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### EiC Notes

New members this week – **Joe F. Lowe** of San Marcos, CA (S/HDXM) and **Harry Schools** of Philadelphia, PA (HDXM). Welcome!!

IRCA's 40 Anniversary issue in 2 weeks!!

Don't forget, the **IRCA dues increase** is now in effect. Any renewals postmarked after March 1 will be prorated at the new dues rate.

The fourth edition of **A DXer's Technical Guide** will soon be available from the IRCA Bookstore. In its nearly 200 pages you will learn about the principles underlying the design of successful receivers, antennas and receiving accessories, find reviews of the best commercially available DXing equipment in different price ranges, as well as detailed instructions for building one's own antennas and other DXing aids. Although it focuses on the technical backdrop to medium wave DXing, it is also be of interest to serious shortwave listeners and low band radio amateurs.

IRCA members can reserve their copy (hot off the press)... by sending \$15.00 US to the IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334. The non-IRCA member price will be \$17.50.

### DX Tests *Lynn Hollerman*

<b>Daily thru March</b>	0255-0305	1220	WRIB	Providence RI	(Healy)
<b>3/14/04 Sun</b>	0000-0100	1500	WTOP	Washington DC	(IRCA)
<b>t 3/14/04 Sun</b>	0000-0100	970	WNNR	Jacksonville FL	(Gitschier)
<b>t 3/14/04 Sun</b>	0000-0100	1570	WVOJ	Fernandina Beach FL	(Gitschier)
<b>3/14/04 Sun</b>	0200-0300	1240	KEVA	Evanston WY	(IRCA)
<b>3/29/04 Mon</b>	0000-0100	1550	WXHL	Elkton MD	(IRCA)

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:

Craig Healy, NG1U  
WRIB  
200 Water St.  
East Providence, RI 02914

OR

**WWW:** <http://www.wrpb.com>

(Arranged by **Craig Healy**, NG1U and AM-DX.COM.)

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Sunday, March 14, 2004 - WTOP-1500, Washington, DC will conduct a DX test from midnight - 1am EST. The test will consist of WTOP's regular all-news format; the station identifies frequently. The test will be run at WTOP's full power of 50000 watts, and will switch to a daytime-directional antenna pattern for the duration of the test.

Reception reports may be sent to:

WTOP Radio  
3400 Idaho Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

**WWW:** <http://www.wtopnews.com/>

(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

A tentative test of WNNR 970 Jacksonville, FL will start at midnight, Sunday, March 14th 2004 Eastern Time. Test duration: At least one hour. I am trying to talk the GM into two hours. He may do it, but couldn't nail him down. The test will be simulcast on WVOJ 1570 Fernandina Beach, FL.

The programming will be strictly test material, no normal programming to be heard. Morse Code and Tones will head the bill of fare. Jingles. Maybe some surprise messages or PSAs if I can get them solicited/submitted.

I don't know if I can do the test live. This may be a loop instead. I'd like to do it live to air call-ins... but I only have the keys to Fernandina and not the Jacksonville studios. I want to do the simulcast so that we have the 1kw 970 signal in there for those who desire an other-than-armchair signal to fish out. WVOJ 1570 will be 10kw starting midnight, non-directional. The tower is in a salt-marsh and it rips the ionosphere pretty well (I'm told).

Call in line is 1-877-900-WNNR. Email is [wgsr1570@nrcdxas.org](mailto:wgsr1570@nrcdxas.org). Address is: Ron Gitschier, The Winner 970 / 1570 AM, 8384 Baymeadows Road Suite 1, Jacksonville, FL, 32256. Attn Reception Reports.

I will entertain all requests for reception verification. Submit requests with a recording in whatever format the listener chooses (I accept mp3, MD, Cass, CD, reel). QSL requests please enclose return postage. With prior arrangement, I am willing to accept mp3s via email if the listener doesn't have the ability to transfer audio to media outside their PCs.

All reports are encouraged and will be acknowledged. Ron Gitschier

Monday, March 29, 2004 - WXHL-1550, Elkton, MD will conduct a DX test from 12:01 - 1am EST. The test will consist of numerous voice IDs, code IDs, and forgotten/rare 70's and 80's Top 40 music and a few test tones. Currently, the engineer is uncertain of just what power the test will be run at; the station is normally 1000/1 w U3.

The station prefers that reception reports be e-mailed; send them to:

**d\_oetting@hotmail.com**

The engineer (**Dan Oetting**) says he will respond to reception reports via e-mail but not via snail mail. However, in your e-mail, please CC: **Les Rayburn** at [les@highnoonfilm.com](mailto:les@highnoonfilm.com). **Les** will respond to snail-mail reception reports with a special QSL card, printed just for the test. You can send your reports to Les at:

**Les Rayburn**  
High Noon Film  
100 Centerview Drive  
Suite 111  
Birmingham, AL 35216

Also, if you include your postal mailing address with your e-mail to **Les**, he will send you a card as well. PLEASE don't forget to include return postage!!

Sunday, March 14, 2004 - KEVA-1240, Evanston, WY will conduct a DX test from 12:00 - 1am MST. The test will consist of numerous Morse code IDs (many thanks to Doug Smith (W9WI) for creating the CDI!). More details will follow.

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

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## WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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- 550 KFYI AZ, Phoenix 2/22 weak at 2120 with mention of Arizona Republic newspaper and KFYI ID's. (DN-UT)
- 560 KLZ CO, Denver 2/18 2003 sports, news, ID as "Colorado's 560 ESPN." KMON off with only an open carrier. (NP-AB)  
KMON MT, Great Falls 2/18 2000 noted with only an open carrier. Regular programming resumed at 2024. (NP-AB)  
+2/22 at 2120 with C&W music. (DN-UT)
- KPQ WA, Wenatchee 2/18 2005 weather for north central Washington, ID in passing. KMON off with only an open carrier. (NP-AB)
- 580 CKY MB, Winnipeg 2/20 1830 song from the 70's then ID as "Winnipeg's clear choice, the 80's, 90's and now, 102 Clear FM." (NP-AB)
- 590 KQNT WA, Spokane 2/21 0130 local ads then into Coast to Coast radio talk show. 2/22 with good sigs, auto dealer ad for Spokane at 2124. (DN-UT)
- 600 KROD TX, El Paso 2/20 0705 with the intro to "The Big 600 Morning Show" and uses slogan "Texas Best Talk." (KR-AZ)
- 630 KPTT NV, Reno 2/13 0705 with news of Nevada Wolfpack and Mizzou Tigers basketball then into ESPN Radio. Heavy splash from local KTAR. Rare. (KR-AZ)
- 690 KTSM TX, El Paso 2/20 0711 with a call-in talk show about political stuff and then ID. (KR-AZ)
- 800 KINY AK, Juneau 2/23 a total surprise here for about 3 minutes at 0145 with weather for Juneau mentioning that it would be 43 degrees tomorrow in Juneau. Additional weather for surrounding area with highs in the 40's and rain likely. Signal soon buried in an unintelligible mess. New for me! (DN-UT)
- 820 WBAP TX, Fort Worth 2/17 0200 in fair with WBAP ID. (CM-CA)
- 840 KXNT NV, Las Vegas 2/17 0305 in poor with ID "KXNT Las Vegas." (CM-CA)
- 850 KOA CO, Denver 2/18 2335 talk show and ID with surprisingly weak signal for this powerhouse. Some 860 KPAM splatter. (GH-OR)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 2/17 0300 in fair with "WWL New Orleans." (CM-CA)
- 920 KSHO OR, Lebanon 2/16 0102 ID, ad for newcomers to Lebanon, NOS music. (NP-BC)

- 920 KVEL UT, Vernal 2/22 on top with many ads and PSA in KWDZ-910 splash, never heard during the day in Sandy and it's not that far away. (DN-UT)
- 950 KAHN CA, Auburn 2/22 2030 with many ads and K-A-H-I ID. (DN-UT)
- 970 KFTA ID, Rupert 2/22 2145 in Spanish with many ads and mentions of Idaho. (DN-UT)
- 980 KUPI ID, Rexburg 2/22 2150 with C&W music then ads for Rexburg and Idaho Falls. (DN-UT)
- KSVC UT, Richfield 2/22 2156 with local weather and ID. Rarely heard daytime in Sandy. (DN-UT)
- 1020 KINF NM, Roswell 2/22 2020 with strong signal at SSS. (DN-UT)
- KYXE WA, Selah 2/22 over & under KINF at 2030. (DN-UT)
- 1030 KTWO WY, Casper 2/19 reasonable signal all afternoon 1400-1600 on overcast day. A good distance for mid-day reception. (DN-UT)
- 1040 KLVP OR, Tigard 2/17 0320 poor with K-Love slogan. (CM-CA)  
+2/23 very good signal at 1957 with many ID's and religious program. (DN-UT)
- 1050 KORE OR, Eugene-Springfield 2/18 0000 faint ID and ad for station web site. Way out in the static. Very weak but all by itself. New! (GH-OR)
- 1060 CKMX AB, Calgary 2/17 0755 fair with "CKMX Calgary" ID. (CM-CA)
- 1080 KSCO CA, Santa Cruz 2/22 2035 surprise dominating with news on half hour and ID, this comes in stronger in Utah than in the Bay Area! (DN-UT)
- 1090 KMXA CO, Aurora 2/22 2200 looped Spanish music and heard PSA for Colorado National Guard, KBOZ way down in the mess. (DN-UT)
- 1100 KNZZ CO, Grand Junction not a surprise, but just noted with good sigs with Osgood File, then the Lars Larson show. (DN-UT)
- 1110 KLIB CA, Roseville 2/22 way on top with music then at 2045 lost completely due to suspect power cut in the middle of a song. (DN-UT)
- 1130 CKWX BC, Vancouver 2/2210 not really DX, but the first noted Canadian here in Utah with good signal, with road work conditions and IDs. (DN-UT)
- 1140 KHTK CA, Sacramento 2/22 2046 mixing with several unID's. Good signal here in Utah, with auto dealer ads and ID's. (DN-UT)
- KGEM ID, Boise 2/16 0106 "Radio just doesn't get any better, K-Gem 1140." (NP-BC)
- KSFN NV, North Las Vegas 2/24 mixing with KGEM under a looped KHTK with talk and ID at 0000. (DN-UT)
- 1170 KCBQ CA, San Diego 2/9 0954 host talking about the construction of a Lowe's store at the former KCBQ transmitter site at Mission Gorge Rd. (MS-CA)
- 1210 KQTL AZ, Sahuarita 2/21 0800 with top of hour ID, first from Radio Formula station in Mexico which sounded like XED1 or XET1 and then ID for KQTL but not in English but Spanish. Had Call and CoL right, just wrong language. No loner running Radio Unica. (KR-AZ)
- KPRZ CA, San Marcos-Poway 2/21 0737 running an infomercial for "Photoreading." (KR-AZ)
- KGYN OK, Guymon 2/21 0735 with weather and into "ALL My Exes Live in Texas" by George Strait. (KR-AZ)
- 1220 WHK OH, Cleveland 2/15 0105 after ABC news, heard "1220 WHK" ID. (NP-AB)  
+2/24 0501:30 topping CHSC with ID "12-20 WHK and 14-40 WHKW" at 0459 and then promo for WHK Program Guide giving a toll free number to call. (PM-OR)
- CHSC ON, St. Catharines 2/23 0600 received with old rock "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," "Just the Two of Us," Hometown Radio slogans and "12-20 CHSC" ID. (PM-OR)
- 1240 KELK NV, Elko 2/12 0200 ID "Northeast Nevada's news leader ... KELK" through a jumble of stations. (NP-AB)
- 1260 KZNI ID, Idaho Falls 2/21 fair with late afternoon reception. News at the half hour then into talk at 1735. (DN-UT)
- 1270 KJUG CA, Tulare 2/3 0620 ID/slogan "Classic country AM 1270" followed by song "Here's a Quarter, Call Someone Who Cares." (MS-CA)
- KBZZ NV, Sparks 2/21 0100 John & Jeff show with unID oldies station drifting around underneath. No KTFI whatsoever, off? (GH-OR)

1290 KPAY CA, Chico 2/21 0000 "Your clear channel information station" ID into ABC news. Fair signal in the static, all by itself. (GH-OR)

1310 KLIX ID, Twin Falls on top 2/22 2250 with "We are Newsradio 13-10 KLIX," then into talk show. (DN-UT)

1340 KCQL NM, Aztec 2/22 0650 ad stop set with lots of ads for Farmington businesses and then into Fox Sports Radio. (KR-AZ)

KBBR OR, North Bend 2/19 0030 bits & pieces of talk show and faint ID way out in the jumble. Weak and choppy, totally gone by 0035. New. (GH-OR)

1360 KPXQ AZ, Glendale 2/20 1759 promo for program "New Mercies, here on today's Christian talk, 1360 KPXQ." (NP-AB)

KRKK WY, Rock Springs 2/21 reasonable afternoon reception at 1700 with contest and oldies. (DN-UT)

1410 KWYO WY, Sheridan noted 2/22 at 2100 with "KWYO Sheridan, your ABC News Station," then into ABC news. (DN-UT)

1430 KWST CA, Brawley 2/22 0700 playing C&W and into top of hour ID and slogan "K-West" and ABC news. (KR-AZ)

KBRC WA, Mount Vernon 2/19 2340 "Golden oldies 1430 K-B-R-C" ID. Blending half & half with unID religious talk program. Not heard since 2001. Weak. (GH-OR)

1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 2/17 0400 poor with KSTP ID, Coast to Coast AM program. (CM-CA)

1510 KGA WA, Spokane 2/17 0030 Midnight Cowboy Trucking Radio Network call-in talk show and ad for J.B.Hunt Transport Co. Good signal on E-W wire. (GH-OR)

1560 KNZR CA, Bakersfield 2/21 1000 very clear with AP news and ID. At 8am local time I thought it was a local station. (DN-UT)

1570 WBGX IL, Harvey 2/26 heard the best ever with the DJ at 0659. "Another full hour of Gospel music on 15-70 WBGX, The Gospel Giant," topping CKMW. (PM-OR)

1580 KMIK AZ, Tempe 2/17 0415 fair with Radio Disney. (CM-CA)

KBLA CA, Santa Monica 2/20 in future, around March, KBLA is to begin new liberal format of talk programs. No more Unica, so now multicultural Radio Br. Owns 1580. (GL-CA)

1590 KLIV CA, San Jose 2/19 2240 dominant over XEHC with ID and weather/stormwatch. (MS-CA)

KUNX CA, Ventura 2/15 0300 huge with ID "KKZZ Santa Paula, KUNX Ventura," slogan is The Lounge. CNN Headline news, coffee ad, NOS tune "Just One of Those Things." Ex-KXSP, KAHS, KOGO, KBBQ, KUDU. (MS-CA)

1600 KUBA CA, Yuba City 2/17 0500 poor with "KUBA Yuba City" ID. (CM-CA)

1620 KSMH CA, Auburn 2/21 with religious program at 0005. (DN-UT)

?KBLI? ID, Blackfoot 2/21 presumed to be the Spanish station mixing with KSMH. On top about 50% of the time. (DN-UT)

1630 ?WRDW? GA, Augusta 2/21 partial ID at 0102 then into news. Immediately lost in the mess but a total surprise. Mixing with KKWY and at least one other station. (DN-UT)

KKWY WY, Fox Farm 2/21 0055 with C&W music and ID, very poor and mixing with multiple other stations. (DN-UT)

1640 KBJA UT, Sandy 2/20 2350 with Spanish programming. Even living in Sandy this station mixes at night with several other unID's and has a very poor signal. (DN-UT)

1650 KCJD CO, Denver 2/21 0010 with many, many ads then into talk show. (DN-UT)

1660 KTIQ CA, Merced weak 2/21 0155 with sports talk, mixing equal with KXOL. (DN-UT)

KXOL UT, Brigham City 2/21 0015 with rock oldies and ID. Very weak for a local station, in fact barely readable, daytime reception isn't much better either. (DN-UT)

1670 KHPY CA, Moreno Valley 2/20 2355 mixing but mostly under KNRO with Spanish music. (DN-UT)

KNRO CA, Redding 2/20 2353 on top with ESPN and sports talk. (DN-UT)

1680 KAVT CA, Fresno 2/20 2358 with local ads and children's program, probably Disney. (DN-UT)

1690 KFSG CA, Roseville 2/21 0000 with Spanish program and ID at the hour. (DN-UT)

KDDZ CO, Arvada 2/21 easily above KFSG at 0050 with Disney. (DN-UT)

1700 KBGG IA, Des Moines 2/24 noted with an armchair signal at 0007 with ID "KBGG, radio home of the Des Moines Buccaneers," after the news. (DN-UT)

KTBK TX, Sherman 2/21 weak at 0020 with ID and sports talk. (DN-UT)

#### UNID

870 2/17 2100 Christian talk program. Does anyone know who this is? (CM-CA)

Welcome back to WDXR, Doug. We hope to hear from you often. Nancy 2/27 2100

### CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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#### DOWN THE DIAL

530 CIAO ON, Brampton. Tentative. 2-22 poor. 03:01 with "You're listening to Foxy 88-5. There's no other like it." Show Tunes format. [JJR-WI]

580 CFRA ON, Ottawa. 2-21. 07:00 "Talk Radio CFRA" ID, news, weather. [SP-WI]

610 WVBE VA, Roanoke. 2-29 poor. 06:04 with dual AM/FM ID into a Sunday religious show. "Vibe 100" slogan. New. [JJR-WI]

620 CKRM SK, Regina. 2-26 good with others. 00:39 noted with country music, local spots, and a promo. [EB-MO]  
+2-28 poor with local WTMJ nulled. 06:40 with promo, ID, country. [JJR-WI]

680 CFTR ON, Toronto. 2-28 fair to poor with others, light splash from KSTL-690. 04:03 with EST TCs, "6-80 News" slogan, Canadian news. [EB-MO]

730 CKAC PQ, Montreal. 2-22 poor, CKDM nulled. 02:46 with FF news, talk. [JJR-WI]

820 CHAM ON, Hamilton. 2-23. 22:34 with "8-20 Cham" "Ontario's best country." Local spots. [SP-WI]

850 WWJC MN, Duluth. 2-23. 22:59 with country gospel format, calls, SRN News. New for me. [SP-WI]

930 KOGA NE, Ogallala. 2-23, no WAUR. 06:17 with "KOGA" in satellite fed WW1 NOS format. Thanks to Neil Kazaroos for the tip. New! NE#23, 930#14, and my #2084. [JJR-WI]

WRVC WV, Huntington. 2-23 poor, no WAUR. 06:18 with "News, sports, talk, WRVC." [JJR-WI]

940 CJGX SK, Yorkton. 2-28 fair. 07:12 with "GX-94" slogan, weather. [JJR-WI]

970 WZAM MI, Ishpeming. 2-22 poor with two others. 07:00 with legal ID into AP News format. [JJR-WI]

980 WITY IL, Danville. 2-21 poor in WONE null. 02:37 with NOS, calls. [JJR-WI]

990 CKGM PQ, Montreal. 2-22 poor in CBW null. 06:44 with "From Montreal, The Team 9-90." ESPN format. [JJR-WI]

1090 WHGG TN, Kingsport. 2-22 poor with KAAY nulled. 06:37 with "Wow 10-90" slogan. [JJR-WI]



- 1150 WEAQ WI, Chippewa Falls. 2-5 good over others. 17:58 noted with local spots, "ESPN 11-50 WEAQ Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire" legal ID into ESPN Sports News. [EB-MO]
- 1160 WKCM KY, Hawesville. 2-28 poor. No sign of WYLL. 07:06 with ID, weather, country music format. [JJR-WI]
- 1310 WDOD TN, Chattanooga. 2-21 poor in WIBA null. 02:32 with NOS/MYL format, ID. [JJR-WI]
- 1320 WJAS PA, Pittsburgh. 2-22 poor, no WILS. 03:38 with NOS format. [JJR-WI]
- 1350 WPDR WI, Portage. 2-5 good to poor through KRNT. 18:08 noted with Wisconsin Radio Network News, local PSA. [EB-MO]
- 1370 KDTH IA, Dubuque. 2-21 poor in WSPD null. 03:06 with weather, calls, NOS format. [JJR-WI]
- WCOA FL, Pensacola. 2-12 fair with WDEF, light splash from KSLG-1380. 02:05 with local spots into "Coast To Coast AM" with George Noory. [EB-MO]
- 1390 WNIO OH, Youngstown. 2-22 poor in WGCI null. 03:30 with promo, calls, NOS format. [JJR-WI]
- 1450 KIRX MO, Kirksville. 2-12 fair to poor through jumble. 02:00 noted with "Oldies 14-50 KIRX Kirksville" legal ID. [EB-MO]
- 1600 KVRI WA, Blaine. 2-26 strong. 19:55 with foreign language talk, quick ID in EE "AM 16-hundred, this is KVRI Blaine." [NJ-MT]
- 1690 WSWK GA, Avondale Estates (Atlanta). 2-21. 22:15 tune in to 23:06 sign off. Country music, brief weather reports, no spots. Must have been their first day on the air. [TMJ-IL]

#### DX TESTS

- 1520 WQMA MS, Marks. 2-14 DX Test, good copy mixed with KRHW, KOMA, and an unID with SS. 23:59 tune in to 02:01 tune out. Heard code, chain saw noise, siren, and bugle. [TMJ-IL]

#### UNIDs

- 1590 unID 2-26 unID quite strong. 20:00:30 with ID during strange foreign language broadcast. Sounded like "AM K – P (or T) – F – H." Ideas? [NJ-MT]

#### 25 YEARS AGO

March 10, 1979 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Steve Ehrbar** of Nesconset, NY said he collects radio station jingles ... **James Uerlings** of Klamath Falls, OR said he was 28 and worked as a lawyer ... **Walt Breville** of St. Louis, MO logged DX tests from KQNK and WJTH ... **Gary Larson** of Burbank, CA told about his visit to KUXX and meeting owner Bates Hall and GM Dave Sweeney.

#### OPEN MIKE

The deadline for the CDXR column in the IRCA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue is this Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to send in your tips so you can be part of this historic issue. Don't forget to send in your reintroduction forum to EDXF or WDXF columns! This column was typed 2-29-04. Happy Birthday to everyone born on the 29<sup>th</sup>! That includes my brother Dennis! 73, John

### DX WORLDWIDE – WEST TROPICAL BAND DX

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#### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 550 MEXICO, XEKL Romantica 5-50 AM Jalapa, VER FEB 18 1234 - Noted several mornings with this slogan and IDs. 5kW. [TRH-TX]
- 580 MEXICO, XEMU La Rancherita Piedras Negras, COAH FEB 18 1158 - Local ads, "La Rancherita, la estacion del Pueblo." [TRH-TX]
- 590 UNID, FEB 15 1217 - "5-90, siempre con actitud." [TRH-TX]
- 620 MEXICO, XENK Radio 6-20 Mexico, DF FEB 18 1156 - XE anthem and ID. [TRH-TX]
- 630 MEXICO, XEFB F-B Romantica Monterrey, NL FEB 16 0358 - End of romantic music program "los bellos tiempos", ID. [TRH-TX]

- 630 MEXICO, XEFU Cosamaloapan, VER FEB 16 0400 - ID and XE anthem missing with XEFB. [TRH-TX]
- 640 MEXICO, XENQ N-Q La Superestacion Tulancingo, HDGO FEB 13 0713 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 660 MEXICO, XEEY 6-60 Consentida Aguascalientes, AGUA FEB 18 1236 - Very good with ID. [TRH-TX]
- 690 MEXICO, XEMA Fresnillo, ZAC FEB 18 1240 - Good with local ad string. [TRH-TX]
- 690 MEXICO, XEN La 69 Mexico, DF FEB 15 0550 - ID, mentioned Grupo Radiofonico affiliation. [TRH-TX]
- 710 MEXICO, XEMP La Mexicana Mexico, DF FEB 14 0933 - ID and mentions of IMER affiliation. [TRH-TX]
- 710 UNID, FEB 19 1334 - "La rancherita" [TRH-TX]
- 720 MEXICO, XEAVR Radio Formula Alvarado, VER FEB 18 0201 - Local ads and PSAs, ID. [TRH-TX]
- 730 MEXICO, XEX Estadio W Mexico, DF FEB 18 1243 - Very loud with full ID. [TRH-TX]
- 750 MEXICO, XETI Radio Fiesta Tempoal, VER FEB 18 0139 - Nice full ID mentioned 10kW and Radio Grupo del Golfo. Ad for El Sol de Tampico. [TRH-TX]
- 760 MEXICO, XEABC ABC Radio Mexico, DF FEB 18 1313 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 780 MEXICO, XEMTS Radio Formula Tampico, TAMA FEB 17 0540 - ID by man. Intermittent audio. [TRH-TX]
- 800 MEXICO, XEDD Montemorelos, NL FEB 16 0328 - Ads, time/temperature, and ID. Like most of the Mexican stations I listened to this week, this one ran frequent PSAs for various Mexican government agencies. [TRH-TX]
- 820 MEXICO, XEBM La Ranchera, La Mera Mera San Luis Potosi, SLP FEB 13 0451 - Station is here now, ex-920, and relaying XHBM-FM with new slogan. Getting out well, was logged every night I was in town. WBAP must be thrilled. [TRH-TX]
- 830 MEXICO, XEITE Radio Capital Mexico, DF FEB 17 1144 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 830 MEXICO, XELN La Super Llegadora Linares, NL FEB 13 1232 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 840 MEXICO, XEFG Radio Pachanga Celaya, GJTO FEB 17 0548 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 860 MEXICO, XEUN Radio UNAM Mexico, DF FEB 18 1246 - XE anthem, ID "Radio Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, XEUN" mentioned FM 96.7 and SW 9600. [TRH-TX]
- 880 MEXICO, XEYV La Invasora Huatusco, VER FEB 19 0500 - Noted several times with this slogan. 5kW. [TRH-TX]
- 890 MEXICO, XEAK Radio Consentida Acambaro, GJTO FEB 16 1212 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 890 MEXICO, XEBY La Consentida Tuxpan, VER FEB 15 1204 - Local ads. Easy to get this one mixed up with XEAK (XEAK is the more common catch here). [TRH-TX]
- 900 MEXICO, XEW Mexico, DF / XEWB Veracruz, VER FEB 19 1200 - Normally these two stations are noted running the same programming a fraction of a second apart. This morning I seemed to be getting separate programs from the two stations for a few minutes before the echo came back. This could stand some additional monitoring. [TRH-TX]
- 930 MEXICO, XEU La U de Veracruz Veracruz, VER FEB 16 1107 - Jingle "La U de Veracruz" and ID. [TRH-TX]
- 940 MEXICO, XEQ Besame 9-40 Mexico, DF FEB 18 0157 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 970 MEXICO, XEO Radio Gallito Matamoros, TAMA FEB 15 2351 - ID and jingle "Radio Gallito, su estacion." [TRH-TX]
- 970 MEXICO, XERFR Radio Formula Mexico, DF FEB 13 1229 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 970 UNID, FEB 14 0230 - Promo announcement (station is looking for new advertisers), then "Radio Ranchito, para servirle a Usted." [TRH-TX]
- 970 UNID, FEB 18 0301 - ID sounded like XEBC. Maybe XEVT-TAB? [TRH-TX]
- 990 MEXICO, XEID Radio Canon Alamo, VER FEB 17 1237 - ID mentioned 10kW. [TRH-TX]
- 990 MEXICO, XET Monterrey, NL FEB 13 0525 - Local news and ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1000 MEXICO, XEOY Mexico, DF FEB 15 0404 - ID mentioned 50kW. [TRH-TX]
- 1040 MEXICO, XEBBB Radio Mujer Guadalajara, JAL FEB 13 0528 - ID by woman. [TRH-TX]
- 1090 MEXICO, XEHR Radio ACIR Puebla, PUEB FEB 15 0658 - ID mentioned address on Plaza Cinco de Mayo in Puebla. Noted often on this trip. [TRH-TX]

- 1090 **MEXICO**, XEWL La Romantica 10-90 Nuevo Laredo, TAMA FEB 17 0040 - Time, temperature, and ID, mising with XEHR. [TRH-TX]
- 1100 **MEXICO**, XETGO Radio Alegria Tlatenango, ZAC FEB 15 0554 - Local ads and slogans, frequently used the phrase "el poder de la radio." [TRH-TX]
- 1110 **MEXICO**, XERED Radio Red Mexico, DF FEB 14 0206 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1120 **MEXICO**, XEPOP La Movidita(?) Puebla, PUEB FEB 14 0923 - ID, mentioned 5kW and Grupo ACIR Puebla affiliation. [TRH-TX]
- 1160 **MEXICO**, XEBE Perote, VER FEB 13 1303 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1160 **MEXICO**, XEVW Acambaro, GJTO FEB 18 1322 - PSAs and ad for local chamber of commerce. [TRH-TX]
- 1170 **MEXICO**, XECD Puebla, Puebla FEB 19 1155 - XE anthem and sign-on. [TRH-TX]
- 1170 **MEXICO**, XERT Radio Formula Reynosa, TAMA FEB 13 1235 - ID under KFAQ. Also uses slogan Radio Rama Tamaulipas. 5kW. [TRH-TX]
- 1170 **MEXICO**, XEUVA La Rancherita Aguascalientes, AGUA FEB 13 0758 - ID, mentioned 10kW. (TRH-TX)
- 1180 **MEXICO**, XEFR Radio Felicidad 11-80 Mexico, DF FEB 13 0532 - ID by man, mentioned Grupo ACIR affiliation. [TRH-TX]
- 1190 **MEXICO**, Monterrey, NL XECT 2/5 0127, noted with light vocal mx in SS "Morera" slogan. Fair signal. 100w at 1,075 miles! (EB-MO) (Great catch Eric. PM)
- 1190 **MEXICO**, XETOT Radio Rama Tampico Tampico, TAMA FEB 13 0459 - ID by man. [TRH-TX]
- 1200 **MEXICO**, Hermosillo, Son, XEYF 2/18 0756 running national Radio Fortula and some ads with mention of Hermosillo. Never did hear ID though. (KR-AZ)
- 1210 **MEXICO**, XEBCO Colima, COL FEB 13 0605 - ID by man and woman, mentioned IMER network. Nice to get a few western Mexican stations from here. [TRH-TX]
- 1210 **MEXICO**, XEPUE Mexicana 12-10 AM Puebla, PUEB FEB 15 1241 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1250 **MEXICO**, XESJ Saltillo, COAH FEB 15 0538 - Time check, ID, light music. Mentioned slogan "la estacion de las noticias" later in the week. [TRH-TX]
- 1250 **UNID**, FEB 16 0102 - "La inolvidable" [TRH-TX]
- 1260 **MEXICO**, XEL Mexico, DF FEB 14 0304 - ID "XEL AM, La 12-60." [TRH-TX]
- 1260 **MEXICO**, XERO Radio Recuerdo Aguascalientes, AGUA FEB 14 0251 - ID (ex-1490). [TRH-TX]
- 1260 **UNID**, FEB 15 2327 - "La \_\_\_\_\_ buena" [TRH-TX]
- 1270 **MEXICO**, XERPL La Poderosa Leon, GJTO FEB 15 0506 - "La Poderosa, R-P-L, Leon." [TRH-TX]
- 1270 **MEXICO**, XERRT Solar 12-70 Cd. Madero, TAMA FEB 17 0545 - Ad for El Sol de Tampico (which I believe is a newspaper), solar 12-70 solgans. [TRH-TX]
- 1270 **UNID**, FEB 14 0958 - Promo announcement for "La Rancherita." [TRH-TX]
- 1280 **MEXICO**, XEAW A-W 12-80 Monterrey, NL FEB 19 1159 - ID mentioned 10kW. [TRH-TX]
- 1280 **UNID**, FEB 15 1244 - "Radiofonico 12-80 AM." [TRH-TX]
- 1290 **MEXICO**, XEDA Radio Trece Mexico, DF FEB 14 0301 - "Radio Trece, XEDA, la nueva generacion de noticias." [TRH-TX]
- 1290 **MEXICO**, XEFAC La Mera Mera Salvatierra, GJTO FEB 16 1240 - Mixing with KIVY. Full ID including this new slogan which is also listed on their web page. [TRH-TX]
- 1300 **MEXICO**, XEHU Radio Tropical Martinez de la Torre, VER FEB 14 0244 - ID over UNID sports station (probably KSET). [TRH-TX]
- 1300 **MEXICO**, XEXV Radio Capital, La Estrella Grupera San Francisco del Rincon, GJTO FEB 15 1248 - Full ID including city of license. Simulcasts 88.9 FM. [TRH-TX]
- 1310 **MEXICO**, XEAS La Tamaultipeca Nuevo Laredo, TAMA FEB 16 1150 - Joint ID for XEAS and XHAS-FM. [TRH-TX]
- 1310 **MEXICO**, XETIA El Alma de Mexico Tonalá, JAL FEB 16 0519 - "El sonido del amor en el alma de Mexico." May be simulcasting an FM now. [TRH-TX]
- 1330 **MEXICO**, XEAJ Saltillo, COAH FEB 16 1228 - Local ads and temperature for Saltillo. Uses Imagen 90.5 slogan occasionally. [TRH-TX]
- 1330 **MEXICO**, XEWQ W-Q La Superestacion Monclova, COAH FEB 18 1310 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1330 **UNID**, FEB 16 0522 - "13-30 la diferencia" noted several times this week. [TRH-TX]
- 1340 **MEXICO**, XELU Radio Esmeralda Cd. Serdan, PUEB FEB 17 1201 - Sign on and full ID. This station runs 10kW, at least during the day, so it is a good DX target. [TRH-TX]
- 1340 **MEXICO**, XEMT Magia 13-40 Matamoros, TAMA FEB 13 0403 - Full ID mentioned 1kW power, "calle \_\_\_\_\_ Zaragoza, Matamoros. Radio Grupo Promored." I had at least 3 XEs on 1340, one of which had the "laser" sound effects as I had logged from Florida in 2002. Still trying to figure out which station is using the laser sounds. [TRH-TX]
- 1340 **UNID**, FEB 15 1400 - Garbled call ID, "Una estacion mas de Radio Grupo \_\_\_\_\_" [TRH-TX]
- 1340 **UNID**, FEB 16 0405 - ID under KRBA mentioned Grupo Radio Noreste (or noroeste?). May have mentioned Monterrey, NL, so possibly XENV. [TRH-TX]
- 1340 **UNID**, FEB 16 1339 - Announcer may have said "Aqui en Ciudad Victoria" so maybe XERP.V. XEMT faded up a bit later. [TRH-TX]
- 1350 **MEXICO**, San Luis Colorado, XELBL 2/23 0245 with SID "San Luis Colorado, Radio Centro" and into ballads, Primera para me! (KR-AZ)
- 1350 **MEXICO**, XETB Radio Laguna Gomez Palacio, DUR FEB 16 0518 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1350 **MEXICO**, XEZD La mas buena en la frontera Cd. Camargo, TAMA FEB 17 0333 - Call ID and this new slogan repeated several times. [TRH-TX]
- 1350 **UNID**, FEB 16 0250 - "La tremenda" [TRH-TX]
- 1370 **MEXICO**, XEMON Mariachi Estereo Monterrey, NL FEB 15 2340 - This is the only slogan I ever hear on this station anymore, except for the occasional Radio Rama mention. [TRH-TX]
- 1370 **MEXICO**, XEUAA Aguascalientes, AGUA FEB 15 0407 - ID by man. [TRH-TX]
- 1370 **UNID**, FEB 15 1301 - "Radio Zeta" [TRH-TX]
- 1380 **MEXICO**, XECO Romantica 13-80 Mexico, DF FEB 15 1159 - XE anthem and ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1390 **MEXICO**, XERW Radio Formula Leon, GJTO FEB 18 1059 - ID, running Radio Formula feed from XERFR-970. [TRH-TX]
- 1390 **MEXICO**, XEXO La Super Buena Cd. Mante, TAMA FEB 13 0702 - XE anthem, ID, "La Super Buena, Organizacion Radiofonica." [TRH-TX]
- 1410 **MEXICO**, XEBS La Mas Perrona Mexico, DF FEB 13 1306 - Time check and ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1410 **MEXICO**, XEKB Canal 14-10 Guadalajara, JAL FEB 19 0603 - ID, mentioned 25kW. [TRH-TX]
- 1420 **MEXICO**, XEEW Radio Formula Matamoros, TAMA FEB 14 0912 - ID mixing with XEH Monterrey. This station is audible middays from Galveston with "LV del Bajo Bravo" slogans. [TRH-TX]
- 1450 **MEXICO**, Los Mochis, XECU 2/20 0400, Booming in on top of 1450 with a very nice ID "equis-eh-ceh-uh, catorce cincuenta, Los Mochis, La Rancherita"> Freq. change. Logged in San Jose on 1470. (RW-CA)
- 1450 **MEXICO**, XEJM La Caliente Monterrey, NL FEB 15 1335 - ID mentioning simulcast of 94.1 FM and new slogan "la caliente". Lots of ads for Doriana's. [TRH-TX]
- 1470 **MEXICO**, XEAI Mexico, DF FEB 19 0359 - Call-in program and ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1470 **MEXICO**, XEHI La H-I Cd. Miguel Aleman, TAMA FEB 14 0414 - Time check and ID, frequent use of "H-I" slogans. [TRH-TX]
- 1490 **MEXICO**, XEMS La Superestacion de Matamoros Matamoros, TAMA FEB 18 0254 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1500 **MEXICO**, XEDF Radio Formula Mexico, DF FEB 13 1224 - ID. [TRH-TX]
- 1530 **MEXICO**, XEUR Frecuencia Positiva Mexico, DF FEB 18 0100 - ID into financial talk. (TRH-TX)
- 1550 **MEXICO**, XERUV Radio Universidad Jalapa, VER FEB 19 0534 - Fair-good with talk about the University. XENU usually on top of this channel. [TRH-TX]
- 1560 **MEXICO**, XECHZ Radio Lagarto Chiapa de Corzo, CHIA FEB 18 0412 - Several nice call letter IDs. Boneheaded local "daytimer" KILE finally started obeying the law and turned their transmitter off so I could log this nice catch. [TRH-TX]
- 1560 **MEXICO**, XEMAS Mas 15-60 Salamanca, GJTO FEB 18 0420 - Contemporary music under XECHZ. [TRH-TX]

- 1570 **GUATEMALA**, TGVE La Voz Evangelica de America Guatemala FEB 18 0410 - Fair-good with religious program, Radio Vea slogans. [TRH-TX]  
 1590 **MEXICO**, XEVOZ Musica de la Tierra Mexico, DF FEB 18 1202 - "15-90 AM, con la musica de la tierra." [TRH-TX]

Here are some times and frequencies where I heard Mexican anthems but didn't catch IDs. These might be good targets for southern DXers to try to identify [TRH-TX]:

Time	Frequency(-ies)				
0259	1160	0601	820, 1510	1153	1170
0402	1150	0602	630, 1410	1159	1410, 1490
0552	1100	0603	1210	1200	1340, 1440
0556	1450	0604	640	1201	760, 900
0559	1410	0606	630, 660	1204	1340
0600	880, 970, 1030, 1330	1146	1490		
		1148	830		

#### TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1170 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KJPN 1/30 Heard Christian contemporary mx weakly, then slogan "95.5 FM The Fish". Station was //to KAIM FM. Per Honolulu Star-Bulletin, 12/18, Salem Communications, owners of KAIM AM & FM bought the license of the then-silent KENT. A local radio website then mentioned 1170 and 1370 switched call signs (the old owners of 1170 indirectly own 1370). Called Salem on Monday to confirm but they denied The Fish was now on AM, but see 1370 logging below. (5P-HI)  
 1370 **HAWAII**, Pearl City-Honolulu, KENT 2/7 0347 UTC Back on the air after a month with relay of KAIM FM. Using slogan "95.5 FM, The Fish" and airing Christian contemporary music. However, the station ID at 2256 mentioned "KJPN AM 11-70". So KAIM FM is being heard on two MW channels, neither of them KAIM-870. Called station owner Salem Communications for more details, but they referred questions to the GM who was out of town. Most recently, 1170 and/or 1370 have sometimes noted off air, or broadcasting test tones. FYI, the 1370 tower is near the Waipio Gentry subdivision by Miliary Memorial Park cemetery. (5P-HI)

#### TROPICAL BAND DX ROUNDUP

- 3255 **SOUTH AFRICA**, Meyerton, BBC relay 2/22 0352 noted with discussion program, promos, ID at 0400 into BBC News, started poor, but built up to fair signal at 0400. (EB-MO)

Tim sends in the following Mexican station information while in Texas:

- 550 XEKL VER "Romantica 5-50 AM"
- 630 XEFB NL "F-B romantica"
- 640 XENQ HDGO "N-Q, la numero uno"
- 690 XEN DF "La 69"
- 710 XEMP DF "Radio 7-10 la Mexicana"
- 820 XEBM SLP "La ranchera, la mera mera", //XHBM-FM
- 990 XEID VER "Radio Canon", 10kW
- 1090 XEHR PUEB 24h, "Radio ACIR"
- 1100 ZETGO ZAC "Radio alegria, el poder de la radio"
- 1120 XEPOP PUEB 5kW
- 1140 XEMR NL "Radio alegria"
- 1170 XEUVA AGUA "La rancherita", 10kW
- 1170 XERT TAMA "Radio rama Tamaulipas", 5kW
- 1210 XEPUE PUEB "Mexicana 12-10"
- 1260 XEL DF "La 12-60"
- 1290 XEDA DF "Radio trece, la nueva generacion de las noticias"
- 1290 XEFAC GJTO "La mera mera"
- 1300 XEXV GJTO "Radio capital, la estrella grupera," still //88.9.
- 1330 XEAJ COAH "Imagen 90.5"
- 1330 XEWQ COAH "W-Q la superestacion"

- 1340 XELU PUEB "Radio Esmeralda", 10kW
  - 1340 XEMT TAMA "Magia 13-40" (not "Magica")
  - 1350 XEZO COAH "La mas buena en la frontera"
  - 1370 XEMON NL?? "Mariachi estereo," (can't confirm this on their web site but I always seem to hear them using this slogan lately)
  - 1390 XEXO "La super buena"
  - 1410 XEBS DF "La mas perrona"
  - 1410 XEAS TAMA "La Tamaultipeca", //XHAS-FM
  - 1450 XEJM NL "94.1 FM, la caliente"
  - 1470 XEHI TAMA "H-I"
  - 1490 XEMS TAMA "La superestacion de Matamoros"
  - 1530 XEUR DF "Frecuencia positiva"
  - 1560 XECHZ CHIA "Radio lagarto" (spelling per IMER web site)
  - 1560 XEMAS GJTO "Mas 15-60"
- \* Note we have another 10kW graveyard station on 1340!

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[2/20] Local 1580 now owned by Multicultural Br. Pasadena is to air a liberal talk format sometime in March. Stn will retain KLA call and LA location. Another number was mentioned (213 337 2000) when I called yesterday to inquire. Clear Channel moved KYSR FM and 102.7/92.3 into new bldg on 2-16; new location 3400 Olive #500 Burbank CA 91505. 818 559 2252 or 566 4500 (direct inward dialed calls to various extensions). I think the next to move in are FMs 103.5 + 104.3 then the AMs 640, 570 and 1150 (690 too)

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I just re-joined IRCA has a long hiatus. It is great to be back in the pages of the DXM. In the mid- 1960's I started listening to the stations in between my local stations in Spokane before I even understood there was a hobby called DXing. My rig was an All-American five-tube Packard-Bell. I was able to pick up stations "all the way" from Los Angeles - KFI and KNX, San Francisco - KGO and KNBR, Denver - KOA, and Salt Lake City - KSL. I later graduated up to a bedside clock radio and remember picking up WCCO for the first time. Then in 1969, my DXing career took off after my parents bought a Grundig Satellite 5000. (Anyone remember that beauty?) What really got me going was an article in a 1969 Popular

Electronics about AM Band DXing and QSLing. I have DXed extensively from Spokane, Washington; Provo, Utah; Maryland; Germany, and Korea. I have lost several of logs during my moves, so I don't have a good handle on my reception totals, but I have collected over 2,000 QSL over the years (AM, SW, FM, and TV). AM BCB DXing has always been my first love, after my sweet wife of course.... Some of my favorite memories include using BOGs in the Utah desert among the wild critters, and running down MW stations in Korea (I visited a total of 50 of them.) I hope to be a regular contributor once again. 73's de Bill in Elkridge.

## DX WORLDWIDE - II

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## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

**ARGENTINA:** 1654v, 20/02 0439-0500 R. Contemporánea, Buenos Aires, IDs como: "Desde la ciudad autónoma de Buenos Aires, transmite Contemporánea" & "Usted sintoniza Radio Contemporánea, emisora de Buenos Aires que transmite en amplitud modulada". 34443 Nova emissora? (Samuel Cássio Martins, radioescutas via DXLD)

**BRAZIL:** Radio Clube de Pernambuco is the first radio station of Brazil. Radio Clube de Pernambuco was founded in 1919. I want to show to the world that the first radio station of Brazil is Radio Clube de Pernambuco (1919), not Radio Sociedade do Rio de Janeiro (1923). Radio Clube de Pernambuco frequency is 720 (power 100 KW). Radio Clube de Pernambuco home page is: <http://www.pernambuco.com/clube>. (Antônio Schuler, HCDX)

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** Observations made by Don Trelford, NRC on a visit to La Romana 18-23.10.2003: 690 HIAW R Progreso, Sto Domingo ex R Guarachita, 1300 HIKQ R Dos, Santo Domingo, ex R Radio (Arctic)

**EL SALVADOR:** Observations made by Tetsuya Hirahara, visiting El Salvador 2-20.12.2003: 630 YS.. R Promesa "La sintonía que lleva a Dios", San Salvador. Officially inaugurated on December 14, 2003. Sked: 1100-0600. Address: 75 Av. Norte, Prolongación Juan Pablo II, Col. Jardines de Escalón, final Pasaje KL, San Salvador. The station is housed in a transmitting facilities. At the entrance of the site, there is an old iron gate showing call-letters "YS\*L. (The third letter was dropped off). FM Monumental, which formerly used 630, belongs to Cadena YSKL. With this in fact, the "Pasaje KL" seems to have been named after the transmitter site of YSKL. 1240 YSMT R Metapán: According to the phone book 2002 the address is Calle Principal, costado norte Centro Judicial, Col. Lomas de Montecristo, Metapán, Dpto Sta) (Arctic)

## ASIA AND PACIFIC

**AUSTRALIA:** 31/01/04 - Radio station 1593 in Melbourne continues to frustrate the narrowcasters with its poor transmission quality and overmodulation on 1593 AM. Rete Italia in Melbourne causes interference to everything +/- 27 away, in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, with casualties including 3XX (1611), Radio 2 (1629) and more. There have been formal complaints registered with the ACA however all seems to get worse. The 1593 technical transmission standard is so bad that it is almost impossible to hear it on its own frequency. A spokesman for Rete was not willing to comment and believed the issue was an over reaction. More to follow soon. (David Onley, MWOZ)

If you haven't had a nice drive past Cambellfield during January, you don't know what you've been missing out on. And all you had to do was tune your radio to either 1593 or higher. Not only was the audio on Rete Italia not sounding as clear as it should, their transmitter was splattering their signal over to 1611, 1620 and even up to 1629. But thankfully, that has been changed, with the ACA stepping in, at long last. This means, for those in the Northern Suburbs, there will be no more splattering from Rete Italia (1593) this means, you can now listen to 1611 (Double X), 1620 (Hillside Radio), and 1629 (Radio 2) without this consistent hiss over the top (<http://www.surfnetvic.cjb.net/> via David Onley, MWOZ)

**CHINA:** Two new MW stations from Beijing. Maybe some of you are looking for a new DX catch? China Radio International has started test transmissions in Beijing on 846 and 1008, with a 24 hour English looped service. I believe 846 is 10 kW and 1008 1 kW. I'd be interested to see where it can be heard! Good luck! (Connor Walsh, Beijing, Jan 25, dxing.info via DXLD) I guess I should have mentioned in the first post, there are two existing MW outlets for CRI in Beijing. The main one is 1251, which relays the domestic 91.5 FM

service, and 900 which carries the Hit FM service from 88.7 FM. This is mostly pop music presented in Chinese, with news in different languages. This doesn't broadcast throughout the day, rather there are some pauses. The 900 transmitter doesn't sound very powerful, while the 1251 is one of the strongest signals on the broadcast band here. With a longwire on a Sony SW7600GR and a Degen 1102, it overloads and pops up all over the shortwave bands (Connor Walsh, Beijing, Jan 26, *ibid.*)

## EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

**CYPRUS:** 990 BBG went on the air in August 2002 with a new 600 kW solid state S7HP transmitter installed at the RFI Cape Greco station, where RFI had a S7HP 1200 kW transmitter in operation since 1998. A picture of the site shows a 4 mast array for RFI and a three mast array next to the tip of the peninsula for BBG. (From Thales Radio News #9, Autumn 2002 by Olle Alm, Arctic)

**DJIBOUTI:** IBB's 600 kw MW transmitter in Djibouti will begin test transmissions on 1431 at 1600-0400 from Feb 1, 2004, carrying one of the Radio Sawa streams in Arabic. (Dan Ferguson) - Radio Sawa transmissions have been confirmed. (ARC)

Following the award in 2002 to supply a new 600 kW MW transmitter for their Djibouti broadcasting centre, IBB/VOA once again contracted Thales Broadcast & Multimedia to deliver a new antenna system for the station. The 3-tower directional MW transmitting antenna will be designed for 1431 and 600 kW transmitter power. Thales scope of delivery includes antenna masts and insulation, ground screen and aerial main and secondary feeders. Thales will deliver and take the new antenna into operation in only 6 months time after definitive contract award. (Thales press release, September 12th, 2003) - The IBB website shows 1431 as currently nondirectional- (Alm, ARC) The reported location of 1431 is 'Arta, which is located some 25 km west of Djibouti city, not in the south of the country as previously reported. The local RTD site, which is to be upgraded, is located at Doralé, 10 km west of Djibouti city. (Various)

**IRELAND:** After a delay of two and a half years due to planning difficulties, Irish religious broadcaster Solas AM is finally able to go ahead with construction of its transmitter site. Irish media site Radiowaves reports that the station has been given a 20 year permit to erect a 61m high transmitter mast together on a site located within the grounds of Orlagh College in Rathfarnham, South Dublin, owned by the Augustinian Order. The decision was made on appeal following the rejection of a previous planning application by South Dublin County Council. The Broadcasting Commission of Ireland awarded Solas AM a license in July 2001 for a 10 kW MW transmitter, which is expected to operate on either 531 or 1143. At one stage, the station investigated buying the longwave site of Radio Tara, which is now owned by RTE. (Andy Sennett, Jan 20, Media Network via DXLD)

**FRANCE:** Although they were not awarded a license last year when the CSA picked the stations that would be allowed to broadcast on MW, Littoral AM are planning to go on their air sometime this spring on a 9 month temporary license, the same kind of license Ciel AM used in Paris a couple of years ago. So far the license has not been issued but Littoral AM are very likely to get it, since the regulatory body is very keen to see some stations go on the air at last. With several of the planned stations likely to hand back their licenses due to the generally negative response in the public to the use of the MW band, the CSA want to get the thing going, and the sooner the better, as a kind of real-scale feasibility test, just like Ciel AM was. Littoral will broadcast from the small town of Lamballe with 10 kW on 936. The aerial will be a 65 meter-high single mast. The coverage area will be most of French Brittany but the station should also be heard well in the south-west of the UK, roughly speaking west of the Isle of Wight and of course in the Channel Islands. The address of the station is: Littoral AM, BP 531, 22405 Lamballe Cedex, France. (Rémy Friess MWC Jan 19 2004)

In the Exhibition SALON DE LA RADIO 2004 of Paris last weekend the Managers of Radio Superloustic have announced officially the transmissions on MW Band will start from next 21 March on 999 Paris and 675 Marseille. Also the Managers of Radio CIEL FM have announced officially they will start from 15 Feb to operate on 981 from Paris. for more news visit: <http://www.superloustic.net/english/english.htm>, (Dario Monferini, DXLD)

711 Yesterday (Saturday 17th Jan) I came across the local Breton programming of Rennes on 711, thanks to a tip from Hans-Dieter Buschau. Heard from tune-in 1147 till 1300. WRTH 2004 lists this program Saturdays 1000-1100. The correct time is 1200-1400 hrs local time, 1100-1300 UTC in winter. All this according to <http://www.radiofrance.fr/sites/bleu-armorique/station/ecoute.php>. Lots of beautiful Breton folk music was played. (Martin A Hall, MWC Jan 20 2004)

TdF have started testing on 1575 from their Paris-Meudon site. This is the third Meudon channel. Previous tests were on 1062 and 1080. The license for 1575 is held by Radio Nouveaux Talents. (Rémy Friess, MWC)



**HUNGARY:** The media authority has adjudged the former medium wave frequency of Radio Petöfi to the Hungarian Catholic Radio Corporation. It starts at Whitsun on medium wave, of which broadcast will be heard almost all around Hungary. The frequencies of MW broadcasts: 810 Lakihegy, 1341 Siófok, 1341 Szolnok. At present the broadcasts of the Magyar Katolikus Rádió (MKR) (Hungarian Catholic Radio) can be heard on 4 FM frequencies in northern Hungary for 24 hours. (EDXP via Ray Bauernhuber)

**MALAWI:** In a recent letter to Finnish DXer Jyrki Hytönen, Mr Abraham E Nsapato, Controller of Transmitters- Malawi Broadcasting Corporation, mentions some major changes/additions compared to WRTH-2004: Kasungu 1278 1 kW, Chitipa 1404 10 kW, Matiya (Zomba) 1422 10 kW. 540 and 756 are 1 & 10 kW, respectively, due to tx problems. (Jarmo Patala via Mauno Ritola, Arctic)

**MALDIVES:** 1449 Maldives has been on through the night for some time now. At 1740 approx. Radio Maldives sign-off with the National Anthem, then Radio One (Radio Eke) takes over until 0020 when it stops and R. Maldives starts the sign-on procedure. Now is it Voice of Maldives!!! (Victor Goonetilleke in Sri Lanka via Jose Jacob, India, Feb 8, DXLD)

**NETHERLANDS:** Dutch transmission services provider Nozema today issued a statement on its Web site ensuring listeners that Arrow Classic Rock will continue to be received throughout the Netherlands on 675. Following last week's meeting which agreed how the Lopik transmitter site will be used in the future, Nozema says: "With the local authorities, the Province of Utrecht and the Ministry of Economic affairs, Nozema signed a declaration of intent over the lowering of the total power output from the MW masts at Lopik from 240 to 140 kW. This lower power will not affect the reception of Arrow Classic Rock's transmissions. The so-called "power budget" even provides room for back-up transmissions of [public network] 747 AM. But the lower total power means that in the future it will not be possible to operate any other backup transmitters at Lopik." This statement was necessary as Nozema's original press release had specifically stated that the plan "had consequences for listeners of the current client as the coverage area is reduced." In fact, both statements are true. Reducing the power on 675 will reduce the signal by a couple of dB, which in practice will not be noticeable within the Netherlands. Quality Radio bv, which holds the license for the former Lopik frequency of 1395, has already indicated that it will contest the decision reached last Wednesday. (via Mike Terry, MWDX 20.1.2004) 1395 has been on all night for some time. (Olle Alm, ARC)

**NORWAY:** Was informed today, that DRM-tests are scheduled from Kvitsoy 1314 ending 2/19. Tests will be in the "old" version of DRM, so software-upgraded receivers will not be able to pick it up. The transmissions will be a pure DRM-signal, with no AM simulcast. (Bernt Erfjord, mwc 2/16)

**RUSSIA:** Russian International Radio (RIR), the joint service of Voice of Russia and Russkoye Radio, is currently aired on MW acc. to the following extended schedule:

234	500	Gavar, ARM	1100-1400
603	5	Berlin, D	0900-1000, 1300-1600, 2000-2200
801	1000	Orzu, TJK	0300-0500
936	1000	Lviv, UKR	1800-2100
972	500	Mykolaiv, UKR	1800-2000
999	500	Grigoriopol, MDA	1800-2000, 2200-2400
1089	1200	Tbilisskaya, RUS	1700-2100
1143	150	Bolshakovo, RUS	1300-1800, 1900-2200
1143	150	Dushanbe, TJK	1800-2200
1170	1200	Tbilisskaya, RUS	0400-0500, 0700-1000
1215	1200	Bolshakovo, RUS	1000-1100, 2000-2100
1314	1000	Gavar, ARM	2000-2100
1323	1000	Wachenbrunn, D	1300-1600
1386	1200	Bolshakovo, RUS	1300-1600
1494	600	Krasnyy Bor, RUS	2100-2200
1548	500	Grigoriopol, MDA	0500-0900

Email: [rir@vor.ru](mailto:rir@vor.ru) All programs are in Russian. (Info: Voice of Russia website; site names adjusted & power added by BT) (Bernd Trutenau-LTU, mwdx)

**SWITZERLAND:** SRG will not lodge an appeal against the decision concerning the Beromünster transmitter. MW service of Musigwälle 531 will cease from 2009 "at the latest", i.e. the Beromünster site will be closed by the end of 2008 or even earlier. ([http://www.srg.ch/de/home/de\\_textarchiv\\_210104.html](http://www.srg.ch/de/home/de_textarchiv_210104.html) via Kai Ludwig, via Arctic)

**TURKEY:** Thales has won an order from Turkish state broadcaster TRT to supply a 300 kW MW transmitter for its site at Diyarbakir in the south east of Turkey. The fully solid-state tx will replace an old valve-based unit. (Thales press release 12 Sep 2003 via Arctic)

**UKRAINE:** The following MW transmitters have been reactivated on 1 February: 675 (25) Uzhhorod (Korytniany), UR; 711 (50) Dokuchaievsk, UR1; 936 (3) Starobilsk, UR1; 1134 (5) Luhansk, UR1; 1242 (50) Oktiabrsk, UR2/3 (Info: Alexander Egorov in open\_dx, 5 Feb 2004, power details added by BT, Arctic) NB: the UR1 tx's may carry also regional prgr's. (Bernd Trutenau via MWDX 5.2.2003)

711 Dokutchayevsk (DO) a few days ago (very likely on Feb. 1) reactivated after few years of keeping silence. UR1 0400-2300, intermittent with Regional insertions, noted at: 0610-0630, 1610-1700, 1800-1830 (I guess others "standard regional times" too) Most curious that regional sce is NOT "Radio Donetchina" (which would be quite logical), but Golos Kyiviva (Voice of Kyiv), i.e. Kyiv's regional state broadcaster (currently scheduled on IRT FM + wire net) I think it may be the result of continuous 'war' between RRT (keeping government transmitting facilities in UKR) and regional (also state-owned) broadcasting companies. Cf 648 Oktyabr-skoye/R.Krym/R.Kherson. (V.Titarev, Kremenchuk vid MWDX 4.2.2004)

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