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Don't forget to vote.... IRCA welcomes James Ronda of Tulsa, OK!!

The **IRCA Bookstore** is looking for someone to take over the duties as "Slogan's List" editor. Duties will include taking over Rich Toebe's database and producing a new list for the next DX season (August-September time frame). Contact **Phil Bytheway** – phil_tekno@yahoo.com for details.

HQ NOTES

via Pat Martin: On a sad note, sent to me by Jason Brose, that the owner of KBRD (K-BIRD) and KLDY (K-LADY) (Olympia WA) has passed away of lung cancer at 68. Skip Marrow had owned the two stations for quite a few years. He ran classical music on KLDY and mostly big band on KBRD. Quite interesting stations. I had talked with Skip quite a few times on the phone and he QSL'd both stations for me. He did his own formats too. He was really a local Icon in the area. He will be greatly missed.

via IRCA e-Group: Per Shawn Axelrod, a new Winnipeg radio station, CJML-580 will be on for 2 weeks starting May 1 to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of VE Day in the Second World War. As well as war-time memories, the broadcasts will feature events leading up to and immediately following the war, big band and other period music, and appearances by veteran Winnipeg radio personalities. The calls stand for "Come Journey Down Memory Lane."

I will enjoy this as long as it ONLY lasts two weeks. If they use the old CKY-580 50kw. transmitter and facilities, they should be widely heard. Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg MB

via IRCA e-Group: The ARRL has applied to the FCC for a Part 5 Experimental license on behalf of a group of amateurs interested in operating in the vicinity of 500 kHz. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, announced the filing during a meeting of the ARRL Executive Committee April 9 in Denver. The experimental application was among several items the EC dealt with in addition to its recommendations <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/04/13/1/> to the ARRL Board of Directors regarding a planned regulation-by-bandwidth petition.

If granted, the two-year Part 5 license would permit experimentation and research between 495 and 510 kHz using CW and PSK31 at power levels of up to 20 W effective radiated power. ARRL Member Fred Raab, W1FR, of Burlington, Vermont, would manage the project, which calls for 23 discrete fixed sites from New England to California and Minnesota to Louisiana.

The **2005 IRCA/DecalcoMania** convention will be held on Thu. Aug. 25 through Sat. Aug 27, 2005 at the Days Inn, 1111 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim CA 92805 (1 block North of Disneyland) www.the.daysinn.com/anaheim04986. Phone number for reservations is 714-533-8830 (request the special \$49 room rate.) Registration fee (not including banquet) is \$25 payable to Mike Sanburn, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256 - mikesanburn@hotmail.com. Activities will include station tours, business meeting, auction, and banquet -view menu at www.jagerhaus.net. Should have lots of stickers and airchecks. Looking forward to seeing everybody.

Here's the list of websites for sites in the area of this year's convention: www.disneyland.com, www.downtowndisney.com, www.knotts.com, www.universalstudioshollywood.com, www.sixflags.com, www.movieandwaxmuseum.com, www.seaworld.com, www.mediavaltimes.com, www.catalinaexpress.com, www.irvinmuseum.org, www.visitorangeconomy.net, www.planesoffame.org.

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DX Tests – Les Rayburn – les@highnoonfilm.com (times are Eastern)

Caribbean Christian Radio 1020 "Superpower 1020" tested it's new 20KW GE Transmitter not once, but twice this week! First test was on Saturday evening, with a follow up test on Monday night.

The test was a bit early in the day for listeners on the West Coast, but there was some grayline success in Colorado! Special thanks to Jerry & the staff at Superpower 1020 for this rare treat and to Ronald C. Gitschier for helping to coordinate the tests and handling QSL chores.

CCR 1020 "Superpower 1020" DX Test Results-Saturday, April 16th.

Bob Foxworth in Tampa, FL got us started early with his reception of the test using only a DX-398 and a Radio Shack loop. Les Rayburn repeated this feat a few minutes later, hearing the test from a campsite in Alabama, using a YB-400 and a RS loop.

Marc DeLorenzo heard the test from his home in Cape Cod, MA, as did Bill Harms in Maryland, and Dave Hochfelder in New Jersey.

Wade Smith was able to null KDKA well enough to hear the test in Chipman, New Brunswick. W. Curt Deegan struggled more with Radio Reloj, but was able to hear the test easily from his home in South Florida.

Other DX'ers finding success included Brock Whaley in Lilburn, Georgia; Bert New in Watkinsville, GA; Paul Smith in Florida; as did Barry McLarnon, in Ottawa, ON who pulled out the Morse Code string just before the transmitter left the air.

(We later learned that the Morse Code overdrove the transmitter a bit, causing it's protection circuits to shut it down)

R.C. Watts in Kentucky also copied the Morse Code string, and noted the station leaving the air. Brett Saylor managed to overcome KDKA from his home in Central, PA to log both Morse and voice ID's from Superpower 1020.

The Morse Code ID was also critical to the success of Rick Kunath in Almont, MI, who pulled out the Morse only near the end.

Not everyone was so lucky, Larry Fravel had nothing but the super strong KDKA from his home in Shinnston, WV. Neil Kazaross was unable to pull them out, but had logged them in the past, while Russ Edmunds in Blue Bell, PA had a partial reception but not enough for a verification. He too had heard the station in the past.

Mike Hardester in NC struggled with KDKA and RR in Cuba without success, and also disappointed was Steve Francis of Tennessee who waited until late in the test to try; only to find that CCR had left the air due to the problem with the Morse Code.

It looks like Saturday's test was heard in nine states and two providences of Canada! And this was only the start....

CCR 1020 "Superpower 1020" DX Test Results-Monday, April 18th.

With a large group of us working the test in real time via the chat on #mwdx, we got started right on time at a little past the half hour on the East Coast.

Dave Pyatt in Burlington, Ontario reported the tests success from his home, as did Bob Foxworth from Tampa Florida. Les Rayburn heard the test easily, this time from his home QTH in Alabama, using a Drake R8B and a variety of antennas.

Neil Kazaross was able to null KDKA from his home in Barrington, IL using a TRF...just enough to copy bits of the "CCR" Morse Code string. Brett Saylor was again able to copy the test from Central PA, though noted them a bit weaker than on Saturday.

Gerry Bishop in Niceville, FL noted the test, and also observed that it was stronger for him on Saturday. Conditions had changed, and not for the better.

Wade Smith in New Brunswick noted the code and NRC Sweep Tones from the test, as did Paul LaFreniere in Grand Marais, MN. Others copying the test included Bob Young in Millbury, MA, Jim Renfrew in Byron, NY, and Bill Harms in Maryland. Bill also noted the signal weaker than on Saturday night due to conditions.

Ron Gitschier in Palm Coast, FL, was able to enjoy the fruits of his labor, by logging the test on his car radio while on a break from his job at Home Depot. Now that's commitment!

Bruce Winkelman in Tulsa, OK pulled in the Morse Code ID's using a Drake R8 and his Quantum Phaser. Russ Edmunds in Blue Bell, PA was able to hear this one, thanks to the Morse Code and Sweep tones. Nice catch in the shadow of KDKA.

The reception of the evening has to go to Patrick Griffith in Westminster, CO. Near the end of the test, he caught a VOICE ID clearly at a distance of 2,360 miles! It was still twilight at his home.

This feat was then duplicated by Wayne Heinen, from his home in Aurora, Colorado! A solid five minutes of nearly perfect copy including voice IDs. Grayline DX at it's best.

Among those who were left waiting were Adam Myrow in Memphis who could not null KDKA enough for reception. Glen Hauser in Enid, OK had trouble from KOKP in Perry, OK and was unable to pull out the test.

Saul in Toronto tried without success for the test on his car radio, but had logged the station in the past.

Monday night's test was heard in 10 States and two providences of Canada, despite slightly poorer conditions. The later start time accounted for this increased success.

Our special thanks to the Engineering staff at "Superpower 1020" for this amazing late season test. Hopefully we can talk them into another one in the fall!

73, Les Rayburn, N1LF, IRCA-NRC Broadcast Test Coordinator

IRCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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April 25, 2005

Proposals presented to IRCA board of directors:

 Proposal 21.2.11 is to accept Lynn Hollerman's condensed financial statement for Sep 1, 2004-Feb 28, 2005 as follows:

IRCA chequing account:

balance on Sep 1/04:	\$ 418.52
income (from dues):	\$3,297.00
expenses (DX Monitor, web hosting, removal of PayPal payment (later reinstated)):	\$2,319.55
balance on Feb 28/05:	\$1,395.97

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

Proposal 21.2.11 passed.

 Proposal 21.2.12 is to accept Phil Bytheway's condensed financial statement for the IRCA bookstore for Sep 1, 2004- Feb 28, 2005 as follows:

IN:	\$1,349.50
POSTAGE:	\$ 138.75
PUBLISHING:	\$ 57.79
NET GAIN:	\$1,152.96

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

Proposal 21.2.12 passed.

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

Y= YES, N= NO, A= ABSTAIN

 In other news, Dr. Harold Cones, Executive Director of the Association of North American Radio Clubs (ANARC), of which IRCA has been a member, reported that:

"Members of the ANARC board and some club representative met on Saturday 12 March at the Winter SWL fest in Kulpville, PA. After an extended period of discussion, the group, in a unanimous vote, felt that the time had come for the dissolution of ANARC. Originally conceived to promote information between then clubs and to curb verbal wars between SWLers and DXers, it has now become only the operator of a club promotional web site. Individuals and clubs have taken up issues such as BPL and the Winterfest and other such club gatherings have solved the problem of non-interaction between the clubs. Further, ANARC now serves 2324 members; about 10% of the number it served in 1964, further diluting the need for such an organization. The (ANARC) web site is a valuable tool for North American radio clubs and it will continue to operate with funding from NASWA and the Winter Fest. In addition, all radio clubs, not just ex-ANARC dues paying clubs, will be encouraged to list on the web site and there will be no charge to any club, in many ways furthering the best communication between clubs...."

The IRCA board did have input into this decision.

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(continued from last issue-pb)

Pat Martin sends along the following:

1600, KOPT, OR, Eugene, now on 1600, ex 1450 with "Progressive Talk 1600", Air American promos, mentioning now on 1600 at 2146 EDT 4/7. I did not see this posted anywhere. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following (from **Mike Hardester**):

CKOT-1510 has applied to the CRTC to move to FM (104.7 MHz, 2.3 kW):

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2005/n2005-4.htm#7> It looks like this might be the end of the last Canadian daytimer. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Scott Fybush of NRC:

1220 is Salem's Cleveland 50 kW-er, WHK.

1440 is Salem's Warren (Ohio) 5 kW-er, WHKW, a booster for WHK.

This has been a consistent source of confusion for some time. Salem, you see, is an EXTREMELY conservative company. I speak not of its politics (though the statement's reasonably true there as well) but of its policies on preserving historic callsigns, especially three-letter ones that are gone for good if they go away. So follow the bouncing ball that is "WHK" as we take a little trip through recent Cleveland radio history... WHK, of course, was the heritage call on 1390, later 1420, under a series of owners that ended up with Malrite (in tandem with WMMS, ex-WHK-FM) and eventually Salem. In 2001, there was a complex three-way exchange of stations in northeast Ohio that went down thusly: Bob Conrad, who owned stand-alone classical FM station WCLV 95.5 in Cleveland, needed cash to keep the station alive. Salem wanted an FM signal for its "Fish" contemporary Christian music programming. Clear Channel wanted to strengthen its cluster of stations in Cleveland and nearby Akron-Canton. So Conrad sold the 95.5 facility (a full 50,000-watt class B) to Clear Channel, which promptly traded it to Salem. In exchange, Conrad got Clear Channel's 104.9 Lorain OH, a class A rimshotter from the west side of the market, along with Salem's 1420 signal (the original WHK) and the intellectual property (adult-standards format and staff) of Salem's 850, which had been WRMR. (This was the old WJW, years ago.) Salem got 95.5. Clear Channel got Salem's 98.1 in Canton, another big class B signal covering Canton and Akron. (It had been WHK-FM under Salem.) All at once in July 2001, WCLV's classical music went from 95.5 to 104.9. The standards went from WRMR 850 to what was now WCLV(AM) 1420. Salem reshuffled the rest of its AM lineup, moving the WHK religious format to 1220 (ex-WKNR, and WGAR before that) and moving WKNR's calls and sports format to 850. 95.5 became "the Fish," WFHM. 98.1 became top 40 WKDD, targeting Akron. And the former home of WKDD, the Akron-licensed 96.5 signal that had recently moved to a tower giving it full Cleveland coverage, became the new home of "Kiss" WAKS, which had been on 104.9. Complicated? Confusing? Heck, yeah. But it was actually even MORE complex than that, because Salem was bound and determined never to put the actual three-letter WHK callsign on a signal that it didn't have complete control over. (Remember that in the process of doing these deals, there were a lot of LMA-until-closing agreements, in which the buyer of the station would operate it even before all the paperwork was done to legally transfer ownership.) So a couple of months before the July 1 switchover date, Salem quietly changed a few of its AM calls. WHK 1420 became WHKK and WCCD 1000 Parma OH (a Salem station that was not otherwise involved in the switches) took the WHK calls. And here's a key point: the stations' branding DID NOT CHANGE - they were still "WHK 1420" and "WCCD 1000" at all times except the legal ID. When the formats switched on July 1, WHKK 1420 became WCLV. WKNR 1220 temporarily became WHKC, though it only used those calls once an hour and was otherwise "WHK 1220." It took several months for all the paperwork to change hands and for Salem to become the official licensee of 1220, and it was only then that 1000 went back to WCCD and the WHK calls moved to 1220. (There was also a brief period right after the switch when 95.5 Cleveland was legally WHK-FM, though it didn't last long.) Peter is correct that 1440 in Warren (ex-WRRO) became WHKW around this time as well, serving as the Youngstown-market simulcast of whichever Cleveland station was religious "WHK," whether 1420 or 1220. Complicated? Confusing? It gets WORSE. Last year, Bob Conrad decided to pull the plug on the standards format on 1420 (which had in the interim dropped the WCLV calls and gone back to the old WRMR calls from 850), and he entered a deal with Salem to sell 1420 to them. Salem promptly began operating 1420 under an LMA, and in the process tweaked its formats and branding. 1220 kept the religious preaching and teaching that had been identified as "WHK," but it was now branded as "WHKW," which - yes - are still the legal calls on 1440 Warren OH, which is still simulcasting. The "WHK" branding moved back to 1420 along with Salem's talk network (Hugh Hewitt, Dennis Prager, etc.) But this is Salem, and Salem doesn't put a valuable three-letter call on a facility it does not fully own. So the actual WHK calls remained - and still remain - on 1220. 1420 identifies as "WHK Cleveland" for most of the hour, and you have to listen very carefully at :06, after the news, to hear them say the legal calls of "WRMR Cleveland." 1220 identifies as "WHKW 1220," and it's only once an hour that you hear the legal calls "WHK Cleveland, WHKW Warren-Youngstown." At some point Salem will finally close the circle on all this and put the WHK calls back on 1420, WHKW on 1220 and something else on 1440 Warren. Until

then, though, log 'em with "WHK" for 1220, "WRMR" for 1420 and "WHKW" for 1440. Everything else is just a slogan, in the eyes of the FCC. (PM-OR)

Art Blair passes along the following:

Local Briefs, Broadcaster to expand into Raleigh-Durham market, JOURNAL STAFF AND WIRE REPORT, Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Truth Broadcasting Corp., a Winston-Salem company that operates several Christian radio stations in the Triad, plans to expand into the Raleigh-Durham market. The company is trading two of its local Spanish-language stations -WTOB 1380 AM and WWBG 1470 AM - to the Davidson Media Group, which is based in New York. In return for those stations, Truth Broadcasting will take over WFTK 1030 AM in Durham and will get about \$1.25 million from Davidson Media. WFTK carries Spanish-language programming; it will change to a Christian-talk format similar to that of WTRU 830 AM, a Christian-talk station run by Truth Broadcasting. That station's format began about four years ago. "WTRU has really been well-received here," said Stuart Epperson Jr., the president of Truth Broadcasting. "A lot of people wanted to hear positive faith-based, uplifting programming. We've sensed a real hunger for that in the Raleigh and Durham areas too." WTOB and WWBG are expected to keep their current formats, Epperson said. The ownership change is pending approval from the Federal Communications Commission, which Epperson said he expects by early May. Truth Broadcasting also runs WZRH 960 AM, a news-talk station based in Charlotte/Gastonia; and two Gospel stations, WPOL 1340 AM in Winston-Salem and WKEW 1400 AM in Greensboro. (AB-CA)

Art Blair also passes along the following from Radio Daily News.com:

AM 1160 WYLL announced that it now broadcasts at 50,000 watts day and night. Previously, the radio station's signal strength was limited at night. With this major tower improvement, WYLL joins a short list of powerful Chicago radio stations on the AM band. (AB-CA)

Tim Noonan sends along the usual list of FCC daily call changes. Thanks, Tim! (TN-WI)

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5 days till tax deadline, ugh, glad my taxes are done, hope yours are too, buy a new radio with your refund! Planning for the IRCA convention is going along nicely, make sure you get your reservations in to attend! Taking a trip to Vegas at the end of the month with our convention host, Mike Sanburn, hope to win lots of money to buy lots of auction items, with, heh. 73's and good DX.

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WDXR DEADLINES: May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1. Please use Eastern Time.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 620 KIPA **HI**, Hilo 4/16 1942 noted back on the air with satellite-fed song by the Fifth Dimension, net ads, slogan "Timeless Classics on KIPA, Hawaii's memory station," local ads back to music. ID 1959 "Hawaii's memories, AM 6-20 KIPA Hilo," one minute of ABC news, Big Island weather, back to DJ Bob Lawrence. Last noted on 12/5/04 testing with relay of sister station KKOA-FM. Per phone call to the station manager, KIPA returned to air late night 4/15 and uses ABC's Stardust network of adult standards, oldies & big band music, plus a sprinkling of Hawaiian oldies. (5P-HI1)
- 910 KKSJ **WA**, Vancouver (presumed calls 4/22 now "Playing the greatest hits ever made," ex-KOTK. Old rock with promo for "Dave Record" Stone at 0115. Have to check top of the hour for calls. (PM-OR)
- 1600 KRKE **NM**, Milan is the new call ex-KANM, "Real Oldies 1600," daytime log. Ex-1100. 1100 not on the air. (BN-NM)
- 1640 KFXV **OK**, Enid ex-KFNY 4/11 0925 with "KFXV Fox Sports Radio." (BN-NM)
- 1700 KKLK **TX**, Sherman ex-KTBK 4/12 ID into Fresno Rough Riders baseball. (BN-NM)
- 610 KVNU **UT**, Logan 3/27 2204-2207 ABC news followed by Army National Guard and approved by the Utah Broadcasters Assoc., into Coast to Coast with Art Bell. Fair. (RA-NV)
- 620 KPOJ **OR**, Portland 4/8 0703 ABC news (not Information network), woman with weather, Ed Schultz Show promo, PSA, announcement "Welcome to AM 6-20 KPOJ Portland's Progressive talk..." into Randi Rhodes Show replay. Poor. (5P-HI)
- 740 KBRT **CA**, Avalon 3/28 0941 a preacher reading the Bible. Fair, but weakening, fighting against KCBS San Francisco. First time heard in Nevada. (RA-NV)
- 760 KFMB **CA**, San Diego 3/27 2236 community ad followed by ID, into the Satellite Sisters. Fair with QRM. However, unID Spanish station trying to overtake. (RA-NV)
- 850 KOA **CO**, Denver 3/27 0358-0400 local ads, very rare, KXNT-840 not on the air (emitting a high definition (HD) signal carryover. (RA-NV)
- 860 KTRB **CA**, Modesto 4/5 0400 in very poor, usually strong at night. (CM-CA)
+Tentative 4/18 0730 underneath then atop tentative XEMO with Bloomberg Business News before lost to KAIM-870 returning to the air at 0733. (5P-HI)
- 910 KOTK **OR**, Portland 4/22 0359 with a format change. Moved the 97.1 oldies format to 910 with the slogan KISN, but still ID's on the hour as KOTK. Per web site, in the future to be IBOC too. (PM-OR)
- 1080 KSCO **CA**, Santa Cruz 3/28 0007 suddenly came out with call ID with Coast to Coast with Art Bell. Varying with fair, strong to weak signal. (RA-NV)
- KRLD **TX**, Dallas 3/28 2306 ID came up suddenly and faded away. (RA-NV)
- 1120 KPNW **OR**, Eugene 4/7 0659 tail end of ad, ID "Depend on us for news & information 24 hours a day, Newsradio 11-20 KPNW Eugene-Springfield" into ABC-I news //KHBZ-990. Poor to fair. Also noted 4/8 0545 with papal funeral coverage //KHBZ. (5P-HI)
- 1150 KTLK **CA**, Los Angeles 3/27 22022204 "KTLK newstime is 7:02." Reception fair to weak with QRM. First time heard with new call. (RA-NV)
- 1170 KFAQ **OK**, Tulsa 3/27 2305 Scott Landis mentioning weather (from TV Fox News Channel 4), Listener's Club form KFAQ noted. Extremely weak. (RA-NV)
+4/18 0702 quick ID "11-70 KFAQ," woman with announcement, Fox Newsradio Update, 6:06 time check, man with KFAQ traffic center and weather, slogan "Talkradio 11-70 KFAQ" and promo for listeners club. No sign of KHCM. Very poor. (5P-HI)
- 1200 WOAI **TX**, San Antonio 3/27 2306 news events read, getting through QRM. Website mentioned, www.TexasRCC.com. (RA-NV)
- 1250 KKDZ **WA**, Seattle 4/7 0358 poor with "KKDZ Seattle Radio Disney" ID. (CM-CA)
- 1260 KTRC **NM**, Santa Fe now talk // KAGM 106.3 but still giving KTRC call on hour. (BN-NM)
- 1270 KBZZ **NV**, Sparks 4/7 0350 good with "The Buzz" ID. (CM-CA)
- 1290 KAZA **CA**, Gilroy 4/5 0500 in fair with "KAZA Gilroy" ID. I can't hear them during the day, did not know they are on at night. What is their power at night? (CM-CA)
- 1300 KAPL **OR**, Phoenix 4/19 and 4/20 0030 Active Word religious program, "Overflowing with the living water, this is KAPL AM 1300, Phoenix-Jacksonville, the broadcast ministry of the Applegate Christian Fellowship." (MF-CA)
- 1430 KLO **UT**, Ogden 4/7 0325 in good with KLO ID and talk about Utah. (CM-CA)
- 1450 KWFM **AZ**, Tucson 4/17 0705 good on top of everything with "Cool 1450" slogan, oldies. (RW-CA)

- 1460 KABL CA, Salinas 4/17 0712 faded up nicely after KUTI fadeout with ID "Playing America's favorite music, Cable KABL." Then faded out just as fast, both KUTI and KABL replaced by KENO. XECB off this morning. (RW-CA)
 KUTI WA, Yakima 4/6 0432 "1460 KUTI" ID in fair. Also heard C&W music. (CM-CA)
 +4/17 0710 total surprise, came over everything briefly for a few minutes with ID "1460 Country Cutie," then faded under KENO-KABL-KTYM. First time logged in S. CA, was common in Bay Area. Good conditions to WA this AM. KGA-1510 in very strong as well as KEX-1190. (RW-CA)
- 1490 KZZZ AZ, Bullhead City 4/9 0'40 Phil Hendrie show, ads, "K-triple Z? ID. (MF-CA)
 KFFN AZ, Tucson 4/18 0501 "This is Tucson's only all sports station The Fan." (BB-AZ)
- 1540 KMPC CA, Los Angeles 3/27 2257-2300 ID, "The Ticket" slogan, mentioned sports shows and the NCAA. UniD Spanish station trying to override. First time heard from Nevada. (RA-NV)
- 1560 KNZR CA, Bakersfield 4/7 0300 in good with KNZR ID. (CM-CA)
- 1580 KBLA CA, Santa Monica 4/8 0558 Spanish man with romantica or praise music, interrupted briefly by man with voiceover ID "This is KBLA Santa Monica" before resuming. Note, it was not a dual ID with its mother station KALI-900. Poor to fair, ripply fading at times. (5P-HI)
- 1640 KDZR OR, Lake Oswego 4/4 0130 poor under KDIA with Radio Disney announcement. (CM-CA)
- 1650 KFOX CA, Torrance 4/4 0200 in good with Fox ID. (CM-CA)
 KHRO TX, El Paso now hard rock "Hero Rock." (BN-NM)
- 1680 KAVT CA, Fresno 4/5 0435 in good with Radio Disney mention. (CM-CA)
- 1700 XEPE BCN, Tecate 4/6 0230 in good with Fox Sports. Must have changed format, from Spanish to sports. (CM-CA)

UNIDS

- 580 UNID 4/6 0400 in poor with AdCon music. Who is this under KMJ? (CM-CA)
 670 UNID 3/27 1841 slogan "Radio Numero Uno," strong. Where from? (RA-NV)
 710 UNID 3/27 1854 uniD Spanish station fighting through KDWN carryover. From the U.S. or Mexico? (RA-NV)
- 1460 ?KION? CA, Salinas 4/6 0445 in poor to fair with KABL ID's. Are the call letters KION or KABL? (CM-CA) (I would say KABL, see Bob's 1460-KABL tip above. -- NJ)
- 1650 UNID 3/27 2316 sports talk station and a C&W station competing. No KFOX heard. Any clues? (RA-NV)

Thanks to our reporters this week. Nancy 4/22 2100

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RIDING GAIN

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 950 KMTX MT, Helena. 4-20 in and out with deep fades under KKFN. 22:06 with promo for AP News, weather, and "...unforgettable music on AM 9-50 KMTX." [NJ-MT]
 990 KRKS CO, Denver. 4-21 fair with CBW nulled. 22:00 with ID into "Insight for Living" program. [NJ-MT]
 1210 KHAT WY, Laramie. 4-20 very good until fade out. 21:04 with ID into "Health Minute." Spot, weather, oldies format. [NJ-MT]
 1270 KIML WY, Gillette. 4-19 good with CHAT nulled. 20:01 with Wyoming news, weather. "News talk 12-50" slogan. Spot for a car dealer, station promo, and legal ID into AP Network News. Extremely rare here despite its closeness. [NJ-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1980 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **C. M. Stanbury** of Ridgeway, ON continued discussion about Radio Swan ... **Niel Wolfish** of Toronto, ON enjoyed the April Fools's DX Monitor ... **Gerry Thomas** of Pensacola, FL told about the city changing his address and street name ... **Ernest R. Cooper** of Provincetown, MA was wanting to buy last years Broadcasting Yearbook.

OPEN MIKE

Not much for this week's sDXM. The season is ending. This column was typed 4-23-05. 73, John

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STARS OF THE WEEK

- (IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New** Watkinsville, GA
 Drake R8B, 135' N/S LW, Sangean ATS 909
- (WM-MD) **William McGuire** 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD
 DX-398

LOGGINGS

- 540 PA WWCS Canonsburg 4/4 1848 Radio Disney. (WM-MD)
 620 FL WDAE Saint Petersburg 04/12 0745 Traffic for the Tampa/St. Pete area. Good, steady signal. "620, WDAE, The Sports Animal". (IEN-GA)
- 940 WI WFAW Fort Atkinson 04/18 2237 Sports Scores and News. Signal buried in the mix for the most part, but would rise above the din from time to-time. "Jefferson County's News and Talk, 940, WFAW". (IEN-GA)
- VA WNRG Grundy 04/18 2258 Ad for Internet Banking at Grundy National Mentions of happenings in Buchanan County during a local news & Community Calendar segment. Country Gspl music heard after that. Good signal with slight static that would fade away from time-to-time. "You're listening to WNRG, 940AM, Grundy" and "Solid Gospel, WNRG 940AM, Grundy" and "Solid Gospel, WNRG". (IEN-GA)
- 950 KY WYWY Barbourville 04/18 2212 Religious music buried in the mix. "AM 950, WYWY". (IEN-GA)
- 1090 ON CKKW Kitchener 04/18 2245 Oldies mixed with a few others (ie: WBAL Baltimore). "Oldies 1090" & "Oldies 1090.COM". (IEN-GA)
- 1210 OK KGYN Guymon 04/15 2307 Weather forecast for the High Plains and then country music. Weak, but steady in the null of WPHT. "KGYN Forecast..." (IEN-GA)
- 1310 FL WYND De Land 04/14 2305 Religious music. Signal was buried in the mix along with a few others "This is your Christian Voice, WYND, the Light." (IEN-GA)
- 1320 GA WHIE Griffin 04/11 1715 Local news and ads for shops in Griffin. Good steady signal. "WHIE News" & "You're listening to WHIE, AM 1320, in Griffin, Georgia". (IEN-GA)
- VA WVNZ Richmond 3-29 1810 Spanish Music heard. (WM-MD)
- 1600 VA WXYM Saltville 04/21 0803 TOH ID. Signal was buried in the mix along with some Preachin' from somewhere. "Classic Country, AM 1600 WXYM, Saltville". (IEN-GA)
- 1620 FL WNRP Gulf Breeze 04/12 2300 Country Music. Good signal with slight fading and interference from a nearby thunderstorm. "You're listening to Classic Country on AM 1620, Gulf Breeze" & "Cat Country, 98.7 FM." (IEN-GA)

That is it for this week. Back from the NAB convention in Las Vegas. Got a chance to have lunch with NRC member Scott Fybush. Always nice to see Scott and talk Towers!! Lots of logger files to weed through this week. Thanks to you all 4/23 1100.....

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Here's a few loggings from Japan. Not enough time to DX, often electrically noisy locations, and only a barefoot ICF-2010. Overall impression was a surprising clarity of stations even with several on a channel. Not as many off channel as I thought there might be, so with a decent loop or phasing system, and a quiet location, probably many interesting stations could have been logged if enough time was available. Surprising lack of Hawaiian hets at dawn in the one town that we were on the Pacific, though there was a carrier on 1580....

I still have some recordings to listen to. Will send results later if anything worthwhile turns up.

Nick Hall-Patch, 1538 Amphion St. Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 4Z6 (nhp@ieee.org) using ICF-2010.
 (NHP-JP1) – in Kyoto, Japan (NHP-JP3) – in Tsuwano, Japan
 (NHP-JP2) – in Nara, Japan (NHP-JP4) – in Kagoshima, Japan

- 567 **S.KOREA**, Jeonju, HLFK. 1201 31 Mar. KK talk //756, mixing with JJ talk //594 (JOIK, which was more distant than Korea from here). KK talk heard on many channels at this location, including 558, 603, 621, 630 etc., though usually with JJ co-channel. (NHP-JP3)
- 648t **JAPAN**, Naha, AFN. 1230 8 Apr. Presumably the one with "NPR Worldwide" program, dominant with good strength. (NHP-JP4)
- 657 **N. KOREA**, Kangnam. 1230 Mar 31. Ruled the frequency pretty much anywhere in southern Japan with portentous mx and KK talk//3320. (NHP-JP3)
- 702 **N. KOREA**, Chongjin. 1409 8 Apr. seemed //819 w/classical sounding mx, then faded u/NHK2 EE nx. (NHP-JP4)
- 756 **S. KOREA**, Yaoju, HLKA. 27 Mar 1331. Logged in many locations. This was //1305 w/KK talk at fair strength. Both had other stations on channel as well, but were easily listenable. (NHP-JP2)
- 801 **N. KOREA**, Hwadae. 1410 8 Apr. Man intoning KK talk, almost a chant //855 w/fair strength. (NHP-JP4)
- 810t **JAPAN**, Tokyo, AFN. 1425 22 Mar. country mx, fair, //648. If 648 was AFN Naha, then it gets out quite well. (NHP-JP1)
- 819 **N. KOREA**, Pyongyang. Ruled the channel, 1240 Mar 31 //2850. Nothing else audible. (NHP-JP3)
- 873 **N. KOREA**, 1416 Mar 31. Classical violin mx //2850 u/NHK2. Not listed in PAL, but heard in other locations in Japan. Possibly the listing from 882, as nothing heard there from N. Korea, even when listening in Kagoshima where this one gave fits to NHK2-873 in Kumamoto. (NHP-JP3)
- 1044 **CHINA**, Changzhou. 27 Mar 1317. Strong JJ talk by man and woman; dominant on channel. No ID across hour at 1300. Not //9855, but //7190 which was very strong. (NHP-JP2)
- 1080 **unID**, jammer 1224UT 8 Apr. Whooshing sound very similar to the old Korean regular on 1053. Is the N. Korean being blocked here? (NHP-JP4)
- 1080 **N. KOREA**, Haeju. 1412 8 Apr. Good strength w/orchestral mx //819. (NHP-JP4)
- 1089 **CHINA**, Fujian, CNR6. 1249 8 Apr. Two CC stations battling it out here, one was a woman speaking excitedly, but this was a man talking //9170 and delayed by under a second. Both at fair strength. (NHP-JP4)
- 1134 **S.KOREA**, Kimpo. 1329 27 Mar. Slow vocal mx //972 w/JOQR nulled. 972 was very strong, this was quite a bit weaker. (NHP-JP2)
- 1143t **JAPAN**, Kyoto,JOBR. 1221 8 Apr. Presumably the one with JJ baseball //1332 (perhaps All Night Nippon), not always dominant on channel. (NHP-JP4)
- 1170 **S. KOREA**, Gimje, HLSR. 1200 8 Apr. Strong signal w/KBS ID in JJ, after RR broadcast. (NHP-JP4)
- 1467 **S. KOREA**, Mokpo, HLKN. 27 Mar 1409. KK talk by man, good strength //756, both heard with co-channel stations. (NHP-JP2)

GRAYLAND DX REPORT by Bruce Portzer

On the weekend of April 8-10, Chuck Hutton and I made a DXpedition to Grayland, WA. We were able to put up two Beverages, one aimed at Asia and the other at Australia and New Zealand.

Conditions to Asia on April 9 were OK for this time of year, but not all that exciting. Mostly, we heard some of the Japanese and other stations that can be heard on most any DXpedition. The morning of April 10 was much better, with many Japanese and Chinese stations, plus a few Koreans and Russians. Alaskans were also good, with KFQD-750 and KUDO-1080 topping the co-channel Portland powerhouses. The high point for me was a local ID from 1000 watt JODD-1602.

I heard many more stations than the highlights listed here. Going from memory, I heard Asian audio on 594, 666, 675, 693, 747, 774, 828, 891, 918, 954, 972, 981, 999, 1008, 1017, 1026, 1035, 1044, 1053, 1062, 1071, 1098, 1107, 1125, 1134, 1143, 1152, 1170, 1179, 1188, 1197, 1206, 1215, 1242, 1251, 1269, 1278, 1287, 1305, 1314, 1323, 1332, 1368, 1377, 1386, 1395, 1413, 1422, 1431, 1440, 1458, 1467, 1475, 1485, 1494, 1503, 1521, 1530, 1539, 1557, 1566, 1575, 1584, 1593, and 1602, plus hets on a few others. Most of the DX was in the upper part of the band, with only a few high powered stations below 900.

DUs were poor both nights, with only brief appearances on 738, 774, 1116, and 1548. Island stations were mostly non-existent, except for good but brief receptions of Hawaii-830, Marshalls-1098, and Micronesia-1503.

Equipment: Drake R8A, Icom R-75, 1000' NW (315 degree) & 750' SW (220 degree) Beverages

- 153 **RUSSIA**, 1235 4/9, fair w/man & woman in Russian, excerpts from various songs.
- 529 **ALASKA**, Level Island, 0547 4/9 SQM beacon good hetting 530.
- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS**, RVCI, 0547 4/9 good w/Spanish religion.
- 750 **ALASKA**, Anchorage, KFQD, 1031 4/10 strong w/news item, "AM 750 KFQD" ID, promos & local weather o/KXL.
- 774 **JAPAN**, Akita, JOUB 1100 4/9, good w/time signal. Fair-strong at several rechecks both nights.

- 774 **AUSTRALIA**, Melbourne, 3LO, 0923 4/10, fair-poor English talk & pop music dominant on SW wire, JOUB all alone on NW wire.
- 830 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KHVH, 0600 4/9, mixing w/mainland stations, "Newstalk 8-30 KHVH Honolulu" ID, ABC news.
- 890 **ALASKA**, Homer, KBBI, 1059 4/9 loud w/ music & ID "KBBI AM 890 Homer, Listener-supported Public Radio" ID, strong at many rechecks both nights with various sorts of music (mostly jazz.)
- 930 **ALASKA**, Ketchikan, KTKN, 0540 4/9 dominant w/local ads, IDs, light oldies.
- 981 **CHINA**, CNR1, 1113 4/10, Chinese talk fair in splatter.
- 999 **UNID**, 1156 4/10, talk in what sounded like Chinese, but too much KOMO QRM.
- 1044 **SOUTH KOREA**, 1300 4/10, Korean talk, ...- pips fair-poor, 2 KBS stations listed.
- 1053 **SOUTH KOREA**, 1115 4/10 jammer mixing w/Japan.
- 1080 **ALASKA**, Anchorage, KUDO, 1019 4/10 "Air America" Randi Rhodes show, local break w/ads, "KUDO Anchorage, celebrating the people ... Alaska", then weather "for Kudo & Vicinity", mostly dominant o/KOTK.
- 1107 **JAPAN**, 1324-1340 4/10 JOCF or JOMR good w/pop music, woman DJ, male talk at times too. Good, but didn't catch an ID.
- 1125 **UNID**, 1208-1225+ 4/10, someone w/Chinese discussion program, seemed to have a woman moderator with phone & studio conversations. Good at times mixing with 1-2 other stations. Will replay the recording for possible ID.
- 1152 **JAPAN**, Unid, 1319 4/10, weather fair-poor. Was hoping for local ID at 1320, but had woman saying "NHK Daini hoso desu". I suspect this was an unattended repeater with no call letters of its own; maybe the parent station didn't want its calls going out on the "wrong" freq.
- 1170 **SOUTH KOREA**, 1149 4/10, RKI mixing with domestics, talk in Russian with Korean accent. Japanese talk 1228 o/u KPUG.
- 1188 **SOUTH KOREA**, Seoul, HLKX, 1148 4/10, probably the religious program in English, matches what's listed. Good-fair w/heavy KEX splatter.
- 1206 **CHINA**, Yanbian, 1142 & 1207 4/9, loud w/Korean talk. Strong w/Korean talk 1147 4/10.
- 1215 **CHINA**, CNR7, 1144 4/10, good w/female vocal tune, then man & woman alternating in Mandarin & Cantonese.
- 1251 **CHINA**, unid, 1058 4/10 ads in Chinese, 1059:50 instrumental theme music ("Edelweiss" or similar song), then- time pips at 1100:15, into what might have been news (man & woman). Good-nil with plenty of 1250 splatter. Lots of possibilities listed. Also, 1249 4/10 with phone interview in Chinese.
- 1377 **RUSSIA**, Vladivostok, 1133 4/10, Radio Yunost probably the one with pop music and woman DJ in Russian. No ID heard, mixing with China.
- 1422 **JAPAN**, Yokohama, JORF 1130 4/9 good w/sports broadcast, drums beating in background. 1224 4/9 good w/string of ads, including one with Bill Haley's "Rock Around the Clock."
- 1440 **JAPAN**, Sapporo, JOWF, 1247 4/10, Japanese talk mixing with domestics.
- 1458 **CHINA**, Nei Menggu, 1203 4/9, interesting throaty vocal music //4525.
- 1467 **JAPAN**, 1331 4/10, NHK2 weak //774 mixing w/Korea(?)
- 1503 **MICRONESIA**, Kosrae, 0915 4/10, good w/chorale music in KGA splatter.
- 1548 **AUSTRALIA**, Emerald 4QD, 1126 4/9, sports event in Aussie English, briefly good. One of the few DUs audible either night.
- 1566 **SOUTH KOREA**, Cheju, HLAZ, 1055 4/9 good in Korean. Was its usual good-strong self both nights at many rechecks.
- 1575 **JAPAN**, 1221 4/9, apparently one of the AFN stations fair-poor giving phone # 1-800-227-7685, which matches the request line for a syndicated R&B format called "The Touch". AFN-lwakuni's website says they carry The Touch's programming at this time, but I don't know if it's aired on AFN Sasebo or Misawa.
- 1575 **THAILAND**, VOA, 1122 4/10, fair in English with mentions of voanews.com and postal address. 1238 4/10 fair in unid SE Asian language similar to Tagalog mentioning "VOA Washington DC".
- 1584 **JAPAN**, 1200 4/9, NHK time signal weak atop jumble of carriers.
- 1584 **UNID**, 1240 4/10, woman in Chinese, fair-poor atop jumble.
- 1584 **PALAU**, 1325 4/9, possibly the one fair-nil w/non stop pop tunes, no anmts heard.
- 1602 **JAPAN**, Fukuyama, JODD, 1318 4/10 weather, local ID "JODD, NHK Fukuyama Daini Hoso", good signal, listed as 1 kw.

DX WORLDWIDE - EAST

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Mark Connelly reports in with a batch of loggings and details on his new antenna configurations.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 558 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, APR 5 0344 - Spanish teletalk; getting by WGAN. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** COPE synchros, APR 7 0348 - Spanish talk; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 873 **SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 7 0217 - Spanish news, phone interview; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 890.98 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Algiers, APR 7 0217 - pop Arabic male vocal; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid, APR 7 0230 - Spanish talk mentioned Valencia, then there were pips on the half-hour; loud, far stronger than the adjacent 1000 jumble. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1017 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, APR 7 0230 - Spanish news; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 7 0142 - Spanish telephone interview. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, APR 7 0042 - // 1107 with Spanish vocal; loud. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, APR 7 0042 - // 1098 with Spanish vocal; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1169 **IRAN** IRIB Sarasary, Semnan, APR 9 2359 - bits of choral vocal; through WSKW-1160 slop and Farda/WWVA-1170 het. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R. Farda, Dabiya, APR 9 2359 - mideast disco/dance music; briefly through WWVA. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 7 0044 - fast Spanish talk. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1197 **SPAIN** Euskadi Irratia, Vitoria, APR 8 0156 - Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, APR 5 0338 - jazz piano; excellent.
+ APR 10 0003 - French news by woman; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1215 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, APR 8 0156 - Spanish talk momentarily over generally-stronger UK. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Virgin R. synchros, APR 5 0337 - '70s hit "Dancing in the Moonlight" by King Harvest; fair to good.
+ APR 8 0152 - "Don't You Forget About Me" by Simple Minds, a few words from the DJ, then "Leather and Lace" by Nicks & Henley; good.
+ APR 10 0005 - fair with "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1287 **SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 7 0235 - man in Spanish; to fair peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1296 **SPAIN** COPE, Valencia, APR 7 0122 - man in Spanish; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1359 **SPAIN** RNE, Arganda del Rey, APR 5 0334 - Bob Marley reggae hit "No Woman No Cry"; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille, APR 7 0131 - man in French; loud.
+ APR 8 0200 - rock music, French talk; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, APR 5 0333 - two men in German.
+ APR 7 0124 - operatic male vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** R. Sawa, Arta, APR 7 0130 - Arabic dance style music; in WXKS slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1530 **SAO TOME E PRINCIPE** VOA Relay, Pinheira, APR 5 0330 - // 7290 with man in African-accented English talking about Robert Mugabe. Afropop music then played. Under WCKY, ripply fading apparent (semi-auroral). [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne, APR 5 0332 - French talk by man, mention of Iraq; good (though with bouncy fades). [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** RadiOle, APR 7 0127 - plaintive Spanish female vocal & guitar; strong, over SER Spain.
+ APR 8 0222 - merengue-influenced uptempo group vocal; over SER. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1584 **SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 8 0222 - Spanish newstalk by woman; under Ceuta. [Connelly*B-MA]
- ### *** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***
- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** R. Vision Cristiana Internacional, South Caicos, APR 7 0342 - ID "Radio Vision Cristiana Internacional", mention of a college in "El Bronx"; local-like, 531 het in background. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** R. ZIZ, Basseterre, APR 7 0151 - old-time country-western vocal; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, APR 7 0146 - RCN, Cali, Bucaramanga, & Barranquilla mentions in reverberated sports-related Spanish talk; atop pile.
+ APR 9 0101 - man shouted "RCN presenta informativa deportiva"; good. [Connelly*B-MA]

- 820 **CUBA** R. Reloj, APR 7 0346 - Reloj program; way under St. Kitts preacher. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 820 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** Trinity Broadcast Network / R. Paradise, Charlestown, APR 7 0109 - //7505 with gospel vocal "hallelujah and praise the Lord", then preacher; good, over WNYC. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 895 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** V. of Nevis, Bath Village, APR 9 0028 - US-accented man talking about wireless broadband Internet service; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1000 **BRAZIL** R. Record, ZYK522, Sao Paulo, APR 10 0353 - emotional talk, possibly preaching, by man in Portuguese. Briefly over 2 unID Spanish-speaking stations. Brazil is fairly common at shore sites, but scarcer here at home 24 km inland. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1020 **CUBA** R. Reloj, APR 7 0118 - Reloj program, alone on the channel. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1039.6 **VENEZUELA** La Voz de Carabobo, YVLB, Valencia, APR 7 0119 - het, fragments of Spanish talk. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1100 **BRAZIL** R. Globo, ZYK694, Sao Paulo, APR 7 0040 - Portuguese "futebol" talk including a "gooooooooo!" scream; fair. This was noted right after repositioning the Flag antenna from the previous southwest null to a due west null instead. This clobbered WTAM and improved the southeast pick-up as an added bonus. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1110 **VENEZUELA** R. Carupano, YVQT, Carupano, APR 10 0356 - end of song, Carupano mention; mixed with WBT and another Spanish speaker. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1180 **CUBA** R. Rebelde, Villa Maria, APR 7 0211 - // 5025 with spirited Spanish political speech before a noisy crowd; over WHAM & 1179 het. [Connelly*B-MA]

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[Connelly*B-MA] = Billerica, MA (GC= 71.221 W / 42.533 N) (home).

Receiver: Drake R8A, Palstar R30, Drake SW8

Antenna systems: Flag: 5 m vert. x 10.6 m horiz., base ht. 5 m, peak 90°, null 270°;

Broadband loop in vertical plane: total length 24 m, peak 150/330°, null 60/240°; Horizontal broadband loop: total length 60 m, ht. 1.5 m, high-angle skip (NVIS) non-directional; Sloper (feedline of ham dipole): 20 m at 60° angle to earth, slight null at 225°

Accessories: matching transformers, DXP-6 phasing unit

Mark speaks... "Recent good weather and longer hours of daylight have allowed me to add a couple more antennas behind the house and to move around some of the existing ones. It is hoped that Latin American coverage, never that great previously from this QTH, will be enhanced by the changes and that Europe-Africa-Middle East coverage will be maintained at, or improved from, prior acceptable levels. Antennas can be used singly (against low-noise and/or mains ground) or phased in many different combinations. The best set-up for TA DX would differ from what I'd use during an aurora."

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

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A website recalling the glory days of WAKY, the Big Seven-Nine-O, was featured in the 4/11 Courier-Journal. Now WXXX-790, it used to be one of the legendary stations in this neck of the woods and beyond. John Quincy, who works at WSUY-FM in Charleston, SC, runs the site and is still a fan after 30 years. WKLO, another Louisville favorite, is now WKJK-1080 and has a website too after fans asked Quincy to build one. WAKY and WKLO were going strong when I came to Louisville in 1973. It didn't last much longer but even today several DJs and other station personalities are still around. Check out www.790waky.com and www.1080wklo.com if you like the old stuff. Didn't think I would bother writing another report, but I heard the Superpower 1020 DX Test from Turks and Caicos. Already have a QSL card and another QSL didn't hurt my hand much. Guess I am just getting old and hate to see the good things go away. Something else interesting is sure to come along. Or so sez Col. DX!

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A big thank you to the Col. for the report so that we have a column this week. I mailed out a check to Lynn this Saturday to cover another year in IRCA. As I mentioned to her, I can't believe that I have been a member of this club for a full two-thirds of my life... and I joined 11 months after it was founded. I can't help but wonder if Bill, Larry and the others had any idea at that time that the club would be around for this long and that they would still be members of it. I know Bill was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce back then. I have only listened to the radio once or twice, other

than for pleasure listening, since the end of January. Now that the tax season is done and I have more time on my hands, I hope to listen more. My wife was sick back in Feb., but is doing somewhat better now which will help a little. See you in two weeks, so don't forget to see in a report. 73.

HEARING IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

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Greetings fellow IRCAN's and welcome to another edition of "Hearing It Through The Grapevine." This one features 1590 kHz and the State of Alabama. Let's see what our reporters have heard recently and over the years.

Mike Hawkins, Ventura, CA

Equipment has varied over time, but the basic combinations have been:

1. Philco 38-2 console with a window screen antenna (1960s until mid-70s)
2. Stewart-Warner R-390/URR with Palomar loop (mid-70s)
3. Collins R-388/URR with Palomar loop (since mid-70s)

Featured frequency 1590 kHz:

KLIV San Jose, California	KIKN Sinton, Texas
KUDU/KOGO/KAHS/KUNX/KKZZ Ventura, CA	KCIN/KATJ Victorville, California
KSND Seattle, Washington	KYOK Houston, Texas
KCBD/KEND Lubbock, Texas	KHIT/KQLO Sun Valley, Nevada
KINT El Paso, Texas	KMBD Tillamook, Oregon

Featured State of Alabama:

1070 WAPI, Birmingham	1460 WPNX, Phenix City
1410 WUNI, Mobile	1620 WPHG, Atmore

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Drake R8B, Kiwa Loop

Featured frequency 1590 kHz:

KLIV CA, San Jose - News -Talk. "San Jose's News Station". Common.
 KLFE WA, Seattle - "Today's Christian talk KLFE". Common.
 KKZZ CA, Ventura - Nostalgia. "Music with Style". ex. KOM, KUNX, KXFS, KXSP, KBBQ, KUHL.
 KOGO, KBBY (hi). Heard periodically.

KMBD OR, Tillamook – Talk "The Alternative". Usually hear in the daytime.

Patrick Martin, Seaside, Oregon

Featured frequency of 1590 kHz:

WGYJ Atmore, AL once in 1994 for DX test. (now silent)
 WVNI Tuscumbia, AL once in 1997
 KLIV San Jose, CA reg at night
 KXSP (now KKZZ) Ventura, CA very rare, but hrd under AU cx on occasion
 WPSL Port Saint Lucie, FL hrd once in 1999
 WONX Evanston, IL hrd occ in the late 90s
 KVGB Great Bend, KS hrd most nights off Eastern beverage in jumble
 KCNN E. Grand Forks, MN occ heard in jumble
 KIHM NV (Now KQLO), hrd occ during AU cx
 WAKR Akron, OH hrd many times through the years during good CX to the East
 KTIL/KMBD Tillamook, OR reg days and lost in jumble at night (50 miles)
 WARV Warwick, RI hrd once during DX test in 90s
 KEAS Eastland, TX hrd once on s/on in the 90s
 KYOK (now KMIC) Houston, TX hrd a couple times in the 90s
 KERP El Paso, TX hrd in 2000
 KJET/KOOL/KZOK/KPOZ/KLFE Seattle, WA a reg through the years under many call changes

Featured State of Alabama

570 WAAX Gadsden once in 1966 when they were ND with 138 watts
1070 WAPI Birmingham occ with KNX phased especially if WAPI is ND
1290 WOPP Opp once in 1996 with DX test
1390 WHMA Anniston once in 1999 with DX test
1410 WUNI Mobile reg. on MM in the 60s/early 70s

1460 WPNX Phenix City reg on MM in the 60s/early 70s.
1480 WABB Mobile once in 1997
1590 WGYJ Atmore once in 1994 for DX test (now silent)
1590 WVNA Tuscumbia once in 1997
1600 WXVI Montgomery a reg in the late 80s. 1620 WPHG Atmore, reg. in 1998 before the X Band got so crowded.
1700 WEUP Huntsville hrd a couple times in 2000. Very rare.

Mike Hardester, Jacksonville, NC. (34.47 N — 77.23 W)

ICOM R-70 - 2 x 75 foot random wires, Quantum Phaser and Patience

Featured frequency 1590:

KLIV CA, San Jose 1969 CA, Modesto. Semi-local
KUDU CA, Ventura 1969 CA, Modesto. Semi-local
KMTI UT, Manti 1981 CA, San Marcos.
KVGB KS, Great Bend 1985 CO, Littleton.
WARV RI, Warwick 1991 NC, Jacksonville. Hrd on DX Test
WKTP TN, Jonesborough 1996 NC, Jacksonville. Hrd once

Featured State of Alabama:

560 WVOF Dothan, AL 1994 NC Jacksonville. Heard during KSD DX Test
690 WVOK Birmingham, AL 1992 NC, Jacksonville.
770 WVNN Athens, AL 1993 NC, Jacksonville.
840 WBHY Mobile, AL 1992 NC Jacksonville.
930 WYNI Monroeville, AL 1994 NC, Jacksonville.
1000 WTAK Huntsville, AL 1991 NC, Jacksonville
1170 WCOV Montgomery, AL 1976 LA, New Orleans.
1700 WEUV Huntsville, AL 2005 NC, Jacksonville.

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO

Featured Frequency 1590 kHz:

WONX Evanston, IL (December 15, 1993-night)	WVNA Tuscumbia, AL (December 17, 1996-night)
KCNN East Grand Forks, MN (DX test on March 14, 1994)	WNTS Beech Grove, IN (February 21, 2000-night)
KWBG Boone, IA (October 24, 1994-night)	KGAS Carthage, TX (January 11, 2002-night)
WAIK Galesburg, IL (daytime regular and nighttime semi-regular)	KKAY White Castle, LA (semi-regular at night)
KMOZ Rolla, MO (December 14, 1996-midday)	WZRX Jackson, MS (December 23, 2004-night)

Featured State of Alabama:

WAPI 1070 Birmingham (October 26, 1992-sunset)	WHHY 1440 Montgomery (semi-regular at night during the 1980s and 1990s)
WABB 1480 Mobile (October 28, 1992-night)	WPHG 1620 Atmore (February 12, 1998-late afternoon)
WVNN 770 Athens (September 29, 1993-night)	WYDE 850 Birmingham (October 30, 1998-night)
WBLX/WDLT 660 Fairhope (November 3, 1993-sunset/December 31, 2004-sunrise)	WIZB 700 Dothan (November 26, 1998-someone left this on overnight!)
WERC 960 Birmingham (November 18, 1993-night)	WQLS 1210 Ozark (January 8, 1999-night)
WAAX 570 Gasden (December 6, 1993-night)	WDJL 1000 Huntsville (February 21, 2000-sunrise)
WATV 900 Birmingham (January 4, 1994-night)	WKXM 1300 Winfield (December 26, 2001-night)
WWPG 1280 Tuscaloosa (January 14, 1994-night)	WBCA 1110 Bay Minette (January 4, 2002-sunrise)
WTSK 790 Tuscaloosa (January 18, 1994-night)	WEUV 1700 Huntsville (semi-regular at sunset since 2002)
WYNI 930 Monroeville (February 1, 1994-DX test)	WLDX 990 Fayette (March 29, 2003-night)
WAVU 630 Albertville (April 9, 1994-sunset, local off)	WLTV 1410 Mobile (semi-regular at night since the late 1990s)
WJDB 630 Thomasville (April 9, 1994-sunset, local off)	WZZX 780 Lineville (December 17, 2003-someone left this on after sunset!)
WGEA 1150 Geneva (October 17, 1994-DX test)	WMCJ 1460 Cullman (January 3, 2004-night)
WKNI 620 Lexington (October 14, 1996-night)	WGAD 1350 Gadsden (semi-regular at night)
WBIL 580 Tuskegee (October 29, 1996-night)	WJRD 1150 Tuscaloosa (November 8, 2004-night)
WZZK/WEZN/WAGG 610 Birmingham (regular at night)	WBHP 1230 Huntsville (November 23, 2004-sunset)
WMOB 1360 Mobile (semi-regular at night)	
WVNA 1590 Tuscumbia (semi-regular at night)	

WZPQ 1360 Jasper (December 24, 2004-night)

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Martin Foltz, Mission Viejo CA
Hammarlund HQ-180A & Collins 51J-2, 1 foot air core loop

Featured frequency 1590 kHz:

KLIV San Jose, CA KCIN Victorville, CA (used to be reg, now not
KKZZ Ventura, CA hrd)

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Ken Wilson, Georgetown KY

NRD525/SE-3, 756 Pro, Wellbrook K9AY, Wellbrook ALA1530

Featured frequency 1590 kHz:

WTVB MI, Coldwater 3/18/05 17:15 HS WVNA AL, Tuscombua 3/28/05 18:30
Basketball WAIK IL, Galesburg 3/31/05 19:01 Oldies
WAKR OH, Akron 3/18/05 17:28 Akron's WNTS IN, Beech Grove 4/1/05 06:20 GOS
News Authority MX

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Dennis Vroom, Vancouver WA

HQ 180 5' Loop; CC Radio

Featured Frequency 1590 kHz

KLFE Seattle WA Fair w/religious program KMBD Tillamook OR Fair
KLIV San Jose CA Fair mornings w/traffic
reports

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Thanks to everyone for these great reports! For the next issue of the 'Grapevine' let's see what's been heard on 540 kHz and in the State of Colorado, which was 1st settled in 1858 and was admitted to the Union on August 1, 1876. Their State bird is the Lark Bunting and the State flower is the Rocky Mountain Columbine. The 'popular' name for Colorado is "Centennial State."

The deadline for this will be Saturday, June 4th at 1500 hours EST for Vol. 42, No. 27. This is the 2nd double issue of the 'Monitor' so hopefully we'll see a lot of your great reports. Until then be well my friends and --- 73 de DX de NY, Ray

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Next month's deadline will be 5/23/05, one week earlier than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday.

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35f; CE
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Sinaloa, Mexico; L+; 39; MF
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Tips from Craig and Mike were gleaned from the IRCA ListServ and used with their permission. The address for KIRO-710 is listed on their website as 1820 Eastlake Avenue East, Seattle WA 98102. Martin gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Jim Hilliker, former KZFX-1380 employee, in securing a verie from this station. Please note next month's early deadline. This column was prepared on 4/25/05. 73, SSH.

WEBSITE WANDERINGS

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Hi everyone and welcome to another edition of "Website Wanderings." If anyone comes across a radio related website kindly forward it to me at: DXRADIO@webtv.net. ~ I will be most grateful.

And remember to access and enjoy IRCA's own website at: <http://www.ircaonline.org/irca1.htm>.

This edition of 'Website Wanderings' features a website that's off-topic as far as radio related links go but very interesting nonetheless. It features links to on-line newspapers from all around the world. Give it a try - I think up to date news on today's world events from news sources OTHER than our own can be very informative and from a comparative standpoint, stimulating. You can find it at: <http://www.thepaperboy.com.au/welcome.html>.

I hope you enjoy this edition's selection. With that I will bid you good health and good DX until the next issue of the 'Monitor' and say: "73 de DX de NY" ~ Ray

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