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2006 WRTH

The new World Radio TV Handbook 2006 (WRTH) should be shipping from Amazon.com any time. If you haven't pre-ordered yours yet, please do it through this link:

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It's only \$19.77 at Amazon.com (save \$10.18 off the regular price). I don't think you will find better deal from anywhere else. By doing this, you will also support Hard-Core-DX and keeping this email list and web site going for another 10 years.

And while you're at it... if you also order Passport for the World Band Radio (or anything else that brings your order > \$25), you will be eligible for the free shipping.

73! Risto, W6RK

SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

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It is my pleasure to report that **Seaside, Oregon** has been selected by the membership as the site to host IRCA's 2006 Convention, with Patrick Martin as your host.

The following is the breakdown on the voting:

Total votes cast: 50

Electronic votes: 40

Postal votes: 10

Seaside, Oregon votes: 42

St. Louis, Missouri votes: 8

I thank all who participated in the voting. 73 de DX, Ray

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BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

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

Daily	0300-0305	1620	WNAR	Lansdale PA	(David McCrork)
1/7-8/06 24Hrs	2000-1959	740	CHWO	Toronto ON	(ODXA)
1/21/06	0300-0800	1680	KAVT	Fresno CA	(IRCA/NRC)

It's always a nice treat to see multiple DX tests listed in these posts. Thanks to the efforts of Patrick Martin, we've got a rare West Coast X-Band test to announce! See details below. Happy Holidays and Good DX!

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).

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

On January 8th, 2006, **CHWO/AM740 in Toronto** will be celebrating its 5th anniversary on the air. Although the station has been on the air since 1956, it moved to 740 in 2001 providing with a much larger signal and audience. In all of those years, it has remained a family run station and the adult standards format has never changed.

The Ontario DX Association has been the QSL manager for the station since it's move and has received more than 330 reception reports from as far as Finland, Jamaica, Washington State and all points in-between.

Once again, the ODXA and CHWO will be presenting a special QSL for January 8th, 2006.

Here are the details: Date: January 8, 2006, Time: 0000 TUC to 2359 UTC

When reporting, please include: program material (at least 10 minutes of specific program material heard: i.e., name of announcer, commercials heard, news items etc.), signal/sound report (a general overview of how well you heard the signal at your location and the sound quality of the program), the type of equipment and antenna you were using to hear the signal and your mailing address.

If you have any further questions, please email me at am740@rogers.com.

All the best this holiday season and a very prosperous new year from CHWO AM740 and the ODXA.

Brian Smith. AM 740 - www.am740.ca, Reception Reports - <http://www.odxa.on.ca/chwo.html>, Yahoo Group - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AM740/>.

KAVT 1680khz Fresno, CA DX Test. Date(s): January 21, 2006 (Late Friday night-Early Sat. Morning) Time: Midnight PST-0500 PST (0800-1300 UTC)

Modes of Operation: 10KW ND

Programming: Normal Radio Disney Format ONLY. No codes, tones, etc. are permitted due to the stations contract with Disney.

Notes: Listeners are cautioned that WDSS, Ada MI also runs the Radio Disney Format. So ID's, local spots, etc will be needed for a QSL. A cassette or CD included with a report will be much appreciated, as it will be easier to tell for sure they heard KAVT, rather than WDSS.

The use of Phasers or directional antennas such as loops will likely be needed by DX'ers in the Eastern US to null WDSS. Hopefully the long duration of the test (5 hours) will make up for the lack of Morse Code, etc.

Reception reports should be sent to:

Patrick Martin

PO Box 843

Seaside OR 97138-0843

Cassette recording or CD is preferred to a written report. Return postage appreciated. E-Mail via: mwdxer@webtv.net.

Thanks to Paul, Patrick, and the staff of KAVT for making this test possible!

CANADIAN RADIO NEWS FOR DECEMBER, 2005

January 1, 2006 via **Dan Sys** (dsysca@yahoo.com)

AM TO FM CONVERSIONS ON THE AIR

AB Medicine Hat 94.5 CHAT From 1270

OFF THE AIR

QC Chibougamau 1240 CJMD Simulcast time expires for FM conversion

OWNERSHIP CHANGES GRANTED

BC Smithers 870 CFBV From Cariboo Central Interior Radio Inc. to the Vista Broadcast Group (includes CFLD 760 Burns "Lake, CHLD

BC Williams Lake 570 CKWL 1480 Granisle, CHBV 106.5 Houston," and CKBV 1490 New Hazelton)
From Cariboo Central Interior Radio Inc. to the Vista Broadcast Group (includes CKBX 840 100 Mile House and CKCQ 100.3 Quesnel)

PROPOSED NEW STATIONS

AB Calgary 700 50,000 watts (days) / 20,000 watts (nights) (Gospel" Music) (Touch Canada Broadcasting)

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: Each Friday. Please use Eastern Time.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

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- (GH) **Glen Hansen**-1925 Tualatin St.-St. Helens, OR 97051 skinner@columbia-center.org
Drake R8B, R-390A, R-388, Hammarlund SP-600, various longwires, Radio Shack loop, amplified Sanserino air core loop
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Drake R8B, Kiwa loop
- (MAS) **Mary Anne Sanford**-P.O. Box 17551-Portland, OR 97217-0551 ke7cggz@arrl.net
IC-746Pro with G5RV "Junior" @ 31' SE/NW using Ham Radio Deluxe V3.3 and Spectran V2 Audio Spectrum Analyzer

- 530 WPZH433 AZ, Flagstaff 12/28 1935 with info on ATV's, fishing, deer and elk. (BB-AZ)
- 590 KUGN OR, Eugene 12/28 1751 ABC news on the hour, conservative talk radio, home of the Ducks. (MAS-OR)
- 630 KFXD ID, Boise 12/23 0020 man gave "AM 630 KFXD" ID & played country music, one unID underneath probably CHED. Fair to poor with deep slow fades. (GH-OR)
- 660 KXOR OR, Junction City 12/28 1748 Spanish pop music, same as online simulcast at <http://www.lax660.com/radio>. (MAS-OR)
- 690 CBU BC, Vancouver 12/29 0033 Radio One, checked via online stream, NOS format, with QRM. (MAS-OR)
- 790 CFCW AB, Camrose 12/23 0000 man gave CFCW weather forecast into country version of "Here Comes Santa Claus." Weak & choppy, soon overtaken by KGMI, using R-388 on N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 900 CKBI SK, Prince Albert 12/20 2330 man said "Country 900 CKBI," C&W music dominating in a 3-way mix with unID's for a moment or two. Poor signal. (GH-OR)
- 920 KVIN CA, Ceres 12/25 0946 fair, NOS, Christmas music with Andy Williams, etc. ID. (DP-OR)
- KVEC CA, San Luis Obispo 12/25 1006 poor with "KVEC" by man and mention of San Luis Obispo a few seconds later. New. (DP-OR)
- KBAD NV, Las Vegas 12/25 1002 call letters and location slipped in by man, plus ESPN Radio Sports mentioned. New. (DP-OR)
- KIHM NV, Reno 12/25 -811 fair with Immaculate Heart Radio, Christmas programming. Same program as their internet audio feed. New. (DP-OR)
- (KSHO) OR, Lebanon 12/25 0804 noted with open carrier till 1009. (DP-OR)
- 990 CBW MB, Winnipeg 12/28 2317 Radio One (same as 1010 CBR), over Spanish, news on the hour. (MAS-OR)
- 1010 KZNY OR, Milwaukee 12/28 1423-1430 Spanish, 4500 day only. (MAS-OR)
- CBR AB, Calgary 12/26 0551 "CBC Radio One 1010." (MAS-OR)
- 1020 CKVH AB, High Prairie 12/18 0140 female gave mention of several High Prairie businesses. No legal ID heard, but certainly them. Really weak, soon overtaken by Spanish, probably KTNQ. (GH-OR)
- 1030 KMAS WA, Shelton 12/28 1430 easy listening music, nearly unreadable. (MAS-OR)
- 1040 KLVP OR, Tigard 12/26 0543 K-Love Radio, religious. (MAS-OR)
- 1080 KSCO CA, Santa Cruz 12/25 1100 occasionally good, "You're listening to AM 1080 KSCO Santa Cruz it's now eight..." followed by the "Garden Compass" radio program. Tip: this distinguishable garden program runs every Sat/Sun from 8-10am PST. (DP-OR)
- 1100 KFAX CA, San Francisco 12/26 0537 religious, "Dr. Ed Young." (MAS-OR)
- 1110 KBND OR, Bend 12/28 1911 Blazers vs Philadelphia basketball, unreadable except for basketball and mentions of Rosegarden. (MAS-OR)

- 1110 KWDB WA, Oak Harbor 12/26 0900 fair mixing with KBND, "You're listening to the voice of Whidbey Island, 1110 AM, Oak Harbor," Puget Sound weather, 70's music. New. (DP-OR)
- 1140 KHTK CA, Sacramento 12/28 0359 "Sports 1140" with 916 area code. (MAS-OR)
- CHRB AB, High River 11/28 0349-0358 "AM 1140," Focus on the Family at 0400, sharing channel with sports KHTK. (MAS-OR)
- 1250 KWSU WA, Pullman 12/20 0000 NPR format, finally gave ID after listening for an hour. Usually buried under KKDZ, I don't hear this one very often. (GH-OR)
- 1290 KGVO MT, Missoula 12/26 0516 Coast to Coast, solid ID. (MAS-OR)
- 1300 KLER ID, Orofino 12/20 0030 C&W with ID and fair signal. One unID way far underneath, probably KAPL, using SP-600 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1330 KKPZ OR, Portland 12/28 1900 talk radio, relog. (MAS-OR)
- 1350 KRLC WA, Clarkston 12/26 0500 C&W music, "Home Town Radio." (MAS-OR)
- 1370 KXTL MT, Butte 12/20 2315 man said "Back Seat Oldies on 1370 KXTL" into ChiLites song. Fair to poor and choppy using Hammarlund on N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- +12/26 0456 oldies, Mama & Papas, etc, solid ID. (MAS-OR)
- 1380 KTKZ CA, Sacramento 12/26 0448 "KTKZ New Talk," conservative talk on Patriot act. 12/28 1852 "Newstalk 13-80." (MAS-OR)
- 1390 KSLM OR, Salem 12/28 1844 oldies (Raindrops), readable signal, solid ID. (MAS-OR)
- 1400 KEDO WA, Longview 12/28 1837 oldies (The Doors), KBNP QRM. (MAS-OR)
- 1410 KBNP OR, Portland 12/28 1831 business radio, can't hear at night when running 9 watts. (MAS-OR)
- 1420 KUJ WA, Walla Walla 12/26 0439 ESPN talk radio, nearly unreadable. (MAS-OR)
- 1430 KYKN OR, Keizer 12/26 0409 The Michael Medved Show, poor reception, mostly readable. (MAS-OR)
- 1500 KSJX CA, San Jose 12/26 0402 Chinese language, man & woman. (MAS-OR)
- 1510 KGA WA, Spokane 12/26 0355 "Westside Talk Radio Network," "The Big Talker," CBS news on the hour. (MAS-OR)
- 1530 KFBK CA, Sacramento 12/26 0352 Rush Limbaugh. (MAS-OR)
- 1550 KKAD WA, Vancouver 12/26 0351 NOS music. (MAS-OR)
- 1580 KMIK AZ, Tempe 12/25 0801 fair with Radio Disney et al. Two ID's at 0959, and mention of Phoenix. (DP-OR)
- KGAL OR, Lebanon 12/28 1829-1831 barely readable, good ID. (MAS-OR)
- (KGAL)+12/25 0755 noted with open carrier till about 1030. (DP-OR)
- 1600 KOHI OR, Saint Helens 12/28 1822-1826 C&W. Only 16.5 miles away, but can't hear at night when running 12 watts. (MAS-OR)
- 1660 ?KTIQ? CA, Merced 12/24 0507 SS pop, deep fading, complete exchanging with KXOL? (MAS-OR)
- KXOL UT, Brigham City 12/24 0513 60's-70's music, deep fades with complete exchanges with KTIQ. (MAS-OR)
- 1670 KNRO CA, Redding 12/24 0503 sports talk, strong 4900Hz het tone. (MAS-OR)
- 1680 ?KAVT? CA, Fresno 12/24 0456 Disney "like" music, deep fades, exchanging with Spanish. (MAS-OR)
- 1690 ?KSGF? CA, Roseville 12/24 0444 very nice signal, Spanish Hip Hop, Spanish rock. (MAS-OR)

Thanks to our three reporters this week, until Bill's report arrived I thought we would have an all Oregon column. Happy 2006 to everyone. Nancy 12/30 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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RIDING GAIN

- [EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood, MO N0UIHEric@aol.com
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- [NJ-MT] **Nancy Johnson**, Billings, MT NancyJohnson@Prodigy.net
Drake R8B, Kiwa loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 960 WDLM IL, East Moline. 12-25 good in KZIM null. 17:55 with music, "Merry Christmas from WDLM AM and FM East Moline" legal ID. [EB-MO]
- 1030 WGSF TN, Memphis. 12-25 good over WBZ, KTWO, KCTA. 17:02 with SS Christmas music, Memphis mentions, "Radio Mire" slogan. [EB-MO]
- 1060 KFIL MN, Preston. 12-30 good to poor over WLNO. 17:15 with local spots, promos, calls, country music format. [EB-MO]
- 1070 WFRF IL, 12-29 good to fair over WDIA, WIBC, KHMO. 17:42 with Christian music, "Faith Radio" slogan and underwriting announcements. [EB-MO]

1150 KCPS IA, Burlington. 12-27 good over CKOC. 20:48 with local spots, mention of south eastern Iowa and western Illinois. [EB-MO]
 1160 WAMB TN, Donelson. 12-27 good over WYLL. 17:34 with traffic report into Adult Standards format. [EB-MO]
 1190 KPHN MO, Kansas City. 12-25 good to poor mix with WOWO through KRFT. 17:09 with rock music, "Radio Disney" mention. [EB-MO]
 1210 WQLS AL, Ozark. 12-30 good to poor in WPHT null. 17:52 with Urban Gospel format, CST TC, 17:02 sign off, apparently not using nigh authorization. [EB-MO]
 1220 WMGT MN, Stillwater. 12-27 good over WSLM and KLPW null. 17:19 with Adult Standards format, local spots, "The Mighty 12-20" slogan in promo. [EB-MO]
 WSLM IN, Salem. 12-27 good in KLPW null. 17:32 with Swap Shop promo. [EB-MO]
 1320 KYHN AR, Fort Smith. 12-27 good to poor over WZZK in KSIV null. 20:28 with Savage Nation, local spots, ABC News, "News talk 16-50 KWHN" slogan and local weather forecast. [EB-MO]
 WZZK AL, Birmingham. 12-27 fair to poor under KYHN in KSIV null. 20:32 with "Country Legends 13-20" slogan and Classic Country format. Last noted on 610. [EB-MO]
 1330 KLBS CA, Los Banos. 12-27 good. 22:00 with "KLBS 13-30 AM Los Banos" ID by heavily accented man. [NJ-MT]
 1390 WRIG WI, Schofield. 12-27 good. 16:58 with "Big Band Jump" with Don Kennedy, central Wisconsin spots, "Big Rig 13-90 WRIG Schofield, Wausau, the home of America's best music" ID. [EB-MO]
 1400 KRLN CO, Canon City. 12-29 fair above jumble. 21:59 out of Westwood One program with "Canon City's official government weather station. Radio fourteen hundred KRLN Canon City" ID into CBS News. [NJ-MT]
 WEOA IN, Evansville. 12-27 fair to poor through others. 17:13 with Urban AC format, local mentions. [EB-MO]
 1440 KDIZ MN, Golden Valley. 12-30 good to poor over WGEM with slight WIL 1430 splash. 17:05 noted with dance and rock music, "Radio Disney" mention. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

January 3, 1981 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Steve Mittman** of San Pedro, CA told about local stations being silent for ten minutes in honor of John Lennon ... **Gary Larson** of Burbank, CA commented on his conversation with **Ric Heald** ... **Bill Harms** of Provo, UT logged Radio Veritas 846 and NHK 846 with mention 846 has been quite a good frequency for DX lately.

OPEN MIKE

Happy New Year! This column was typed 12-31-05. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: 0800 Saturdays!!

STARS OF THE WEEK

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LOGGINGS

610 OH WTVN Columbus 12/24 0843 ID; WX. (WB-OH)
 VA WVBE Roanoke 12/13 1745 R&B mx hrd; "The Vibe"; Wx, NEW. (WM-MD)
 620 NY WHEN Syracuse 12/16 1745 Various ads; ID; sports talk. (WM-MD)
 PA WKHB Irwin 12/13 1658 Promo for car show; "K-H-B". (WM-MD)
 680 NC WPTF Raleigh 12/16 1805 "News Talk 680"; ID. (WM-MD)
 720 PE CHTN Charlotte 12/19 1652 Stn Promo; "Good Time Oldies". (WM-MD)
 740 FL WQTM Orlando 12/29 1700 TOH ID, sports news and scores. Decent signal rising out of the mix. "This is WQTM, Orlando." (IEN-GA)
 760 MI WJR Detroit 12/24 0837 ID: "Great Voice of the Great Lakes". (WB-MB)
 790 TN WETB Johnson City 12/24 0826 Rel. Mx; News, ID "sunshine 790". (WB-OH)
 830 NC WTRU Kernersville 12/20 1635 Wx; local mentions; ID "The Truth". (WM-MD)
 840 CT WRYM New Britain 12/21 1655 SS Talk hrd; "Tropical". (WM-MD)
 KY WHAS Louisville 12/24 0819 News; 0821 ID. (WB-OH)

840 VA WKTR Earlysville 12/21 1644 Preacher hrd, "The Ministry Station"; ID. (WM-MD)
 850 CO KOA Denver 12/16 1958 "News Radio 850"; ID. (WM-MD)
 870 TN WPWT Colonial Heights 12/16 1715 ID; "Power Talk". (WM-MD)
 900 GA WBML Macon 12/24 1231 Religious programming and BOH ID, into We Wish You A Merry Christmas! Pretty good, steady signal rising above the static. (IEN-GA)
 "WBML, Macon".
 920 NY WKRT Cortland 12/21 1630 ID; News. (WM-MD)
 980 OH WONE Dayton 12/24 0752 local ads. (WB-OH)
 1040 IA WHO Des Moines 12/24 0736 Spots, 0737 ID, wx. (WB-OH)
 1070 AL WAPI Birmingham 12/21 1735 Weather hrd; ID. (WM-MD)
 NC WNCT Greenville 12/16 1830 Local event; local mentions. (WM-MD)
 TN WLFJ Lookout Mountain 12/28 0000 Good ID while logging for WAPI test. Not needed. (LF-FL)
 1080 PA WWNL Pittsburgh 12/30 1629 REL pgm; Good steady signal (15 o/S-9) "Quality Christain Radio, 1080 AM WWNL". (IEN-GA)
 1110 KY WCBR Richmond 12/16 1730 ID; S/off; NEW. (WM-MD)
 1170 NC WCXN Claremont 12/21 1715 SS Music hrd. (WM-MD)
 1190 IN WOWO Ft. Wayne 12/24 0722 News , Sports. (WB-OH)
 1310 OH WDPN Alliance 12/19 2000 Fox Sports Radio 1310"; ID. (WM-MD)
 1320 TN WKIN Kingsport 12/13 1713 Local News, ID. (WM-MD)
 1360 OH WSAI Cincinnati 12/13 1725 Local mentions. (WM-MD)
 1380 TN WLRM Millington 12/24 2001 TOH ID, Website and Church News. Decent signal rising above the mix. **WWW.WLRM1380.COM**. Log on today! And "WLRM, 1380 AM, Millington, Memphis". (IEN-GA)
 1410 KY WHLN Harlan 12/24 1806 TOH Newscast with National, State and local news. Sports and Weather followed. Good, steady signal on top of the mix. "WHLN, Your Information Station, 24/7... Count On It." (IEN-GA)
 1440 WV WAJR Morgantown 12/30 1606 Local wx into Sean Hannity; Good signal that faded to just above the slop. (IEN-GA)
 1570 NC WNCA Siler City 12/29 1759 Local weather forecast read by a young lady. Good signal only to fade into the mix. "...on WNCA". (IEN-GA)
 1670 WI WTDY Madison 12/16 1725 "The Talk of Madison". (WM-MD)

D X TESTS

1070 AL WAPI Birmingham 12/29 0159 Good code ID and sweep tones thru the mess. Into Network News. Not needed but nice!!!! (LF-FL)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! More next week.....0800 12-31-05

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Happy New Year everyone,

Some TA DX to cover this time around. From **Nick Hall-Patch**, Victoria BC "At 0726 UTC (1/2/06) carriers on 1314 and 1323, seemingly trans-Arctic; issue confused by carriers turning up from Asia on 1287, 774, 747, etc." Then from **Colin Newell**, also Victoria, BC "I am seeing this too, detected about 15 minutes ago. Really good carries on 1215 and 1314 and audio on 747, 774, etc." (Patrick Martin) Then, I caught Nick's e-mail and reported 1314 & 1323 carriers and a weak one on 1215 too at 0755 UTC. **Steve Ratzlaff** from Elgin, OR reported "I have a weak het on 1314, and fair audio on 189 Iceland, though the LF the static crashes are hitting S9+20."

Also this time around, some Mexican DX from Mary Anne Sanford and Dale Park from Hawaii sends in US addresses for Mexican border stations.

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

690 **MEXICO**, Tijuana XETRA 12/29 0050-0134 Under CBU "Fabulous 690, the lounge". (MAS-OR)
 990 **MEXICO**, Monterrey, XET 12/29 0006. One antenna brings CBW and the other SS station w/sports (soccer). (MAS-OR)
 1630 **MEXICO**, Tijuans XEUT? 12/24 0516 SS mx, version of Jingle Bells. (MAS-OR)
 1700 **MEXICO**, Tecate, XEPE Business talk "Cash 1700", QTM, single signal with het. (MAR-OR)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

558 **FIJI**, Suva Radio One 12/19 1207 UTC, Melanesian singing, man with tx //1152. Poor, QRM KMVI-550. (DP-HI)



SAN DIEGO BORDER STATION ADDRESSES (from Dale Park)

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Thanks for the list Dale.

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Radio Deluxe V3.3 for logging

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Hi folks and welcome to this weeks' edition of DXWW East featuring Mark's last loggings of 2005. Please note that I have a new email address specifically for column submissions: dxww-e@bcdx.org and also please don't forget that the deadline is **Monday evenings** for column submissions.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 567 **IRELAND** RTE R.1, Tullamore, DEC 27 2101 - jazz, man & woman in English, train whistles (possibly a dramatic presentation); fair.
+ DEC 28 0501 - woman with news in English; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., DEC 28 0500 - folk instrumental, 5 short pips, 1 long pip, then news in Spanish by man & woman; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, DEC 28 0458 - man & woman in German; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
765 **SWITZERLAND** RSR Option Musique, Sottens, DEC 27 2101 - French news; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, DEC 27 2100 - French news; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid, DEC 27 2044 - talk, Cadena COPE mention; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
1008 **CANARY ISLANDS** Punto Radio, Las Palmas, DEC 29 0512 - non-SER Spanish talk by woman; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros, DEC 29 0512 - fast Spanish, slight echo. [Connelly*B-MA]
1062 **DENMARK** Danmarks R., Kalundborg, DEC 29 0511 - reggae-influenced dance vocal, then Danish talk; to fair peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, DEC 28 0511 - discussion about US presidents; loud. [Connelly*B-MA]
1107 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, DEC 29 0508 - woman in Spanish; over low growl. [Connelly*B-MA]
1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros, DEC 28 0512 - echoey Spanish talk; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, DEC 27 2045 - Slavic talk by man, light jazz, then talk by woman; excellent.
+ DEC 28 0513 - Slavic talk by man & woman; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]

- 1170 **unID** DEC 28 0514 - Russia, Belarus, or Slovenia possibly the source of Slavic talk mixing with WWVA. [Connelly*B-MA]
1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, DEC 27 2057 - French discussion; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
1215 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, DEC 27 2056 - woman in Spanish; now atop UK. [Connelly*B-MA]
1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Virgin R. synchros, DEC 27 2047 - "Lola" by the Kinks; fair, over Spain. [Connelly*B-MA]
1287 **SPAIN** SER synchros, DEC 27 2055 - bits of Spanish teletalk; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]
1296 **SPAIN** COPE, Valencia, DEC 28 0517 - Spanish talk; over likely XL - UK. [Connelly*B-MA]
1314 **NORWAY** NRK, Kvitsoy, DEC 25 0558 - woman in Norwegian, religious choral music; excellent.
+ DEC 28 0518 - classical piano; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
1394.82 **ALBANIA** Filake, DEC 27 2048 - orchestral music, then talk by man; to fair peak through WLLH slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
1413 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, DEC 28 0522 - Spanish discussion; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, DEC 28 0525 - jazz, man in German; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
1458 **unID** DEC 28 0527 - monster blank carrier, possibly Albania. [Connelly*B-MA]
1494 **unID** DEC 28 0528 - Phil Collins "One More Night", not parallel to France Bleu 864 or Info 1206. Signal faded, then French talk came up: not sure if same station. [Connelly*B-MA]
1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Duba, DEC 27 2050 - // 9555 & 9870 with modern Arabic music with drums, strings, male lead vocal and female group accompaniment; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
1530 **VATICAN CITY** R. Vaticana, DEC 28 0531 - man in German; huge signal, totally dominant. [Connelly*B-MA]
1548 **MOLDOVA** Voice of Russia, Grigoriopol, DEC 28 0533 - eastern European talk with Ukraine mention; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
1557 **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne, DEC 28 0534 - French newstalk; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
1575 **ITALY** RAI R. Uno synchros, DEC 28 0535 - Italian teletalk with woman in studio and man on the phone; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
1584 **CEUTA** RadiOle, DEC 27 2051 - fast Spanish talk; fair to good, over SER Spain. [Connelly*B-MA]
1611 **VATICAN** R. Vaticana, Vatican City, DEC 28 0539 - Vatican mention in Romance-language sounding talk, classical music and a segment of Greensleeves / What Child is This; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]

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That's it for this week. A very happy and prosperous New Year to all. 73, Brandon.

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Another year, another new station, hi. First new station of 2006 for me turned out to be WINR-680 Binghamton, NY with a MOYL format. It was mixing with CFTR-680 Toronto. Looks like the last time I heard WINR was in 1971 when I was living in Gary. I never heard it during the nine years. I was living outside of Philadelphia, so I continue to be hearing stations for the first time in decades. I am really starting to understand why Hank Ward went back during the early 1970s to re-verify stations he had QSLs from years before that. Last new station I heard in 2005 was KFNV-1200 West Fargo, ND. It was ND station #2 for me so I am happy with that even though I fell short of the 650 mark I was hoping to hit. I ended with 648. 2005 produced 136 new ones for me. No new states for me, but one new province and one new country. I don't get into foreign DX much, other than Canada--which I think of as domestic more than foreign due to its being so close and the close ties between the two countries. If I remember correctly, it is the longest unguarded border between two countries in the world. I am just getting into IDing the SS stations I hear and finding out that most of them are actually here in the states. They are calling for thunderstorms here today (Jan. 2nd) with the possibility of snow flurries in a couple of days. My goal for 2006 will be to go over the 800 heard mark, with stations WPGW-1440 IN and KSL-1160 logged. I am dreaming, right... Speaking of WPGW, I keep getting fooled on 1440 because I heard spots for Winchester and automatically think of WPGW in Portland, Indiana, just a few miles from Winchester, Ind. Then, it turns out to be WZYX in Cowan, Tenn., just a few miles from Winchester, Tenn. I notice other combinations on AM which make me wonder if they

are accidents or done deliberately. I am thinking of WIOU-130 Kokomo, IN, WLOU-1350 Louisville, KY (I live about halfway between the two of them) and WTOU-1350 Akron, Ohio. Time to get this off to Phil. 73.

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ANTIGUA: The Prime Minister of Antigua, Baldwin Spencer, has told parliament that the Government will relocate the MW transmitter of state-owned ABS Radio from Radio Range to a potential site at Parham. "There have been ongoing complaints from residents of Upper Ottos. And the MP from St. John's Rural South Hon. Winston Williams has been making strong representation for the relocation and we are responding to that situation. Hopefully we will have that relocation taking place early in the New Year." said the Prime Minister. Spencer said plans were also afoot to get a new transmitter for ABS Radio since the one currently used on 620 is getting too old. "The 20 foot container that houses the transmitter is about 25 years old. The roof is rotten and many areas leak water to the room where 15,000 volts of electricity are located. That is extremely dangerous, Madame Speaker." He said his administration was looking at providing a permanent home to house ABS Television, Radio and the Government Information Service. (Antigua Sun, via RN Media Network Weblog)

ARGENTINA: Central AM-1670 - new station - Addr Calle Rawson 53 (C1182ABA) Capital Federal (Slaen/Cornachioni in ConDig via Arctic)

Another new station has begun transmissions on 530 kHz MW. The station is run by La Asociación Madres de Plaza de Mayo, and began broadcasting on November 22. Information about Radio Madres de Plaza de Mayo was published by Agencia Walsh, and posted on Condig mailing list by Claudio Morales. DXing.info (27/11-2005) [<http://DXing.info>]

BRAZIL: A list of Brazilian splits (source: www.ondascurtas.com/listasemissoras/mw.asp):

589.86	R. Tribuna, Vitória	1409.80	R. Itaperuna
649.90	R. Tupi, Santos	1459.85	R. Cultura, Lorena
659.88	R. Friburgo, Nova Friburgo	1469.60	R. AM de Parelhas
669.96	R. Oceânica Caraguatatuba	1470.05	R. Vale do Paraíba, Barra do Pirai
729.94	R. Cidade, Jundiá	1479.95	R. Solimões, Nova Iguaçu
1049.95	R. Capixaba, Vitória	1550.70	R. Imperial, Petrópolis
1110.09	R. Cultura, Campos	1559.95	R. Grande Rio, Itaguaí
1120.40	R. Eldorado, São José dos Pinhais	1570.10	R. Metrópole, Cachoeirinha
1169.96	R. Sociedade, Oliveira	1579.76	Radiovox, Curitiba
1189.95	R. Juazeiro	1579.95	R. Geração 2000, Teresópolis
1209.95	R. Clube, Varginha	1580.10	R. Educadora, Afonso Cláudio
1251.70	R. Difusora, Poços de Caldas	1590.26	R. Floresta Negra AM, Joinville
1270.04	R. Continental, Campos	1590.93	R. Resende AM (Mauno Ritola via Arctic)
1309.95	R. Atalaia, Maringá		
1400.15	R. Vale do Vasa-Barris, Jeremoabo		

CUBA: Bruce Conti has written an excellent article (including lists and a map) on MW broadcasting in Cuba. It can be found on his site, BAMLGO, or by clicking here: <http://members.aol.com/nrcidx/cuba.htm>. (Marc DeLorenzo, IRCA E-group)

MÉXICO: New Slogans - XEJRR-770 R. Volución 77, Los Mochis, XESO-1150 La Poderosa, Cd. Obregón, XECO-1380 La Ke-Buena, México (John Wilkins, NRC V73/1)

VENEZUELA: YVKH.R. Recuerdos 1300, Caracas, new name (Björn Olsson, UKVK 10 Nov)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

MONGOLIA: The recently started transmissions of South Korea-based Free North Korea Radio can be heard 1500-1600 on 981 in addition to SW (cf. <http://www.freenk.net>). The transmissions appear to originate from a transmitter in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. This 500 kW transmitter normally operates on 990, but was used for foreign relays to South East Asia (VOA) on 981 some years ago. (Bernd Trutenau, via Arctic)

INDIA: the 1000 kW transmitter operating from Rajkot on 1071 kHz for External Services of AIR has closed down in June 2004. It started transmissions sometime around (August) 1970 and used to beam towards Pakistan and Afghanistan. They used to issue nice QSL cards. To view the one I got please click: http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/qsls/rajkot_1071.jpg. (Jose Jacob, dx_india via DXLD) Was still in WRTH 2005; So is India also abandoning use of 1071 kHz by any other transmitter? That's a big hole some other country could fill. There is a 100 kW in Kazakhstan and a 10 kW in Thailand. (Glenn Hauser, DX Listening Digest 26 Sept)

NEPAL: The neighboring station Radio Nepal was heard on 576 648 792 810 and 5005 from sign on at 2315 but not on the listed 1143 kHz. WRTH 2005 and others lists sign on at 2345. Bhutan

Broadcasting Service was noted at fair level on 6035 kHz during day time. TWR from Armenia was noted with Tuning Signal on 864 kHz at 1605 while their counter part from Sri Lanka was heard at fair level on 882 kHz. (Jose Jacob, via Arctic)

Nepal's Supreme Court ordered the government Wednesday to stop action against Radio Sagarmatha and let it resume BBC Nepali Service broadcast, according to a statement issued by the radio station. A division bench of Justices Khilraj Regmi and Damodar Prasad Sharma issued a stay order against government action in response to a writ petition filed in December 02 by the radio station, the statement said. Government officials, aided by security personnel, forced the radio station to shut down on November 27. The security personnel also seized transmission equipment from the radio station. The government action came on the day BBC Nepali Service broadcast a telephone interview with Maoist chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal, aka Prachanda. The radio's station manager Ghamaraj Luintel said that the station had decided not to broadcast the interview. On November 29, the court ruled that FM stations in the country can carry news broadcasts. However, the FM station had not been allowed to broadcast BBC Nepali service. State clampdown on independent media, especially FM stations, has continued ever since the royal power grab of February 01 this year. (Asian Tribune, via DX-India)

RUSSIA: According to monitoring in Oct/Nov, Radio Sakhalin (GTRK-Sakhalin) on 279kHz is carrying own local px as; (Su-Th) 2110-2200, (Mo-Fr) 0000-0010, (Mo-Fr) 0800-0810, (Sa,Su) 0010-0100. Irregularly Korean px was heard on 0810-0900. Audio sample; http://tomsk-7.hp.infoseek.co.jp/index_e.html. (Kenji Takasaki, HCDX)

SRI LANKA: Long before bullets and suicide bombers gave Sri Lanka dismal global headlines, even as its tourism scene and airline brought it a special aura, Radio Ceylon pioneered a revolution in broadcasting. Emerging as a trans-national broadcaster and introducing chatty engagement with listeners, it conquered South Asia's airwaves.

For aficionados from the 'radio generation' spanning the 1950s and 1970s, no day was complete without tuning in to Radio Ceylon, now called the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC). As it turned 80 on December 16, the SLBC had long lost its position as the ruler of the region's airwaves. It now competes with a scattering of private broadcasters and has paid the price for not keeping up with the times.

SLBC's precursor, Colombo Radio, started off a few years after broadcasting made its debut in Europe. Radio Ceylon, as it was called between 1949 and 1972, was catalyzed by the shifting of the Radio SEAC (South East Asia Command) to the island in 1949.

"We were the radio generation. Radio Ceylon was our introduction to Ceylon," recalls Nirupama Rao, the Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka. The SLBC's continued popularity in India was in full force a few months ago. When its Hindi service was discontinued, the Indian High Commission in Colombo was inundated with letters from India, and the program was subsequently restored.

Enthusiasts remember Tamil broadcaster Mayilvaganam for infusing life into the airwaves. A walk along the corridors of the SLBC building in Colombo — once a mental hospital — takes one along the by lanes of broadcasting history. Old studios retain the charm and romance of an era fast fading from memory. Massive investment is now on the cards. Sunil Sarath Perera, Chairman, SLBC, wants to digitize the collection of "over one lakh Sinhalese, Tamil, English and Hindi songs" and share them with the National Archives. Eric Fernando, who started his SLBC career as a broadcaster in the mid-1970s and was its Director-General between 1998 and 2001, is emphatic that "no radio station anywhere in the world can pride itself of such a collection of original material, including 78-rpm records of the 1920s and 1930s." These should be re-formatted digitally and form the basis for a range of attractive programs, he said.

Foray into commercial broadcasts earned Radio Ceylon a name for itself. But challenges from television, cassette-recorders and private radio stations, sliced away chunks of its audience and revenue. (Raja Raja, DX India 21 Dec)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

ALBANIA: Due to energy conservation measures and poor economy, the use of 1089 has been reduced to 1500-2000. 1215, 1394, 1458 Radio Tirana's foreign service transmissions for the same reason have been suspended, at least temporarily. Programs of other broadcasters, leasing time on Albanian transmitters, are aired according to schedule. (summary by Olle Alm, Arctic DX Club, 12 Dec)

ANGOLA: Central Huambo Province's regional RNA radio station will, in the coming days, get a 25kW transmitter, aimed at improving its signal and extending it to distant parts of the province. The acting director of Radio Nacional de Angola (RNA), Filipe Biateseva, said that the equipment is part of his directive board's plan, in the framework of the guidelines from the Social Communication Ministry, which outlines the need to equip the provinces with high power transmitters. He added that the plan of technical development of RNA, includes also extending the signal of provincial radio stations to the municipalities of the interior, so as to keep the people informed on the country's and world's events. (Angola Press via MWC e-mail news 7.11.2005) Media Network adds: No frequency is mentioned, but RNA currently operates in Kuito with 10 kW on 1404 kHz. The national network Canal A transmitter there has a power of 50 kW on 990 kHz. In addition there are two low power FM transmitters in the province. (Andy Sennitt, RN Media Network weblog via MWC e-mail news 7.11.2005)

BENIN: According to TWR the shortwave tower is up and the transmitter building mostly complete. But judging by prayer requests there is quite a lot still to do before broadcasts on MW start! "Please pray for the Higher Authority of Audio-visual Communications (HAAC) and the Department of

Communications in Benin to issue the medium wave and shortwave radio licenses. This is needed to put the Benin station on the air. Give thanks for the arrival of the heavy equipment needed for several aspects of the building project in Benin. Pray for the funding still needed to produce programs for the various people groups in Niger. TWR-Ivory Coast is preparing to produce programs for Benin. Pray that the producers may be moved by the Holy Spirit to produce programs that will reach the people living in West Africa. Give thanks for the team that spent two weeks at the building site setting up the tower for the antenna for the medium wave transmitter in Benin." (Steve Whitt, mwc 18 Dec)

CROATIA: The Croatian transmitter network operator OIV confirmed that the transmitter in Osijek on 594 (HR Glas Hrvatske) was moved to 1143 kHz. The power is 10 kW. OIV is planning to perform DRM tests on 594 towards the end of this year. (Bernd Trutenau, mwdx Oct 10) This transmitter and the one on 1557 both have unstable carriers, causing a low frequency buzz with other stations on these frequencies. (Olle Alm, Arctic, 11 Nov)

DENMARK: Foreign language broadcasts will cease at the end of this year, except Faroese (Saturdays at 18 UT). The very last broadcasts will be on Friday, December 30. Furthermore, plans are to stop the 243 and 1062 kHz transmitters by the end of next year. But no final decision has been made. (Erik Kzøie, Denmark, Dec 20, DXLD)

GERMANY: 177 Zehlendorf returned to AM on December 1, except for the period 0100-0400, when they are still using DRM. (Kai Ludwig, via Arctic)

1179 The new 1179 kHz program of Saarländischer Rundfunk will be launched on Monday December 12 at 0700 UT. It will be called SR Antenne Saar, reminiscent of a commercial station that shared FM frequencies with Deutschlandradio Berlin but had to give up after some time, allowing Deutschlandradio to go 24/7 on these frequencies. SR Antenne Saar will most of the time relay SWR cont.ra, the remainder of the service will be relays of SR 2 and SR 3 plus French news from RFI (however, RFI's German service will not be relayed). Own programming will be limited to occasional live coverage (Saarbrücken parliament, other events via Phoenix TV audio) and SR's Italian program. (Kai Ludwig 12 Dec via Arctic)

1485 SWR has added another DRM transmitter at Mainz-Wolfsheim // 1485 kHz at Kaiserslautern. Wolfsheim 650 W, Kaiserslautern 400 W. (Guenter Haug via BC-DX Nov 30)

ITALY: A new radio has been heard in Italy from several DXers and me on MW: Radio Giovanni Paolo II on 1620 kHz. Here some info: This new radio is a private one. It has no links with Vatican or Italian Catholic Church. The owners have 2 radios: Radio Happy Days on FM 91.5 and 94.7 MHz and the new Radio Giovanni Paolo II on 94.9 MHz FM and 1620 kHz. The Radio is based in Veneto, not too far from Verona, close to Garda Lake, North Italy. The owners in 1990 got Radio International on 1620, so they have registered this frequency since many years. So they told to me by phone. President Eliseo Mischi told me that this radio has a young people target, now they are testing the frequency. In next weeks they are going to increase power. Reception reports can be sent to video75@iibero.it (attention of Eliseo Mischi, president). (Giampiero Bernardini, mwdx 91 Dec)

LITHUANIA: 666 The schedule of the 500 kW transmitter in Sitkunai, carrying Lithuanian Radio (LR), was reduced to 0300-1830 UT. As a result, the transmitter no longer carries Radio Vilnius in English which is carried on LR for domestic listeners at 1900-1930 (now FM only). (Bernd Trutenau-LTU, mwdx Nov 19).

Relay schedules for the MW transmitters Vilnius 612 (licensee: Radio Baltic Waves/RBW) and Sitkunai 1386/1557 kHz (licensee: Radio Baltic Waves International/RBWI)

Vilnius 612 kHz 100 kW (RBW): 0345-0400 RBW Music, 0400-0600 RFE/RL Belarusian, 0600-0745 Break, 0745-0800 RBW Music, 0800-1000 VOR Radiokanal Sodruzhestvo Russian, 1000-1400 VOR Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio Russian, 1400-1600 VOR Radiokanal Sodruzhestvo Russian, 1600-2200 RFE/RL Belarusian, 2200-2300 R. Polonia Belarusian, Sitkunai 1386 kHz 500 kW (RBWI): 2002-2100 CRI Czech, 2100-2200 CRI English, Sitkunai 1557 kHz 150 kW (RBWI), 1800-1900 DW Russian (from 1 Dec), 1900-2100 CRI Russian, 2100-2200 CRI Polish, 2200-2300 CRI Chinese (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, mwdx Nov 16)

NETHERLANDS: The newspaper NRC Handelsblad reports today that the Governing Council of Dutch public broadcasting wants to bring forward the closure of Radio 747. That was planned for 2010, but could be as early as 2007. The closure of the high power MW tx would save 2 million euro a year. (RN Media Network weblog via Mike Terry-UK, mwdx Nov 20 in BCDX #736)

747 Dutch public radio network 747 AM has quietly changed its name to Radio 747. The channel's coordinator Jan Westerhof told the Dutch Broadcast Magazine that he wants to de-emphasize the reference to medium wave as it's envisaged that the medium wave transmitter will cease operation in 2010. Radio 747 is also on DAB, which is expected to become more important as a distribution platform. (RN Media Network weblog via MWC e-mail news 10.11.2005)

RUSSIA: Radio Netherlands news, quoting German news agency DPA, is reporting that, in addition to the BBC, Deutsche Welle has also had its MW transmitters in Russia switched off. The Russian authorities are claiming it's due to a difference of opinion about the license, but German members of parliament are talking of an attack on freedom of speech. Deutsche Welle, which broadcasts in German and Russian via the transmitters (10kW on 693 kHz in Moscow and 1188 kHz in St Petersburg), frequently carries items critical of developments in Russia. However, it seems more likely to be a problem with the license of the Russian transmission provider, as with the BBC. The editor-in-chief of DW-Radio, Miodrag Soric, says he hopes that the interruption will only last for a few days. The German Foreign Office in Berlin is involved in intensive contact with the Russian authorities to work out a solution. (R N Media Network weblog via mwc 23 Dec)

UNITED KINGDOM: GCap Media is planning to switch off the analogue signal for its radio stations still broadcast on the AM frequency, such as Capital Gold, to encourage more listeners to switch to digital. The move could come as early as the spring of 2007. GCap - which unveils its maiden annual results this week as well as its strategy since it was formed from the merger GWR and Capital Radio - is gearing up for the looming land grab for digital radio listeners. The company estimates that 3 million digital radio sets will have been sold by Christmas while industry forecasts estimate that by 2009, 40 per cent of households will have a set. Ralph Bernard, the chief executive of GCap, is pushing for the Government to announce a date for the switch off of the analogue radio signal. The analogue switch off for television starts in 2008. "It would be a massive undertaking," he said. "But there are lots of examples of where this has happened in media and entertainment, such as with television. You can't have radio in an analogue black out when everything else is going digital. The only question is how long it will take?" (ABDX www.americanbroadcastdx.com via mwc)

VATICAN CITY: 1530 At last the Vatican Radio broadcasts of DRM have been listed on www.drm.org 2310-0100 daily ND to Europe, 60 kW, Vatican Radio, various languages, Santa Maria. (Steve Whitt, MWC, 5 December 2005)

According to a recent posting on BDXC-News, the 2006 edition of the EMWG PDF file is now available for download.

109 pages of information on all long and medium wave stations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The EMWG PDF file (and lots of other information) can be found on www.emwg.info.

On inspection, it obviously contains much more information than the previous edition I obtained in summer 2004, including details of the community radio stations recently licensed in the UK. As I recall, these were not mentioned on the previous occasion, though I might be wrong.

The Guide suggests the Brookmans Park transmitter for Sunrise Radio on 1458 kHz is now 125 kw, although I must admit the signal does not seem any stronger here in Wembley than it did in its original Radio London 10 kw mode in 1972.

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