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**Publishers Notes**

Another new member this time: Ronald G. Heath of Encinitas, CA (SDXM only)... welcome!!

A couple of folks have asked me to "summarize" what the duties of EIC/Publisher are so....  
**Editor-in-Chief:** Gather columns from the various column editors (all done via email now). Copy the last issue and use that as a starting point for the next. Insert the columns where they belong, delete the old stuff. Add filler/logos as appropriate to fill out a 4 page increment ('cause we're a booklet). Print it out for publication and email it to me for SDXM/PDF creation.  
**Publisher:** Take the printed bulletin to the printer. Print out envelopes for mailing (approx 130). Add stamps to envelopes. Insert completed bulletins in envelopes and seal. Mail it! You also have to deal with folks up for renewal, which involves inserting a note in with their bulletins. Phil B

**DX Tests** Lynn Hollerman

Daily thru March 0255-0305 1220 WRIB Providence RI (Healy)

Daily, from 2:55am-3:05am EST - WRIB-1220 - Providence, RI - This test is scheduled to run "through at least March (2004)".

We've arranged for WRIB-1220 in Providence, RI (tough state to hear!) to raise power to 1kw non-D every night at 2:55 to 3:05am. This will run through at least March, and will have a recorded ID at 3am. Hopefully a special ID with morse code can be added in the near future. There ought to be good propagation for a fair number of these nights, and it's late enough for the west coast folks to have a shot. Fire up those recorders and let us know if you hear them!"

Reception reports (with return postage) may be sent to:

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**Seattle Get-together 2004**

Here's the news on my annual DX Get-together. As usual, this is for anyone interested in shortwave, medium wave, VHF/UHF etc DX listening to sit around and talk about radio stuff.

This year it will be on the afternoon of Saturday, February 28 at 2 p.m. at my house (6546 19th Avenue NE, Seattle). Feel free to bring radio stuff like radios, QSL cards, accessories, etc to show off. Also bring along potluck snacks (solid or liquid).

At dinner time, we'll pass the hat around and order some pizzas.

Hope you can make it. If you have questions, need directions, or want to RSVP, my phone number is 206-522-2521. See you there. Bruce

**CONVENTION 2004**

July 23-25

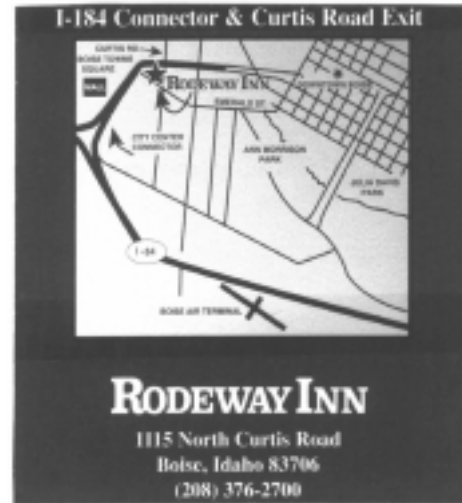
Bruce Bacon and Frank Aden will be hosting the 2004 IRCA Convention at the **Rodeway INN**, 1115 North Curtis Rd, **Boise ID** 83706 from July 23-25 2004. Room rates are \$59.95 plus 12% tax which comes to \$67.14. This rate is the same for a single, two people one bed or two people two beds. Extra person charge is \$5.00, with tax, \$5.60 and with a roll a way bed is additional \$8.00, \$8.96 with tax. This includes a continental breakfast.

Reservations can be made at 1-800-272-5003. **Deadline is July 12, 2004.**

Convention fee is \$25.00. Instead of having a set menu for a banquet we will have a dinner Saturday night, July 24, in the hotel restaurant where attendees can select off the regular menu.

Tentative schedule will include station studio/transmitter tours, auction, 40th Anniversary Quiz and a visit to Bonneville Point on the Oregon Trail where there have been several Beverage DXpeditions. More details are to follow.

Any items to be donated for the auction can be sent to Frank Aden, 4096 Marcia Pl., Boise ID 83704. E-mail inquires can be sent to: [IRCA2004@aol.com](mailto:IRCA2004@aol.com).



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**OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

- 1370 (KJPN) HL, Pearl City-Honolulu noted off the air since 12/31, as its programming moved to KORL-650. Under calls KJPN and KMDR, had been on 1370 since Nov. 2002, only about 13 months. However, there are rumors the station may return with a Filipino or other ethnic format. (5P-HI)  
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- 560 XEKT BCN, Tecate still on, at times clear. Am sure at least 2 stations on 560 will complain of QRM. (GL-CA)
- 670 KIRN CA, Simi Valley per GM today 12/30, says still working on power increase. (GL-CA)
- 690 KORL HL, Honolulu 1/1 0112 noted for the first time with Japanese format (ex-Radio Disney), playing Japanese AdCon music. English announcement gave call sign & owner's name, but Japanese announcements and jingles included "Radio K-Japan" and "Hawaii's Multi-Cultural Radio." Noted on 1/5 with feed via phone line of station in Japan, just like on the old KJPN. (5P-HI)
- 730 KULE WA, Ephrata 12/23 1805 ad for Ephrata Chamber of Commerce, into talk show, weak and barely perceptible, but all by itself. (GH-OR)
- 830 KPLS CA, Orange 12/29 appears first day RS with Spanish, REL format, ex-news. 12/28 noted with loop tape promo of new format, so I taped some. (GL-CA)
- 1030 KDUN OR, Reedsport 1/9 1900 with KTWO nulled, top of hour ID "Serving the Oregon Coast from the heart of the dunes, KDUN, Reedsport. Dune Country K-Dune." (BB-ID)
- 1110 KBND OR, Bend 12/30 1800 ID as "Newstalk 1110 KBND Bend," then into CBS news. (NP-AB)
- 1130 KRDU CA, Dinuba 1/8 0200 briefly above CKWX with top of the hour ID "America's first commercial Christian radio station, KRDU Dinuba, Fresno, Visalia, 11-30 AM" and into religious program. (BB-ID)
- 1210 KGYN OK, Guymon 12/23 0100 country music and faint ID over/under unID which gave temperatures in Celsius, very weak and gone by 0105. (GH-OR)
- 1320 KELO SD, Sioux Falls 12/29 1908 call letter ID, then into Mike Gallagher program. (NP-AB)
- 1360 KOHU OR, Hermiston 12/31 1828 country music, then a "1360 KOHU News Minute." (NP-AB)
- KUIK OR, Hillsboro 12/31 1833 local new/traffic/weather and ads. Many slogan ID's as "Westside Radio," but did note one KUIK call ID. (NP-AB)
- 1400 KBDB NV, Sparks 12/22 1935 weather by a woman, then ad for local furrier. Had logged them for the first time on 12/19/03 at 2200 with legal ID as "KBDB, AM 1400 Sparks-Reno." (NP-AB)
- 1450 KBBS WY, Buffalo 12/31 1759 amazingly clear with ID as "Your official good time oldies station is 1450 AM KBBS Buffalo." (NP-AB)
- CHOR BC, Summerland 12/31 1823 string of local Summerland and Okanagan area ads, through quite a jumble of stations. (NP-AB)
- 1490 KFFN AZ, Tucson 1/5 0500 faded up for ID "ESPN Radio 1490 The Fan" KFFN Tucson." Have logged them as KKND and KAIR. (MS-CA)
- KTEL WA, Walla Walla 12/31 1804 ad for auto dealer, ID as "...all new 1490 KTEL...", 60's music. (NP-AB)
- 1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 12/29 0100 talk show into ABC news, very weak & choppy in/out of the slop. Lots of KGA(?) splatter. (GH-OR)
- 1530 KXTD OK, Wagoner 12/29 1855 tentatively the one with Mexican music, and "Que Buena" slogan ID at 1900. (NP-AB)
- 1540 KMPC CA, Los Angeles 12/27 0115 sports talk show about NFL teams, ID as "The Ticket," first time heard this season with fair signal. (GH-OR)
- 1610 TIS/HAR NV, Elko? 12/30 1912 unID station relaying the NOAA weather from Elko, talking of winter storm warning. (NP-AB)

- TIS NV, Sparks 1/6 2305 male voice loop faded up out of the noise with "This is the Nevada Department of Transportation transmitting on 1610 kilohertz located in Sparks, Nevada..." (BB-ID)
- 1630 KKWY WY, Fox Farm 12/30 0100 news, weather report into country music, in and out of the static but all by itself. Gone by 0115. (GH-OR)  
+1/5 0437 good with Alan Jackson song "Little Bitty" followed by K-W-Y slogan. (MS-CA)
- 1640 KMMZ OK, Enid 12/24 0200 finally nailed a definite ID on this one after several tentative logs, with ID as "KMMZ Enid-Oklahoma City AM 1640 is All Comedy Radio," then carried on with Seinfeld sketch. (NP-AB)
- 1680 KTFH WA, Seattle 12/31 0100 ID in English followed by Spanish vocal music, very weak at best. (GH-OR)  
+1/7 0200 top of hour ID "AM 1680, KTFH Seattle, a service of Salem Communications," under KAVT. (BB-ID)

**UNIDS**

- 1150 12/23 0130 man said "Have yourself a Merry Christmas with Oldies 1150," some Christmas music. Very weak signal way out in the static. (GH-OR)
- 1610 Unknown location 1/6 2340 barely audible computer generated NOAA (female) voice loop mixing with NV DOT TIS, with weather for NV towns. (BB-ID)

Have you entered the IRCA contest yet? There is still time to join in the fun. Nancy 1/9 2100

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**DOWN THE DIAL**

- 620 CKRM SK, Regina. 1-3 under WTMJ between songs. 07:35 with country music, promo for countdown program, mention of Moose Jaw. New. [SP-WI]
- 680 CJOB MB, Winnipeg. 1-3. 09:59 with various spots for Winnipeg. New. [SP-WI]
- 750 CKJH SK, Melfort. 1-7 poor, steady signal until lost at 07:46 with WNDZ signed on. 07:45 "CK 7-50" slogan. Oldies format. Female announcer. [JJR-WI]
- 770 WLWL NC, Rockingham. 1-9 poor over WABC. 06:40 with "77-WLWL" and UC music format. [JJR-WI]
- 790 WNIS VA, Norfolk. 1-9 poor, alone. 04:35 with calls, news. [JJR-WI]
- 800 CHAB SK, Moose Jaw. 1-7 poor. No CKLW. 07:43 with regional weather after an '80s oldie. ID. [JJR-WI]
- CKDR ON, Dryden. 1-7 poor. No CKLW. 07:33 with lively morning show. Calls given. AC format. [JJR-WI]
- 810 WEKG KY, Jackson. 1-4 poor. 06:54 with ID, country. Faded out. [JJR-WI]
- 830 WADU LA, Norco. 1-5 over WCCO. 01:42 with SS "La Fabulosa" jingle. [EB-MO]
- 930 KLUP TX, Terrell Hills. 12-31. 08:31 with "Loop AM KLUP" slogans. [WJ-TX]

940 CKNN PQ, Montreal. 1-8 fair to poor with WMIX and others. 04:13 with spot for Air Canada and Montreal area businesses. "940 News. All News All The Time" slogan in promo. [EB-MO]

980 WITY IL, Danville. 1-4 poor. No WCUN nor WONE. 06:36 with ID. WW1 NOS format. [JJR-WI]

990 WDEO MI, Ypsilanti. 1-9 poor in with CBW and one other. 07:37 with "EWNTN 6 Years..." [JJR-WI]

1040 WCHR NJ, Flemington. 1-7 poor to fair on fades in WHO null. 02:50 with "WCHR Inspiration Radio" jingle. EX-WJHR. [JJR-WI]

1090 WFCV IN, Fort Wayne. 1-7 good to fair over KAAY with splash from local WRYT-1080. 1701 with promos, "Keeping you informed. AM 10-90" slogan. Calls given during promo. [EB-MO]

1110 WSLV TN, Ardmore. 1-8 poor, alone. 07:26 with ID, TC, music. KFAB power up at 07:30. [JJR-WI]

1140 WVEL IL, Pekin. 1-7 good over WRVA. 17:45 with weather, calls, Urban Gospel format. 18:00 sign off. [EB-MO]

1150 CJRC PQ, Gatineau. 1-9 poor, fade up and out. 07:27 with weather, FF. [JJR-WI]

KWKY IA, Des Moines. 1-5 fair in mess. 03:05 with weather, CST time check, "New Life 11-50 KWKY" into Contemporary Christian music. [EB-MO]

1160 WAMB TN, Donelson. 1-6. 17:56 with NOS format. "WAMB News Headlines" and Nashville weather. [SP-WI]

1210 WSKR LA, Denham Springs. 1-7 good to fair over WILY and WPHT. 17:22 noted with Baton Rouge area spots into sports talk. [EB-MO]

1270 KGNM MO, St. Joseph. 1-8 poor, alone. 07:07 with "12-70 KGNM Today's Christian Radio" ID. [JJR-WI]

1280 WGBF IN, Evansville. 1-4 poor over 2 others. 06:39 with ID, spots. [JJR-WI]

1330 KFH KS, Wichita. 1-6. 05:01 with "Hot Talk 98.7 FM and KFH AM." Airing "Coast To Coast." [WJ-TX]

1380 KCIM IA, Carroll. 1-8 very poor. 07:00 with legal ID, CBS News. [JJR-WI]

1390 KCLN IA, Clinton. 1-7 good to poor with splash from local KSLG-1380. 17:53 with local spots, weather, Adult Standards format. [EB-MO]

1420 KFYN TX, Bonham. 12-31. 09:25 with mentions of local events, "Trading Post" program. [WJ-TX]

1430 CKYC ON, Toronto. 1-8 good over WRTH which must have been running at low power. 03:01 noted with talk in Indonesian and mix of Asian and Indian music. One local spot mentioned Markham Road on the east side of Toronto. [EB-MO]

WFOB OH, Fostoria. 1-10 poor, steady in with E=WRTH and WXNT. 01:53 with ID, "Real Country." [JJR-WI]

1450 KEZJ ID, Twin Falls. 1-8. 20:00 ID "Idaho's jazz station, KBSU Boise AM 7-30, KEZJ Twin Falls AM 14-50, and KBLK." [NJ-MT]

WLEC OH, Sandusky. 1-1 poor. 19:59 with OH Buckeye football game, Legal ID at fade up. [JJR-WI]

WLYV IN, Fort Wayne. 1-6 poor, clear. 21:36 with "14-50 WLYV" ID during basketball PBP. [JJR-WI]

1540 CHIN ON, Toronto. 1-10 good to fair over KXEL. 00:23 noted with "15-40 chin" slogan. "Soca Blizzard" mention into soca music. [EB-MO]

+1-10 poor in KXEL null. 02:56 jingle, Jamaican programming. [JJR-WI]

1550 KAPE MO, Cape Girardeau. 1-6 fair. 07:34 with ID, NOS. [JJR-WI]

1560 KTUI MO, Sullivan. 1-6 poor in WGLB null. 07:12 with contest promo, ID, phone number. [JJR-WI]

1570 KPYK TX, Terrell. 12-31. 09:40 with jingle, weather, "The station that plays the big bands and the great singers. 15-70 KPYK." [WJ-TX]

WSCO WI, Appleton. 1-8 poor. 18:00 with legal ID and Fox Sports. This is not common despite its closeness. [JJR-WI]

1580 WLIJ TN, Shelbyville. 1-6 fair. 07:06 with ID, weather out of news. [JJR-WI]

1590 WHLX MI, Marine City. 1-5 poor. 07:19 with "...here in Port Huron." [JJR-WI]

1600 WMQM TN, Lakeland. TENTATIVE. 1-6 poor. 08:02 with "You're listening to AM 1600, your 50,000 Watt..." 07:32 with basically the same thing, 4 cities in TN mentioned. No ID, assume this is WMQM. [JJR-WI]

1630 KCJJ IA, Iowa City. 1-10. 06:05 mention of south eastern Iowa. Talk. [WJ-TX]

1640 KMMZ OK, Enid. 1-7. 08:11 with an all comedy format. "Stay tuned for more punch line radio KMMZ AM 1640 Enid, Oklahoma." New for me. [WJ-TX]

1650 KWHN AR, Fort Smith. 1-7. 08:11 with "Arklahoma weather on the eights on Kay-When, KWHN." Mentioned studios in downtown Ft. Smith. [WJ-TX]

1670 WMWR GA, Dry Branch. 1-10. 04:27 with talk show on cooking. [WJ-TX]

1680 KRJO LA, Monroe. 1-7. 04:25 with promo for a church service, "KRJO 16-80" and "Rejoice" slogan. Gospel and jazz format. [SP-WI]

1690 KDDZ CO, Arvada. 1-10 loud. 04:00 with Radio Disney and "Radio 16-90 KDDZ Arvada, Denver" ID. [WJ-TX]

WHITE IL, Johnson City. 1-10. 04:10 with oldies, mentions of Chicago, "White Oldies 16-90" slogan. [WJ-TX]

## 25 YEARS AGO

January 20, 1979 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Bill Townshend** of Washington, DC compared Radio Shack's TRF with the DX-160 ... **Bill Harms** of Provo, UT logged 50 new stations while on Christmas vacation in Spokane, WA ... **Steve Mittman** of San Pedro, CA told about him and **Mark Bixby** of Newport Beach, CA going to Salt Lake City, UT to ski.

## OPEN MIKE

Nice turn out this week. This column was typed 1-10-04. 73, John

## DX WORLDWIDE – WEST TROPICAL BAND DX

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Only a short column this time around. Some Mexican tips from Steve Wiseblood from Texas and some Tropical Band tips from Guy Atkins from Washington. We only cover up to 4 MHZ, but since I only have a short column this week and they are good catches I will include them. So away we go.

## PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

570 **MEXICO**, Comalcalco, Tab. XEVX 2031 UTC 1/8 in null of Monterrey. Woman in SS talking with a correspondant about the political part "PRD", 2034 Man in SS with nx of upcoming pact between Vicente Fox-George W. Bush about the status of Mexican Workers in the "Estados Unidos" (SW-TX)

630 **MEXICO**, Cosamaloapan, Ver. XEFU 2038 1/8. Man in SS with anmts, with mention of several small towns in Veracruz. (SW-TX)

1080 **MEXICO**, Poza Rica, Ver. XEXK, 1939 1/8 "Radio Formula" reports from correspondants. Man in SS with tc, news and commentary. (SW-TX)

1240 **MEXICO**, Tampico, Tam. XES 1/8 at 1945, ads in CC, anmts by man and woman in CC. (SW-TX)

## TROPICAL BAND ROUNDUP

4790 **INDIA**, Chennai, AIR 0038-0105 12/5, very faint signal at tune-in with sub-continental mx and ancr in unid. language, possibly Hindi, signal buried beneath strong "space zapper" ute (more commonly called the swisher by East Coast NA DXers). Slightly better level at 0100, but still too weak and buried for ID. More sub-cont. flute and vocals at 0102. I usually hear AIR regionals much better around LSR rather than LSS. (GA-AWA)

4820 **CHINA**, Tibet, Tibet People's BS from 0013-0024 12/5. EE language lessons with ancr alternating phrases in Mandarin. Fair during grayline cx. Almost gone by 0036 recheck. (GA-WA)

4845 **MAURITANIA**, Radio Mauritanie from 0026 to 0035 12/5. Phone in show with ancrs and callers in AA. Prnitive-sounding stringed inst. (kora?) alternating with AA chatter between two men -- seemed to be a performance by a musician in the studio. Very

good reception, best heard here in years. Checked back at 0050 but found only a carrier. Only threshold audio noted the next day, 12/6. (GA-WA) (Guy, at times this can be very good. Other times non-existent. I just wish they would QSL my report. PM)

#### QSL

3335 **PAUPA NEW GUINEA**, Wewak, Radio East Sepik, rec. QSL letter and prog. sked in 9 months. Answered in a couple of weeks, but it must have gone by boat to get here. V/S: Rebecca Nalawagi-Acting Assit. To Director. Address: PO Box 65, Wewak ESP, Paupa New Guinea. (PM-OR)

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(continued from last week...) Some of you may have even noticed the national attention that a petition campaign out of Philadelphia got from a listener balking at the early start of the Christmas music over her local airwaves. While I like Christmas music, I understand where she is coming from when most of the reason for doing this is profit motivated and not related directly to public preference. I wish my campaign could have gotten this kind of attention. The best I could do was to get half a column in the local Toledo Blade newspaper media column. For those who have access to a computer check this under Toledo Blade com, go to columnists and select Russ Lemmon and go to the Nov. 10th column choice to see that story. I spoke with both marketing directors and got nowhere for different reasons, but both had everything to do with money. I suspect in the future there will be more such campaigns like mine out there. Locally WFRO-900 switched from Real Country to ESPN sports talk on 9/22. Another loss on the radio dial. Disney also plans to take this one dark within the next year or so when they get WFDF-910 repositioned to Detroit, all so they can get "Radio Disney" into that market. How is that for preserving good local radio. Note to Larry Godwin: I can understand your beef over your near local East Helena on 680, but did you ever consider 1) that many DX'ers could use KKGR in their logs away from your area, 2) while not approving of a station running out of parameters, the pain you inflicted on a small local radio operator to benefit a big corporate giant, i.e., KNBR is a wonderment. KNBR must have a huge Montana audience. They'll likely just take over KKGR, sign it off so as to not have to deal with this intrusion into their vast coverage area again, and 3) there are plenty of other stations the FCC cares little about both big and small running out of parameters. Besides KKGR is a decent oldies station. What does KNBR provide that any other big AM station in a big market news and talk-wise doesn't? There certainly are many to tune in, trust me. Oh well, I've said my piece. Have a great new DX year and enjoy the holidays. 73s.

#### DX WORLDWIDE - II

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#### EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

**CHAD:** The country of Chad is situated in the heart of the African continent. The total land mass of Chad is about one and a quarter million square kilometers. Most of the northern areas of Chad are desert.

The history of Chad goes back a long way and it was an important segment of several large African empires on several earlier occasions. In the 1800s, European explorers and traders moved through the area and the French gained access to the territory with a formal treaty that was signed in 1897. Chad finally gained independence from France on Aug 11, 1960.

Chad has a population of nearly eight million inhabitants with roughly six persons per square kilometer. The languages spoken in Chad include French & Arabic as well as a host of vernacular languages. The capital city is N'djamena (n-JAH-men-a) and it is also the largest city in the nation with a population of half a million.

The national radio of Chad is "Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne", RNT, with its headquarters in N'djamena and it was established in November 1955. RNT is government owned and it is the only body permitted to broadcast in Chad on the shortwave and mediumwave bands. Radiodiffusion Nationale broadcasts to the entire country of Chad on the shortwave frequency of 6165 via its 100 kW transmitter located in Gredia, a suburb of the capital city N'djamena. RNT is also active in N'djamena on the FM frequency of 94.05.

RNT has also established four regional stations which broadcast occasionally on mediumwave but are now more active on the FM band. These stations produce local programs in various languages for their audiences living in the various regions. However, the regional stations also carry the major programs from RNT N'djamena on relay, such as the national news and other major features.

In 1999, the government of Chad liberalized broadcasting on the FM band thereby making it possible for groups and individuals to establish FM stations in Chad. Today, besides the government owned RNT FM station, three local non-government controlled FM stations can be heard in N'djamena.

Also heard in N'djamena are the local downlink relays on FM from several other countries. These FM relay stations include Cameroon Radio Television (CRTV), Africa No.1 from Gabon, RFI Afrique from France, and the BBC African Service. There are half a dozen other privately owned FM stations in Chad, mostly in the south of the country.

Radio BCing is crucial for the dissemination of information in Chad. It is the main source for news and entertainment right throughout the country for most people due to the fact that the national television station in Chad, "Teletchad", is available only in the capital city area.

As a finale to this report from Livinus Terty in Chad, we might mention that it seems to be very difficult to obtain a QSL from the SW station in their capital city. The AWR collection in Indianapolis contains not even one QSL from Chad (AWR Wavescan Aug 10 via DXLD)

**FINLAND:** The YLE transmitter on 558 airs 3-minute local inserts! This means programming which is broadcast only on this specific AM frequency (even though the content of programming isn't local in its nature). A local insert begins with the official interval signal of YLE then followed by some announcements that vary from day to day. These can be heard on weekdays from 0627-0630 (8.27-8.30 local time) and on weekends 0557-0600 (7.57-8.00 local time). I haven't seen any news about these inserts on any DX media and thus I was somewhat surprised when I heard these in my car radio a few days ago. Later on a look at YLE web page confirmed that the inserts are indeed marked in their schedule. Best regards & good DX (Vesa-Jussi Rinkinen 27.1.2003, via Arctic)

A new mediumwave station is planned to go on the air in Finland in spring 2004. Swedish salesman and radio enthusiast Roy Sandgren has received a permission to launch a radio station in the Åland Islands, an autonomous region in Southwestern Finland. The station doesn't have a name yet, Sandgren says to DXing.info, but it will be on the air "in spring, I hope," using the frequency of 603 kHz and a power of 2.5 kW. Unlike first told, the station would be stationed on land and not offshore. (dxing.info Dec 23)

**FRANCE:** 1080 TDF Meudon is now testing this frequency for transmissions in the Paris area. Using the same tape as earlier for 1062 kHz. Heard in Växjö with excellent signal 2003-12-09 at 0545 UTC. Power estimated to 5 kW as signal strength is approx same as 585 kHz. (Info via Thierry Vignaud, Paris via BE/Arctic 18 Dec 03)

**GERMANY:** Jülich 702 and Nordkirchen 855 were put on tender. These frequencies were once allocated to VIVA Radio, a joint venture of the VIVA TV company with Radio NRW, the content supplier of the local stations in Nordrhein-Westfalen. This project never materialized, obviously the license was quietly returned by both companies in the meantime (I think a withdrawal would have come to our attention). The transmitters (both 5 kW) exists, 855 was already heard with a test tone while 702 was noted testing with nonstop music and

Megaradio audio. The DRM test project "531 digital" concluded on Dec 31; the transmitter at Burg was switched off. The 531 channel will be put on tender. A project office responsible to promote digital broadcasting states that Europe 1 intends to start DRM transmissions (of a German program, not the French one aired via 183) on Burg 261 later this year. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 1, DXLD)

**IRAQ:** A new station noted in Baghdad on 657 kHz with ID "This is Baghdad FM Radio" with music, news and reviews. Unofficial sources say it's another station under the umbrella of (IMN) Iraq Media Network. At the beginning of the transmission they announce the frequency of FM 98.3 MHz and never mention the MW frequency of 657 KHz. Playing a lot of the latest Arabic hits, like Sawa format but no pop/rock English hits. News on top of the hour with some talk shows about the current situation in Iraq with the Americans around. (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, via mwc)

**IRELAND:** The launch of regular broadcasts on 252 kHz longwave by Irish public broadcaster RTÉ has been put back another three months. Originally planned for 1 Oct 2003, RTÉ then announced a new target date of 1 Jan 2004. Now the RTÉ Web site says "At present test transmissions are being carried out with a planned launch date scheduled for the end of the first quarter of 2004. This channel will carry the same programming as the RTÉ Radio 1 medium wave service." # posted by Andy @ 13:46 UT Nov 27 (Media Network)

**LATVIA:** Radio Gold 945AM in Riga will start 24h transmissions on 945kHz in the very next time. The station bought a 2.7kW BLYTH transmitter which is recently being installed at the transmitting center in Ulbroka. (Bernd Trutenau, mwdx)

**LUXEMBURG:** One of the highest power transmitters in Europe seems to have DRM capability now. Noted for first time on 1440kHz at 2330 11/12/03. (Steve Whitt)

**MONACO:** 1467 Superloustic: Early 2003, was announced like a test transmission 0630-1830 CET from 20th January for 4 months. (Thierry Vignaud via Bengt Ericson, Arctic) (which is why this transmission is no longer heard. (BE))

**RUSSIA:** Starting from Dec 28 our Radio Rossii - the main state broadcasting network in our country - has resumed its old program format for various time zones here in Russia on all bands including some SW frequencies:

"Dubl' 1" for the Russian Far East: 1800-1400 UTC

"Dubl' 2" for Eastern Siberia: 2000-1600 UTC

"Dubl' 3" for Western Siberia: 2200-1800 UTC

"Dubl' 4" for our region between Volga and the Urals: 0000-2000 UTC

and one relay for our European part at 0200-2200 UTC as earlier.

Don't forget that Radio Gardarika will have its latest SW transmission in 2003 this night at 1900-2200 UTC on 6245 kHz (St.Petersburg-Popovka, 200 kW, 268 degrees for Northwest Europe). (Mikhail Timofeyev, St.Petersburg, Russia HCDX)

**UNITED KINGDOM:** The former Laser 558 ship, MV Communicator, is returning from the Netherlands to the United Kingdom. The ship is due to arrive in Lowestoft on December 20, 2003, according to a press release of the owner, the Super Station. The Super Station says the ship is to play a crucial part in its plans to create a new radio station in 2004. Once repairs to the ship are complete, the company aims to launch a live 24-hour station, broadcasting a mixture of AC and soft rock.

The MV Communicator has played an important role in offshore radio history. Between 1984 and 1987 Laser 558 and Laser Hot Hits broadcast to the UK and Europe. Since 1987 the ship has changed hands many times. The Super Station acquired the ship in 2002 from Clear Channel. The station can be contacted by writing to the Super Station, Suite 449, 305 Madison Avenue, New York NY 10165, U.S.A. or by email. (DXing.info, December 19, 2003)

## ASIA AND PACIFIC

**AUSTRALIA:** this outlet has been running continuous orchestral music with no announcements for at least the last 24 hours (14 Dec). this morning 2300z Radio 2 Brisbane 1620 is back to open carrier but for some time I have been hearing a little audio underneath and finally made the effort to identify it. I had assumed that it was another semi-local co-channel, since with the beverage's ground wave reception is pretty good (2NTC 1611 is a lovely clear signal during the daytime, while at night fading & co-channel QRM mess it up).

but the audio turns out to be 4RPH 1296. this is not an rx spur, noted on r8/spr4/ic746; possibly a tx cross-mod spur but the audio is nice & clean whereas tx spurs tend to be muddied. audio level on 1620 is miles below carrier, I am guessing well below 5% am modulation. you really need to go into SSB & swing the passband well off the carrier to recover useful audio. My guess is that 4RPH and Radio 2 share tx site & likely even the same mast. the audio would then likely be simply crosstalk into the Radio 2 tx modulator (15 Dec). Radio 2 Brisbane 1620 carrier is now gone altogether, based upon monitoring all this morning. Leaves Radio 2 Toowoomba 1620 in the clear on the 750m 6m 100degT & with just a trace of SAH on the 150m 3m 50degT (presume Radio 2 Sunshine Coast?) (Sam Dellit, MWOZ)

**CHINA:** Harris Corporation has successfully conducted China's first over-the-air demonstration on the Medium Wave broadcast band. The demonstration, conducted in late August at the SARFT transmitter site outside of Beijing, confirmed that Harris DX® Medium Wave radio transmitter systems can be converted quickly, easily and cost-effectively to deliver high-quality, over-the-air DRM performance. According to Don Spragg, director of high-power radio and programs for Harris Corporation's Broadcast Communications Division, a Harris DX200, 200kW transmitter was prepared for DRM transmission in less than an hour for an extended over-the-air DRM broadcast. "The testing purpose was two fold: to assist SARFT with the first MW DRM demonstration in China; and to prove that Harris' DX line of 10kW through 2000kW transmitters operating in the field are indeed DRM ready." (Press Release on Harris website, via Bernd Trutenau, mwdx)

**NEW ZEALAND:** The installation of a new transmitter at Palmerston 's Radio Puketapu 954 AM means listeners from Oamaru to Mosgiel can tune in according to technical controller Lawrence McCraw. The transmitter was operating on 400W and the station hoped to increase its power to 1000W before Christmas, to overcome interference from the Southern Star Network station in Christchurch. (Steven Geenyer, NZDXRL)

Counties Manukau Radio 936 and FM 95.8 left the air Oct 10. (Gordon Mathieson, NZDXRL)

Five AM frequencies are up for tender in the 18 November radio spectrum auction. The successful tenderer will have use of the frequency for a 7 year period ending in April 2011. The frequencies are: 612 Kairanga (Palmerston North), 954 Palmerston (Otago), 1170 Invercargill, 1206 Dannevirke, 1359 New Plymouth (Bryan Clark, NZDXRL) AM/FM/TV List Updated URL for 2003: <http://spectrumonline.med.govt.nz/other-reports.html> (Todd Emslie, mwc)

**SRI LANKA:** The Sri Lanka International Radio using Trans World Radio transmitter is now heard in B-2003 period on 882 kHz (ex 873) between 0135-1120 UT in Tamil. Earlier Trans World Radio use to operate on 882 kHz and the same transmitter was used at other times on 873. (Jose Jacob, India, Nov 14, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

**TAJIKISTAN:** 801 Frequency change of Deutsche Welle via Dushanbe transmitter: 1900-1915 Dari, 1915-1930 Pashtu 801 kHz, 1000 kW, ND ex 972 kHz (valid 01.12.2003). (Herman Boel-BEL, A-DX Dec 2)

**VANUATU:** I cannot name where I got this from except Santa overflying Vila.. 7260 is on 4kw of juice and the MW freqs are on 400watts (John Wright, MWOZ)

## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

**ARGENTINA:** 1620 Radio Italia, Villa Martelli, Vicente Lopez district, Buenos Aires province, 0120-0207, Jan 01. Spanish. Tests transmission. Italian songs: romantic songs, canzonetas, etc. At 0205 UTC ID by male as: "Radio Italia AM1620.....les deseamos un feliz año nuevo...y, por nosotros, los inmigrantes, le agradecemos a esta patria de adopcion ..... este es el deseo de Radio Italia, AM1620. Muchas, pero muchas felicidades les desea Radio Italia, con nuestra via de comunicacion 4709-1172". At 0207 S/off. Villa Martelli is a locality located in the north Buenos Aires suburb. I live to three or four kilometers to transmitter site. Today, Jan 01, heard 1200 & 1820 with ID's and tangos by Julio Sosa (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, HCDX)

1610 R.Antarida a new "no official" station relaying R.Excelsior 730kHz

1640 R.Bolivia, BA – reported inactive since April (Arctic)

## COLOMBIA (all via Arctic)

1040 HJSY La Caucana 10-40, Popayán, ex La Básica 10-40 (Björn Malm, ARC, Quito)  
1260 HJNO Bésame AM, Duitama, ex R Recuerdos (Héctor Arboleda)  
1270 HJTX Bésame AM, Bucaramanga (Héctor Arboleda)  
1559.97 HJXZ Santa María de la Paz, Medellín, probably ex Em El Poblado heard in November. Seems to be a new owner. Said they have been on the air for 3 months. Asking for financial support. You can listen to the station at SWB: <http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/>

1560 HJLP RCN Antena 2, Tuluá heard relaying R Calidad's FM tx (Björn Malm, last 2)

**HONDURAS:** 910 HRNM R Comunidad, Ocotepeque, schedule: 1100-0300 (Catholic Radio Update via Arctic)

**PANAMÁ:** Partner Radio Ministry HOXO in Panamá dedicates new studios: The dedication of a new studio complex at Radio Station HOXO, HCJB World Radio's partner ministry in Panama City, Panamá, Saturday, Nov. 8, demonstrated how God can revitalize a ministry that most had left for dead 11 years earlier. The once-dilapidated station, on the verge of shutting down in 1992 due to runaway debts and equipment failures, again has a vibrant ministry in this strategic country. Today HOXO is a healthy outreach, on the air 24 hours daily, reaching across Panamá, the "crossroads of the world," with programs in Spanish, English and Cantonese... <http://www.hcjb.org/displayarticle1150.html> (Newsdesk, Friday, November 21, 2003, HCJB press via DXLD) This long article, replete with Bible references, never gets around to mentioning the slogan nor the frequency!! I was thinking it's 760, and WRTH 2003 shows La Voz del Istmo, HOX, not HOXO, both under Panamá and in the Central American MW frequency list, I think that must be it. (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

## Hard-Core-DX releases the HCDX Online Log 1.0

Hard-Core-DX is very pleased to announce the first production release of the HCDX Online Log. The HCDX Online Log is a web based application to manage DXers logs online & real-time.

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The HCDX Online Log is an open system and anybody can have access to it. You will be able to register your account and within few minutes you will be able start entering your logs and see what others have been submitted.

The URL to access the HCDX Online Log is:

<http://log.hard-core-dx.com/>

The development of the HCDX Online Log will continue, and new beta versions will be released regularly in <http://log-beta.hard-core-dx.com/>.

This is the first official release of the HCDX Online Log and we're now starting the era of the real-time online log management. As such, there's a lot of improvements and changes coming up to make it serve you even better. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please feel free to email to [online-log@hard-core-dx.com](mailto:online-log@hard-core-dx.com). We'd love to get your email!

Looking forward to seeing your logs soon!

73! Risto Kotalampi - HCDX Staff

**SportingNews**  
Radio 1490 KDRS

## Sports on Radio – compiled by Art Blair

Here are a few corrections to the Sports Network lists from Eric Bueneman (thanks Eric):

- 1) On the Georgia Tech list, remove WALG 1590 Albany, GA. They have not been carrying GT sports since Cumulus Media acquired the station, and flipped it to satellite-fed talk.
- 2) On the Indiana University list, WYNG 94.9 is licensed to Mount Carmel, IL. The signal reaches both Evansville and Vincennes. I wonder if they moved from 105.3 in Evansville. The last known calls assigned to 94.9 in Mount Carmel were WTRI-FM.
- 3) On the Northwest Missouri State University list, KNIM 97.1 Maryville, MO is the flagship station. The university's campus is located in Maryville.
- 4) On the Penn State lists, the two stations in State College should be listed as co-flagship stations.

Some additions to the college lists:

- 1) The St. Louis University Billikens basketball games are on KMOX 1120 St. Louis.
- 2) Lindenwood University airs their basketball games on KCLC 89.1 St. Charles, MO.
- 3) Bradley University carries their basketball games on WMBD 1470 Peoria, IL.
- 4) Southern Illinois University Carbondale carries their basketball games on WCIL-FM 101.5 Carbondale, IL.

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