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IRCA welcomes: **Dave Korinek** of Mountain Terrace, WA (good to see you back Dave-pb.)

New from the IRCA reprint service. "IRCA REPRINTS ON CD"!!! 648 Reprints. The entire set, now on one CD. Only \$10.00 (US/Canadian IRCA members, overseas contact Lee.) Categories include: Antennas, Domestic, Foreign, History, DX Lists, Receivers and Receiver Modifications, and Technical. Check out the table of contents at:

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NEW IRCA TIS/HAR List!!! Mike Hardester has completed the most up to date list yet. 56 pages of top-notch information on current TIS/HAR stations in the AM Band. Get your copy now from the IRCA Bookstore for \$8.50 (IRCA members), Overseas, add \$3.00. Non-IRCA members, add \$1.00. IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334 (checks payable to **Phil Bytheway**.)

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Ray Bauernhuber - Election Committee Chairman

From December 1, 2004 thru January 15, 2005 nominations are open for the next two-year terms for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the seven (7) members of the Board of Directors. Only one nomination each for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven (7) nominations for the Board of Directors shall be allowed each IRCA member. An eligible member may nominate him/herself. All nominations must be submitted in written form (letter or e-mail) to the Election Committee Chairman (ECC) by January 15, 2005.

Please direct all nominations to:

Ray Bauernhuber
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DX Tests – Les Rayburn – les@highnoonfilm.com

Daily	0255-0305	1220	WRIB	Providence RI	(Healy)
12/15/04+	0915-1445	1620	WB3XNN	Milford PA	(Schmidt)
1/ 9/05	0000-0200	990	WXCT	Southington CT	(Barnes)
1/ 9/05	0200-0330	560	WFIL	Philadelphia PA	(Tetro)
1/24/05	0200-0600	1530	KFBK	Sacramento CA	(IRCA)

Please read each item carefully, as there are individual circumstances with each test. If you have questions, feel free to e-mail me directly. les@highnoonfilm.com.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Rene Tetro, Mr. Larry Gamble, Mr. Ross du Clair, and Mr. Ron Barnes for arranging these tests. DX'ers everywhere are very grateful!

73 and Good DX, **Les Rayburn, N1LF, IRCA CPC Chairman**

WRIB 1220kHz Providence RI TEST. Daily, from 2:55am-3:05am EST - WRIB-1220 - Providence, RI. Craig Healy reports that the long running DX test at WRIB 1220 in Providence, RI continues to run daily from 02:55AM EST until 03:05AM EST. WRIB automatically switches to daytime power and pattern (1KW ND) during the top of the hour.



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**.)

WB3XNN 1620kHz Milford, PA TEST. Date(s): About December 15th thru end of January. Time: Non-Critical Hours 09:15AM EST until 1445PM EST. Modes of Operation: 1KW Daytime Non-Directional. Programming: Un-Modulated Carrier with ID's at TOH.

Test is being conducted by Digital Radio Engineering for field intensity experiments concerning area ground conductivity. A full DX Test will be conducted (hopefully at night) before the competition of measurements in January.

Below is the full text received from Dave Schmidt:

WB3XNN - 1620 kilohertz should be on the air about December 15th. This station licensed to Milford, PA (near Port Jervis...) is being operated for field intensity measurements of the ground conductivity in the area. This will be operating during non critical hours (approx. 0915 til 1445) with an unmodulated carrier, ID's given on the hour. Power will be 1000 watts into a 50 foot top loaded single tower. (For those in to tower currents, that adds up to 8.8 amps at 14 ohms!) Tests should continue through the end of January.

Reports can be sent to Dave Schmidt c/o: Digital Radio Engineering, 2927 US Route 6, Slate Hill, NY 10973

ANOTHER DUAL STATION TEST NIGHT-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WFIL 560kHz Philadelphia, PA TEST. Date: January 9, 2005. Time: 02:00-03:30 EST. Modes of Operation: 02:01 - 02:30 7.1KW Daytime Directional Pattern. 02:31 - 03:00 2.5KW Non-Directional. 03:00 - 03:30 Off Air to allow DXers in our region of the country to DX other stations on 560 kHz. Programming: Morse IDs, Voice IDs, Tones, Marching Band Music - Stars and Stripes Forever, Washington Post March, Liberty Bell March (the old Monty Python Theme.)

Reception Reports for the WNTP and WFIL tests should be sent to Rene Tetro by email at rtetro@pobox.com or by snail mail at:

Rene' Tetro
Chief Engineer
WNTP-WFIL
117 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1901

Mr. Tetro will be sending out newly designed QSL Cards for each station with a special label/stamp on the reverse side noting the special DX Test to those who respond.

WXCT 990kHz Southington, CT TEST. Date: January 9, 2005 (Late Sunday night into Monday morning.) Time: 00:00AM EST to 02:00AM EST (2 Hour Test.) Modes of Operation: 00:00-00:30 Full day power 2.5kw and pattern. 00:30-01:00 1kw Non-Directional. 01:00-01:30 80 Watts Directional Night Pattern 01:30-02:00 Off air to allow locals to DX 990kHz. Programming: Mixture of Morse Code ID's, unique test tones, voice announcements and "most notably, you will hear music never heard before and probably never again on the radio!"

This special test is being conducted Mr. Ron Barnes, the Chief Engineer. The test schedule makes it obvious that Mr. Barnes is very interested in seeing how the station performs over the entire test. If you can, try to observe how the signal changes strength as the power is reduced and include that information in your reports.

Any reception reports should be sent to:

WXCT AM 990
440 Old Turnpike Road
Plantsville, CT 06479
ATTN: **Ron Barnes** CE

Information about this test comes from a posting by Mr. Barnes to the "Radio-Info DX Web Board" and several e-mails exchanged with Mr. Barnes and noted DX'ers. Word is that the "full test" will go on as scheduled, with last Friday's brief test being a bonus for alert DX'ers.

KFBK 1530kHz Sacramento, CA TEST. Date: January 24, 2005. Time: 0200-0600 EST (4 Hours ID's ONLY Test.) Modes of Operation: 50KW Night Time Directional Pattern. Programming: :60 and :30 Morse Code and Phonetic Voice ID's Only during program breaks.

This special test is being conducted by Ross du Clair, Ph.D.,- WA6VWY, who is the Chief Engineer for "News Talk 1530" and other Clear Channel stations. Due to programming commitments, test will be limited to commercial breaks only during regular programming. ID's will consist of both Morse Code at 10WPM, 1000hz and phonetic voice announcements... such as:

"This is Kilo Foxtrot Bravo Kilo".

Reception reports should again be submitted via e-mail directly to Mr. du Clair at: Duclair, Ross: rossduclair@clearchannel.com.

DX Test results

Here is a brief wrap up of the KTNS 1060khz DX Test results. I've kept this one short due to family commitments around the holidays.

Our thanks again to Mr. Larry Gamble, Owner/Operator of KTNS who will soon be retiring. Larry has run quite a few tests for all of us over the years, and I know that everyone in the DX community is grateful. He'll be retiring soon and we wish him well. See his comments at the bottom of this list:

KTNS successful receptions by: Brian Leyton, Valley Village, CA, Patrick Martin, Seaside, OR (Whose beverage hears everything!), John Wilke, Milwaukee, WI (See comments below!), John Butler, Novato, CA, Martin Foltz, Mission Viejo, CA, Kevin Mesa, Arizona, Risto Kotalampi, Hayward, CA, Doug Pifer, Mike Hawkins, Tracy, CA, Frank Aden, Boise, Idaho, Don Kaskey, San Francisco, CA, Steve Ratzlaff, Elgin, Oregon, Patrick Griffith, Westminster, CO, Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA, Bruce Portzer, Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO

Tried for, but missed by: John Hart, San Francisco, CA, Mike Stonebridge, St. Isidore, AB Canada, Les Rayburn, Helena, AL, Bill Harms, Elkridge, Maryland, Adam Myrow (Possible code and sweep tones, but not positive), Steve Francis, Alcoa, TN, Rick Shaftan, New York, Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO (though he did get some brief snips of code)

I also received a "post test" report from Mr. Gamble himself, it is reprinted below:

Dear Les,

I have received responses from at least a dozen DXers. Up to this afternoon the farthest one from Oakhurst, California was Colorado-over 800 miles. Then this afternoon, I received one from Wisconsin!!!! Wow! Now that is impressive.

Thanks for all of your excellent organization for IRCA. Keep up the good work!

Larry Gamble, Soon to be retired!

Don't we wish all broadcasters felt this way about DX tests! Again, our thanks for years of support to Mr. Larry Gamble. Now that you're retiring, I'd like to recommend AM DXing as a great way to pass the time. :)

73, Les Rayburn, N1LF, IRCA CPC Chairman

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
790	WZXY	Thomasville, NC	WBLO
920	KBNA	El Paso, TX	KLTO
990	KMSR	Farmersville, TX	KFCD
1070	KKHT	Houston, TX	KNTH
1210	KNWX	Auburn, WA	KDDS
1250	WEMP	Milwaukee, WI	WSSP
1490	WBLO	Valdese, NC	WSVM
1490	WTVL	Waterville, ME	WODJ

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
730	WSSC	Charleston, SC	news/talk	talk
790	KBME	Houston, TX	adult stds., ESPN	sports, ESPN radio
840	WPGS	Mims, FL	tropical	CNN headline news
840	WVPO	Stroudsburg, PA	adult stds.	Oldies
850	KIIS	Thousand Oaks, CA	CHR	format not available
850	KJON	Carrollton, TX	tropical	regional Mexican
910	WZMG	Pepperell, AL	black gospel	R&B oldies
920	WGHQ	Kingston, NY	adult stds.	Talk
920	WPCM	Burlington, NC	oldies	talk
950	WCTN	Washington, MD	cont. Xtian	SS //WYRE-810
960	WILT	Mt. Pocono, PA	adult stds., oldies	oldies//WVPO

1010	KCPW	Tooele, UT	silent	news/talk
1010	KZNY	Milwaukie, OR	adult stds.	SS oldies//KMUZ
1020	WOQI	Adjuntas, PR	SS news/talk	tropical
1050	WGAT	Gate City, VA	country, Fox sports	sports, Fox sports
1050	WPLC	Silver Spring, MD	business news	talk
1070	KNTH	Houston, TX	rel. teaching	talk
1150	KRMZ	Portland, OR	SS hits	romantica
1150	WSNW	Seneca, SC	silent	WW1 oldies
1210	KNWX	Auburn, WA	bus. News	regional Mexican
1240	WVKZ	Schenectady, NY	talk, oldies	oldies
1250	KBTC	Houston, MO	classic country	classic country//KUNQ-FM
1250	WSPL	Streator, IL	adult stds.	Talk
1260	KLDS	Falfurrias, TX	silent	SS contemp. Xtian
1280	WJST	New Castle, PA	adult contemp.	Oldies
1280	WJWK	Seaford, DE	adult stds.	reg. Mexican//WJWL
1340	WMID	Atlantic City, NJ	adult stds.	Oldies
1370	KWNC	Quincy, WA	news, ABC Real CW	country, ABC Real C&W
1370	WRWD	Ellenville, NY	adult stds.	Country//WRWD-FM
1380	KZFX	Salinas, CA	adult stds.	Silent
1380	WHEW	Franklin, TN	Spanish	silent
1390	WANY	Albany, KY	country	variety//WANY-FM
1400	KDTA	Delta, CO	sports	cont. Xtian//KJOL
1400	WHBS	Moultrie, GA	ABC s. gospel	ABC Rejoice black gospel
1400	WWNZ	Veazie, ME	new	talk
1420	KGIM	Aberdeen, SD	country	talk
1440	WPRS	Paris, IL	talk, Jones oldies	Jones oldies
1450	WMAS	Springfield, MA	adult stds.	Talk
1490	WUVR	Lebanon, NH	new	talk//WNTK-FM
1540	WJJT	Jellico, TN	silent	Salem southern gospel
1560	KKAA	Aberdeen, SD	news/talk	rel. teaching, Family radio
1570	WLBJ	Louisville, IN	blues, ESPN radio	sports, ESPN radio//WTSZ
1590	WCBG	Chambersburg, PA	talk	silent
1590	WFBR	Glen Burnie, MD	ethnic, religion	ethnic
1620	WNRP	Gulf Breeze, FL	silent	country //WYCT-98.7FM
1670	KHPY	Moreno Valley, CA	variety	SS religion

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS

880 new Sweetwater, FL 4000/150 DA-2

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

630	WDGY	Hudson, WI	2300/300 DA2 to 1000/2500 DA2
740	WMIN	Hudson, WI	850 DA-D to 1100 DA-D
760	WEFL	Tequesta, FL	3000/1000 DA2 to 3000/1500 DA2
900	WURD	Philadelphia, PA	1000/40 DA2 to 1000/105 DA2
990	WNOX	Knoxville, TN	DA-2 to DA-N
1060	KNLV	Ord, NE	1000 ND-D to 650/23 ND2
1110	KAGV	Big Lake, AK	new CP 10000/10000 ND2
1190	KRFT	Desoto, MO	add 22-N, DA-2
1240	KTHE	Thermopolis, WY	ND to ND-2
1270	KNWC	Sioux Falls, SD	2500/2500 DA2 to 5000/2300 DA2
1270	WXYC	Cartersville, GA	500/186 ND to 2000/187 ND2
1290	WHKY	Hickory, NC	DA-N to DA-2
1440	WBLA	Elizabethton, NC	5000/197 ND to 5000/197 ND2
1490	WUVR	Lebanon, ND	ND to ND2

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

590	KTIE	San Bernardino, CA	2000/1000 DA2 to 2500/960 DA2
600	WSNL	Flint, MI	1000/500 DA2 to 440/192 DA2
670	WCHN	Norwich, NY	ND to ND2
750	WNDZ	Portage, IN	5000 DA-D to 15000 DA-2
810	WDMP	Dodgeville, WI	250 ND-D to 250/10 ND2
830	KMUL	Farwell, TX	1000/148 ND to 1100/10 ND2
860	KSFA	Nacogdoches, TX	ND to ND2
890	KSDG	Julian, CA (new CP)	3000/330 DA2 to 800/700 DA2
980	KICA	Clovis, NM	1400/172 ND to 50000/172 DA-D
1010	KIQI	San Francisco, CA	10000/1000 DA2 to 50000/1000 DA2
1130	KRUD	Honolulu, HI (new CP)	10000/5000 ND to 500/500 ND2
1150	KNRC	Englewood, CO	10000/1000 DA2 to 50000/1000 DA2
1170	KOWZ	Waseca, MN	2500/60 ND to 2500/5 ND3
1170	KCBQ	San Diego, CA	50000/15000 DA2 to 50000/29000 DA2

1180	KJPN	Honolulu, HI	5000/5000 ND to 6000/4500 ND2
1240	KBLL	Helena, MT	1000/1000 ND to 1000/850 ND2
1240	WOBT	Rhineland, WI	1000/1000 ND to 950/1000 ND2
1260	WNOO	Chattanooga, TN	ND to ND2
1280	KYRO	Potosi, MO	500/83 ND to 500/50 ND2
1280	KZNS	Salt Lake City, UT	10000/600 DA2 to 50000/600 DA3
1310	WCCW	Traverse City, MI	5000 ND-D to 15000/7500 DA2
1400	KLCK	Goldendale, WA	1000/1000 ND to 1000 ND-D
1400	WPAY	Portsmouth, OH	1000/1000 ND to 800/800 ND2
1420	KIGO	St. Anthony, ID	(new CP)1000/1000 ND to 32000/12 ND2
1440	KPTO	Pocatello, ID (new CP)	2500/350 DA2
1440	WBLA	Elizabethton, NC	ND to ND2
1440	WFNY	Gloversville, NY	800/500 DA-2 to 3600 ND-D
1500	KBRN	Boerne, TX	250 ND-D to 1900/20 DA-D
1530	KVDW	England, AR	250 ND-D to 2500 ND-2
1540	KMPC	Los Angeles, CA	50000/10000 DA2 to 50000/40000 DA2
1550	WAZX	Smyrna, GA	50000/5000 DA2 to 33000/14 DA-D
1560	KKAA	Aberdeen, SD	10000/5000 DA2 to 10500/5400 DA2
1570	WLBQ	Morgantown, KY	250/150 ND to 1000/150 ND2
1570	WSCO	Appleton, WI	1000/331 ND to 2400/246 DA-D

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

710	WPMI	Mobile, AL	1000/1000 DA-N to 6000/2100 DA-N
990	WNOX	Knoxville, TN	DA-2 to DA-N
1040	WYSL	Avon, NY	2500/500 DA-2 to 20000/500 DA-3
1220	WOTS	Kissimmee, FL	1000/110 ND to 2500/195 DA-2
1280	KWHI	Brenham, TX	1000/72 ND to 10000/72 DA-D

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

PUBLIC LISTINGS:

WBLO 790 Thomasville/High Point-Greensboro NC will flip to sports 1/3/2005 as "The Ball."
KAGV 1110 Big Lake AK signs on with religion as "Alaska's Gospel Voice."
WEMP 1250 Milwaukee changes calls to WSSP; it'll flip to sports January 3.
KZNY 1010 Milwaukie/Portland OR flips from standards to Spanish oldies "Recuerdos," simulcasting KMUZ 1230 Gresham/Portland OR.
KBME 790 Houston TX flipped from standards to ESPN sports on Monday.
KFI 640 Los Angeles is operating on reduced power after a small plane crashed into its tower Sunday morning, killing the pilot and his passenger and toppling the 760-foot tower.
KKHT 1070 Houston TX flips from religion (now on KKHT-FM 100.7 Winnie/Houston TX) to Salem's conservative talk format as KNTH, "NewsTalk 1070."
WZXY 790 Thomasville NC changes calls (again - this is its third change in just over a month, after WIST and WFIK) to WBLO; WSVM 1490 Valdese NC returns to those calls after just over a week as WBLO.
WSSC 730 Charleston SC flips to Air America and Ed Schultz progressive talk. New calls are pending on the AM side; the "WSC" news-talk format continues on WSSC-FM 94.3 Goose Creek/Charleston SC.
WCTN 950 Potomac MD/Washington DC drops its temporary oldies format to go Spanish; it'll be simulcasting with WYRE 810 Annapolis MD.
WPLC 1050 Silver Spring MD/Washington DC flips from business talk to "Federal News Radio," a companion service to all-news WTOP 1500 Washington DC, today. (The flip comes several weeks ahead of schedule; new calls WFED have been requested.)
KXYZ 1320 Houston TX will flip from Spanish religion to business talk as "Businessradio 1320" in early 2005.
KMSR 990 Farmersville/Dallas TX requests new calls KFCD; that stands for "FC Dallas," the pro soccer team for which the station is the flagship.
WWRC 1260 Washington DC will flip from sports to liberal talk on Jan. 20.
KNWX 1210 Auburn/Seattle WA will flip from business talk to Spanish on Saturday, taking new calls KDDS.
WSAI 1530 Cincinnati OH will flip from oldies to Air America talk by the end of the month.
WCBG 1590 Chambersburg PA has signed off for good, the result of a settlement with the city over the construction of a new water tank a few hundred feet from the WCBG towers.
KJON 850 Carrollton/Dallas TX flips from Spanish tropical to regional Mexican "La Pantera," simulcasting with second-adjacent KFJZ 870 Fort Worth TX.
Clear Channel's KKAA 1560 Aberdeen SD drops news-talk and goes to Family Radio, which will put it back on the air with religion (it's temporarily silent), while CC's KQAA 94.9 Aberdeen SD goes to EMF, which flips it from oldies to contemporary Christian "K-Love." Family also gets KQKD 1380 Redfield SD from Aberdeen Radio Ranch, which is buying the remainder of Clear Channel's Aberdeen cluster. KQKD will flip from a simulcast of country KGIM 1420 Aberdeen SD to religion. But wait - there's more: Aberdeen Radio Ranch will flip KSDN 930 Aberdeen SD from CC's "KFAN" sports format to news/talk, mainly local. It'll keep the classic rock format on CC acquisition KSDN-

FM 94.1 Aberdeen SD and the AC format on CC acquisition KBFO 106.7 Aberdeen SD. And the existing Radio Ranch stations that will remain part of the cluster will see some changes, too: KGIM 1420 Aberdeen SD adds talk (Rush Limbaugh and Ed Schultz) to its country format; KNBZ 97.7 Redfield SD flips from hot AC to oldies as "Kool 97.7," picking up the format abandoned by KQAA; and KGIM-FM 103.7 Redfield SD remains country.
KTXV 890 Frankston TX signs on with regional Mexican as "La Gran D."
WJRO 1590 Glen Burnie/Baltimore MD changes calls to the heritage Baltimore callsign WFBR, and flips from religious to ethnic.
WBTV 1060 Monroe NC (recently changed from WKRE) changes calls again, to WXNC.
KVDL 1150 Quanaah TX returns to the air with classic country.
WBIX 1060 Natick/Boston MA drops its local business talk for syndicated talk.
KDTA 1400 Delta CO flips from sports "Team" to contemporary Christian.
WRWD 1370 Ellenville NY flips to country, simulcasting WRWD-FM 107.3 Highland/Poughkeepsie NY.
WVKZ 1240 Schenectady NY flips from talk to 50s-60s oldies.
WWNZ 1450 Veazie/Bangor ME has signed on with news/talk.
WSNW 1150 Seneca SC returns to the air with oldies.
WCGB 1060 Juana Diaz PR flips from Spanish religion to English religion as "The Rock."

CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Pat Martin sends along the following from Steve Ponder of Houston, TX:
KKHT-AM, 1070 kHz, has changed format from Christian programming to News/Talk. They've also changed calls to KNTH (News-Talk-Houston). The Christian programming formerly heard on 1070 has moved to KKHT 100.7 FM.
KBME-AM, 790 kHz, has changed format from Nostalgia to ESPN. Their new slogan is "The Sports Animal." (PM-OR)
Pat also sends along the following from Paul Smith of Sarasota, FL:
KFI's main 900 foot tower went down after a small plane hit it today. The station is back on the air with low power from their backup tower. (PM-OR)

Bill Harms sends along the following information:
810 WYRE was off yesterday 12/17 and is now // to WCTN 12/18. Dual ID at TOH. Format is Spanish talk. I am not sure of the network. It might be a local thing because I hear a lot of mentions to places in Maryland. (WJH-MD)
950 WCTN is now Spanish Talk // WYRE 810 see above. First heard with this format 12/17. Was Korean Religious. (WJH-MD)
1050 WFED A unique format is now on the air. First noted here 12/17. The station is devoted to serving Federal Government employees. Their web site is at <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/>. (WJH-MD)

Dale Park sends along the following:
Press release via Business Wire 10/15/04:
Salem Communications Launches News/Talk 1070 KNTH-AM in Houston; KKHT Moves to 100.7 FM HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 15, 2004--Salem Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:SALM), the leading radio broadcaster focused on Christian and family themes programming, announced two major Houston radio station initiatives. Today it launched a new station in the Houston metro area, News/Talk 1070 KNTH-AM. Salem's long-time Christian Talk and Teaching station, KKHT-FM, moved from the AM band to a new dial position at 100.7-FM.
Chuck Jewell, general manager of KNTH-AM and KKHT-FM, commented on the new station and the addition of the new FM signal. "We're delighted to offer Houston our successful News/Talk programming bringing some of the most intelligent talk on air today. For our dedicated Christian Talk and Teaching listeners, we now are able to provide the same inspiring programming over a strong FM signal. It's returning KKHT-FM back to its original roots as an FM station serving the Houston metro area."

News/Talk 1070 KNTH-AM offers a strong line-up of syndicated talk show hosts including Bill Bennett (5-8 AM), Mike Gallagher (8-11AM), Dennis Prager (11AM-1PM), Dave Ramsey (1-3PM), Michael Medved (3-5PM), and Hugh Hewitt (5-8PM). In addition, listeners will get local news, weather and traffic throughout the day.
KKHT-FM 100.7 serves the Houston metro area with solid Bible teaching from national ministries including those from Dr. James Dobson, David Jeremiah, Charles Stanley, Janet Parshall, Jay Sekolow, Hank Hanegraaff and Ed Young among others. The addition of the new FM signal is the result of a previously announced multi-station, five-market exchange with Univision Communications, Inc.
Salem Communications Corporation, headquartered in Camarillo, California, is the leading U.S. radio broadcaster focused on religious and family themes programming. Upon the close of all announced acquisitions, the company will own 103 radio stations, including 66 stations in 24 of the top 25 markets. In addition to its radio properties, Salem owns Salem Radio Network, which syndicates talk, news and music programming to over 1,900 affiliated radio stations; Salem Radio Representatives, a national sales force; Salem Web Network, the leading Internet provider of Christian content and online streaming; and Salem Publishing, a leading publisher of Christian themed magazines. (DP-HI)

Pat Martin sends along the following re KDD5-1210 WA:

I can tell they are now SS, but days buried w/Sunnyside. At night they are easier to get. They are 27.5/10 KW but their 27.5 is weak here. (PM-OR)

Pat also sends an addendum on KDD5-1210 from Pete Taylor of Tacoma, WA:

I have never taped an ID from KZTS-1210 Sunnyside and had planned to do it all evening before KNWX was to switch to KDD5 at 12 midnight PLT. Tuned in at 11:58 Sat. night 12/11 to find an OC with a readable KZTS fading in and out. KDD5 did not come on at exactly 12 midnight but neither did KZTS ID. Finally, KDD5 came on about 12:02 with a short speech by Amador Bustos, president of the Bustos group which bought the station. Modulation was civil and if they are talking any time KZTS gives an ID, I should still be able to tape it. It is known as "La Grande." This is our 4th area SS station. KKMO-1360 has the best overall signal with 5kw ND with a tower next to the Sound. KXPA-1540 is never quite nullable but is hard for non-loop owning mortal earthlings to find here in Tacoma. KTFH-1680 started with Indian programming but I am only hearing Spanish these days. It is co-owned with KKMO but I have never heard them //. It is quite fluttery down our way at night. (PM-OR)

Pat sends along the following item (from R&R):

Fox News Signs Pact With Clear Channel

Clear Channel announced this morning that it has inked a deal with News Corp.'s Fox News under which Fox will furnish national news to approximately 100 of Clear Channel's News/Talk stations. Under the terms of the deal, Fox News Radio will be the stations' primary source for breaking national news, while Fox will have access to news produced by Clear Channel's local news staffs via the company's Clear Channel News Network. The move gives Fox News Radio - which launched in 2003 - a major push in leveling the playing field with both CBS Radio News and ABC Radio News. The Fox News Radio service provides stations with hourly, one-minute news updates, anchored by correspondents based at the Fox News Channel, that are provided 24/7, much like the hourly newscasts from CBS and ABC. Fox News also offers breaking news updates, as do the two other networks. (PM-OR)

Pat sends along the following item:

From the Cincy Enquirer, Local media, By John Kiesewetter, Enquirer staff writer
Air America coming to WSAI

Dusty Rhodes says he'll soon be dumped for Al Franken and Janeane Garofalo. The Hamilton County auditor, who moonlights as morning DJ on WSAI-AM (1530), says Clear Channel will drop the oldies music to put on the liberal Air America talk lineup by year's end. Rhodes, who helped bring the Beatles to Cincinnati Gardens as a WSAI disc jockey in 1964, anchors the '50s and '60s format that replaced Nick Clooney and big band music two years ago. The "Real Oldies" lineup has included local rock veterans Jack Stahl, Marty Thompson and Dan Allen. Forty stations carry the Air America shows with Franken, Garofalo, rapper Chuck D., Lizz Winstead, Katherine Lanpher and Mike Malloy. Adding 50,000-watt WSAI-AM pains Rhodes. "As a Democrat elected in this county, I don't want my party to be seen as the Al Franken party," says Rhodes, who turns 65 Monday. (PM-OR)

John Johnson sends along the following re KYLW-1450 MT (rptd. In last month's column as being on air when it actually isn't):

Noticed you have this in the new DX Monitor:

"KYLW 1450 Lockwood MT signs on with soft AC."

This station hasn't even started thinking about going on the air let alone being on the air now. Location picked out for a tower, but no construction on that. No studio, no people, etc. KYLW is NOT on the air -- some doubt this will ever get on the air. I'll let you know when it does come on. The call letters stand for "k Yellowstone county LockWood" -- Lockwood is a section of Billings to the east of the city. It's that section of town across I-90 south of the Exxon refinery and wraps around I-90 as that heads for Sheridan. The Channel 6 tower is in Lockwood. The hill with all the other TV & FM towers is to the south-west of Lockwood. Not really a city in itself, just part of Billings. Our Chief Engineer lives in Lockwood and drives by the proposed tower location daily. No activity. Local radio engineers have doubts this will make it to the air. The CP for 1340 in Huntley (about 5 miles east of Billings) is not on the air yet either. (JJ-MT)

Dave Gordon sends along the following item:

WVKZ 1240 Schenectady, NY switched to "real oldies". WTRY has some competition now. (DG-CA)

Tim Noonan sends along the usual list of FCC call letter information. Thanks, Tim (TN-WI)

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My car got totaled on the 23rd of December heading to a work Christmas party, just took it into the shop this morning (27th), will see what they have to say, so not a very Merry Xmas here. At least they found the guy (it was a hit-and-run), but have several witnesses, got his license no. and also had a passenger. Luckily we weren't hurt badly. Happened in a gas station. 73's and hopefully a good 2005 for everyone.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 620 KIPA HI, Hilo 12/5 1755 noted for first time since Oct. 2003, apparently testing with a relay of sister station KKOA-FM 107.7 with its satellite country format. Mentioned "The Best Country Around" several times and associated website (ABC network), slogan "Hawaii's Koa Kountry" (koa is a type of wood and is also Hawaiian for "warrior"). Top of hour ID only mentioned KKOA-FM. Station not on the air on subsequent days. Per phone call 12/8, station spokesman did not say which transmitter was in use or when station would be back for good. (5P-1-HI)
- 1490 KVAC WA, Forks 12/11 0318 poor, ID and man talking about??? New. I called KVAC and they are on the air 24/7 with classic country according to the program director. (DP-OR)
- 530 WNHE296 CA, Los Angeles 12/17 heard with airport info at 2215, strong signal. (BB-AZ)
- 560 KSFO CA, San Francisco 11/29 2358 ad for National Guard, "Hot Talk KSFO," very weak. First time heard. (RA-NV)
- 620 ?KTAR? AZ, Phoenix 12/19 0008 basketball post-game show, probably Phoenix Suns vs. Washington, 0013 ad string, soon lost to possible XESS. Very poor. (5P-HI)
- ?KPOJ? OR, Portland 12/19 0606 "Best of the Ed Schultz Show" over/under probable XESS. Poor to very poor. (5P-HI)
- 630 KFXD ID, Boise 11/29 2318 ID followed by a country song, fair. (RA-NV)
- 650 CKOM SK, Saskatoon 12/22 0558 fair with C1SL, with ID "Newstalk 6-50 CKOM." Haven't heard this in a while. KSTE off. (PM-OR)
- 660 ?KTNN? AZ, Window Rock 12/19 0608 barely penetrating noise with New Age (or tribal) flute music. Very poor. (5P-HI)
- 680 KFEQ MO, St. Joseph 12/12 0058 fair with KNBR phased with cluster of spots, "The Talk of St. Jo 6-80 KFEQ, into promo for local talk show Sat. 12/12. New for me. (PM-OR)
- 700 WLW OH, Cincinnati 12/5 0017 ad string, call ID, ad for college in Cincinnati, into talk program. (NP-AB)
- 730 KDAZ NM, Albuquerque 12/18 with ID only "KDAZ" at 2230. (BB-AZ)

- 760 WJR MI, Detroit 12/5 0058 call ID, piece mentioning Salvation Army is looking for 300 volunteers in metro Detroit. (NP-AB)
- 770 WABC NY, New York 12/5 0104 ABC news, then WABC ID through heavy CHQR interference. (NP-AB)
- CFLD BC, Burns Lake 12/12 0629 weak with adult contemporary, "From... to... we're BV-LD," local ads. New. (DP-OR)
- 790 KABC CA, Los Angeles 11/29 2059 Dan Avey reading news, Scott Nerff (a.k.a. Captain Jorge) reporting traffic. Extremely weak. (RA-NV)
- 810 WHB MO, Kansas City 12/5 0202 basketball commentary, ID as "Sports radio 810, WHB" going into a break. (NP-AB)
- WGY NY, Schenectady 12/5 0033 "...radio 810 WGY" heard through a couple of others. (NP-AB)
- 870 KRLA CA, Glendale 12/7 0830 good with "Newstalk KRLA" ID. (CM-CA)
+12/17 0558 fair with "Right here on Newstalk 8-70 KRLA," mention of the Mike Gallagher show. New. (DP-OR)
- 890 KLFF CA, Arroyo Grande 12/17 2230 "This is 890 KLFF" mixing with KDXU. (BB-AZ)
- WLS IL, Chicago 12/12 0205 totally dominant over a weak KDXU with YL with weather, ID "Newstalk 8-90 WLS." I haven't heard WLS this strong in years! (PM-OR)
- KDXU UT, St. George 12/7 0930 good with "KDXU" ID. (CM-CA)
- 920 KPSI CA, Palm Springs 12/18 1758 "Newstalk 920" & ID 1800 "KPSI 920." (BB-AZ)
- KVEC CA, San Luis Obispo 12/13 0914. ID "News you can count on, KVEC." (BB-AZ)
- 940 KNNZ UT, Cedar City 12/13 heard with ID at 1959:50 "Newstalk 940, KNNZ Cedar City" into USA news, then local spots and promos at 1905. Fairly good on top of jumble. For some reason I don't think I have heard this before, which is odd. With 10kw at LSS, I would have thought I should have heard it in the past. I have KSUB-590 but not KNNZ before. This is new for me. (PM-OR)
- CJGX SK, Yorkton 12/11 0110 C&W with several "GX 94" ID's and lengthy news, weather & sports report. Fair to good 80% above Mexican pest. (GH-OR)
- 970 KBUL MT, Billings 12/13 topping KUPL with ID at 0259:50 "This is Billings home for Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura, Michael Reagan and the Morning Bulletin. Newsradio 9-70, KBUL AM Billings. A Clear Channel Station," into ABC news. (PM-OR)
- 990 KRKS CO, Denver 12/4 1858 promo for "Insight for Living" program, ads, ID as "Denver's Christian station, 990 KRKS, Denver, a service of Salem Communications." (NP-AB)
- 1010 CBR AB, Calgary 11/30 0004-0007 noted temperature in C, Alberta Province plus Canadian cities, noted a BBC report on the Ukraine election, into a CBC show. Fair, out then weak. Note: may have been the unknown station I had as unID. (RA-NV)
- 1020 KDKA PA, Pittsburgh 12/5 0121 local phone-in program with "Newstalk 1020 KDKA" ID by host between calls. (NP-AB)
- 1060 KDUS AZ, Tempe 12/14 heard briefly on top with Sporting News Radio, local spot mentioned "The Deuce" at 2319. 500 watts. (PM-OR)
- KTNS CA, Oakhurst 12/14 played Stardust by Nat King Cole, followed by the announcer mentioning "Kittens" at 2315. Listed as 23 watts at night. (PM-OR)
+12/15 0802 with ID only "KTNS." (BB-AZ)
- KHBC HI, Hilo 12/14 mixing & briefly on top of others with "Cowboy Christmas" a C&W tune, followed by "KHBC Memories" ID in English & Hawaiian at 2316. (PM-OR)
- KKVV NV, Las Vegas 12/16 0915 with religious program "Leading the Way" and ID at 0926 "KKVV," on top of KDUS. (BB-AZ)
- KYW PA, Philadelphia 12/5 0141 traffic report from "KYW 24 hour traffic center," time check, spot for career in nursing. (NP-AB)
- KDYL UT, South Salt Lake City 12/22 0153 fair, mention of Wink Martindale's program, Happy Holidays, the Weather Center and two ID's. (DP-OR)
- 1070 KATQ MT, Plentywood 12/12 heard with Bob Kingsley's Top Country Countdown at 1900. Local break at 1929 with "its 5:29 and you're listening to KATQ Plentywood." Aren't they on a bit late? They are listed as a 5kw daytimer from LSR to LSS. 12/16 2130 heard very strong again with HS basketball game between Plentywood & Medicine Lake. Unneeded, but not common. (PM-OR)
+12/12 1945 fair over/under KNX "American Country Countdown" with Bob Kingsley. At 1700 local "This is KATQ Plentywood, your local forecast..." Thanks to Patrick Martin. New. (DP-OR)
- 1080 KVNI ID, Coeur d'Alene 12/4 1753 oldies music, ID as "The Mighty 1080, KVNI." (NP-AB)
- KSLI UT, Price 12/7 0900 good with KSLI ID and country music. New. (CM-CA)
- 1120 KPNW OR, Eugene 12/17 0605 man with area weather, liner "...George Norry on Newsradio 11-20, KPNW," back to Coast to Coast AM. Poor for fair, KAOI-1110 QRM. (5P-HI)
- 1140 WRVA VA, Richmond 12/5 0125 "Newsradio 1140 WRVA" ID, ad for Old Virginia Tobacco Company, Richmond's most experienced tobacco shop. (NP-AB)
- 1160 WSKW ME, Skowhegan 12/5 0328 had heard ESPN programming under KSL from about 0200 on, and finally got an ID "ON AM 1160 WSKW, The Score," ESPN programming. A new state for me, 45! (NP-AB) (Congratulations, a great catch!-NJ)
- 1170 KCBQ CA, San Diego 11/29 1945 announcing a radio show along with eating out in Escondido, CA. Unknown music station is Spanish took over. (RA-NV)
- 1210 KNWX WA, Auburn 12/4 1555 all news format, with slogan IDs as "The News Station." Legal ID at the hour as "1210 KNWX, Auburn-Seattle." (NP-AB)
- 1230 KJQS UT, Murray 12/14 0930 with ID only "KJQS." (BB-AZ)
- 1240 KDLR ND, Devil's Lake a new catch on top at 2100 on 12/16. Man said "Since 1925, K-D (didn't hear L)-R." I phoned station to confirm. Nice lady said KDLR came on that year and was the second AM station in ND; WDAY was the first. She also said KDLR just installed a new transmitter. (LG-MT)
- KEJO OR, Corvallis was just in for a minute on 11/20 at 0758 with ad for South Pacific Auto Sales in nearby Albany. I phoned station to confirm this new logging. (LG-MT)
- KRDM OR, Redmond 12/12 0030 legal ID and female voice jingle ID with talk show fluttering in the static. Another new graveyard. (GH-OR)
- KQEN OR, Roseburg 12/10 0005 man said "1-2-4-0- KQEN, Newstalk Radio," back down into the jumble. Drake with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
+12/11 0340 poor but clear in local KEJO null with news-talk-sports, ID at 0346. First new Oregon station this year. (DP-OR)
- 1280 KDOX NV, Henderson 12/14 2253 Spanish Nortena music, ID at 2201, fair. Heard with "La Nortena" slogan in Bullhead City, AZ on 12/12. (MF-CA)
- KAQQ WA, Spokane 12/4 1406 a mixture of oldies and Christmas music, "Music of Your Life Holiday Style" slogan. "AM 1280 KAQQ" ID during ad break at 1822. (NP-AB)
- 1300 KROP CA, Brawley 11/28 2008 ID "Real country KROP," through KAZN, XEP QRM. (MS-CA)
+12/20 0619 fair, two consecutive KROP calls, then into country music. Another more solid ID at 0700. "Real Country" slogan heard, into news about 80 car pileup in PA. The best I've heard them. (DP-OR)
- KPTL NV, Carson City 12/20 06167 fair, format change from oldies to talk??? "...brand new radio station for Carson City-Carson Valley..." ad for Carson Valley Chevrolet, ID at 0630. New. (DP-OR)
- KOLY SD, Mobridge 12/4 1735 ad for livestock auction, then ad for Aberdeen business, "AM 1300" and "KOLY" IDs, more ads, weather forecast, then yet more ads. (NP-AB)
- 1310 KMKY CA, Oakland 12/14 0105 just caught the "Radio Disney" ID in the familiar kid's voice. Barely atop the jumble for a moment. Weak! (GH-OR)
- 1330 KWLO IA, Waterloo 12/13 0414 briefly topping 1330 with "Stars 13-30 KWLO" ID into AS with Jo Stafford song. (PM-OR)
+12/13 0754 with "KWLO" and into oldies and mixing with KLBO. (BB-AZ)
+0259:50 12/23 "KWLO Waterloo" into net news, on top. (PM-OR)
- KNSS KS, Wichita 12/13 0320 fair on top of jumble "Rush Limbaugh weekdays on Newsradio 13-30 KNSS," spots, back into the Lars Larson program. Ex-KFH. (PM-OR)
- KLBO TX, Monahans 12/13 0805 with ID "KLBO" mixing with KWLO. (BB-AZ)
+12/14 heard with ID at 0405 "We're drillings for hits... KLBO Monahans," then lost in jumble. New for me. Thanks to Bill Block for the tip. (PM-OR)
+out of the news at 0306 12/23 "KLBO Monahans." Fair on top, after KWLO faded under. The three stations, KNSS, KWLO and KLBO seem to change places most nights. (PM-OR)
- 1340 KLOO OR, Corvallis 12/14 2330 man gave "1340 Clue" ID with talk program in the jumble. 60% on top of unID's. New! (GH-OR)
- KBBR OR, North Bend 12/13 0005 ad for ??? jewelry dealer and Dept. of Health. Drifting in & out of the jumble. Really weak and seldom heard. (GH-OR)
- 1390 KENN NM, Farmington 12/14 2046 talk program with several ID's mentioning news/talk, quickly faded out. (MF-CA)
- 1400 KNND OR, Cottage Grove 12/13 0020 C&W music, then man said "Proud to be part of the local community, 1400 K-N-N-D." Fair to poor but alone in the static. (GH-OR)
- 1410 KTME CA, Lompoc 11/30 2253 call letters given during break in the Neil Bortz talk show. I visited their tower site last year. (MS-CA)
- 1450 KWFM AZ, Tucson 11/27 2250 dominant over XECU and others with slogan "Good times, great oldies Cool 1450" into song "Hushaby." (MS-CA)
- 1490 KRKC CA, King City 12/11 0306 fair with many ads, country music, "The sound of KRKC." New. (DP-OR)
- KTEL WA, Walla Walla 12/13 2241 heard with old rock, ID as "14-90 KTEL." (PM-OR)
- 1500 KABR NM, Alamo Community 12/21 0910 with many ads first in English and then in Navajo. (BB-AZ)

1510 KFNN AZ, Phoenix 11/29 1949 call ID getting to business news after traffic reports. Strong, went out and returned. (RA-NV)
 1520 KOKC OK, Oklahoma City 12/16 0600 fairly good on top with ID "Remember... talk 15-20 KOKC Oklahoma City." (PM-OR)
 ?KOKC? 12/15 0606 ad "Right here in Oklahoma City" gave phone number with 405 area code, into "America in the Morning," very poor. (5P-HI)
 1530 WSAI OH, Cincinnati 12/5 1947 ad for retirement living north of I-275, other ads, then "1530 WSAI News First" by woman. (NP-AB)
 1560 WQEW NY, New York 12/5 1939 Radio Disney programming, ads for Toys R Us, a new DVD, "World of Disney" store on 5th Avenue, invitation for NJ listeners to write, New York address to write with comments. (NP-AB)
 KCAA SD, Aberdeen 12/17 now religion, ex-C&W, "Your Christian Voice 24 hours a day, KCAA Aberdeen South Dakota" at 0230. (PM-OR)
 1570 KVTM SD, Vermillion 12/17 good on top of XERF with ESPN Sports, ID at 0359:50 "Your ESPN station, KVTM Vermillion." This one was a regular, but with XERF I have not heard KVTM for a few months. (PM-OR)
 1600 KCKK CO, Lakewood 12/13 0307 quick ID "AM 1600 is KCKK." (PM-OR)
 1610 WPWA784 MI, Three Forks 12/4 0254 info on zebra mussel, boating on Missouri River, ID with call and mentioning Missouri Headwaters State Park. (NP-AB)
 1620 (WPGG527) CA, Lakewood 11/28 local powerhouse TIS has been off the air recently, leaving KSMH dominant at night with Idaho a close second. (MS-CA)
 WTAW TX, College Station 12/5 0400 top of hour ID as "WTAW College Station-Bryant" into CBS news. (NP-AB)
 1630 ?KWKY? WY, Fox Farm 12/8 0109 with bits of country music in XEUT null, heard "K?Y AM 16-30" ID. (MF-CA)
 1640 KDZR OR, Lake Oswego 12/21 0415 just booming in over KDIA, no trace of KBJA, ID "Portland's Radio Disney AM 1640." Logged before down here in Azusa, they get out quite well this direction. (RW-CA)
 1650 ?KBJA? UT, Sandy 12/14 0156 with Spanish music in KFOX null. Another one to keep trying for. (MF-CA)
 1700 XEPE BCN, Tecate 12/5 0700 good with "Equis Eh Peh Eh" ID, also mentioning Baja California and Tecate. How many watts does this station put out? (CM-CA)

DX TEST

990 WNTD PA, Philadelphia 12/11 0001-0130 in poor with Morse code ID and also heard tones. Surprised to hear them from CA. PA #4. New. (CM-CA)
 +Heard DX test 12/11 0042 repeated Morse code ID's, followed by sweep tones at 0043, then more Morse code ID's at 0044. The second set of code was much weaker. This is during the second part of the DX test, when they were running 7kw ND. The 50kw directional part 0001-0030, there was not a peep of signal. CBW QRM. I am really pleased to hear this! (PM-OR)
 (WNTD)+DX test not heard. (BB-AZ)
 1060 KTNS CA, Oakhurst 12/22 0300-0345 good and dominant on top of KHBC, CKMX, KDUS, etc with DX test. Frequent Morse code IDs and sweep tones. (PM-OR)
 +12/22 0300 DX test poor to good with Morse code, sweep tones, 1930's music, special announcements. Great test. New. (DP-OR)
 +12/22 0330-0335+ DX test with very slow code ID, sweep tones, 0334 theme song for Roger Ramjet, then 30's song "A Fine Romance." Strong signal way over KDUS, KDYL, XEEP?, through minor KNX-1070 splash (KNX nulled). Unneeded here. Larry Gamble came on at 0336 and talked about DXers who "listen to far away AM stations" and "We are pleased to bring you this test" and "Without further adieu, here are some more tones" then nice slow code ID again at 0338. Larry really knows how to put on a good test! (RW-CA)
 1220 WRIB RI, Providence 12/11 0255-0305 in very poor with Morse code IDs. Last time I heard them was 8/10/04. Does anyone know if station is running Morse code? (CM-CA) (You are the only one I know of that has heard them-NH)

UNIDS

670 UNID 11/29 2017 a Spanish station heard. Is it the new 670 from Las Vegas or elsewhere? Fair reception. Who? (RA-NV)
 720 UNID 11/26 0802 Spanish-speaker, likely a Mexican border station, strong with KDWN. Man gave ID as "La Estacion de la Raza." (LG-MT)
 740 UNID 11/29 2305 heard a music station over KCBS. Appeared to be John Lennon/Yoko Ono. Maybe from Mexico or overseas? (RA-NV)
 990 UNID 12/11 0010 running Radio Disney. No ID possible, mixing with CBW at times. Orlando? I logged them a few times in the past when CBW was off. (PM-OR)
 990 UNID 12/11 0045 sports station here with guys yelling at each other, sometimes mixing with CBW. Montreal? (PM-OR)

990 UNID 12/11 0110 briefly with Michael Reagan talk show. (PM-OR)
 1250 UNID 11/30 ID seemed to be KMEO at 0800. (LG-MT)
 1440 UNID 11/29 1957 ad for Bill O'Reilly show. No ID heard. Who carries Bill O'Reilly on this channel? (RA-NV)
 1690 UNID 11/29 2015 a Radio Disney station (similar to KAVT-1680) at the same time having the same show. Heard this in L.A. (Rancho Palo Verdes, CA). Who carries Radio Disney on 1690? (RA-NV)

A special note to those who hand write their WDXR reports, please write clearly. Lately there have been some nearly unreadable reports submitted to the column. I try to "guess" what the reporter has written, but sometimes it is very difficult. What I simply can't read at all will be omitted. Happy Holidays to everyone. Nancy 12/17 2100
 Happy New Year! Nancy 12/24 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

550 KTSA TX, San Antonio. 12-11 fair through KTRS. 05:27 with ID, weather, promo. [EB-MO]
 560 CFOS ON, Owen Sound. 12-20 poor. 17:34 with ID and spots. [JJR-MI]
 570 CKGL ON, Kitchener. 12-22 poor. 06:58 with stocks, spots, "5-70 News" slogan. [JJR-MI]
 610 WAGG AL, Birmingham. 12-18 fair. 05:11 with ID, "Heaven 6-10" slogan. [JJR-WI]
 KDAL MN, Duluth. 12-11 fair with KCSP nulled. 04:47 with "News radio 6-10 KDAL" slogan ID and oldies format. [EB-MO]
 680 WCNN GA, North Atlanta. 12-17 fair. 17:08 with "6-80 the Fan, Atlanta's Sports Station" slogan into promo. New for me. [JJR-WI]
 690 WJOX AL, Birmingham. 12-25 poor. 18:01 with spots and "Jock 6-90" slogans. [JJR-WI]
 710 CJRN ON, Niagara Falls. 12-21 poor. 06:46 with "AM 7-10 Tourist Radio." [JJR-MI]
 770 WLWL NC, Rockingham. 12-24 poor, no WABC. 18:01 with sign off with the "Theme from Pink Panther." "77 Big Wave" slogan. New logging for me. [JJR-WI]
 790 WSGW MI, Saginaw. 12-22 good to fair over WMC, WXXA. 06:00 with legal ID into CBS News. [EB-MO]
 800 WVAL MN, Sauk Rapids. 12-24 fair, no CKLW nor WDUX. 18:30 with CBS program, country music. [JJR-WI]
 830 KOTC MO, Kennett. 12-24 poor in WCCO null. 08:05 with Fox News, spots. [JJR-WI]
 WTRU NC, Kernersville. 12-17 poor way under WCCO. 07:30 with "AM 8-30 The Truth" slogan, ID into religious show. New for me. [JJR-WI]
 880 KGHT AR, Sheridan. 12-24 fair, no WCB. 18:55 with local spots, "Gospel Radio 8-80" slogan. [JJR-WI]
 WBKZ GA, Jefferson. 12-18 poor. 07:55 with "...old school... Dusty Daryl... WBKZ." Older R&B music format. New logging for me. [JJR-WI]
 WMEQ WI, Menomonie. 12-24 poor. 09:00 with clear ID into CBS News. [JJR-WI]
 900 CKBI SK, Prince Albert. 12-20 poor. 08:25 with "Country 900" slogan, weather. [JJR-MI]
 WCOR TN, Lebanon. 12-18 poor, alone. 17:00 with "WHAT and WCOR Lebanon." Older country music format. [JJR-WI]
 910 WEPG TN, 12-12 good to poor mixing with KVIS, WALT, and WSUI. 03:28 with country music and local spots. [EB-MO]
 930 WRVC WV, Huntington. 12-17 poor over others. 18:05 with ID, weather. [JJR-WI]
 940 WMAC TN, Memphis. 12-23 poor, alone. 07:08 with ID, news. [JJR-WI]

950 WWJ MI, Detroit. 12-13 very poor in CFAM partial null. 21:00 with ID mentioning that they are Michigan's only all news radio station. Only the second time I've heard them here in Winnipeg. [MS-MB]

960 KLTF MN, Little Falls. 12-20 fair to poor mixing with KZIM. 04:03 with local weather and spots. [EB-MO]

970 WDAY ND, Fargo. 12-12 very poor, but clear. 08:00 with mention of the "Fargo-Moorehead" area. Rare here. [JJR-WI]

990 KFCD TX, Farmersville. 12-10 good in CBW null while waiting for WNTP test. 23:55 with "The Tina Jones Show." "KFCD Farmersville, Dallas, Fort Worth. Texas talk radio 9-90" into CNN News. [EB-MO]

1060 CKMX AB, Calgary. 12-11 fair to poor in KYW null. 04:58 with Christmas music, ID on the hour at 05:00. [EB-MO]

1070 KNX CA, Los Angeles. 12-11 good to fair over KHMO, WIBC, WDIA. 05:39 with traffic and weather reports. [EB-MO]

WDIA TN, Memphis. 12-18 poor in WTSO null. 17:39 with ID, web info, R&B. [JJR-WI]

1150 WGGH IL, Marion. 12-8 good in both mono and stereo. 18:03 with SRN News into local news report. [EB-MO]

WLOC KY, Munfordville. 12-24 poor, no CKOC. 07:10 with ID, jingle, weather, country music format. [JJR-WI]

1170 WFGO SC, Lexington. 12-17 poor to dominant over WWVA. 07:16 with ID, promo. Gospel format. [JJR-WI]

1210 WILY IL, Centralia. 12-17 poor in and out with WPHT. 08:11 with ID, oldies. [JJR-WI]

1230 KLWT MO, Lebanon. 12-5 fair to poor through others. 05:20 with ID during "Sporting News Radio." [EB-MO]

KWNO MN, Winona. 12-21 poor. 08:35 with ID after Paul Harvey, school closings. [JJR-MI]

WMSH MI, Sturgis. 11-25. 23:00 with legal ID. [EB-MO]

WTCJ IN, Tell City. 12-21 fair to poor. 18:00 with legal ID. [EB-MO]

WTKG MI, Grand Rapids. 12-21 poor in mess. 07:51 with spots, legal ID. [JJR-MI]

1270 KWEB MN, Rochester. 12-21 poor. 09:00 with legal ID into ABC News. [JJR-MI]

WWCA IN, Gary. 12-24 poor. 07:00 with legal ID, "Relevant Radio" slogan. Not heard in a number of years here. [JJR-WI]

1280 KBNO CO, Denver. 12-11 good to poor signal mixing with WGBF. 05:45 with SS music, "Que Bueno" slogan. Last heard in 1992 as KXKL. [EB-MO]

1340 KDLM MN, Detroit Lakes. 12-22 very poor in mess. 08:22 with time check and ID. [JJR-MI]

KVBR MN, Brainerd. 12-22 poor. 08:05 "News on the hour, every hour on KVBR." [JJR-MI]

KWLM MN, Willmar. 12-21 poor. 08:44 with holiday programming, web information. All alone until fade out. [JJR-MI]

1400 KGMV MO, Springfield. 12-22 fair to poor with others. 05:00 with legal ID. [EB-MO]

KKTL WY, Casper. 12-13. 20:00 with weather, "The Zone" slogan, ID into Fox Sports programming. [NJ-MT]

1420 WGCG GA, Columbus. 12-9 fair to poor mixing with WVJS. No sign of usual WOC. 22:44 with local spots, "News talk 14-20 WRCC" slogan ID. [EB-MO]

1430 WFOB OH, Fostoria. 12-24 poor. 18:13 with holiday greetings. [JJR-WI]

1440 WJL NY, Niagara Falls. 12-20. 07:00 with legal ID, oldies. [JJR-MI]

1450 KZNU UT, Saint George. 12-21. 22:04 with local spots, "You're listening to... on Fox News Radio. Fox News 14-50 KZNU." New for me. [NJ-MT]

1470 KKTY WY, Douglas. 12-14 poor through others. 21:04 with local news, KKTY ID, "Classic 14-70" slogan. [NJ-MT]

1480 KAUS MN, Austin. 12-20 poor, alone. 08:33 with ID, spot. [JJR-MI]

WABB AL, Mobile. 12-23 fair to poor mixing with others. 04:06 with PSA for the Alabama National Guard. First time heard since 1992. [EB-MO]

1490 KDRS AR, Paragould. 12-11 fair. 01:00 briefly atop with legal ID mentioning Greene County into Sporting News Radio. [EB-MO]

KXRA MN, Alexandria. 12-20 poor. 07:36 with three local spots, ID. [JJR-MI]

WTIQ MI, Manistiquette. 12-18 poor over mess. 17:15 with "Crusin' 14-90" slogan and oldies format. [JJR-WI]

1500 KDFN MO, Doniphan. 12-21 good to fair with KSTP nulled. 17:38 with oldies, "Oldies 15-hundred KDFN" slogan-ID. This is my 60th Show-Me state logging. [EB-MO]

1590 KCNN MN, East Grand Forks. 12-24 poor, no WAKR. 18:33 with legal ID, spots. [JJR-WI]

WQCH GA, Lafayette. 12-24 poor, alone. 07:23 with weather, ID. New. [JJR-WI]

WZRX MS, Jackson. 12-22 good to poor mixing with KKAY. 22:23 noted with Urban Gospel music and calls. I'm surprised they kept the calls from their "Z-Rock" days. #10 on 1590 for me. [EB-MO]

1600 WMQM TN, Lakeland. 12-20 poor. 09:00 religious message, legal ID. [JJR-MI]



DX TESTS

990 (WNTP)PA, Philadelphia. DX Test not heard. Too much CBW and KFCD. [EB-MO]
 (WXCT)CT, Southington. DX Test not heard. Too much CBW and KFCD. [EB-MO]
 1060 (KTNS)CA, Oakhurst. DX Test not heard. Too much KYW and XEEP. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

December 22, 1979 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Ernest R. Cooper** of Provincetown, MA said he was 61 ... **Bill Wurtzel** of New York, NY bought a Grundig Elite Boy 700 ... **Joe F. Jergel** of San Francisco, CA said he was 29 and had been DX'ing since 1963 ... **Bill Townshend** of Washington, DC logged WARO 540 which he last heard in 1949 when he was in high school.

25 YEARS AGO

December 29, 1979 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Ernest R. Cooper** of Provincetown, MA pointed out the necessity for not reporting exact client names and times for spots logged to prevent an unscrupulous DXer to obtain verifications from stations he never heard ... **W. George Elliott** of Kelowna, BC said he was on the air at CKOV at the time Bill Harms logged the station ... **Doug Pifer** of Santa Ana, CA mentioned he has logged 250 stations.

OPEN MIKE

Nancy and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas. We're almost into the New Year! Have you entered this years DX contest? Nancy has heard 26 new stations so far this season because of the contest. I continue to receive reports with cities misspelled. Please check your atlas or station guide before submitting your reports. This column was typed 12-26-05. 73, John

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(IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New** Watkinsville, GA
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(RL-MI) **Rich Line** Sterling Heights, MI 48313
 R8B, 90' LW NS

(RW-KY) **R.C. WATTS** 4109 Graf Dr., Louisville., KY 40220
 CC Radio, RS Loop

LOGGINGS

550 AL WASG Atmore 12/11 1800 Legal ID "WTVJ Pensacola and WASG Atmore." Fair. (HN-GA)
 VA WWSA Harrisonburg 12/14 1655 "Newsradio 550"; ID. (WM-MD)

640 TN WGOC Blountville 12/23 1900 Country music and TOH ID into CNN Radio News. Weak signal buried in the mix. "This is AM 640 WGOC, Blountsville." (IEN-GA)

740 KY WNOP Newport 12/04 1900 EWTN hrd; ID. (WM-MD)

800 ON CKLW Windsor 12/11 0042 Local weather forecast, then into Coast-to-Coast AM. Good "AM 800. CKLW, your information station." (IEN-GA)

830 MN WCCO Minneapolis 12/13 2336 Local weather forecast. Very good signal. "WCCO Radio". (IEN-GA)

840 SC WSCQ Columbia 12/20 1300 Christmas music into TOH ID and ABC Newscast. Good signal with splatter from 850. "The new sunny AM 840, WSCQ Columbia." (IEN-GA)

850 CO KOA Denver 12/04 2204 Colorado/Ok FB. (WM-MD)

910 TN WEPG South Pittsburg 12/14 2355 Local ads; C&W mx; Local ads. (WM-MD)

920 SC WYMB Manning 12/14 1855 Local ads; ESPN Radio; The Fan. (WM-MD)

930 VA WLLL Lynchburg 12/22 0605 Ad for Michelin tires at the Lynchburg Tire Corp. Gospel music followed. Decent signal buried in the mix "Tell 'em you heard about it on WLLL in Lynchburg". (IEN-GA)

940 GA WMAC Macon 12/15 1852 Local Ads, local ments, Poor. (WM-MD)

960	NC	WRNS	Kinston 12/15 12/15 1900 "Your Home for Solid Gospel Music ", ABC News. (WM-MD)	1420	KY	WJVS	Owensboro 12/24 1235 Oldies & Xmas mx, "1420 WJVS & 1230 WTJC" Fair signal. (RCW-KY)
	PA	WHYL	Carlisle 12/10 0650 After song, ID. (WM-MD)		NY	WACK	Newark 12/9 0700 Station had spot for hiring a board operator. ID as '14-20 WACK' was heard during spot. D also was possibly hrd at TOH. and out of the channel mess. (WJH-MD)
970	OK	KFCO	Tulsa 12/14 0330-0400 poor u/.WGTK KY with rel. music and Chuck Colson. (RCE-IN)	1430	IN	WXNT	Indianapolis 12/16 1830 Local weather, then into The Michael Savage Show. Decent signal in and out of the mix. "Newstalk 1430, WXNT". (IEN-GA)
990	TX	KMSR	Wichita Falls 12/11 0000 CNN Radio Network News. Good signal. "AM 990, Texas Talk Radio". (IEN-GA)				
	VA	WNRV	Narrows 12/15 1953 ID as "3-W-R." (WM-MD)	1450	NY	WWSC	Glen Falls 12/15 0558 Weather Forecast, short Christmas tune, legal ID 0600, news after TOH. O/all for the duration. (WJH-MD)
1030	AR	KFAY	Fayetteville 12/12 1849 Male announcer with promo for Rush Limbaugh at 11 on 'AM 10-30 KFAY,' Time check, and into a news item about a car bombing in Israel. QRM from XEQR and a mostly nulled WBZ. (WJH-MD)	1460	IN	WNVI	North Vernon 12/24 1301 WX emergency info and ESPN Dan Patrick show. "1460 ESPN" IDs Fair to good. (RCW-KY)
	TX	KCTA	Corpus Christi 12/16 1923 over WBZ signing off 50,000 watts station and WOG496 link on barefoot Grundig YB400PE. (RCW-KY)	1470	MS	WNAU	New Albany 12/12 2055-2105 oldies, ID then ABC News, fair-poor with WMBD. (RCE-IN)
1050	WV	WADC	Parkersburg 12/08 2005 ID hrd in mess. (WM-MD)	1490	PA	WESB	Bradford 12/9 0800 TOH legal ID as 'WESB Bradford..Radio 14-90. The 'Radio 14-90' part might have been from another stn. (WJH-MD)
1080	KY	WKJK	Louisville 12/08 2100 End of talk show; "Clear Channel Talk Radio" ID; Good in WTIC Null; New. (WM-MD)		WV	WSBG	South Bend 12/14 0507 ID by a male announcer as 'Good morning... the Buzz, WSGB' and possibly into a weather broadcast. Said high in the 20's. (WJH-MD)
1090	AR	KAAY	Little Rock 12/11 1822 "Arkansas Radio Network" News; Then pattern change. In WBAL Null. (HN-GA)	1540	ON	CHIN	Toronto Canada 12/23 2128 French speaking male. Decent signal on top of a few others. "The multicultural voice of the night, CHIN". (IEN-GA)
1150	AL	WJRD	Tuscaloosa 12.15 1648 poor with ID. (RCE-IN)		IA	KXEL	Waterloo 12/23 2200 NCAA Basketball between the University of Northern Iowa and Longwood Univeristy. Decent signal in the mix that suffered from fading. "Newstalk 1540, KXEL." (IEN-GA)
	KY	WMST	Mount Sterling 12/14 0705-+0710 fair with regional KY news and area spots. Lost to WCRK TN. (RCE-IN)	1550	KY	WIRV	Irvine 12/15 0503-0513 poor w/regional news. (RCE-IN)
	LA	WJBO	Baton Rouge 12/11 1830 Many "Newstalk 1150 WJBO" ID's In depth news Lots of promos. Good in fades of local WXKO. (HN-GA)	1620	IN	WHLY	South Bend 12/14 2236 MOR Format in a mix of others. Decent signal. "...America's best music, WHLY". (IEN-GA)
1160	KY	WBOB	Florence 12/174 0800 strong with traffic report and ID over WYLL. (RCE-IN)	1640	WI	WKSH	Sussex 12/18 2230 Radio Disney fare. Good signal fading in and out with WTNI in Biloxi, MS. "Radio your way, Radio Disney, AM 1640 WKSH." (IEN-GA)
1200	PA	WRKK	Hughesville 12/04 0333 Prom for Dean Edell; ID; //1400 New. (WM-MD)		MS	WTNI	Biloxi 12/15 2035 Warriors Vs N.O. Hornets NBA game, New. (WM-MD)
	TX	WOAI	San Antonio 12/15 2048 Magic Vs Spurs NBA game. (WM-MD)	1650	IA	KCNZ	Cedar Falls 12/04 2345 Local weather forecast. Good signal "...your Cedar Valley forecast, KCNZ". (IEN-GA)
1230	IN	WTCJ	Tell City 12/24 1305 // of WJVS Poor signal. (RCW-KY)	1660	MO	KXTR	Kansas City 12/16 0430-0500 poor w/classical music u/WQSN MI and WFNA NC. (RCE-IN)
1240	PA	WRTA	Altoona 12/9 1530 Woman announcer delivering Pennsylvania news and a local weather forecast. ID at 1532:30 as "That's the forecast for Altoona's... weather station WRTA. I'm (Helen Weissberg.) This was followed by the Sean Hannity show. (WJH-MD)	1670	GA	WMWR	Dry Branch 12/15 2035 Dr. Laura show. (WM-MD)
				1680	MI	WDSS	Ada 12/04 1520 Radio Disney fare. Good signal. "Your family fun station, AM 1680, WDSS". (IEN-GA)
1260	IN	WNDE	Indianapolis 12/09 2146 Sports news mixed with Radio Disney. Decent signal. "Sports Radio 1260, WNDE". (IEN-GA)		NJ	WTTM	Princeton 12/16 0505-0513 w/ethnic programming, "EBC Radio" slogan. (RCE-IN)
1290	DE	WWTX	Wilmington 12/14 2140 End of Sixers NBA game. (WM-MD)				UN-IDEN
	NC	WHKY	Hickory 12/20 1400 TOH ID into news from the North Carolina News Network. Good "...this is AM 1290 Hickory. (IEN-GA)	960	??	????	12/05 1927 "Oldies 96 heard. (WM-MD)
	WI	WKLJ	Sparta 12/13 0725-0730 strong with talk show. Heard again 12/17 2100 poor with high school basketball. (RCE-IN)	1380	??	????	12/15 1932 Oldies music. ID as "Groovy 94.1." (WM-MD)
1320	TN	WMSR	Manchester 12/23 2040 Christmas music. Decent signal buried in the mix that suffered from severe fading. "AM 1320, WMSR, The Groove". (IEN-GA)				DX TESTS
1330	SC	WYRD	Greenville 12/11 1848 Promo "on News Radio 950 and 1330 (WORD) WYRD." Good on Phasor with slop nulled. (HN-GA)	990	CT	WCXT	Southington 12/13 0117-0128 Morse. (RL-MI)
	WV	WETZ	New Martinsville 12/11 1800 ID by male announcer as 'WETZ, New Martinsville' into network news. Fair in the mess. (WJH-MD)	*****			
1340	NC	WJRI	Lenior 12/9 0600 ID by male announcer as 'You are listening to Newstalk 13-40 WJRI, Lenior.' On top of channel at TOH. (WJH-MD)	Had a nice trip to Phoenix, but no DX time. Kind of a light week this time. I hope you all saw the notice that the IRCA Reprints are now available on CD!!!! Only \$10.00. It's the deal of the century!!!! See u NEXT YEAR!!! Happy Holidays FRESH 12/25 1700			
1350	GA	WFNS	Blackshear 12/11 1858 "ESPN Radio for SE GA, ESPN 1350 and 790" WFSN 790 is // to WFNS Quick fading on Phasor. Not a day-timer here. (HN-GA)				
1360	IL	WGFA	Watseka 12/13 0815 good thru WCKY with local/reg. News. (RCE-IN)				
1370	GA	WGHC	Clayton 12/11 1906 Singing jingle, ABC Stardust Christmas NOS mx. On after hours Rare anytime. (HN-GA)				
1380	NC	WKJV	Asheville 12/10 1558 ID by man as King Radio and WKJV Asheville, into weather forecast. Fair to good but on top. (WJH-MD)				
			+12/20 1345 Fire and Brimstone Preachin'! Promo for the WKJV Ham Giveaway. Good signal. "AM 1380, WKJV". (IEN-GA)				
	TN	WLTM	Millington 12/17 1735-1750 decent over Radio Disney with Urban Gspl talk show, "Love 1380" slogans, mentioned website www.love1380.com . (RCE-IN)				
1390	NC	WADA	Shelby 12/15 1900 Classic country tunes. Good signal at times but suffered from severe fading. "Classic country, AM 1390, WADA Shelby." (IEN-GA)				
1400	VA	WINC	Winchester 12/10 1526 Sean Hannity Show, local ad break, and long string of ads and frequent IDs. Heard with fair signal under a nulled WWIN. (WJH-MD)				

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

A tragic accident happened on Sunday 12/19, the KFI-640-LA tower was hit by a small plane taking it down. As I type this they are operating at reduced power from an aux site using a short tower. I have no idea how long they will be operating from this site, but it may give the DXer a chance to log some new DX on 640.

In other news, the ABA in Australia, from David Ricquish in NZ, all three Launceston Tas, Australian stations are moving to FM, probably in early 2005. This includes 7NT-711, 7EX-1008, and 7LA-1098. I have two out of the three, needing only 7EX, but with poorer Pacific reception the last few years, I doubt I will log 7EX. But who knows?

A little bit of everything this time around, so away we go.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 153 **NORWAY**, Ingoy NRK 1418 12/19, Pgm of Christmas mx with many in EE such as "Lonely This Christmas", and "Silver Bells", etc. Best ever hrd at our sunrise. (NP-AB)
162 **RUSSIA**, Norilsk, Radio Rossii 1507 12/19. Talk by woman in RR. They had been in since 1449 but were too weak earlier to ID lang. Site presumed Norilsk, as it was hrd last year around the solstice. (NP-AB)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 640 **MEXICO**, Fresnillo, XEYQ from with "Radio Fresnillo" ID at 2359 12/19 They also used a "Radio Uno" slogan at 2345, along with another station also using a Radio Uno slogan, maybe XEHHH? (BB-AZ)
650 **MEXICO**, Los Mochis, SIN XETNT 12/16 0200 UTC. Good o/QRM. Slogan ID "Radio 6-50 La Lay" On top w/ID in SS out of QRM. First time hrd w/ID. (JH-CA)
670 **MEXICO**, Torreón, Coah XETOR 12/14 0140 with Rancho music, male-female and slogan at 0145 "Radio Ranchito" (BB-AZ)
700 **MEXICO**, Etchojoa, Son XEETCH 12/16 1350 with partial ID "XEE..H Sonora, followed by station info (not clear) potencia... 1403 until tomorrow at the same time (en SS) Fair to good o/KNBR-680 slop. No sign of KALL. New.
+ Also noted 12/18 1300-1403 XEETCH with clear ID "La Voz de los tres Rios" Good signal with traditional Indian mx (violin, etc) Yaqui, Mayo and Guarilío (Not to be confused with Mayas of Chiapas, Tabasco, and Yucatan), Frequent IDs between songs 1345-1349, programming info, 1350 song in Mayo language, vocal w/traditional insts.
+ Also noted 12/21 1300-1405 s/on with huge signal! XEETCH w/station info 5,000 watts power, mention of Sinaloa, Yaqui, Mayo, woman in SS into traditional mx, mostly drumming and flue and sounds like a group of women singing... interrupted at 1332 with a KMBX ID "La Consentida" with XE... back on top jumble until 1405 ID "XEETCH La voz de los tres Rios..." Man talk until fade around 1415 to strong QRM. (JH-CA)
860 **MEXICO**, Monterrey, NL hrd 12/18 0221 with slogan "Radio Recuerdo" and then into trid. Mexican mx and ballads, very strong on top of Tijuana. (BB-AZ)
890 **MEXICO**, Comitan Chia, hrd 12/18 0254 with slogan "Radio Frontera" by female and then into Rancho mx mixing with KDXU/KLFF. (BB-AZ)
1180 **CUBA**, Habana, Radio Cadena via Villa Maria 12/11 1015 noted with nx and ID in SS. Good in WHAM null. (EB-MO)
1200 **MEXICO**, Hermosillo, Son XEYF hrd 0326 12/15 with slogan "Radio Formula" and ID at 0329 "XEYF Radio Formula" great signal on top of WOAI. (BB-AZ)
1250 **MEXICO**, Hermosillo, Son. XEDL hrd 12/15 0349 with slogan "La Fuerza de la Palabra" great signal and on top. (BB-AZ)
1550 **MEXICO**, Nuevo Larado, Tam XENU 12/23 08747 noted with ranchera mx and "La Rancherita" slogans in SS. Fair to poor mixing with KLFJ. (EB-MO)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 650 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KHNR 12/23 0803 Fair faded with local "KHNR weather" report. Partly cloudy, showers tomorrow, low 71, wind speed, etc. New. (DP-OR)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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After a few weeks of no loggings reported, I am very pleased to welcome you to another DXWW-East! Many thanks to Bill Harms for the great loggings for this issue. Although I used to listen to 4VEH often way back when they were on SW, I have never been able to get them on AM. I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas weekend and best wishes to each of you in the coming New Year!

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 550 **JAMAICA** RJR, 12/15 0240 - Male Preacher heard // to 700 and 720 punching through the domestics. (wjh-MD)
690 **ANGUILLA** Caribbean Beacon, 12/13 0830e - Dr. Scott's sermon noted //6090. On top. [WJH-MD]
840 **HAITI** 4VEH, Cap Haitien, 12/14 0300 - Heard several religious songs and male announcer through WHAS and assumed Cuba. Played Greensleeves at 1022e IDed by comparing their audio stream at <http://4veh.com/listenlive.asx>. [WJH-MD]
1000 **COLOMBIA** HJAQ, Cartagena, 12/16 0400 - Heard end of a Nokia ad, followed by sound effects, then an ID as 'Radio Sucesos, RCN, Director: (Juan Gossain.) Thanks to Alf Aardal of #MWDX, Jean Burnell and Jay Novela for the ID confirmation. [WJH-MD]

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[WJH-MD] = Elkridge, MD. Antenna system: homebrew K9AY; Receiver: Drake R8B.

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

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DEADLINES: Sundays

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The WNPX DX Test last night was a blast. The music didn't show up much but the weird tones finally made it with a bit of CW. The QRM was good too with KMSR in Dallas and CBW in Winnipeg beating up each other. Had not heard KMSR before. Christmas arrived early for me. WJCR-90.1 FM in Upton, KY sent me their Christmas Collection CD. I usually end up with a pocketful of Radio Shack gift cards. One guy who hunts on my farm sends some radio stuff when he can find it and Col. XYL's cleaning lady gave me a WGPR-107.5 The Rhythm fan for my birthday. Got it at a rock concert in Detroit, she said. I took down my outside antenna in anticipation of tree service and gutter work but it was rained out. Need it and the loop for the January DX Test from CT. My last year in the Air Force, 1971-72, was in Westover AFB, MA. I could hear all that northeast stuff but failed to QSL anything or even write it down. Guess I was too busy. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. 73, Col. DX.

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mikesanburn@hotmail.com. Greetings, Happy Holidays and New Year to all. Steve Janus and I discovered an antenna company on line: www.isotronantennas.com. They make product primarily for ham radio operations but their 160 meter model could be custom made for, and do nicely on the x-band. I'm glad to see a number of DX Tests lined up this season. KFBK-1530 is, of course, a nighttime pest here but I'll make it a point to tape record that one. Bob Wien and I attended this year's Inland Empire Amateur Radio Club Christmas Banquet at the Cask and Cleaver restaurant in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. The real visual treat was that it is located right across the street from the studio and 4 towers of KSPA-1510. Looked nice at night all lit up in the light rain. Their signal does get chewed up by the sky wave of KGA. I certainly hope they keep their standards format for years to come.... Finally, I wanted to thank fellow IRCA board members for the yes vote on my convention bid. Officially, the 2005 IRCA convention will be held in Anaheim, California (in conjunction with Disneyland's 50th anniversary). Dates are Thursday Aug. 25th, Friday Aug. 26th, Sat. Aug. 27th (with Sunday being an optional free day for folks to go out and do the tourist thing). The hotel is the Days Inn at 1111 South Harbor Boulevard (a block north of the happiest place on earth), phone number is 714-533-8830 and the hotel website is www.the.daysinn.com/anaheim04986. Registration fee will be \$25 payable to me, and the banquet will be at a nearby restaurant, B.Y.O.B. (buy your own bratwurst, hi). We'll have full use of the meeting room each day after 1000 when they clear out the comp. Continental breakfast service. Guest room rates should be in the \$49 range when you mention the convention. Larger suites are also available, as are Disneyland packages. Talk to manager for details. Watch for more info in **DX Monitor**. Hope to see everybody there. It appears that we're halfway through another decade. 73 and best of DX.

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Well... around the middle of October, I was speculating that I should have 400 heard by the end of the year. In November, I raised the bar to 500 heard by the end of the year. On 12/18, at 2100 ELT, WMJR-1380 KY became number 500. They were running EWTN programming. At the beginning of 2004, it would have been beyond my wildest dreams that I would hear 500 stations here in Indy, let alone hitting that mark at the end of the year. Of course, I also didn't think I would lose my job either. On 4/15, I had heard 177 stations. The increase of 323 is more than the total on each of 6 of the other

7 location logs I have maintained over the past 40 odd years. The one exception is the log from Gary, Indiana where I heard 1337 stations. The thing to keep in mind, though, is that the Gary log runs from 1966 into 1978, with a few added on in the early 1990s--new stations logged as I was driving thru Gary on the Interstate headed towards home in Milwaukee. That was a time when stations routinely ran frequency checks, equipment tests, and proof of performance tests, plus a lot of DX Tests, plus probably over half the stations in the country signed off at local sunset. That, alone, allowed for some wild sunset skip sessions. None of that really has come into play this year; while some have come from SSS, probably more has come from sunrise skip and the auroral conditions for the week in November which really opened things up to the south and made for some fun nights. 73.

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I'll definitely get something going for a computer hopefully soon. This is the time of the year when BCB DX cx traditionally are best. I'm glad to see some DX tests being arranged. Hats off to Larry Gamble at KTNS for his enthusiasm on putting these on. Good luck on logging number 500 (if you haven't already.) I'm getting some good response already on my convention.

Nothing more fun than a bunch of DXers in one room, hi.... Sad incident last Sunday with the plane hitting the KFI tower. It is (was) clearly visible from both home and work, a real sight to behold at night. Unfortunately way too close to Fullerton airport. Perhaps it will be rebuilt by next August as it was one of the sites I had planned on touring for the 2005 convention. 73 and best of DX Mike Sanburn. Merry Christmas

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Calvary Evangelistic Mission in Puerto Rico has purchased WCGB-1060, Juana Diaz, in the Ponce area. It joins WBMJ-1190, San Juan and WIVV-1370, Vieques Island in "The Rock" Radio Network. I used to hear great jazz on WNOP-740 until it became Sacred Heart Radio in 2001. Have tried to get a verification but they send stickers, surveys, newsletters and little contribution envelopes instead. At any rate, their 2500 w. day power is in final testing and final authorization expected with license renewal. WHAS-840 recently entered into a priority broadcasting agreement with University of Kentucky sports, beginning in 2007. Big deal locally as University of Louisville sports has had priority since 1986. Headline on the Courier-Journal (12/14) sports column by Rick Bozich is "These days, who needs radio anyway?" He goes on to trash AM radio as obsolete and itemize all the other ways to hear and see sports. Maybe he's right! Hope you all have lots of DX and other good things in the New Year. 73s. Col. DX.

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I don't agree with the column in the Courier-Journal. I think AM radio is the best way to carry sports -- at least, for those of those who are interested in teams in places other than where we happen to be sitting at the moment. For example, while I was living out east, I bought a small radio to use at a place where I was moonlighting during the evening. I was the only person in the building so nobody was bothered by the fact that I wanted to listen to the Detroit Tigers baseball games rather than the local Phila. Phillies. At that time, the games were carried on WJR-760. Now, they run on WXYT-1270 in Detroit, but I can pick them off of WKZO-590 which is my hometown station anyway. While FM can be heard at long distances, it is not the norm for it to be so. Granted I can hear some of the games over the internet, it still isn't a good answer for me. I have a dial-up connection and I don't always want to tie up the phone line, especially at a time when I am job-hunting. DX conditions seem to have turned to the worse over the past couple of weeks. Probably the cold weather, although there is talk it will be up to around 50 at some point this week. The relatives have been e-mailing me to find out how much snow we got just before Christmas and I have been busy telling them my grass is green out in front of the house. I don't bother to mention the ten or twelve inches of snow on top of the grass. Evansville had it real bad with I-64 getting shut down east of there. My first clue that the storm was bad was when I was listening to WTRE-1330, about 40 miles southeast of here as the crow flies, and they were talking about the cars in the ditch on I-74. Took me a minute to remember I-74 is the route from Indy to Cincinnati. Up to 508 heard now. Just heard a SSB on 1560 at 0715 but it dropped out right at the end so I don't know who it was. The maps shows that time to be the sunrise time along the east coast. I hope all have a good New Year weekend.

2004-2005 DX CONTESTS

Manager: Nancy Johnson – 265 Waterton Wy – Billings, MT 59102-7755

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Standings as of December 15, 2004

1. Michael Hawkins	331	7. Nigel Pimblett	96
2. Paul Swearingen	192	8. John Tudenham	67
3. Bill Nittler	182	9. Bill Block	52
4. Doug Pifer	130	10. John C. Johnson	7
5. Nancy Johnson*	130	11. Mike Sanburn	5
6. David Braun	102		

*Contest manager is not eligible to win.

You can join this years contest at anytime. The rules are on the IRCA web site.

Send your contest entries to: (address or email on the masthead of this column)

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FREQ CALL NAME, TITLE; ADDRESS; WHAT; WHEN; WHO

680 KFEQ Gary Exline, GM; 4104 Country Lane, St Joseph MO 64506-4921; L+; 7; PM
 700 KALL [Illegible]; 2801 South Decker Lake Dr, Salt Lake City UT 84119; P; 14f; MF
 940 WMAC Kenny B, PD; Cumulus Broadcasting, 544 Mulberry St, Suite 500, Macon GA 31201; LB; 34; RCW
 990 WNTP Rene Tetro, CE; 117 Ridge Pike, Lafayette PA 19444; Q; 6; PM [Same]; QB; 10; RCW
 1060 KTNS Larry Gamble; mtkaat@sierratel.com; E; 1; MF, NHP, and SR
 1360 KLSD* Joe Barcraft, CE [K6AM]; 9660 Granite Ridge Dr, San Diego CA 92123; P; 2; MF
 1500 KSJX Len Harris, EngMgr; [report sent to] 3463 Ramona Ave, Suite 15, Sacramento CA 95826, [e-mail from] 501 Wooster Ave, San Jose CA 95116; E; 12; MF
 1550 KUAZ John Kelley, StnMgr; P O Box 210067, Tucson AZ 85721-0067; L; 39f (5 days after e-mail follow-up); MF
 1610 Kerry Jorgensen, Sup Central Wash TMC; 2809 Rudkin Rd, Union WA/ PO Box 12560, Yakima WA 98909-2560; L; 40; PM [Callsign is WPVW567]
 1640 WTNI** April Williams, Traffic One; Mississippi Media Broadcasting, 1909 E Pass Road, Suite D-11, Gulfport MS 39507; L; 19; SHP

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

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

NOTES: * [For this column] = See comment below; ** [For this column] = See comment below

Glad to have Steve Ponder back with us this month! I also pulled several tips by Nick, Steve Ratzlaff, and R C from the IRCA ListServ. Martin's prepared card from KLSD-1360 notes that his was the first verie with this call. Steve Ponder mentions that his letter from WTNI-1640 lists 6 stations in the Mississippi Media Broadcasting group, WXBC "ESPN" 1490 AM, WTNI "Talk-News-Information" 1640 AM, and 4 FM stations. The letter states they are using a Harris DX-10 transmitter into a 5/8 wave antenna. The letter also states that the station is an expanded band move from WVMI-570 and that they started using 1640 kHz on 4/4/03. Hope everyone is having happy holidays! This column was prepared on 12/27/04. 73, SSH.

WEBSITE WANDERINGS

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Hi everyone and welcome to another website column and the first one under it's new heading. If anyone comes across a radio related website please forward it to me at: DXRADIO@webtv.net. I will be most grateful.

Don't forget to access and enjoy IRCA's own excellent website at: <http://www.ircaonline.org/irca1.htm>.

With this issue I feature a very interesting topic, PROPAGATION. These conditions govern what we do and do not hear and the subject isn't always easily understood. The solar index and A & K indexes tell us what reception conditions are on a daily basis. Here's a few websites that I hope will guide you and help you to understand 'propagation':

1. <http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/greylines.html>. This is a straightforward greyline map that refreshes itself every 5 minutes. It is briefly and sufficiently explained at the top of the page. Used mostly by HAM's it is useful for MW'ers too.

2. <http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>. The current solar indices (including the A and K indexes) are prominently displayed in a box at the top of the page. The indices originate from WWW in Boulder, Colorado. If you scroll down the page, much more detailed information is available to you, should you desire it. But if not, the indices at the top of the page are invaluable for ascertaining reception conditions on a day to day basis.

3. <http://www2.rnw.nl/rnw/en/features/media/practical/solar.html>. Titled "The Solar Guide" NOAA provided the information for most of this site that helps you to more easily understand the solar indices shown in the 2nd website this week.

With this issue I feature a very interesting site called: "Old Broadcasting Equipment and Memories." Although it's BBC related I think you'll find it interesting. Find it at: <http://www.roger.beckwith.btinternet.co.uk/bh/menu.htm>.

Hopefully everyone can learn more about propagation from these websites, I know that I did. Until the next column I wish everyone good health and the very best of DX!
I also wish all of our members and their loved ones a most Healthy and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
73 de DX de NY, Ray

DX WORLDWIDE - II

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ALASKA. A new medium wave station has begun broadcasting in Alaska on 1110. KAGV in Big Lake began testing on November 16-17, partly using a backup transmitter of 2.5 kW. "On Thursday and Friday (November 18-19) we fired up our main transmitter at 10,000 watts. This transmitter is a Harris DX10 Solid state transmitter. We currently have two bad modules in the transmitter which will be fixed shortly. This should increase our modulation a bit," says KAGV Station Manager David Horning. DXpeditionists in Lemmenjoki, Finland, have reported to DXing.info that KAGV was first picked up on November 20 by Hannu Niilekselaumti. The station identifies as "Alaska's Gospel Voice", and "I AM Radio Network".

Horning tells DXing.info that they have been working on this station for almost three years and their construction permit from the FCC times out on December 19. "This radio station is owned by Voice For Christ ministries (VFCM) in Nenana, Alaska which also owns and operates KIAM 630 AM, and KYKD an FM in Bethel, Alaska," Horning explains. VFCM is also a satellite network and will be feeding some of the programming from KIAM to KAGV via satellite.

Horning says that he hopes to begin regular broadcasts on December 14 or 15. According to Horning, the broadcasts will be primarily religious in nature with news and information programming and also music. "Our power will be 10,000 watts 24 hours a day." KAGV is located just north of Anchorage. The station can be contacted by calling at +1-907-892-8820, or by email Dave@vfc.org (DXing.info)

ANGUILLA: Radio Anguilla left 1505 in Nov 1999 (as far as I remember) and up till 2003 the station still had plans about reactivating this frequency. These plans have now been given up, and the station has no plans of using medium wave again. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: The island of Barbuda now has its own radio station. It's called 'Abundant Life Radio' and operates on FM in Barbuda as well as the main island Antigua. The station originally had plans for a medium wave transmitter in Barbuda, but chose satellite instead which - according to station mgr. Clifton Francois "is much better". However he stresses that the station has not fully given up on MW. Caribbean Radio Lighthouse has a new schedule on 1160: 0925-0145 UTC. Radio ZDK is still inactive on 1100. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

ARGENTINA: 1610 R. Copacabana (ex 1600). 1610 R. Éxitos - web: www.am1610.com.ar. (amplitudamodulada in Con.Dig via Arctic)

BERMUDA: VSB2 on 1280 is carrying Bible Broadcasting Network 24h a day. The frequency of 1160 is used for special events and otherwise relay BBC World Service. On 1450 is '1450 AM Gold' to be

found. Power is 1 kW on these 3 frequencies run by De Fontes Broadcasting Co. Ltd. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

COLOMBIA: 2200.04, (tentative) HJMK, Planeta Rica (2 x 1100), Dec 7/9, 1007-1047, announcer between campo songs, ads with mentions of "Planeta Rica", // 3300.07 fair to poor signal (Mark Mohrmann, Vermont, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

750 HJLH LV de Yopal, Yopal. Web: www.lavozdeyopal.com.co (Tore B. Vik, ARC) 830 HJDM R. Reloj, Medellín, ex LV de Antioquia. (Björn Malm, ARC)

COSTA RICA: The Radio Reloj-chain has been bought by the Monumental group. Now, Radio Reloj is primarily the news department of Monumental. (Ken MacHarg, San José via NRC)

DOMINICA: Voice of Life, run by Gospel Broadcasting Corporation, stopped broadcasting on 740 in spring 2004. On Sept 4 2004 Voice of Life also left their FM frequencies and closed down the entire station after 28 years of operation. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Logs while visiting the Dominican Republic

- 570 Radio Cristal, 2211, Música, merengue, ID. "Desde Santo Domingo, Radio Cristal, llevando alegría a su hogar con la bomba navideña". 45444. (Noviembre 20)
- 620 Radio Santo Domingo, 1430, música merengue y romántica, ID "Radio Santo Domingo, la radio dominicana". 44444. (Noviembre 20) [WRTH 2004: Radiotelevisión Dominicana]
- 670 Radio Vial, 1630, "Radio Vial, en compañía de todos los camioneros, Noticias. 44444. (Noviembre 21) [WRTH 2004: Radio Dial, San Pedro de Macorís gh]
- 860 Radio Clarín, 1108, ID "Continuamos con nuestro programa Amanecer con Radio Clarín" "Radio Clarín, en los 860 para Santo Domingo y en los 850 para Santiago y toda la región del Cibao". Música española. 34333. (Noviembre 20)
- 1150 Onda Musical Santo Domingo, 1039, locutor, comentario sobre apertura de una nueva sala de fiestas en Santo Domingo, 34333. (Noviembre 19).
- 1390 Radio San Cristóbal, 1014, Locutora, noticias, comentario político, 45444. (Noviembre 19)
- 1470 Radio Progreso, 0930, Locutor, Identificación: "Radio Progreso, sabor navideño". Música merengue, 34333. (Nov 17) [WRTH 2004 has three DRs on 1470, none by this name gh]
- 1480 Radio Cima, Santo Domingo, 1009, Música merengue. 45444. (Noviembre 19) [WRTH 2004: R. Villa just as on 4960 when active, program from another FM station in the same group]
- 1570 R Amanecer, 0959 locutor, comentarios religiosos, ID "Ésta es Radio Amanecer Internacional, red de emisoras de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día, 610 AM, zona del Cibao y costa norte, 1060 AM costa este, 1570 AM en Santo Domingo y 6025 KHz onda corta, banda internacional de 49 metros, Radio Amanecer Internacional, la Voz de la Esperanza". (Noviembre 19)
- 1590 ¿emisora clandestina? La Voz del Partido Comunista Dominicano, 2227, Comentario político, ID, locutora "Están Vds. escuchando la Voz del Partido Comunista Dominicano". 23222. (Noviembre 19) [WRTH 2004 has 1590 HIAC, R. Mundo, St. James of the Horsemen; a program on it?? gh]
- 1620 Radio Taina-Planeta, San Pedro de Macorís, 0954, Música en inglés. Locutor, Identificación. 45444. (Noviembre 19).
- 1640 Radio Juventus Don Bosco, 1000, Cánticos y comentarios religiosos, Identificación: "Radio Juventus Don Bosco, en la frecuencia de 1640 KHz.". 34333. (Noviembre 17). 0929, Canciones y comentarios religiosos. Id: "Radio Juventus Don Bosco, en la frecuencia de 1640 KHz, una voz para la civilización del amor". 45444. (Noviembre 20). (Manuel Méndez, visiting Punta Cana-Playa Bávaro, Dominican Republic, DXLD)

FRENCH GUIANA: R.F.O. Guyane, Matoury, is definitely off the air on SW as well as on MW (1070). I checked these two frequencies several times from Cayenne and Sinnamary (110 km to the west) without hearing anything. Furthermore I passed five times Matoury which is located 9 km south of Cayenne and saw only the R.F.O. FM- and TV transmitter mast on a hilltop. When departing by aircraft after sunset I noticed that this mast was clearly lit with a red light whereas no other masts were seen lit within several kms. Furthermore local people confirmed to me that only FM and TV is transmitted from Matoury. 1060 MW, R.F.O. Guyane, St. Laurent du Maroni, at the western border was checked from Sinnamary 150 km away, but never heard. Previously it only used 50 watts, thus I cannot say for sure that it also was off the air. The following Guayanese MW-stations were inaudible 6 Dec at 0840 before sunrise: Fr Guiana 1060 1070, Guyana 560 760, Suriname 600 725 820 914. If operational, they must be low powered. NB: During daytime the MW-band was completely empty in both cities even when listening away from buildings! (Anker Petersen, visiting French Guiana, DSWCI DX Window Dec 14 via DXLD)

GREENLAND: Although it apparently never has been reported outside Greenland, KNR continues to use short wave from Tasilaq on the Greenlandic east coast. The frequency is 3815 (USB) and the current schedule is: 1500-1615 and 2100-2215 UTC. The power is 200 W and the aerial used in an omni-directional cage aerial. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005)

JAMAICA: RJR94 now on reduced power: 1.5 kW on 550, 580, 700 & 770, while 720 remains on full power 10 kW. All transmitters are on the air 24 hours a day. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES: On Curaçao, Radio Hoyer 1 and Radio Hoyer 2 were using medium wave on 1010 and 1500 respectively. However because of theft of the air-conditioning of the transmitters they decided to refrain from medium wave and to continue only on FM. Radio Caribe 1100 medium wave also left medium wave. The only station left on medium wave is 860 PJZ-86 Radio Curom. Listening to the FM band was completely different from last year. A year ago I heard about 3 stations from Venezuela; this year I could easily identify 15 stations, mostly from Punto Fijo and Coro. Also the local FM was busier than last year because of some new stations. (Max Van Arnhem, visiting Curaçao via DSWCI DX Window 3.11.2004 via DXLD)

PERÚ:

880 OBZ4N R. Unión, Lima - s/off 0400 (T. Hirahara in R. Nuevo Mundo via Arctic)
900 OBX4X Ke Buena, Lima - ex Canal N. Radio (T. Hirahara in R. Nuevo Mundo via Arctic)
1400 OBX4W R. Callao, Lima - web: www.radiocallao.com. (T. Hirahara via Arctic)
1141 Chami Radio, new station, Otuzco, Departamento La Libertad. e-mail:

transmision@chamiradio.com.pe. (Hector Alvaro Gutierrez & Alfreda Cafote in ConDig via mwc)

1367 R. Santa Mónica – from 1370 (Gutierrez in ConDig via mwc)

ST. LUCIA: Radio St. Lucia is inactive on 660. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

ST. VINCENT: NBC Radio stopped broadcasting on 705 in April 2002 - but is now planning to return to medium wave from the beginning of 2005 from a new transmitter site. The frequency will be changed to either 700 or 710 due to the fact that many receivers will not tune to a split channel like 705. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

TURKS & CAICOS: New Radio Martí Outlet probably won't be on the air until at least late spring next year but Radio Martí will be simulcast on the former Atlantic Beacon frequency 1570. The IFRB has a two tower array registered with the lobe at 240 degrees. It's believed RVC/530 still holds the license for 1570 so this will be a year to year lease with the towers located on the north end of South Caicos at the former US Coast Guard base. (DXLD, Dec 7)

<http://www.fbodaily.com/archive/2004/10-October/10-Oct-2004/FBO-00691699.htm>

ASIA AND PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN: An Afghan radio station has appeared on 1602 and has been heard all the way in Europe. Martti Karimies from Finland was the first to pick up the station on November 20. Later the station has been identified as Radio Khost. According to previous station listings prepared by Internews, Radio Khost has earlier operated on 1200 kHz. Radio Khost was launched in 2002 (see **DXing.info** news in June 2002 for details), and first broadcast on 1300 kHz. Radio Khost is a government-run station for Khost (also spelled as Khowst) and its surrounding areas in eastern Afghanistan, near the border with Pakistan. (DXing.info)

AUSTRALIA: ABA media release today had some interesting news for MW. See full version at: http://www.aba.gov.au/abanews/news_releases/2004/160nr04.htm. In its BCing policy released in the run up to the recent election, the Government said it would develop a policy for the introduction of digital radio in conjunction with existing radio broadcasters. In light of this the ABA is now considering whether or not to allocate vacant MF and VHF Band III spectrum pending clarification of the digital radio policy and its implications for spectrum use. Accordingly, the ABA has decided to hold off auctioning the AM frequencies identified in Round 11 - Price based allocation of transmitter licenses for open narrowcasting services. These frequencies are in Albury, NSW, and Manjimup and Northam, WA. Whether these frequencies will be made available for allocation at a future date will depend on the details of the digital radio policy that is developed. (David Onley, mwoz Dec 6)

ABA revises Launceston (Tasmania) Plans Under new plans just announced, 7NT 711 AM moves to 91.7 (192kW), 7EX 1008 AM moves to 90.1 (5kW), 7LA 1098 AM moves to 89.3 (5kW) and an SBS retransmission station is planned for 104.5 FM (3.5kW). Changes are likely fairly early in 2005, so if you haven't added these three AM's to your collection, now's the time to log them. (David Ricquish, mwoz Dec 19)

INDIA: 72 new radio stations are proposed to be set up in the country. Of these eight will be in Uttaranchal; seven in West Bengal; five in Arunachal Pradesh; four each in Bihar, Chhatisgarh and Orissa; three each in Andhra Pradesh; Assam, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh; two each in Gujarat, Karnataka, Manipur and Punjab and each in Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya and Tamil Nadu. At present, 215 All India Radio stations including 14 in Uttar Pradesh, are functioning in the country. This information was given by Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Culture, Shri S. Jaipal Reddy in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha. (PIB, Govt of India via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india, 20 Dec)

NEW ZEALAND: In a short media release, a large part of the regional radio landscape in New Zealand has gone west. The fifteen individual regional AM and FM stations of Local Radioworks have all been rebranded as MORE FM. The stations all started off with individual ownership since 1970 and their local branding had remained intact through ownership changes and eventual acquisition by Canadian media conglomerate CanWest.

Familiar stations such as KCC-FM in Northland, Fife FM in Nelson and Foveaux Radio in Invercargill are amongst the stations finally losing their own identity to become part of the growing MORE FM network.

The move follows the November demise of Radio Otago in Dunedin, XS-FM in Palmerston North and Lite-FM (descendent of Radio Avon) in Christchurch. In just a couple of weeks, over 30 years of New Zealand radio heritage has been swept aside as the newly listed CanWest moves to strengthen its ability to deliver dividends to shareholders, including its Canadian parent in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

For the record, the following regional radio stations are understood to disappear from the dial between now and January 2005: KCC-FM Northland, Coastline 93.4 Tauranga, Lakes 96FM Rotorua, KIS-FM Taupo, Energy FM Taranaki, Hot 93 Hawkes Bay, 92.8 STAR FM Wanganui, HITZ 89.3 Wairarapa, 95FM Levin, 2XX Kapiti, Fife FM (+ 990 AM) Nelson, Resort 99 FM (+ 1359 AM) Queenstown, Radio Central (+ 531 AM) Alexandra, Big River Radio Balclutha and 89.2 Foveaux FM (+ 1224 AM) Invercargill.

Whether the AM outlets will carry MORE FM isn't clear. They may flip to The Breeze brand instead. CanWest says 'Aside from the name change, listeners will notice minimal differences, except they will have greater opportunities to participate in even better contests and see their local station involved in national sponsorships such as the Super 12'. Daytime broadcasts continue to originate locally, at least for now. However, the new MORE FM stations now join a nationwide nighttime program hosted by NZ Idol's Dominic Bowden.

The Radio Heritage Foundation's on-line archive project will bring you as much of these individual station stories as we're able to collect, preserve and protect with the help of listeners and radio heritage partners throughout New Zealand. (David Ricquish, mwoz Dec 14)

TAIWAN: The government is planning to integrate the resources of the two state-owned radio stations to set up a multilingual "Voice of Taiwan" radio network to serve foreign nationals in Taiwan, the Government Information Office director-general said Saturday.

Lin Chia-lung unveiled the plan while addressing a Mandarin and Taiwanese story-telling competition for foreigners hosted by the state-owned Radio Taiwan International (RTI). Lin pointed out that the RTI, which receives NT\$500 million (US\$15.6million) in government funding every year, is mainly responsible for overseas broadcasting.

To serve foreign nationals residing in Taiwan and help them better understand the island, the government will set up a new radio network by combining the resources of the RTI and the other state-owned radio station, Voice of Han Broadcasting Network, Lin said. The "Voice of Taiwan" will broadcast programs in a number of different languages, including Mandarin, Taiwanese, English and Japanese, he said. (Y.F. Low, Nov. 27 CNA, via Mike Terry, DXLD)

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BENIN: Additional information received from TWR about the new relay station which is going to be constructed near Parakou during 2005: the transmitter will be operating on 1566 with 100 kW. Cf. <http://www.twrafrica.org/0055.asp> for other details about the project. (Bernd Trutenau, mwdx)

CHAD: Following a discussion by DXers Martin Elbe, Thorsten Hallmann and Rick, on the German language A-DX mailing list, I monitored 840 kHz. Indeed, I could see a carrier, s/on at 04:25, s/off at 22:31 which corresponds to Chad's schedule according to WRTH 2004. The frequency is variable and drifting 839.97 - 839.99 kHz. It is only a 20 kW tx but it should be possible to capture some modulation as well. Last night, the signal was quite strong from 21:00 on, and as 846 is free, tuning into USB should reduce QRM from 837. It may be possible that the program is in // to 6165 where Chad is heard almost every evening. (Gunter Lorenz, Freising, Germany mwdx Dec 1)

CONGO: At 2030 utc am now getting ID of "Republique Democratique du Congo" with FF programming on 945 KHz. Anyone else ID this station? Is it Congo Brazza or Congo Kinshasha? It is not listed in my 2004 WRTH. (John Plimmer, South Africa, mwdx Nov 26)

CROATIA: Croatian tx on 1134 is off already since last week. I expected a short failure or maintenance only so I did not report it. Now when I did it, the tx surely goes on the air very soon, HI (Sod's Law) (K Honzik mwdx Nov 23)

A very strong wind with speed over 220 km/h had caused damages on two of 4 antenna mast in Zadar. They have damaged base insulators. Unfortunately power distribution is coming from TX and later being distributed through one of them. Base insulators are ordered from RIZ factory which delivered and installed the antenna masts at beginning of this year. We are expecting to start transmission during next week with omni antenna system and two weeks later with directional antenna system as it was before this storm.

In mean time transmitter Deanovec 100 kW is tuned from 1125 to 1134 kHz instead, because our listeners are usually on this freq because 600 kW TX site in Zadar has better reception in Europe.

Waiting for insulators is quicker way how to start transmission again, instead doing complex bypass through mast 1 and tuning one of good antenna mast to receive power of 600 kW with proper impedance matching. (Nikola Percin, HRT - Technical Director, e-mail to Wolfgang Bueschel)

Since yesterday [Nov. 23rd] before, I noted HR signal on 1134 again, B U T with decreased power, (Wolfgang Bueschel) (summarized from World of Radio & HCDX postings)

CZECH REPUBLIC: Radio Prague may carry its program in English and German on longwave in the future. In answer to a listener's question on Sunday's Mailbox program, Radio Prague Director Miroslav Krupicka said: "It is not reality at this moment but we are considering going on longwave in English and German. It's a longwave that is used by a domestic channel of Czech Radio, Czech Radio 1 - Radiozurnal, which broadcasts on the FM network and on LW [270, 750 kW]. We are in talks with this station to give us a certain space on longwave in order for us to be heard beyond the border of the Czech Republic in, say, Germany, Austria and Poland because longwave travels further than medium wave, for instance, or FM, so we would be heard in Central and Eastern Europe on longwave quite well. Of course, this is an addition to shortwave broadcasting. We are always on shortwave, we will stay on shortwave, but in addition we are looking for tools in order to be heard both in the Czech Republic and in Central Europe. In the Czech Republic we are currently on FM in Prague in English, this is a service for tourists, people visiting the Czech Republic, businessmen and so on. It's quite appreciated by the audience from what I have heard. And to expand on longwave would be quite nice, so we are working on it, but it is not yet reality." (<http://medianetwork.blogspot.com/> via mwDX Dec 16)

FRANCE: RMC Info have started transmissions via their Mulhouse relay on 1584 and the relay in Strasbourg is now operating at full power. Daytime reception in the coverage area is good but at night the signal is only fair to poor due to skywave interference. (Rémy Friess mwc Dec 12)

The latest in a series of new French commercial stations probing the medium wave dial, Radio de la Mer from Paris has been broadcasting on 1080 since Nov 26. The station was reported first by Christian Ghibaud in DXLD 4-179. Radio de la Mer plans to launch its remaining two MW transmitters in Brest and Montpellier during the first half of 2005. According to the station website, initially most of the programming will be music, but talk and features will be added gradually. (DXing.info, Dec 7)

GERMANY: A station broadcasting country music - a rare phenomenon in Europe - has been launched in Germany. TruckRadio is broadcasting on 702 (in Jülich) and 855 kHz (in Nordkirchen). The station signed on at 1620 UTC on December 6, and was immediately heard by several German DXers. The company behind TruckRadio plans to cover entire Europe with DRM transmissions some time in 2005. (DXing.info, Dec 7) New German station Truck Radio now being heard with good signals on 702 and 855 with C and W music and IDs via DXTuner receiver in Rommele in Sweden (Tony Magon, mwDX, Dec 12)

Browsing the Telefunken website brought up that they installed a new 100 kW tx at Deutschlandradio's Berlin-Britz site already in summer 2003. Frequency not mentioned, but this appears to be the new main tx for 990. T-Systems ordered new txs for Deutschlandradio sces: For longwave 2 x 500 kW, for mediumwave 1 x 100 kW, 1 x 200 kW, 2 x 800 kW. Delivery and installation are provided for 2005/2006. No further details given, so one can only guess about the destinations of the mediumwave equipment. A single 800 kW is meant for Braunschweig-Koenigsutter of course, and probably the mention of 2 x 800 kW in fact just describes this very pair of TRAM400 txs since I have no idea where else 800 kW could be used. 100 and 200 kW would match the 549 sites (Nordkirchen and Thurnau- Tannfeld, respectively). [Heusweiler-Saar 1422 kHz DRM replacement?, wb.]

Some details about the new (rather: refurbished) 177 kHz antenna at Zehlendorf: www.telefunken-sendersysteme.de/int/Press/DRM_and_lw-antenna/drm_and_lw-antenna.html. I think the 153 antenna at Donebach has a quite narrow bandwidth as well, also resulting in the muffled-sounding modulation? If so a new tx alone wouldn't make the facility DRM-ready... ("As well" referring to the triangular hammock used for 177 during the nineties which had to be replaced by the main mast again because its bandwidth was insufficient for DRM operation.) (Kai Ludwig-D, BC-DX Nov 28, via Worldwide DX Club Topnews)

Freiburg 828 and Baden-Baden 1485 are no longer on air around the clock but only Mon-Fri 0400-2200, Sat-Sun 0600-2200 anymore. See <http://www.swr.de/frequenzen/hinweise/index.html>. There are plans to switch off Südwestrundfunk medium wave transmitters at night. Only Mülhacker 576 will stay on air overnight in case this concept will be fully implemented. (Kai Ludwig 26 Nov and 2 Dec via Arctic)

Extensive changes at the Braunschweig/Königsutter site as noted on a recent visit: The 630 transmitter (ex Megaradio) has been dismantled. At present the installation of two new Telefunken TRAM400 transmitters is under way, one of them is already completed and runs 756 with 200 kW at present, the smaller TRAM transmitters previously used on 756 are off air now. It is still planned to run DRM in simulcast mode here, probably starting next year when the second TRAM400 will be complete. Pictures of the current installations: <http://www.do1oi.de/diff/>. (Kai Ludwig, 21 Dec via Arctic)

HUNGARY: The Hungarian government has given the green light to the privatization of national telecommunications and broadcasting company Antenna Hungaria Rt (AH) in an open tender. According to press reports, six foreign investors have expressed interest in taking part in the privatization tender: France's Telediffusion de France, Portugal's Portugal Telecom, Retevison of Spain, Italy's Telespazio, the Czech Republic's Ceske Radiokomunikace, and venture capital firm Advent International. (Media Network Mike Terry via HCDX Oct 29, via Arctic)

Changes in Szolnok: the 5 kW transmitter for Radio Szolnok on 1350 was closed in May 2004 and replaced by an FM outlet on 101.2 MHz. This was necessary in preparation of the launch of Magyar Katolikus Rádió via a 135 kW transmitter in Szolnok (and Siófok 150 kW) on nearby 1341 which is due in April. There are no plans to close or move the transmitter for Radio Győr on 1350 (Győr, 5kW). (Source: official info) (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, MWDX)

IRELAND: Irish public broadcaster RTE has announced that maintenance on its 500 kW mediumwave transmitter at Tullamore has been completed, and the station will resume broadcasting on Friday 5 November. The transmitter has been off the air since July. (media network weblog via Mike Terry, MWDX Nov 22)

The signal on 567 is coming in well in this part of London just before 0300 on 6 Nov. The main test will come once the sun rises around 0700 or so. Prior to the closedown, the signal could be heard in London throughout the day, if somewhat weak, despite adjacent channel splatter from Spectrum 558, and I would expect the same to apply now, assuming that the signal characteristics, i.e. power and antenna set-up, are the same. During the night the signal, as well as the audio quality, is better on 567 than on LW. It will be interesting to see whether RTE offer any alternative programming on 252 as opposed to 567. I would assume that alternative programming is offered on FM whilst sports in on the other outlets, but of course the FM signal will never reach London. (Paul David, mwDX)

Religious radio station Solas AM has handed their license back to the BCI. The station was awarded a license to broadcast to Dublin on medium wave in April 2001 but have not managed to get on air. The station cites prohibitive expenses involved in AM broadcasting when compared to FM. They also are unhappy that they have not been given the option to take a license for FM broadcasting. Solas AM ran in to many difficulties in their attempts to get on air. They had claimed as recently as last July that they were not yet ready to call it a day. (<http://www.radiowaves.fm/news/index.shtml> via mwc)

1593 Energy Power AM from Dublin is programming now. (Ken Baird via MWC e-mail news 12.12.2004 via Arctic)

ISLE OF MAN: To mark Manx Radio's 40th birthday, a new book - "A Nation's Station" is soon to be published. Manx Radio's been on quite a journey during four decades of broadcasting. Its highly unusual position - as a public service broadcaster, which is also partly commercial, means the station has always been subject to intense scrutiny. Author Derek Winterbottom says the book sheds light on Manx Radio's ups and downs and examines its fascinating, unique status. Hear Audio File at <http://www.manxradio.com/>. (via Mike Terry, dxldy via DXLD via mwc)

ITALY:

189 RAI longwave in Caltanissetta is currently operating with a 1 kW reserve transmitter. This may be the first step towards a final closure. (tnx A. Borgnino) (Roberto Scaglione, <http://www.bclnews.it> Nov 8 via WORLD OF RADIO 1252, DXLD)

693 RAI Milano will conduct DRM tests from January. (Dario Monferini, MWDX 22.11.2004)

567 RAI Radio 1 is using Caltanissetta's 567 MW transmitter for regional programs at 6:20; 11:20; 13:30; 18.26 UTC. Target area: Mediterranean and Central Europe.

(Nino Marabello, Treviso, Italy, Nov 28 DXLD)

Radio 1 from the Bologna/Budrio transmitter is switching from 1116 to 567. Both frequencies are presently on the air in parallel, but from next week, according to RayWay, 1116 will be closed down. (Stefano Valianti, mwc Dec 17) Transmissions from Bologna on 1116 have ended today. RAI Radio 1 from Bologna is now on 567. (Stefano Valianti, mwc Dec 21)

LATVIA: Radio Nord, the local station in Riga on 945, started regular 24h transmissions on 22 October at 0700 UTC. (Bernd Trutenau via MWDX Oct 20)

LUXEMBOURG: From the beginning of next year Luxembourg will run DRM transmissions on 1440 kHz. No clue, at what hours, I suspect, that they will use it during their own programming only and if the clients renting the transmitters want to use DRM. Let's hope, that at least they switch off the beast at nights. I'm pessimistic concerning the future of MW-DX, I'm afraid that next year at this time we'll see a lot of channels occupied by DRM and reduced chances for TA reception. I don't have a problem with DRM on shortwave, it's a nuisance, but I think, we DXers can live with it. But on MW DRM is absolutely lethal. (Martin Elbe, mwDX Nov 25) Telefunken will provide BCE's Marnach site with a new TRAM/P 600 unit, consisting of two 300 kW transmitters. The system can be easily switched between DRM and AM operation. Press release http://www.telefunken-endersysteme.de/News_Presse/RTL_digital_MW/rtl_digital_mw.html in German. Meanwhile WRN is planned on enquiry that for the time being no changes for the AM transmissions of CRI on 1440 are planned. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 28, DXLD)

Re: Telefonken transmitter deliveries --- This morning I intercepted RTL 1440 with a 2 kHz tone at 0200. At 0205 the signal switched to digital and this went on until 0220, when there was a 5 minute break, apparently without carrier, before the digital signal continued. No RTL ID, but who else could it be? So it seems the new TRAM transmitter is already in place and testing. The worst situation now would be if the owners decide to fill hitherto unused night hours with DRM. (Olle Alm, Sweden, Dec 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MACEDONIA: International electronics and systems group Thales has announced that a new world record has been reached in Macedonia for Digital AM Broadcasting. PE Makedonska Radiodifuzija (MRD), the national public broadcaster [sic, this is the national transmitter operator, the country's public broadcaster is called Makedonska Radio-Televizija (MRT) -BT] in collaboration with Thales and Deutsche Welle (DW), succeeded in transmitting 720 kW mean power in Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) mode from the medium wave station Ovce Pole, the highest DRM power ever broadcast by a single transmitter, reaching exceptional coverage and quality of reception.

Transmissions were done on 810 with the Thales' S7HP 1200 kW solid-state medium wave analogue transmitter, in operation at Ovce Pole since its inauguration in June 2002. For the tests, Thales provided front-end equipment from its Skywave 2000 DRM Digital Product Line.

The necessary measurements of the signal quality and coverage area were performed by DW using their measurement van and various fixed control and measurement centers in Europe. Measurements were carried out twice a day: 3 hours during day time -groundwave propagation- and 3 hours during night time - skywave propagation- while transmitting the program of Macedonian Radio. The DW measurement van confirmed a coverage area during daylight of up to 300 km, whereas by night the DW centers recorded reception over larger areas of Western Europe. The audio quality was excellent and disturbance free. (Media Network Blogspot 16 Dec via mwc)

NORWAY: Radio Netherlands' Ehard Goddijn drew our attention to a very strong SSB signal on 7360 noted in progress at 1230 UTC, carrying the NRK domestic service in parallel with 1314 mediumwave. The SSB was replaced by a silent carrier at 1240, then the modulation resumed at 1251 UTC. More details at <http://medianetwork.blogspot.com/>. (Mike Terry, HCDX)

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO: 981 SRT Cacak has left the MW. 1215 Radio Mladenovac is now back on the air with full power, 1 kW. 1296 Radio Podrinje has left MW for FM 104.8 MHz. (Svetomir Cuckovic via Bengt Ericson, Arctic)

SPAIN: RNE 1 on 738 seems to be on full power again since Monday 29 NOV. It is again the strongest Spanish MW signal here in my location. According to Spanish sources, the 300 kW TX unit has been replaced by a new 600 kW one. (Karel Honzik, mwdx Nov 30)

UNITED KINGDOM: As of Monday this week, BBC Radio Leeds is carrying local programming during the period 0100-0500 on all its AM and FM frequencies (774AM, 92.4MHz, 95.3MHz, 102.7MHz, 103.9MHz). Previously the station relayed BBC 5 Live between these times. NB nothing on station website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/england/radioleeds/> about this apart from 0100-0300 on Saturday (Gavin Robertson & BDXC, via Ray Browell mwc Nov 25)

UK media regulator Ofcom is today launching a consultation on the future of UK radio. Amongst the proposals under consideration are the use of the following medium wave frequencies (subject to negotiations with the BBC) for a mixture of local/regional commercial and/or community services across the country. Frequency/current users/area served 1116 BBC Radio Derby (Derbyshire), Valleys Radio (South Wales valleys.)

1368 BBC Radio Swindon (Swindon), BBC Southern Counties Radio (Reigate), BBC Radio Lincolnshire (Lincolnshire), Manx Radio (Isle of Man)

1377 Asian Sound (Manchester)

1431 Classic Gold 1431 (Reading), Classic Gold Breeze (Southend), Fresh Radio (Ilkley & Settle), Long-term restricted services located south of the M4 motorway.

1485 BBC Southern Counties Radio (Brighton), BBC Radio Merseyside (Merseyside), BBC Radio Humberside (Humberside), Classic Gold 1485 (Newbury)

1521 Classic Gold 1521 (Reigate & Crawley), Forest of Dean Radio*

1530 BBC Essex(Southend), Classic Hits(Worcester), Pulse Classic Gold(Huddersfield & Halifax)

1566 BBC Somerset Sound (Taunton), County Sound Radio (Guildford)

1584 BBC Hereford & Worcester (Tenbury Wells), BBC Radio Nottingham (Nottinghamshire), London Turkish Radio (North London), Tay AM (Perth)

1602 BBC Radio Kent (Tunbridge Wells), Desi Radio* (Southall, London), URN** (Nottingham)

* Community radio pilot station, ** Long-term Restricted Service License

Ofcom is also proposing the use of five new DAB MUX frequency blocks [on band III] - three allowing everyone in the UK access to a minimum of one local DAB MUX, whilst the other two would be used (subject to the existing users of the frequencies concerned being re-located) for an additional 2 national DAB MUXes within the British mainland. Consultation: Preparing for the future http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations/current/radio_review/.

(Thanks to Ray Woodward for help with this story.) (Media Network weblog via British DX Club Via Paul David mwdx Dec 15)

SPECIAL FEATURE – AM IDs Needed

John Bowker is the editor of the **Travellog** portion of **DXAS's** Monthly Cassette Newsletter. Each month, he features legal IDs from stations on a particular frequency... take it away John....

"I have now compared the latest listing of call letters and cities of license for all the stations operating in the U.S. and Canada at 920 kHz. If anyone has or can make a clean recording of these stations that are missing from the **Travellog** collection, let me know.

I can accept anything from cassettes to CDs, e-mail messages using mp3 and I can download from websites, of course. All I need is enough of the program leading up to the hourly ID to get a sense of the format and then the ID itself. The longest ID in the entire collection runs 90 seconds (WIBC in Indianapolis) because it's a jingle and I wasn't about to edit it down.

Here are the stations at 920 I'm missing:

WVOH - Hazelhurst, GA	KIHM - Reno, NV*
WGOL - Russellville, AL*	KVIN - Ceres, CA*
KMGG - Jonesboro, LA	KPSI - Palm Springs, CA*
KFLB - Odessa, TX	KVEC - San Luis Obispo, CA
KSVA - Albuquerque, NM*	

* - indicates a city where we have a recording of a station at 920, but using an earlier call sign.

I expect to begin editing the 920 chapters of the **Travellog** as early as April, 2005. I expect we will spend 2 or 3 editions getting all of the IDs on the program since I only use about 13 minutes for IDs in any one edition.

Any help you can offer, of people you can put me in touch with, will be greatly appreciated. **John Bowker - jbowker@tampabay.rr.com.** Mailing address is: PO Box 5192, Sun City Center, FL 33571-5192.

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