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No new folks this week, so the rest of you need to do all the DXing, hi.

Bruce Portzer's Annual DX Get-Together

Hello Everyone. It's time for my annual DX Get-together. This year it will be on Saturday, February 25, beginning at 2 p.m. Here's a chance to meet other radio listeners and talk about hobby stuff - medium wave, SWBC, utility, TV/FM, or whatever flavor of listening you like to do.

Feel free to bring receivers, QSL cards, antennas, and other paraphernalia to show off or demonstrate. Please bring a potluck snack or something to drink. At dinner time, we'll pass the hat around and order some pizzas.

My address is 6546 19th Avenue N.E. in Seattle. It's not hard to find, since the streets are numbered and parallel around here. The following link may be helpful <http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?searchtype=address&country=US&addtohistory=&searchtab=home&ormtype=address&popflag=0&latitude=&longitude=&name=&phone=&cat=&address=6546+19th+Avenue+NE&city=&state=&zipcode=98115>.

If you have questions or want to RSVP, my phone number is 206-522-2521. See you there.
73, Bruce

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BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

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

Daily	0300-0305	1620	WNAR	Lansdale PA	(McCork)
1/22/06+	0400/0700	1550	KXTO	Reno NV	(Walker)
2/12/06	0000-0100	730	WJTO	Bath ME	(Walker)
2/27/06	0000-0100	1580	WDAB	Traveler's Rest SC	(Walker)

Thanks to member Paul Walker, another maintenance test has been arranged! This time with station WDAB in Traveler's Rest, SC who will be doing some maintenance on February 27th, and has agreed to insert some Morse Code ID's and sweep tones during their full power test. Thanks to Paul and WDAB for this one.

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 McCork**, 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.

KXTO 1550khz Reno, NV DX Test. Date(s): January 22, 2006-March 2006. Time: 01:00 PST (0900 UTC) & 04:00 PST (1200 UTC). ** Program format varies. Test will run as close to TOH as possible. :60 Second long tests in duration. "Inventory Insert" format. Modes of Operation: Normal-"Inventory Insert." 94 Watts, Non-Directional. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID.

Notes: Test will continue for an undetermined amount of time, possibly several weeks so hopefully many DX'ers will find favorable propagation at least one or two nights prior to the end of the test. The station has also stated that they will be doing transmitter maintenance at some point within the next two months, and may be able to accommodate a full power (2.5KW) test at that time. More details as they become available. Nevada is a rare state for many of us in the East, so enjoy this rare chance!

Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) Station would prefer to receive recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette).

Submit reports to: les@highnoonfilm.com. Please put "KXTO DX Test" in the subject line.

All standard mail reports should go to:

Les Rayburn, High Noon Film, 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111, Birmingham, AL 35216

Thanks to Jose Pacheco, General Manager and the staff of KXTO for this test! Special thanks to member Paul Walker, Jr. who helped to arrange this test and is working with us to set up many more to come. <http://www.walkerbroadcasting.com>

WJTO 730khz Bath, Maine DX Test. Date: February 12, 2006 (Test starts late Saturday night, February 11th). Time: Midnight to 01:00AM EST (0500-0600 UTC). Modes of Operation: 1KW, Non-Directional. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID. Notes: Test will consist of a twenty minute audio CD prepared by the BTC. CD contains Morse Code ID's, phonetic voice ID's, various NRC Sweep Tones, etc.

Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) Station would prefer to receive written reports only. No cassettes or recordings needed.

Submit reports to: Jibguy@aol.com. Please put "WJTO DX Test" in the subject line.

All standard mail reports should go to:

WJTO Radio 730, PO Box 308, Bath, Maine 04530

Thanks to Bob Bittner for this test! Special thanks to member Paul Walker, Jr. who helped to arrange this test and is working with us to set up many more to come. <http://www.walkerbroadcasting.com>

WDAB 1580khz Traveler's Rest, SC Maintenance Test. Date: February 27, 2006 (Late Sunday Night, early Monday Morning). Time: Midnight to 01:00AM EST (0500-0600 UTC). Modes of Operation: 5KW, Non-Directional. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID. Notes: Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) Station would prefer to receive recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette).

Submit reports to: les@highnoonfilm.com. Please put "WDAB DX Test" in the subject line.

All standard mail reports should go to:

Les Rayburn, High Noon Film, 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111, Birmingham, AL 35216

Thanks to the staff of WDAB for this test! Special thanks to member Paul Walker, Jr. who helped to arrange this test and is working with us to set up many more to come. <http://www.walkerbroadcasting.com>

With apologies for being late in getting these out. Remember, if you want your logging to appear here be sure to send me an e-mail confirming your reception, along with any comments about the test. We need to know your name, location, and equipment if possible. Good luck with the on-going tests and the new ones ahead!

RESULTS OF RECENT DX TESTS-January 2006

KAVT 1680khz Fresno, CA DX Test. January 21, 2006.

Thanks to Patrick Martin who handles QSL duties for this station. Patrick alerted us that the station would be conducting a full day power test of their transmitter overnight. Unfortunately, they could not run any code or sweep tones, which meant that DX'ers would have to dig for local ads to be sure that they were hearing California and not Wisconsin. The test got under way with immediate reports coming in from Kevin in Gilbert, Arizona who logged them easily. Martin Flotz of Mission Viejo, CA reported them next, followed quickly by a report from Dave Williams of Redmond, OR. Patrick Griffith noted that KAVT is a regular at his home in Westminster, Colorado as he listened to the test period begin at the top of the hour. Mike Hawkins of Campbell, CA was another West Coast DX'er who was successful in logging the test. Dennis Vroom of Vancouver, WA pulled the test in easily on his JRC 545, joined by Doug Pifer of Oregon and James Niven of Moody, Texas who was happy to add a new one to his log. Mike Hardester of Jacksonville, NC went to bed without success but found that he couldn't sleep and returned to the dials. Boy was he glad that he did! More listening brought an ID and enough program information for verification. This made Mike one of the few East Coast DX'ers to log the test. Patrick Martin of Seaside, OR didn't need his Phaser or his beverage to log the station on full day power, reporting them easy copy. Into every life some rain must fall, and many DX'ers were disappointed in their attempt to add this California X-Bander to their logs. Chief among them was Les Rayburn of Birmingham, AL. Hours of pouring over his recordings yielded nothing new for the log. Jim Renfrew, of Byron, NY also went to bed unhappy and his dreams were not the only ones ruined by failure, Bill Harms of Elkridge, Maryland had to struggle with a new TIS station broadcasting weather and marine information. Steve Ratzlaff of NE Oregon couldn't get past the two dominant SS stations to pull out the test, while Mike Stonebridge of St. Isidore tried in vain to pull them out. At least Mike has logged the station in the past, so the pill wasn't so hard to swallow. John Hunter of Rossville, GA was another Southern DX'er with high hopes of logging KAVT, but interference from WDSS, KRJO, and others prevented it. Gerry Bishop of Niceville, FL was another who suffered through five hours of recordings without any trace of the California station. Phil Bytheway tried to null his local to hear the test, but even using the KIWA loop antenna he could only get about an S-Meter worth of reduction. Better luck next time guys! Final tally netted six states reporting the test, with best DX out to several hundred miles. Obviously Morse Code, sweep tones, or even more voice ID's might have raised those numbers by quite a bit. Always great to have an X-Band test, and again our thanks to all who arranged it!



SOAPBOX:

Sheesh, does Disney ever break for local ads? -Dave Williams, Redmond, OR
 I checked 1680 around 0030 PST. They were blasting in infinitely better than normal. -Mike Hawkins, Campbell, CA
 Those kids' fast talking (on any) Radio Disney station really stick out, hi. -Doug Pifer, Arizona
 The signal did quite well up here too. I can normally phase KFSH and hear KAVT, but I did not have to last night! -Patrick Martin, Seaside, OR
 CX were weird last night...almost seemed auroral as I picked up my usual Southern CX "marker" stations yet WABC and the big clears were pounding in. -John Hunter, Rossville, GA

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WUMP 730kHz Huntsville, AL DX Test. Date(s): January 22-27, 2006 (Late Sunday Night starts the test)

The second in our series of "Inventory Insert" tests did not produce the spectacular results of the earlier WVNN test, but there were some surprising catches made. Running only 129 watts at night, this sports talk station was still heard almost 2,000 miles away! First report came from Tom Jasinski of Shorewood, IL who pulled the test in using his Drake R8A and a Quantum Loop antenna. This was a new one for Tom. Next up was John Hunter of nearby Rossville, GA who pulled them in using the Grundig S-350, and Jim Pogue of West Memphis, AR who also heard the sweep tones and code. The best DX again came from Curtis McMenamin of California who must be able to hear that pin drop on the Sprint commercials! His low noise location consistently results in some amazing catches, especially of DX tests. The distance is nearly 2,000 miles to Athens, AL. J. D. Stephens added Tennessee to the list of states who logged this test, though even he couldn't copy the test at all times. The real surprise was some of the DX'ers who missed out on the test. Despite several nights of trying Les Rayburn in nearby Birmingham, Alabama was not able to pull in the station, proving that while codes and sweep tones are effective, they aren't a magic bullet. Gerry Bishop of Niceville, FL noted that the only slightly higher night power of WLIL (214 watts) made it into his shack on occasion, but the test never did. Steve Francis of Alchoa, TN had to contend with semi-local WLIL but noted that they are easy for him to null. Despite this, not a trace was heard of the DA WUMP, much to his surprise. Others who were disappointed included Mike Hardester of Jacksonville, NC, but he did nab WLIL 730 for a new one. (WLIL was in very well in Birmingham during the week of the test as well) Barry McLarnon of Ottawa heard traces of code at times, but nothing he could claim for sure. Another unhappy DX'er was Dave Hochfelder of Highland Park, NJ. WUMP resisted the best efforts of his Drake R8B and KIWA Loop and remained outside of his grasp. Dave Hascall of Indiana fared no better, and also disappointed was Russ Edmunds of Blue Bell, PA. Saul Chernos in Burnt River, ON joined the list of Canadians who tried without success to log the low powered regional. Bill Dvorak of Madison, WI usually has better luck with his Drake R8B and KIWA but no joy for him either. Five states doesn't begin to compare to the earlier total of 17 states for sister-station WVNN, but the fact that the station was logged at a distance of hundreds and even one thousand plus miles does point to the ability of code and tones to cut through. Our sincere thanks again to Fred Holland and member Rick Shaftan for arranging these two tests!

SOAPBOX:

I'll probably take another shot at WUMP tonight... if I actually hear it, WUMP will also be the sound of me falling out of my chair. :-) -Barry McLarnon, Ottawa, ON
 WUMP 730 was again heard with their "Insert" DX Test, this time at 01:59 CST on 1/26. Heard Morse Code and Sweep tones. Signal was slightly stronger than previous reception on 1/24. However signal was still weak, just above the noise and mixed with a couple of domestics and XEX. -Tom Jasinski, Shorewood, IL
 I can't say I expected to hear something at that low a power with CKAC on the air... -Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA
 I had hope, as WLIL with their 214watts was an occasional fade in. -Gerry Bishop, Niceville, FL

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KDZR 1640kHz Lake Oswego, OR Maintenance Test. Date: January 29, 2006 (Late Sunday Night starts the test)

The KDZR "test" was actually just a maintenance period done at full power to check out part of the transmitter chain. Regular programming was the rule, with hopeful DX'ers being forced to listen for station ID's and local ads. No code or sweep tones were transmitted, but still some success was had. Doug Pifer of Albany, OR pulled the test in on his Drake R8B, followed quickly by Martin Foltz of Mission Viejo in California, and Arthur Peterson's logging on the Bendix MN-26C & Radio West Loop. Mike Stonebridge in St. Isidore, AB added Canada to the list. It wasn't a new logging for Mike, but he was glad for the test. The best DX of any recent test was logged by Bryan Clark of Mangawhai, New Zealand who heard the signal strongly for over 30 minutes, with lots of programming details to verify the reception. Very nice catch indeed, at a distance of over 6,800 miles! It was "No Joy in Muddville" for some DX'ers. Saul Chernos of Burnt River, ON reported no reception of either KDZR or KKPZ. It was the same for Les Rayburn of Birmingham, AL who recorded both tests using two receivers and two computers! Also disappointed was Barry McLarnon of Ottawa, ON, who was hampered by WKSH and a TIS station running National Weather Service loops. The "tale of the tape" showed this test logged in only two states, nearby California and Oregon, and one providence, but it did provide a truly great TP catch for Bryan Clark of New Zealand! I'd begun to think that posting news of upcoming tests to the Medium Wave Circle would never pay off!

SOAPBOX:

No Disney heard, other than pesty WKSH. -Barry McLarnon, Ottawa, ON
 KDIA was very strong here and I had to null toward the north to hear anything. That put the loop pointed toward KBJA Sandy UT. So between KDIA and KBJA it was difficult to hear much of KDZR. -Martin Flotz, Mission Viejo, CA
 Prior to midnight PST (0800 UTC), the usually dominant 1640 signal - KDIA in California - pretty well had the frequency to itself, apart from snatches of pop music in the background. About 30 seconds after the hour, pop music swelled up to completely cover KDIA's inspirational talk format. Thereafter the pop music format and talk format fought it out for dominance of the frequency. Quite a few Radio Disney identifications and promos were heard over the next 30 minutes, with a commercial for horse riding in Colorado around 12.30am PST. -Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, New Zealand
 In spite of local, non-loopable (same bearing) QRM, amazingly KDZR-1640 also made it in, thanks to very soft, slow talk with lots of pauses (i.e. dead air) and no music on KDIA. -Arthur Peterson

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KKPZ 1330kHz Maintenance Test. Date(s): January 29, 2006 (Late Sunday Night starts the test)

While regular programming at day power was the norm for KDZR, a rarer treat was a test of daytimer KKPZ who operated at their full day power of 5KW running Morse Code ID's and tones. First report of the test came from Dennis Vroom of Vancouver, WA, followed quickly by reports from Doug Pifer in Albany, OR and Mary Anne Swafford (who arranged the test!). These earlier successful receptions were followed by those of Patrick Martin of Seaside, OR, Steve Ratzlaff of NE Oregon, and Bob Coomler, of Cloverdale, CA. Martin Foltz of Mission Viejo, CA nabbed this test too, as did Arthur Peterson using the Bendix MN-26C & Radio West Loop. Another note worthy logging was that of Robert Wien in Fontana, CA, just a few miles from LA. He pulled in the test very well indeed using a GE Super-Radio and a Select-Antenna. Proving again that you don't have to own mega-buck equipment to log DX. The best DX of the test was likely that of J.D. Stephens in Hampton Cove, Alabama, who heard the test at a distance of 2,020 miles! The Drake R8B and KIWA Loop certain did the job for him. Not everyone was so lucky. Randy Stewart of Battlefield, MO heard nothing that resembled code or tones on the channel, neither did The boys in the far north didn't fair much better, with Mike Stonebridge of St. Isidore, AB reporting that no amount knob twisting on the Phaser could put a dent in CJYM. Likewise Bryan Clark in New Zealand could not repeat his success. The only English language heard on the frequency was an UNID sports talk format station.

SOAPBOX:

1330 was wall to wall CJYM at S-9+10 or better with nothing audible underneath. No matter what I did to the Phaser or what combination of antennas I used, I was unable to put a dent in it. -Mike Stonebridge, St. Isidore, AB
 Happy to say I logged the KKPZ-1330 DX test here in North Alabama, in the 0800-0900 UTC timeframe. Good conditions the West this morning. Heard several instances of tones, plus one CW ID. Weak, but definitely there. -J.D. Stephens, Hampton Cove, AL
 I was only able to detect a couple of North American signals - one in Spanish, the other in English with a number of mentions of Houston - perhaps a sports-formatted station. -Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, New Zealand
 Our thanks again to Mary Anne Sanford, KE7CGC for arranging these tests for all of us!

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In the announcement for the KDZR and KDZR DX tests an e-mail address was provided. This was by mistake.

This address does not have broadband and many of those who are reporting are submitting large audio files, virtually stopping the downloads of the person's email and creating great frustration. You can assume that many of these reports were deleted.

Anyone who has NOT submitted a report for these tests must submit the report directly to the station at the addresses provided below. If you have already sent a report you should resubmit it as chances are it was deleted.

KDZR Radio Disney
 3030 SW Moody St., Suite 210
 Portland, OR 97201

KDZR Radio
 Attn Program Manager
 4700 SW Macadam Suite 102
 Portland, OR 97239

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- 560 KSFO **CA**, San Francisco 1/22 0555 "Coast to Coast AM," ad, ID "This is Hot Talk 5-60, KSFO San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose," ABC-E news. Poor to fair, heavy lightning QRM. (5P-HI)
- 600 CKBD **BC**, Vancouver 1/28 2322 local ads, 2326 ID by man "Your 600 station, the Unforgettable 600 AM," into standard "It's Impossible." Good, in clear. (RW-HI)
- 620 KPOJ **OR**, Portland 1/26 2355 progressive talk, 2356 ad for Avicor hair restorer "Call 1-800-301-1420," 1/27 0000 ID "KPOJ AM 620 Portland-Vancouver-Salem." Good, no sign of my local KIPA which is often silent or low-powered. (RW-HI)
- 630 KCIS **WA**, Seattle 1/28 2344 ID by man "AM 6-30, KCIS," into hymn solo "Holy, Holy, Holy," more religious music, soft style. Dominant. New. (RW-HI)
- 710 KIRO **WA**, Seattle 1/22 0625 man hosting "Radioactive" game show, mentioned website 710kiro.com and weblog at blogspot.com. Poor with lightning QRM. (5P-HI)
- 740 KCBS **CA**, San Francisco 1/22 2345 female gave ID and sports scoreboard segment. Over & under jazz station, weak with some KXL splash. (GH-OR)
- 780 KNOM **AK**, Nome 2/1 0617 poor, KKOH off, with audio trading off with probably KAZM. Heard local PSA with female talking about the "Bering Sea Women's Group" and "Victims of Violence" followed by two Nome phone numbers for "Alaska Domestic Violence..." et al. New. (DP-OR)
- 840 CKBX **BC**, 100 Mile House 1/23 0000 ID and news into C&W music. Weak and distant but not staticky and totally alone on Drake with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)
- 850 KICY **AK**, Nome 2/1 0114 poor but reasonable under KOA. Contemporary Christian music program "The Edge" with comments and PSA's by two female announcers. Mention of the "Ptarmigan Telegraph" and then "Clinics" to be visiting different villages and phone numbers given. Night Sounds program at 0230 and Russian music and talk at 0300. New. (DP-OR)
- 890 KDXU **UT**, St. George 1/19 0000 talk show, ID and ABC news, ad for Avacore. Fair to poor in CJDC null on Drake with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)
- 980 CKNW **BC**, Vancouver 1/23 2230 sports, temp "6 degrees outside," 2231 "CKNW news, 9-80," ad for IKEA furniture, local ad, 2232 into coverage of federal election, reporter Gordon MacDonald with results from Atlantic Canada and BC. Clear, dominant. (RW-HI)
- 990 CBW **MB**, Winnipeg 1/30 0530 fair signal under heavy local carrier from KTHH. CBC Radio Overnight and DW - Radio Polonia programs. New. (DP-OR)
- 1130 KRDU **CA**, Dinuba 1/23 0627 end of "Truths That Transform," woman with ID "With ?, this is KRDU Dinuba-?" into another religious program. Poor to very poor, probable CKWX-BC underneath, lightning crashes. (5P-HI)
- 1140 KHTK **CA**, Sacramento 1/24 0657 Mary Hart with American Women in Radio and Television featurette on Sandra Day O'Connor, PSA, ID "Local boy makes good ... (soundbite) ... on Sportsradio 11-40 KHTK Sacramento, a Fox Sports Radio Affiliate" into Fox sportscast. Poor, piano music underneath from probable CHR-B-AB. (5P-HI)

- 1170 KFAQ **OK**, Tulsa 1/13 2158 ID "KFAQ Tulsa," ad for Duracell batteries, 2159 "Farm Credit Services of East-central Oklahoma, serving Oklahoma for 90 years," 2200 "News on the hour," ID "Talkradio 11-70, Tulsa, standing for what's right." Good over KLOK-CA in Spanish, KHCM-HI skipped out. (RW-HI)
- 1180 KERI **CA**, Wasco-Greenacres-Brookfield 1/16 2254 classical music, ID "KERI AM, 11-80," 2300 into English religious transcription. (RW-HI)
- 1230 KHSN **OR**, Coos Bay 1/24 0000 male gave ID into vocal music. By no means regular, last heard last October. Very weak on Drake with RS loop. (GH-OR)
- 1240 ???? **AK**, Seward 1/28 2300 ID by man "On KVVV Seward," into slow-paced discussion by two men. KVVV is listed at 103.5 in Homer, and has relays. Is this one, and what is call? My first Alaskan graveyarder in 48 years of DX'ing. (RW-HI)
- 1280 KXTK **CA**, San Luis Obispo-Santa Maria 1/23 2200 ID "KXTK, ESPN Radio San Luis Obispo-Santa Maria," local ad, 2202 ID "ESPN 12-80, the Central Coast's Sports Leader," "ESPN Radio," dominant. (RW-HI)
- 1340 KBBR **OR**, North Bend 1/19 0030 heard talk show and ID in a 50/50 mix with unID station playing big band type music. Really weak using Drake and RS loop. (GH-OR)
- 1400 KVTO **CA**, Berkeley 1/23 0359 woman in Vietnamese, 0400 man in English, ID "KVTO... KVTO Radio Voice of the Orient, KVTO," on top. New. 1/27 0006 man & woman alternating in Punjabi, numerous mentions of "Punjab," "Hind" (India). Unlike KYAA-1200-CA, KRPI-1550-WA and KVRI-1600-WA, which are, I believe, full-time Punjabi (as the P in the call KRPI might indicate), KVTO alternates languages (also heard in Chinese, Vietnamese and I believe Greek, though Greece is not a country of "The Orient"). Are they all ?? I will keep checking. (RW-HI)
- 1430 KBRC **WA**, Mt. Vernon 1/21 0100 oldies into ABC news. Big, slow fades from strong to very weak on Drake with Sanserino loop. Long time no hear. (GH-OR)
+1/30 0516 good with oldies. Sort of a singing ID "Oldies Radio 1430 KBRC." Semi-local KYKN running open carrier for many hours. New. (DP-OR)
- 1520 KOLM **MN**, Rochester 2/1 2340 ID as "Sportsradio 1520 KOLM" after Minnesota-Colorado hockey game. Good signal under KOKC. New. (BWB-ID)
- 1600 KVRI **WA**, Blaine 1/21 2200 disclaimer "The opinions expressed in this program do not necessarily reflect those of the station," ID in English "AM 1600, this is KVRI Blaine, Radio India," into Punjabi news with many English words and phrases. Over/under KUBI-CA which had oldies (Beatles) and KTAP-CA with sports in Spanish. New. (RW-HI)
- 1670 KHPY **CA**, Moreno Valley 1/22 2301 ID by man "KHPY Moreno Valley" into Spanish religious on "para cambiar su vida" (to change your life), 2305 "La Hora Santa" (the holy hour), time check "Son las 8 con 5 minutos aqui en radio KHPY." Atop KNRO-CA which had ESPN sports in English. New. (RW-HI)

DX TEST

- 1330 KKPZ **OR**, Portland 1/29 0300-0400 DX test in with local strength signal with code and tones. (FA-ID)
+1/30 0252-0404 good. Test had already commenced when I tuned in. During the whole duration, continuous, slow Morse code and tones consisting of call letters, location, low tone then high tone. (DP-OR)
+1/30 0300-0400 surprisingly good at times in KWKW null over/under two other (KLBS and one other) with various sets of low & high-pitched tones, and "KKPZ, Portland" code ID's. Code ID's noted at 0305, 0333 re-check, 0345 and 0358. Recorded 0345 and 0358 as a .wav file on my laptop PC, will try an e-mail report to Les Rayburn with those. Logged in San Jose several times, first time in So. CA. Great test. (RW-CA)
+1/30 0303+ DX test in well with code ID's, some QRM from KLBS with PP programming. (AP-CA)
+1/30 0313 tones and Morse code ID's heard in null of semi-local KWKW Los Angeles. New! (MF-CA)
- 1640 *KDZR* **OR**, Lake Oswego 1/29 0300-0400 DX test heard with local signal strength, mentions of Radio Disney Portland several times. (FA-ID)
+1/30 0300-0400 DX test in fairly well topping KDIA at times but generally either mixing or just under KDIA, KBJA in background as well, with normal Radio Disney programming. Had other radio tuned to local KKDD-1290, both running //. Samples of programming: 0308 song "Lonely (I'm So Lonely)", 0314 song "Because You Live & Breathe" by Jaz McCarthy, song by my local band Smashmouth with "All Star" at 0329, 0330 promo to win a cowboy adventure on the Colorado River from Radio Disney. Great test! (RW-CA)
+1/30 0302 heard Radio Disney in KDIA/KBJA null, very weak. I tuned back in 0330 and in a little stronger but still in & out. Never did hear an ID or local programming. (MF-CA)
+1/30 0306-0359 non-existent to good. Severe fade-up's and heavy co-channel interference from KDIA. Typical Disney pop music with occasional mention of "Radio Disney Portland." Full ID at 0359. (DP-OR)
+1/30 0310-0330 DX test in fair under local KDIA-1640, confirmed // local Disney KMKY-1310. Did not expect to hear this, but luckily KDIA was running very soft talk

with lots of pauses (dead air) and no music. Same direction so could not loop the local. (AP-CA)

HELP WITH UNID's

- 700 KXLX WA, Airway Heights ESPN 700 is KXLX, 10kw day/600w night; they are a pest to me on 700 all day and all night. (DW-OR)
- 1370 KWNC WA, Quincy country on 1370 with KW—is likely KWNC (Central WA) which is heard better here during the day (at 1kw) than at night (39 watts), but has been heard in both cases. (DW-OR)
- 1430 KFIG CA, Fresno ESPN 1430 is likely KFIG which is also heard here (though not a pest, and not during the day). (DW-OR)
+RA's unID is undoubtedly KFIG Fresno, they are a pest for me in Fontana. (RW-CA)
+This is Rene's unID from Vol. 20. They are regularly heard here with ESPN sports and the "ESPN 14-30" slogan. (MF-CA)

UNIDS

- 1330 UNID 1/20 0310 unID noted in KWKW null during KKPA test, sounded like "This is AM 1330, KJRL." Closest thing would be KMRR-AZ, can't be KLBS, and KGAK was behind with CBS news at top of the hour. Looped N-S, faded out immediately. Ideas? (RW-CA)
- 1390 UNID 1/25 0000-0045 WSPN sportstalker giving no ID's (as usual). Strong to fair above KSLM but gone by 0045. Ideas? (GH-OR)

This must be a good season to hear Alaska, as quite a few Alaskans reported recently. Nancy 2/3 2100

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RIDING GAIN

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Drake R8B, Kiwa loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 1070 KVKK MN, Verndalis. 1-31 loud. 19:03 out of AP Radio News with "You're with the Double K Radio Network on KVKK." [NJ-MT]
- 1080 KFXX OR, Portland. 1-31 good over a weak KRLD. 21:00 with ID and "Portland's only all sports station, Sports Radio 10-80 the Fan." [NJ-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1981 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Ernest R. Cooper** of Provincetown, MA reported he now has 4,180 verifications ... **James E. Critchett** of Red Bluff, CA said a heart attack and six visits to the hospital reduced his DXing ... **Rich Toebe** of San Ramon, CA purchased a Grundig Satellit 3400 ... **Todd Skaine** of Cedar Falls, IA logged 36 new stations the past month.

OPEN MIKE

Next week is the last of the weekly issues for the season. This column was typed 2-4-06. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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STARS OF THE WEEK

- (WM-MD) **William McGuire** 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD DX-398
- (IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New** Watkinsville, GA DRAKE R-8B, 135' N/S L.W., SANGHEAN ATS 909
- (MH-NC) **Mike Hardester** Jacksonville, NC DX4EVR@Earthlink.Net ICOM R-70 2X75 foot random wires E/W & N/S
- (RJ-NC) **Russ Johnson** Lexington, NC Palstar R30C, Icom R75, Sony 2010, Longwires

LOGGINGS

- 560 MD WFRB Frostburg 1/28 2012 "560 WTO ID." Subsequently learned that WTO is ID'ing as "560-1450" as they are // WFRB. (RJ-NC)

- 560 TN WNSR Nashville 1/31 0707 Tennessee state news, Nashville weather and traffic reports. ID for Sports Radio WNSR. (RJ-NC)
- 820 OH WOSU Columbus 02/04 1912 WOSU's Bluegrass Ramble! Good signal w/Radio Reloj in Cuba and WBAP in Texas underneath. "You're listening to 820 AM, WOSU...Campus of Ohio State University." (IEN-GA)
- 860 GA WDMG Douglas 1/26 2120 ESPN Radio heard. New. (WM-MD)
- 1330 GA WPBC Decatur 1/27 ID heard. (WM-MD)
- 1450 NC WIZS Henderson 1/27 1755 "WRAL news (TV) on WIZS-Henderson." (RJ-NC)
- 1490 GA WYYZ Jasper 1/30 1759 "24 hours a day, 7 days a week – WYYZ." (RJ-NC)
- GA WSFB Quitman 2/2 0559 Very faint WSFB ID rising above the mush. (RJ-NC)
- VA WCLU Glasgow 2/3 0559 "classic. This is WCLU Glasgow." Into news. (RJ-NC)
- KY WCVA Culpepper 2/1 1859 Call sign "WCVA" heard above the din. (RJ-NC)
- 1640 WI WKSHt Sussex 1/31 @ 1650 Believed the one with frequent "Radio Disney" IDs, possible local ID @ 1659 with "WK" clear and what sounded like "15-40 and 16-50." Is WKSH //, or was this something else? Fair to poor with occasional fades. This log was in a 2002 Highlander, in Jacksonville, with embedded antenna. (MH-NC)

UN IDEN

- 1330 ?? ???? 1/27 1815 ESPN Radio Heard. (WM-MD)
- 1470 ?? ???? 1/27 1744 Air America Heard. (WM-MD)

A short one this week Not much DX for me either... NOTE: I STILL need a copy of VOL 16 # 17 (pages 225-236) to complete that volume. And Vol. 12 # 18. Would also like to verify page 23-24. 37-38, & 51, 52 from Volume 12. Missing from my collection, but may not have been published. I also need a complete set of Vol. 1 thru 11. I will pay all postage and return to you. 0900 2-05-06

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 621 UNID, weak carrier 0328 1/31, TA bearing, No audio first, then man talking faded up in what seemed to be SS. Too weak to understand. I have noticed this carrier before, but this is the first time I've heard audio. (AL-CA)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 690 MEXICO, Tijuana, BCN 2/6 0310. Noted w/new SS news format while driving home on 91 freeway back to Fontana, had carried infomercial-style programming through the weekend in anticipation of new format, hrd an ad on Saturday for a colon cleaning formula (ugh!) (RW-CA)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 180 RUSSIA, FE, Radio Rossii hrd with classical mx and weak signal 1045 2/1. Also noted on 279 khz with a better signal than 180 kHz. (DV-WA)
- 1134 JAPAN, Tokyo JOQR, fair with woman in JJ at 0940 2/6. (PM-OR)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- AL-CA - **ALBERT LEHR**, Livermore CA aelehr@worldnet.att.net DXing with Allied A-2515 receiver, Homebrew ext. sync detector, freq. measurement system. Two 35 foot EWE antennas at 218 & 293 degrees, 6 foot outdoor loop
- RW-CA - **ROBERT WIEN**, Fontana CA Weinbob@aol.com DXing with Ford Focus car radio at various locations through East & South LA
- DV-WA - **DENNIS VROOM**, Vancouver WA vroomski@comcast.net DXing with JRC 545, H-800 active antenna
- PM-OR - **PATRICK MARTIN**, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138-0843 mwdxer@Webtv.net DXing with Drake R8, WNW EWE Antenna

Come to Seaside Oregon for the 2006 IRCA Convention! It will be held at the Comfort Inn on September 22-24,2006.



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*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 747 **NETHERLANDS** R. 747 / R.1, Flevoland, FEB 3 0103 - Dutch talk, piano jazz; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, FEB 3 0103 - man in German with weather report: temperature of "null grad" = 0 deg. C. Huge signal. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 828 **unID** FEB 3 0105 - bits of talk, maybe German but not sure. Not usually a productive channel here next to WCRN slopper. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, FEB 2 2156 - French phone interview, female announcer, then "Woman" by John Lennon; very good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 873 **SPAIN** SER synchros, JAN 26 2156 - slightly echoey fast Spanish talk. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 890.98 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Algiers, FEB 3 0108 - Arabic string music and vocal; very thin audio on a massive carrier. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 927t **BELGIUM** VRT Radio Een, Wolvertem, FEB 3 0200 - brief German newscast, then several alternative rock and pop / cabaret style vocals (mostly in English and mostly female). Material possibly included Laurie Anderson, Tori Amos, and Dido. Belgium not listed on at this time per EMWG (and no other obvious choices on that list). After hearing this with a good signal at times here, I checked DX Tuners. Same station noted on the Waterford, Ireland and Folkestone, UK receivers but surprisingly not dominant on Stuttgart, Germany which had a 3-station mix (classical music on top). Ben Dangerfield and Bruce Conti mentioned Belgium on air outside of listed schedule hours. Local 1510 WWZN wiped out chances to see if 1512 was parallel. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 936 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 26 2200 - classical music, pips, Spanish news by woman. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 945 **FRANCE** France Info, Toulouse, FEB 2 2205 - French news by woman; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 963t **PORTUGAL** R. Renascença, Seixal, FEB 3 0143 - probable with Portuguese-sounding music; in tough CHNS slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 999 **MOLDOVA-PRIDNESTROVYE** Voice of Russia, Maiac, FEB 2 2152 - Russian or similar Slavic talk by man; surprisingly loud. Not only was this bombing over usual Spain, it reduced 1000 WCMX to a background het! [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1008 **CANARY ISLANDS** Punto Radio, Las Palmas, JAN 26 2202 - Spanish pop music, talk; over SER-Spain and possible Holland; stronger than WINS! [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1053 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, FEB 2 2151 - Spanish teletalk; mixed with UK and probable Morocco. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1053 **unID** JAN 26 2203 - Arabic music, not sure if Morocco or Libya. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, FEB 3 0141 - caller from Oxford spoke about car electronics items including Tom Tom GPS and various radar detectors. Huge local-like signal. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 26 2204 - extremely echoey Spanish news. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1106.77 **EGYPT** Batrah, JAN 26 2205 - strong het against Spain, not much audio. Same frequency reported by European DXers. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 26 2205 - Spanish news; badly QRM'ed by Egypt. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros, FEB 3 0133 - fast Spanish talk, teletalk; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, FEB 2 2147 - French commentary; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1224 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, JAN 26 2218 - // 837 with Spanish talk; fair through local 1230 WESX slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1251 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, JAN 26 2209 - Arabic talk; fair over others. + FEB 2 2213 - moaning kind of vocal; at low audio level on good carrier. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1287 **SPAIN** SER synchros, JAN 26 2210 - news in Spanish by man & woman; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1314 **NORWAY** NRK, Kvitsoy, FEB 3 0121 - rock music, then woman in Norwegian; huge S9+20. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** BBC R. Ulster, Lisnagarvey, FEB 3 0122 - English talk; to good peak, way over Arabic-sounding music station. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille, FEB 3 0123 - // 1206 with talk by woman, then music; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1394.82 **ALBANIA** Filake, FEB 2 2133 - Slavic talk by man; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 26 2212 - Spanish news / discussion; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** Algiers, JAN 26 2213 - man in French; very good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** R. Sawa, Arta, JAN 26 2213 - pop Arabic music; through WXKS slop. [Connelly*B-MA]

- 1449 **LIBYA** V. of Greater Arab Homeland, Misurata, JAN 26 2214 - Arabic string music; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR, Roumoules, FEB 2 2140 - Arabic religious talk; over worse-than-usual WAZN slop (day power?). [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1485 **SPAIN** SER synchros, FEB 3 0124 - lush instrumental music, then slightly-echoey Spanish talk. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1503 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 26 2216 - // 1413 with Spanish talk; good. [Connelly*B-MA] + FEB 3 0125 - Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Duba, FEB 2 2131 - // 9555 & 9870 with man in Arabic; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** R. Sawa, Kabd - Kuwait City, FEB 3 0126 - man in Arabic with Sawa mention; over jumble. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R. Farda, FEB 2 2137 - Farsi talk; good. + FEB 3 0029 - mideast disco with wailing vocal and thumping percussion, then woman with ID "Radio Farda" (last syllable stressed); LOUD. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** RadiOle, FEB 2 2138 - emotional Spanish vocal music; over SER. [Connelly*B-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 620 **CUBA** CMGN R. Rebelde, Colón, FEB 3 0200 - speech by Fidel introducing Presidente Hugo Chavez at an event with a large crowd, //5025. [Jordan-TN]
- 670 **CUBA** CMQ R. Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas, FEB 3 0212 - speech by Fidel praising the República Bolivariana to much rejoicing by the crowd, //5025. [Jordan-TN]
- 710 **CUBA** R. Rebelde synchros, FEB 3 0230 - Presidente Chavez holding forth, he even broke out in a song much to the delight of the crowd //5025. [Jordan-TN]
- 895 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** V. of Nevis, Bath Village, FEB 3 0108 - US soul music; fair to good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1020 **CUBA** R. Reloj, FEB 3 0143 - usual Reloj news & time show; wiping out KDKA. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1100 **CUBA** Havana (?), FEB 3 0118 - presumed source of wobbler signal clobbering WTAM. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1180 **CUBA** CMBA R. Rebelde, Villa María, FEB 3 0250 - President Chavez extolling the virtues of Fidel, Cuba and his Revolución Bolivariana //5025. [Jordan-TN]
- 1620 **unID** FEB 2 2139 - evangelistic preaching (southern-US accented): not sure if WDHP-VI, US mainlander, or something else. [Connelly*B-MA]

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Next week is the last weekly column for the season. See you then. 73, Brandon.

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Greetings from Missoula! This is my first report to Rick since he took over the entire DXF chores. Thanks, Rick! Three Forum reports in the Jan. 28 DXM caught my eye. First, I'm delighted to see that my old DX buddy Dr. Richard E. Wood is becoming a regular contributor, with such interesting info to report. Then, both Mike Riordan and Eric Bueneman made some interesting comments on DXing vs. the radio industry. Here are my thoughts on the latter. First, Mike, I sympathize with your frustration over stations that you believe react rudely to your communications with them. I'd bet all of us have shaken our heads at one time or another after contact with station personnel who appeared insensitive to our point of view. But I disagree with you when you say "our hobby is under attack." I don't believe any stations are determined to ruin our DXing pleasure by "going on the air" or by running higher power than their licenses allow. Granted, some cheaters do try to increase their revenues by reaching larger audiences so they can sell more commercial time. That's their priority. Also, I want to correct you when you suggest that individuals can file complaints with the FCC against stations that appear to violate their power restrictions. An FCC spokesman told me several years ago that they only hear such complaints if they're brought by another station on the same frequency that suffers interference from these illegal acts. And, Eric, although I applaud your efforts to make it easy

for us DXers to receive QSLs from the stations we hear, I disagree with your statement, "DXers are just as important to the station as the local listeners." I'd bet if you asked personnel at 100 stations if this was true or false, 100 would say false. Local listeners patronize the businesses that advertise on the stations, so naturally they are the top priority. DXers don't add to a station's revenues in any way, and I think we're lucky that some of them care enough about us to answer our reception reports. True, stations do have public service obligations, but in my mind, that doesn't include DXers. We are not a charity. I think the reality is that virtually no one cares about our hobby but ourselves. We don't add value, monetary or psychic, to the industry. We're better off recognizing this than trying to pressure stations to do what we believe they should. Maybe some of us need a reality check in this area. I suggest we express grateful thanks to those station personnel who embrace our hobby rather than rail against the multitude who don't.

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It is rare, perhaps unique, when a columnist writing daily for about half of all America's newspapers, a household name read by all, and with a readership and circulation far greater than any political or current-affairs commentator, carries an appeal for something which, if heeded, would be to the immediate benefit of all DXers, especially domestic AM DXers in North America. Not only that, but the recommendation might help reverse a negative trend widely commented on by DXers, most notably by James Niven in his IRCA Slogan List 2005-2006. Jim says "In recent times, it has become increasingly difficult to identify the station one is tuned to." For the reasons and details, read Jim's introduction. Now, Dear Abby to the rescue! Yes, everyone's favorite advice column, Dear Abby, written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips. Abby's column published in my local newspaper on Saturday January 21, 2006, and given the excellent banner headline "Driver hopes for more directions on radio" (date and heading may vary among different newspapers, so check your local back files) says in relevant part: "Dear Abby: I have recently returned home from a 3,000-mile driving trip. Why don't radio stations give their city of origin when they give their call letters / numbers? This would greatly help travelers who are driving through the area when it comes to traffic or weather problems. Sometimes a station will report a bad accident... but... what city? Am I approaching it, or is it behind me? The same could be said about weather... (w)hat city is reporting... a traveler has no way of knowing if it's ahead or behind where he or she is driving. Please help to get the word out regarding the safety value of this one=second addition to these broadcasts. Thank you on behalf of travelers everywhere."- Frustrated Traveler, Mansfield, Ohio. All DXers should write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P. O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069 and thank her, adding their own examples and reasons for agreeing with, or even expanding upon, the above. They should emphasize public safety, public service, FCC regulations, whatever it takes. They could mention the DXing hobby, too, in an educational way. I won't provide a model form letter. I'll leave it to each DXer to write. In some cases, letters on the same subject to local newspapers, newscasters and weathercasters would be appropriate. Please let me know of any responses received, or publish them here. 73.

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With the new year upon us, I thought it would be a good time to send along some recent loggings and random thoughts. I am currently on a rampage to try to reach the 3500 stations heard mark before IBOC digital becomes so pervasive and intrusive on the AM dial so as to close that possibility out. This must be the worst technology ever foisted on the listening public. I can identify at least 12 frequencies where either my semi-locals (mainly Detroit metro stations) or more distant ones such as WBZ-1030 are destroying their adjacent channels from a few miles to a few hundred miles away. Examples: WXYT-1270 Detroit smothers WONW-1280 Defiance, Ohio in my part of NE Toledo. Before WXYT went 50KW days WONW was stronger than they were; now they're grounded up into WXYT's sideband hash. KDKA-1020 gets hashed out by WBZ from 800 miles away! How can the FCC allow this? No wonder the digital has to be turned off at night. This problem is only going to get worse as more stations add digital to their signals. AM stereo was a far better technology that sadly went nowhere. I noticed in at least two locations in the IRCA bulletin mentioning what a fine station CHWO-740 in Toronto is-Rick Evans in Indy & Pat Martin in Seaside, Oregon both stated their appreciation for the great music they present. I will add my name o that list as well. They are probably the best overall standards station in North America! They air different themes each night covering big bands, swing, oldies, ballads, some jazz and even some Celtic music. They are truly professional with a great jingle package and presentation. I have taped them often either from here in Toledo or on trips into Canada or in closer locations in the northeast near Toronto. If there were more CHWO's out there the AM dial would still be a favorite choice of large legions of listeners. WLGZ-990 in Rochester is a very interesting standards station as is Otsego, Michigan's WAKV-980 in greater Kalamazoo-rce, you would really like these guys. (I listen to them every July when I am up there for a reunion. Hard to hear here because of WONE-980/WGTK-970--rce). WIL-1430 in St. Louis is an excellent C&W station and KKYX-680 is a good one in San Antonio. These gems are getting harder to find. Pockets of good radio still exist-John Clemmer's Peoria, Ill. Is still a very good AM radio market along with western NY and NE Ohio--WAKR-1590, WSOM-600, WNIO-1390 come to mind which are all standards. Speaking of IBOC, the upgraded and stronger WFD-910 in Flint not only has buried that frequency for me but they also blur out standards WMNI-920 in Columbus as well. Down with IBOC! (continued next week... rce) (I noticed WFD-910 suddenly showing up here recently-rce)



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First, note new address above; we moved in Oct. 2004 about 12 miles south of our former location north of Lawrenceville. The move was mainly to get my wife closer to her job as a teacher here in Gwinnett Co. and lessen her commute. As a quick re-intro, I am now in my 28th year as a IRCA member, having joined in 1977. I am self-employed, with a drafting/design business, working with glass companies locally and around the SE, to prepare their shop drawings. This April will begin my 15th year doing this. My aforementioned wife, Nancy, is a special-ed teacher. We have one son, Aaron, who is in 5th grade at the same school where Nancy teaches. My older son, Kevin, from my first marriage, is attending University of GA in the business school. Since our move, I have been virtually inactive DXwise, with just too much work and family stuff taking most of my time. In fact, the only new logging lately was a nice one, WNAX-570, finally bagged when I noticed several others in the SE hearing them...one station I have wanted for a long time! Totals in this shack are 2036 logs, 1665 veries since about 1969 when I started DXing in high school in Conover, NC. I am still using the trusty HQ-150, purchased used over 30 years ago from NRCer Dick Truax of Louisville. I also have a 12-655 TRF, and a Sangean ATS-803A. Antennas are a Kiwa MW Loop and a Quantum Loop. As an incentive to get me back to the dials, I recently purchased a Quantum Phaser, and strung up a "Backyard fence" antenna. We live on a small suburban lot in what is termed a "conservation subdivision", which means there is more greenspace than usual. Our lot is bordered on one side by a nice wooded area, and a buffer in the back. There is probably room for some short clandestine longwires, but for now I opted to string along the 6-foot wooden fence that borders our backyard. A recent phone call to the local "Ham Radio Outlet" hooked me up with a TV repair shop that works on tube sets, so I took in the HQ-150 for an alignment and check-up...needed one new tube (first one replaced in 30 years!). While there, noticed they had a pile of old radios and saw a Zenith Transoceanic and a HQ-180! I am going to check back with them to see if the 180 in working order and how much. I really would like to upgrade to a modern rx, though, and have been checking out the Palstar R30 and the ICOM R75, as I want to keep it around \$500 or so. The Palstar seems to be getting favorable press, so we'll see. I am hoping to spend a little time DXing before this season ends, so stay tuned. 73, Karl

DX WORLDWIDE - II

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MW OFFSET LIST: <http://www.myradiobase.de/mediumwave/mwoffset.txt> January 20, 2006 - containing 1338 offsets! (but still 15874 active records in database without exact frequency....) This list is a collection of exact operating frequencies of Medium Wave stations. Even small deviations from the nominal frequencies ("offsets") help Medium Wave DXers to identify stations. When monitoring the nominal frequencies with software, DXers can see carriers which are so weak that they never would produce audio. Exact frequencies and fade-in/fade-out patterns can however help to identify the source of the signal. Initially compiled from own monitoring, data is now being added from various sources. The list is ordered by nominal frequency and then by exact (measured) frequency. If it has been determined that a station transmits exactly on frequency, it will also be included - not only when it is some Hz off. (Steve Whitt, mwc, 20 Jan)

WRTH 1947 to 1958 REPRINT: Twelve editions with fully text search function on a CD! This is a jointventure between the WRTH Co. and ADDX on the occasion of the 60th edition of the WRTH! The rare old copies of the first editions of the WRTH occasionally can be found at eBay auction. Thus the 1949 edition was sold this summer for 750 U.S. Dollars! The first twelve editions have now been scanned and are sold on a CD which I have had a look at. It is very easy to work with and highly recommendable to all people interested in broadcast radio history. More at <http://www.addx.de/Service/CDreprint.php>. Until Jan 31, 2006, it is sold for 40 Euro including postage. After that date the CD will cost 50 Euro. Send your order and payment directly to ADDX, Scharsbergweg 14, D-41189 Moenchengladbach, Germany. Bank transfer to ADDX-Konto Nr. 8686800 at Deutschen Bank, Duesseldorf, BLZ 30070024 (IBAN: DE 7030 0700 1000 0868 6800, BIC: DEUT DE DB DUE). (Schmizt and Petersen) (Anker Peterson via DX-Window No. 287 via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

JAMAICA: (Excerpt) The Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica (PBCJ) is slated to commence operations during the first quarter of the next financial year. The company will be operating from 5 South Odeon Avenue, the former office of the now defunct Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation (JBC). Jamaica Information Service via Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherland Media Network weblog 23.12.2005 via DXLD

MEXICO:

720	XEAVR	R. Fórmula, Cadena Nacional, 5 kW (r: XERFR 970 kHz)
740	XECAQ	R. Fórmula, Cancún, now 20/10 kW
770	XEQRV	R. Fórmula, Cadena Radio Uno, ex Costenita, 5 kW (r: XEDF 1500 kHz)
920	XELE	Indomable, Tampico ex 1300 kHz
1050	XEG	"La Ranchera 10-50", Monterrey, new slogan Radio Fórmula, Veracruz:
1060	XETF	R. Fórmula Veracruz, ex La Jarocha, 5/1 kW.

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ASIA AND PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN: The US Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) intends to negotiate a non-competitive contract with Harris Corporation, for a MW broadcasting system and ancillary equipment for installation at a remote location in Afghanistan. It is expected that a 200 kW, containerized system operating at 621 kHz will be ordered. On-air is scheduled for approximately September 15, 2006. The Radio TV Afghanistan (RTVA) staff at the Pol-e Charkhi Transmitting Station has been thoroughly trained in the operation of the Harris DX MW transmitters and have successfully operated two Harris 400DX MW transmitters for over two years. The RTVA Management has specifically requested that the BBG provide only Harris Corporation transmitter equipment to meet this requirement. Full details of announcement [http://www.fbodaily.com/archive/2006/01-January/15-Jan-2006/FBO-00966138.htm] (Media Network weblog, 17 Jan 06).

AUSTRALIA: For those who are interested you'll find on the ACMA website a pdf copy of Australian Broadcasters By Region And State ACMA 12 October 2005. It covers AM FM and TV http://www.acma.gov.au/acmainterwr/_assets/main/lib100052/broadcasters_by_area.pdf. (John Smith, mwoz, 3 Nov)

JAPAN: NHK, Japan's public broadcaster, has announced a significant cost-cutting plan that includes getting rid of 10 percent of its workforce over a three-year period beginning in 2006. The broadcaster released a three-year reform plan this week, with the goal being to streamline its operations and rebuild the public's trust. The broadcaster expects to implement the changes beginning this April. In addition to the proposal to cut about 1,200 jobs, the plan suggests:

- Reducing the number of departments at NHK headquarters;
- Introducing a performance-evaluation system for the President and the executive board;
- Hiring more outsiders for management positions; and
- Refocusing on NHK's strengths, including news reporting, disaster bulletins and region-specific broadcasts.

The plan emphasizes maintaining the broadcaster's independence from the Japanese government and promoting stronger, more accountable self-governance. Founded in 1926 and modeled after the BBC, NHK derives much of its revenue from viewership fees paid by all Japanese residents who own a television set. More than one million households reportedly stopped paying the obligatory fee last year to protest against a number of NHK scandals since 2004, including embezzlement charges against a producer. (ABU Website via Md. Azizul Alam Al-Amin, HCDX)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

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 (Paul David, mwdx, 30 Dec)

ALBANIA: Current schedule of 2 MW transmitters located in Flake near Durres:

Freq	start	end	station	language	azimuth
FLLAKE - A					
1215	0600	0630	VOA	ALBANIAN	N-D
1215	0643	0700	DW	ALBANIAN	N-D
1215	0700	0900	CRI	ENGLISH	N-D
1395	0901	1000	TIR	ALBANIAN	033
1215	1600	1700	CRI	ALBANIAN	N-D
1215	1700	1800	CRI	ESPERANTO	N-D
1215	1800	1900	CRI	ROMANIAN	N-D
1395	1910	2200	TWR	Various	330
1215	2201	2300	CRI	SERBIAN	N-D
FLLAKE - B					
1458	0530	0600	VOA	CROATIAN	338
1458	0630	0645	VOA	SERBIAN	338
1458	0730	0900	TIR	ALBANIAN	338
1458	1500	1630	TIR	ALBANIAN	N-D
1458	1630	1645	TIR	TURKISH	N-D Mon-Sat
1458	1645	1700	TIR	GREEK	N-D Mon-Sat
1458	1700	1800	CRI	BULGARIAN	N-D
1458	1800	1900	CRI	ITALIAN	N-D
1458	1901	1929	TIR	GERMAN	338 Mon-Sat
1458	1930	2000	VOA	ALBANIAN	030
1458	2001	2059	CRI	HUNGARIAN	N-D
1458	2100	2115	DW	SERBIAN	338
1458	2115	2130	TIR	SERBIAN	004 Mon-Sat
1458	2130	2230	CRI	POLISH	004
1458	2230	2330	CRI	CZECH	338

VOA -Voice of America, DW -Deutsche Welle, CRI -China Radio International, TIR -Radio Tirana (external service), TWR -Trans World Radio (Dragan Lekic, Feb 2, DXLD)

AZERBAIJAN: Voice of Azerbaijan observed on 1295 kHz on 2 Feb, in Arabic at 1700, English at 1800. Both continue to identify as "Voice of Azerbaijan" in those languages, rather than the recently reported "Radio Azerbaijan International". A clip of these IDs can be found on the Interval Signals Online website at <http://www.intervalsignalsonline.com> (Dave Kernick, Feb 3, DXLD)

BELGIUM: Tonight Belgium is still transmitting on 927 & 1512 at 0015utc. Usually these channels are clear well before midnight UTC. Has BRT/RTBF changed schedules? Have these gone 24hrs? (Steve Whitt MWC 24 Jan) I have new on this (and you're not going to like it): During the winter months the medium wave transmitters of both the VRT and RTBF are on the air all night long. There are two reasons for this: 1. the management cannot accept that during the night far away stations can be received with loud signal here. Rumor has it that those foreign stations have elevated their power output and no one can verify it. Only the electricity bill rises of course.... 2. When 540 and 621 kHz are switched off, the temperature in the transmitter room at Waver drops substantially. So they prefer to keep the transmitters on so that things don't freeze (a part of the transmitters is water-cooled). So, basically the management does not tolerate any form of competition.... (Herman Boel, mwc 27 Jan) I've observed an irregular sign off recently. I haven't monitored continuously but here are a few observations:

date	time	927	1512	621
27/1	0025	off	off	off
26/1	2305	off	on	
26/1	2219	off	on	on
26/1	0004	on	on	
26/1	0000	on	on	off
25/1	0013	on	on	
23/1	2245	off		

It seems as if 927 sign-off can vary by an hour and a half at least. I don't suppose any more official info is available? (Steve Whitt, mwc, 27 Jan)

FRANCE: The CSA (the French radio authority) has given the go-ahead to Paris Live Radio, an English-language station aimed at foreign visitors and English-speaking residents in the French capital, for a three months test period on 963 kHz. No date was mentioned but March 24 is generally believed to be the target date. (Rémy Friess, mwc, 31 Jan)

GERMANY: Westdeutscher Rundfunk ordered two 100 kW MW transmitters (plus two 50 kW auxiliary transmitters) from the former Telefunken, now Transradio company. At present testing of these transmitters is under way at the Berlin workshop of Transradio while the staff of the Langenberg station provisionally moves the existing transmitter (Siemens 200 kW, installed around 1980) out of its place to make room for the new equipment. One of the new 100 kW transmitters is meant for 720, the other one for 1593. The former 1593 antenna equipment still exists at Langenberg in operational condition, so a reactivation of this frequency appears to be no big challenge. So far it is unknown who will or could use 1593 at Langenberg again. The transmitters are DRM-ready, but Westdeutscher Rundfunk staff does not dare to foretell if they will be ever used in this mode (short tests disregarded here of course). An addition re. Telefunken: The renaming into Transradio came into force as of January, and it is clear now that they were indeed forced somehow to give up the Telefunken brand (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Feb 3, DXLD)

GREECE: There is really a pirate station on 1305 kHz (1750-1810 UTC on Jan 7) playing native Greek songs. Seldom talking in Greek but no ID as usual of all Greek and Serbian pirates in range 1600-1800 kHz. In MW band there are four Greek pirates: on 1305, 1383, 1567 and 1603 kHz (Dec 2005-Jan 2006). (Rumen Pankov-BUL, wwdxc BC-DX Jan 13)

ITALY: According to RAI's Andrea Borgnino, starting with April RAI will begin its DRM testing phase from former MW location of Milano 2, on 693 kHz. Announced power is 20 kW. (Andy Lawendel, BDXC-UK, 26 Jan 06)

PORTUGAL: RCP-Rádio Club Português via R.Comercial 1035 kHz 100 kW Belmonte (Benavente) & 783 kHz 10 kW Canidelo (near Porto) is gone. We stumbled on R.Comercial nor mal prgr on 1035 kHz only this evening, and after a phone call to RC, I learned the changes occurred some time (surely late) this week stemming from a radio authority (ANACOM) note claiming RC txs can only air RC prgrs. Curiously, another "product" from the RC group (Média Capital), viz. the defunct R. Nacional, was aired via RC MW txs for a few years' time. He also informed a 2nd tx (probably 50 kW or even 100 kW) was also commissioned and intended for Canidelo, but it's not operational yet. Unfortunately, the RCP can only be listened to via VHF-FM & internet. Média Capital is owned by the Spanish group PRISA, RTLuxembourg and a Port. shareholder. Whether this notification by ANACOM was to adequately prevent the use of the MW txs for some foreign relay (RTL does them) I don't know, but that wouldn't be too surprising. (Carlos Gonçalves, 8 Jan via mediumwave.info)

SOUTH AFRICA: The number of MW stations in South Africa is diminishing with 1098 and 1404 Ikwewezi FM now permanently off air from South Africa. The remaining stations are:

Khz	Location	Kw
567	Cape Town	25
576	Meyerton	50

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702	Pretoria	100 (curtain array to SW)
846	E. Cape	100 omni dir
1287	Joburg	2
1422	Joburg	1
1485	Joburg	1
1548	Joburg	10

Not much left eh! The tragedy is that there are lots more broadcasters who would like to go on MW but our regulating body ICASA has such strict rules no one can get a license. But still more stations in Botswana, Angola, Mozambique, Lesotho and Swaziland. (John Plimmer, 28 Jan)

SWAZILAND: Observed via DX Tuners web receiver sited at Johannesburg, SA, fading in around 1600 UT 6 January 2006 and going out around 0010 UTC the following day: A station broadcasting on MW 1377 kHz from Sandlane, SWZ, formerly known as Radio Cidade International, was observed variously identifying as "Liberty Radio" or "Radio Liberty, 1377 k of love" [yuk!]. Programming continues to be in Portuguese and English, with lots of music - including a show presented in Portuguese called "Cidade Tropical" - spiritual messages and some religious programming. Reception varied from poor to fair. A Google search only turned up one reference to the station - "Liberty Radio 13.77 AM" - with a program guide, which didn't seem to bear much relation to what I was hearing, even allowing for local time (UTC +2). This is on the website of the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, at http://www.uckg.org.za/radio_programs.htm. An audio clip of both Liberty Radio and its predecessor Radio Cidade International can be heard at the Interval Signals Online website at www.intervalsignals.net (Dave Kernick, HCDX 9 Jan)

UNITED KINGDOM: The new 2006 (20th) edition of Radio Stations in the United Kingdom is now available from the British DX Club. Radio Stations in the UK is a comprehensive 60-page guide to BBC, commercial, community and low power AM/FM services on MW and FM, with lists in frequency order and by station name. It includes transmitter power and site details, plus contact information. Frequencies are cross-referenced to help you find parallels. It comes with a separate supplement - Radio Stations in the Republic of Ireland.

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Johnnie Walker has been awarded an MBE in the New Year's honors list for his services to broadcasting... He made his name in the 60s with the pirate ship Radio Caroline. His night-time show was essential listening for 86% of the night-time audience, which increased to over 20 million Europe-wide on the night of 14 August 1967, as Walker and 'Caroline' continued in defiance of Government legislation which silenced all the others. The Times reports that Johnnie said he was pleased that he had been forgiven for being a pirate radio disc jockey in the 1960's. "Having defied Her Majesty's Government in 1967 with the pirate radio ship Radio Caroline, I never expected to see my name in the Honors," he said. "Her Majesty obviously has a forgiving nature and I'm most grateful and honored. It's a wonderful start to my 40th year on the radio." (www.thetimes.co.uk, via mwc)

The Isle of Man Communications Commission has agreed an extension to the license start date for Isle of Man International Broadcasting (longwave 279 kHz), which now plans to launch by 1 May. Station founder Paul Rusling admitted there have been problems. "Effectively one of our shareholders had a shift in investment policy and that line of funding dried up. Certain policies of the alternative funders that we had immediately available were not acceptable to us and we dug in our heels and ran out of money." (mwc)

Armed Forces Radio Turns 65

Back in early 1941, some cold and lonely GI's at Sitka, in the Alaskan Territory, made a big decision. They rigged up a little radio station and played music to keep themselves entertained in the middle of winter that year. They gave themselves a call sign, KRB.

Sitka was a hotbed of radio broadcasting that year, as KRB was soon followed by another GI station, starting as GIN [guess the source] and becoming GAB soon after.

In the fall of 1941, an officer led 'pirate' radio station began broadcasting from Kodiak, using the call sign KODK.

When the servicemen wrote to major US radio networks asking for free records to play, the military powers that be learned 'they' had three 'armed forces radio' stations broadcasting in isolated Alaska.

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