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# Attention

Effective next issue I will be stepping down as IRCA Editor-in-Chief and Publisher. Phil has been gracious enough to fill in this position for the next two months. Any IRCA member interested in taking over as Editor-in-Chief/Publisher, please contact Phil right away at: phil tekno@yahoo.com.

# **Publishers Notes**

I just wanted to remind you all that it's important to keep us up to date if you've moved or need to modify your address, such as zip code changes or Apt. numbers. Corrections can be sent to lynn@eatel.net. Also, a few issues have been returned as "unknown" lately. If you haven't received the latest issue, in due time, drop a line to the publisher for a replacement issue. 73- DP

# DX Tests Lynn Hollerman

If anyone has any additions or corrections, please

contact me at <u>ircamember@ircaonline.org</u>. 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 LOCAL TIME OF THE STATION

Sunday, December 14, 2003 - WILM-1450, Wilmington, DE will conduct a DX test from 1:05 am - 3:00 am EST. The test will consist of Morse code IDs, regular IDs, recognizable music and various sound effects. On-air calls will be accepted at 302-656-9800 (Fax: 302-655-1450). Reception will be verified with a letter and full-data anniversary QSL card.

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(Arranged by Ron Musco for the NRC CPC.)

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





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# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: Each Friday. Please use Eastern Time.

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GE Superadio, Select-A-Tenna

- 1220 KHTS <u>CA</u>, Canyon Country 11/18 finally located where they are; a call to 411 got address of 27225 Camp Plenty #8, Canyon Country. A CE of a local station group, Jerry Levine, says he heard the transmitter was low power STA for some time 4000/110 U4 (I presume) but at job in Chatsworth nites, I get signal good so believe they're back to 1000/500. (GL-CA)
- 1270 KBZZ <u>NV</u>, Sparks 11/22 0030 many "The Buzz" ID's, John & Jeff sports show, with fair signal soon lost in the static. (GH-OR)
- 1380 KRKO <u>WA</u>, Everett 11/6 0100 a real jumble tonight but barely atop the others with ID and talk show. Very weak. (GH-OR)
- 1390 KBBO WA, Yakima 11/7 0000 Today's Christian Radio and ID in and out of the static, something about Moody Broadcasting Network. Weak. (GH-OR)
- 1500 KSJX <u>CA</u>, San Jose 11/13 0000 couldn't understand a word of it except "California," so certainly the Asian dialect station listed. Fair signal. (GH-OR)
- 1620 KSMH <u>CA</u>, Auburn 11/14 0000 ID heard in the mix "K-S-M-H West Sacramento," ad for Catholic Mortgage Co. Really choppy and weak. (GH-OR)
- 1630 KKWY WY, Fox Farm 11/18 0118 call ID "KWY 1630" into country & western music. Lots of stations competing. (RA-CA)
- 1690 KFSG <u>CA</u>, Roseville 11/4 0100 ID in English "K-F-S-G Sacramento" with Spanish Gospel music. Many Hallelujahs, with good signal. Drake on N-S wire. GH-OR)

### UNIDS

- 1090 11/27 0335 Sporting News Radio affiliate carried ABC news on the hour at 0400-0405, running about 15 sec. ahead of XEPRS. Has KBOZ picked up SRN? Judging from conditions to the east, I'm guessing it is KKYN. Not KMXA as Spanish, nor KAAY as they are religious. Don't think either Fontana or Seattle. Usually frequency in XEPRS's null is completely dead so this is fascinating! At least there can't be too many affiliates with SNR and ABC! (RW-CA)
- 1260 KTRC <u>NM</u>, Santa Fe 11/27 0331-0400 had IE America Talk Network programming after 0400. Have never heard of this network. 11/28 0200 heard very nice ID "AM 1260, KTRC, Santa Fe." (RW-CA)

1450 11/18 0115 heard a taped radio ad for a radio show to be hosted by Lee Marshall. Announcer believed to be Mark Elliott "AM 1450, The Boomer," followed by an oldies song. Any clues? (RA-CA)

Thanks to our reporters this week! Nancy 11/28 2100

# CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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# **RIDING GAIN**

| [EB-MO]  | Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO                                             |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|          | NOUIFEric@aol.com                                                        |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | National NC-60 Special with inverted V indoor antenna. GE Superadio III. |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Radio Shack TM-152 AM Stereo tuner with Worcester                        | er Space Magnet 2.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| [WJ-TX]  | Ward Jones, Dallas, TX                                                   |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Kmartart@wmconnect.com                                                   |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Radio Shack DX-397, GE radio, Sony clock radio.                          | Lafayette Sports     |  |  |  |  |  |
| [JJR-WI] | John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee, WI                                      | 1410 WLAS            |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Som Stelle Comptaint                                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | http://DX-midAMerica.com                                                 |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | http://DXMW.com                                                          |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|          | Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ959B, GE Superadio III,                       | , Terk AM 1000 loop. |  |  |  |  |  |

# DOWN THE DIAL

| 550  | KTSA         | TX, San Antonio. 11-28. 05:33 male announcer with news, "Remember<br>the time you spend listening to news talk 5-50 KTSA San Antonio." [WJ-<br>TX]                 |
|------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 600  | KTBB<br>WREC | TX, Tyler. 11-28. 06:38 with news, PSA, and jingle ID. [WJ-TX]<br>TN, Memphis. 11-28 steady signal. 06:48 with "This is Memphis Morning<br>News 600 WREC." [WJ-TX] |
| 610  | CHNC         | PQ, New Carlisle. 11-29 fair to poor to fade out. 04:34 with FF. [JJR-WI]                                                                                          |
| 640  | KTIB         | LA, Thibodaux. 11-29 poor, steady with 2 others. 07:10 with "Oldies 6-40 KTIB" ID. Much wanted. New!! [JJR-WI]                                                     |
| 810  | WHB          | MO, Kansas City. 11-25 fair over WDDD, interference from KUFO 850. 16:49 with talk on college football. [EB-MO]                                                    |
| 880  | CKLQ         | MB, Brandon. 11-23 poor, No WCBS. 06:42 with ID, country. [JJR-WI]                                                                                                 |
|      | KRVN         | NE, Lexington. 11-29 until fade out, WLS dominated. {No time reporter} Weather, ID, mentions of Lexington. [WJ-TX]                                                 |
| 890  | WEEZ         | MS, Laurel. 11-16 good to fair in WLS null. 19:44 with Urban Gospel music, "AM 8-90 WEEZ" ID. Legal ID at 20:00. [EB-MO]                                           |
| 950  | KPRC         | TX, Houston. 11-27. 00:03 with CBS News, ID into Mike Savage. [WJ-TX]                                                                                              |
|      | WCLB         | WI, Sheboygan. 11-29 poor way under WNTD. 07:46 "Cool 9-50" jingle.<br>Oldies format. Despite closeness, I haven't heard this in years. [JJR-WI]                   |
| 1130 | KWKH         | LA, Shreveport. 11-28 in and out. 01:58 with Trucking Bozo, country song, good ID at 02:05. [WJ-TX]                                                                |
| 1200 | WRKK         | PA, Hughesville. 11-22 poor. 22:45 with "1400 and 1200 WRAK" slogan<br>into talk program. [JJR-WI]                                                                 |
| 1270 | WXYT         | MI, Detroit. 1-22 poor, fades. 22:36 with "AM 12-70 The Sports Station" after local spot. [JJR-WI]                                                                 |
| 1300 | WOAD         | MS, Jackson. 11:24 good to fair over others. 00:30 with Urban Gospel music. "Jackson's source for inspirational hits of today and yesterday,                       |
|      |              | thirteen hundred WOAD." [EB-MO]                                                                                                                                    |

| 1410 | WLVV | AL, Mobile. 11-14 good signal over others. 00:35 with Urban Gospel music. Long sermon by announcer. Mentioned area cities and highways leading into Mobile. [EB-MO] |
|------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1580 | WLIJ | TN, Shelbyville. 11-29 fair. 07:24 with weather by thick accented announcer. Various cities mentioned. [JJR-WI]                                                     |
| 1620 | WTAW | TX, College Station. 11-14 good over others. 00:59 with local spots, morning show promo, legal ID, CBS News. [EB-MO]                                                |
| UNID | 5    |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1220 | unID | 11-22 unID poor under WRKS. 22:43 with what sounded like "News talk<br>12-20 WACS." I'm stumped on this one. Help? [JJR-WI]                                         |

### 25 YEARS AGO

December 2, 1978 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Bryan Lee of Brooklyn, CT told about the interference problem from WPTR ... Bill Wurtzel of New York, NY told about a visit from Ernie Cooper and their DXing from Riis Park ... Morton Meehan of Twentynine Palms, CA mentioned the local like reception of WCCO, WCAU, WHAS, and WLW on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **OPEN MIKE**

It's December! Have you made out your list of most wanted stations for Santa yet? This column was typed 11-29-03. 73, John

|          | ERN DX ROUN<br>Freshwater – 41- | 4 SE 3rd St. – Ocala, FL 34471                         |               |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| E-mail:  | freshwater@cox.net              | FAX: 352-732-7223                                      |               |
| eadlines | are: weekly SATURD              | AY 0800                                                | in the second |
|          |                                 |                                                        |               |
|          |                                 | STARS OF THE WEEK                                      |               |
| (IEN-GA) | Ira Elbert New                  | STARS OF THE WEEK<br>Watkinsville, Ga<br>AIWA CSD-FD89 |               |

|             |     |      | LOGGINGS                                                                                                         |          |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|-----|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 570         | NY  | WWNC | Asheville 11/20 1745 "Newstalk 570 WWNC" during brk                                                              | in       |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | talk show. WAAX absent during LSS.                                                                               | (HN-GA)  |  |  |  |  |
| 730         | SC  | WSC  | Charleston 11/24 0751 Buried deep in the static. News,                                                           | traffic, |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | local wx and news. "Traffic and Weather on the 10's, New                                                         | vsradio  |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | 830 WSC"                                                                                                         | (IEN-GA) |  |  |  |  |
| 940         | MS  | WCPC | Houston 11/26 1734 Local weather and then local obituation                                                       | aries.   |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | GSPL mx. Steady signal w/ a little static                                                                        | (IEN-GA) |  |  |  |  |
| 950 GA WGOV |     | WGOV | Valdosta 11/20 1756 Local DJ end of "afternoon traffic jam on                                                    |          |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | Magic 95 WGOV" LSS, not a daytimer here                                                                          | (HN-GA)  |  |  |  |  |
| 1000F       | LWY | BT   | Blountstown 11/20 1802 C&W w/ FM ID "WPHK 102.7" Good                                                            |          |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | signal during LSS. No sign of WMVP. New                                                                          | (HN-GA)  |  |  |  |  |
| 1250        | FL  | WHNZ | Tampa 11/11 0300 Legal ID at TOH into CBS News. Goo                                                              | d.(HN-GA |  |  |  |  |
| 1290        | GA  | WTKS | Savannah 11/11 0305 Out of ABC News, Stn promo, "N                                                               | ewsradio |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | 1180, WTKS" Back to Talk show. In jumble (1180 ???? – ed)                                                        | (HN-GA)  |  |  |  |  |
| 1310        | TN  | WDOD | Chattanooga 11/16 0028 ex Stardust, Now JRN's MOYL                                                               | (HN-GA)  |  |  |  |  |
| 1370        | OH  | WSPD | Toldeo 11/16 0035 Station promo "Newradio 1370, WSI                                                              | D"       |  |  |  |  |
|             |     |      | Back to Coast to Coast. Good and Dominant                                                                        | (HN-GA)  |  |  |  |  |
| 1390        | OH  | WNIO | Youngstown 11/16 0045 Singing jingle. Log shows Spor<br>incorrect- I show them as Stnds since 2000- ed) But they |          |  |  |  |  |

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|      |    |      | playing STNDS . In the mess, fair on LW (HN-GA)                | ) |
|------|----|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1410 | OH | WING | Dayton 11/16 0055 ESPN BB show on "Sports Radio 1410 the       |   |
|      |    |      | WING" Good on top. (HN-GA)                                     | ) |
| 1480 | TN | WJFC | Jefferson City 11/20 1810 C&W mx, legal ID. Very poor (HN-GA)  | ) |
| 1520 | NY | WWKB | Buffalo 11/16 0120 Very good, dominant w/ minor fades . Oldies |   |
|      |    |      | New. (HN-GA)                                                   |   |
| 1680 | MI | WDSS | Ada 11/14 0101 Heard for first time here. Fair. New (HN-GA)    | ) |
| 1690 | MD | WPTX | Lexington Park 11/11 0313 Dominant over WRLL. CNN Headline     |   |
|      |    |      | News. (HN-GA)                                                  | ) |
|      |    |      |                                                                |   |

It's ANOTHER all Georgia EDXR.. Thanks to Herb and Ira......Please note:: effective 11/7/03 I will no longer be using AOL. My NEW email address will be: <u>lfreshwater@cox.net</u>. Send ALL EDXR reports to this address. If you post anything on the IRCA list I will NOT see it. We are doing this weeks column on Thankgiving Day, as I leave tomorrow for Philadelphia to attend a friends wedding. We will also be moving our deadline back by ONE beginning next week. With the upcoming change in EIC/PUB, Phil has moved the editors deadline back by ONE day. Thanks to all 73's and all the best FRESH 11/27 0930

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST TROPICAL BAND DX *Editor: Patrick Martin – P.O. Box 843 – Seaside OR 97138* E-mail: mwdxer@webtv.net all times UTC

Greetings everyone, A bit of everything this time around including a good opening to Alaska. So away we go.

## TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

Mike Stonebridge from Alberta writes "After hearing many TA's back in early October, I thought I was in for a good early season start. But it was not to be as they are disappeared until tonight (11/30). I can formally announce that after a six week absence they are back! Perhaps I should say one of them is back. A couple of weeks ago there was a single carrier on 153 just after local sunset and that was all I heard until last night when I heard carriers on 153, 162, 189, and 198. Tonight the same carriers were back with 189 producing some faint audio. Probably Iceland and unneeded here. Not much, but it's something after not hearing anything for so long." (All of the solar activity has sure knocked out the East and North here for weeks too. Glad to see the stuff is finally coming back. PM)

189 ICELAND, Gufuskalar, prob. what I heard at 0220 11/30 with "Tiea Yellow Ribbon" in EE. Poor signal, but very welcome after a 6 weeks absence. (MS-AB)

### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

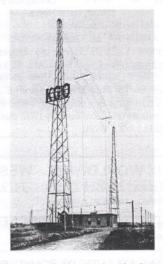
- 550 MEXICO, Tecate, BCN. XEKTT, 12/15 from 0820-0830 UTC noted atop KOAC with loop bearing N/S to avoid some of KSFO's massive splatter. Playing rather slow balladic songs with vocals. No sign of KUZZ.(DKK-CA)
- 570 CUBA, Pilon, Radio Reloj 11/17 at 0029 noted with ID. Caribbean news and frequent EST time checks over a WWV-style time signal in SS. Dominant over WWNC. (EB-MO)
- 600 **CUBA**, Urbano Norris, Radio Rebelde 11/17 0031 noted with Cuban mx //620 and 670. Good with slight KFNS 590 splash. This station was theone that hooked me on the hobby, when it relayed Radio Moscow and the Voice of Cuba. (EB-MO)
- 620 **CUBA**, Colon, Radio Rebelde 11/17 0023 noted with Cuban mx, taking out WDAE and WRJZ, very little splash from KJSL 630. Good signal(EB-MO)
- 670 CUBA, Arroyo Arenas, Radio Rebelde, 11/17 0020 noted with talk in SS, mention of Cuba. Good signal over WSCR. (EB-MO)

890 **CUBA**, Santiago de Cuba, Radio Progresso 11/26 0859 noted with news "R-P" ID and Latin American music in SS. Good in WLS null. (EB-MO)

#### TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

**Steve Ratzlaff from Elgin OR** sent along a bunch on LW beacons from Alaska. I don't normally include LW beacons, but since there were so many on this Northern morning, It is a nice edition. Thanks.

- 209 AK, Yakataga, CYT 1517 UTC 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 219 AK, Gustavus, GAV 1451 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 223 AK, Kake, AFE 1451 12/1 (SR-AK)
- 229 AK, Klawock, AKW 1448 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 260 AK, Wessels, ESS 1444 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 266 AK, Metlakatla ICK, 1443 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 283 AK, Dutch Harbor, DUT 1440 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 350 AK, Takotna VTR 1428 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 355 AK, Saldo AK 1425 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 358 AK, Sitka, SIT 1424 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 362 AK, Hinchinbrook, HBN 1421 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 372 AK, Fredericks Point, FPN 1415 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 382 AK, North River, JNR 1413 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 390 AK, Sand Point HBT 1238 and 1410 12/1(SR-OR)
- 394 AK, Kodiak RWO 1409 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 396 AK, Clam Cove, CMJ 1406 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 429 AK, Dillingham, BTS 1500 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 529 AK, Summer Strait, SQM 1359 12/1 (SR-OR)
- 530 AK, Adak ADK 1400 and 1501 12/1 (SR-OR)



- 560 AK, Kodiak, KVOK, fair with C&W mx with Kiss An Angel Good Morning by Charlie Pride at 1520 "It's 6:20 here at KVOK, Good morning" .CKNL QRM 12/1 (PM-OR)
- 570 HI, Lihue, KQNG good on top with Dr. Joy Brown program and ID at1257 UTC 11/28 "Listen to Dr. Joy Brown on KING 570" (PM-OR)
- 580 AK, Petersburg, KRSA good and dominant with Christmas mx, woman ancr "Christmas music on KRSA at 6:15, AM 580 and 90.9 FM, KRSA" at 1515URC 12/1 (PM-OR)
- 590 HI, Honolulu, KSSK good and dominant "Merry Christmas from KSSK.We are playing all of your Christmas favorites" at 0955 11/28. (PM-OR)
- t640 AK, Bethel, KYUK alone on the freq with NPR News pgm a 151012/1 (PM-OR)
- 650 AK, Anchorage KENI above the jumble with promo for local talkshow from 4-6 on 650 KENI, followed by Rush Limbaugh minute at 1527 12/1(PM-OR)
- t670 AK, Dillingham KDLG prob the one with NPR talk at 1512 in the jumble of KPUA, etc 12/1 (PM-OR)
- 690 HI, Honolulu, KORL good mixing with XETRA 0954 11/28 with Radio Disney (PM-OR)
- t700 AK, Anchorage KBYR presume the talk in passing 1517 12/1(PM-OR)
- 750 AK, Anchorage KFQD 1514 UTC 12/1, weather for Anchorage, High of 15 12/1 (PM-OR)
- 760 HI, Honolulu KGU good and dominant with Focus on the Family at0859 11/28 (PM-OR)
- 780 AK, Nome KNOM fair with a very long weather forecast for parts of Northern Alaska and the Interior, The Yukon Delta, Seward Penn., etc at 1503 12/1, including Nome. Blowing snow and -9 at the time. Alone on freq and about S7 on peaks. (PM-OR)
- 800 AK, Juneau, KINY fair above KPDQ-Portland with wx for SE AK, talking about another storm coming their way, small craft adv. at the moment 1530 UTC 12/1. Uses slogan "Hometown Radio" (PM-OR)

- 846 KIRIBATI, Tarawa good S9 with woman in Gilbertese with a mix of Island and US pops, KSWB-940 only there with OC at 0800 UTC 11/30. I can sometimes hear Kiribati with KSWB on, but it isn't easy 6 khz away from a local. (PM-OR)
- HI, Hilo, KHLO fair and about equal with Kiribati-846 with usual oldies format "8-5-Oh KHLO" ID at 0805 11/30. A regular, but free of the usual KSWB-840 splatter tonight. The station (KHLO) does not have anywhere near the signal they used to have like their old S9+20 DB, that was common, at their old tx site. (PM-OR)
- 890 AK, Homer KBBI with NPR News 1536 UTC 12/1 (PM-OR)
- 930 AK, Ketchikan, KTKN totally dominant with C&W tune ID at 1539UTC "on 930 KTKN" 12/1 (PM-OR)

#### TROPICAL BAND DX ROUNDUP

3955 **GERMANY**, DW 11/26 0515 noted with news analysis in GG. Fair signal with very little US QRM from US Ham (EB-MO)

## THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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- DKK-CA **DON KASKEY**, San Francisco CA <kaskeyfamily@yahoo.com> DXing with Drake R8A, Kiwa Airloop
- SR-OR STEVE RATZLAFF, Elgin, OR < steveratz@eoni.com>
- MS-AB MIKE STONEBRIDGE. St. Isodore, AB<stonbrdg@teluplanet.net> DXing with AOR 7030 and 150' EWE
- PM-OR PATRICK MARTIN, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138-0843 < mwdxer@webtv.net> DXing from Drake R8, EWE antenna, 400' NNW mini beverage, 1500' Eastern beverage, 40' vertical, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.

# DX WORLDWIDE - EAST

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Many thanks to Mark and Raymond for this weeks loggings!

#### \*\*\* TRANS-ATLANTIC DX \*\*\*

- 612 MOROCCO RTM A, Sebaa-Aioun, NOV 20 2250 Arabic vocal; at light audio level on fair carrier, WGIR phased. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., NOV 20 2249 Spanish talk; through WZON slop. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, NOV 22 2332 US accented preacher; poor to fair. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, OCT 27 0239 fair with a cappella Arabic vocal: on extended schedule for Ramadan. + NOV 5 0023 lots of "Arabiya" mentions; loud, best TA by a wide margin. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1550 ALGERIA RASD Clandestine, Tindouf, NOV 20 2313 // 7460 w/ pop vocal having Spanish flamenco influences; briefly o/ WBSC-SC/WDZK-CT. [Connelly\*P-MA]

#### \*\*\* TRANS-PACIFIC DX \*\*\*

1575 **THAILAND** VOA, Bangkok, DEC 1 1128-1145 – booming in, best signal ever here in SW Florida. At 1128 tune-in man singing then brief silence and at 1130:00 got great tape of VOA opening "You are listening to the Voice of America, Washington, DC... Welcome to Voice of America in Burmese." Then into Burmese. Almost as strong and readable as SW parallel on 9390 kHz (Sri Lanka). Also NOV 30 1135-1150 with Burmese program parallel 9890 kHz. When this station is coming in it is the strongest TP I have ever heard in Florida. 9,700 miles, directly over pole. Must be coming in at a very high angle as I can never get a null on my high precision DF loop. Over the years peak reception of this station has been from DEC 15 to JAN 15 during the 20 minutes before local sunrise. When this station is coming in you don't need anything exotic to log it, a 2010 will do fine.[Moore-FL]

#### \*\*\* PAN-AMERICAN DX \*\*\*

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** R. Vision Cristiana Internacional, South Caicos, OCT 29 2322 -Spanish talk comparing spirituality to clean water, listeners in Venezuela addressed. Over S9 strength: the loudest non-groundwave station audible ! + NOV 4 0006 atop Route 3 jct. 495 TIS. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 535 GRENADA GBC, St. George's, OCT 29 2324 bits of English talk; in local noise. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** R. ZIZ, Basseterre, OCT 29 2318 talk about a construction project, "that's the latest news on ZIZ" mention; to good peak. + NOV 4 0005 soul music vocal; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 570 CUBA R. Reloj, OCT 29 2317 news, ticks, "RR" code beeps; over WMCA. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 710 **CUBA** R. Rebelde synchros, OCT 27 0331 "Rebelde, la Cubanisima" ID, slogan "La Emisora de la Revolucion"; over WOR. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, NOV 4 0003 Colombian political speech; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 860 **CUBA**, CMBL, Arroyo Arenas, NOV 22 2315 Reloj program; dominant. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 1070.03 **unID** OCT 30 2342 Spanish male vocal; briefly dominant over weak CBA ground wave. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1160 BERMUDA VSB3, Hamilton, OCT 30 2337 with BBC talk 10 seconds delayed from // 5975; good, slight WTTT slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1180 CUBA R. Rebelde, Villa Maria, OCT 27 0225 // 5025 with modern pop upbeat vocal. + OCT 29 2308 Cuban news // 5025; fluttery. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1280 BERMUDA VSB2, Hamilton, OCT 30 2338 man & woman in English with religion; just under WEIM groundwave. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNSI, Nassau, OCT 31 0007 Caribbean-accented man; mixed with weak WADK & WPTR groundwave. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1550 unID NOV 20 2223 Spanish talk with Venezuela mentions; in jumble with WBSC-SC & Algerian clandestine. [Connelly\*P-MA]

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### Raymond speaks on TP DX-

"This season has been up and down, mostly down. Started off well in August with fair audio from 1503 kHz (New Zealand)AUG 4 and 16, 1512 kHz (Australia) AUG 6, 1098 (Marshall Is) AUG 21 and 22, 1475 kHz (Sabah?) AUG 17 big carrier, hints of audio.September was very poor. OCT 2 1611, 1629, and 1638 kHz each had a weak jumble of audio. OCT 3 1098 kHz fair audio with what sounded like accented English. November poor."

#### Mark speaks on his DX Trifecta-

"A DXpedition to Plymouth, MA on a cold rainy night (20 NOV) featured what seemed to be auroral conditions, but very little Latin American or any other kind of useful DX. Local DXer Steve Clang showed up and it was good to talk to him for a while. He's gung-ho to log some new DX, now if only the ionosphere would cooperate !

On Friday, 21 NOV, about 8 of us gathered for the regular Boston Area DXers meeting in Stoneham, MA. Phil Schoenheiter, N1PZU, a friend of mine since grade school days in Arlington, MA, attended a BADX meeting for the second time.

Ray Arruda's DX get-together in Acushnet, MA on Saturday 22 NOV was a great time. John Malicky drove all the way from Pittsburgh, about an 11 hour trip. He brought literally thousands of photographs, many radio-related. Though DX conditions were still "naff" as the Sheigra guys say, getting together with the crew of about 10 DXers at Ray and Arlene's was fun. An excellent dinner at the nearby Cafe Roma capped off the afternoon."

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

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| 730  | KBSU  | Steven B Johnston, DirEng; Boise State Univ, 1910 University Dr, Boise ID<br>83725-1915; LQB; 8; PM                                      |
|------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 730  | KEZX  | Sam Wallington, DirEng; EMF Broadcasting, 5700 West Oaks Blvd,<br>Rocklin CA 95765; L; 23; PM [Station in Medford OR]                    |
| 1290 | KAZA  | Veronia Yanez, GM; 765 Story Rd, San Jose CA 95122; L; 350f; PM                                                                          |
| 1410 | KCAL  | Alfredo Gonzalez, Public Relations/Acct Exec; Lazer Broadcasting Corp,<br>1950 S Sunwest Ln, #302, San Bernardino CA 92408; LBbc; 13; PM |
| 1510 | WLAC* | Tom Peace, PD/Promotions; L+; 75; RCW [Station in Nashville TN]                                                                          |
| 1640 | KMMZ  | Hiram Champlin, O; Chisholm Trail Broadcasting Co, 316 E Willow,<br>P O Box 952, Enid OK 73702; L; 7; PM                                 |
| 1690 | WSWK* | Michael R Jetter, Senior VP/GM; L+; 26; RCW [Station in Adel GA]                                                                         |
| 1700 | KQXX  | Billy Santiago, OpsMgr; 1050 MacIntosh St, Brownsville TX 78521; L; MS                                                                   |
|      |       |                                                                                                                                          |

**WHAT was received**: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card or form supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: \* [For this column] = Report sent to address in NRC Log

This column was prepared on 12/1/03, one week later than usual due to unexpected holiday travel. 73, SSH.

# GEOMAGNETIC INDICES *Editor: Phil Bytheway* E-mail: phil tekno@vahoo.com

Geomagnetic Summary October 29 2003 through December 1 2003 Tabulated from email status daily.

| Date  | Flux | Α   | К | Space Wx Today | Space Wx Forecast | Au |
|-------|------|-----|---|----------------|-------------------|----|
| 10/29 | 274  | 20  | 4 | severe         | severe            | 9  |
| 30    | 279  | 180 | 7 | extreme        | extreme           | 10 |
| 10/31 | 271  | 147 | 7 | extreme        | extreme           | 10 |
| 11/1  | 249  | 65  | 4 | strong         | strong            | 8  |
| 2     | 210  | 21  | 3 | minor          | strong            | 8  |
| 3     | 190  | 24  | 2 | strong         | extreme           | 6  |
| 4     | 167  | 12  | 3 | strong         | strong            | 7  |
| 5     | 168  | 22  | 3 | severe         | strong            | 7  |
| 6     | 114  | 6   | 3 | moderate       | moderate          | 7  |
| 7     | 98   | 14  | 3 | minor          | minor             | 9  |
| 8     | 91   | 7   | 2 | minor          | no storms         | 5  |
| 9     | 93   | 7   | 2 | no storms      | no storms         | 8  |
| 10    | 93   | 29  | 3 | moderate       | no storms         | 8  |
| 11    | 95   | 25  | 4 | minor          | no storms         | 10 |
| 12    | 96   | 51  | 5 | moderate       | minor             | 8  |
| 13    | 99   | 30  | 3 | minor          | minor             | 7  |
| 14    | 102  | 36  | 6 | moderate       | minor             | 10 |
| 15    | 99   | 38  | 3 | minor          | minor             | 6  |
| 16    | 98   | 35  | 5 | moderate       | minor             | 6  |
| 17    | 104  | 34  | 5 | minor          | minor             | 8  |
| 18    | 121  | 31  | 5 | minor          | minor             | 9  |
| 19    | 144  | 23  | 3 | minor          | moderate          | 6  |
| 20    | 155  | 14  | 2 | minor          | moderate          | 3  |
| 21    | 175  | 103 | 5 | severe         | severe            | 10 |
| 22    | 177  | 32  | 3 | strong         | minor             | 8  |
| 23    | 176  | 16  | 4 | minor          | minor             | 8  |
| 24    | 178  | 21  | 4 | minor          | minor             | 8  |
| 25    | 177  | 10  | 3 | no storms      | minor             | 7  |
| 26    | 171  | 14  | 2 | no storms      | minor             | 6  |
| 27    | 171  | 6   | 2 | no storms      | minor             | 6  |
| 28    | 175  | 8   | 3 | no storms      | minor             | 2  |
| 29    | 168  | 6   | 2 | no storms      | minor             | 4  |
| 10/30 | 166  | 8   | 2 | no storms      | minor             | 4  |
| 12/1  | 153  | 9   | 2 | no storms      | no storms         | 7  |

1322.93 CHINA 1242 Oct 4 Fair to good at times in Russian with mostly music of all genres with talk in Russian, with mentions of 'Kitay'. ID at 12:45 by YL. (Salmaniw-WA)

- 1323 CHINA Changchun, CRI, Oct 4 1220 Heard with a huge signal with M+W in RR and then into classical music selection. Parallels heard: 963//1116//1323 ID in RR at 1245 translates to 'International Service of China' with no mention of 'Govorit Pekin.' May have retired that ancient name at last. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 1307 10-4 Radio Beijing in Russian strong. 1257 10-5 good w/woman in Russian listing names of Chinese provinces. (bp-WA)
  - + 1319 4 Oct RR talk fair, likely this. (NHP-WA)
  - + 1330 10/4 nice and big and strong with classical music program, way on top and a big, big signal. Announcement in RR after break in the music at the half hour, then opera. (Hutton-WA)
  - + 10/4 1326 RR talk by man. (Bytheway-WA)
- 1332 JAPAN Nagoya, JOSF, Oct 3 1228 Present throughout the DXpedition, usually at poor level. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 10/4 1324 JJ talk by woman... piano mx in background then alone. (Bytheway-WA)
- 1341 JAPAN NHK1, 0945 10-5 woman in Japanese //1503 poor in 1340 QRM, one 1kw and several 100 watters listed. (bp-WA)
- 1350 JAPAN Hiroshima, JOER, 1422 10-4, quite strong o/domestics, discussion by 2 women in Japanese. Mixing with domestics 1122 10-5. Dominant w/talk & music 1140 10-5. Japanese talk loud way o/domestics 1356 10-5. (bp-WA)
  - + t 1423 4 Oct monster JJ ruling this frequency, also excellent 1356 5 Oct, w/woman talking in JJ. (NHP-WA)
  - + 1425 10/4 number one on the channel. These guys are only 20 kw so explain to me how they can dominate from almost 5000 miles away. Is it the magic of Grayland? The power of the Beverage antenna? Our awesome DX skill? (Hutton-WA)
- 1359 JAPAN synchros, NHK2, 1452 4 Oct NHK2 CC lessons? weak //774; nothing over 100w listed. (NHP-WA)
- 1359 UNID 1455 4 Oct excitable CC sounding lady not //CNR-1 6030; Taiwan?? Not NHK2, which had been in CC a few minutes earlier. (NHP-WA)
- 1368 JAPAN Wakkanai, JOTS, 0948 10-5 fair with male talk //1287, listed as 1 kw. (bp-WA)
- 1368 JAPAN synchros, NHK1 (Takamatsu prob.), Oct 5 1235 Noted in passing with JJ classical singing at fair level. (Bryant-WA)
- 1377 CHINA CNR1 & Fuzhou?? 1258 4 Oct CC singing, poor to fair, not //6185. Two sets of CC pips on hour, one higher pitched. Only audible ID from CNR1, now //6030, but not before hour. Continued w/CC woman singing. (NHP-WA)
  - + CNR, 1450 10-4 good w/drama in Chinese. (bp-WA)
  - + fair 1033 10/5 but there was a big pileup of stns not too far underneath. China had a woman in CC. Competition from a slightly jumbled signal that seemed Japanese, but I didn't have the sense to check if it was // 1386. (Hutton-WA)
- 1377 JAPAN synchros, NHK2, 1456 10-4 woman //1386. (bp-WA)
- 1377 UNID 1035 10/5 western pops (including oddly enough a Mecano song) but I'm not sure of the language. (Hutton-WA)
- 1386 JAPAN Kanazawa, JOJB, 1500 10-5 call ID signoff by man mixing w/JOKB, then pips & anthem. (bp-WA)
- 1386 JAPAN Okayama, JOKB, 1320 10-5. local ID by woman, fair in jumble, better at 1500 w/call ID signoff by woman, then pips & anthem. (bp-WA)
- 1386t JAPAN synchros, NHK2, 10/4 1310 JJ... a lot of slop... man/woman. (Bytheway-WA)

<sup>+</sup> fair // 774 1031 10/5. Four stations listed at 10 kw each. (Hutton-WA)

- 1386 UNID someone even with NKH2, sounded Korean but I did not check it further. (Hutton-WA)
- 1395 UNID 1448 10-2 flute music, then woman in unid language, seemed to give letters "KSN" (or similar) a couple of times. Doesn't match anything listed, of course. Also, someone in Chinese 1211 10-5. (bp-WA)
  - + 10/5 1031 with disco-ish mx with heavy drum beat. Hard to imagine who this might be. (Hutton-WA)
- 1404 JAPAN Kushiro, JOQL, 0952 10-5 music and talk //1287 poor. (bp-WA)
- 1404 JAPAN Shizuoka, JOVR, 1358 5 Oct //864 piano mx; likely All Night Nippon; another station faded up, JJ talk by man, JOQL? (NHP-WA)
- 1404 JAPAN unid, Japanese talk not //1287 1214 10-4. (bp-WA)
  - + 1338 4 Oct man and woman nattering JJ, fair //1287; is this JOQL Kushiro?? (NHP-WA)
- 1404 UNIDs 1426 10/4 fair mx of two stns. I should have paid more attention to these as these are the best signals I have had on 1404. (Hutton-WA)
- 1413 **JAPAN** Fukuoka, JOIF, 1133 10-4 good with string of ads and "KBC" ID. Slight echo at recheck 1212, apparently getting main station & co-channel relay. (bp-WA)
  - + t 10/4 1302 loud man in JJ... lotsa slop... then faded. (Bytheway-WA)
  - + 1025 10/5 good with Japanese pop mx, nice signal for 50 kw. (Hutton-WA)
- 1422t JAPAN Yokohama, JORF, 10/4 1136 man in JJ... some slop. (Bytheway-WA)
  - + 1129 10-5 good w/ads, one mentioned "Music Power Station", which I found mentioned on their website, believe it's the name of a program. (bp-WA)
- 1431 UNID faint audio... single tone/pip on TOH... into mx (CC?)... lotsa slop on this one. (Bytheway-WA)
- 1440 JAPAN Sapporo, JOWF, 1124 10-2 dominant o/domestics. Quite strong at times and usually overpowered the US stations both nights until sunrise. Played a mix of Japanese pop songs and English language oldies, making it easy to check for parallels. (bp-WA)
  - + 1424 4 Oct monster signal ruling the channel, man talking JJ. (NHP-WA)
  - + Oct 5 1110 Noted here at sometimes unbelievable levels with radio play. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 1150 10/5 nicely over a not-very-strong set of domestics. I've heard this before it's in most times when Japan is good -but this was way on top like never. (Hutton-WA)
- 1449 JAPAN Abashiri, JOQM, poor-fair 1159 10/5. This is only 5 kw so doesn't pack much of a punch. (Hutton-WA)
  - + 1336 10-5 classical music //1287 fair in 1450 splatter. (bp-WA)
- 1449 JAPAN unID 1336 5 Oct orchestral mx, pr in splash, but //1287 JO?? (NHP-WA)
- 1475 MALAYSIA Kota Kinabalu, RTVM, 1248 10-4 noted woman in presumed Tagalog w/pop music. (bp-WA)
  - + Oct 5 1140 This RTVM Tagalog broadcast beamed north to the Philippines continues to operate off-channel. Woman heard in Tagalog at moderate level for the first audio heard in several years. I suspect that their equipment may have deteriorated some in recent years, as this station used to be a regular on East Asian Mornings. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 1140 Oct 5 Presumed logging with weak talk by YL. Poor to fair. (Salmaniw-WA)
- 1485 UNID snatches of audio 1229 10/5. This is one of the toughest channels to get audio on; there are two 1 kw'ers in Japan and two in Korea. (Hutton-WA)
- 1500 HAWAII Honolulu, KUMU, 10/4 1500 music and then good "KUMU Kumu 1500 on your AM dial" ID. (Bytheway-WA)
- 1503 JAPAN Akita, JOUK, NHK1, 1218 3 Oct Beatles "Something" fair //weaker 594, then blasted by splatter. (NHP-WA)
  - + Oct 3 1306 Noted here throughout the DXpedition, usually at fair level. //594. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 1206 10-4 quite nice. This has been strong recently and is often my choice for an NHK1 station to parallel against the weakies. (Hutton-WA)
  - + t 10/4 1556 really loud man/woman talking in JJ... moderate slop. (Bytheway-WA)

- 1512 PHILIPPINES Cebu City, DYAB, 1442 4 Oct vocal anthem ending s/off; Walt S. heard ID moments earlier, fair. (NHP-WA)
  - + 1442 10-4 fair w/tail end of signoff "DYAB (something) is now signing off", then National Anthem. (bp-WA)
  - + Oct 4 Nice ID in English 'standing down transmission'. Caught in on MD recording! Fair/good. (Salmaniw-WA)
- 1512 UNIDs 1445 10/4 two signals mixing at fair-at-best levels. One was likely Japan NHK2 but the other would have been interesting; the candidates are China (no power listed) and Taiwan at 5 kw. (Hutton-WA)
- 1530t JAPAN 1425 4 Oct JJ singing o/KFBK, fair. (NHP-WA)
- 1530 UNID clearly Oriental talk in KFBK fades 10/4 from 1417 to 1426. I believe there were two stations; the one on top most was JJ and seemed // 864 although it would not stay up long enough to be 100% sure. The other seemed CC and is a mystery. Are there any high power CC stations on 1530? (Hutton-WA)
  - + tantalizing bits of stuff under KFBK both nights: rock music 1450 10-4, classical music 1111 10-5. 1434 10-5 several songs by The Police briefly o/KFBK but mostly underneath, AFKN runs country music at this time, so not them. Bits of talk at various other times. (bp-WA)
- 1539 JAPAN synchros, NHK2, 1434 4 Oct American EE talk; NHK2 //774, fair; more 100 watt stations. (NHP-WA)
- 1539 **TAIWAN** 10/4 1229 ringing het on 1540 but only poor audio in slop. John had them better the previous morning. (Hutton-WA)
  - + 10/5 1211 this day they were much better, rising on top of the splatter at times. (Hutton-WA)
  - + t BED78 1225 5 Oct CC talk by woman, only BCC listed (NHP-WA)
- 1548 AUSTRALIA Emerald, 4QD, 1432 4 Oct monster signal w/man in EE with SAH; wonder who was the second station? (NHP-WA)
  - + 1441 10-4 interview program good. Quite loud w/Aussie folk tune 1510, but much weaker by 1513. Aussie talk 0955 10-5 good. (bp-WA)
- 1557 TAIWAN Kouhu, Family Radio WYFR, 1042 10-4 good w/Chinese religious program music, anmt by woman & into another program. Woman in Chinese spelling out "f-am-i-l-y r-a-d-i-o" (possibly giving mailing address) 1159 10-4. Very strong (equal to 1566) with light instrumental music 1042 10-5. English announcement, mention of www.familyradio.com, into religious program in English 1431 10-5. (bp-WA)
  - + t 1100 4 Oct likely this, woman in CC, good strength, followed by musical interlude. (NHP-WA)
  - + t 10/4 1149 man in CC w/hymn in CC ... modest slop. (Bytheway-WA)
  - + w/UNID 10/4 1434 Family Radio WYFR with tele-talk religion in EE at good level. By waiting for fades and doing a little phasing, I could sometimes get someone else even with WYFR in an oriental language. I really have no idea who that was, since Japan has only a handful of 100 watters, there are no Koreans, and the Chinese stn has no power listed in the PAL. (Hutton-WA)
- 1566 **SOUTH KOREA** Cheju Island, HLAZ, Oct 3 1150 Present throughout the DXpedition, usually at good to excellent level. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 1228 3 Oct HLAZ, CC talk by woman, fair strength, good readability, then off at 1229, then back on with FEBC and HLAZ ID in JJ; followed by hymns, and JJ talk by woman; also logged HLAZ ID in CC 1345 4 Oct (NHP-WA)
  - + 1259 Oct 3 FEBC with S9+5 signal in Japanese. Very much like a local! (Salmaniw-WA)
  - + monster signal in Korean 1047 10-4, loud in Korean 1201. Loud in Japanese 1245 w/unid way in background. Huge signal again, about 10 db weaker than KFBK 0957 10-5. Still there in Chinese 1529 10-5. (bp-WA)
  - + t 10/4 1145 man/woman in KK... very loud. (Bytheway-WA)
  - + 10/04 1432 excellent in 6 kHz bandwidth (widest I have) and sounding close to a local. I'd bet it could have been heard on normal department store radios. It's

stronger than anything on 1560 and 1570 here, and it's only competition for strongest signal would be the Seattle / Portland / NoCal powerhouses.(Hutton-WA)

- 1566 UNID doing the India check thing also. HLAZ had come down some, and there was something under at sunrise. 1521 10/5. (Hutton-WA)
  - + 1525 10-5 bits of music under HLAZ. Lost after local electrical noise came on. Was hoping for India. (bp-WA)
- 1575 THAILAND Ban Pachi, VOA, Oct 3 1154 Present throughout the DXpedition, usually at good level. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 1201 10-4 VOA News Now strong in English. Also strong at several rechecks. (bp-WA)
- 1575 UNID and interesting 10/04 1235-1243 over(!) and under VOA to the point I was confused which was which. Taped a man was talking in an Oriental lang, but I could not quite catch it. Since it wasn't one of the Japanese AFN stations, it is either Philippines (10 kw) or China (unlisted power, have no idea). (Hutton-WA)
  - + snatches of pop mx 1015 10/5. (Hutton-WA)
  - + 1109 10-5 rock music mixing w/VOA, then faded. Possibly one of the FEN stations. (bp-WA)
  - + another one 10/5 1115 with rock / pop under VOA but the language does not sound EE. (Hutton-WA)
- 1584 JAPAN synchros, NHK1, 1350 3 Oct //594 at this time w/instrumental interlude and man talking, poor to fair. (NHP-WA)
  - + 1100 10-4, time signal & woman in Japanese //594/1503, weak, everything here is 100 watts. Also heard 1300 10-4. (bp-WA)
  - + 1257 10-4 Chinese music, briefly good but gone at ToH when NHK took over. (bp-WA)
  - + nonstop pop & soft rock music quite good 10-4 after 1400. No announcements heard. Palau??? (bp-WA)
  - + 1459 4 Oct American pop mx o/hum on channel; Palau? (NHP-WA)
- 1593 CHINA Heilongjiang, CNR1, 1242 10-4 good o/others w/Chinese music //5030. (bp-WA)
  - + Oct 4 1300 Heard here at excellent level with classical Chinese opera. Was mixing with NHK2 Synchros and was //6065 and 1377, which was also incredibly strong. (Bryant-WA)
  - + 1305 4 Oct mixing w/JJ, fair, CC mx opera? (NHP-WA)
  - + way on top at times around 1435 10/4, but sometimes came down so that Japan could be heard. Long Chinese opera made this unmistakable. A clear signal due to the lack of splatter and decent signal strength. (Hutton-WA)
- 1593 JAPAN Niigata, JOQB, 1320 5 Oct "JOQB, NHK Niigata...hoso" ID, good strength; no sign of JOTB ID. (NHP-WA)
- 1593 JAPAN synchros, NHK2, 1053 10-4 fair //774. (bp-WA)
  - + 1446 10/4 easily // 774. There are 2 stns with 10 kw each, so these are in when Japan is decent. (Hutton-WA)
- 1602 JAPAN synchros, NHK2, 1053 10-4 fair //774. Also //774 1158 w/slight echo as though I was hearing 2 transmitters. (bp-WA)
  - + 1150 4 Oct CC lessons //828 and 774; pr fr in splash; 1593 also noted. (NHP-WA)
  - + synchros fair and all alone (what did you expect on this channel?) // the NHK2 crowd like 774 1013 10/5. (Hutton-WA)
- 1701.14 AUSTRALIA Brisbane, R. Brisvaani, Oct 5, 1225 presumed. Noted with female talk in Hindi, with subcont. music; low level signal before fading. Reportedly 100 watts power. Thanks to Mika Makelainen for tip. (Atkins-WA)
- 2485 AUSTRALIA 1437-, ABC Katherine Oct 3 Heard with fair strength with ABC programming, parallel to MW 639! (thanks to John Bryant for the tip!). (Salmaniw-WA)







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R8B, R71

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Folks, I'm not set up to do any real DXing so I can't capitalize on this, but just returned (1950 EST) from a brief errand (here in Eastern NC), and the AM Band is covered with Spanish-language stations + Virgin Islands on 1620. R. Reloj-570 is in at the proverbial ton of bricks level - this on a car radio. So, if you're looking for some Pan-Am DX, you might take a shot at this. Hope this isn't a bust. NOAA's site hasn't issued a warning at this time. but the band seems more active than normal. Very 73 and Best of DX de Mike

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