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This time IRCA welcomes: **Mike Beu** - Austin, TX, **Bob Antoniuk** - Clifton, NJ and **David Feldman** - Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI.

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2006 IRCA Convention Planning

Bids to host the 2006 IRCA Convention are now being accepted until October 15, 2005. For more information, please contact me at one of the addresses above.

73, Nick

2005 Convention Report Mike Sanburn

The 2005 IRCA convention went as scheduled in Anaheim CA from August 25th to 27th.

Thursday, the first order of business was a station tour marathon to the inland empire beginning with the tower site of KWRM-1370, then on to Riverside for a studio tour of KTDD-1350, KKDD-1290, KDIF-1440 and KGGI-99.1 FM. From there, the next stop was the Carousel Mall in San Bernardino for the KCAA-1050 studios. Then, local tower sites for KEZY-1240, KTDD-1350 and KTIE-590. Heading West towards Rancho Cucamonga, the group viewed the 4-tower array of KSPA-1510. At this point, the group split with some continuing on westward to visit the KTNQ-1020/KTLK-1150 towers and others returned to the Hotel. Many thanks to Bob Wien who went above and beyond the call of duty by mapping out the stations and conducting this road trip. On Thursday night, many of us went to the local Outback Steakhouse and feasted on a fine dinner.

The next day, our caravan of 3 silver cars headed down to the studios of KBRT-740 where we were given a friendly and informative look around. We also received some nice handouts on the way out the door, including coverage maps. The final tour was the KFI tower in La Mirada currently transmitting from their auxiliary tower since the tragic plane crash of last December 19th which took down the main antenna. Friday evening some of us grouped together for pizza or pasta, then Bob Wien put on a PowerPoint slide presentation depicting local and distant radio stations, towers and fun facts about the city of Anaheim. Each night of the convention, we had an outstanding view of the fireworks show at nearby Disneyland.

Saturday, we began with our official business meeting, conducted by IRCA President Nick Hall-Patch. Reports from several club officers were read. We were in the midst of a heat wave and the air conditioning in our meeting room was not working so we brought in a large fan. As 6PM approached, most of us headed to the Jagerhaus Restaurant a couple miles East of our hotel for a fine and friendly German style banquet consisting of Beef Rouladen, Pork Roast and Chicken Schnitzel, along with sides and dessert. We drew names from a basket, and member Martin Foltz won a Grundig portable radio. I showed several minutes of video taped tour of local station KIKF made during the 1987 IRCA convention. The radio personality we had scheduled to speak had to cancel due to a death in the family. Pat Martin saved the day by speaking in great detail about the U-shaped antenna that he has had so much success with. I heard one DXer refer to Pat as the Babe Ruth of DX, and I won't argue! Finally, we presented the TVA and RHA awards to Doug Pifer and Art Blair respectively for their contributions to the club. Doug was on-hand to receive his plaque in person.

We raced back to the hotel and had a frenzy of an auction, selling all kinds of goodies to benefit the club. Many thanks to Ham Radio Outlet and Universal Radio for the items that they generously

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donated. Also, thanks to Steve Jarvis for providing the picture discs of classic verifications. Thanks to all who participated!

I look forward to attending and hosting more conventions in the future. The sad footnote to this convention is that as folks were departing on Sunday, hurricane Katrina was beginning to bear down on the Gulf Coast. Our thoughts remain with those people and their struggle. 73

[PS: Convention photos can be viewed via a link on the IRCA Website: www.ircaonline.com]

2005 IRCA Convention Attendees:

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|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. John Adams-OR | 8. Susie Gibson-CA | 15. Dan Riordan-OR |
| 2. Rene Auvray-CA | 9. Dave Gordon-CA | 16. Mike Sanburn-CA (host) |
| 3. Bill Block-AZ | 10. Steve Jarvis-CA | 17. Ralph Sanserino-CA |
| 4. Phil Bytheway-WA | 11. Pat Martin-OR | 18. Bob Wien-CA |
| 5. Bill Fisher-CA | 12. Curtis McMenamin-CA | 19. Dave Williams-OR |
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| 7. Dennis Gibson-CA | 14. Doug Pifer-OR | |

CANADIAN RADIO NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2005 OCTOBER 1, 2005 (next update Nov/1/2005) via Dan Sys

FORMAT CHANGES

ON North Bay 600 CKAT From 100% Country to Country (5am-6pm) and Sports-Talk (6pm-5am)
QC Montreal 940 CINW From All News (940 News) to News-Talk (The New 940 Montreal)

PROPOSED NEW STATIONS

QC Montreal 650 5,800 watts (Gospel) (French) (Andre Joly)
QC Levis 980 50,000 watts (Country) (French) (Medialex)
QC Montreal 1450 1,000 watts (Multilingual) (Radio Moyen Orient)
QC Montreal 1650 1,000 watts (Hebrew) (Radio Chalom)
QC Montreal 1690 1,000 watts (College) (English) (Concordia University)

PROPOSED TECHNICAL CHANGES

ON Oshawa 1350 CKDO Move to 1580 and increase power from 10,000 watts (days) / 5,000 watts (nights) to 10,000 watts fulltime

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- 540 CBK SK, Regina 9/30 0846+ solid atop with CBC program, light oldies music, CBC mention heard. (DKK-CA)
- 550 KBOW MT, Butte 9/26 0907 fair with KOAC nulled, CBS news, local weather. (DV-WA)
- 580 KRSA AK, Petersburg 9/23 0255 good on top with relig. Pop music, "KRSA" ID and mention of Association of SE Alaska. (PM-OR)

- 580 KIDO ID, Boise 9/30 0250-0300 noted echoing effect under KMJ's C2C program. ID heard at 0300 after local ads, then into news. Also noted under KMJ 9/30 0851 with ID during ad break then back to news. First time heard here with these calls. (DKK-CA)
- 590 ?KLBJ? TX, Austin 9/23 2215 presumed with hurricane info. (KR-AZ)
- 610 CKYL AB, Peace River 9/26 0355 ID "YL Country," strong signal. (DV-WA)
+9/27 0402 fair, Garth Brooks song then man with canned "YL Country" and "More of the best country." New. (DP-OR)
- 620 CKRM SK, Regina 9/30 0858 with good call letter ID thru heavy KFRC slop + KPOJ. First time heard here with these calls. (DKK-CA)
- 630 CHED AB, Edmonton 9/30 0900 "This is 630 Ched" given umpteen times in the next 10 minutes. Had local news, weather, and sports. Solid atop Reno/Monterey/Coquille. (DKK-CA)
- 660 CFFR AB, Calgary 9/30 0905 battling KGDP/KXOR with local weather & into rock oldies. Pretty good signal. (DKK-CA)
- 680 CHFA AB, Edmonton 9/24 nice French pop music and man in French under KNBR at 0534, with KNBR phased down. (PM-OR)
- 700 KSEV TX, Tomball(?) 9/23 2208 with woman giving hurricane info. (KR-AZ)
- 740 KTRH TX, Houston 9/23 2354 under KIDR & KCBS with hurricane updates. (KR-AZ)
- CBX AB, Edmonton 9/24 0540 totally dominant on top of KCBS with pop music program or some kind. (PM-OR)
- 750 KHWG NV, Fallon 9/25 0919 with ID "You're listening to KHWG 750 the pride of Fallon." KOAL was not heard so they may have been off. (BB-AZ)
- 770 CHQR AB, Calgary 9/30 0315 echoing effect under KKOB during Coast to Coast show, ID at 0330. (DKK-CA)
- 780 KNOM AK, Nome 9/25 0220 in fair under/over KKOH with folk music program by native Alaskan, live program mentioned "Right here on KNOM, your home for..." This one pops up a few times a year. (PM-OR)
- 790 CFCW AB, Camrose 9/24 good with C&W music on top with "CFCW" jingle at 0450. (PM-OR)
- 820 WBAP TX, Ft. Worth 9/23 2217 with hurricane info embedded in trucking show, asking truckers for info. (KR-AZ)
- 830 CKKY AB, Wainwright 9/24 0430 good with C&W music. (PM-OR)
+9/30 0319 C&W music under KNCO, Key 83 ID noted. (DKK-CA)
- 840 KKNX OR, Eugene 9/30 0918 atop KXNT with ID & ads. (DKK-CA)
- 850 KHHO WA, Tacoma 9/30 0950-1000 in nicely with ESPN sports but badly bothered by an assortment of buzzes which eventually won out. (DKK-CA)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 9/21 0424 WWL ID. Weak, first time heard at this location. (DV-WA)
+9/23 2356 levee breaches and hurricane flooding woes. (KR-AZ)
- 880 KRVN NE, Lexington 9/23 2219 with hurricane info embedded in trucking show, asking truckers for info. (KR-AZ)
- 890 WLS IL, Chicago 9/26 0430 poor, just call letters, and possibly running Coast to Coast, under KDXU. (DP-OR)
- 920 KBAD NV, Las Vegas 9/30 0921 assumed the one with ESPN Sports solid atop frequency. (DKK-CA)
- 930 KTKN AK, Ketchikan 9/24 good on top of CJCA with "Today's hits and yesterday's favorites on 930 KTKN" at 0530. (PM-OR)
- 980 CKNW BC, New Westminster 9/19 0035 old time radio shows and ID barely above KFWB. Fair to poor signal with R-388 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1010 CBR AB, Calgary 9/28 0159 good with a variety of music. Man broke into song and I'm paraphrasing – Due to a labor disruption, there was no regular programming on CBC1 and CBC2. (DP-OR)
- 1040 KLVP OR, Tigard 9/30 0925 with contemporary Christian music, K-Love ID's, atop CKST. (DKK-CA)
- 1070 CFAV BC, Victoria 9/26 0416 "CTC" on top of KNX. (DV-WA)
- 1090 KVOP TX, Plainview 9/26 2248 with ID "KVOP the Mighty 109-0." (BB-AZ)
- 1130 KWKH LA, Shreveport 9/23 1805 with a game that had the Yellow Jackets as the home team. (KR-AZ)
- 1180 KGOL TX, Humble 9/23 1808 giving hurricane report. (KR-AZ)
- 1200 WOAI TX, San Antonio 9/23 1809 giving hurricane traffic report. (KR-AZ)
- 1230 KJFK NV, Reno 9/30 0100 fair, "On your home for ESPN radio... KJFK." (DP-OR)
- KDTS NM, Deming 9/26 2115 ID "KOTS Deming" and then lost. (BB-AZ)
- 1240 KSAC CA, Sacramento 9/29 0505 fair in between other stations. Man with partial ID "...talkradio Sacramento." New here. (DP-OR)
- KDGO CO, Durango 9/29 2059 with ID "KDGO 1240 and KVSC 740." (BB-AZ)
- KSLV CO, Monte Vista 9/29 2058 with ID "KSLV" and then lost. (BB-AZ)
- KALY NM, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque 9/29 2059 ID and then into Radio Disney. (BB-AZ)
- KTIX OR, Pendleton 9/20 0020 ESPN sports talk floating around in the jumble. Really weak on R-388 with N-S wire. New. (GH-OR)
- 1260 KLYC OR, McMinnville 9/29 0033 ID as "Chicago (the rock group) on K-L-Y-C" and into oldies, also at 0201 "KLYC McMinnville-Vancouver" and then into news. Very much under presumed KKG0 and fadey, still trying to get use to conditions at my new location. (BP-CA)
- 1270 KBZZ NV, Sparks 9/18 0236 "John & Jeff" show, fair, KBZZ ID. (DV-WA)
- 1290 KUMA OR, Pendleton 9/19 2330 news into Art Bell show, ad for Credit Guard. Very choppy but otherwise clear and alone. (GH-OR)
- 1300 KAZN CA, Pasadena 9/30 0940 atop KAPL and horrendous hum I have on frequency. In Asian (Chinese I think). Heard KAZN call. (DKK-CA)
- KLER ID, Orofino 9/24 0050 C&W music with female announcer and ID. In strong with RBM on N-S wire. Long time no hear. (GH-OR)
- 1310 CHLW AB, St. Paul 9/20 0100 weak C&W music but dominating the jumble. Some KZXR & KEIN in there as well, R-388 on E-W wire. Last heard 4/04. (GH-OR)
- 1380 KSRV OR, Ontario 9/21 0020 weather forecast and oldies, trading places with KRKO but 70% on top. Last heard 6/04. R-388 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1420 KMOG AZ, Payson 9/24 1420 playing C&W. (KR-AZ)
- KTAN AZ, Sierra Vista 9/25 2316 with Art Bell. (KR-AZ)
- 1430 KLO UT, Ogden 9/24 2122 unusually weak and under XEOX. (KR-AZ)
- 1450 KNOT AZ, Prescott 9/26 0708 playing NOS "Santa Catalina." (KR-AZ)
- KWFM AZ, Tucson 9/26 0642 "Cool Oldies." (KR-AZ)
- ?KOB0? CA, Yuba City 9/24 2136 using slogans "La Mas Mexicana" and "La Mexicana." (KR-AZ)
- 1460 KZNT CO, Colorado Springs 9/26 0721 talker under XECB. (KR-AZ)
- KENO NV, Las Vegas 9/26 0713 giving football scores and analysis. (KR-AZ)
- KUTI WA, Yakima 9/30 0328 with ID as "Clear Channel Yakima 1460." Different from usual "Country Cutie KUTI" IDs. (DKK-CA)
- 1470 KNXN AZ, Sierra Vista 9/26 0726 with J. Vernon McGee who is still dead. (KR-AZ)
- KBSN WA, Moses Lake 9/30 0106 poor, heard "...KBSN" only. (DP-OR)
- XERCN BCN, Tijuana 9/24 2141 with a talk program. (KR-AZ)
- 1480 KPHX AZ, Phoenix 9/24 2142 with a comedy show. (KR-AZ)
- 1490 KCUZ AZ, Clifton 9/25 2322 ID, C&W song by Willie Nelson. (KR-AZ)
- KYCA AZ, Prescott 9/26 0649 recap of the Prescott HS homecoming game. (KR-AZ)
- KFFN AZ, Tucson 9/26 0650 running sports news talk ESPN. (KR-AZ)
- KLMX NM, Clayton 9/26 0704 "Playing C&W the way you like it." (KR-AZ)
- 1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 9/23 0105 Coast to Coast show, weak and choppy but alone in the static. Heard only occasionally. No KGA splatter tonight. (GH-OR)
+9/25 2324 with Art Bell. (KR-AZ)
- KBRN TX, Boerne 9/26 2237 ID with Greyhound football. (BN-NM)
- KABR NM, Alamo Community 9/26 0654 a Navajo band singing C&W. (KR-AZ)
- 1590 KTGE CA, Salinas 9/26 2250 mixing with XERF with songs and a male announcer, "Radio Tigre" slogan with a tiger growl. Nice Spanish ID at 2258 "Esta es KTGE Salinas, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Radio Tigre." (MF-CA)
- 1600 KOKE TX, Pflugerville 9/28 Air American program, ID 2159 and again 0059. (BN-NM)
- 1620 WTAW TX, College Station 9/23 1811 talking about the hurricane. (KR-AZ)
- 1640 ?WTNI? MS, Biloxi C&W classics numerous "Hank 96.5" ID's, starting 0015, then at 0300 ID as "WUJW Gulfport-Biloxi Hank FM 96.7." Did they change calls? (BN-NM)
- 1680 KRJO LA, Monroe 9/29 very strong with ID 0207, Gospel music. (BN-NM)
- 1690 ?KDZZ? CO, Arvada 9/27 0821 Radio Disney under KFSG, weak. (MF-CA)
- UNID**
1700 UNID 9/28 1015 "Cash 1700" ID's and San Diego ad heard. XEPE? (BN-NM)
- Welcome to WDXR, Dennis, we hope to hear from you often. Nancy 9/30 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 840 KXNT NV, North Las Vegas. 9-29 fair. 07:51 with spots and ID into Rush Limbaugh rebroadcast from previous day. New, state #42 from Milwaukee. I'm very pleased to say the least. [TN-WI]
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans. 9-29 poor. 22:58 with ID which also mentioned a Shreveport station. [NJ-MT]
- 910 WRNL VA, Richmond. 9-27 very well and then fair to poor after 22:00. 21:45 with "Sports Radio 9-10" slogan. Richmond spots. Not new. [TN-WI]

960 WNAK MI, Rogers City. 9-27 good. 20:00 with legal ID, "Thunder Country" slogan. ID with WWTH 100.7 Oscoda and an Alpena translator on 94.1. New for me. [TN-WI]

OPEN MIKE

Tim logged a new state at the start of this DX season! "25 Years Ago" returns next week. We weren't weekly during October back then. This column was typed 10-1-05. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: 0800 Saturdays!! We are NOW weekly!!!!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (IEN-GA) **Ira Ebert New** Watkinsville, GA
Drake R8B, 135' N/S LW, Sangean ATS 909, Panasonic Portable, Select Antenna, DX'ing in Savannah GA
- (BT-NB) **Brent Taylor** Miscou Island DX-pedition New Brunswick
Icom R-75 (Kiwa mods), 1800' un-term NNW beverage, 935 E term beverage, EWE, Quantum Phasor
- (RL-NC) **Russell Lay** Nags Head, NC
Grundig YB YB-400
- (WM-MD) **William McGuire** 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD
DX-398

LOGGINGS

- 660 AB CFFR Calgary 9/25 0520 Fair, with WFAN phased/nulled. 60s and 70s gold and, "Calgary's station for good times," and into Strawberry Alarm Clock's "Incense & Peppermints" @ 0529. New province. (BT-NB)
- 880 MB CKLQ Brandon 9/25 0501 Fair, with WCBS phased/nulled, with Loto 6/49 winning numbers, weather forecast for NW winds and temperatures in Celsius, and into C&W song with no call-letter ID. New prov. (BT-NB)
- 920 KY WTCW Whitesburg 9/28 2330 In briefly over a jumble of stations w/own ad for sales people to work at WTCW/WXKQ-FM. Snatches of country mx through 2350 but never another clear ID. (RL-NC)
- 1130 BC CKWX Vancouver 9/25 0535 Fair, with WBBR nulled/phased. News with woman anchor, several mentions of "Lower Mainland," a traffic report mentioning Vancouver area locales including "Cloverdale." Then, into sports at 0545 with CFL football, NHL exhibition Canucks game (lead story), and MLB scores. Reception confirmed using recording of that program hour provided a few days later over email by CKWX's kind CE! New province! Best domestic logging in 30 years of DXing from NB. (BT-NB)
- 1140 AB CHRFB High River 9/25 0549 Good, on all three antennas and no need to phase, in occasional WBBR slop with immediate ID, "Southern Alberta's community radio station, AM-1140." Then it into C&W song. New! (BT-NB)
- 1200 NC WSML Graham 9-29 1839 NY Yankees BB . Good signal with fades. "The Triad's Talk Station, 600/1200 WSJS." (IEN-GA)
- 1210 AL WQLS Ozark 09/27 0724 Gospel music with a spot for advertising on the station. Good, steady signal. "AM 1210, Delight, WQLS" (IEN-GA)
- 1280 PA WHVR Hanover 9/21 2254 Elvis song, quick ID as "1280-WHVR", then mostly under WADO except for occasional songs. Station comes in much better just 80 miles N in Va Beach on my mom's Bose Wave! (RL-NC)
- 1290 GA WTKS Savannah 9/18 2218 "News Radio 1290-WTKS" ID's. PSA's into Art Bell o/u WWTX. (RL-NC)
- DE WWTX Wilmington 9/18 2220 Sports talk, sport nx from YL @ sister WDOV, PSA for Delaware Lions Club event at Wilmington Speedway. Poor, most under WTKS. (RL-NC)
- 1350 PA WOYK York 9-02 2005 H.S. FB. West York. (WM-MD)
- VA WGPL Portsmouth 9-02 2025 BLK GSPL mx hrd; ID. (WM-MD)
- 1370 MD WWLG Pikesville 9/18 0133 "Oldies 1370" ID's, oldies rock, ads for "British Invasion Weekend" Fair in slop. (RL-NC)
- 1380 VA WBTK Richmond 9/18 0114 Contemporary Chrstian music and frequent "AM 1380 WBTK" ID's by YL DJ. Dominant on frequency. (RL-NC)
- 1460 FL WZNX Jacksonville 9/26 2347 Game Night program, ID's as "ESPN-1460" Longer ID just before TOH mentions calls, city, and Salem ownership. Fair and mostly dominant. (RL-NC)

UN-IDEN

- 920 ?? ???? 9/27 2317-2400 Station hear w/simulcast of FM w/classic rock on what sounded like a "2fer" Tuesday; play list was Bad Company, Led Zep, ZZ Top,

etc mostly in pairs. ID's were for FM only and it sounded like the slogan was "102.1-The Fun" or something similar. Station was dominant that night, but not heard since. Check of FCC database stumped me, I couldn't find anything with joint ownership on these two frequencies. Logical choices for my location are all water paths N-S along the east coast, and inland from SC, NC, VA, MD, TN, KY. Any help appreciated. (RL-NC)

That's a wrap for the week. We welcome TWO new members this week. Russell and Brent. Report often!!!! Also thanks to Ira and William this week. Brent says "My brief stay at the Miscou DX-pedition netted me three new provinces, and my first Pacific Coast reception in 30 years. I'm now missing only Saskatchewan. In half an hour I increased by provincial "heard" total by 50 per cent, after three decades of off-and-on DXing." Great catches Brent!!!! For those of you who visit my AM Log web site, it has been updated as of 10-1!!!! AND it has been moved to WWW.AMLOGBOOK.COM. 0930 10-01-05

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Greetings everyone,

Another bumper crop of DX here from all over. Excellent Asian conditions this week, with a nice log of Vietnam on 675 khz. So away we go....

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1260 **MEXICO**, Culiacan, Sin. XESA 9/25 at 1230 UTC Strong and alone with nice ID "La Mexicana, La Voz de Culiacan (Sonora)? Sounded like Sonora, but Culiacan is in Sinaloa so possibly mistaken. then started to fade rapidly. KOIT took the frequency along with New Mexico. Slogan/locale verified per Fred Cantu's Mexican station list. New for me from anywhere (both Fortuna and San Jose). Power listed as 5,000 watts. (RW-CA) (Good going Bob. PM)
- 1410 **MEXICO**, Los Mochis, Sin, XECF 2120 using two slogans "La Mexicana" and "La Unica" on 9/24. (KR-AZ)
- 1430 **MEXICO**, Cd. Obregon, Son. XEOX 2123 playing grupera on 9/24. (KR-AZ)
- 1440 **MEXICO**, Cd. Constitution BCS, XEVSD 2125 playing grupera 9/24. (KR-AZ)
- 1440t **MEXICO**, Vera Cruz, VC XELL 2125 Someone using the slgan Radio Onda 9/24. (KR-AZ)
- 1460 **MEXICO**, San Luis Colorado Son, XECB 0718 plain ranchera 9/26. (KR-AZ)
- 1470 **MEXICO**, Tijuana BCN XERCN 2141 with a talk program 9/24. (KR-AZ)
- 1480 **MEXICO**, Navajoa, Son XENS 2144 playing baladas 9/24. (KR-AZ)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 153 **RUSSIA**, FE, very good with man in RR at 1350 10/3 //189 and 279. (PM-OR)
- 189 **RUSSIA**, FE very good with man in RR at 1351 10/3 //153, 279. (PM-OR)
- 279 **RUSSIA**, FE very good with man in RR at 1351.30 10/3 //153, 189. (PM-OR)
- 531 **JAPAN**, Morioka JOQG, good with man in JJ at 1345 10/2. Good most mornings. (PM-OR)
- 531 **PHILIPPINES**, Unid Tagalog talk mixed with JOQG at 1406 9/30. (PM-OR)
- 531 **UNID**, Strong het here at 1255, but no audio on 10/3. (BB-AZ)
- 540 **CHINA/JAPAN**, mix here of CC (CNR 1) and JJ synchros at 1355 10/3. (PM-OR)
- 549 **CHINA**, CC talk here at 1356 10/3. (PM-OR)
- 558 **JAPAN**, Kobe JOCR, heard with JJ talk 1310 10/3, very poor and lots of noise. (BB-AZ) (Bill this is a very good catch, as they are only 20 KW. PM)
- 558 **JAPAN**, Kobe JOCR 1324 10/2 M&F talk in JJ, p-f signal. (DK-WA)
- 558t **PHILIPPINES**, Metro Manila, DZXL presume the Tagalog talk 1330 9/30 in passing. This one has been fairly common this Fall. (PM-OR)
- 567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIK, good with man in JJ at 1409 10/2. (PM-OR)
- 576t **RUSSIA**, Petropavlovsk. Woman talking in RR 1355 10/1. Fair but down in the miud by 1400. (NHP-BC) (Nick, I also noted it here around the same time on 10/3. PM)
- 585 **UNID**, 9/23 1303, listened to tape, sounded like JJ. Fair until 1308, then gone. JOPG-10KW? Didn't think I could hear a signal from Japan less than 100 KW. (DV-WA) (Dennis, JOCR 558 should be possible for you. They are 20 KW. See above.PM)
- 594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK, in like gangbusters most mornings. Their 500KW gets out well. Noted in JJ at 1345 10/2, 10/3, etc. (PM-OR)
- 603 **TAIWAN?** CC talk at 1415 10/2. Taiwan has a powerhouse listed here. (PM-OR)
- 612t **PHILIPPINES**, Cebu City, DYHP presume the Tagalog talk 1332 9/30 and 9/29 at 1350. Another common one. (PM-OR)
- 621 **CHINA?** CC mx and talk in passing at 1353 10/3. (PM-OR)
- 630 **CHINA?** Noted CC talk in the jumble at 1420 10/3. (PM-OR)
- 639 **CHINA**, CNR synchros with gal in CC, echo effect from several in ?? 1350 9/29. (PM-OR)

648 **PHILIPPINES**, UNID Filipino here with Tagalog talk as usual mixing with KK talk 1345 9/30. (PM-OR)

648 **RUSSIA**, Ussuriysk, RV 445 at 1239 9/24. MORish mx followed by YL in RR tlk fair //7355. (DK-WA)

657a **DEM. KOREA**, Man in KK, slightly off freq at 1420 10/3. (PM-OR)

666 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBK, 1346 10/2. Man in JJ poor in splash, but //594, which wasn't doing all that well either. This morning seemed to favor N. Korea rather than Japan, quite a spotlight. (NHP-BC)

666 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBK NHK 1 1339 9/26 M & F talk in JJ, fair w/other usual JJs in this AM inc 594,693, 747, 774, 828, etc. (DK-WA)

675 **CHINA**, Hohhot, good with CC talk at 1421 9/29, over Unid, which I think was Vietnam. See below. (PM-OR)

675 **VIETNAM**, Hanoi, fair to good with some splash from KPUA/KNBR with woman in Vietnamese at 1358 10/3. Time pips up to 1400, then something like "Da la ting noi Vietnam...." A couple other things mentioning Vietnam, then into news. I have heard this in the past, but not this good. It has been logged by others at Grayland and other parts in the NW. They either have boosted power or fixed their operation. They were listed as 200 KW a few years ago, but never sounded like it. (PM-OR)

684t **PHILIPPINES**, Bacolod City, DYEZ MBC station (Manila BC) with man in Tagalog, no ID, but mentions of Bacolod a few times in conversation at 1428 9/29. This was strong enough to dub onto a CD, for a tentative report too. (PM-OR)

693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB fair with mx 1327 9/30. (DV-WA)

702 **CHINA**, CC talk here at 1354 10/2. (PM-OR)

711 **CHINA**, CC talk in passing at 1354 10/2. (PM-OR)

720 **CHINA**, CNR2 synchros, fair with KUAL phased with woman in CC at 1415 9/29. Was looking for a Filipino (What else?hi). (PM-OR)

729 **CHINA/JAPAN** mix here at 1406 10/1. (PM-OR)

738 **TAIWAN**, Baisha BEL2 1314 9/25. Presumed w/2 different woman ancrs in CC. One lower followed by another with even a lower voice. (DK-WA)

747 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIB 1320 10/3 M&F in JJ with EE lessons with the word "co worker" very strong and the best from Japan. (BB-AZ)

756 **CHINA**, CC talk here at 1411 10/2 in garbled mess. (PM-OR)

765 **UNID**, weak station here with pop music, sounding maybe Filipino at 1421 10/2. (PM-OR)

774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB 1052-1120 9/29 Fair or better audio with woman talking and then man singing old style JJ song. (DP-OR)

+ Noted at medium level 1341 9/29 with EE lessons in progress. (SR-OR)

+ 1304 10/3 with M&F talking in JJ with good signals. (BB-AZ)

783 **RUSSIA**? Vladivostok 1351 10/2 Could this be the MORish since it wasn't //5925 Vietnam or 6185 China. (DK-WA)

792 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane 4RN, one of the few DUs in this week. Noted at 1435 with woman ancr 10/1. (PM-OR)

801 **UNID**, sounded like soft Rel mx at 1435 10/2. Guam? Unneeded, but nice to hear. (PM-OR)

810 **CHINA**, presume the CC talk way behind KGO at 1425 10/2. (PM-OR)

819 **UNID**, Garbled audio in KGO splatter at 1414 10/3. (PM-OR)

828 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBB 9/29 1346 Fair with EE. (DV-WA)

+ 1325 10/3 M&F in JJ. (BB-AZ)

837 **JAPAN**, Niigata JOQK presume the source of the JJ talk in splatter of KSWB 840 at 1418 10/2. (PM-OR)

846 **UNID**, not much splatter from local KSWB to make out much at 1423 10/2. (PM-OR)

855 **NORTH KOREA**, Sangwon 1409 10/1 Operatic singing by woman //2850 briefly poor above the hum on the channel (this one a bit high.) (NHP-BC)

855.04 **NORTH KOREA**, Sangwon 1400 10/2 man in KK talk with musical interludes with pips across ---- Sounded almost like NHK except dif tone and extra pip or two //3250. (DK-WA)

864 **SOUTH KOREA**, Gangneung Hlkr 1347 9/25 Probable w/piano mx, woman in KK then back into mx. (DK-WA)

873 **NORTH KOREA**, UNID location 1353 10/2. Woman in KK //2850. Not a great signal but dominant on channel. This was a real powerhouse in Southern Japan last Spring with listed Wonsan on 882 nowhere to be found, so perhaps this one was formerly 882. A mess of pips on the hour, so NHK2 might have also been there. (NHP-BC)

882 **UNID**, someone has been off freq here the last couple of years causing a het on the freq. Noted at 1429 10/2. (PM-OR)

891 **THAILAND**, Bangkok, good with woman in Thai in passing at 1425 10/1. (PM-OR)

900 **HAWAII**, Kahaui, KNUI, good with Hawaiian pops at 1440 10/1. (PM-OR)

909 **UNID**, is KKSJ splash with mx at 1417 10/3. (PM-OR)

918 **CHINA**, Unknown 1357 10/1 M&F in CC ----- pips across the TOH, fair signal. Are there any // for this one? (DK-WA) If Shandong, no SW //s are listed. (PM)

918 **PHILIPPINES**, UNID more weak Filipino talk in jumble 1421 9/30. (PM-OR)

927 **CHINA**, weak 1356 10/2, CC Talk. (PM-OR)

936 **CHINA**, Anhui good at 1404 10/2 with usual EE/CC alternating ancrs with nx. (PM-OR)

+ 1414 10/2 good signal with woman in CC No //for this one? (DK-WA) (None listed. PM)

945 **CHINA**, CC talk in passing at 1340 10/2. (PM-OR)

954 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOKR good with woman & man in JJ excited talk at 1416 10/3. (PM-OR)

963 **CHINA**, 1408 9/25 quite good again with woman in RR talk //5915. (DK-WA)

+ CRI in RR at 1420 10/3. Good. (PM-OR)

963 **CHINA, UNID** 1401 10/2 Fair signal in splatter "xxx guangbo dientai" by man followed by "yyy guangbo dientai" by woman. Expecting the big CRI station, but isn't that in RR? Do they do CC IDs as well? (NHP-BC) (Nick, I have not caught them in CC at all. But I would think being a CC station, they may ID in CC at times too. PM)

972 **SOUTH KOREA**, Tangjin HLCA 1342 9/24 EZL mx with piano man/woman talk in KK good finally faded. (DK-WA)

981 **CHINA/TAIWAN**, two CC stations, one with mx and the other with CC talk at 1420 10/3. (PM-OR)

1008 **JAPAN**, Nagoya JONR fair with woman in JJ at 1413 10/3. (PM-OR)

1062 **REP. OF KOREA**, Chengu HLCQ 1359.50 9/30 heard "H-L-K-Q" call in EE then back into the jumble, then DZEC topped the channel at 1401. (PM-OR)

1062 **PHILIPPINES**, Quezon City CZEC at 1401 9/30 after HLKQ ID, faded up "DZEC Quezon City... an Eagle Broadcasting Station...." (PM-OR)

1116 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane 4BC good after Asians faded out at 1445 10/3 with talk and "1116-4BC" ID. (PM-OR)

1125 **CHINA**? 1324 9/24 orch mx noted then into MORish mx by female, sure didn't sound like JJ synchros. (DK-WA)

1125t **PHILIPPINES**, Dagupan City, DZWN a "very" tentative logging here with sports, mentioned Dagupan City in dialog in Tagalog 1429 9/30. Fair to poor. (PM-OR)

1125 **UNID**, station here with US Rel pgm at 1424-1432 10/2. No AU Rel stations here, so I suspect the FEBC station in Legespi City, Philippines. (PM-OR)

1134 **JAPAN** Tokyo JOQR 1419 10/2 Woman in JJ, pop mx, in quite good at twilight. (DK-WA)

1134 **SOUTH KOREA**, Kimpo KBS 1321 Presumed woman/man in KK poor signal, did not think to check 972. (DK-WA)

1143t **TAIWAN**, Baisha BEL3 1407 10/2 Woman talking, very poor, to the extent that I could not really ID language but seemed //738 which was slightly better. (NHP-BC)

1179 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOOR good over KEX IBOC hash at 1440 10/1. Woman in JJ. (PM-OR)

1566 **SOUTH KOREA**, Cheju HLAZ 9/29 1313 Fair KK woman talk and background mx. Then man, better at 1325. New from this QTH. (DP-OR)

+ Poor level, weak audio 1343 9/29. (SR-OR)

+ Weak M&F JJ 1253 Still around at 1402 9/29. (DV-WA)

1575 **THAILAND**, VOA Weak 9/30 1219 1300 VOA anmts then back into local language Still weak. (DV-WA)

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Welcome to DXWW-E. A big welcome to David Hochfelder, a tip of the hat to Mark Connelly and on to the TA loggings for this week.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 549 **ALGERIA** Alger Chaîne 1, Les Trembles, SEP 29 0317 - emotional Arabic talk by man; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 558 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, SEP 29 0318 - // 774 with classical piano music; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
 567 **IRELAND** RTE R.1, Tullamore, SEP 29 0315 - man in English, then country music; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 585 **SPAIN** RNE1, Madrid, OCT 2 0340 - Fair to very good at peaks. No // heard on 684 or 855 at this time although 684 was audible earlier when 1134 logged. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]
 603 **FRANCE** France Info, Lyon-Tramoyes, SEP 24 0042 - // 1206 with operatic female vocal; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., SEP 29 0320 - // 558 with man & woman in Spanish; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 684 **SPAIN** RNE1, Sevilla, OCT 2 0030 - Fair to good at peaks. Relog. [Hochfelder-NJ]
 693t **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC synchros, OCT 2 0330. Fair and tentative. Man talking but could not pick out language. Bob Young logged this as UK at the same time. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]
 765 **SWITZERLAND** RSR Option Musique, Sottens, SEP 24 0014 - fair with "The Boxer" by Simon & Garfunkel from '69. [Connelly*B-MA]
 774 **EGYPT** Middle East R., Tanta, SEP 29 0318 - male a cappella Arabic vocal; mixed with Spain. [Connelly*B-MA]
 774 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, SEP 29 0318 - // 558 with classical piano music; over / under Egypt. [Connelly*B-MA]
 792 **FRANCE** France Info, Limoges, SEP 24 0039 - // 837 & 1206 with circus-type music; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 837 **FRANCE** France Info, Nancy, SEP 24 0038 - // 1206 with circus-type marching-band music; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, SEP 29 0306 - man & woman in French with interview; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 890.95 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Algiers, SEP 29 0305 - segment of Arabic group vocal, then talk; light audio. [Connelly*B-MA]
 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R.5 Live synchros, SEP 24 0035 - segment of reggae music, then British male announcer; good.
 + SEP 29 0304 - sports report; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 999 **MOROCCO** RTM A, Tanger, SEP 29 0302 - male Arabic vocal; slightly under Spain. [Connelly*B-MA]
 999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid, SEP 29 0302 - woman with news in Spanish; good, over Morocco. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1008 **CANARY ISLANDS** Punto Radio, Las Palmas, SEP 29 0330 - music, Spanish talk, Punto Radio mention; to good peak over WINS slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros, SEP 24 0404 - rapid-fire Spanish news by two men; loud!
 + SEP 29 0016 - // 1116 with jazz, then talk by woman. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, SEP 29 0258 - advert for telephone dating / sex chat service; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1107 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, SEP 29 0144 - // 1503 with Spanish teletalk, interview; good, over Egypt-1106.77 growl. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros, SEP 29 0016 - jazz similar to "Taxi" TV theme, then woman in Spanish. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1125 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Deanovec, SEP 29 0015 - // 1134 with pop vocal; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, SEP 29 0015 - Springsteen-style vocal, the Slavic talk by man; fair to good.
 + SEP 29 0257 - Slavic folk group vocal; very good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 + OCT 2 0045 - Fair to very good at peaks. Lots of WBBR slop made this one tough; I've tried for it for years. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]
 1143 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, SEP 29 0137 - // 1224 with public speech. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1197 **UNITED KINGDOM** Virgin R. synchros, SEP 29 0256 - // 1215 with "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana; poor, mixed with others. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, SEP 24 0029 - // 1377 with light classical music; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Virgin R. synchros, SEP 29 0136 - "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" by Joan Jett; loud, similar in strength to adjacent WPHT-1210.
 + SEP 29 0237 - "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd; excellent.
 + SEP 29 0255 - "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana; mixed with Spain. [Connelly*B-MA]
 + OCT 2 0300 - Good to very good. This is my bellwether TA. Relog. [Hochfelder-NJ]
 1224 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, SEP 29 0137 - // 1143 with public speech. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1296 **SPAIN** COPE, Valencia, SEP 29 0239 - Spanish news by two men; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1296 **UNITED KINGDOM** R. XL, Langley Mill, SEP 29 0139 - Bollywood-style male vocal; over Spain. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1314 **NORWAY** NRK, Kvitsoy, SEP 29 0140 - "Yummy Yummy Yummy" by the Ohio Express; fair through CKEC slop.

- + SEP 29 0254 - smooth jazz, then Norwegian talk; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille, SEP 24 0024 - old-style French female showtune vocal; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, SEP 29 0142 - "dreamy" classical music; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1431 **DJIBOUTI** R. Sawa, Arta, SEP 29 0252 - pop-dance Arabic male vocal, strings, percussion; over WXKS slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1485 **SPAIN** SER synchros, SEP 29 0251 - Spanish teletalk; poor to fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1503 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, SEP 29 0144 - // 1107 with Spanish interview; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Duba, SEP 24 0343 - Arabic news discussion mentioning 'Arabiya'; fair over WWKB slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1530 **SAO TOME E PRINCIPE** VOA Relay, Pinheira, SEP 26 0355 - news items about South Africa, Nigeria, then announcer said "VOA News Now"; good, rolling over WCKY. Besides good VOA-1530, bits of (non-Spain) audio on 1098 & 1197 suggested a general lower-Africa opening. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1548 **KUWAIT** R. Sawa, Kabd - Kuwait City, SEP 29 0145 - Radio Sawa ID, fast Arabic talk by man & woman mentioned El Qahira (Cairo), dramatic music followed; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1548 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R. Bristol, Bristol-Mangotsfield, SEP 24 0349 - BBC reporting; fair over others. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1557 **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne, SEP 24 0346 - French talk about Louisiana; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R. Farda, SEP 11 2339 - talk by woman, a bit of music, then man with Radio Farda ID; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1584 **CEUTA** RadiOle, SEP 29 0247 - Spanish folk male vocal and guitar; good, over SER. [Connelly*B-MA]

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Bruce Conti DXpedition via ABDX (used by permission)
 Camden, Maine, Camping DXpedition - September 15-17, 2005

The target for this DXpedition was the Caribbean and Latin America with auroral conditions expected due to an x-class solar flare, so antennas were aimed in that direction. No deep South Americans, but still a few new ones logged with Venezuela dominant on many frequencies. Some transatlantic hets were noted early each evening from the usual suspects at 1359, 1431, 1521, 1548, and 1584, but time wasn't wasted securing audio and identifying them. Any TA hets faded with the setting sun. This DXpedition had its share of mishaps. Although hurricane Ophelia was tracking well to the south, there was still heavy rain both nights, especially Friday night into the morning when the tent sprung a few leaks. At the end of the DXpedition, while pulling in the 800-m wire, it snapped. Retrieving some 400-m of wire in the woods wasn't an option in the pouring rain, so it remains to be found for a future DXpedition if not scavenged by a bush-whacker or hunter before then. Meanwhile it's going to take a couple of days for everything to dry out. All times are UTC.

- 540 **COLOMBIA** HJKA R.Auténtica, Bogotá (04°36'N 74°05'W) SEP 16 0110 - Fair; presumed with Spanish contemporary Christian music, received often but rarely with an ID. [Conti-ME]
 570 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** HIMS R.Cristal, Santo Domingo SEP 17 0054 - Fair, over R.Reloj Cuba; "La estación de... y alegría... Radio Cristal," and salsa oldies. [Conti-ME]
 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ R.Reloj, San Juan SEP 16 0117 - Excellent; in-studio political discussion, R.Reloj jingle and ID, "...en WKAQ ...la autoridad de noticias." [Conti-ME]
 600 **BRAZIL** ZYK278 R.Gaúcha, Porto Alegre SEP 16 0155 - Good; sports commentary in Portuguese parallel 11915 kHz. [Conti-ME]
 600 **PUERTO RICO** WAEL Mayagüez SEP 16 0202 - Fading up over Brazil; "Esta es WAEL, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, Radio 600 AM con cinco mil watos de potencia," and nostalgia. SEP 17 0730 - Good, over R.Rebelde Cuba; "Esta es Wael, Radio 600 AM," and nostalgia. [Conti-ME]
 610 **CUBA** CMAN R.Rebelde, Bahía Honda SEP 16 0150 - Fair, over unID Latin American signals; sports commentary parallel 5025 kHz. [Conti-ME]
 610 **VENEZUELA** YVXY R.Centro, Cantaura SEP 17 0718 - Fair; UTC-4 time check "...en Radio Centro," tropical music. [Conti-ME]
 630 **PUERTO RICO** WUNO San Juan SEP 16 0152 - Good, over WPRO; NotiUno promos. [Conti-ME]
 650 **COLOMBIA** HJKH RCN Antena Dos, Bogotá (04°34'N 74°04'W) SEP 16 0206 - Excellent; "RCN la radio de Colombia" jingle in ad string. [Conti-ME]

660 **VENEZUELA** YVNA Ondas de los Médanos, Coro SEP 17 0005 - Good; sports news, "Tu radio popular" slogan in promos. [Conti-ME]
670 **CUBA** R.Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas (23°00'N 82°30'W) SEP 16 0130 - Good; sports commentary parallel 5025 kHz. [Conti-ME]
670 **VENEZUELA** YVLL R.Rumbos, Caracas (10°29'N 66°59'W) SEP 17 0026 - Good, over R.Rebelde Cuba; signature doorbell attention signals between news reports. [Conti-ME]
700 **VENEZUELA** YVMH R.Popular, Maracaibo (10°39'N 71°37'W) SEP 16 0254 - Fair, over presumed R.Córdoba Argentina; "...por Radio Popular" in promo, sports news. [Conti-ME]
720 **BRAZIL** ZYK276 R.Guaíba, Porto Alegre (30°02'S 51°12'W) SEP 17 0747 - Good; "La música, la Guaíba," and light vocals. [Conti-ME]
720 **VENEZUELA** YVQE Oriente 720, Porlamar (10°56'N 64°12'W) SEP 16 0301 - Good; "Radio Venezuela... cadena nacional" promo. At 2325 good, over Brazil; Notaria Zulia. [Conti-ME]
730 **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO** Port of Spain SEP 16 2320 - Good; BBC World Service parallel 5975 kHz. [Conti-ME]
740 **BRAZIL** ZYH446 R.Sociedade da Bahia, Salvador (12°57'S 38°30'W) SEP 16 2311 - Good; Sociedade ID, quickly lost to Venezuela. [Conti-ME]
740 **VENEZUELA** YVNQ R.Caroni, Puerto Ordaz (08°15'N 62°42'W) SEP 16 2315 - Good; "Radio Caroni, 740, con el sonido AM digital," reggaeton and rap music. [Conti-ME]
750 **COLOMBIA** HJLH La Voz de Yopal, Yopal SEP 17 0900 - Fair; "RCN La Voz de Yopal" ID with mention of potencia and several locations "...en todo del norte." [Conti-ME]
750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR Caracas (10°29'N 67°00'W) SEP 16 2247 - Good; "Play ball!" in RCR Deportes promo. [Conti-ME]
760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ RCN Barranquilla (10°53'N 74°49'W) SEP 16 0303 - Good; "RCN 2005" promo, "RCN la radio de Colombia" jingle. [Conti-ME]
770 **VENEZUELA** YVKK R.Nacional, Valencia SEP 16 0250 - Fair, over RCN Colombia; "RN de noticias" or "RNV Noticias" and news. [Conti-ME]
780 **VENEZUELA** YVMN R.Coro, Coro (11°23'N 69°40'W) SEP 16 0320 - Good; national political speech parallel other Venezuela signals. [Conti-ME]
790 **CUBA** CMAQ R.Rehoy, Pinar del Río (22°25'N 83°43'W) SEP 16 0243 - Topping jumble of unID Latin American signals and WSKO. [Conti-ME]
790 **VENEZUELA** YVKC R.Venezuela, Caracas SEP 17 0043 - Fair, over R.Rehoy Cuba; "En todo Caribe transmite..." and R.Venezuela promo. [Conti-ME]
810 **COLOMBIA** HJCY CARACOL Bogotá (04°40'N 74°11'W) SEP 17 0058 - Fair, over CJVA; "Caracol... AM Bogotá, Caracol." [Conti-ME]
820 **CUBA** R.Rehoy, unknown site SEP 16 0240 - Good; man and woman with news items, syncopated clock, RR code IDs, etc. [Conti-ME]
840 **PUERTO RICO** WXEW R.Victoria, Yabucoa SEP 17 0852 - Good; "...por Radio Victoria, la reina del Caribe," and romantic vocals. [Conti-ME]
880 **VENEZUELA** YVYM R.Venezuela, Puerto Ordaz (08°15'N 62°42'W) SEP 16 0306 - Good; national political speech parallel 720 kHz. SEP 17 0107 - Good; live lottery numbers drawing, "hora Venezuela" time check. [Conti-ME]
890 **VENEZUELA** YVLW R.America, Valencia SEP 16 0228 - ID and time check through an unID strong open carrier. [Conti-ME]
900 **BARBADOS** CBC Bridgetown (13°05'N 59°36'W) SEP 16 0220 - Fair, competing with Venezuela and unIDs; steel band and soca music. SEP 17 0847 - Fair, over Venezuela; steel band instrumentals. [Conti-ME]
900 **VENEZUELA** YVMD Ritmo 900, Maracaibo (10°39'N 71°44'W) SEP 16 0230 - Fair; Ritmo ID. At 0309 national political speech parallel other Venezuela stations, mention of US and Pat Robertson in reference to "terrorismo internacional." [Conti-ME]
910 **VENEZUELA** YVRQ Caracas (10°32'N 66°55'W) SEP 16 0233 - Good; "RQ 910 AM Center" ID and nostalgia. At 0309 national political speech parallel 720, 880, and 900 kHz. [Conti-ME]
950 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** HIG R.Popular, Santo Domingo SEP 17 0845 - Fair, over R.Rehoy Cuba; time check with doorbells, romantic vocals. [Conti-ME]
960 **VENEZUELA** Llanera, Acarigua SEP 17 0112 - Fair, over unID Latin American signals; Llanera ID with Venezuela time check. [Conti-ME]
1000 **BRAZIL** ZYK522 R.Record, São Paulo (23°33'S 46°38'W) SEP 16 0314 - Fair; fading up over Venezuela with telephone talk in Portuguese. SEP 17 0835 - Good; many São Paulo mentions in ads and talk, parallel 9505 kHz. [Conti-ME]
1000 **VENEZUELA** YVNM La Caribeña, Morón (10°30'N 68°10'W) SEP 16 0324 - Good; end of national political speech with announcement from the Ministerio de Comunicaciones, then "alegría Caribeña" ID. [Conti-ME]
1039.6 **VENEZUELA** YVLB La Voz de Carabobo, Valencia (10°08'N 67°57'W) SEP 17 0832 - Good; romantic vocals, easily separable from 1040 CJMS. [Conti-ME]
1090 **VENEZUELA** YVZS Unión R., Caracas (10°32'N 66°55'W) SEP 17 0130 - Good; "Centro de Noticias, Unión Radio" into titulares. [Conti-ME]
1100 **BRAZIL** ZYK694 R.Globo, São Paulo (23°32'S 46°37'W) SEP 17 0820 - Good; "Bom dia" birthday greetings, Globo jingle. [Conti-ME]
1110 **VENEZUELA** YVQT R.Carúpano, Carúpano (10°40'N 63°18'W) SEP 17 0126 - Excellent; time check with jingle, then ID, "Desde Carúpano, estado Sucre, República Boliviana de Venezuela, transmite Radio Carúpano, 1110 kilohertz." [Conti-ME]

1130 **VENEZUELA** YVRL R.Ideal, Maiquetía (10°33'N 66°55'W) SEP 17 0132 - Fair, over WBBR; R.Ideal ID with fanfare. [Conti-ME]
1140 **VENEZUELA** R.Porlamar, Porlamar (10°57'N 63°51'W) SEP 17 0135 - Good; "Esta es Radio Porlamar, la voz del Caribe." [Conti-ME]
1200 **VENEZUELA** YVOZ R.Tiempo, Caracas (10°32'N 66°57'W) SEP 15 2331 - Good; "Radio Tiempo, frecuencia 1200 AM," and folk music. [Conti-ME]
1220 **BRAZIL** ZYJ458 R.Globo, Rio de Janeiro (22°55'S 43°13'W) SEP 15 2315 - Good; signature reverberated Globo ID with whistles. [Conti-ME]
1290 **VENEZUELA** YVLF R.Puerto Cabello, Puerto Cabello SEP 15 2340 - Fair; "Radio Puerto Cabello, primer lugar de sintonía," and nostalgia. [Conti-ME]
1420 **VENEZUELA** YVNZ Maribina 1420, Maracaibo SEP 16 0004 - Fair; shouting "¡Gol!" in fútbol play-by-play, "Maribina 1420 presenta..." promo. [Conti-ME]
1500 **VENEZUELA** YVRZ R.Dos Mil, Cumaná (10°24'N 64°09'W) SEP 16 0012 - Good, over unID Brazil; "Radio Dos Mil, transmite a continuación programa recreativo de información y opinión." [Conti-ME]
1520 **PUERTO RICO** WVOZ R.Voz, San Juan SEP 16 0018 - Good, over unID Spanish preacher; classic salsa, deep-voiced R.Voz IDs with raygun effects. [Conti-ME]
1540 **BAHAMAS** ZNS1 Nassau (25°00'N 77°21'W) SEP 16 0023 - Good, over WDCD; "Radio Bahamas, AM 1540, the national voice of the people," UTC-4 time check, and adult contemporary music. [Conti-ME]
1550 **FLORIDA** unID SEP 17 0807 - Fair; "This is WWFE Miami..." with Poderosa ID and jingle, telephone talk. [Conti-ME]

Bruce Conti, Camden ME (44°14'N 69°03'W); Drake R8B, MWDX-5, wires 800-m at 200° and 100-m at 140° south BAConti@aol.com, <http://members.aol.com/baconti/bamlog.htm>.

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

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I had a great time at the convention in Anaheim this year and want to thank Mike Sanburn for hosting it. Great job Mike! As to be expected, it was good to meet up with some of our members whom I had never met, some who I have "known" for 25 plus years! I was presented with the TVA award at the convention and it was quite a surprise. The RHA would have been a little more appropriate, considering my short time actually doing something for the club. (I figure Phil Bytheway finally covered up his wall mural entirely with IRCA awards and didn't have room for any more, hi.) I am honored and thanks to all who voted. Congratulations also to Art Blair for being awarded the RHA ...you've been a great contributor Art- thank you. Lastly, I want to wish all the new members and re-joins a warm welcome. Please support the various columns and spread the news about the IRCA, we're a great club. If you know of anyone who might like a sample copy of the bulletin, drop me a line with the details and I'll send them one. Best of DX and 73- Doug

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Hi there IRCAnS! Yesterday I decided to check the Saint Louis area AM dial. I wanted to see all the call letter changes, new stations, and format changes since my last trip down the dial. maybe that is up the dial? So here we go!

550 KTRS Talk, Sports and News	880 WCBW Contemp Christian, Sports (Chicago's)	1280 KYRO Country
590 KFNS Sports	630 KJSL Religion	1320 KSIV Religion
690 KSTL Gospel	690 KSTL Gospel	1380 KSLG Sports
730 KWRE Classic Country	1010 KXEN Religion	1400 KJFF News, Talk
770 WEW Nostalgia & Ethnic Sports	1080 WRYT Religion	1430 WIL Country Oldies
850 KFUO Religion (Lutheran)	1120 KMOX News, Talk, Sports	1460 KIRL Gospel
	1190 KRFT Sports	1490 WESL Soul
	1260 WSDZ Children	1510 WDDID Gospel
		1570 WBGZ News, Talk
		1600 KATZ Gospel

OK, that is it. There is a longer list for FM, but I will send that to those who want it. I will not post a FM Bandscan here. Hope this helps some DXers??? Best of DX and 73 73s, Terry Klasek

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Just a few words tonight. I tried my hand tonight (10/2) at SSS with the change in times for s/off, pattern change, power change, etc. It's now an hour earlier than it was in September. Next month, it will only be 45 minutes earlier than this month, then only a 15 minute shift in December from November. I didn't hear anything new, except that I heard an unID s/off on 1540 which might have been WAKY KY. I wasn't quick enough to catch the calls but the owners name sounded like "County Broadcasting Company" and WAKY shows as being owned by Green County Broadcasting Company.

The time looks right. I heard the s/off at 1900 ELT. I also heard a station carrying NPR's Auto Talk show, but I am fairly positive it was KXEL. I also caught WNIO-1390 out of Youngstown, Ohio. Then, the wife wanted supper and that was the end of it. 73.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ARGENTINA: According to "Directorio de Emisoras de Onda Media de la República Argentina" (from GRA), the following stations are operating on 1620: R. Tropicana (Cadena Vida) – inactive, R. Vida, Monte Grande, BA - ex 1240, R. Italia, Villa Martelli. (BA, Arctic)

BOLIVIA: 1242.5 R. Bendita Trinidad y Espirito Santo, El Alto, Departamento La Paz (Malm DXLD)

COLOMBIA: 1350 HJEN R. Armonía, Cali, ex R. Fabulosa. (Björn Malm, ARC)

FALKLAND ISLANDS: Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station to be renamed - The Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station is to be renamed Falkland Islands Radio Service from 15 August. Station Controller Designate Corina Bishop told MercoPress that more than a hundred suggestions were put forward and it was felt that the name Falkland Islands Radio Service, which was suggested by a few people, "...will continue to show that the station plays an important part in community life here." She said she has received "mixed reactions" to the new name. "There are those who didn't want it changed and still don't but there are some people who are pleased with the change and some who are simply pleased that it wasn't too radical." (Source: MercoPress # posted by Andy @ 08:43 UT June 17 Media Network blog via DXLD)

MEXICO: 1240 XERO R. Recuerdo, Aguascalientes, ex 1260, 1470 XEHI R. Fórmula, Cd. Miguel Alemán, new name. (Jim Solatie, ARC)

PUERTO RICO: Radio Isla stations: 990 WPRA Mayagüez, 1320 WSKN San Juan, 1490 WDEP Ponce, 1550 WKFE Yauco. (Lars Bygdén, ARC; Manuel Méndez via HCDX)

TURKS & CAICOS: I think that we'll see a regular schedule out of Superpower 1020 with religious programming in the first week of September. I will remain the QSL Manager and will entertain all reports and QSL requests. I believe we have achieved 100% on the QSL requests of the Superpower 1020 T&C DX Tests held a few months ago. The Snail Mail requests for QSLs will be: QSL Mgr Caribbean Christian Radio Superpower 1020, C/O Ron Gitschier, 68 Roxboro Drive, Palm Coast, FL, USA, 32164. (Ron Gitschier, Aug 22, NRC-AM via DXLD 5-145 (24/8-2005))

US VIRGIN ISLANDS: FCC has revoked the license of WSTX 970, Christiansted for violations including non-functioning EAS equipment, and failures to respond to FCC correspondence. (NRC-AMS V72/27 13.6.2005)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

ALASKA: The tuning house for KICY-850 was destroyed by fire on August 17, knocking the station off the air for several days. The station's transmitter, towers and other facilities were not affected and the station will be able to resume broadcasting using a single tower. It does not expect to have the directional array back up until summer 2006. See <http://www.covchurch.org/cov/news/item4432.html> for more information. There are some additional photos of the damage on the stations website www.kicy.org. (Portzer)

Notes from Alaskan vacation 15-26 July (bp)

- 840 KCKC Big Lake, confirmed silent, not heard while in the area and has been deleted from FCC database
- 950 KSWD Seward, had been silent, but is now active. 24 hour non-stop country music, no ads or announcements except for occasional IDs
- 980 KZXX Kenai confirmed silent, not heard while in the area and has been deleted from FCC database
- 1020 KAXX Eagle River is silent, though still listed in FCC database
- 1110 KAGV Big Lake-Houston, was silent. According to www.daveandlauraonline.com, KAGV started broadcasting in late 2004. Less than a month later, the transmitter building was flooded, and some of the equipment was damaged. The station had hoped to be back on by March. No mention of a revised target date.
- 1170 KJNP is apparently not 24hr. Noted off at 2 or 3 am LT while in Healy, but stayed on past midnight 7/19. Their web site says they're on about 19 hours/day, so sked might be 0500-0100 +/- local time.
- 1500 Seward, TIS noted here while in Seward w/parking info, etc. Very low power.
- 1610 WPHC769 Anchorage, TIS at University of Alaska Anchorage campus, parking and other info about campus activities, "WPHC769, Wolf Radio for University of Alaska Anchorage". Good-fair throughout Anchorage.

1610 KOE700 There is a TIS near the entrance to Denali National Park, with park info etc. "KOE700, the Radio Voice of Denali National Park".

AMERICAN SAMOA: KJAL-580 was off-air for 5 months with cyclone damage, returned to air early June 2005 using reduced power of 2.2kW. Presumably this has also delayed move to 630. WVUV-648 has been on-air during 2004-2005 with very low power. Application for STA in 2004 was lost by FCC, so WVUV has asked for reinstatement of move to 720 and existing call letters. (David Ricquish)

AUSTRALIA: It didn't take 'Billybroadcasting' long to incorporate his new radio property into the 2SM Supernetwork. So as you will hear Port Macquarie/Kempsey (531kHz), Coff's Harbour (639kHz) & Orange (1089 kHz) and are now parallel with the others using 2SM as the hub. I guess the elevator music has been eliminated off of the hard drive. (Chris Martin, mwoz)

927 6NR Perth has gone to FM 100.1MHz

1026 4MK Mackay now 4AA

1044 5CS Port Pirie has gone to FM & has been replaced by 5AU Port Augusta //1242.

1161 4MB Maryborough now 4FC

1170 6AR Perth has moved to FM 100.9 MHz

1251 6NAN Narrogin now on 100.5 FM (David Onley, mwoz)

INDIA: The Asian-Pacific region's biggest broadcasting studio was inaugurated on Tuesday (23 Aug) by Information and Broadcasting Minister S. Jaipal Reddy. Built on a plinth area of 13,895 square meter, the new five-storied Broadcasting House and the 18,958 square meter 11-storeyed Doordarshan Bhawan Tower B house state-of-the art studios and modern centrally air-conditioned offices. The new complex will be used by the All India Radio home services, the News Services Division and the External Services Division. It has 26 fully automated transmission studios, and all recording, editing and playback equipment, including mixing consoles and master routers, are in digital mode. The newsroom is paperless and equipped with state-of-the art facilities. There are also six dubbing rooms, five control booths, two radio conferencing rooms and one Captive Earth Station. Each of the 26 transmission studios include a digital audio work station, two CD players and a digital mixer. Ten of the 26 studios are equipped with digital phone-in units with a facility to conference up to 12 callers on ISDN and PSTN lines. (<http://sify.com/news/> via Mukesh Kumar)

NEW ZEALAND: 1548 Palmerston North is no longer silent. It's now on air [August 1] with Coast brand from TRN. This format is 24/7 from studios in Auckland and locally inserted ad breaks. Maximum allowed power for this station is 3.162kW. (David Ricquish)

VANUATU: The New Zealand Government has given funds for 2 new MW transmitters, one for Vila area, the other for Santo area, and both will be installed by September 2005. Each will be DRM capable. In handing over funding, the NZ High Commissioner [Ambassador] said that FM and TV might be 'nice to have', but medium wave 'is an essential part of a functioning democracy'. MW broadcasts in many parts of the Pacific are in danger of shut down from high power costs [usually diesel generators], lack of technical expertise, weather damage and old equipment. Currently, Radio Cook Islands 630, SBC Samoa 540 and SIBC Honiara 1035 are all running at half or reduced power because of power costs, Nauru 1323 is off air, KJAL American Samoa 580 is on reduced power after a cyclone, WVUV American Samoa 648 has been operating only at very low power awaiting an FCC frequency and tower change and part of Papua New Guinea's MW network is being rebuilt with Japanese aid. The comments from the New Zealand government reflect a real concern that neighbor island broadcasters are under severe pressure to survive. Both RNZI and Radio Australia now provide much of the technical and training expertise needed to keep stations on air as far away as the Marshall Islands and as close as Tonga and Niue. This 'aid' is expected to expand in the future. The model emerging is for island stations to get help buying new DRM capable MW transmitters so they can relay RNZI DRM [from later this year] and RA DRM [2006] broadcasts to local repeater FM stations whilst providing a stable MW signal for continued reception on analog radio sets. (David Ricquish HCDX)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

BENIN: Trans World Radio has started construction of a new medium wave station. See update at <http://www.twrafrica.org/0060.asp>. (TWR Website via mwc)

DENMARK: Danmarks Radio decided that the LW and MW transmitters in Kalundborg would be closed down - and so DR will stop using 243 and 1062 kHz. The final decision on such a closure must however be taken by the Ministry of Culture. Currently DR is obliged to use LW and MW. A decision on the closure of the transmitters in Kalundborg will probably take effect as of January 1st 2007. The foreign language services (in English, Arabic, Serbo-Croatian, Somali, Urdu and Turkish) will be terminated by the end of December 2005. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, mwc)

GERMANY: 666 Rohrdorf - since 4 July no longer 24h. The silent periods of this transmitter are the same as introduced for 828 and 1485 a while ago, i.e. Mon-Fri 2100-0300 (winter 2200-0400), Sat+Sun 2100-0500 (winter 2200-0600). This means that for the first daily transmission hour still MDR Info will be carried, since SWR contra relays MDR Info Mon-Fri 2100-0400, Sat+Sun 2100-0556 (also here in winter one UT hour later of course). (Kai Ludwig, via Arctic)

Bernhard Weiskopf reports that the 711 kHz transmitter at Heidelberg, shut down in 2004, has already been demolished. Only the small transmitter building still exists. (Kai Ludwig, Arctic)

Kai Ludwig reports: "Deutschlandradio has officially announced that its longwave transmitter at Zehlendorf on 177 kHz and the medium wave transmitter at Berlin-Britz on 855 kHz will be "permanently" switched to DRM mode on Monday 29 August. 990 kHz will be kept in AM mode and in future carry the special programs that were previously carried on 177 and 855 kHz. These include sea area weather forecasts. Apparently the special programs on 177 kHz will continue on that frequency after the conversion to DRM. It's possible that 177 kHz will switch back to AM for these programs, but I would not expect this." (R Netherlands Weblog)

Today (29 Aug) at 07:57:05 [UT?] the Zehlendorf tx on 177 switched to DRM and did not revert to AM for the sea weather forecast at 0905, still carried on this frequency. Here is a recording of the very last minute in AM (caution: do not turn up the volume too much towards the end, it gets quite loud): http://www.radioeins.de/_meta/sendungen/apparat/050827_a3.ram. (mwc)

FAROE ISLANDS: Acc. to info from the operator Føroya Tele, the transmitter in Akraberg on 531 is run with 100 kW. Three times a day, during the main newscasts of Útvarp Føroya in the morning, noon and evening, the power is raised to 200 kW. (Bernd Trutenau-LTU, mwc)

ISLE OF MAN: Former BBC Radio 1 DJ Mike Read, currently working for the commercial station Big L - Radio London, has been named as one of the presenters on the new longwave station in the Isle of Man. A report on the Isle of Man Today website says that bosses of the station have confirmed that Read will be in the lineup along with former Radio Caroline presenters and 'at least one Manx Radio personality'. The report quotes Isle of Man International Broadcasting Chief Executive Paul Rusling as saying there has been a six-month delay to the planned launch date, but the station will be on the air in the New Year as the antenna and transmitter suppliers have confirmed both will be ready for transmission by January. The on-air name of the station, which will broadcast on 279 kHz, remains a closely guarded secret, but there are many other details on the station's corporate website <http://www.iomib.com/>. (via Steve Whitt, mwc)

MAURITANIA: Army troops, including members of the presidential guard, seized control of the state radio and television in the capital Nouakchott early today. All state media broadcasts were interrupted from 0500 UTC following the army takeover, which came as President Maaouya Ould Taya was out of the country attending the funeral of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Radio and television remained off the air all morning, but the Mauritanian news agency resumed operation in the afternoon, and reported that President Maaouya Ould Taya has been ousted, and a military junta will rule in his place. BBC Monitoring observed the TV station back on the air shortly after 1400 UTC, reading the same statement, and the radio service was reported back on the air with Quran recitations. The ousted President was reported to have landed in Niger on his return from Saudi Arabia. (August 3, Radio Netherlands Media Network Weblog)

NETHERLANDS: New Dutch radio station cost half a million euro to set up The new Dutch radio station Radio Voetbal (Radio Football) which is due to begin transmissions on 1332 kHz medium wave on 1 September has cost about half a million euro to set up, according to its founder Koos Appelboom. Speaking to De Telegraaf, Appelboom said that he has personally invested about half the money, and the rest is from a group of financiers who wish to remain anonymous. Appelboom says his idea of selling 15 minutes of airtime to football supporters for 25 euro is already a success, judging by the number of applications he has received, which he says has exceeded his wildest expectations. (Radio Netherlands Media Network Weblog)

In a e-mail verification from Jaap van 't Riet on Talparadio, he wrote that Radio 10 Gold on 1008 kHz in Flevoland, Netherlands get a new transmitter at the end of this year. Also this new transmitter can transmit DRM mode. (Ge Huijbens, via mwc)

RUSSIA: Moscow / S.Petersburg. Radio TEOS - new fr. 1134 kHz (ex.963 kHz) - Moscow and 1089 kHz S.Petersburg. (JesusChrist.ru / Vasily Gulyaev, Astrakhan / MIDXB #426)

SWITZERLAND: The Swiss German-language public network Musigwelle 531 has changed its name to DRS Musigwelle as from today. The program format has also been revised, with more live programming and extra news bulletins. DRS Musigwelle also takes over a limited number of programs previously broadcast on sister network DRS 1. The change of name is connected with the promotion of Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) in Switzerland. Musigwelle is available on 531 kHz, DAB and cable. The MW outlet is due to close in 2008, and the station will then only be on DAB and cable. (R Netherland Media Network Weblog)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Ending the parallel transmission of BBG's Radio Farda at the Dhabbaya site on both 1170 and 1575 in the last couple of months, the 800kW transmitter on 1170 has been switched to Radio Sawa. (Bernd Trutenau-LTU via mwc)

WEBSITE WANDERINGS

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Hi everyone and welcome to another edition of "Website Wanderings." If anyone comes across a radio related or DX website kindly forward it to me ~ I will be most grateful.

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

And why not pass the website on to a friend(s) and maybe they'll sign up for a hitch with the IRCA! This edition of the wanderings features a site that belongs to the VIDX or Vancouver Island DX Club. It concentrates on the shortwave and the club includes our president, Nick Hall-Patch.

1. <http://espresso.ts.uvic.ca/>

And that wraps up this edition of the 'Wanderings'. Although IRCA is dedicated to BCB listening and DXing, I know there are quite a few members that enjoy all of the radio genres. Therefore I will be varying my 'Wanderings' to explore the different paths we take in our wonderful hobby.

"Here, outside in the night air, all was quiet. Silence... and yet one felt the mystery of these invisible waves, the miracle of the hidden voices, sweeping out through the night." ~ Journalist Leslie Bailly - 1925

Until our next get together I bid you all good health and good DX and say: "73 de DX de NY" ~ Ray

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