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This issue, IRCA welcomes 2 new members!! John Hunter from Rossville, GA and Vincent Ferme from Ottawa, ON, Canada. DX and report often!!

#### 2005-2006 IRCA Slogans List

IRCA's James Niven has completely revised the IRCA Slogans List and it is now available from the IRCA Bookstore. This edition includes slogans from the US, Canada and Mexico and has over 3700 slogans.

Prices: IRCA/NRC members - \$6.00 (US/Canada/Mexico/ sea mail), \$8.00 (rest of the Americas/ Europe airmail), \$8.50 (Australia/Japan/New Zealand airmail), Non-IRCA/ NRC members - add \$1.50.

To order, send your funds to: IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334. (Make checks out to **Phil Bytheway** - funds not made out to **Phil Bytheway** will be returned)... or use PayPal to: **fokker\_d8@yahoo.com** (please include an extra \$0.50 to cover the service charge).

## BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

Les Rayburn: les@highnoonfilm.com (times are Eastern)

Tests are off to slow start this season, but we're working hard to arrange more. To start us off, we've got a Western test and a rare simultaneous test from two stations!

| Daily        | 0300-0305 | 1620 | WNAR | Lansdale PA     | (David McCrork) |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sun 12/ 4/05 | 0106-0115 | 1700 | KKLF | Richardson TX   | (Bill Hale)     |
| Sun 12/11/05 | 0000-0100 | 990  | WNTP | Philadelphia PA | (Rene' Tetro)   |
| Sun 12/11/05 | 0000-0100 | 560  | WFLI | Philadelphia PA | (Rene' Tetro)   |

WNAR 1620 KHZ Lansdale, PA is still conducting a DAILY DX TEST at 0300 ELT. The test consists of code ID's between 0300 and 0305 and will continue until further notice. Reception reports with RETURN POSTAGE can be sent to **David McCrork**, WNAR-AM, Box 18, Tylersport PA 18971-0018. WNAR operates with a power of 100 MILLIWATTS! (The station was heard almost 5 miles from Lansdale on a recent trip to the area so it does get out very well).

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PS: Web page at www.wnar-am.com has full station info.

KKLF 1700khz Richardson, TX DX Test. Date(s): December 3-4, 05 (Late Saturday-Sunday Morning) Time: 0006-0015AM CST (0606-0615 UTC) 9 Minute long Test Modes of Operation: 1KW Non-Directional Programming: Morse Code superimposed over regular programming.

Notes: Station prefers to receive reports via e-mail. If you wish to send a snail mail QSL request, please include an SASE.

Station notes that as the same audio is available on KLIF 570 kHz, no verification without audible proof of reception of 1700. Please include an MP3 file with e-mails, or a CD/Cassette with snail mail reception reports.

Reception reports via e-mail only:

### Hue Beavers hbeavers@dfwradio.com

Special thanks to Bill Hale of the NRC for helping to arrange this test, and to Hue Beavers and the staff/management of KKLF for this rare X-Band test!

WNTP 990khz Philadelphia, PA DX Test, WFLI 560khz Philadelphia, PA DX Test. Date(s): December 10-11, 05 (Late Saturday-Sunday Morning) Time: Midnight EST-0100 EST (0500-0600 UTC) Modes of Operation: 1st Half Hour: WNTP 50KW DA-D/WFLI 7.1KW DA-D, 2nd Half Hour: WNTP 2.5kW NDA/WFIL 2.5kW NDA

Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice Announcements.

Notes: A simultaneous DX Test from two stations! CE Rene' Tetro is very interested in hearing what differences listeners notice during the NDA period of the test when both stations will be running the identical power levels from the same tower site.

Reception reports should go to:

#### Rene' F. Tetro rene@wfil.com

All standard mail reports should go to:

Rene' F. Tetro, Chief Engineer Salem Communications - Philadelphia WNTP-AM/WFIL-AM 117 Ridge Pike Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 Thanks to Rene' Tetro and the staffs of WNTP/WFIL for arranging this test!

## **BROADCASTING INFORMATION**

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| LETTER CHANGES |  |
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Ham calls: KG6RJW

| CALL LETTER CHANGES  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| FREQ   | OLD CAL   | L CITY   | NEW CALL   |  |
| 690<br>710<br>790<br>960<br>1240<br>1310<br>1370<br>1440<br>1460<br>1460<br>1480   | WTIX<br>WQKI<br>KWLY<br>WGGT<br>new<br>KOCR<br>new<br>KBET<br>KTFW<br>new<br>WNBX   | New Orleans, LA<br>St. Matthews, SC<br>Las Vegas, NV<br>North Palm Beach, FL<br>Whitefish, MT<br>Joplin, MO<br>Newport, WA<br>Pocatello, ID<br>Burleson, TX<br>Fort Myers, FL<br>Springfield, VT   | WIST (station is off a<br>WPOG<br>KBET<br>WPBI<br>KSAM<br>KZRG<br>KPWL<br>KPTO<br>KHFX<br>WNPL<br>WCFR | ir-ye ed)  |
|  |   |  | MAT CHANGES  |  |
| FREQ   | CALL  | CITY   | OLD INFO   | NEW INFO   |
| 600<br>620<br>640<br>670<br>740<br>750<br>750  | WVOG<br>WDNC<br>XEJUA<br>WMTY<br>WMIN<br>KKNO<br>WTHQ   | New Orleans, LA<br>Durham, NC<br>Ciudad Juarez, Chih<br>Farragut, TN<br>Hudson, WI<br>Gretna, LA<br>Brookport, IL  | silent<br>sports, news/talk<br>regional Mexican<br>talk<br>Spanish hits<br>silent<br>news/talk         | religious teaching<br>sports "The Bull"<br>romantica "R. Recuerdo"<br>oldies "Mighty 670"<br>Sporting News radio "The Zone"<br>black gospel "K-75"<br>ABC Coast to Coast country "The<br>O"  |
| 800<br>850<br>860<br>890<br>940<br>990<br>1010<br>1130<br>1170<br>1130<br>1230<br>1230<br>1230<br>1230<br>1240<br>1240<br>1240<br>1240<br>1240<br>1240<br>1250<br>1260<br>1270<br>1280<br>1290<br>1290<br>1300<br>1300<br>1300<br>1300 | WSHO<br>KEYH<br>WXJC<br>WFZZ<br>WFVR<br>WYLD<br>KZZB<br>KCPW<br>WYLD<br>KZZB<br>KCPW<br>WWS<br>WWS<br>WSDX<br>WWWTR<br>KNEK<br>WSSL<br>KPSA<br>KVOC<br>WNUZ<br>WTKN<br>KEVA<br>WBHB<br>WKIQ<br>KDEI<br>KIMB<br>WODT<br>KUOA<br>WODT<br>KUOA<br>WODT<br>KUOA<br>WODT<br>KSET<br>WBOW<br>WERE | New Orleans, LA<br>Houston, TX<br>Birmingham, AL<br>Sparta, TN<br>Laurel, MS<br>Valdosta, GA<br>New Orleans, LA<br>Beaumont, TX<br>Tooele, UT<br>Beckley, WV<br>Brazil, IN<br>Bridgewater Township, NJ<br>Washington, LA<br>Bay St. Louis, MS<br>Roswell, NM<br>Casper, WY<br>Talledega, AL<br>Corinth, MS<br>Evanston, WY<br>Fitzgerald, GA<br>Eustis, FL<br>Port Arthur, TX<br>Kimball, NE<br>Monticello, MS<br>New Orleans, LA<br>Silsbee, TX<br>Terre Haute, IN<br>Cleveland, OH |  | religious teaching<br>Spanish oldies<br>southern gospel<br>talk //WPTN<br>blues<br>silent<br>black gospel "Amen 940"<br>black gospel "Rejoice 990"<br>news/talk/NPR //KCPW-FM<br>religious teaching<br>ESPN sports<br>ethnic<br>urban AC//KNEK-FM<br>silent<br>news/talk<br>ESPN sports<br>Wills Bdcst Net black gospel<br>silent<br>classic country<br>ABC Rejoice black gospel<br>urban contemporary<br>religious teaching //KJMJ<br>talk<br>Salem gospel music<br>sports<br>classic country<br>ESPN sports //WSTV<br>silent<br>ESPN sports //WSTV<br>silent<br>ESPN sports //WSDX<br>talk |

| 1300         WTIR           1310         KZRG           1310         WPLV           1320         WARL           1320         WARL           1320         WARL           1330         CJYM           1330         KNSS           1340         KCKN           1340         KCKN           1340         WSTV           1350         WCOX           1350         WSMB           1350         WSMB           1350         WSMB           1350         KCVR           1350         KSGF           1360         KAHS           1400         KKGF           1400         KKGF           1410         WQBQ           1420         KMHS           1440         KLCL           1440         KKTF           1440         KLCL           1440         KMHS           1440         KMHS           1440         KKZZ           1480         WCOI           1480         KORF           1580         KNZZ           1580         KRAZ           1580 <th>Baton Rouge, LA<br/>Coccoa Beach, FL<br/>Joplin, MO<br/>West Point, GA<br/>Attleboro, MA<br/>Rosetown, SK<br/>Wichita, KS<br/>Kansas City, KS<br/>Sand Springs, OK<br/>Augusta, ME<br/>Steubenville, OH<br/>Jasper, TX<br/>Bedford, VA<br/>New Orleans, LA<br/>El Dorado, KS<br/>Holdredge, NE<br/>Casper, WY<br/>St. Paul, MN<br/>Great Falls, MT<br/>Leesburg, FL<br/>Coos Bay, OR<br/>New Orleans, LA<br/>Dickinson, ND<br/>Burleson, TX<br/>Bartow, FL<br/>Lake Charles, LA<br/>Wission, KS<br/>Shippensburg, PA<br/>Marco Island, FL<br/>Laconia, NH<br/>East Liverpool, OH<br/>Boerne, TX<br/>Woodruff, SC<br/>Waco, TX<br/>Lake Charles, LA<br/>Knoxville, TN<br/>Mexia, TX<br/>Beech Grove, IN<br/>Princeton, NJ</th> | Baton Rouge, LA<br>Coccoa Beach, FL<br>Joplin, MO<br>West Point, GA<br>Attleboro, MA<br>Rosetown, SK<br>Wichita, KS<br>Kansas City, KS<br>Sand Springs, OK<br>Augusta, ME<br>Steubenville, OH<br>Jasper, TX<br>Bedford, VA<br>New Orleans, LA<br>El Dorado, KS<br>Holdredge, NE<br>Casper, WY<br>St. Paul, MN<br>Great Falls, MT<br>Leesburg, FL<br>Coos Bay, OR<br>New Orleans, LA<br>Dickinson, ND<br>Burleson, TX<br>Bartow, FL<br>Lake Charles, LA<br>Wission, KS<br>Shippensburg, PA<br>Marco Island, FL<br>Laconia, NH<br>East Liverpool, OH<br>Boerne, TX<br>Woodruff, SC<br>Waco, TX<br>Lake Charles, LA<br>Knoxville, TN<br>Mexia, TX<br>Beech Grove, IN<br>Princeton, NJ |
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news/talk urban AC//KQXL-FM "Q106" travel information Spanish news-talk contemporary Xtian format not available black gospel talk Sporting News Radio sports classic hits talk classic rock news/talk news KDTD. Spanish talk regional Mexican "La Gran D" black gospel southern gospel silent ESPN sports WW1 country //KTXJ-FM talk WW1 urban AC adult standards talk news/talk //WWL-870 news/talk adult standards religious teaching //KEXS Waitt Oldies Plus radio soft AC sports talk regional Mexican adult standards adult standards ESPN sports regional Mexican CHR "Pirate Radio" silent silent Radio Disney silent Jones Good Time oldies country Fox Sports "Fox Sports 1460" Spanish "La X" sports, Jones C&W classic country Jones Classic Hit country silent Spanish hits "R. Activo" regional Mexican format not available sports religious teaching Jones Good Times oldies news/talk travel information sports/Jones MOYL ESPN sports Spanish cont. Xtian country //KRVL "TX country" contemporary Xtian WW1 oldies ABC Real country urban contemp. //KWGW ABC Classic R&B/urban gold black dospel black gospel silent Jones CD country urban contemp. "The Groove" religious teaching regional Mexican "La Poderosa"

Spanish

#### ethnic CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

| 1030 | WONQ | Oviedo, FL     | 45000/1700 DA-N to 45000 ND-D |
|------|------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1110 | WTBQ | Warwick, NY    | 250 ND-D to 500 ND-D          |
| 1230 | KOZI | Chelan, ŴA     | ND to ND2                     |
| 1240 | KBLL | Helena, MT     | 1000/1000 ND to 1000/850 ND-2 |
| 1420 | WFLT | Flint, MÍ      | 500/140 DA-2 to 500/142 DA-2  |
| 1490 | KRNR | Roseburg, OR   | ND to ND2                     |
| 1510 | KCUV | Littleton, CO  | 9500/25000 to 10000/1300      |
| 1700 | KKLF | Richardson, TX | ND to ND2                     |

#### FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

| 540<br>580<br>640<br>790<br>800<br>810<br>950<br>950<br>950<br>1150<br>1150<br>1150<br>1220<br>1220<br>1220<br>1220<br>12 | WFLF<br>WLES<br>WJNA<br>WMSP<br>WQSV<br>KBRV<br>WYRE<br>WGHC<br>KICE<br>WCTN<br>WROL<br>KJBC<br>KJBC<br>KJBC<br>KXMG<br>KPHN<br>KNTS<br>KPSA<br>KNWH<br>KIMB<br>WWPG<br>KAZN<br>WHEP | Revere, MA<br>Midland, TX<br>Portland, OR<br>Kansas City, MO<br>Palo Alto, CA<br>Roswell, NM<br>Yucca Valley, CA<br>Kimball, NE<br>Tuscaloosa, AL<br>Pasadena, CA<br>Foley, AL | 50000/50000 DA-2 to 50000/46000 DA2<br>500 to 201/127<br>7500/460 DA-2 to 25000/2500 DA2<br>10000/335 DA-2 to 10000/233 DA2<br>500/35 ND to 2000/35 ND2<br>5000 ND-D to 50000/29 ND3 (ex-790 khz.)<br>250 to 240<br>2500 to 3000<br>10000/60 DA-2 to 10000/71 DA2<br>2500/47 DA-1 to 2500/39 DA2<br>5000/90 to 5000/5000<br>1000 ND-D to 1000/148 ND2<br>5000/47 DA-2 to 10000/63 DA2<br>5000/250 DA-N to 5000/500 DAN<br>5000/145 to 50000/5000 DA2<br>800/800 ND to 620/1000 ND2<br>1000/105 to 800/77.3<br>1000/105 to 800/77.3<br>1000/112 to 50000/110<br>5000/500 to 7000/25<br>5000/100 DA2 to 23000/1450 DA2<br>2500 ND-D to 2500/43 ND2 |  |
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|   |  |  |  |  |
| 1310<br>1390  | WHEP   | Foley, AL<br>Holt, MI  | 2500 ND-D to 2500/43 ND2<br>5000/70 to 5000/4500   |  |
| 1440  | KTNO   | University Park, TX  | 15000/350 DA-2 to 50000/350 DA2  |  |
| 1440  | WJJL   | West Seneca, NY  | 1000/55 to 5000/190  |  |
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| 1550 | WURP | Reserve Township, PA | 1000/4 to 2000/12 |
|------|------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1600 | WOKB | Ocoee, FL            | 2200/35 to 4000   |
| 1600 | WRSL | Corbin, KY           | 500 to 2000/27    |

#### FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

| 950  | WCTN | Potomac-Cabin John, MD |   |
|------|------|------------------------|---|
| 1180 | WQSR | Sycamore, IL           | 198/17 to 900                             |
| 1220 | KNTS | Palo Alto, CA          | 5000/145 to 50000/5000                    |
| 1310 | WHEP | Foley, AL              | 2500 to 2500/48                           |
| 1330 | WRAA | Luray, VA              | 1000/47 to 1100/26                        |
| 1370 | KGEN | Tulare, CA             | 1000/135 to 710/72                        |
| 1420 | WGAS | South Gastonia, NC     | 500 to 500/41                             |
| 1450 | KGFF | Shawnee, OK            | 1000/1000 to 560/1000                     |
| 1470 | KUOL | San Marcos, TX         | 250/250 to 500/250 (station silent-ye ed) |
| 1500 | KBRN | Boerne, TX             | 250 to 1900/15                            |
|      |      |                        |   |

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

#### PUBLIC LISTINGS:

- 620 WDNC 620 Durham NC flips from news/talk (simulcasting WDNZ 570 Raleigh NC) to sports "The Bull," entering an LMA with WRBZ 850 Raleigh NC, which is owned by the son-in-law of WDNC owner Don Curtis.
- 780 WABS 780 Arlington VA changes calls (back, after 30 years) to WAVA. 860 WTZX 860 Sparta TN and WPTN 780 Cookeville TN flip to talk/sports as "News Channel 780-860."
- 870 WWL 870 New Orleans LA ends its "United Radio Broadcasters" partnership with Clear Channel, as KHEV 104.1 Houma LA returns to "Hallelujah" black gospel. WWL's news-talk programming will continue to be simulcast over WSMB 1350 New Orleans and WTKL 105.3 Kenner LA for now.
- 950 WNCC 950 Barnesboro PA returns to the air with business talk.
- 1170 WWTR 1170 Bridgewater NJ picks up the "EBC Radio" Indian programming that had been on WTTM 1680 Princeton NJ. WTTM is stunting with country; it will make its move to Lindenwold NJ (in the Philadelphia market) this weekend and flip to Spanish.
- 1300 WTIR 1300 Cocoa FL returns to travelers information; its "Radio Latina" Spanish format moves to WNTF 1580 Bithlo FL.
- 1320 KCTC 1320 Sacramento CA flips from standards to Air America talk today. 1380 KMTY 97.7 Holdrege NE flips from oldies "Super Hits 97" to adult hits "Bob FM"; the oldies move to KUVR 1380 Holdrege NE, which flips from soft AC to "Super Hits 1380." 1400 KLBB 1400 flips from standards "Club 14" to regional Mexican; the "Club 14" format continues
- on KLBP 1470 Brooklyn Park MN.
- 1480 WEEO 1480 Shippensburg PA drops its ESPN sports format; it's being sold to the owners of WIOO 1000 Carlisle PA.
- 1510 KCUV-FM 102.3 Strasburg CO completes its move-in to Greenwood Village CO, becoming a Denver-market station and simulcasting the Americana format of KCUV 1510 Englewood/Denver CO.
- 1590 KWGW 104.9 Mexia TX and simulcasts KRQX 1590 Mexia TX and KQRL 1580 Waco TX drop their smokescreen R&B "Groove" format and flip to country variety as "George," honoring famous Georges such as Strait - and Bush, whose ranch in Crawford is right on the edge of KWGW's reception area.

#### CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

# Dale Park sends along the following: via Sacramento Bee, Oct. 14, 2005

Ain't got that swing, It's the last dance for big-band format on local airwaves By Sam McManis -- Bee Staff Writer

The morning gang over at Family Donuts in Carmichael is not happy, and no amount of caffeine and sugary confections will ease the burden. The eight men from the north Sacramento suburbs, septuagenarians all, meet every morning to kibitz and complain over coffee. Recently, they've had a subject that is really burning them up: Their beloved nostalgia radio station, KCTC 1320 AM, is dropping its big-band and crooner format sometime before Nov. 1 to become Sacramento's Air dropping its big-band and crooner format sometime before Nov. 1 to become Sacramento's Air America talk-radio affiliate. When it does, it will silence local airwaves of the music that these guys and others of a certain age grew up listening to. "They're turning our music off!" groused Bob Hill, 79. "It's the only music you can understand the words to," added 70-year-old Clyde Cassady. "The musicians they play, like Glenn Miller, are dead now," said Evan Temple, also 70. "I guess they think we're dead, too." Don't even get these guys started on Air America and liberal talk radio. They have enough complaints about losing their only non-subscription radio conduit for the dulcet tones of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and the Andrews Sisters. "It's a shame," said Butch Lindzi, taking a long pull from his mug. It's also a fact of life in radio these days - one being seen in major markets all over the country. Both the "adult standards" and formats featuring the "oldies" from the 1950s and early '60s are increasingly being dropped. In turn, they are being replaced by seemingly less moldy oldies from the '70s and '80s, or talk programming. John Geary, general manager of Sacramento's six Entercom stations, which includes KCTC, said it is advertisers, rather than ratings, that are the main reason for the switch. According to the most recent Arbitron ratings, KCTC was ranked a respectable 18 out of a field of about 40 stations. But because most of KCTC's listeners are 55 and older, Geary said, advertising revenue has fallen. "Advertisers think that our listenership is too old to be active advertising revenue has fallen. "Advertisers think that our listenership is too old to be active

consumers," Geary said. "We've watched our nostalgia audience at KCTC get smaller and older over the past decade and, at some stage, you reach the point of diminishing returns. God love them, they are loyal. But it's not working anymore." The impending demise of KCTC's "Music of Your Life" comes shortly after KABL 92.1 FM in the Bay Area dropped its big-band format. And last Friday, Las Vegas' KJUL, which just recently won a Marconi Radio Award as the nation's top adult standards station, switched to country music, claiming declining ad revenue. "It's a cruel fact of American business life," said Tom Taylor, editor of Inside Radio, an online trade publication. "We're a youth-obsessed culture. "The back story is that, usually, station owners are looking for more advertising revenue," Taylor said. "Over the past 10 to 15 years, these stations have aged along with their audience and advertisers aren't interested in the over-55 demographic." Thus, even some baby boomers, weaned on the early days of rock 'n' roll and who came of age in the psychedelic '60s, are not immune. For example, last month, KOOL 101.9 FM, Sacramento's only "oldies" station - playing early rock of the '50s and '60s abruptly switched formats and started playing music that would appeal to younger boomers (ages 38 to 49). Similar format flips have occurred in the past two months at stations in San Francisco, San Diego, New York and Chicago, to name just a few. In other words: goodbye, Elvis Presley; hello, Elvis Costello. But what of fans of Frank, as in Sinatra? Temple said he doesn't believe KCTC tried hard enough to attract the type of advertising that "active seniors" desire." Most of the ads on the station are for medical devices and things," he said. "You know, we do buy cars and go to stores." However, a recent sampling of ads on KCTC showed that it did go beyond commercials for medical equipment. Indeed, cruise lines and Reno casinos have been regular advertisers, as have local heating and air conditioning companies. But there were no ads heard during the sampling for supposed "big ticket" items, such as homes, cars or major appliances. "The loyal listeners may have money," Geary said, "but it's money that'll be going to their kids or grandkids." Certainly, the gang at Family Donuts said they're not interested in purchasing satellite radio, on which several nostalgia stations beam hits around the clock. "I don't want to spend \$500 at Radio Shack for equipment and pay 50 bucks a month for my music," Cassady said. (Satellite radio equipment actually costs about \$150 and the service is typically \$12.95 a month). "I want it over the radio like it has been," he said. Temple, a retired Lutheran minister with a dry sense of humor, picked up the obituary section of the newspaper and pointed to a row of photographs. "These are our listeners," he said wryly. "This is the problem.' Making the switch -- Here is a partial list of prominent radio stations that have switched their nostalgia formats in the past year:

• KABL San Francisco: Was '40s-'50s nostalgia. Now: '80s rock.

• KJUL Las Vegas: Was '40s-'50s nostalgia. Now: country hits.

• KLUP San Antonio: Was '40s-'50s nostalgia. Now: talk radio.

AND COMING SOON• KCTC Sacramento: Currently '40s-'50s nostalgia. Sometime before Nov. 1: Air America talk. (DP-HI)

#### Mike Hardester sends along the following:

From my recent trip to Pennsylvania (15-30 October), I came across some changes in format and the like. First of all, I cannot begin to count the number of stations I heard with the slogan, "News-Talk" whatever frequency. It seems like a waste of space/ink to mention such "slogans" if the format is NEWS and/or TALK. Just my thoughts.

My route changed, naturally, at the last minute, but basically, it was from Jacksonville, NC to Port Matilda, PA (State College, PA area). What I'm listing is primarily slogan changes and some observations. Wayne - I apologize for not being able to confirm any silent stations either way. Slogan Based on AM Log Frequency Callsign State City Details

#### Same 550.0 WGR NY Buffalo "Sports Radio 5-50"

Addition 890.0 WKNV VA Fairlawn "Joy 8-90 AM"; "Today's Southern Gospel Ministry" Variation 900.0 WCPA PA Clearfield "The Oldies Station"

Format & Slogan Change 970.0 WBLF PA Bellefonte "The Talk Station" Variation 980.0 WTEM DC Washington "Sports-Talk 9-80"

New Slogan 1080.0 WWNL PA Pittsburgh "The Station That Changes How You Feel" Addition 1230.0 WITH MD Baltimore "Where your opinion counts"; + "News Talk Radio"

Uncertain - See Details 1230.0 WFVA VA Fredericksburg Fox Radio; "News Talk 12-30" {Hrd on a Chicketain - See Details 1230.0 WEVA VA Predericksburg Fox Radio; News Taik 12-30 {http: Sum - Game Day Pgm?} Same 1270.0 WCBC MD Cumberland "The News Station" New Slogan 1310.0 WBFD PA Bedford "Unforgettable 13-10"; "Unforgettable Favorites" Observation 1330.0 WBHV PA Somerset References to "Solid Gospel dot Com" Network Pgm? New Slogan 1340.0 WTRN PA Tyrone "WTRN, Where the listening is easy." See 1490 kHz 1340.0 WVCV? VA Orange 1490 IDs for 1340; no separate 1340 ID heard New Slogan 1350.0 WLLY NC Wilson "The Big Sound" Nes Slogan back 1420.0 WVCY? VA Orange ESPN Badio only "clogon" heard, oven on brock

No Slogan heard 1430.0 WKEX VA Blacksburg ESPN Radio only "slogan" heard - even on breaks in Pām

No Slogan heard 1450.0 WIZS NC Henderson Country music as per AM Log

New Slogan 1490.0 WCVA VA Culpeper Heavy QRM from WTOP IBOC - IBOC as it's truest form of QRM! Slogan: "America's Best Music."

News Network Note 1590.0 WHPY NC Clayton US Radio Network News

Regarding 1340 and 1490 - All I ever heard were IDs for 1490. The programming on 1340 and 1490 seemed to be the same, but I hesitate to call it a simulcast. For the most part, the 1340 station was weak - I do note that the mailing addresses for both WCVA-1490 and WVCV-1340 are identical. A newspaper (30 OCT 2005) in Port Matilda showed the following formats to be different than in the AM Log (I did not personally confirm... grabbed the paper on the way out of town, sigh):

920 WKVA Lewistown News and Country Music 1430 WVAM Altoona Country Music and Sports (MH-NC) Theo Donnelly (Vancouver BC) Sends along the following:

I had a brief conversation with Shusma Datt of IT Productions in Burnaby, BC this afternoon... she's the head honcho of the company that's gotten the licence for the fourth "ethnic" station in Greater Vancouver. My main inquiry was to find out a time frame for being on air, and she's hoping for May or June of 2006. Apparently, the major problem is getting the towers up! There just aren't that many facilitators around for this work, and as she pointed out, this is the first AM broadcast project in the Vancouver region since CKST migrated from Langley to Delta, and at the same time switched from 800 to 1040, which I can't date... mebbe very early 90's? There will be two towers, and as far as she was able to express non-technically, the major null will be night-time towards the SE, "to protect a station in Texas". Oh, you mean WOAI in San Antonio, says I... don't smirk: it impressed her. Major hopeful coverage will be all of Greater Vancouver with the eastern lobe covering as far out as Abbotsford in the Fraser Valley (a major South Asian/Punjabi-speaking area), and to the west and south out over the east coast of Vancouver Island down into Victoria, though to me (AND DON'T QUOTE ME - though if I said it I can't complain) that's "pie-in-the-sky" coverage hype. I was curious about the designation as an "ethnic", as in CRTC-talk this means multi-lingual. Sundays will have other than the major South Asian languages (i.e. Hindi/Punjabi). Her first offering was Italian! Well, there's a long history in this area of skirmishing amongst the ethnic stations in providing Italian producers their access to the airwaves, so the fight continues. Again, don't quote me, I don't want the Godfather after me <grin>. Other languages she threw into the possible mix for Sundays were mostly South Asian peripheral: Afghani, Bengali, Tamil, Sinhalese (that one raised my interest but she claims a local community of 10,000), Malay, and Pilipino.

You read it here first. And...

Oops, just tried that Webshots' link of Vanc, transmitter pics in my original message and for some reason it doesn't work. Try this if you're inclined! http://community.webshots.com/album/ 197002392XEcLBS (TD-BC)

#### Pat Martin sends along the following:

Date posted: 2005-11-21

The Guard Shack Caper: FCC Fines Missouri Station

Missouri station KNSX(FM) owes the FCC \$18,000. The agency fined the station, owned by Twenty-One Sound Communications, for not keeping its EAS equipment operating and not maintaining a proper main studio. As the FCC tells the tale, a Kansas City field agent inspected the main studio, which consisted of an unmarked guard shack located at the entrance to a gated residential area not far from the transmitter. The community paid for the guards, so the shack was staffed 24 hours a day. The agency said the shack had no microphone, production or transmission equipment, and that the guard on duty said he couldn't control the transmitter from that location. During the inspection of the unattended transmitter site, the FCC said, its agent also found the EAS encoder/decoder set on manual mode and not able to automatically re-transmit the required weekly tests. Twenty-One Sound alleged it didn't break the EAS rules because its system was not functional for less than 60 days; but the FCC said in its decision there is no "free 60-day pass" to operate without functional EAS equipment. As far as the guard shack, the broadcaster said the guard on duty during the inspection was the station manager and knew how to work the transmitter but was flustered during the inspection. Although the studio/shack had only one phone line, it argued, the guards had cell phones and could use those and also make calls from a nearby building. The FCC said the company did not provide proof that it maintained the additional phone capacity and the main studio fine was upheld. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Deane McIntyre of Calgary, AB:

The move of CKDO-1350 Oshawa ON to 1580 has been approved by the CRTC. This move became possible when CHUC-1450 moved to FM instead of using their CP to move to 1580. 1580 was of course the frequency for 50 kW CBJ which moved to FM some years ago. When CBJ was on 1580 they were directional to the west making then a easy log here in Alberta

CKDO Oshawa - Technical changes

1. The Commission approves the application by Durham Radio Inc. (Durham) to amend the broadcasting licence for the radio programming undertaking CKDO Oshawa, in order to change the frequency from 1,350 kHz to 1,580 kHz.

2. The Commission also approves Durham's request to change CKDO's authorized contours by increasing the night-time transmitter power from 5,000 watts to 10,000 watts.

3. The licensee advised that the proposed changes will allow the station to operate with 10,000 watts at all times and provide a more consistent coverage, particularly to communities east of Oshawa.

4. The Commission received interventions in support of this application.

5. The Commission reminds the licensee that, pursuant to section 22(1) of the Broadcasting Act, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry notifies the Commission that its technical requirements Have been met, and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued. (PM-OR)

#### Art Blair passes on the following:

A return to the radio waves

Student-run station WQHS is back on the air but still faces some challenges. By Ross Avila. November 23, 2005

The radio frequency 730 AM was blasting static last semester. But after an eight-month hiatus, Penn's student-run radio station is finally back on the air. The transition, however, has not been easy. WQHS -- completely separate from Penn's professionally run radio station WXPN -- suspended all broadcasting for the spring semester during its relocation to Hollenbeck Hall, located by the South Street Bridge, from their old home in Wayne Hall on campus. With such programming as an all-Beatles show, an all-80s show and a hip hop show that mixes its music live, organizers say the radio

station is making a comeback. "We still have lots of work to do." WQHS Program Manager Bob Jobin said. It's been a pretty good semester so far." The College senior said that the station suspended broadcasting last semester because of difficulties related to the move as well as efforts to secure newer, better equipment -- efforts which Jobin said have not proven very successful. However, simple technological advances have allowed WQHS to broadcast a high-quality stream via popular music program iTunes. "We've been able to update our capacity so the quality of the stream is much better than it was last year," Jobin said. He noted that the quality of the iTunes stream has increased six-fold to a quality comparable to that of MP3 files. Jobin said he is hopeful that things will improve for the radio station, whose difficulties have included aging equipment, lack of student awareness and logistical issues. One such logistical issue resulted when Kelly Connell -- a Penn alumna with a master's degree in human sexuality education -- attempted to start a WQHS show dedicated to sex called "Sex Talk with Kelly." The show was suspended after one broadcast because Connell, not being a current student, had no way of gaining access to the radio station in order to host her show. Jobin said that he and Connell are still trying to work out the kinks in her broadcast, but he expects that Connell's show will air full-time starting in January. It will feature calls from listeners, contain sex trivia games and have plenty of music. Connell said that she decided to start a show after discovering that many Penn students engage in risky sexual behavior. "I've been trying to find an avenue for sexual issues and sexual health," Connell said. "There is a lot of misinformation out there." In order for shows like Connell's to affect Penn students, Jobin acknowledged the need for WQHS to reach out more to the Penn community. Many students, such as Wharton sophomore Slavena Bardarova, seem to have no idea that Penn even has a student-run radio station. "If I knew it existed, I would definitely be interested" in listening, Bardarova said. Jobin said that more should be done to increase student awareness of the station, but that right now he and the rest of the staff is mainly focused on getting the station up and running consistently. "This semester we've gone on [Locust] Walk a couple times," Jobin said, noting that WQHS staff passed out programming schedules, fliers and bumper stickers. The station has many long-term goals -- such as the creation of an in-studio performance space for live bands to play on the air. But for now, Jobin said that he is just looking forward to finishing unpacking all the equipment from the move. (AB-CA)

## Gary Jackson sends along the following:

From 10/27/05 issue of the Fresno Bee:

The Radio Hour of Fresno's First Armenian Presbyterian Church as reached its fifth anniversary. The program airs 11 AM Sundays on KIRV, AM 1510. The weekly Armenian-language broadcast includes Scriptural messages plus sacred and contemporary music. Tom Herr has been named director of community affairs for KBIF, AM 900. Herr, who was the station's sales manager, will focus on public relations and government affairs between KBIF and the Hmong community. (GJ-CA)

Tim Noonan sends along the following:

Tim Noonan sends along his usual monthly list of AM station changes. Thanks, Tim! (TN-WI)

#### Contributors:

Art Blair, Rocklin, CA (AB-CA) Theo Donnelly, Vancouver, BC (TD-BC) Mike Hardester, Jacksonville, NC (MH-NC) Gary Jackson, Hanford, CA (GJ-CA) Pat Martin, Seaside, OR (PM-OR) Tim Noonan, Oak Creek, WI (TN-WI) Dale Park, Honolulu, HI (DP-HI)

DATE OF COLUMN: 11/25/05. Well, hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving, it's the Friday after Thanksgiving, getting ready to go shopping! Bargains galore! Hope the holiday season produces much great DX for everyone. 73's.

## WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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- (MAS) Mary Anne Sanford-P.O. Box 17551-Portland, OR 97217-0551 ke7cgz@arrl.net IC-746PRO with G5RV "Junior" @ 31' SE/NW using Ham Radio Deluxe V3.3 and Spectran V2 Audio Spectrum Analyzer \*\*\*\*\*\*
- KUGN OR, Eugene 11/12 0400 fair with "KUGN Eugene" ID. (CM-CA) 590
- KEAR CA, San Francisco 11/12 2100 ID "Without commercial interruption this is 610 KEAR 610 San Francisco," trading dominance with KAVL Lancaster, and playing Christian hymns on piano. Ex-KFRC. (MS-CA)
- 700 WLW OH. Cincinnati 11/18 0120 fair signal with "The Big One, 700 WLW" into call-in program, New. (DR-OR)
- KXLX WA, Airway Heights 11/25 0240 ESPN strong, easy listening QRM. (MAS-OR)
- KIRO WA, Seattle 11/25 0245 talk radio. (MAS-OR) 710
- KDWN <u>NV</u>, Las Vegas 11/25 0250 strong with strong 2191Hz tone -20 db with steady, sidebands about 100hz on each side. (MAS-OR) 720
- KULE WA, 11/12 2338 "KULE AM" ID followed by Fox Sports Radio programming with good 730 signal on peaks. New. (DR-OR)
- NM, Albuquerque 11/12 0630 good with "Coast to Coast AM on KKOB" mention. 770 **KKOB** (CM-CA)
  - KTTH WA, Seattle 11/23 0303 weak, conservative talk show with lots of QRM. (MAS-OR)
- NV, Reno 11/25 0305 news & weather of Nevada, "Talk of Nevada," lots of QRM. 780 KKOH (MAS-OR)
- KJRB WA, Spokane 11/13 0125 with "KJRB Spokane is 790 The Fan" ID, poor. New. 790 (DR-OR)
  - CFCW AB, Camrose 11/25 0315 C&W, faded in not bad. (MAS-OR)
- CA, San Francisco 11/25 0327 talk radio. (MAS-OR) 810 KGO
- WBAP TX, Fort Worth 11/12 0530 fair with WBAP ID. (CM-CA) 820 KGNW WA, Burien 11/25 0330 Christian talk radio, some QRM. (MAS-OR)
- 830
- WCCO MN, Minneapolis 11/18 0309 fair signal with WCCO Weather Center forecast under CKKY Wainwright, AB. New at this location. Haven't heard WCCO in guite a while. (DR-OR)
  - CKKY AB, Wainwright 11/25 0345 clear ID and C&W, ad for thermal underwear and Battleford Furniture. Has a small town sound. (MAS-OR)
- WHAS KY, Louisville 11/12 0700 in poor with "WHAS Louisville" ID. (CM-CA) 840
- 870 KRLA CA, Glendale 11/23 1919 with traffic report and ID "From the KRLA Traffic Center." (BB-AZ)
- KRVN NE, Lexington 11/8 0056 religious programming into complete ID. Weather forecast 880 for Nebraska and Kansas followed at 0103 then into Midnight Trucking Radio Network. Very good signal. (DR-OR)
  - +11/12 0805-0815 ads for businesses in Lexington and vicinity. Had to wait for ID. Strong at times in Victorville, CA. (RA-CA)
- AB, Drumheller 11/25 1154 good on top of KKSN with C&W music and a cluster of 910 CKDQ spots. Canadian Tire, spots tagged "In Drumheller." (PM-OR)
- **KVIN** 920
- CA, Ceres 11/12 0450 good with "920 The Vine" slogan. (CM-CA) AZ, Flagstaff 11/12 0825 ad for an auto dealership in Phoenix, ID "Classic Country 930 KAFF 930 KAFF" into country song. Heard in Victorville, CA. (RA-CA)
- TX, Amarillo 11/1 2137 with "KIXZ" ID. (BB-AZ) 940 KIXZ
- KTTO WA, Spokane 11/25 good and totally dominant, no sign of Portland, ID at 1200 970 "KTTO Spokane, AM 970 is Sacred Heart Radio, Catholic Radio for the Inland Empire and Northern Idaho." (PM-OR)
- 1000 KOMO WA. Seattle 11/10 0941 traffic report for Tacoma and areas of Pierce County. QRM from KCEO Vista, CA and HD signal carry-over from KTNQ-1020 Los Angeles. (RA-CA)
- CBR <u>AB</u>, Calgary 11/12 0600 good with CBC Overnight program. (CM-CA) KTWO <u>WY</u>, Casper 11/12 0500 good with KTWO ID. (CM-CA) 1010
- 1030 XESDD BCN, Tecate 11/12 0505 in good with "ESPN Deportes" slogan. How many watts does station put out? (CM-CA)
- 1060 CKMX AB, Calgary 11/25 0402 very strong with clear "Classic Country AM 1060." (MAS-OR)
- KZSJ CA, San Martin 11/12 1100 Q Stick in good with "KZSJ San Martin, San Jose" ID. 1120 (CM-CA)
- BC, Vancouver 11/9 0006 weather in C degrees, Canadian election results. Very weak, QRM from what may have been KSDO San Diego. (RA-CA) CKWX 1130
- **KFAQ** OK, Tulsa 11/14 0203 fair under KPUG Bellingham, WA with ID. (DR-OR) 1170
- AZ, Willcox 11/11 0300 poor with announcement about Willcox and a KHIL ID, using 1250 KHIL Q Stick. (CM-CA)
- 1260 KOIT CA. San Francisco 11/11 0235 poor with Christmas music and KOIT ID. Kind of early to play Christmas music. Using Q Stick. (CM-CA)
- NV, Sparks 11/11 0225 good with "The Buzz" slogan, using Q Stick. (CM-CA) 1270 KBZZ
- KAZA CA, Gilroy 11/11 0245 fair with KAZA ID, using Q Stick. (CM-CA) 1290
- KCTC CA, Sacramento 11/12 1230 noted with new talkradio format, using Q Stick. (CM-CA) 1320

- 1360 CA. San Diego 11/3 0055 fair with S.D. Gulls vs Long Beach Ice Dogs hockey. ECHL KLSD hockey promo and ID. (MS-CA)
  - KRKK WY, Rock Springs 11/9 2338 fabulous signal with long fades, often dominant. Good Times Great Oldies jingle, classic tunes by Gary Puckett, The Main Ingredient and Ray Charles. They get some real horsepower with 1kw. First logged as KVRS in early 70's. (MS-CA)
- CA, El Centro 11/12 0900 C&W music followed by "K-West 1430 El Centro, Brawley, KWST 1430 Calexico," owner mentioned. ABC news followed. In & out, weak. First time heard in Yermo, CA. (RA-CA)
- CA, Ventura 11/9 1717-1722 ID between the Rolling Stones and Roy Orbison. 1450 **KVEN** Sounded distant, little QRM from local 1460 KTYM, Heard in Inglewood, CA. (RA-CA)
- 1460 KABL
- CA. Salinas 11/12 0230 poor with KABL ID. (CM-CA) CA. Port Hueneme 11/17 0918 with ID and a phone-in contest. (BB-AZ) 1520 KVTA
- KOKC OK, Oklahoma City 11/9 0001-0005 with local weather, elections and news, suddenly faded away. (RA-CA)
- 1570 KSXT CO, Loveland 11/25 a mix of stations at 0659. Spots, "KSXT Loveland" ID going into CNN News. Listed as 18 watts. They sounded like it too. (PM-OR)
- ID, Blackfoot 10/30 0130 good over KSMH northern CA, with sports programming. KBLI 1620 Local TIS WPGG527 in Lakewood is silent again. (MS-CA)
- 1640 KDZR OR, Lake Oswego 11/12 0300 fair with "KDZR Lake Oswego, Portland" ID, Radio Disney. (CM-CA)
- UNID
- 1300 TIS CA, Davis 11/12 1200 in fair using Q Stick, mentioning Davis Fire Department, and talking about weather forecast for Bay Area. Does anyone know the call letters of station? (CM-CA)

Thanks to our reporters this week. Nancy 11/25 2100

## CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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#### **RIDING GAIN**

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#### DOWN THE DIAL

- 610 KEAR CA, San Francisco. 11-20, poor. 22:59 with "Thanks for listening to radio 6-10, KEAR San Francisco." [NJ-MT]
- 740 CBX AB. Edmonton, 11-24 good, 22:02 with CBC News, Edmonton weather, ID "You're listening to CBC Radio One. 740 in Edmonton." [NJ-MT]
  - NM, Carlsbad. TENTATIVE. 11-21 very poor. 22:00 with possible ID. [NJ-MT] KATK
- 1220 KDDR ND, Oakes. 11-19. 23:00 with "This is Dakota Country Radio. KOVC Valley City, KDDR Oakes, and KDAK Carrington" into local spot. [NJ-MT]

#### 25 YEARS AGO

December 6, 1980 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Mark Connelly of Billerica, MA discussed Radio Paradise's move to 825 making it easier for DXers to log ... Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA told about the 2300' Beverage that he, Jef Jaisun, and Phil Bytheway constructed ... Bill Wurtzel of New York, NY mentioned traveling to Philadelphia for a DX session.

### **OPEN MIKE**

Now that we're all stuffed from Thanksgiving Dinner, it's time to start making the Christmas list for the year. What do you want for Christmas? This column was typed 11-26-05. 73, John

## EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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|                        | Drake R8B, 135' N/S LW, Sangean ATS 909, Sony 2010   |

|         |       |            | Your Life on AM 580, WELO".                                      | (IEN-GA)  |
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| 640     | ΤN    | WCRV       | Copllierville 11/18 1759 ID into USA Network News.               | (WM-MD)   |
| 910     | ΤN    | WEPG       | South Pittsburg 11/18 C&W mx; TC; ID; WX.                        | (WM-MD)   |
| 920     | KΥ    | WTCW       | Whitesburg 11/17 1915 "Oldies 9-20", ID.                         | (WM-MD)   |
|         | WI    | WOKV       | Milwaukee 11/17 1709 ID; NOS mx.                                 | (WM-MD)   |
| 1110    | NC    | WBT        | Charlotte 11/24 1708 Talk. Numerous Id's. Nice signal.           | (CJG-KY)  |
| 1190    | ΤN    | WSDQ       | Dunlap 11/20 1822 ID "WSDQ" followed by country music song.      | Battling  |
|         |       |            | Colts-Bengals NFL game on frequency.                             | (RJ-NC)   |
| 1340    | AL    | WFMH       | Cullman 11/22 1759 TOH ID, "1340, WFMH-Cullman." Then int        | o network |
|         |       |            | news.  | (RJ-NC)   |
|         |       | WLSG       | Wilmington 11/24 0000 "Solid Gospel 1340" TOH ID, Poor.          | (LF-FL)   |
|         | ΤN    | WLOK       | Memphis 11/22 0100 TOH ID, Fair, "The Gospel station in Mem      |           |
|         |       |            | now the world AM 1340 WLOK" NEW.                                 | (LF-FL)   |
| 1420    | OH    | WHK        | Cleveland 11/17 1855 ID hrd in mess.                             | (WM-MD)   |
| 1470    | VA    | WTZE       | Tazewell 11/17 1800 ID; New.                                     | (WM-MD)   |
| 1580    | AL    | WVOK       | Oxford 11/21 2157 "The Greatest Hits of All Time, 1580, WVOK     |           |
|         |       |            | oldies.  | (RJ-NC)   |
| 1700    | FL    | WJCC       | Miami Springs 11/21 0752 Guitar and accordion music. Man and     |           |
|         |       |            | speaking in French/Haitian. Telecom ad played at 0755 in English |           |
|         |       |            | W/slight fading & static. "Planet 17".                           | (IEN-GA)  |
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Thanks to EVERYONE this week!! A special welcome to Russ Johnson, Please report often!! YES, I actually found some time this past week to "Auto DX". That seems to be about the only way I can find time to DX now. Still reviewing files. I even found some files from last season that I have not listened 

# DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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all times UTC

### Greetings everyone,

A bit of everything this week, TA's, LA's, TP's, AK's, & HI's. So away we go.

### TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

189 ICELAND, 11/26 0100 UTC with poor audio, then at 0420 varving between weak to medium. 0300-0400 pop vocals by only females. I did not hear any male singing. Poor audio on 162 & 171 too. (SR-OR)

## PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 530 CAICOS, RVC, strong signal as usual, ID as "530 Caicos Island West Indies" at 0702 11/22 after rel. pgm ended. (SR-OR)
- GRENADA, man reading news 0704 11/22, weak. (SR-OR)

### TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 279 RUSSIA, Yuzho-Sakhalin, RR YL at 0720 11/26, in at S5-S7 with lightning static. (CN-BC)
- HAWAII, Wailuku, KMVI good o/KOAC with cluster of local spots at 0817 11/28. One for 550 Valley Island Motors "celebrate Christmas and KMVI...." (PM-OR)
- HAWAII, Lihue, KQNG mixing with KVI at 0728 11/28 with anmts and spots and a contest 570 mention and "KONG". (PM-OR)
- HAWAII, Honolulu, KSSK good on top of KUGN with "You Can Do Magic, a 1982 hit on 590 KSSK" At 0822 11/28. (PM-OR)
- 594 JAPAN, Tokyo, JOAK in with fair signal, woman in JJ 0936 11/22. (DV-WA)
- 774 JAPAN, Akita JOUB in briefly with fair signal, then faded out at 0920 11/22. (DV-WA)
- 882.1 UNID, hrd weak audio woman singing opera, Fair carrier 1015 UTC 11/25, faded out 1025. EWE antenna pointed SW at 200 degrees. (DV-WA) (Probably NK I would guess especially off frequency. The EWE lobe in so wide, my SW EWE gets Northern Asians. PM)

- 1060 **HAWAII**, Hilo, KHBC good on top with promo for "Earth & Sky" Program on KHBC. Mentioned BB King is 80 years old. Into Hawaii pops at 0815 11/28. (PM-OR)
- 1110 ALASKA, Big Lake KAGV mostly under KBND/KFAB, occ mixing hrd Christian mx 0825 "The finest Christian music on Alaska's KAGV" At 0830 "Christian Radio 1110 KAGV" This station seems to ID a lot, hard to hear very well with KBND/KFAB, both running CtoC. (PM-OR)
- 1566 **REP. KOREA**, Cheji, HLAZ hrd with weak signal 1033 with man in JJ 11/22. (DV-WA)

#### THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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- DV-WA DENNIS VROOM, Vancouver WA vroomski@comcast.net JRC 545, 50' EWE, 5' PVC Loop
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#### VERY MIGHTY GRAYLAND DXPEDITION (cont) Plus Harold H. Beverage's birthday party October 13 – 16, 2005

- 1116 **UNID** 13:46 'Talk Radio' mentioned. Fair to good on the SW Beverage. When switched to the NW, a CC station appeared. 15/Oct/2005. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
- 1125t **CHINA**, unID. 1341 15 Oct. CC talk by woman and man with about 1 second echo (a parallel?) then at 1400, bunch of pips, no IDs on hour, or obliterated by splash. One set of pips sounded like the standard slow CC pips 5 low, one high, except it was 9 low and one high, perhaps two sets of offset CC pips? (NHP-WA)
  - + 1440 10/15 2 stations in Chinese, one had woman w/significant echo, the other had phone talk show. I've heard the latter a few times before but still haven't ID'ed it. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + Fair Chinese at 1741 Oct. 15. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 18 1200 Heard at TOH with CNR Time Pips and into presumed news in standard CC. Will review recording. May have been Hubei Economic Radio, Wuhan, but that is rather far inland. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1125 JAPAN NHK2 Synchros, Oct 14 0941 Noted in passing at poor to fair level on several occasions. Like other NHK2 synchros this trip, was never strong enough to catch the local ID at 1319 UTC... over an hour before dawn. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- + 1046 Oct. 14 fair and parallel NHK2. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- 1125 **UNID** Oct 14 1344 Not sure who is hear. Oriental language fading up to fair/good at times. Does not sound CC, though. Taking phone calls. By 13:57 became cochannel with a CC station it seems. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
- 1134 JAPAN JOQR Tokyo, Oct 14 0945 Noted here throughout the DXpedition, often at excellent levels. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + w/KOREA KBS Liberty 1 Kimpo, Oct 14 1605 Both strong and cochannel. An interesting mix! (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + And KBS Liberty 1 1353 Always a battle, with both stations about equal in strength and cochannel with their own programs. Both at good level. 15/Oct/2005. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
- 1134 **SOÚTH KORÉA** Kimpo, KBS Liberty 1. 1257 15 Oct. Woman in KK //972; fighting w/JJ talk. Fair. (NHP-WA)
- + 1522 10/16 pop vocal o/Japan //972/1170. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1140 ALASKA KSLD Soldotna, rising on top of a phased jumble with ID at 0941 Oct. 15. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 0953 10/15 surfaced briefly w/"11-40, KSLD... classic rock" ID, into Steve Miller song. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1152 **JAPAN** Kochi JORB, 1500 10/16 fair at s/off w/anmt by woman, time pips, call ID, then anthem. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1152 **JAPAN** JOPC Kushiro, 14:20 NHK2 with Italian lessons, in parallel to 828. Fair to good. 15/Oct/2005. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
- JAPAN NHK2 Synchros, Oct 14 1004 Noted here throughout the DXpedition, often at fair to good levels, but never at 1319 for local station IDs. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
   TAIWAN BED86//89 BCC Country Network, Oct 14 1557 Traditional CC vocals, which I had
- 1161t **TAIWAN** BED86//89 BCC Country Network, Oct 14 1557 Traditional CC vocals, which I had thought should be CNR1, but not parallel to the usual SW outlets. No time pips at the top of the hour. I'll have to post and see if anyone can identify the station. Quite well heard in the clear (for a changel). I'll need help with this one. Possibly Taiwan? Seems more likely. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + p, Oct 17 1525 Probably this one, heard very late with Chinese opera from early dynasty. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + With Chinese sounding talk (supposedly Taiwanese dialect) at fair level including the little jingle I always hear on them. (CH-WA Oct 2005)

- 1161 **UNID** 1117 10/16 symphonic music fair, have heard this on previous expeditions but never ID'ed it, possibly Taiwan. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1170 ALASKA North Pole, KJNP, 0537 10/15 battling KLOK/KPUG but mostly atop w/nonstop bluegrass gospel music, 0555 short religious program, 0600 "...Gospel Voice of the Arctic, KJNP & \_\_\_\_ FM, North Pole, Alaska" into AP news. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 16 0500 Very good reception with full D as Alaska's Gospel station, KJNP North Pole Alaska and KAHA, Houston Alaska. Into network news. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + Excellent! 0500 with end of religious program, temp of 24 degrees, "You are tuned to 1170, your gospel radio KJNP North Pole Alaska and KJAJ Houston Alaska". Stunningly good. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 10/15 0859 utc. "KJNP North Pole" ident. (Ratzlaff Oct 2005)
  - + 0900 15 Oct. "You're tuned to 1-1-7-oh, your gospel station KJNP" by man after male vocal religious music. Monstrous signal dominating channel. (NHP-WA)
- 1170 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSR Gimje, 1155 10/15, KKI Japanese service mixing w/US stations. Chinese program //6135 1325, note that VOA-Philippines is also listed w/CC (Cantonese) at this time. All alone with Liberty program //972 1520 10/16. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 15 1325 Noted and paralleled this thanks to Bruce Portzer and PAL //6135 and totally dominating this channel. Also heard Oct. 16 // to 5975 and also on Oct.17. New for me. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1179 **JAPAN** JOOR Osaka, Oct 14 1007 Heard here with Japanese talk by two males at fair to good level. Also noted Oct. 17 and 18. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + At a pleasingly good level (resulting in no 1180 problem) 1331 Oct. 14. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1357 MBS network at fair to good level. 15/Oct/2005. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + Good with the typical laughing young female member of Japanese radio shows, 1437 Oct. 16. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- 1179 UNID 0329 & 0406 10/15 het on low side of 1180. Probably Sweden. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1188 JAPAN JOKP Kitami NHK1, 1442 Oct 16 parallel to 594. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 17 1512 Typical NHK1 talk program // 594, mixing with probable FEBC station near Seoul. Fair level. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
     SOUTH KOREA Seoul, HLKX, 1113 10/16, man in American English mentioned "Radio" but
- 1188 **SOUTH KOREA** Seoul, HLKX, 1113 10/16, man in American English mentioned "Radio" but couldn't figure out context. Fair w/much KEX splatter. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + p, Oct 17 1515 Presume this FEBC station (running Christian hymns) was the one mixing with JOKP at fair level. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1197 CHINA unid under JOWL Oct 14 at 1031. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- + 1222 10/14 man & woman alternating in Chinese o/u Japan, 5 stations listed. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1197 **JAPÁN** JOWL Asahikawa, Oct 14 1028 // 1440 no problem to get a parallel on 1440 as it is on top of the channel on Asian mornings. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - Oct 17 1514 Noted this 3 kW relay of JOWF 1440 almost every AM of DXpedition at threshold levels. It finally peaked late this AM to a 'poor' level and proved to be // 1440 as expected. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1197 JAPAN JOFO Fukuoka one of the three taking turns on 1197 1038 Oct. 14, ID'ed by parallel with 1278. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- 1197 **JAPAN** STV translators, 1156 10/15 Billy Joel song good //1440. 1109 10/16 Japanese pop tune //1440 mixing w/woman in Chinese. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1205.97 **CHINA** YANGBIAN RGD/CNR Korean Svc Yangbian, Jilin, Oct 14 1025 Noted here in KK throughout the DXpedition, often at excellent levels. Has been off frequency for some days now. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1206 CHINÀ Ýanbian, 1118 10/15 Yanbian RGD quite loud w/music, 1245 10/16 female operatic. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1215p CHINA CNR-7 Guangdong, Oct 18 1249 Presume this one in standard Chinese at good level. Not // CNR-1 or CNR-2. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1215 UNID TA carrier w/bits of audio at times 0158 10/15. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1224t **CHINA** CNR Shenzhou zhi Sheng, Fujian, Oct 14 1552 Here's my guess for this station weakly heard with easy listening instrumentals, possibly oriental sounding. Almost 9 am local. Starting to fade badly. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
- 1224 JAPAN JOJK Kanizawa, Oct 14 1025 // NHK1 on 594. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- 1230 ALASKA Sitka, KIFW, 0323 10/16, faded up briefly w/"AM 12-30 KIFW" ID by woman, then lost in jumble. May have been the one noted earlier w/oldies. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + 0504 15 Oct. ID by woman after public service announcement. Fair and mostly dominant on channel. This one is commonplace offshore, but nice surprise to hear it on land. (NHP-WA)
     + 10/16 1231 utc. "KIFW" ident by female. (Ratzlaff Oct 2005)
  - Noted at various times during the DXpedition, always using the slogan "today's hits and yesterday's favorites". Alaskan graveyarder... what next? (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF Tokyo, Oct 14 0938 Heard here with usual late evening pops programming at fair level. Also noted on Oct. 17 and 18. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1524 10/14, still excellent w/pop vocal music. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1435 Presumed logging, often at good strength. Mentioned a www address. Another het present on 1242.4. 15/Oct. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)

- 1242 VIETNAM Hanoi, Voice of Vietnam, 1116 10/15, VoV Foreign Service noted o/JOLF, woman in Asian accented English, many mentions of Vietnam, guickly faded u/JOLF. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1120 Oct 15 mixing with Japan who normally owns the channel. Earlier there had been an English program which Bruce Portzer alerted me to. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - Oct 15 1120 Fair level, over and under JOLF Tokyo (running a baseball game) with nice Vietnamese traditional music; mentions of Vietnam at 1127, then deep fade until returning weakly at 1136. Bruce Portzer noted Vietnam 1242 in English earlier in the hour. (Atkins-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN Sendai, JOIR 1101 10/15 JJ talk atop domestics. (bp WA Oct 2005) 1260
- 1269 JAPAN Tokushima, JOJR. 1622 14 Oct. Woman in rapid JJ, but not //1287, so JOJR seemed possible with its nice coastal. NE facing location on Shikoku. At 1634. noted //1242 with woman in JJ, still fair. (NHP-WA)
- CHINA Hebei RGD, Tangshan, Oct 16 1324 Probably this one in standard CC, based on 1278t location (near Beijing) and 100 kW. power. God help me, I swear that I recognized one of the announcers from CNR-2 (tho' this wasn't // to them). I'll write CNR and see if they can confirm who this was. Ideas??? (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- CHINA Unid, 1258 10/14, Chinese talk fair-nil, noticable echo as though 2 stns on same 1278 network with slight delay, time pips partially buried in noise 1300. Similar thing 1435 w/loud echo, ads anmts etc in Chinese. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + t, 1240 15 Oct. CC talk "guangbo dientai" at 1239, but can't dig out anything futher. Fair mixing w/JJ; sounded echoey, as if two stations w/same program. At 1400 16 Oct, this was mixing w/JJ but mostly dominant, it had been echoey before the hour; no pips on hour (except for one from the Japanese I think), and no obvious "renmin guangbo dientai" heard as man talked across the hour. Then what sounded like a jingle sung by woman. (NHP-WA)
  - + Good to very good Chinese with big echo as is heard on CNR1 often. "...renmin guangbo dientai" UD at 1436 but can't understand the first word. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 15 14:36 Echo present in Chinese, so I'm assuming 2 transmitters with slight delay between the two. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + CNR 1047 10/16 good w/"Zhongyang Renmin Guangbo Dientai" ID, not //CNR1 so probably CNR2. Not sure if this is a full time CNR station or a provincial/local station relaying the CNR. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN JOFR Fukuoka, Oct 14 1020 Usual late evening pops and discussion programming 1278 heard here at fair level. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN JOHR Sapporo, Oct 14 1010 HBC's key station continues as the most reliable 1287 commercial station in Japan. Noted here throughout the DXpedition, often at excellent levels. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 15 14:38 An almost 10 in signal strength. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + 0653 10/16 already good w/JJ talk. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 16 1450 Beautiful signal of female vocals and EZL music-- S-9+20db! Parallel to another loud HBC network station on 1269 (JOFM Esahi 1 kw, or JOHW Obihiro, 5 kw). Announcements at 1459 with interjection in English 'Yankee stay tuned... it's baseball! (Atkins-WA Oct 2005)
- 1287 UNID someone under Japan 1451 Oct. 15, sounds Chinese but with it being under Japan I could be fooled by Korean. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- CHINA unknown site with fair talk 1441 Oct. 15 with no sign of Japan. (CH-WA Oct 2005) 1296
- GERMANY 10/15 0344 utc weak audio. (Ratzlaff Oct 2005) 1296
- JAPAN Matsue, JOTK, 1208 10/14, JJ talk and Roy Clark's "Yesterday When I was Young" 1296 song //594, then lost u/unid. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1305p SOUTH KOREA HLSV Ulgin, Oct 14 1012 Presume this the one heard with Korean talk at good level. Also noted on Oct. 16. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- Horn Horn Nor Net Annin KK, nil to good //3930. (NHP-WA)
   NORWAY NRK Kvitsoy, Oct 14 0408 A presumed logging with weak audio heard for the first time this season. Grayland is not really set up for TA MW, but what the heck. Just after the 1314 TOH, there was a woman speaking, but too weak to make out any content. Hence, the presumed logging. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + 0228-0405 10/15 carrier sometimes producing fair-poor audio, mostly easy listening music, occasional talk by a woman. Not as good 0313 10/16 w/music. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + 0338 Oct. 15 the best of the 26 TA hets but still only occasional periods of audio. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 10/15 0339 utc. talk then pop music, poor/weak. (Ratzlaff Oct 2005)
  - + 0356 15 Oct. Traces of female talk poking through the splatter. Too early for TPs, and about 40 other carriers noted up to 0430. Audio traces weaker than this noted on 666, 675, 1053 and 1179. (NHP-WA)
- CHINA CRI Russian Svc. Jilin, Oct 14 1208 Heard here most mornings of DXpedition, often 1323 at good to excellent level. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1305 14 Oct. Woman talking in RR nil to fair //5990 but leading it slightly. (NHP-WA)
  - + CRI with fair Russian 1335 Oct. 14. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 15 14:43 Great reception from 14:43 until their sign-off at 14:59. Again, a near 10 in strength, with // 963 also exceptionally strong. I also found a SW parallel of 5905, listed with 500 kw in Kashi to Asia at 60 degrees. At 14:59, then said that the program 'zakonchila', and

'Do svidanva', just before the TOH. The music was very enjoyable, and was called 'Mother's Rain'. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)

- 1332 JAPAN JOSF Nagoya, Oct 14 1100 - Noted here throughout the DXpedition, often at fair level. Heard time pips and TBS ID at 1100 in fade, may have said call letters, too. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN Hiroshima, JOER, 1631 14 Oct. Woman and man in JJ //1242 poor to fair, sometimes 1350 dominating domestics. (NHP-WA)
  - 1414 10/16 man and woman in Japanese atop domestics. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- 1367 CHINA unid fair CC talk 1519 Oct. 15. Three stns listed, no idea which. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN JOTS Wakkanai, 1454 Oct, 16 fair and parallel to 1287, only 1 kw. (CH-WA Oct 2005) 1367
- JAPAN Wakkanai JOTS 1153 10/16 //1287 w/pop vocal fair, then ads. (bp WA Oct 2005) 1368
  - + Oct 16 1450 Really thrilled with this catch of 1 kW, repeater of HBCs key station, JOHR. Sapporo. Was running All Night Nippon. The other three JJ stations on this frequency are NHK1. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1377 CHINA CNR1 Zhenzhou, Henan, Oct 14 1447 - Heard here most mornings of DXpedition, often at good to excellent level // 5030. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + At such a nice level it is worth reporting 1248 Oct. 15, parallel 5030. CNR1 pips at 1300, ID, disco-ish mx. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - 1250 15 Oct. Rock mx good strength //5030. (NHP-WA)
- 1377 JAPAN NHK2 synchros, 110710/14, English lessons //1386/774/etc, fair-poor o/u China. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- RUSSIA R. Yunost, Vladivostok, Oct 14 1107 Heard here briefly with RR talk and elevator 1377 music on Oct 14, fighting with CNR 1 Zhengzhou. Heard better with IDs on Oct. 15. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1239 10/14 Russian talk briefly good, then lost u/China. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 15 12:40 Thanks to John Bryant for pointing out this one. Fair reception initially, with many modern Russian pop vocals Deep fades made following the program difficult, and they were cochannel with a CNR1 transmitter (// to 5030). At 12:58, I did hear 'Voskreseniye', which means Sunday. CNR dominated at 13:00, but at 13:02, they came back with weather for Moscow, and St. Petersburg, with highs at 21 and 18 deg C. Very nice! Radio Yunost ID at 13:03, and then they went into the music of 'Stairway to Heaven'. This station was also heard well the next day, and // to 621. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
    + Mixing with China at 1300 Oct. 15. (CH-WA Oct 2005)

  - + Oct 16 13:58 Initially good reception, but prone to very deep fades. Mostly Russian modern music. Parallel to a weaker 1008. Faded down by 1400 with a Chinese station becoming dominant. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + 1306 16 Oct. rock mx //1008; poor at best and battling with CNR1 signals. (NHP-WA)
- 1386 JAPAN Morioka, JOQC. 1641 14 Oct. Piece of solo violin mx, JOQC ID by man, and perhaps another ID by woman underneath, but haven't got it yet. Followed by anthem and mx box //774, 828, 1593, 747, 693, 1377, 1467 etc. This was at very good level; local sunrise had been 90 minutes earlier. (NHP-WA)
- JAPAN NHK2 synchros, 1039 10/14, pop music //774 briefly good, (bp WA Oct 2005) 1386 + Oct 14 1103 - Heard here most mornings of DXpedition, though usually only poorly. // 774
  - Nothing at local ID times. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005) + w/UNID nice mix of NHK2 stations and something else that rose on top briefly at 1133 Oct. 15. Sounds Korean. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1323 4 10 kw transmitters are listed for NHK2, so take a pick! Quite strong reception at 13:23 with light orchestral music, and parallel to 828. 15/Oct/2005. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Gravland, WA)
- 1404
- **DAPAN** JOQL Hokkaido 1450 Oct. 15 parallel to 1287, good level! (CH-WA Oct 2005) **PHILIPPINES** DWRA Super Radio, Baguio is the only Filipino listed here, and at 1459:40 I 1404 heard Tagalog and "ocho cinco, telefono...". At 1500 a single pip but was down a bit and no ID heard. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN JOIF Fukuoka, Oct 14 0946 Japanese talk by M+F at fair to poor level. Also noted 1413 on Oct. 18. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 14 1535 Still with strong signals at 15:36 with usual JJ light banter. (Salmaniw Oct 2005. Gravland, WA)
- JAPAN JORF Yokohama, Oct 17 1437 Heard in passing late on both the 17th and 18th with 1422 JJ talk programming. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1440 CHINA Chifeng RGD, Chifeng, Nei Menggu, Oct 15 1505 - Very happy with this logging of distinctive semi-classical, semi-Chinese music running mostly under JOWF on 1440 kHz. Thanks to PAL, I checked the SW parallel of 4785 Nei Menggu RGD and it was clearly parallel as per the PAL notation. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN JOWF Sapporo, Oct 14 1015 Noted here throughout the DXpedition, often at 1440 excellent levels, despite being on a 10 kHz. split channel. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - 1043 10/14 loud o/domestic w/Japanese talk. English lessons 0938 10/15 w/no domestic + QRM. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1452 Oct. 15 on top and almost alone on the channel. I'm always amazed when a TP owns a domestic channel. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 16 14:21 Good reception with Japanese bantering. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)

- **UNID** 1459 10/15 Chinese music mixing w/JOWF, non-CNR pips at 1500, both way atop 1440 domestics. Quickly faded. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- CHINA Unid 1108 10/15 woman in Chinese faded up briefly. (bp WA Oct 2005) 1449
- PHILIPPINES DWRF? Seeming Tagalog briefly fair at 1446 Oct. 14 and a few English words 1458 mixed in as the Filipinos like to do. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- **UNID** someone with chimes or a little musical interlude with chimes just before 1500 Oct 16, 1458 then 5+1 pips. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN 1504 10/16 music box IS //other NHK2 stations, good. (bp WA Oct 2005) 1467
- 1475 MALAYSIA not heard. Not even a carrier at various rechecks throughout the three nights. Is anybody hearing this? (NHP-WA)
- 1476 JAPAN JOSD lida. 1503 Oct 16 with the NHK2 chimes they run for a while after the 1500 s/off. (CH-WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN JOUK NHK1 Akita, Oct 14 1038 First noted at fair level at 1038, but noted here 1503 throughout the DXpedition, often at excellent levels. For some reason, JOUK only peaked late each morning. Would almost suspect a pattern-shift at 1400 or so. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
  - + p, Oct 14 1527 Almost 8:30 AM local time and there's still plenty to hear! 1503 had a dreamlike plano plece followed by talk in an oriental language at 15:28. Best on NW wire. Not obviously // to 594, but the latter is too weak to be sure, so I'm thinking likely NHK1. (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + 0955 10/15 nice signal w/JJ talk //594. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + 1641 15 Oct. Man in JJ. fair //594. Still a number of JJ in at this late time, but not as many as previous day. (NHP-WA)
  - Oct 16 14:30 Good reception with usual Japanese programming. + (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
- MICRONESIA V6AJ, Tofol, Kosrae, Oct 14 0948 Presume this is the one heard here with 1503p non-descript talk by male in island lang and some EE. Never heard again, despite numerous rechecks. (Brvant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1512 JAPAN NHK2 Synchros, 1504 10/16 music box IS //other NHK2 stations, fair in KGA splat. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- + Oct 16 1505 Noted here at band fade at fair to poor level // 774. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- 1521 JAPAN 1504 10/16 music box IS //other NHK2 stations, poor in 1520 splatter. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- JAPAN 1505 10/16 music box IS //other NHK2 stations, poor in 1540 splatter. 1539 (bp WA Oct 2005)
- USA Bellevue, WA KXPA, 1535 10/15, noted w/Hawaii news stories (including high school 1540 football scores for Honolulu!) during Hawaiian show. Almost thought it was KREA until they mentioned KING TV and ran ad for a Hawaiian grocer in Seattle. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- AUSTRALIA Emerald, 4QD, 1319 14 Oct. Islandish sounding choral mx //612, after man 1548 talking in EE; nil to fair. Also at 1545 15 Oct, ABC mention by man, fair, phone in, best on W wire. This seems 10 or 15 Hz high? (NHP-WA)
  - + Oct 14 1431 Very powerful signal except for some pretty awful splatter from 1550, with a call in game show. Name the number one song. Then guestions about dogs and cartoons. Deep fades to nothing, and then fades up again to a decent signal. 'To which country does Christmas Is belong?'. Number 24: Who wrote 'White Christmas'. On the xx day of Christmas, what did my true love give to me? ID for ABC local radio, Queensland at 14:40 heard. Best on west Beverage. Very loud at times! (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Grayland, WA)
  - + 1504 10/14 news by man & woman "ABC National News" ID, then weather. (bp WA Oct 2005)
  - + Oct 17 1520 Very surprised to hear Aussie talk on the southwest antenna at bandfade for my only DU of the DXpedition. Briefly at good level. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005) CHINA-TAIWAN WYFR Kouhu, Oct 17 1438 - Religious programming in EE at fair level. This
- 1557 was the first indication that propagation was trending south from the previous four-day focus on North Asia. (Bryant-WA Oct 2005)
- TAIWAN Kouhu 1446 10/16 Family Radio fair-poor w/Chinese religious program, hymns 1557 1531. (bp WA Oct 2005)
- AUSTRALIA 3NE Wangaratta, Oct 14 1144 An interesting frequency. HLAZ totally 1566 dominant, but for about a minute, they faded right down, allowing 3NE to dominate, but only for a minute! (Salmaniw Oct 2005, Gravland, WA)

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