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### EiC Notes

**Welcome** to Volume 42 of IRCA's **DX Monitor!** Let's make this the best volume yet... report your DX!! This time we welcome Joel Raymond from Palo Alto, CA (S/HDXM) to IRCA. Slight delay this time due to my vacation and no NetZero on the Oregon coast!

**2004 IRCA T-SHIRTS** – The shirts are good quality, 100% cotton and white. On the front there is a two color, screen printed IRCA logo with the dates 1964 - 2004 printed below. I presently have on hand L-XL-and a few XXL's. Prices are \$8.00 for M-L-XL. XXL add \$2.00. Shipping is included. Larger sizes, contact me. This is non-profit at my end and about \$3.00 per shirt will be sent to the IRCA coffers. If you would like a shirt size that is not in my inventory, please allow several weeks extra, so I can collect all the orders and acquire and print your shirt. Email me if you have a question at: [oregon4wd@comcast.net](mailto:oregon4wd@comcast.net). Send your orders to: Doug Pifer- 3410 Marion St SE, Albany, OR 97322-3871 or use [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and send to: [dxmonitor@comcast.net](mailto:dxmonitor@comcast.net). Sorry, no credit cards. Good DX and 73- Doug.

From **Bruce Portzer**: announces the sixth edition of the Pacific Asian Log (PAL). It's been updated through July 2004 with many updates, including an expanded network section and many changes to the listings for China, Australia, India, and South Korea (to name a few countries).

The log is over a hundred pages long and lists nearly 4000 stations in Asia and the Pacific (from Afghanistan to Alaska), with frequency, callsign, location, power, schedule, and other information.

It's available in pdf format sorted by country or frequency. You can download it at no cost from my website <http://www.qsl.net/n7ecj>.

As always, comments and updates are welcome and encouraged.

**NRC Convention – Sept 2-5, 2004 – Batavia NY.** The 71st National Radio Club convention will be held at the Days Inn in Batavia NY (halfway between Buffalo and Rochester, with events taking place in Buffalo, Rochester and Toronto.) Hotel reservations: Days Inn, 585-343-1440. For more information, contact Scott Fybush at [scott@fybush.com](mailto:scott@fybush.com).

**WANTED:** Operational MW/SW receiver in \$400-\$1000 price range, e.g. ICOM R-75, AOR AR7030, Ten-Tec RX 340. Must operate on 12VDC. **Richard E Wood**, Ph D, PO Box 2895, Kailua-Kona HI 96745-2895. State asking price.

### DX Test *Lynn Hollerman*

**Daily 0255-0305 1220 WRIB Providence RI (Healy)**

Daily, from 2:55am-3:05am EST - WRIB-1220 - Providence, RI - This test is scheduled to run indefinitely.

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

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

OR

**WWW:** <http://www.wrib.com>  
(Arranged by **Craig Healy**, NG1U and **AM-DX.COM**)

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### IRCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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August 26, 2004. Proposals presented to IRCA board of directors:

21.1.8 Re-confirm **Phil Bytheway** as **DX Monitor** Editor in Chief  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.9 Re-confirm **Doug Pifer** as "hard" **DX Monitor** Publisher  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

21.1.10 Re-confirm **Phil Bytheway** as "soft" **DX Monitor** Publisher  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.11 Re-confirm **Lee Freshwater** as EDXR editor  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.12 Re-confirm **John C. Johnson** as CDXR editor  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.13 Re-confirm **Nancy Johnson** as WDXR editor  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.14 Re-confirm **Patrick Martin** as DXWW-W editor  
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21.1.15 Re-confirm **Brandon Jordan** as DXWW-E editor  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.16 Re-confirm **Richard C Evans** as EDXF editor  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.17 Re-confirm **Reid Wheeler** as WDXF editor  
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21.1.18 Re-confirm **Robert Wien** as Broadcasting Information editor  
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21.1.19 Re-confirm **Bruce Portzer** as DXWW-II editor  
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21.1.20 Re-confirm **Nick Hall-Patch** as Technical Column editor  
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21.1.21 Re-confirm **Stephen S. Howe** as Verification Signers editor  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.22 Re-confirm **Ray Bauernhuber** as Election Committee chairman  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.22 Re-confirm **Lee Freshwater** as IRCA Reprints Manager  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.23 Re-confirm **Phil Bytheway** as Bookstore manager  
PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.24 Re-confirm **Mike Sanburn** as IRCA Publicity Chairman

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.25 Re-confirm **Lynn Hollerman** as Computer-Web co-ordinator

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.26 Confirm **Nick Hall-Patch** as ANARC representative  
(Past BOD voted this duty to the President)

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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21.1.27 Re-confirm **Lee Freshwater** as IRCA Awards Manager

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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The following are submitted by **Phil Bytheway** in his capacity as Bookstore manager.

21.1.28 Confirm **Mike Hardester** as TIS list editor

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21.1.29 Confirm **Rich Toebe** as Slogans list editor

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
A Y Y Y Y Y Y

21.1.30 Confirm **Tim Hall** as **IRCA Mexican Log** editor

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
A Y Y Y Y Y Y

21.1.31 Confirm **Bruce Portzer** as Countries List editor

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
A Y Y Y Y Y Y

21.1.32 Confirm **Nick Hall-Patch** as **A DXers Technical Guide** editor

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21.1.33 Confirm **Phil Bytheway** as **IRCA Foreign Log** editor

PB JJ TN PM MS PT KZ  
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PB - **PHIL BYTHEWAY**, JJ - **JOHN JOHNSON**, TN - **TIM NOONAN**, PM - **PATRICK MARTIN**, MS - **MIKE SANBURN**, PT - **PETE TAYLOR**, KZ - **KARL ZUK**.

Y= YES, N= NO, A= ABSTAIN

73, Nick

### WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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GE Superadio 2

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570 KLAC **CA**, Los Angeles 8/6 0714 woman singing "Autumn in New York," woman singing "Back in Town," promo for how people "Spell great music – KLAC," promo for show featuring Ray Charles' last CD "On Fabulous 5-70," jingle and more BBD music. Poor to fair but dominant, KQNG very weak due to xmtr problem per station spokeswoman (fixed a few days later). (5P-HI)

650 KMTI **UT**, Manti 8/17 0048-0117 with country music, news and weather on the hour and finally a clear ID at 0106, poor with KFI-640 slop. New. (MF-CA)

660 KTNN **AZ**, Window Rock 8/3 0500 in good with "KTNN Window Rock." (CM-CA)  
KAPS **WA**, Mount Vernon 8/20 0756 mixed with others and gave call letters between C&W tunes. (LG-MT)

680 KOMW **WA**, Omak 8/14 2300 very strong atop KNBR with oldies. I heard call ID and slogan "Radio Okanogan." (LG-MT)

760 KFMB **CA**, San Diego 8/16 0800 good signal in the clear. I heard promo for Chargers football "The entire season on Talkradio 760 KFMB." (LG-MT)

820 WBAP **TX**, Fort Worth 8/3 0430 in good with WBAP ID. (CM-CA)

840 WPTW **CA**, Richmond 8/5 1300 fair with info about construction on San Rafael/Richmond Bridge. (CM-CA)

860 KMVP **AZ**, Phoenix 8/18 0425 poor-fair over/under KARS and KTRB plus one other C&W (Salt Lake City?) with ID "This is the valley's sports authority, AM 860" then a list of NL/AL baseball scores. (RW-CA)

KARS **NM**, Belen 8/18 0422 very weak over/under KMVP with C&W, ad for restaurant in Belen. Was common in Azusa, but a bit tougher out here in Fontana, TJ stations tend to be a bit stronger out here for some strange reason. (RW-CA)

(XEMO) **BCN**, Tijuana 8/18 0420 open carrier, then totally off on rare SP. (RW-CA)

870 KFLD **WA**, Pasco 8/10 2150 ad for ??? Irrigation company and Seattle Mariners post-game show. Scratchy & weak, barely above Mexican pest. (GH-OR)

1030 KMAS **WA**, Shelton 8/3 0830 fair with KMAS ID then into AdCon music. (CM-CA)  
?XESDD? **BCN**, Ensenada 8/18 0415 not totally sure of calls, good with ID "This is America's best music, on the all-new AM 1030," strong over KDJJ/KTWO. (RW-CA)

1060 KDYL **UT**, Salt Lake City 8/18 0438 good in KDUS null through KTCT/KNX splash with ID "... right here, on AM 1060, KDYL" into song "Strangers in the Night." Carrying same satellite network as Ensenada-1030 as they were parallel. Call change for me. (RW-CA)

1120 KZSJ **CA**, San Jose 8/18 0443 xInt way over KPNW with what sounded like KK talk, mentioned "San Jose" and "Gilroy" a few times. (RW-CA)

1130 CKWX **BC**, Vancouver 8/18 0302 time check at 0002 and weather. Today's high to be 25C which sounds pretty nice. Local news reporters, male & female and another time check at 0003. (KR-AZ)

1180 KOFI **MT**, Kalispell 8/18 0005 with the end of ABC news, then ID & ads. (KR-AZ)

1270 KBZZ **NV**, Sparks 8/9 2155 "1270 The Buzz" ID and ad for Nevada State Board of Health. Weak, mixing with unID oldies station. (GH-OR)

1290 KKDD **CA**, San Bernardino 8/18 0345-0430+ noted totally off for first time while in So. CA. (RW-CA)

KZBN **CA**, Santa Barbara 8/18 0400 strong with ID in KAZA null with two others as "Great songs, great memories, KZBN, Santa Barbara." (RW-CA)

1300 KROP **CA**, Brawley 8/18 0440 not unusual, but 1300 usually mashed up badly here by KKDD splash, generally dominant over KAZN/KPTL with ID "Crop country thirteen hundred," C&W. Amazingly, slight splash from KAZA! (RW-CA)

1370 KAST **OR**, Astoria 8/7 2050 ad for Astoria Pharmacy and Laura Ingram show with Jerry Doyle. Fair signal in/out of the static, very seldom heard. (GH-OR)

1380 KSRV **OR**, Ontario 8/7 0800 very strong with oldies (new format?). I heard call ID and slogan that sounded like "1380 The Cruise." (LG-MT)

1430 KBRC **WA**, Mt. Vernon 8/8 0025 woman said "Keep your radio; tuned to 1430 K-B-R-C," oldies format with weak & drift signal. (GH-OR)

1490 KBKO **CA**, Santa Barbara 8/15 1357-1426 English & Spanish ID on the hour, Spanish music that sounded like Polka, Rancho Bronco ID's. (MF-CA)

1590 KLIV **CA**, San Jose 8/10 0550 news & weather report, good signal for a few minutes then lost in the static. (GH-OR)

1650 KBIV TX, El Paso 8/3 0600 poor with KBIV ID & country music. New. (CM-CA)  
 1700 KVNS TX, Brownsville 8/3 0400 in good with KVNS ID and Coast to Coast AM, with Mexican noted off the air. (CM-CA)

**UNIDS**

1110 8/4 2130 oldies, Four seasons, Frankie Avalon, etc under open carrier from KBND for approx. 5 minutes. No legal ID heard. Any ideas? (GH-OR)  
 1650 8/7 2330 some type of talk program, sports? ID sounded like KMSU but weak and very choppy. No call letters in my log remotely close. Help! (GH-OR)

Thanks to our reporters this week. Nancy 8/20 2100

**Reporters to WDXR Vol. 41:**

Reporter - Total number of tips – Number of issues

1. Glen Hansen	309/28	18. Mike Riordan	17/4
2. Doug Nyholm	264/12	19. Bill Nittler	15/7
3. Larry Godwin	120/15	Nick Hall-Patch	15/4
4. Patrick Martin	116/19	21. Gary Larson	13/9
5. Dale Park	97/14	Darrell Neft	13/4
6. Nigel Pimblet	94/9	23. Chris Knight	12/1
7. Rene Auvray	70/12	24. John Johnson	11/2
8. Bruce Bacon	59/7	Nancy Johnson	11/2
10. Curtis McMenamin	59/9	26. Art Peterson	8/3
10. Robert Wien	46/18	27. Art Blair	7/5
Kevin Redding	46/11	28. Bob Pietsch	5/3
12. Mike Sanburn	37/11	29. Gary Jackson	4/1
13. Martin Foltz	26/8	30. Herb Newberry	3/2
Craig Barnes	26/3	31. Murray Lycan	2/1
15. Don Kaskey	25/2	32. Dennis Gibson	1/1
16. Frank Aden	22/9	Mark Griffin	1/1
17. Doug Pifer	21/6	Rich Toebe	1/1

Thanks to all the reporters this volume!

**EASTERN DX ROUNDUP**

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

(HN-GA)	<b>Herb Newberry</b>	107 Trojan Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061
		Kenwood R-5000, Quan Loop , 700' L.W.
(IEN-GA)	<b>Ira Elbert New</b>	Watkinsville, Ga
		AIWA CSD-FD89

**LOGGINGS**

580	AL	WBIL	Tuskegee 7/30 0022 "Your source for Gospel, WBIL Musicial Soul Food" Between Gspl mx. Fair, New. (HN-GA)
	KY	WVLK	Lexington 8/7 0130 Out of Dave Ramsey Talk show, into local Sports Update. In background of pest WDWD. New. (HN-GA)
610	GA	WCEH	Hawkinsville 8/7 1430 in null of WPLO with MYOL NOS mx. Good with 500 watts at 55 miles. Rarely heard. (HN-GA)
620	GA	WTRP	Lagrange 7/24 7/24 0215 "AM 620 WTRP" between NOS MX. Loud if on 127 w. nights. (HN-GA)
630	GA	WBMQ	Savannah 8/7 1438 Solid with "Handle on the Law" pgm. ID as "News Talk 630 WBMQ" Minor WUSR slop. (HN-GA)
670	IL	WSCR	Chicago 08/16 2315 Sports talk with a Sports Break at 1/4. Then into Jim Hood Show. Decent signal with a few other signals buried underneath "WSCR, The Score". (IEN-GA)
910	TN	WTCW	Johnson City 7/30 0059 Promo for Rel pgm. Carries WW-1 Talk Fair sign. New. (HN-GA)

950	SC	WORD	Spartanburg 8/7 1505 Good in WMAC slop. E\WX then "Newtalk 1330 and 950, WYRD (WORD)" back into pgm. (HN-GA)
1270	FL	WNLS	Tallahassee 7/30 0129 ID at BOH as "WFLA" "part of the WFLA network." Fair to good on top. (HN-GA)
1300	GA	WIMO	8/7 1580 Legal ID at BOH; C&W-GOS mx; Signal not as good as usual, as they have lowered power to 650 watts. (HN-GA)
1310	GA	WPBC	Decatur 8/7 1540 in WOKA null with ss AC. New. (HN-GA)
1350	AL	WGAD	Gadsden 7/30 0138 in heavy slop, heard Oldies followed by "W-G-A-D' into more oldies. New. (HN-GA)
1700	TX	KVNS	Brownsville 7/30 0206 Out of CBS News, Back to Coast to Coast. WEUV in the background. Fair to good. (HN-GA)

Thanks to all those who contributed to Volume 41... see the list below!!!! Time for our "Annual" EDXR rules. DX ONLY!! Do not report local stations. Keep it short and simple. Do NOT list commercials or songs played. They are USELESS. List format or TYPE of music heard. Report format changes to Bob. And please, do not report the same station more than once. It is RARE that I will use the same tip from the same reporter more than once per volume. And for those of you with email, PLEASE put IRCA or EDXR in the subject line. Otherwise it may not get read... 73's and all the best... Thanks to all!!!!... FRESH 08/21 0900

**REPORTERS FOR VOLUME 41**

WILLIAM MCGUIRE	93	LEE FRESHWATER	09
IRA EBERT	87	RAY BAURNHUBER	08
HERB NEWBERRY	82	PHIL RAFUSE	05
KARL JETER	47	DAVID HOCHFELDER	02
RICK ROBINSON	33	NICK HALL-PATCH	02
R.C. WATTS	18	RICHARD KLINE	01
RICK EVANS	15	BILL HARMS	01
MIKE HARDESTER	12		

**DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX**

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Hello everyone and welcome to DX Worldwide West once again. I hope everyone is having a great Summer. Remember DX season is right around the corner. I wish everyone good DX. The IRCA convention in Boise was a blast.

**TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP**

162	<b>FRANCE</b>	08/26	with man reading news in the French language at 04:10. Poor signal at best. (MS-AB)
189	<b>UNID</b>	08/26	Faint music heard here at 03:40 Probably Iceland. (MS-AB)
1053	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	08/26	Sports programming and male talking with a typical English accent at 04:32. This can only be "Talksport" from the United Kingdom. Strangely it's parallel on 1089 was not audible. Other years if one was in, so was the other. Poor signal at best. (MS-AB)
1215	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	08/26 04:00	With oldies music like the Beatles and the Eurythmics. Male DJ with a typical English accent gave several "Virgin Radio" ID's, including one at TOH. Fair signal at times. (MS-AB)
1296	<b>UNID</b>	08/26	Man and woman talking at 04:38. Too much noise to get the language. At times it sounded like it could have been Spanish, but nothing listed. (MS-AB)

**Mike Stonebridge** speaks: Another fairly good opening into Europe this evening. It was already underway when I turned the radio on at 21:30MDT. By 23:00 (approaching local sunrise in the UK) carriers were barely audible over the noise. In total I heard carriers on 27 frequencies with 5 of them producing audio. The carriers that did not produce any audio were 153, 198, 837, 909, 999, 1044, 1053, 1071, 1089, 1107, 1116, 1125, 1134, 1206, 1224, 1296, 1305, 1314, 1341, 1377, 1584 and 1602. The frequencies producing audio were 162, 189, 1053, 1215 and 1296. I was able to ID two of them by program content and language alone, and a third gave several ID's. The remaining two I was unable to ID. Nothing new heard, but intriguing nevertheless. Times are UTC.

## PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1030 **MEXICO**, Ensenada, BCN, XESDD 8/22 1400 with ID "XESDD Ensenada y Tijuana", then playing "God Bless The USA" and then the Theme From Route 66" Nueva, primera vez! (KR-AZ)  
+ Also noted, XESDD (Not sure of the correct calls) 0415 8/18 good with ID "This is America's best music on the all-new AM 1030" strong o/KJDJ/KTWO (RW-CA)

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 738 **TAHITI**, fair to weak with man in FF at 0830 UTC 8/20. Pretty much a nightly regular but varies in signal. (PM-OR)  
870 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KAIM, per program director Jack Waters in an e-mail 8/03, the transmitter for KAIM operates at a paltry one KW, a fraction of its old 50KW self, and it's still in west Moloka'i. KAIM hopes to operate with 10KW from a site on O'ahu. (5P-HI) (Thanks for the update on this. No wonder I have rarely heard it since the drop in power a couple years back. PM)  
1170 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KJPN, per program director Jack Waters in an e-mail 8/03, the transmitter for KJPN operates at a measly 800 watts, sharing the AM 1370 tower near Mililani Memorial Park outside of Pearl City. The proximity to the FCC monitoring station on the Waipio Peninsula in the reason why KJPN is so weak (and why the 1380/1370 operations over the years never went above 5 KW even if the license is for higher power. (5P-HI) (Thanks also for this, as I have never heard 1170 since the old KOHO days. With 800 watts from Pearl City, that is a toughie from the mainland. PM)

## TROPICAL BAND ROUNDUP

- 3315 **PAUPA NEW GUINEA**, Radio Manus, 8/16, weak from 0838-1201. Watery audio first noted 0838 with male in unid language. Anmts and probable news heard 0900, and language was definitely Pidgin. Signal continued weak to 1045, when it improved to fair and was good by 1100, log drums and into news items again. Melanesian music (some quite primitive sounding) heard from 1115 to 1145 at a good level, with male anc in Pidgin mentioning New Guinea occasionally. Old bluegrass gospel tunes and more PNG native mx to sign off anmts at 1159 with mentions of Paupa New Guinea, etc. After s/off, a weak signal in EE was revealed on 3315. I first thought of AIR Bhopal, but check of Geoclock showed that 1200 is 1.5 hours before Bhopal LSS, possibly Laos? (See below. (GA-WA)  
3315 **UNID** 1202-1215, 8/16. While reviewing a recording of Radio Manus, I discovered a weak signal of a male anc in EE that had been lurking beneath the PNG station. The signal was very weak in the clear, after PNG signed off, mentions of Southeast Asia, Indonesia and (most interesting) a clear "National Radio" at 1204.30. After a long pause, the anc began what sounded like a commentary that continued until the end of my recording at 1215. The last 5 minutes getting stronger. In last years DXing. info article titled Broadcasting in Laos (<http://www.dxing.info/articles/laos.dx>) Bob Padula mentioned a fourth transmitter registered with 1 KW on 3315, 0100-1800, again for Laos, but not heard recently. Could this be them? 1200 UTC is just past sunset in Vientienne and a half hour before my local sunrise. (GA-WA) (Guy, sounds like you got a good one. PM)

## QSLs

- 1566 **AUSTRALIA**, Wangaratta, 3NE, sent QSL letter, stickers, pages of their log book. V/S: Glenn Looker PD. (JB-WA) (Good QSL John. Not often hrd these days. PM)

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## Grayland DXpedition 2004.8 - August 20-22, 2004

**John H. Bryant** (TenTec RX-340, RX-320)  
**Guy Atkins** (mod. ICOM R-75/mod. Racal RA6790GM/Timewave DSP-59+)  
SW, W, NW Beverages from 750 to 900 feet

Guy Atkins and I managed one of our brief Grayland DXpeditions to celebrate the end of summer and to try to catch the local IDs of the pesky NHK-2 synchronous stations on 702, 1125, 1152, 1377, 1386, 1593 and 1602. The latter weeks in August are one of the few times of the year that the local IDs on NHK-2 network at 1320UTC coincide with dawn enhancement on the Washington coast.

As usual, we traveled to Grayland (two to three hours from Seattle-Tacoma and unlike those Puget Sound locations, on the open Pacific coast of Washington State) on Thursday afternoon and got the three beverages out and our receivers up prior to sunset. It was then to early bed so that we could arise at 2:30AM local time (0930 UTC) when the sunset terminator had traveled across the central Pacific. The period 0900-1100 UTC is generally the time that we hear the nations of the Pacific, if the DX gods are smiling. In recent years, this middle of the night exercise has generally been fruitless... for reasons we don't really understand. After 20 minutes of band scanning, Sack Rat Bryant generally headed back to bed for another two hours of shut-eye, while Guy continued to turn the knobs. His persistence was rewarded by brief receptions of 1035 Solomon Islands, the 1 kw Kosrae, FSM outlet on 1503, and 1098 Marshall Islands.

In general, the conditions were much improved over the awful MW conditions that we experienced in mid-July, 2004. Indeed, the conditions were among the best that we've had in recent years. The conditions between 1130 UTC and band fade near 1400 varied in geographic blocks, with conditions seeming to switch from one area of the Pacific Rim to another with the abruptness of a light switch:

### Friday, August 20

Our first morning saw the conditions until actual dawn (1314 UTC) focused almost exclusively on Japan and Korea, with China noticeably absent. Almost all of our catches during this period tended to be high-band stations. Very soon after actual dawn, the Japanese/Koreans fell away and the lower part of the dial was literally covered with Aussies. Uniquely, about 80 percent of these stations (the ABC Metropolitan Service and ABC "Local Radio" a.k.a. RR "Rural Radio" Service) were running the same ABC Olympic coverage. This allowed us to identify quite a few of the stations by inference a least, very rapidly. Handily, ABC's National Radio Service was running a very distinctive World Music program, further improving our chances of inferring station IDs.

Best catches were 639, 8RN Katherine in Northern Territories, Australia and a local ID on one of the NHK-2 Synchros, JOTB, Matsue on 1593. Other notables were 1035 Radio Hapi Isles, Honiara, Solomon Islands and a couple of non-regular Korean stations. The swap from Northern to Southern Hemisphere a few minutes after dawn was really remarkable.

### Saturday, August 21

The first half of dawn enhancement was a bit more broadly cast than our first morning, with New Zealand stations, primarily deep South Island stations present at the same time as Japan and Korea Unlike the first morning, major Chinese outlets were also noted during this first half of dawn enhancement. Like Friday morning, conditions abruptly switched to Australia at about local dawn here in Grayland. Again, ABC Olympic programming seemed to cover the lower half of MW. Another distinguishing characteristic of Saturday morning was the return of truly "local level" signals on some of the Big Gun stations. VOA Thailand, 1575, China National Radio's Korean Service on 1206 and FEBC's HLAZ, Cheju Island, Korea on 1566 were each well over S-9 during the heart of dawn enhancement. The more notable loggings included 675 3YA Christchurch and 864 4ZA Invercargill, NZ and 540 4QL Longreach, QSLD under the vestiges of CBK, Regina at the end of max. dawn.

### Sunday, August 22

Our last morning, though offering some wonderful DX, was much more what we expected to find during "summer conditions:" at Grayland: conditions focusing on Down Under, with a scattering of loggings from the Pacific Islands. It must be said, though, that the *quality* of the conditions was much more like the Glory Days of the early 1990s. We made some memorable catches and also got to revisit several long-absent old friends. Among the more



memorable catches were TWO presumed Northern Territory loggings, 8RN, Katherine-639 again and 8AL, Alice Springs-783. Another tantalizing very tentative was mega-watt AIR Chinsura-594. We also celebrated 666-Radio Nouvelle Caledonie, Noumea heard very well for our first logging of this old friend in a decade.

Our July 2004 visit to Grayland produced the poorest MW loggings from there in many years. This visit, five weeks later, produced some of the very best. What a fascinating hobby.

#### Guy Atkins' Introduction:

Some DXers "hang up the headphones" in the Summer, figuring that there is no DX worth pursuing. My experience, though, says otherwise. Especially from a quiet DXpedition location, every month of the year offers opportunity for interesting targets.

This weekend's 3-night DXpedition at Grayland with John Bryant produced trans-Pacific MW DX from both hemispheres. The geographic regions that were "in" at any given moment toggled from one to the other within a minute or two. It would be fascinating to know what propagational mechanism causes DX to begin the evening "Down Under", flip suddenly to Japan/China/Asia for much of the night, and then finish with a sudden return to Aussie/Kiwi mediumwave DX just past local sunrise! Please see John's DXpedition report for an interesting and detailed account of these fluctuating conditions.

Sunday, August 22nd provided a totally different mediumwave reception pattern compared to the previous evenings. Once the grayline had shifted far enough to the west, both Southern and Northern hemispheres propagated signals to our receivers. On frequencies such as 594 and 828, Australian/New Zealand and Japanese/Korean/Chinese stations were fighting for our attention at the same time. Overall signal levels were lower on the 22nd, often making it difficult to identify anything more than the languages and potential countries on the frequency.

My DXpedition highlights on mediumwave were the 1 kw Kosrae, Micronesia station V6AJ on 1503 (a new MW country for me) and catching an elusive local ID of JOTB Matsue, Japan on 1593.

I spent little time on the tropical bands as mediumwave was so productive. Most interesting catch on shortwave was an unidentified NHK feeder on 3970 USB, which is likely the 600 watt Sapporo station rather than the weaker, further south Nagoya outlet. The usual Indonesians on 90 meters such as RRI Palangkaraya and RRI Ternate provided excellent listening with their strong, clear signals.

I also found Radio East New Britain (3385 kHz) on late past 1200 with an excellent quality broadcast of the "New Guinea Top Ten Countdown" of Melanesian pop music, sponsored by Coca-Cola. A number of advertisements, promos, and PSAs added to the local flavor. MP3 recordings of this intercept can be streamed or downloaded from:

[http://www.guyatkins.com/files/RENB\\_3385\\_long.mp3](http://www.guyatkins.com/files/RENB_3385_long.mp3) (26 minutes, 3.05 Mb) or just the first half: [http://www.guyatkins.com/files/RENB\\_3385\\_short.mp3](http://www.guyatkins.com/files/RENB_3385_short.mp3) (13 minutes, 1.54 Mb).

The MP3 files are analog copies of my original minidisk recorded on the ICOM R-75.

John and I set up our usual three Beverage antennas on this DXpedition: 750 ft. terminated wires running southwest and west, and 950 ft. in the northwest direction. We also experimented with a remotely-adjusted termination for another western Beverage.

The orientation of the Grayland DXpedition site limits our antenna lengths. In the past we've extended the wires a few hundred feet further over the beach during the night but found no worthwhile improvement; the risk of the wires being caught by passing vehicles on the beach is too great.

My ICOM R-75 was my favorite receiver during the DXpedition, and it proved to be more flexible in tough DX situations than the Racal RA6790GM. The ICOM clearly was better with split frequency MW signals thanks to the INRAD crystal filters in the 1st & 2nd IFs which improve the R-75 twin PBT control's performance over stock. On the trans-Pacific MW catches in particular, once again I found myself wishing for PBT on the Racal. The RA6790GM has great selectivity, but it cannot compete with the audio recovery and signal readability of the R-75 with its PBT adjusted precisely. The PBT's superiority is due to its ability to peak crucial voice frequencies for best intelligibility, when signals are severely overlapping (often the case with foreign mediumwave stations close to domestic MW channels). The R-75 is also easier and quicker to tune than the RA6790GM, with the ICOM's keypad buttons providing a tactile feedback compared to the membrane keys on the Racal. In addition, if I want to use the full selection of voice bandwidth crystal filters in the RA6790GM I need to be in CW mode, adjust the BFO to 1200-1500 kHz, and offset-tune by an appropriate amount for clear audio.

On signals without co-channel interference however, the Racal is my first choice for cleaner audio. Particularly with very weak signals having at least one sideband in the clear, the

RA6790GM reveals more nuances of the audio for better intelligibility. The Racal is also my first choice for pleasant program listening to moderate and strong signals.

- 531 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio 531 PI, Auckland, Aug 22 1143 - This Pacific Island peoples station heard at truly local level at turn-on, running a Christian church service in Polynesian language. The hymns were wonderful. (Bryant-WA)  
+ Aug 22 1145 - Beautiful Maori or Polynesian hymn at tune-in; male announcer in island language with two mentions of Tonga. Fair to good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 540 **AUSTRALIA** 4QL Longreach, Aug 21 1340 - Heard here at end of max. dawn with ABC Olympic coverage, under the vestiges of CBK, Regina. Very pleased with this new one. Presumed only, unfortunately. (Bryant-WA)
- 558 **FIJI** R. Fiji 1, Aug 22 1150 - Island music chorus rising out of the noise at 1150, but inaudible by 1158. At 1232, I found 684 Fiji at a nice level and parallel with 558, but only briefly. Poor to fair level overall. (Atkins-WA)
- 576 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN Sydney, Aug 20 1341 - Exotic Middle Eastern music and female vocals at good level, and parallel 792 4RN Brisbane as well as 8RN Katherine on 639. Orchestral music in a similar style 1348. (Atkins-WA)  
+ Aug 20 1341 - Radio National at good level running a program of classical world music hosted by male. Not // 9580. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 594 **AUSTRALIA** 3WV Horsham, Aug 22 1212 - Australia Olympics coverage by two announcers in Aussie English, parallel to 684 8RN 2KP Kempsey. Poor, and signal soon replaced by other low-level stations in the sonic muck. Noted later at 1334 with more Olympics at good level. (Atkins-WA)  
+ Aug 20 1345 - Noted as part of very late low band Aussie opening with ABC Local Radio + Metro Service Olympic coverage (cycling). Good level. Also noted on Aug. 22. (Bryant-WA)
- INDIA??** AIR Chinsura (very tent.), Aug 22 1248 - Tibetan/Bhutanese/Indian traditional singing over/under 3WV Horsham for about 2 to 3 minutes before fading precipitously. Did not sound Japanese. Was not CNR (checked SW parallels.) Coincided with sunset at the transmitter of this megawatt AIR eastern Foreign Service station. A few Japanese stations made a very brief showing about 6 or 7 minutes after this log and NHK1 Tokyo was on this channel VERY weakly, very briefly at that time. Will send tentative report to AIR and hope. The quest continues. (Bryant-WA)
- JAPAN** JOAK Tokyo, Aug 22 1255 - Earlier in the hour, a real muddle on this frequency with 3WV Horsham mostly dominating with Australian team Olympics coverage. A tantalizing unidentified station (India?) made an appearance at 1250, but JOAK appeared alone on 594 just prior to 1300. Male talk in Japanese, then NHK1 time pips at 1300 and into news read by woman announcer. Fair to good. (Atkins-WA)
- 594 **UNIDENTIFIED** , Aug 22 1245 - At 1250, John and I heard music on this frequency that sounded East Indian or Tibetan; it may have been a Chinese outlet, but the CNR shortwave frequencies were not in parallel. Could it be the Indian East External Service from Chinsurah (1 megawatt), peaking just past East Indian sunrise? The signal faded just after 1250, and JOAK Tokyo took its place. (Atkins-WA)
- 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR Brisbane, Aug 20 1349 - Noted as part of very late low band Aussie opening with ABC Local Radio + Metro Service Olympic coverage (cycling). Good level. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 639 **AUSTRALIA** 8RN Katherine, Aug 20 1347 - Noted at a poor-fair level parallel to 2RN Sydney 576 and 4RN Brisbane 792 with Indian native flute and drums. (Atkins-WA)  
+ Aug 20 1348 - Heard here clearly with classical Indian flute music. Parallel to other Radio National frequencies 576//792. Very pleased with this one. Other Northern Territory stations were checked but unheard on 20th. Also noted on Aug 22. (Bryant-WA)
- 666 **AUSTRALIA** 2CN Canberra, Aug 20 1350 - Noted as part of very late low band Aussie opening with ABC Local Radio + Metro Service Olympic coverage (cycling). Fair to poor as band faded. New station for me. (Bryant-WA)
- NEW CALEDONIA** R. New Caledonia, Noumea, Aug 22 1333 - Good signal at peaks, with male and female talk in French, relaying R. France International and parallel 738 Papeete, Tahiti. Promo of some sort 1338. It's nice to hear Noumea again! (Atkins-WA)  
+ Aug 22 1335 - Very happy to find FF dominating 666 after a decade of hoping to hear this station a second time. Was running France-Inter as per schedule (Atkins paralleled this to very poor 738, Tahiti.) Signal levels at times were near local level. WOW! (Bryant-WA)

- 675 **NEW ZEALAND** 3YA Christchurch, Aug 21 1154 - Presume this one heard on SW antenna only with light classical music at poor level. In most of AM. Not heard here in several years. (Bryant-WA)
- 684 **AUSTRALIA** 2KP Kempsey, Aug 22 1218 - Olympics coverage with Aussie accent announcers in English, and parallel to 594 3WV Horsham. Poor, and faded down to mix with other unidentified stations. (Atkins-WA)  
 + Aug 20 1355 - Noted as part of very late low band Aussie opening with ABC Local Radio + Metro Service Olympic coverage (cycling). Noted at poor level as band faded. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)  
**FIJI** R. Fiji 1, Aug 22 1224 - Nice bits of island choral music and hymns heard during fade troughs of 2KP Kempsey, and at times mixing equal level with the Australian. At 1231 I found parallel 558 Fiji rising up nicely in parallel with 684. Poor-fair, but good level with island string music and vocals at 1313 recheck. (Atkins-WA)  
 + Aug 22 1310 - Heard well with Fijian talk and beautiful island singing. No sign of 2KP Kempsey with Olympic coverage. (Bryant-WA)
- 702 **AUSTRALIA** 2BL Sydney, Aug 21 1250 - Continuing Olympic coverage on ABC MS and RR outlets. Good level. Also noted on Aug. 22. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 21 1304 - Good signal of Olympics coverage, and mentioning medals for Aussie soccer team. Parallel 774. (Atkins-WA)
- 738 **AUSTRALIA** 2NR Grafton, Aug 20 1346 - Noted as part of very late low band Aussie opening with ABC Local Radio + Metro Service Olympic coverage (cycling). Good level. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 22 1350 - Olympics commentary by female announcer, parallel 594 3WV Horsham. Fair to good. (Atkins-WA)  
**NEW ZEALAND** Radio Pacific, Christchurch, Aug 21 1308 - Possibly this news talk station with female in English, beneath 2NR Grafton carrying ABC Olympics coverage. Fair. (Atkins-WA)  
**TAHITI** R. Tahiti, Mohina, Aug 20 0938 - Noted in passing several times in FF at good level. Since the installation of their new transmitter, Tahiti has become our most predictable Trans-Pac station. Also noted on Aug. 22. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 21 0433 - Weak signal just past Papeete sunset; female announcer in French. (Atkins-WA)
- 756 **NEW ZEALAND** 1YA Auckland, Aug 22 1211 - Noted in passing with DUenglish discussion at fair to poor level. (Bryant-WA)  
 + (pres.), Aug 21 1345 - Presume this in DUenglish on SW wire with promo for news. Mention of Wellington. Fair only. Also noted on Aug. 22. (Bryant-WA)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA** 3LO Melbourne, Aug 20 1347 - Noted as part of very late low band Aussie opening with ABC Local Radio + Metro Service Olympic coverage (cycling). Good level. Heard all three AMs of DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 21 1003 - Presumed this stronger of the two Aussies on 774; female announcer in Aussie English with news of Iraq, before signal faded into the mush again. Poor-fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 783 **AUSTRALIA** 8AL Alice Springs (tent.), Aug 22 1317 - Very distinctive piano concerto at near local level briefly (2 minutes or so) which was parallel to but slightly delayed from next channel over, 792 ABC Radio National, 4RN, Brisbane. Unless there is a new Radio National outlet on this frequency, this was tentatively 8AL Alice Springs, the only ABC outlet there, which should probably have been running ABC Olympic coverage. Will contact 8AL immediately. Did not check SW possible parallel. As soon as concerto faded down, 783 Wellington dominated channel. (Bryant-WA)  
**NEW ZEALAND** 2YB Access Radio, Wellington, Aug 21 1325 - First time heard here as 'Access Radio' Was running an Irish program until 1330. IDed as 'Access Radio, 783 AM. Celebrating the Ethnic Diversity of Wellington!' Very good level toward the close of max. dawn. Also noted on Aug. 22. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 21 1328 - Folk music to 7-note xylophone music stinger and male announcer in English at 1229 ('Listen to the Irish Radio Program every Sunday, here on Access Radio...with news from Ireland and local news with Travis Davis, who will tell you what's happening and news from pubs...'), 1330 ID again including 'Access Radio 783 AM, celebrating the ethnic diversity of Wellington'. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 792 **AUSTRALIA** 4RN Brisbane, Aug 20 1405 - Noted as band faded (almost 1 hour after Grayland's dawn) with Radio National classics world music program hosted by male announcer. Noted all three AMs of DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 828 **AUSTRALIA** 3GI Sale, Aug 21 1335 - More ABC Olympic coverage at good level. Also noted on Aug. 22. (Bryant-WA)
- 828 **JAPAN** JOBB NHK2 Osaka, Aug 20 1221 - Noted in passing at fair level with typical NHK2 program. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 22 1155 - Male announcer in Japanese at good level, mixing with 3GI Sale, Australia. Interesting conditions at this time with stations from both hemispheres audible. (Atkins-WA)
- 855 **AUSTRALIA** 4QB Pialba (pres.), Aug 22 1155 - This directional station (to north as per 2003 QSL) is presumed the one heard here at fair level with the Aussie ABC Olympic coverage. (Bryant-WA)
- 864 **NEW ZEALAND** 4ZA, Invercargill, Aug 21 1201 - Presume this one on SW antenna only with Down Under news at fair to poor level. Not heard here in several years. (Bryant-WA)
- 891 **AUSTRALIA** 5AN Adelaide, Aug 20 1348 - Noted as part of very late low band Aussie opening with ABC Local Radio + Metro Service Olympic coverage (cycling). Good level. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 936 **AUSTRALIA** 7ZR Hobart, Aug 21 1350 - Noted here at band fade with ABC Olympic coverage. Fair but fading fast. First time heard here in several years. (Bryant-WA)  
**UNIDENTIFIED**, Aug 22 1357 - Low level signal briefly peaking to fair with gospel music. Noted only on southwest Beverage antenna. Possibly Southern Star, Christchurch, New Zealand, a religious network. (Atkins-WA)
- 972 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLCA Dangjin, Aug 20 1145 - Noted several times in passing at good to excellent level. Male talk in KK. Heard all three mornings of DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 22 1317 - Female talk in Korean at a good level, but only briefly at 1320. Tentative. (Atkins-WA)
- 1035 **SOLOMON ISLANDS** SIBC Radio Hapi Isles, Aug 21 0950 - Solomons making a brief appearance; male Pidgin announcer and island music with drumming and female chorus. Fair during peaks. (Atkins-WA)
- 1053 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** Jammer, Aug 20 1148 - This very usual bubble jammer noted most of the night on its normal perch. Its actually quite a good propagation indicator for the Korean peninsula. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** WSZO Majuro V7AD, Aug 21 0745 - Marshalls making a brief appearance with female island vocals and chorus; male announcer in presumed Marshallese. 1098 peaked at a fair level for a short time just past Majuro sunset, but I did not notice WSZO return for another showing later throughout the evening. (Atkins-WA)  
 + Aug 21 0950 - Noted here with fair audio. Continuous island music and under-modulated, as usual. Open carrier after 1100 recheck. OC noted all three AMs of DXpedition, as usual. (Bryant-WA)
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA** 4BC Sydney, Aug 21 0953 - Heard here all three mornings of DXpedition, as usual, with one of the most reliable TP signals on the band. General talk commercial programming. (Bryant-WA)
- 1152 **JAPAN** NHK-2 Synchronos, Aug 21 1245 - Noted here briefly with JJ talk // to 1593. Was gone by 1320 (local ID time). Had hoped for the strongest, Naha, Okinawa. (Bryant-WA)
- 1188 **JAPAN** JOKP NHK1 Hokkaido, Aug 22 1201 - First noted 1201 with female Japanese talk, then signal gave way to a male announcer in English (possible Olympics coverage) and both were at equal level at 1203. Presumed JOKP rose to the top again at 1207, only to fade away again, giving way to \*two\* unidentified stations this time (English talk and island choral music). A three-way traffic jam on 1188! (Atkins-WA)
- 1197 **JAPAN** JOWL Ashikawa, Aug 21 1215 - Heard here at good level. //to key station, JOWF, Sapporo, 1440. Usual pops programming. (Bryant-WA)  
**UNIDENTIFIED**, Aug 21 1016 - A real jumble on 1197--first noted female talk in Japanese, followed by Aussie or Kiwi-accent English mixing with Chinese. Poor level for four minutes, then deep fade. (Atkins-WA)
- 1206 **CHINA** CNR FS Yanjin (Jilin RGD), Aug 20 1230 - Excellent level Korean telephone interview by two males from this outlet in southern Manchuria. Heard at local level on Aug 21. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 20 1232 - Per Pacific-Asian Log, presumed this with Korean language male & female talk. Mentions of Shandong (a Chinese region) at 1235. Very good signal during peaks. (Atkins-WA)

- 1215 **CHINA** (TENT.) CNR2 (tentative), Aug 21 1225 - Tentative this here at fair to good level. Was clearly in Standard Chinese, not the KK heard here on August 20th. Was not // 3985, a normal CNR2 outlet. Will send tentative report. (Bryant-WA)  
**REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLAJ Jinju, Aug 20 1235 - Korean lang. popular commercial programming with M+W chatting. This only one listed. Fair to poor. (Bryant-WA)
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF Tokyo, Aug 20 1332 - Excellent with All-night Nippon program of interviews, talk and pop music. (Bryant-WA)
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR Sapporo, Aug 20 0955 - Heard throughout most of darkness path at fair to good levels. Programming sounded like 'All-night Nippon.' Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 1305 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** KBS Uljin (presumed), Aug 20 1158 - Presume this one noted at good level in KK. New one for me. Normal speed talk until TOH, then brief (uncaught) Net ID (pres.) followed by rapid-fire KK after. (Bryant-WA)
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF Nagoya, Aug 20 1205 - Noted here very steady at good level for last two hours of morning. Running happy talk and music, somewhat over-produced. 'Was likely 'All-night Nippon' program. (Bryant-WA)
- 1377 **JAPAN** NHK2 Synchros, Aug 20 1210 - NHK2 news/weather programming noted after TOH. Heard at fair to poor level until band fade at 1345. (Bryant-WA)
- 1386 **JAPAN** NHK2 Synchros, Aug 20 1306 - Heard at fair to poor level //1377//1593 and low band powerhouses. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 1422 **JAPAN** JORF Yokohama, Aug 21 1030 - Bouncy female announcer in Japanese to 1033, then signal faded away. Tentative, but JORF is the only Japan station listed in PAL for 1422. (Atkins-WA)  
 + Aug 20 1208 - Noted in passing at fair level with JJ talk by two men. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 1440 **JAPAN** JOWF Sapporo, Aug 20 1218 - This 'on channel' key station for STV was a good indication that the 20th was a good/excellent high-band opening to Japan. JOWF heard at fair to good level. Also noted on Aug. 21. (Bryant-WA)
- 1503 **JAPAN** JOUK Akita, Aug 21 1035 - Female talk in Japanese at tune-in; after the signal returned 1038 from a fade, Asian orchestral music and talk heard with flute music 1043. Unidentified station began mixing at 1044, then Japanese language again 1059 with NHK network ID. Fair during peaks, and only on Northwest Beverage antenna. JOUK likely, as it's the strongest by far Japanese station shown for the frequency. (Atkins-WA)  
 + Aug 21 1234 - This old friend noted in passing with some Olympic coverage at good level. (Bryant-WA)
- 1503 **KOSRAE (FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA)** V6AJ Voice of Kosrae, Aug 21 1044 - South Pacific island style music heard briefly 1044, then soft religious or EZL female vocals in unid. language with piano accompaniment at 1048. Male singer with old time Gospel song 1049, and woman in Polynesian-sounding lang. with prayer or brief talk 1052. At 1055, definite island music heard again, with male announcer in English apparently closing out an evangelical program (mentions of 'broadcasts... thousands won to Christ!'). Upon reviewing the recording, it sounds like the announcer is giving the program name as 'Jesus Can Save Radio, with James R. Hiney'. Shortly after this phrase he mentions 'Continue With Christ is broadcast in association with...'. I did a Google search for these possible program names but could not locate any clues. The beautiful island choral music peaked and went off at 1057, then silence for four seconds prior to a different male announcer saying, I believe, 'V-6-A-J'. The possible callsign is \*extremely\* weak and much lower level than the earlier programming, and no further content after that was heard. I didn't notice it until reviewing the minidisc. Bruce Portzer's latest Pacific-Asian Log shows English & Kosran languages for V6AJ, and a sign-off of 1100\*. The music sounded very similar to Cook Islands native church hymns that I heard during a 1993 trip to Rarotonga. Best on Southwest Beverage. I also noted a very short peak of island music and drumming August 22 at 0803 on 1503. Very pleased with this 1 kw station, and potentially a new MW country for me. (Atkins-WA)
- 1557 **CHINA-TAIWAN** WYFR, Kouhu (pres.), Aug 21 1237 - Presume this the one in briefly with standard CC and seeming Christian program. Poor level and brief semi-log. (Bryant-WA)
- 1566 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLAZ Cheju Island, Aug 20 1005 - Heard throughout the DXpedition most hours of the darkness path, sometimes at amazingly good levels. (Bryant-WA)
- + Aug 21 1144 - Huge signal from this FEBC station. Serious talk or sermon by male in Japanese. Noted each night around this time. (Atkins-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND** VOA Ayutthaya, Aug 20 1216 - Heard here for the last two hours of the night with fair to poor signal in SEA langs. VOA IDs, etc. Heard all three AMs of DXpedition. Sometimes at amazing levels. Should be audible elsewhere in NAM. (Bryant-WA)  
 + Aug 21 1248 - Very good to excellent signal of male announcer in SE Asian language (Lao, Vietnamese, Khmer, etc.). Male vocals in lang. 1249, and 'VOA' ID at 1252. This signal popped up suddenly just past Bangkok sunset. (Atkins-WA)
- 1593 **CHINA** Heilongjiang RGD, Harbin (pres.), Aug 20 1217 - This one the usual CC here. Heard at very poor level but clearly in Putongwha Standard CC. (Bryant-WA)  
**JAPAN** JOTB Matsue, Aug 20 1312 - Male announcer in Japanese; mentions of Tokyo and 'NHK' at 1313. Monotonous reading of cities and temperatures (thanks to John Bryant for tip on weather info); upon reviewing MD, I found a weak but clear 'JOTB Matsue' ID at 1319. JOQR Niigata synchro could be heard in background at the same moment with 'JOQ...' call letters; at first I thought it was an echo effect on the Matsue ID. Signal level varied between poor and fair. I never would have noticed this ID if I was still using cassettes for recording, as it would be lost in the tape hiss. Minidisc and MP3 recordings provide much better S/N ratio for weak signal capture. (Atkins-WA)  
 + Aug 20 1315 - Heard at fair to poor level //1377//1593 and low band powerhouses. At 1319 local ID, Guy Atkins recorded local ID. We both heard 'JOTB Matsue' clearly, with some echo. The echo was likely the announcer giving 'JOQB Niigata' ID. (Bryant-WA)
- 1629 **AUSTRALIA** 4DB Dalby, Aug 20 1240 - Tentative. Continuous country rock music at a very low level, often fading into noise level. Female announcer with Aussie accent 1251; into 'Small Town, Saturday Night' tune. 4 time pips heard at 1300, but no other audio heard due to fading. Best on SW Beverage. (Atkins-WA)

#### SHORTWAVE LOGGINGS

- 2310 **AUSTRALIA** VL8A Alice Springs, Aug 20 1409 - 'ABC Radio' ID by woman announcer, and into Olympics coverage. Good level and parallel 2325 (good) and 2485 (also good). (Atkins-WA)
- 3260 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA** R. Madang, Aug 20 1159 - Caught this one just in time for sign-off, with log drums, ID and frequency announcements in Pidgin by male announcer. National anthem and off 1201. Very good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 3315 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA** R. Manus, Aug 20 1201 - I tuned into Manus just in time to catch the final notes of the PNG national anthem, and the Bird of Paradise call. No sign of NBC relay after sign-off as noted earlier in the week. Excellent signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 3320 **SOUTH AFRICA** R. Sonder Grense, Aug 21 0415 - Male and female announcers in Afrikaans; poor signal but seemed to be slowly improving, at Meyerton sunrise. (Atkins-WA)
- 3325 **INDONESIA** RRI Palangkaraya, Aug 20 1414 - Excellent, powerful signal at 1-1/4 hours past local sunrise with male announcer and many mentions of Palangkaraya. (Atkins-WA)
- 3345 **INDONESIA** RRI Ternate, Aug 20 1419 - Phone interview between male announcer and caller. Very strong signal, almost as clear as Palangkaraya. Conversations seemed to be about the Greece Olympics. (Atkins-WA)
- 3365 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA** R. Milne Bay, Aug 20 1208 - Very strong signal with male DJ in Pidgin playing hard rockin' PNG melanesian music. Another PNG outlet on late (not parallel 4890), perhaps for the Friday night youth audience? The following PNG signals were noted earlier at 1145 on August 21: 3260, 3325, 3365, 3385, and 4890. (Atkins-WA)
- 3385 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA** R. East New Britain, Aug 20 1205 - On late tonight with female announcer in Pidgin, and R&B pop tune. At 1212, ad for PNG Motors 'Buy and Fly' promotion with '3000 Kina spending money' for chance to win trip to the soccer finals. Excellent signal, and not parallel 4890. On August 21 at 1215, East New Britain was at local quality level, featuring the 'New Guinea Top Ten Countdown' with the latest Melanesian pop tunes and male announcer in Pidgin, and local ads. Station promo announcement as 'R-N-B FM, one great song after another' with children's voices. Mentions of FM and shortwave outlets and PO Box at 1236, with 'good night & God bless'. (Atkins-WA)

- 3960.9 **INDONESIA** RRI Palu, Aug 20 1423 - Powerhouse signal with lagu populer of male vocals. Phone interview at 1437. (Atkins-WA)
- 3970 **USB JAPAN NHK**, unidentified outlet, Aug 20 1433 - Male announcers in Japanese with Olympics coverage and background crowd noises; sounded echoey like an indoors swimming competition. Surprisingly good signal for 300 watts at 1-1/2 hours past local sunrise. More likely this is the 600 watt Sapporo station (closer to Grayland via great circle route) than the 300 watt transmitter in Nabeta (Nagoya) further South. (Atkins-WA)

## DX WORLDWIDE - EAST

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Ray Moore reporting in this issue with another fascinating batch of his TP loggings from Florida.

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

- 774 **AUSTRALIA** 3LO, Melbourne, JUL 10 1003-1022 - good carrier with brief surge at 1020 to bring a man's voice out of the noise. This was the best TP frequency during the years I lived in the Keys when I logged both 3LO and JOUB here. Noted very weak to quite good carriers on 21 other channels during the week I spent at my time share in Marathon but this was the only one to produce audio. DXed five feet from the Atlantic Ocean lapping against the seawall, almost in the shadow of Radio Marti's four-tower array. Marti has a very clean signal and was no problem. This channel is blocked in North Fort Myers by a very noisy local on 770 kHz which splatters over 40 kHz each side of its channel. [Moore-KEYS]
- 1098 **MARSHALL ISL.** V7AD, Majuro, JUL 15, 30, 31, AUG 1, 6 - noted with weak audio just before local sunrise. Not needed. [Moore-NFM]
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA(p)** 4BC, Brisbane, JUL 15 1027 - assumed based on direction finding with man speaking. [Moore-NFM]
- 1475 **MALAYSIA** RTM Sabah, Kota Kinabalu - returned right on schedule with weak carrier AUG 3, nothing on AUG 4, then every morning from AUG 5 through today (AUG 23) with fair to very strong carrier. Direction finding right on at 330 deg. Peaked AUG 19 1054-1058 with very strong carrier but too much noise to get any audio. Last heard here on May 13 and should be strong till mid-SEPT when it will start fading away to return again in April. The gray line for this one appears to run from Florida up through Chicago/Milwaukee area. Check "[www.spacew.com/www/realtime](http://www.spacew.com/www/realtime)" at your local sunrise to see gray line. [Moore-NFM]
- 1503 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport - best and most consistent "down under" station. Noted with weak audio JUN 21 1028-1035, JUN 24 1021-1033, JUL 11 1036-1041, JUL 15 1034-1041. [Moore-NFM]
- 1512 **AUSTRALIA(p)** 2RN, Newcastle, JUL 15 - Assumed, 1034-1041 man with sports, AUG 10 1044-1101 man and woman. [Moore-NFM]
- 1611 **AUSTRALIA** JUL 15 1038 - jumble of voices. [Moore-NFM]
- 1629 **AUSTRALIA** JUL 15 1036 - graveyard-like jumble of audio. [Moore-NFM]
- 1638 **AUSTRALIA** JUL 15 - jumble of audio, JUL 17 1042 same, AUG 10 1105-1108 woman rose out of jumble briefly but couldn't identify language. [Moore-NFM]

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[Moore-NFM] = Ft. Myers, FL. Antenna system: 23" spiral loop, Comdel preamp. Receivers: Drake R8, Homebrew receiver

[Moore-KEYS] = Florida Keys, FL. Antenna system: 23" spiral loop with 50/100 Z match. Receivers: Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filter

**Ray speaks:** "I spent my 80th birthday in my favorite place in the world, the Florida Keys. I still DX every morning just before sunrise and occasionally in the evening just after sunset. The Keys are the best place I have ever DXed from with nearly all water paths to "down under", Europe, Africa, Middle East, South America. I'm still playing competitive singles tennis on the USTA Florida circuit but my wife has made me give up sailing."

Happy birthday, Ray! That's all for this issue. Good DX everyone! 73, Brandon.

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Just a short forum to officially thank Frank Aden for putting us up and putting up with us, hi, at the 2004 Convention in Boise. Kudo's also to Bruce Bacon for inviting the attendees to his home for the Sunday barbeque. I had a good time all around and met up with some DX'ers I've never met, but know for years and years (some of whom I regard as 'famously' in my book, hi.) It was a long drive for many of us and I for one had to see a few sites while in the area. Ghost towns and historical sites visited included Silver City, War Eagle Mountain and Idaho City, all within a short distance of Boise. I also made a detour to the Idaho Historical Museum. Nice place for a two-dollar admission. I hope all is going well with everybody. Best of DX and 73 de Doug

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