMGT     |
| 1380 KRNN | North Little Rock, AR | KDXE     |
| 1460 WWWW | Rochester, NY         | WHIC     |



## FORMAT CHANGES

| FREQ | CALL | CITY              | OLD INFO          | NEW INFO               |
|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 700  | WCAT | Orange, MA        | SS contemp.       | Ethnic                 |
| 740  | WVLN | Olney, IL         | nx/talk           | ESPN sports            |
| 750  | KSEO | Durant, OK        | ABC oldies        | SNR sports             |
| 790  | WSVG | Mt. Jackson, VA   | silent            | AS                     |
| 850  | WPTB | Statesboro, GA    | smooth jazz       | ESPN sports            |
| 900  | WSWN | Belle Glade, FL   | gospel            | black gospel           |
| 900  | WSNH | Nashua, NH        | talk              | oldies                 |
| 910  | WSTK | Jacksonville, NC  | ESPN sports       | talk                   |
| 910  | WPFB | Middletown, OH    | AS                | talk                   |
| 950  | WTLN | Orlando, FL       | gospel            | rel. teaching          |
| 950  | WQTK | Moncks Corner, SC | talk              | silent                 |
| 960  | WATS | Sayre, PA         | AC                | Jones AC               |
| 970  | KUPL | Poritand, OR      | classic country   | WW1 classic country    |
| 970  | KTRW | Spokane, WA       | rel. teaching     | adds ACN network       |
| 1010 | KDLA | DeRidder, LA      | black gospel      | silent                 |
| 1010 | KGUY | Milwaukie, OR     | Jones classic C&W | reg. Mexican "La Zeta" |
| 1060 | KNLV | Ord, NE           | country           | oldies                 |

|      |      |                   |                   |                    |
|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1070 | WCSZ | Sans Souci, SC    | ESPN sports       | CNN Headline nx    |
| 1120 | WBXR | Huntsville, AL    | cont. Xtian       | Rel. teaching      |
| 1150 | KKGT | Portland, OR      | talk              | romantica          |
| 1170 | KLOK | San Jose, CA      | reg. Mexican      | SS hits, cumbia    |
| 1170 | WCXN | Claremont, NC     | religion          | Mexican            |
| 1220 | WREV | Reidsville, NC    | silent            | black gospel       |
| 1230 | KLCB | Libby, MT         | country           | adds ABC C&W       |
| 1230 | KDIX | Dickinson, ND     | AC                | oldies             |
| 1230 | KADA | Ada, OK           | sports            | SNR sports         |
| 1230 | KGRO | Pampa, TX         | soft AC           | Jones soft AC      |
| 1240 | WINK | Fort Myers, FL    | tropical          | nx/talk            |
| 1250 | WGHB | Farmville, NC     | sports            | talk               |
| 1250 | WRKQ | Madisonville, TN  | Salem s. gospel   | drops Salem        |
| 1300 | WKSC | Kershaw, SC       | s. gospel, oldies | Jones oldies       |
| 1340 | WGAW | Gardner, MA       | talk              | oldies             |
| 1340 | KTMP | Heber City, UT    | oldies            | classic country    |
| 1370 | WPAZ | Pottstown, PA     | soft AC           | oldies             |
| 1370 | WRGS | Rogersville, TN   | Jones classic C&W | drops Jones        |
| 1380 | KDXE | Little Rock, AR   | R. Disney, sports | sports             |
| 1380 | KPTK | Lawton, OK        | talk              | sports             |
| 1390 | KCLN | Clinton, IA       | WW1 stds          | Jones MOYL         |
| 1390 | WEED | Rocky Mount, NC   | reg. Mexican      | talk               |
| 1400 | KFTM | Fort Morgan, CO   | oldies            | Jones AC           |
| 1410 | WQOR | Montgomery, AL    | sports            | silent             |
| 1450 | WSRQ | Sarasota, FL      | talk              | news               |
| 1450 | WCRS | Greenwood, SC     | AS                | ABC Stardust AS    |
| 1470 | KEZZ | Estes Park, CO    | soft AC           | Jones Soft AC      |
| 1510 | KCUV | Littleton, CO     | talk, MOYL        | AS, MOYL           |
| 1560 | KOCY | Chickasha, OK     | silent            | R. Disney          |
| 1570 | KYCR | Golden Valley, MN | talk              | rel. teaching      |
| 1570 | WFLR | Dundee, NY        | WW1 country       | Jones country      |
| 1580 | WBCP | Urbana, IL        | Urban contemp.    | Urban AC, Real C&W |
| 1600 | WULM | Springfield, OH   | talk              | oldies             |
| 1600 | KBOR | Brownsville, TX   | format not avail. | Tejano             |

**CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY**

| FREQ | CALL | CITY               | TECHNICAL CHANGE  |
|------|------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 570  | WDNZ | Raleigh, NC        | change to 1000/7  |
| 630  | WMFD | Wilmington, NC     | drop to 800-D     |
| 640  | WVLG | Wildwood, FL       | change to 930/860 |
| 1150 | KCUV | Englewood, CO      | inc. to 10000-D   |
| 1300 | WQBN | Temple Terrace, FL | drop to 160-N     |
| 1430 | WTMN | Gainesville, FL    | inc. to 10000-D   |
| 1510 | KMRF | Marshfield, MO     | inc. to 5000-D    |



**FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS**

| FREQ | CALL | CITY              | TECHNICAL CHANGE            |
|------|------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 700  | KXXT | Wylie, TX         | change to 1500/920 (new CP) |
| 900  | KALI | West Covina, CA   | inc. to 6000/79             |
| 1010 | KIQI | San Francisco, CA | change to 35000/15000       |
| 1080 | KYMN | Northfield, MN    | add 11-N                    |
| 1130 | KBMR | Bismarck, ND      | add 24-N                    |

|      |      |                   |   |
|------|------|-------------------|---|
| 1160 | KNEI | Waukon, IA        | change to 1700/30   |
| 1240 | KRDM | Redmond, OR       | change to 1000/1000 (new CP per M Street, I show them as KPRB-ye ed.) |
| 1240 | KPOD | Crescent City, CA | drop to 778/778 ND  |
| 1280 | KWVG | Pearsall, TX      | add 190-N   |
| 1300 | WIMO | Winder, GA        | change to 650/50  |
| 1330 | WASN | Youngstown, OH    | drop to 215-N   |
| 1330 | WEBY | Milton, FL        | change to 25000/79  |
| 1440 | KCHE | Cherokee, IA      | change to 390/29  |
| 1500 | KDFN | Doniphan, MO      | drop to 1000-D  |

**FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS**

| FREQ   | CALL   | CITY   | TECHNICAL CHANGE |
|--------|--------|--------|------------------|
| (none) | (none) | (none) | (none)           |

**ADDITIONAL NOTES: (CONTRIBUTOR IN PARENTHESES)**

**PUBLIC LISTINGS:**

KRZI 1580 Waco TX flips from news/talk // KRZX 1660 to sports.

WTMT 620 Louisville KY drops ESPN sports for regional Mexican as "La Buena."

WDAF 610 Kansas City requests new calls for its soon-to-launch sports format: KCSP. (The WDAF calls and country format live on at 106.5 Liberty MO.).

WSVG 790 Mount Jackson VA signed back on with standards (partially simulcast with WAMM 1230 Woodstock VA); WSVG had been silent since last November.

KSZL 1230 Barstow is dropping standards for CNN Headline News.

KTMP 1340 Heber City UT flips from oldies to classic country.

WBJX 1460 Racine WI is off the air after vandals toppled the station's tower sometime early Monday morning. The Regional Mexican station hopes to be back on the air at low power by the end of the week (8/27/03-ye ed.).

KTLK 620 Portland OR becomes KPOJ with its new oldies format; KIST 1340 Santa Barbara CA takes the KTLK calls.

KKGT 1150 Portland OR is being sold to Amador Bustos; applies for new calls KRMZ to match its "Romantica" format.

WCOJ 1420 Coatesville PA owner Lloyd Roach has formed a new company called "Route 81 Broadcasting," which he's launching by acquiring stations up and down (and nearby) the Interstate highway through eastern Pennsylvania and central New York: WNAK 730 Nanticoke PA, WKJN 1440/WCWI 94.3 Carbondale PA, WAZL 1490 Hazleton PA, WHYL 960 Carlisle PA, WENY 1230/WENY-FM 92.7 Elmira NY, WCBA 1350/WCLI 1450/WCBA-FM 98.7 Corning NY and WGMM 97.7 Big Flats NY. WNAK comes from Seven-Thirty

Broadcasters, the other Pennsylvania stations from Citadel (thinning that company's huge Scranton/Wilkes-Barre cluster considerably) and the New York stations from Eolin.

KSEO 750 Durant OK drops oldies to join the KREF sports network.

WCOL 1230 Columbus OH is coming back to life. The one-time top 40 giant has gone through a series of calls and formats, most recently doing talk and sports as WZNV; it relaunches this afternoon with the WCOL calls and an oldies format similar to Clear Channel's WSAI 1530 Cincinnati and KTLK 620 Portland OR.

WPLC 1050 Silver Spring MD/Washington DC drops Genesis talk for business talk.

WNTF 1580 Bithlo FL returns to the air, simulcasting the Spanish programming of WLAA 1680 Winter Garden FL.



WPHT 1210 Philadelphia will drop Don Imus from mornings next month (Sept.-ye ed), moving Michael Smerconish from afternoons to morning drive and opening a potential live clearance for Sean Hannity there. Imus moves to WWDB 860 Philadelphia.

WGEE 970 Superior WI/Duluth MN completes the format merry-go-round there, dropping most of its hot talk (except "Loveline") for the ESPN sports

displaced from sister WDSM 710 when it picked up the talk programming bumped from WEBC 560 when it went sports.

KCUV 1510 Littleton CO flips to satellite standards from talk // KNRC 1150; this is a temporary format as KNRC attempts to sell the 1510 facility where its format started before moving to 1150.

WDSM 710 Superior WI/Duluth MN flips from sports to talk, adding Rush Limbaugh and several other shows displaced in last month's WEBC 560 Duluth flip from news to KFAN-sports.

WULM 1600 Springfield OH drops much of its talk programming for R&B oldies as "Classic Rock & Soul."

#### CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Looks like CKBC-1360-Bathurst,NB & CBGA-1250-Matane,QU will be making moves to FM soon. (DS-BC)

1010 KGUY OR, Milwaukee-Portland is now SS //1230-KMUZ.

1150 KKG T OR, Portland also is now SS.

Both stations were sold to an Hispanic outfit. I just checked and they are indeed SS. (PM-OR)

CJCI-620-Prince George,BC made the move to 97.3 FM on August 5th. They are now known as THE WOLF (still with C&W). (DS-BC)



1080 CKSA Lloydminster, AB, which has been an AM radio station since April 1, 1957, will flip to 96 FM - COUNTRY'S BEST MIX (95.9) on Friday, August 29th at 1 pm. (DS-BC)

The CRTC has turned down an application (this one was for a Jewish station on 1650 in Montreal). (DS-BC)

Progress report on Enid's new x-bander on 1640 KMKZ from owner Hiram Champlin, Chisholm Trail Broadcasting, Aug 13: The site has been moved to some 8 miles east of

Hennessey on Highway 51, two towers, directional. Should cover OKC as well as Enid with lobes in both directions. This is between Enid and OKC, but not as far toward OKC as the same company's 96.9 FM which was moved from Enid to west of Crescent. Concrete is being poured, the transmitter and phasing unit have been ordered. Programming format has not yet been decided. If all goes well, hopes to be on the air by the end of September; the renewed CP expires in December. (PM-OR)

Proposals to move to FM: CKYR-1450-Jasper,AB, CJCM-1340-Grande Centre,AB, CIYR 1230-Hinton,AB

Approval to move to FM: CBAM-1320-Edmundston,NB (DS-BC)

Re: 620 call change in Portland, OR: They sure are. "Super 62, KPOJ Portland". Those are the old 1330 calls that changed in the 70s. 1330 went to KPOK, then to KUPL. Glad to see they are back in Portland. (PM-OR)

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. confirms 1340 Santa Barbara, CA. is now KTLK ex-KIST per TOH ID. (DG-CA)

A new AM station with a French Children's format on 1250 KhZ (1,000 watts days / 100 watts nights) was approved for Ottawa today. Another dark AM frequency comes back to life, although it's just a shadow (powerwise) of the CBC station that used to occupy that frequency. (DS-BC)



KPLS Goes From Right to Spanish (August 29, 2003) Orange County's KPLS (830 AM), the home to Don Imus and George Putnam, is being sold to a new Hispanic radio network, according to a report at NewsMax.com. Subject to federal approval, the 50,000-watt station will be purchased by L.A.-based RadioVisa LLC. Radio Visa is headed by Stephen Lehman, who founded Premiere Networks - the home of talk radio giants Rush Limbaugh and

Dr. Laura Schlesinger. The mostly bartered and conservative talk station is being sold by the Catholic Radio Network, which once planned to use KPLS as the anchor station for its defunct Catholic Family Radio Network. The sale price for KPLS is reported to be \$38 million. (DG-CA and DG2-CA)

According to this item from Northwest Broadcasters CKBL-1150 Kelowna has dropped C&W and reverted back to CKFR with Oldies. (DS-BC)

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Just got back from the Dallas, TX. NRC convention (went with Mike Sanburn), had a good time. (see above pics, ed) DX is starting to pick up now as fall approaches. Hope everyone had a good summer! Back to school! 73's.

Here's the website for the NRC pictures (AGAIN, THIS SITE IS NOT READY YET)  
[www.eframes.com/default.asp?questalbum=38588.5619](http://www.eframes.com/default.asp?questalbum=38588.5619)

And just for completeness, here's the 2003 IRCA convention pictures from Portland, ME from last June (think this link is already on the IRCA website):<http://www.eframes.com/default.asp?questalbum=38038.9141>

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- 530 TIS UT, Antelope Island 9/14 1010 "Antelope Island Information Radio" run by "Davis County and the Friends of Antelope Island." Gave information about Antelope Island State Park, but no call letters given. (JcJ&NJ-UT)
- 700 KALL UT, North Salt Lake City 9/14 1005 out of ABC news, followed by "The new Call 700" slogan. (JcJ&NJ-UT)
- 860 ?KBEE? UT, Salt Lake City 9/14 country music, very quick ID at 0959 and slogan "The Coyote." Unsure of exact call letters, as the ID was given so quickly. (JcJ&NJ-UT)
- 910 KWDZ UT, Salt Lake City 9/14 ID at 0958 during Radio Disney program. (JcJ&NJ-UT)
- 920 KWYS MT, West Yellowstone 9/14 ID at 1522 during satellite fed oldies program. (JcJ&NJ-MT)
- 1040 WPWA745 CA, El Segundo 8/26 1030 City of El Segundo mentioning news (Main Street improvements, listen to test alert system in the community). Extremely weak. (RA-CA)
- 1060 KKVV NV, Las Vegas 9/10 0858 "KVV Las Vegas" ID, several spots for relig. Programs. "Leading the Way" program at 0900. (AB-CA)
- 1140 KNWQ CA, Palm Springs 9/11 0944-0945 with KHTK off, gal with local traffic report, KHTK came on at 0945. (AB-CA)
- 1220 KPZS CA, Palo Alto 8/26 0911 weather forecast for the San Francisco Bay area, two men mentioned they will discuss religious issues. QRM from KYPA-1230. (RA-CA)
- 1290 KOUU ID, Pocatello 9/14 1300 legal ID, followed by "K-O-Double U." (JcJ&NJ-ID)

- 1550 KYCY CA, San Francisco 8/27 0830 John & Mike Show followed by ID, into CNN with latest news to follow. Fair with QRM. First time logging. (RA-CA)
- 1630 WTEL GA, Augusta 8/30 0540 poor with WTEL ID and sports talk. (CM-CA)  
KKWY WY, Fox Farm 8/30 0545 fair with country music and KWY ID. (CM-CA)
- 1660 KXOL UT, Brigham City 8/17 0818 end of Rolling Stone's "Get Off My Cloud" followed by ID and into an R&B song, fair with QRM. (RA-CA)
- 1680 KAVT CA, Fresno 8/30 0530 in good with Radio Disney. (CM-CA)  
KTFH WA, Seattle 8/30 0500 coming in poor with ID "KTFH Seattle." (CM-CA)

### UNIDS

- 1350 8/26 0909 unID Spanish station, may have been carrying news. Lots of QRM and heard KSFO in the background. From the U.S. or Mexico? (RA-CA)
- 1503 9/11 0945 female announcer "...on sale for Los Angeles, Pomona and Orange County. Call 1-800-678-6440 or on line at ?????.com, over a Filipino. It seemed exactly on 1503 kHz. A pirate? A TIS off frequency? Anyone else hear this? I tried the number, but got a registration number at a college in Ojai. Strange. (PM-OR)
- 1640 8/27 0830 unID Spanish with music, strong over KDIA. Where from? (RA-CA)
- 1680 8/27 0823 unID station playing church Gospel music. Reception strong, out and back. Strong over KAVT. Who? (RA-CA)

The new DX season is beginning. Have you entered the IRCA contest? Nancy 9/14 2200

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- [NJ+JcJ-MT] Your editor and wife Nancy DXing in Yellowstone National Park. Car radio.

### DOWN THE DIAL

- 580 WIBW KS, Topeka. 9-5 good, dominant. 06:57 with station promo, Fox Sports promo. [JJR-WI]
- 680 WDRD KY, Newburgh. 9-4 poor over or under WPTF until they faded up. 21:32 with Disney programming. [JJR-WI]
- 790 WSGW MI, Saginaw. 9-1 fair, alone. 21:22 with spots, call, "Tom Martino Show." This is rare here. [JJR-WI]
- 820 WWLZ NY, Horseheads. 9-1 fair. 21:06 with 607 area code phone number for WWLZ Community Calendar, "8-20 WWLZ" ID. [TN-WI]

880 CKLQ MB, Brandon. 9-1 fair with WCBS nulled. 05:07 with news, lotto results, weather, jingle. [JJR-WI]

890 KVOZ TX, Laredo. 9-4 poor, steady. Way under WLS. 03:10 with SS music. Texas mentioned in talk. [JJR-WI]

.... TX, Desoto. TIS. 8-31. 13:00 with mentions of emergency weather and DeSoto Chamber Of Commerce information. No calls given. [MS-TX]

900 WLSI KY, Pikeville. 9-5 fair to good. 21:45 with calls, "Classic Country 900" slogan. [TN-WI]

950 KKFN CO, Denver. 9-4 poor with WWJ. WNTD nulled. 03:05 with "The Fan 9-50 Sporting News" slogan. [JJR-WI]

WAKM TN, Franklin. 9-5 poor under WNTD. 06:43 with calls, "Hometown Radio" slogans. Country format. [JJR-WI]

970 WIXL NC, Canton. 9-3 poor, on top. EX-WWIT. 00:15 with "Oldies 96.5" sweeper, lated call jingle. [JJR-WI]

990 WCAZ IL, Carthage. 9-12 good to fair. 20:24 with calls in Friday football game. Faded out, but the ID came in time. [TN-WI]

WEIS AL, Centre. 9-5 fair. 21:04 with calls in Friday football. [TN-WI]

1020 KJJK MN, Fergus Falls. 9-3 poor, steady under KDKA. 00:14 with "Oldies 10-20" slogan. [JJR-WI]

1030 WUFL MI, Sterling Heights. 8-30 good. 20:27 with wufl.org web site info, legal ID in signoff followed by O-Canada and SSB. [TN-WI]

1070 WINA VA, Charlottesville. 9-3 poor over and under WTSO. 21:32 with weather, calls, Michael Savage. [JJR-WI]

1130 KWKH LA, Shreveport. 9-1 poor in easily nullable WISN null. 06:40 with jingle. Old country music format. [JJR-WI]

1110 KFAB Omaha, NE. 8-31. 04:29 with "News radio 1110 KFAB" and jingle. [MS-TX]

1190 CFSL SK, Weyburn. 9-4 poor, long fades. WOWO nulled. 06:47 with Saskatchewan's AM 11-90." Country format. [JJR-WI]

1200 WKST PA, New Castle. 9-12 fair-poor in WOAI null. 23:00 with legal ID. [TN-WI]

1220 WHK OH, Cleveland. 9-1 poor, alone. 06:30 with religious program. [JJR-WI]

1270 KGNM MO, St. Joseph. 9-4 poor with or under WXYT. No usual WKBF. 02:35 with spot, calls, jingle. 36W! [JJR-WI]

1290 WHIO OH, Dayton. 9-3 poor, alone. WMCS off the air. 00:00 with CBS News, spot, weather, calls. [JJR-WI]

WKLJ WI, Sparta. 9-12 fair. Local WMCS off the air. 22:21 with calls during Badger football promo during Tom Leykis Show. Glad to hear this with local WMCS was off. [TN-WI]

(WMCS) WI, Greenfield. 9-1 found station off the air. Nothing new heard in 20 minutes of listening. [JJR-WI]

WNBF NY, Binghamton. 9-12 fair to good. 21:59 with Michael Savage, jingle, legal ID, "Newsradio 12-90" slogan. [TN-WI]

1380 KAGE MN, Winoa. 9-1 poor over others. 21:00 with legal ID, country format. Quickly faded. [JJR-WI]

WLRM TN, Millington. 9-3 poor in fade up. 00:31 with "Love Power 13-80 WLRM" and urban gospel format. [JJR-WI]

1390 KXSS MN, Waite Park. 9-3 fair. 00:57 with AM 13-90 The Fam" slogan. St. Cloud mentioned in four promos. Sports format. [JJR-WI]

1440 WZYX TN, Cowan. 9-4 poor, on top. 21:45 with previous days weather, legal ID, four minutes of local spots all read by the same announcer! [JJR-WI]



1460 WTFW TX, Waco. 8-31 with good daytime signal. 16:00 ID, country. [MS-TX]

1500 WAKE IN, Valparaiso. 8-31 fair. 20:00 with Music Of Your Life format, legal ID into ABC News. [TN-WI]

WLQV MI, Detroit. 8-30 fair to good. 21:53 with call ID, 22:00 legal ID. [TN-WI]

1510 WLAC TN, Nashville. 8-31. 04:05 with "News radio 15-10 WLAC" twice. Jingle. "Coast To Coast AM" program. [MS-TX]

1580 ... TX, Dallas. TIS. 8-31. Love Field TIS. "Love Radio 15-80" slogan, bilingual messages. [MS-TX]

1610 KOP708 MT, Gardiner. 9-5. TIS. 13:35 heard while at the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Normal Yellowstone National Park info. ID at the end of the loop each time. [NJ+JcJ-MT]

1660 KWJC MO, Kansas City. 9-1 fair to good with another station. 03:00 with classical music. [MS-TX]

1670 KAP56 TX, Farmers Branch. TIS 8-31 with NOAA weather info on Grace. [MS-TX]

1680 ... TX, Dallas. TIS 8-31. Dallas Downtown Improvement District TIS with news on local events. [MS-TX]

#### UNIDs

950 unID 9-1 unID poor under WNTD. 04:49 with NOS format. Ideas? [JJR-WI]

1230 unID 9-1 unID poor in mess. 04:42 with Sporting News. Ideas? [JJR-WI]

1380 unID 9-1 unID poor to fadeout. 21:03 with "Oldies from the 50s, 60s, and early 70s. AM 13-80....." I'm stumped! Ideas? [JJR-WI]

1570 unID 9-3 unID poor, steady and holding. 00:40 with Sporting News. No calls nor spots in any of the local breaks. Faded out by 01:00. WGLL? [JJR-WI]

#### 25 YEARS AGO

September 23, 1978 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Dan Sys** of Vancouver, BC said he was a postal employee and that PQ is the only abbreviation accepted for Quebec ... **Paul W. Petersky** of Seattle, WA logged 655 North Korea, 830 Japan, and 1040 China ... **Frank Aden** of Newport, OR said he lives just four blocks from the Pacific Ocean ... **Gary Larson** of Burbank, CA said KROQ 1500 has started to broadcast in Spanish ... **Bill Harms** of Spokane, WA logged his 450<sup>th</sup> station. KPUR 1440.

#### OPEN MIKE

**Tim Noonan** is now DXing from Oak Creek, WI and is weeding out the rare from easy catches. Have all of you joined the new DX contest? Nancy has secret bonus stations which can jump your totals. This column was typed 9-13-03. 73, John

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**Greetings** everyone and welcome to the Fall season! DX is picking up. I heard my first filipino of the season and we have reports from Steven Wiseblood of Texas and Nigel Pimblett of Alberta. So away we go.

### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1070 **MEXICO**, Tacanhuitz de los Santos, SLP, XEANT, 1150 UTC 9/5, Woman in SS "XEANTLa Voz de las Huastecas" brief fiddle music, TC,local anmts, mentions of Tacanhuitz and San Luis Potosi. (SW-TX)
- 1170 **MEXICO**, Aguascalientes, AGUAS, XEUVA, 1040 UTC 9/5. "LaRancherita, La Rancherita" slogan, jingle. "11-70 La Rancherita" Man inSS with anmts. (SW-TX)

### TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 **NEW ZEALAND**, Auckland 1XPI, very good and dominant with nicePacific Island music and man in Samoan at 1340 UTC 9/9. Some commercialsin EE too. (PM-OR)
- 540 **NEW ZEALAND**, Radio Rhema //s at 1342 9/9, Christian mx. Twooutlets Taurana and New Plymouth. Tauranga is the regular, running 5 KWand is closer. (PM-OR)
- 549 **NEW ZEALAND**, Radio Rhema 1343 9/9 //540. (PM-OR)
- 558 **FIJI**, Suva, good with Island music and man in Fijian on top ofpop mx station, presume it to be 4AM at 1345 9/9. (PM-OR)
- 558 **JAPAN**, Kobe, JOCR good over DZXL with two JJ men talking andlaughing at 1341 9/11 (PM-OR)
- 558 **PHILIPPINES**, Pasig. DZXL Presume the filipino talk under JOCR.DZXL is fairly common when cx are good at 1341 9/11. (PM-OR)
- 567 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, 2YA very good with music from"Showboat" at 1350 9/9 (PM-OR)
- 594 **UNID PHILIPPINES**, Tagalog talk u/JOAK at 1347 9/11. (PM-OR)
- 603 **NEW ZEALAND?** IXO, maybe the one playing Steely Dan pops at 13479/9 (PM-OR)
- 612 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane 4QR, good with news on conservation inQueensland and other parts of Australia 1357 9/9 (PM-OR)
- 621 **UNID**, weak orch. mx at 1356 9/9, prob. 3RN. (PM-OR)
- 648a **UNID PHILIPPINES** off freq. here causing quite a hum. Distortedaudio, no ID possible at 1346 9/11 (PM-OR)
- 657 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, Southern Star, presume the softChristian mx in passing at 1354 9/9 (PM-OR)
- 693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB, fair with lang. lessons (EE/JJ) at 1340 9/9.(PM-OR)
- 702 **AUSTRALIA**, Sydney 2BL 1240 UTC 8/24. Phone in program disc.Iraq, Ancr gave number as "8333-1000" here in the Sydney metropolitanarea". (NP-AB)
- 720 **HAWAII**, Ele'ele KUAI 1226 8/30. Hawaiian song ID as "720 KUAI,more music, less talk, awesome" Also heard sung "KUAI" jingle afteranother song. (NP-AB)
- 760 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KGU at 1259 9/5. Ad for World Vision, then IDas "Hawaii's Christian Talk, this is KGU Honolulu" (NP-AB)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA**, Melbourne 3L0 1202 8/16. Aussie football between theKangaroos and Hawthorn. Mention of "ABC local radio" (NP-AB)
- 846 **AUSTRALIA**, Canberra 2RN 1222 9/24. Tent. the one in for about 10minutes around sunrise with classical and choral mx (NP-AB)
- 1035 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington 2ZB 1228 8/24 (Tent) Phone in programhosted by man, with several mentions of New Zealand (NP-AB)
- 1053 **SOUTH KOREA**, *Jammer*, still here with echo effects at 1335 9/9(PM-OR)
- 1062 **PHILIPPINES**, Makati, DXEC, a mix of 5MV and DXEC, man infilipino with woman at 1356 UTC 9/9. First filipino of the season.(PM-OR)

- 1071 **UNID PHILIPPINES**, weak filipino talk buried in splash at 13589/11 (PM-OR)
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane 4BC 1215 8/24. Phone in program withSharina the psychic, as I've heard quite often before. (NP-AB)
- 1161 **TAIWAN?**, presume the CC talk and CC pop music. BED86 (10 KW) hasbeen logged and also the 1 KWer Feng Ming BC at 1355 9/11 ((PMOR)

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### Geomagnetic Summary August 20 2003 through September 16 2003

Tabulated from email status daily.

| Date | Flux | A  | K | Space Wx Today | Space Wx Forecast | Etc. |
|------|------|----|---|----------------|-------------------|------|
| 8/20 | 117  | 20 | 3 | moderate       | no storms         | 4    |
| 21   | 112  | 17 | 4 | no storms      | no storms         | 6    |
| 22   | 119  | 51 | 6 | strong         | minor             | 8    |
| 23   | 121  | 35 | 5 | moderate       | minor             | 7    |
| 24   | 120  | 42 | 4 | strong         | minor             | 9    |
| 25   | 116  | 25 | 3 | minor          | no storms         | 8    |
| 26   | 117  | 22 | 3 | minor          | no storms         | 6    |
| 27   | 121  | 21 | 3 | no storms      | no storms         | 7    |
| 28   | 126  | 16 | 3 | no storms      | no storms         | 6    |
| 29   | 119  | 21 | 4 | no storms      | no storms         | 6    |
| 30   | 116  | 16 | 4 | no storms      | no storms         | 10   |
| 8/31 | 114  | 21 | 2 | minor          | no storms         | 5    |
| 9/ 1 | 110  | 9  | 2 | no storms      | no storms         | 6    |
| 2    | 108  | 14 | 2 | no storms      | no storms         | 7    |
| 3    | 106  | 12 | 3 | no storms      | no storms         | 7    |
| 4    | 111  | 19 | 3 | no storms      | no storms         | 7    |
| 5    | 112  | 21 | 4 | no storms      | no storms         | 9    |
| 6    | 108  | 14 | 2 | no storms      | no storms         | 8    |
| 7    | 105  | 13 | 2 | no storms      | no storms         | 6    |
| 8    | 108  | 7  | 1 | no storms      | no storms         | 2    |
| 9    | 99   | 11 | 4 | no storms      | no storms         | 7    |
| 10   | 96   | 22 | 5 | minor          | minor             | 10   |
| 11   | 99   | 19 | 3 | no storms      | no storms         | 8    |
| 12   | 97   | 18 | 3 | minor          | no storms         | 7    |
| 13   | 94   | 8  | 1 | no storms      | no storms         | 4    |
| 14   | 96   | 11 | 1 | no storms      | no storms         | 8    |
| 15   | 95   | 7  | 2 | no storms      | no storms         | 5    |
| 9/16 | 97   | 4  | 5 | minor          | minor             | 9    |

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**GRAYLAND DXPEDITION LOGS (Part - 1)**  
 John Bryant    Thursday-Sunday, September 4-7

Don Nelson and I were able to schedule a brief DXpedition at our favorite Grayland DXpedition site for the first weekend after the American Labor Day holiday. This was my first time DXing at Grayland in early September and I was curious as to whether wed experience the summer-time Down Under propagation, or the Fall circuits to East Asia or, more likely, some combination of the two. As it turned out, our time there was spent mostly monitoring the edges of East Asia, with just a sprinkling of DUs appearing just at band fade, usually 30 minutes after full dawn at Grayland.

One of the main highlights of the trip was catching KTWG, Agana, Guam just at their sign-off (first spotted by Don who also managed Agana's KGUM. As the weekend unfolded, the propagation spotlight seemed to slowly drift eastward, with conditions to Japan and Korea improving nightly. A second highlight for me was hearing three new stations in South Korea.

Signal levels in general seemed to have increased significantly over those suffered through for the past two years or so. It was very nice to, once again, be amazed at some of the dawn enhanced signal levels, even on 10 KW commercial stations from Japan. This augurs well for the Fall Season and beyond.

A final and less welcome highlight was experiencing an encampment of The John Wayne Society in the field just to our south. There were at least as many horses as people, with attendant flies and a distinct ambience, especially when the breezes were from the south. Yee-Haw!

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- 531 **JAPAN** JOQG NHK1 Morioka , Sep 4 1223 - Fair audio with NHK1 talk //594 Tokyo. (Bryant-WA)
- 567 **JAPAN** JOIK NHK 1 Sapporo , Sep 5 1202 - Noted in passing with usual NHK1 man in JJ. Poor this AM. (Bryant-WA)
- 567 **NEW ZEALAND** 2YA Wellington , Sep 6 1353 - Heard briefly at band fade with pop music show hosted by male. Kiwi time check, ments. of NZ cities, etc (Bryant-WA)
- 594 **JAPAN** JOAK NHK1 Tokyo , Sep 4 1149 - First noted at 1117 //891 Sendai with JJ talk by man. Good at times. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)

- 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR ABC Metro. Brisbane , Sep 4 1408 - Noted very late with typical ABC Metropolitan Svc, talk radio. Fair level. Ments. of Sydney. //774. (Bryant-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB NHK2 Tokyo , Sep 4 1150 - Heard at good level with western opera program (!) // 774. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 702 **AUSTRALIA** 2BL ABC MS Sydney , Sep 5 1410 - Typical Metropolitan Service talk program noted as band faded. Good level at start. (Bryant-WA)
- 702 **JAPAN** NHK 2 Synchro's , Sep 6 1119 - Noted here in passing with NHK2 programming. Poor to fair level. Heard also 9/7. (Bryant-WA)
- 738 **AUSTRALIA** 2NR Lawrence , Sep 5 1406 - ABC News at 1400 and net ID. Good level at 30 min. past local receiver dawn. (Bryant-WA)
- 738 **CHINA-TAIWAN** BEL 2, Taiwan Yuyeh, Penghu , Sep 5 1320 - Taiwan Fisheries Station // 1143 with mixed music program hosted by a female DJ. Fair to good at max dawn on both frequencies. (Bryant-WA)
- 747 **JAPAN** JOIB NHK2 Sapporo , Sep 4 1308 - Heard throughout dawn enhancement at fair to good level // other NHK2 Big Guns. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA** 3LO ABC Metro. Svc. Melbourne , Sep 4 1410 - Noted as band faded with typical ABC talk program by male. // 612 at fair level. (Bryant-WA)
- 774 **JAPAN** JOUB NHK2 Akita , Sep 4 1155 - Heard at armchair level at 1120 with classical opera program //693//873. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 792 **AUSTRALIA** 4RN Brisbane , Sep 7 1310 - Quiet classical instrumental music for about 10 minutes, followed by classical chorus. I listened for 20 minutes presuming it was Radio Rossii from Sakhalin. Then ABC announcement by fem. NOTE: was not // 9580 as RN usually is. (Bryant-WA)
- 801 **GUAM** KTWG Agana , Sep 5 1335 - Heard here for 30 minutes after max dawn with male evangelist and then female gospel or hymn singing. ID as TransWorld Radio near top of hour. Some references show 1300 sign-off. (Bryant-WA)
- 830 **HAWAII** KHVH, Honolulu , Sep 7 1404 - Heard as band closed with ABC News, followed by local announcements. 'AM 830, KHVH.'. (Bryant-WA)
- 864 **DPR (NORTH) KOREA** KCBS, Sinuiju , Sep 7 1327 - Classical Korean singing until half hour, then KK talk at good level. (Bryant-WA)
- 864 **JAPAN** UNID JJ Commercial Station , Sep 4 1310 - North Korean usually dominant here. This dawn, however, UNID JJ commercial station here at fair level with fem DJ in JJ. Hokkaido Broadcasting Co. synchro's most likely. (Bryant-WA)
- 873 **JAPAN** JOGB NHK2 Kumamoto , Sep 4 1140 - Noted // to other NHK2 at fair level. Good to excellent at max, dawn (1320). Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 891 **JAPAN** JOHK NHK1 Sendai , Sep 4 1120 - JJ talk by man // with 594 Tokyo. Fair level. Heard also 9/5. (Bryant-WA)
- 954 **JAPAN** JOKR, Tokyo (pres.) , Sep 4 1242 - Presumed this at poor level with fem. JJ talk. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 972 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLCA Danjin KBS , Sep 4 1122 - Noted in passing with KK talk by man. Poor level pre-dawn. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 1053 **DPR (NORTH) KOREA** Jammer , Sep 4 1209 - First noted our old friend at 1125. Good level, unfortunately. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 1053 **JAPAN** JOAR Nagoya , Sep 4 1236 - Noted briefly in a rare appearance over the Korean jammer. Man and woman in JJ at good level. (Bryant-WA)
- 1062 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLKQ, Cheongju (pres.) , Sep 6 1320 - Korean lang. program of talk and pops, // to 972, which does not match standard references. Excellent level at max dawn. (Bryant-WA)
- 1134 **JAPAN** JOOR Tokyo , Sep 4 1248 - Heard here with usual highbrow JJ music show. Present all of dawn enhancement, sometimes mixing with co-chan. S. Korean. Heard each AM of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)

- 1134 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** KBS Hwaseong , Sep 4 1320 - This noted dominating at max. dawn with KK program clearly // 972 HLCA. (Bryant-WA)
- 1143 **CHINA-TAIWAN** BEL 3, Taiwan Yuyeh, Penghu , Sep 5 1325 - Taiwan Fisheries // 738. Good at max dawn. (Bryant-WA)
- 1161 **CHINA-TAIWAN** BED86/89 BCC-C Ilan/Miaoili , Sep 5 1305 - BCC 'Country' Network synchros noted with program of traditional opera music hosted by a female speaking in presumed Taiwan dialect. Was not standard CC. Good at times. (Bryant-WA)
- 1179 **JAPAN** JOOR Osaka , Sep 5 1130 - Heard well with probable sumo tourney. Singing ID as '11-79 Sportsu' Heard also 9/6. (Bryant-WA)
- 1197 **JAPAN** UNID Japanese Commercial Relay, Sep 6 1135 - Probable JOWL on Hokkaido, but its // key station on 1400 inaudible. Poor. (Bryant-WA)

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[8/29] Pretty bad money, jobwise here. May not be able to remain in IRCA. Local FM here is to air new format of comedy (97.1); all Comedy R. here in LA to begin. I recall 850 Thousand Oaks once was KMDY w/that format from small studios on E. T.O. Blvd in 80s if I recall. Spoke to an employee of Premier Nets. who has been in Ventura Co. a long time in radio. He's even heard 1520 not lower power @ sunset. He's worked at many of the stations in Co. as well as one or two in Santa Barbara. Thinks 670 probably won't upgrade. Disregard the 3180 ph# in past issue of DXM WDXF. Good to see Doug take over as publisher. Thanks to Rich for his time as publisher and making DXM look really good. Have a friend in Dallas area close to NRC Convention site, but am sure he'd not go. Once worked in radio for several stations. His zip is 75238, pretty close to Irving. Summer is about over – on T 9/2 schools begin here locally. And I've noted sunset is earlier now. 1580 towers here are now lit per story in LA Times and have been for couple of months. Some nearby residents are not pleased at this. Only 4 of 6 are topped by what look like LED lights. Tower height is reason (205'). Doubt if 1500 will ever be on now – haven't any idea what happened to applicant. Unsure if his FM in S Cal (97.7) is still on. 73

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I got the Renfro Valley Bugle the other day. Headline was their radio program, the Renfro Valley Gatherin', is 60 years old. They claim it's the third oldest continuously broadcast radio program on the air in the U.S. and Canada. I wonder, what are the two older ones? At any rate, it went on the air the first time 5 September 1943, live via CBS. Key station was WHAS-840 and their sign is still on the control room. Now it's pre-recorded, still before a live audience, at 8:30 Sunday mornings in the old barn. It's distributed to about 200 stations, free of charge. I've seen some of the shows, but never this one. Too early for me! In early August, lightning struck the studio facility of WIOK-107.5 (Tri-State Gospel) of Falmouth, KY. WIOK simulcasts much of its daytime programming on WYGH-1440 (Central Kentucky Gospel) of Paris, KY. Damage estimated to be \$40-50,000. They blame it on an attack by Satan. (Could be!) Website is www.wiok.com. Cool here so MW DX should be picking up! 73, Col. DX.

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