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This is the **last weekly issue** for this volume. The next DXM will be in **two weeks**.

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.

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=Seattle&state=WA&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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TVA-RHA AWARDS

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Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA Awards for 2005-2006.

Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)

Ted Vasilopolous was a founding charter member of IRCA who died in 1965. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past several years. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: Doug Pifer, Phil Bytheway, Rich Toebe, Nancy Johnson and Ralph Sanserino.

Ric Heald Award (RHA)

The Ric Heald Award (RHA) was created in 1995 to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: Art Blair, Pat Martin and Phil Bytheway.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, shall be sent to the respective winners of last year's awards:

TVA Nominations:

Doug Pifer, 3410 Marion Street SE, Albany, OR 97322, E-Mail: oregon4wd@comcast.net

RHA Nominations:

Art Blair, 507 Canyon Terrace Lane, Folsom, CA 95630, E-Mail: artngwen@calweb.com

All Nominations must be received by the above no later than March 31, 2006.

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)
2/27/06	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>

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 received recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette).

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CANADIAN RADIO NEWS FOR JANUARY, 2006

FEBRUARY 1, 2006 (next update Mar/1/2006)

AM TO FM CONVERSIONS ON THE AIR

AB Slave Lake 92.7 CKWA From 1210

OFF THE AIR

ON Dryden 900 CKDR Simulcast time expires for FM conversion

PROPOSED NEW STATIONS

QC Levis 980 50,000 watts (Country) (French) (Medialex)

PROPOSED AM TO FM CONVERSIONS

NF Glovertown 1090 CBNG Move to 101.5 with 1,276 watts (CBC Radio One)

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: Feb. 24, March 10, March 24, April 7. Please use Eastern Time.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

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690 XETRA **BCN**, Tijuana 2/6 0310 noted with new Spanish format while driving home on the 91 freeway back to Fontana, had carried infomercial-style programming through the weekend in anticipation of new format, heard an ad on Saturday for a colon cleaning formula (ugh!). (REW-CA)

740 KBRT **CA**, Avalon 2/4 2317 with "K-Bright" very strong and on top of KCBS, so I am sure it was still on day power. (BB-AZ)

CHWO **ON**, Toronto 2/8 good with KCBS phased with adult standards, and "Prime Time Radio AM 740 Toronto" ID at 0125. (PM-OR)

760 CFLD **BC**, Burns Lake 2/9 1123 good and dominant with discussion about a new teacher coming to Smithers School system, // 870. (PM-OR)

780 WBBM **IL**, Chicago 2/1 0115 weather report from meteorologist Eric ???, weak and scratchy but totally alone with bits & piece of audio, on Drake with RS loop. New. (GH-OR)

800 CKOK **BC**, Pentiction 2/8 1129 very strong with not a sign of KPDQ with "Easy Rock." (PM-OR)

810 WGY **NY**, Schenectady 1/30 2230 numerous quick ID's by man "Radio 810 WGY," "On WGY," "... WGY," news. On top of weak KGO, a good beacon to ECNA conditions here. (REW-HI)

KBHB **SD**, Sturgis 2/6 in Spanish (new to me) with ballad, then ID in English at 0900. Man said "Newsradio KBHB, Sturgis, Rapid City." In at same time 2/9. (LG-MT)

860 CFPR **BC**, Prince Rupert 2/8 1131 very good and dominant over others with CBC News. I presume one of the weak ones in the jumble under CFPR was KPAM. (PM-OR)

870 CFBV **BC**, Smithers 2/8 1123 good and dominant with discussion of new teacher coming to Smithers. (PM-OR)

890 WLS **IL**, Chicago 1/30 0755 in the clear with ID, KDJQ was quite weak. (LG-MT)

900 CKBI **SK**, Prince Albert 2/4 2330 ad for A-1 Transmission Service, ID into old C&W music. Fair signal atop CKMO and unID sportstalker, on R-388 on N-S wire. (GH-OR)

910 KNEW **CA**, Oakland 1/31 2245 ID "The talk station for the Savage Nation, KNEW," back to Bill O'Reilly show. What does Savage Nation refer to? Very good. (REW-HI) (Savage Nation is the talk show hosted by Michael Savage - NJ)

KBLG **MT**, Billings 2/10 1030 with quick ID mixing with CKDQ "KBLG Billings, a ??? Station." Not new, but rare to hear. KKSJN was very poor. (PM-OR)

CKDQ **AB**, Drumheller 2/8 1105 good and way over KKSJN with "Q-91" ID and C&W music. (PM-OR)

920 KSHO **OR**, Lebanon 1/28 0105 male gave ID with Music of Your Life, Kay Starr tune. Weak, with their 1kw barely getting over KCLY's 5kw. Surprisingly, not often heard. (GH-OR)

KXLY **WA**, Spokane 2/7 0105 news & weather report into Sean Hannity Show, fair over/under unID oldies station. (GH-OR)

930 CJCA **AB**, Edmonton 2/8 1132 on top with "On 930 CJCA" tag. (PM-OR)

940 KWRU **CA**, Fresno 1/23 played lively Spanish vocal music across top of the hour, then ID'd at 2302. Man gave KWRU call and several others. Thought I heard "Radio Vida," too. (LG-MT)

1010 KCHJ **CA**, Delano 2/1 2313 Spanish ID "El Gallito," into rancheras. Cry of rooster between every record and sometimes over it. Good, on top of CBR-AB. New. (REW-HI)

1020 CKVH **AB**, High Prairie 2/8 1110 good and dominant with "Cat Country" ID's and a tag "On Cat Country, 1020. CKVH." (PM-OR)

1050 KORE **OR**, Springfield 2/9 had a good signal for listed 149 watts at 0800. Man mentioned www.kore1050am.com. (LG-MT)

1060 KBGN **ID**, Boise 2/9 1000 ID'd as "The message of eternal hope, this is KBGN, Caldwell, Boise." (LG-MT)

1110 KAGV **AK**, Big Lake 2/8 1115 mixing with KWDB and others with usual soft Christian music and a man announcer "On Alaska's KAGV." (PM-OR)

1200 KFNV **ND**, West Fargo 1/22 2201 bested WQAI with call and local weather. (LG-MT)

1260 KGIL **CA**, San Fernando 2/3 0100 ID by woman "1260 Beverley Hills- Los Angeles, Southern California's K-G-I-L," into EL music. (REW-HI)

CFRN **AB**, Edmonton 2/8 1118 announcement for "Alberta's Burn Society," totally dominant. (PM-OR)

1290 KAZA **CA**, Gilroy 1/31 2225 ad for "sombrosos (hats) en ... men's wear en San Jose," 2226 ID by man "Radio Casa (home, house), La Ranchera Mexico," good over/under KPAY. New. (REW-HI)

1300 KAPL **OR**, Phoenix 2/4 1000 ID by man "AM 1300 KAPL Phoenix-Jacksonville, the broadcast ministry of Chapel..." into vocals "Follow the Picture of Christ" and "Holiness Surrounds Us." Good, new. (REW-HI)

KLER **ID**, Orofino 2/4 0055 C&W music fair to poor signal fighting it out with KKOL but mostly on top using SP-600 on N-S wire. A semi-regular. (GH-OR)

1400 KVTO **CA**, Berkeley 2/2 2300 clear ID by man "This is KVTO the Voice of the Orient, 1400 Berkeley-San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose" into Greek, Greek folk music. 0530 noted in Punjabi. Greek is the only non-Asian language noted so far. Amazing signal. (REW-HI)

1460 KABL **CA**, Salinas 2/2 2230 ID "This is KABL, playing America's favorite music. Now that's music." Adult standards, 2233 vocal "It's a Blue World, 2253 ID by man "1460 is KABL, the Paisano," into Boogie Woogie. Paisano in Italian pronunciation, with z sound for s. Good, new. I remember when KABL call was used by Oakland-960 with clang of cable-car bell between selections. (REW-HI)

1480 KYOS **CA**, Merced 2/2 2250 ID by man "This is KYOS, Merced," soft instrumental, into newstalk on Middle East politics. Good, new. (REW-HI)

1550 KKAD **WA**, Vancouver 2/1 0300 ID "You're listening to the Music of Your Life, all day on KKAD." 0305 ID "If you're looking for the Music of Your Life, we've got it on Sunny 15-50, KKAD." Standards like "Paper Moon," "People," "Sing Your Troubles Away." Loud over KRPI also WA, in Punjabi. New. (REW-HI)

1570 CKMW **MB**, Winkler 2/6 0040 man said "1540 CKMW" with country music. Very weak and scratchy on Drake with Sanserino loop. Long time no hear, last heard 3/04. (GH-OR)

1610 WPZH377 **HI**, Honolulu 2/4 1030 tape loop by woman with info on Hawaii Convention Center, gave phone number and e-mail address. Audible daily throughout hours of darkness. Is it 10 watts? If so, not a bad signal, fair. (REW-HI)

1700 KVNS **TX**, Brownsville 2/6 strong atop XEPE (rare) at 2300. Man ID'd as "Newstalk 1700, KVNS, the Valley's place to talk," then Fox Radio news. (LG-MT)

DX TEST

1030 (KEVT) **AZ**, Cortero (Tucson) 2/6 0200-0300 DX test tried on car radio while driving through West Covina & Temple City not very far from the KTNQ-1020 xmtr, bad slop but was able to make out bits and pieces of a Spanish station, likely Ensenada, and an English station which was likely KTWO, but didn't hear a 2nd station in there. Might've heard it from my home QTH in Fontana had I been there, but I wasn't since KTNQ is no problem for me out t here. Verified on LSR in San Jose so not really needed but tnx for scheduling the test! (RW-CA)

UNIDS

810 UNID 1/19 0900 call sounded like KXRA. (LG-MT)

1200 UNID 2/9 0755 in Spanish, looped due east. I suspect WRTO-Chicago. (LG-MT)

1240 UNID 1/28 ID seemed to be KSBK at 0800. (LG-MT)

1330 UNID 2/6 0100 male DJ playing oldies. Female gave weather report with temps in Celsius. CJYM? Perhaps, but too weak and staticky for positive ID, on Drake with RS loop. (GH-OR)

Please keep loggings current. This week I deleted tips from September and October which were way too old to include in this WDXR. Also, if you hand write your report please print clearly as I will omit anything that I cannot read. March 10 will be the deadline for the Anniversary Issue. I hope that many of you will send a report for that issue. Nancy 2/10 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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[NJ-MT] **Nancy Johnson**, Billings, MT NancyJohnson@Prodigy.net
Drake R8B, Kiwa loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

550 KLLV **CO**, Breen. 2-7 good. 20:58 with religious program ending, "KLLV Breen" ID and time check and weather. Way past LSS if this is still a daytimer. John's up to date logbook does not show a nighttime low power for this station. New for me. [NJ-MT]

680 KKYK **TX**, San Antonio. 2-4. 23:49 with country music, "Southwest Texas" classic country KKYK" between songs. [LH-LA]

1070 KATQ **MT**, Plentywood. 2-6 very weak. 17:59 with country music, "KATQ Plentywood ID into ABC News. Not needed, but very rare here. [NJ-MT]

- 1080 KVNI ID, Coeur d'Alene. 2-6 very strong. 18:58 with rock oldies. "This is the Mighty 10-80 KVNI Coeur d'Alene, Kootenani Country's home for local news, sports, weather, and do-wappin' oldies" into ABC News. [NJ-MT]
- 1170 WFDL WI, Waupun. 1-29 good. 07:45 with instrumental music, CBS News, ID, weather, and Lutheran Hour program. WYLL's old transmitter site blocked reception of this at this time of day. [KDF-IL]
- 1640 KFXV OK, Enid. 1-27 fair. 21:25 with Crescent vs. Covington-Douglas high school basketball BBP. "The Score" slogan and local spots. No ID heard. [KDF-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

February 14, 1981 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Karl Forth** of Chicago, IL told about attending the CADX ... **David Fontanez** of Brandenton, FL mentioned his broken arm from a motorcycle accident ... **Robert Wien** of San Jose, CA explained how the very heavy rains helped out his DX of KIXZ ... **Jef Jaisun** of Kirkland, WA told about the talk radio broadcasts in Seattle being useless.

OPEN MIKE

Many of you know, Valentine's Day is our wedding anniversary! Next issue is the last weekly column of the season! The IRCA Anniversary Issue is coming up soon. Be sure to send in your CDXR report for the Anniversary Issue. Deadline for that is March 10th. This column was typed 2-11-06. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines THIS IS THE LAST OF THE WEEKLIES!!! 2/25, 3/8, 3/25, 4/8, 4/2, 4/19, 5/6, 5/13, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/26.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (WM-MD) **William McGuire** 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD
DX-398
- (IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New** Watkinsonville, GA
DRAKE R-8B, 135' N/S L.W., SANGEAN ATS 909

LOGGINGS

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|------|----|------|---|----------|
| 590 | MA | WEZW | Boston 2/3 1940 Back to the Bible program; NEW. | (WM-MD) |
| 690 | WV | WELD | Fisher 1/31 1750 Station Promo, ID. | (WM-MD) |
| 790 | TX | KBME | Houston 1/31 1741 NOS mx hrd; ID; NEW. | (WM-MD) |
| 920 | ON | CKNX | Wingham 2/3 1901 ID heard over Oldies. | (WM-MD) |
| 1050 | ON | CHUM | Toronto 1/28 2237 Oldies mx hrd; ID. | (WM-MD) |
| | MD | WMSG | Oakland 1/28 2240 ID hrd. | (WM-MD) |
| 1080 | PA | WWNL | Pittsburgh 2/3 1730 "WWNL Pittsburgh" heard. | (WM-MD) |
| 1090 | ON | CKKW | Kitchener 1/28 2250 "Oldies 1090." | (WM-MD) |
| 1320 | VA | WVNZ | Richmond 2/6 1746 SS mx heard. | (WM-MD) |
| 1380 | VA | WKJB | Richmond 2/6 1750 REL mx hrd; Mention of Kings radio. | (WM-MD) |
| 1430 | MA | WPNI | Amherst 02/11 2359 NPR ID under CHKT in Toronto. Decent signal for a brief moment. "National Public Radio, WPNI." | (IEN-GA) |
| | ON | CHKT | Toronto 02/11 2100 TOH ID into The Romanian Program. Good signal on top of the mix. "AM 1430, CHKT Fairchild Radio, Toronto". | (IEN-GA) |

UN IDEN

- 1060 ?? ???? SSB heard under KYW. (WM-MD)

We are now on a bi-weekly schedule. Please make note of the DEADLINES above. We had to back a few of them up a few days, due to my travel schedule. It's time for my annual cruise, NAB convention in Las Vegas, and my usual trip to the Dayton Ohio HAMVENTION. Busy time of the year for me. The scanning project is coming along. Look for more details SOON!! Thanks to IRA and William this week..... 1300 2-12-06 fresh

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Greetings everyone,

A bit of everything this time around once again, even some TA activity. This has been an amazing season for TAs here in the West. In the over 25 years I have been doing the DXWW column, I have never seen so much TA activity. So away we go.

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 183 **GERMANY**, Europe 1, clear with FF talk at 0415 2/13. Best I have hrd them in quite a while. (SR-OR)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 690 **MEXICO**, Rosarita, XERA 2/13 0200. Good signal on car radio in Anaheim CA with nice ID in EE on the hour. "This is XERA 690 AM, Rosarito, Baja California", then ID in SS "esta es equis eh erre ah, seis novente ah emme, Rosarita, Baja California Meh hee co". Call change e XETRA. Those were good call letters while they lasted! (RW-CA)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 **JAPAN**, Morioka JOQG 2/12 1518, Man & woman in JJ poor to fair //594. (NHP-BC)
- 567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIK 2/12 1514. Man in JJ, poor to fair in splash //594, 594's signal improved to thunderous level as sunrise approached. (NHP-BC)
- 585 **JAPAN**, Kushiro JOGP 2/12 1521 Man and woman in JJ fair to good //594 which was booming in at the time. (NHP-BC)
- 594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK 2/12 1511 Man in JJ, musical interludes, good signal and readability, which became much better over the next 15 minutes. The strongest/most readable I've heard a TP at home in many years. Interesting, just after 1500, it had been mixing with a suspected Australian signal. (NHP-BC)
- 612 **JAPAN**, Fukuoka JOLK 2/12 1525. Two men in JJ fair //594. This one is rare at home, unsurprising given its location on Kyushu. (NHP-BC)
- 1134 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOQR, still coming in fair at 1700 2/12, with woman in JJ. (PM-OR)
- 1287 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOHR 2/12 1515. Man in JJ talk, briefly quite good, a few bits of mx, followed by conversation with woman on telephone. (NHP-BC)
- 1503 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUK 2/12 1545. Piano mx poor in splash //594 which had faded considerably by now. (NHP-BC)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- NHP-BC - **NICK HALL-PATCH**, 1538 Amphion Street, Victoria BC V8R 4Z6 nhp@ieeee.org
Drake R8 w/West Flag antenna, ALA100, 3' square box loop
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AR7030, longwires, NE EWE
- RW-CA - **ROBERT WIEN**, Fontana CA Wienbob@aol.com
DXing in Anaheim CA on car radio with Mike Sanburn
- PM-OR - **PATRICK MARTIN**, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138-0843 mwdxer@webtv.net
Drake R8, WNW EWE

DXing from Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory, Australia during January & February 2006
Apocalypse Now. Full article with pictures & MW loggings available at http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/nhulunbuy_2006_01.dx.

I'm still in Darwin. Every time, I think I'm going to wake up back on a DXpedition in the jungle. When I was home over Christmas in South Australia after my first tour it was worse. I'd wake up and there'd be no DXing. I hardly said a word to my wife until I said yes to another DX mission. When I was here, I wanted to be there. When I was there, all I could think of was getting back into the jungle. I'm here in a Darwin hotel a day now, waiting for a DX mission, getting softer, getting normal. Each time I looked around, the walls moved in a little tighter. I'd lost interest in the real world, I wanted a DX mission. They finally gave me one, brought it up to me like room service. It was a real choice mission....

Craig Edwards, Nhulunbuy (Gove), Northern Territory, Australia,
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Come to Seaside Oregon for the 2006 IRCA Convention! It will be held at the Comfort Inn on September 22-24, 2006.

DX WORLDWIDE - EAST

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Newfoundland DXpedition #15

November 4-14, 2005



The 15th Newfoundland DXpedition took place NOV 4-14, 2005, at Cappahayden, Newfoundland, Canada. Participants were Jean Burnell of Halifax NS (NOV 4-14), John Fisher of Kingston ON (NOV 8-14) and Jim Renfrew of Byron NY (NOV 7-14). As many as five radios were in use: Drakes R8, R8A, R8B, and an ICOM R71A.



For the second year the location was the Round Cove Bed and Breakfast in Cappahayden, a short distance from the location that had been used until 2002. Cappahayden is about an hour's drive south of St. John's. The proprietors are very friendly, and we have the full use of a finished basement for DXing. One serious problem was some sort of power line buzz that would strike for a few minutes or even hours at a time. We suspect that this is related to salt spray on the lines and connectors. A day of rain seemed to cure the worst of it. At our previous Cappahayden location the local power lines were further from the house, but here the power lines run between the house and the shoreline where the antenna wires run. There were two wires, the "northern wire" aimed at Europe, and the "southern wire" aimed at South America, along with splitters and amplifiers.

Reception conditions were dramatically different from 2004 when major auroral conditions prevailed. In 2004 conditions were excellent to Africa and South America because Europe was almost completely blocked. In 2005 nearly the opposite conditions were experienced, with good east-west propagation throughout the week. Please note that the word "good" needs some interpretation. At Cappahayden there are typically TA signals on nearly every frequency from around 2:00 PM until 7:00 AM Newfoundland time, so "good" means that all of the signals that can normally be heard were heard. But it was not "excellent" in that there were only a few far eastern receptions and sub-Saharan Africa was almost completely absent. What was most striking was the absence of deep south receptions. Even with quiet atmospheric conditions, just a few of the Brazilian and Argentine regulars were in evidence, unlike previous years when a slew of signals are available from sunset in Brazil until dawn in Colombia. Jean noted that this was the first DXpedition in which he was unable to log at least one new Brazilian station.

Please note that the following list is not a complete digest of every station heard.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 **ROMANIA** *RR1* Brasov, NOV 9 2116 – distinctive music noted on multiple frequencies: 603 synchro echoes, 909 synchros, 945 Miercurea Ciuc, 1152 Cluj, 1332 Galati, 1404 Sighetul Marmatiei. NOV 10 2048 – heard on these additional channels: 1530 Mahmudia and 1593 synchros.
- 177 **GERMANY** *DLRB*, Zehlendorf, NOV 14 0207 – zzzzzzzzzzz (DRM!).
- 252 **ALGERIA** *ENRS* Tipaza, NOV 9 0055 – good signal over RTE, with "au revoir" just before sign-off.
- 279 **TURKMENISTAN** *TR*, Asgabat, NOV 7 2154 – nice signal with woman speaking // 5015 shortwave.
- 279 **BELARUS** *BR1*, Sasnovy, NOV 7 2157 – what sounded like a national anthem, 6 pips at top of hour, then a woman speaking // 6080 kHz.
- 540 **BELGIUM** *Belgische R.*, Waver, NOV 7 0008 – Flemish; old pop song then Dutch/Flemish songs; SINPO 42432 under semi-local CBT.
- 549 **IRELAND** *Irish Christian Broadcasters*, Monaghan, NOV 6 0013 – Country & western-sounding gospel music to past 0103; SINPO 32432. NOV 10 2218 – Christian rock; SINPO 23442.
- 603 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lyon, NOV 6 2355 – Pop music, ID and news at 0000; SINPO 33332.
- 603 **ROMANIA** *R. Romania*, synchros, NOV 9 2121 – Romanian talk with echo, // 1152; SINPO 22432. NOV 14 0228 – Classical music, // 855; SINPO 24332.
- 603 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Sevilla, NOV 7 0725 – Local break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Sevilla", news; SINPO 33332.
- 639 **CZECH REP.** *Cesky Rozhlas*, Praha, NOV 10 0320 – Band music, // 954; SINPO 23422-1. NOV 10 0329 – polka music // 954 and 1332, long pip at 0330, possible "Cesky Rozhlas" ID, then woman reading news, classical music at 0339.
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1*, La Coruña, NOV 8 0645 – Regional break began with ID as RNE "en Galicia"; SINPO 44444.
- 675 **FRANCE** *Superloustic*, Marseille, NOV 12 0131 – Ads for cars and chocolate, child's voice; SINPO 22432-1 under Arrow.



- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *Arrow Classic Rock*, Lopik, NOV 6 2300 – ID, "Rocky Night Flight" program of mainly 70's and 80's rock; SINPO 44444.
- 684 **SPAIN** *RNE1*, Sevilla, NOV 7 0645 – Regional break began with ID as RNE "en Andalucia"; SINPO 44444.
- 693 **RUSSIA** *DW Moskva*, NOV 9 1936 - Russian language program, // 999, 5980, 7145, 9715.
- 702 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA*, Duba, NOV 13 2356 – Arab music, ID at 0000; SINPO 54554. (This seems too strong to be the 40 kw listed in WRTH. Thanks to Mauno Ritola, Mika Mäkeläinen and Jari Savolainen for confirming the ID.)

- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes, NOV 14 0234 – News, weather, ID; SINPO 43443.
- 720 **CANARY ISLANDS** *RNE5*, Tenerife, NOV 13 1910 – News about major accident/explosion at a chemical plant in Jilin, China, the city that John had visited just before joining the DXpedition! SINPO 54554.
- 729 **IRELAND** *RTE*, Cork, NOV 10 1900 – ID; SINPO 33433.
- 729 **SPAIN** *RNE1*, Málaga, NOV 8 0645 – Regional break began with ID as RNE "en Andalucia"; SINPO 32332.
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *R. 747*, Flevoland, NOV 4 2359 – Pop music, news from 0000, ID at 0002; SINPO 33532.
- 765 **ENGLAND** *BBC R. Essex*, Chelmsford, NOV 8 2036 – Likely this with English talk, not // 909, under strong Switzerland; SINPO 22442-1.
- 783 **GERMANY** *MDR Info*, Wiederau, NOV 13 2242 – German news; SINPO 24432.
- 783 **PORTUGAL** *R. Clube Português*, Canidelo, NOV 12 0318 – Pop ballad, // 1035; SINPO 13431.
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges, NOV 6 2231 – News, weather at 2238, sports at 2240, ID at 2241; SINPO 34543.
- 801 **ENGLAND** *BBC R. Devon*, Barnstaple, NOV 8 2044 – 70's pop tune, chat, // 1548; SINPO 32442.
- 801 **SPAIN** *RNE1*, Burgos, NOV 7 0645 – Regional break, reports on events in Burgos; SINPO 33422.
- 810 **MACEDONIA** *Macedonian R.*, Skopje, NOV 6 2315 – Many IDs, talk about report in National Geographic; SINPO 44444 way over BBC Scotland. NOV 10 1900 - strong signal with Balkan music, then a full ID at the top of the hour "Makedonska Radio - Radio Makedonia".
- 818.94 **MOROCCO** *RTM*, Rabat, NOV 6 1949 – Arabic; woman announcer, Arab music, martial music at 2000 and Moroccan anthem, // 711; SINPO 33443. NOV 10 1815 – Faded up with ID; SINPO 23422.
- 819 **FRANCE** *Sud R.*, Gauré, NOV 10 1809 – Interview about sports visit to Canada; SINPO 22422. NOV 11 1810 – Up briefly, sports play-by-play; SINPO 22422. Sud Radio. NOV 1811 – weak under Radio Euskadi, possible singing ID at 1824.
- 819 **EGYPT** *General Program*, Batrah, NOV 11 1800 – Koran, // 12050; SINPO 33422.
- 819 **SPAIN** *R. Euskadi*, San Sebastián, NOV 10 1805 – ID and promos; SINPO 24443. NOV 11 1804 – ID; SINPO 33333.
- 828 **GERMANY** *NDR Info*, Hanover, NOV 6 0058 – Pop music, ID and news at 0100; SINPO 33443.
- 837 **AZORES** *RDP1*, Pico de Barosa, NOV 7 0700 – Pips, ID; SINPO 33332.
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy, NOV 8 2100 – ID, news; SINPO 33433.
- 837 **IRAN** *IRIB*, Isfahan, NOV 8 2054 – Talks in Farsi, instrumental music at 2056, // 1503; SINPO 32432.
- 837 **SPAIN** *COPE Sevilla*, NOV 11 1831 – Talk about Andalucia; SINPO 44444.
- 837 **UKRAINE** *UR2 Promin program*, Taraniivka, NOV 8 2101 – Faded up with Ukrainian news and weather; SINPO 32432.
- 846 **IRELAND** *R. North*, Redcastle, NOV 5 1922 – Ads for stores in Tobermore and Coleraine (which I think are in Ulster), ID at 1928, country & western music; SINPO 44444. NOV 7 1832 – Ads, Frank and Nancy Sinatra song; SINPO 33442.
- 846 **RUSSIA** *R. Radonezh*, Noginsk, NOV 10 1942 - long talk in Russian, struggling to get through Ireland 846, at 1951 and 1953 chimes between news items, ID and web address at 1955, SINPO 34433, faded before the top of the hour.
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette, NOV 8 0321 – Light pop music, jingle ID at 0327; SINPO 34444.

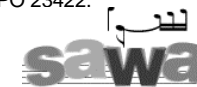


- 873 **NORTHERN IRELAND** *BBC R. Ulster*, Enniskillen, NOV 9 2300 – Tangle of stations, one faded up with "BBC Radio Ulster"; SINPO 23432.
- 873 **SPAIN** *SER R. Zaragoza*, NOV 8 1758 – "Radio Zaragoza, onda media" after local ad string; SINPO 33333.
- 882 **ENGLAND** *BBC Wales*, Washford, NOV 10 2259 – Phone-in program; SINPO 34443.
- 891 **PORTUGAL** *R. Renascença*, Vila Moura, NOV 8 0006 – Football and other news, ID at 0007; SINPO 33443 but swallowed quickly by Algeria.
- 900 **ITALY** *RAI R. 1*, Milano, NOV 8 0105 – English news, switched to French at 0106; SINPO 32432.
- 900 **SPAIN** *COPE Vigo*, NOV 11 1851 – Talk about Galician politics, part of speech by local politician; SINPO 33433.
- 909 **BOTSWANA** *Voice of America*, Selebi-Phikwe, NOV 5 2059 – African music, VOA news at 2100; butchered by BBC 5 Live, SINPO 22422-1.

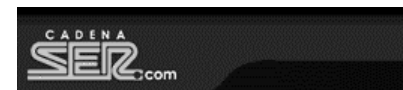
- 909 **ROMANIA** *R. Romania*, Jucu, NOV 14 0040 – Operatic aria, woman in Romanian, flute music, // 1179; SINPO 32422 under BBC 5 Live.
- 918 **SLOVENIA** *R. Slovenia*, Domzale, NOV 8 1959 – Anthem, ID, news; SINPO 34333.
- 918 **SYRIA** *R. of the Syrian Arab Rep.*, Al-Hassake, NOV 10 0143 – Arabic music and talk, ID at 0200; SINPO 23432.
- 936 **GERMANY** *R. Bremen*, Bremen, NOV 10 0201 – German news; SINPO 23432.
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Valladolid, NOV 7 1955 – Regional break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Castilla y León" then news, rejoined network at 2000; SINPO 33443.
- 936 **SYRIA** *R. of the Syrian Arab Rep.*, Homs, NOV 10 0158 – Arab music, // 918; SINPO 22432-1.
- 936 **ITALY** *RAI R. 2*, synchronos, NOV 8 0113 – Italian talk, // 1449; SINPO 23432.
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Zaragoza, NOV 7 1955 – Regional break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Aragón" then news, rejoined network at 2000; SINPO 22432.
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse, NOV 5 0257 – Classical music, ID at 0300; SINPO 33443.
- 945 **ROMANIA** *R. Romania*, Miercurea-Cluj, NOV 9 2117 – Pop music, // 1152; SINPO 32442 with interference from France.
- 954 **CZECH REP.** *Cesky Rozhlas*, Brno, NOV 10 0320 – Band music, local music at 0326, pips and talk at 0330, fanfare, piano and ID from "Praha" at 0333; SINPO 44444.
- 963 **FINLAND** *Oy Yleisradio Ab*, Pori, NOV 8 0017 – classic American rock, the Doors, Stevie Wonder. Because of auroral conditions, this is not typically heard in Newfoundland. NOV 8 0133 – Sport report; SINPO 43443.
- 972 **ENGLAND** *Club Asia*, Glade Lane-London, NOV 13 1955 – Indian music, fade, 2001 English ads for a hair-removal clinic, telephone number corresponded to a company in London; SINPO 22422-1. NOV 13 2059 – Ad string, London companies; SINPO 22322.
- 972 **GERMANY** *NDR*, Hamburg, NOV 10 0123 – Reggae music, German announcements; SINPO 33443. NOV 13 2005 – ID; SINPO 33443.
- 981 **IRELAND** *R. Star Country*, Emmyvale, NOV 7 2147 – Ads, jingle ID at 2149; SINPO 33443.
- 990 **GERMANY** *DeutschlandRadio Kultur*, Berlin-Britz, NOV 6 1902 – German talk under BBC; SINPO 23332. NOV 9 2248 – German talks; SINPO 32432 way under CBY.
- 990 **WALES** *BBC 5 Live*, Tywyn, NOV 6 1853 – Talk about football, news, "Five Live" ID noted at 1904; SINPO 33332.
- 999 **MOLDOVA** *Russian International R.*, Maiac, NOV 4 2148 – Russian folk music, ID at 2149; SINPO 44544. NOV 9 1936 - Russian language program. // 693, 5980, 7145, 9715.
- 1017 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Burgos, NOV 7 1955 – Regional break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Castilla y León" then news, rejoined network at 2000; SINPO 44444. NOV 11 1755 – Regional break, ID; SINPO 44444.
- 1035 **ESTONIA** *Tarkuiskoye Semeinoye R.*, Tarku, NOV 8 2347 – Russian; religious talk, ID before song at 2354; SINPO 33432. NOV 10 2136-2157 – choral music, then 5 note interval signal, clock sounds, then bells, seemed to ID as "miss-tron-yay poem", followed by Russian talk, SINPO 33443.
- 1035 **IRAN** *IRIB R. Payam*, Yadz, NOV 5 2359 – ID then local music; SINPO 33432.
- 1035 **PORTUGAL** *R. Clube Português*, Belmonte, NOV 6 0159 – "Club Disco" program with appropriate music, ads at 0201, ID at 0204; SINPO 43443. NOV 7 2004 – noted with new slogan during a music program, "Eirta RDP, Radio Clube Portugues", followed by a time check and news. (Note: this is a new transmitter site, 9 km northeast of the old site, according to Carlos Goncalves, SEP 29 Medium Wave Circle e-mail)
- 1035 **SCOTLAND** *West Sound R.*, Ayr, NOV 6 0000 – Scottish-accented news, ID with promo at 0002; SINPO 23432.
- 1035 **SCOTLAND** *North Sound 2*, Aberdeen, NOV 7 2257 – Inspid music, promo for contest on North Sound 2 at 2300, jingle and canned ID; SINPO 33432.
- 1044 **GREECE** *ERA*, Thessaloniki, NOV 10 2141 – Greek music, ID at 2143, // 7450; SINPO 33433.
- 1062 **DENMARK** *R. Danmarks*, Kalundborg, NOV 4 2057 – English; hip-hop and rap music program (announcers used language that would not be legal on the radio in the USA), 2100 ID and news in English; SINPO 55555.
- 1071 **IRAN** *IRIB*, Qom, NOV 8 2327 – Farsi talks, Koran from 2350; SINPO 33432.
- 1079.90 **MOROCCO** *RTM*, Casablanca, NOV 5 1858 – Likely this; Koran, male in Arabic at 1900, local music; SINPO 33443.
- 1089 **RUSSIA** *Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio*, NOV 12 2002 – Russian program // 1143, 5965, 5975.
- 1098 **SLOVAKIA** *R. Regina*, Nitra, NOV 5 1911 – US pops, talk in presumed Slovak, drama from 1931; SINPO 33433. NOV 8 2018 – Slavic country & western music, no announcement between tunes, at 2030 pips and ID that sounded like "Slovensko Radio Regina"; SINPO 34444.
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Lugo, NOV 7 0725 – Local break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Lugo", news; SINPO 34443. NOV 8 0625 – Regional break, weather for Lugo before rejoining net at 0630; SINPO 33443.
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5 Galicia*, NOV 11 1957 – ID heard during RNE5 network break.
- 1107 **GERMANY** *AFN*, which transmitter(s) not known, NOV 5 2206 – Faded up briefly with college football (Tennessee vs Notre Dame); SINPO 32432.
- 1107 **SCOTLAND** *Moray Firth R.*, Tarbat Ness, NOV 5 2155 – Pop music, many ID's including as "MFR"; SINPO 34444.
- 1107 **SERBIA** *R. Beograd 1*, Novi Sad, NOV 9 2034 – Local music, ID at 2049; SINPO 33432.
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Ponferrada, NOV 8 1925 – Local break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Ponferrada"; SINPO 32432. (Thanks to Chuck Hutton and Henrik Klemetz for their help and comments.)
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Santander, NOV 8 1925 – Local break but regional ID as "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Cantabria"; SINPO 43433. NOV 10 1755- Regional break, ID, news for Cantabria; SINPO 33333. NOV 11 1955 – ID heard during RNE5 network break
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Cáceres, NOV 10 1755 – Regional break, ID at 1755 was garbled but had weather forecast for Extremadura before returning to network at 1800; SINPO 23332.
- 1116 **ENGLAND** *BBC Asian Network*, Derby, NOV 10 2202 – News, ID at 2204; SINPO 32332.
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER R. Pontevedra*, NOV 9 2157 – ID for AM and FM during SER local break. NOV 10 2200 – Pips, "Radio Pontevedra" noted at 2201; SINPO 32332.
- 1125 **BELGIUM** *RTBF Vivacité*, Houdeng, NOV 5 2157 – French; pop music, weather at 2159, jingle ID before news at 2200; SINPO 32432.
- 1125 **CROATIA** *Hrvatske R.*, Deanovec, NOV 10 2300 – Nice ID; SINPO 43343.
- 1125 **RUSSIA** *R. Orfey*, Sankt-Petersburg, NOV 10 1935 – Classical music, ID at 1938, then band music, parallel to 1161; SINPO 32432. This represented the beginning of a good run on Russian stations during the next two hours.



- 1143 **RUSSIA/KALININGRAD** *Russian Inter-national R.*, Bolshakovo, NOV 9 2042 – News about the Ukraine, ID at 2050; SINPO 34443. NOV 12 2107 – News; SINPO 55555.
- 1152 **ROMANIA** *R. Romania*, Cluj, NOV 5 2029 – Football report from Timisoara; SINPO 44444, but faded under Clyde 2 quickly. NOV 9 2102 – News and weather, fanfare, "Romania Actualitatea" jingle; SINPO 43433. NOV 10 2011 – "Radio Romania" ID, commentary; SINPO 55555.
- 1152 **SCOTLAND** *Clyde 2*, Glasgow, NOV 5 2038 – Pop music, ID; SINPO 33433. NOV 7 2303 – "Clyde 2 Cash" promo; SINPO 44444. NOV 13 0058 – Pop song, IDs, news at 0100; SINPO 34433.
- 1152 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Albacete, NOV 8 0625 – Regional break began with "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Castilla La Mancha"; SINPO 32432.
- 1161 **RUSSIA** *Radio Orfey*, Volograd NOV 10 1935 – Classical music, Russian talk, band music, possible ID at 1946, // 1125 but 1161 was 1 to 1.5 seconds ahead of 1125; SINPO 33433-2.
- 1161 **ENGLAND** *Magic 1161*, Goxhill, NOV 12 1957 – ID, jingle, run-down of songs played; SINPO 23433.
- 1161 **SCOTLAND** *Tay AM*, Dundee, NOV 7 2315 – Mellow pops, ID at 2319; SINPO 24333. NOV 12 2148 – PSA, ID, country & western music; SINPO 32332.
- 1170 **RUSSIA** *Voice of Russia*, Tbilisskoye, NOV 5 1900 – Voice of Russia IS beneath R. Sawa; SINPO 23432-1. NOV 8 1850 – heard with Arabic program // 5925 kHz.
- 1170 **SLOVENIA** *R. Capodistria*, Beli Kriz, NOV 5 1843 – Italian; news, ID; SINPO 32432. NOV 12 1800 – ID, Italian talk; SINPO 23422.



- 1170 **UAE** *R. Sawa*, Al-Dhabbiya, NOV 5 1842 – Arabic; pop music, ID and news break; SINPO 33433. NOV 8 2018, easily heard through Voice of Russia.
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS** *SER R. Club Tenerife*, NOV 5 2259 – Third station down; other two stations were briefly quiet and allowed a local ID to come through; SINPO 23422.
- 1179 **ROMANIA** *R. Romania*, Galbeni-Bacau, NOV 5 2254 – Romanian folk music, news at 2300, // 1332; SINPO 32422. NOV 7 1900 – Romanian news, jazz from 1903; SINPO 32442.
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R. Sweden*, Sölvesborg, NOV 5 2254 – English; talk, ID at 2256, IS and ID at 2300; SINPO 43443.
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R. Canada Internacional*, Sölvesborg, NOV 7 2330 – English; news, ID at 2340; SINPO 43443.
- 1179 **SPAIN** *SER R. Rioja*, Logroño, NOV 7 1856 – Local program, ID, joined network at 1900; SINPO 33433-2.



- 1179 **SPAIN** *SER R. Valencia*, NOV 7 2329 – "Radio Valencia Cadena SER" behind others; SINPO 32442.

- 1188 **IRAN** *IRIB*, Tehran, NOV 5 0155 – Local music, fanfare and ID at 0200, possible news; SINPO 33443 but audio muffled. NOV 7 2023 – piano music, odd strong music in background during talk, "Radio Payam" heard at 2023 during the talk that followed.
- 1188 **RUSSIA** *Deutsche Welle*, Sankt-Petersburg, NOV 10 2014 – Russian talk, // 6180; SINPO 33432. NOV 10 2018 - "Hier ist Volna" ID heard at 2030, parallel 6180 kHz German program. Listed at 10 kW.
- 1197 **LESOTHO** *Family Radio*, Maseru, NOV 7 2234 - the unmistakable voice of Harold Camping.
- 1197 **BELARUS** *R. Kultura*, synchros, NOV 10 2020 – Mellow music, brief talk including ID at 2023, more music; SINPO 33333-2 with interference from Virgin R. (Many thanks to Gert Nilsson for help identifying this.)
- 1206 **ISRAEL** *Kol Israel Reshet Dalet*, Haifa, NOV 8 2310 – Arabic singing, // 5915; SINPO 22432, under strong France.
- 1215 **SPAIN** *COPE Santander*, NOV 11 1845 – Talk about Cantabria; SINPO 34433 surprisingly way over Virgin R.
- 1224 **SPAIN** *Herri Irratia*, San Sebastián, NOV 13 1812 – ID, jazz; SINPO 43443 over COPE network football play-by-play.
- 1224 **HUNGARY** *R. Bulgaria*, NOV 8 1900 – noted poor under Spain with familiar shortwave interval signal.
- 1233 **ENGLAND** *Virgin R.*, synchros, NOV 8 1822 – Joni Mitchell, woman DJ, // 1215; SINPO 23332-1.
- 1242 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Marseille, NOV 11 1929 – Stock market report, ID; SINPO 34322.
- 1251 **LIBYA** *Voice of Africa*, Tripoli, NOV 6 1757 – News in English ending, French program beginning; SINPO 24433.
- 1278 **ENGLAND** *West Yorkshire's Classic Gold*, Bradford, NOV 12 1803 – IDs and 60's pop song; SINPO 23432.
- 1287 **SPAIN** *SER R. Castilla*, Burgos, NOV 7 2156 – Local program; ID just before rejoining net at 2200; SINPO 33443. NOV 8 1757 – Talk about Burgos; SINPO 23332.
- 1296 **SPAIN** *COPE Valencia*, NOV 8 2256 – IDs in a mix of stations; SINPO 32432.
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Orense, NOV 9 0855 – Regional break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Galicia"; SINPO 44444. NOV 10 1725 – Local break with ID; SINPO 32442. NOV 11 1955 – Regional break, ID; SINPO 32442.
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, León, NOV 10 1725 – Local break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias León"; SINPO 32442.
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Ciudad Real, NOV 11 1955 – Regional break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Castilla La Mancha"; SINPO 43443.
- 1323 **GERMANY** *Voice of Russia*, Wachenbrunn, NOV 6 1758 – End of program in German, ID and IS; SINPO 33443.
- 1332 **CZECH REP.** *Cesky Rozhlas*, Domamil, NOV 10 0330 – ID at 0330, local folk music, then woman reading the news, classical music at 0339, // 639 & 954; SINPO 34433-2.
- 1332 **ENGLAND** *Classic Gold 1332*, Gunthorpe, NOV 10 0330 – ID and something about digital radio; SINPO 23422-1.
- 1332 **ROMANIA** *R. Romania*, Galati, NOV 5 2255 – Romanian folk music, news by woman; SINPO 32432 with interference from presumed Iran.
- 1332 **IRAN** *R. Tehran*, NOV 9 2158 – ID noted at this time.
- 1341 **HUNGARY** *Katolikus Radio*, Szolnok and Balatonszabadi, NOV 5 0124 – Talk behind BBC, ID at 0132; SINPO 32442. NOV 10 0352 - music program, led into a program from Vatican Radio at 0410.
- 1350 **FRANCE** *R. Orient*, Nice, NOV 6 2058 – Pop music through top of the hour, ID at 2104; SINPO 33422.
- 1350 **LATVIA** *Beatmax*, Kuldiga, NOV 4 2159 – Pop music, ID in English; SINPO 43433.
- 1350 **LATVIA** *R. Caroline*, Kuldiga, NOV 4 2358 – Pop music, ID at 0000; SINPO 33443. NOV 10 0336 – Promo for "Enjoying Everyday Life" then pop music; SINPO 34443.
- 1350 **LATVIA** *Radio Tatras International*, Kuldiga, NOV 8 2028 - strong dance music, a few IDs as "Tatras" or "RTI".
- 1368 **ISLE OF MAN** *Manx R.*, Douglas, NOV 4 2305 – News and sports, ID; SINPO 344444. NOV 8 1900 – ID, news; SINPO 34333.
- 1377 **ARMENIA** *TWR*, Gavar, NOV 10 1908 – Music, TWR IS at 1910; SINPO 42432 under a massive French signal, parallel to the previously logged TWR 864 from Armenia.
- 1385.9 **GUINEA** *Radio Rurale*, Labé, NOV 8 2115 – stood out as one of the few heard from Africa, a strong signal. NOV 9 2115 – "Radio Rurale" ID at end of new block.
- 1386 **RUSSIA/KALININGRAD** *R. Freundes-Dienst*, Bolshakovo, NOV 6, 1941 – German; religious programming, program IDs at 1941 and 1958, Russian anthem at 1958 and transmitter off at 2000; SINPO 55555. NOV 8 1942 – German program "Hier ist der Rundfunk ... Missiones" and "Balta Krook". EMWVG does not show Baltic Waves with German at this time. VO Russia Kaliningrad was supposed to go off the air on NOV 1.
- 1394.83 **ALBANIA** *RTVS*, NOV 7 2036 – slightly below frequency, and noted here all week long.
- 1395 **ARMENIA** *Armenian R. 2*, Yerevan, NOV 11 2233 – Jazz tunes without announcements, ID at 2243 then more music; SINPO 23332-1. (Thanks to Mauno Ritola for help in IDing this.)
- 1404 **FRANCE/CORSICA** *France Bleu*, Ajaccio, NOV 7 2100 – Jingle ID, news; SINPO 23442.
- 1404 **FRANCE** *France Info*, synchros, NOV 7 2105 – Clear ID during Corsican fade; SINPO 22443.
- 1413 **MOLDOVA** *CRI, Grigoriopol*, NOV 6 1722 – Chinese music, Russian ID and Web address at 1725; SINPO 23242. NOV 6 2058 – Bulgarian; music, Web information, ID, IS; SINPO 44454. NOV 10 1957 – Pop music, ID and Web address in Slavic language, IS at 1959, ID and beginning of program in Bulgarian at 2000; SINPO 54554. NOV 10 2001 - very strong with news in listed Bulgarian, ID at conclusion as something like "Rossiya Radio", parallel to 6000 kHz. This has replaced 1467 kHz.
- 1422 **ALGERIA** *R. Alger Chaîne 3*, Alger, NOV 9 0055 – French; African music, "Alger Chaîne 3" at 0059, anthem; SINPO 34444.
- 1431 **UKRAINE** *Voice of Russia*, Kopani, NOV 11 1957 – Russian ID and IS, transmitter off just before 2000; SINPO 33443.
- 1440 **RUSSIA** *R. France International*, Moskva and Sankt-Petersburg, NOV 10 2032 – French program, // 7315; SINPO 22442-1 weak under Luxembourg (not using DRM at this time) and Saudi Arabia.
- 1449 **SCOTLAND** *BBC R. 4*, Redmoss, NOV 10 0358 – BBC World Service ID, pips and news at 0400; SINPO 23433.
- 1458 **ALBANIA** *China R. International*, Filakë, NOV 6 1745 – Not sure of language, but Chinese language lesson; SINPO 43443. Also heard NOV 11 1741 with Bulgarian program.
- 1458 **ALBANIA** *Voice of America*, Filakë, NOV 8 1954 – Balkan language, ID; SINPO 33333.
- 1458 **ENGLAND** *Capital Gold Manchester*, NOV 5 0100 – News, ID at 0102, ads at 0104; SINPO 33433.
- 1458 **ENGLAND** *Sunrise R.*, London, NOV 5 0110 – Ads for Indian products, London addresses; SINPO 33422.
- 1467 **FRANCE** *Vatican Radio*, Roumoules, NOV 8 1749 – Vatican Radio interval signal, via MCR transmitter.



- 1476 **AUSTRIA** *R. 1476*, Bisamberg, NOV 11 2031 – ID then "Radio Afrika International", African music, German with strong Austrian accent; SINPO 44343. NOV 11 2142 – "Get Ready" music program, ID at 2155.
- 1485 **ENGLAND** *BBC R. Merseyside*, Wallasey, NOV 9 0905 – ID and traffic report; SINPO 33443.
- 1485 **FRANCE** *RMC Info*, Nancy, NOV 8 2201 – Intermittently understandable under Spain, ID at 2201, // 216; SINPO 32432-1. NOV 9 2223 – talk program, // 216 kHz, ID "vous écoutez RMC". NOV 11 2152 – Sports talk; SINPO 22432-1.
- 1485 **SPAIN** *SER R. Santander*, NOV 8 2157 – Local break, talk about Cantabria; SINPO 43443. NOV 8 2258 – local ID during SER break. NOV 11 2157 – Local break, lots of talk about Cantabria, "Radio Santander" and football promo at 2159; SINPO 43443. NOV 13 1759 – ID just before football results at 1800; SINPO 34444.
- 1485 **SPAIN** *Punto R.*, Vilanova, NOV 9 1817 – promo for Punto Radio FM. NOV 11 2148 – Two Spanish signals, this one was the weaker, "Punto Radio" jingle at 2152; SINPO 22432-1.
- 1494 **FRANCE/CORSICA** *R. Corse Frequenza Mora*, Bastia, NOV 7 2045 – Talk about Corsican affairs, ID at 2047, pop music, "France Bleu" jingle and ID at 2051; SINPO 43433 over France Info. NOV 7 2131 - France-Inter was once the sole program heard on this frequency, but now there are two programs here: Radio Bleue and France Info. Radio Bleue is from Corsica, network ID heard at 2131.
- 1494 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Clermont-Ferrant and others, NOV 7 2100 – Over Corsica during news, ID at 2105; SINPO 32332.
- 1494 **RUSSIA** *TWR*, Sankt-Petersburg, NOV 10 2042 – Norwegian; story of David, program concluded with a string quartet, then TWR IS at 2100 and transmitter off; SINPO 43543.
- 1503 **AZORES** *AFN*, Lajes, NOV 8 0700 – US news; SINPO 33333.
- 1503 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, La Línea de la Concepción, NOV 5 2051 – Regional news, ended with "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Andalucía" at 2100 before going to national network; SINPO 33422.
- 1503 **SPAIN** *RNE5*, Monforte de Lemos, NOV 11 0755 – Regional break, "Radio 5 Todo Noticias Galicia"; SINPO 32332.
- 1529.89 **MADEIRA** *R. Emissor do Funchal*, NOV 7 0149 – Ballads, mainly US, ID at 0159; SINPO 33433. 1529.86 NOV 9 0129 – Old US pops without announcements, 0159 pips, "Radio EP"



- 1386 **KENYA** *KBC*, Maralal, NOV 12 0205 – "KBC" IDs at 0205 and 0207, country & western music; SINPO 24342.
- 1386 **LITHUANIA** *China R. International*, Sitkunai, NOV 6 2007 – Czech; talk, CRI Web address at 2009; SINPO 35544-3. NOV 10 2155 – CRI with Chinese lessons for a Russian audience.

ID and more music; SINPO 33433-2. 1529.87 NOV 9 0858 – Music, 0900 "Bom Dias", time, more music; SINPO 44444.

- 1539 **DJIBOUTI** *Radiodiff. Vision Djibouti*, NOV 5 1819 – Local music, news from 1831 and briefly around 1833 became dominant (over Spain) and louder than // 4780; generally SINPO 22432. NOV 7 1942 // 4780 shortwave. Vocals, a woman speaks at 1959, then the signal suddenly gone mid-song.



- 1539 **GERMANY** *Evangeliums Rundfunk, Mainfligen*, NOV 9 2300 – "ERF Radio Nachrichten"; SINPO 33443.
- 1548 **ENGLAND** *BBC R. Bristol, Mangotsfield*, NOV 5 2357 – Mellow music, "The Penny Gillam Late Show' on BBC local radio"; SINPO 23432.
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R. Sawa, Kuwait City*, NOV 8 1950 – Pop music, ID; SINPO 43433.
- 1548 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia, Grigoriopol*, NOV 12 1751 – Talk in unidentified language, fade, back at 1800 with IS; SINPO 23322-1.



- 1548 **SRI LANKA** *Deutsche Welle, Trincomalee*, NOV 12 1730 – German program, including a report from a Hamburg "bibliothek", fade, back briefly at 1755 with talk involving children, // 6075 & 9545; SINPO 24433 at 1742. This may be the highlight of the DXpedition, as Sri Lanka has not been heard here before.
- 1550 **CLANDESTINE** *R. Nacional Saharui*, NOV 9 2329 – strong signal.
- 1557 **UNKNOWN SITE** *Mezhdunarodnoye Radio*, NOV 8 1815 – Russian talk, two IDs, the first sounded something like "Radio Sutaya", and the second was "Mezhdunarodnoye Radio Sutaya". Nothing listed in Russia that matches. Is this a Russian translation of a Chinese ID, and therefore a relay from Lithuania?
- 1557 **UAE** *Radio Asia*, Ras al Khaimah, NOV 12 2216 – Indian music, peaking at 2225; SINPO 33433. NOV 13 1842 - heard though out the week with Middle Eastern music under France and Radio Baltic Waves, an ID was finally heard at this time, with a chorus of children singing "Radio Asia". NOV 13 1858 – ID, jingle, Indian music; SINPO 33443.
- 1557 **ENGLAND** *BBC R. Lancashire, Oxcliffe*, NOV 8 1845 – Indian music, promo for R. Lancashire Web-site at 1847; SINPO 32432.
- 1557 **LITHUANIA** *China R. International, Sitkunai*, NOV 8 1815 – in Russian. NOV 8 1957 – Chinese music, ID in Slavic language at 2002; SINPO 34433. NOV 12 1943 – Russian; piano music, ID; SINPO 44444. NOV 12 2057 – Chinese music, IS and ID at 2100; SINPO 33443.
- 1566 **ENGLAND** *BBC Somerset Sound, Taunton*, NOV 8 1837 – Traffic report, promo; SINPO 22432.
- 1566 **ENGLAND** *Country Sound R., Peasmarsh*, NOV 8 1835 – Pop music, ID; SINPO 23333.
- 1566 **INDIA** *All India R., Nagpur*, NOV 8 1832 – Weak news in English, fade, up again with news in Hindi at 1839, Indian music at 1841; SINPO 33433 at 1841. NOV 8 1933 – News in Hindi, over UK stations; SINPO 33443. NOV 12 1730 – ID, news in English (noted just before Sri Lanka 1548 was logged); SINPO 24452. NOV 12 1939 – English; ID, talk about cricket; SINPO 33433.
- 1593 **KUWAIT** *Voice of America, Kuwait City*, NOV 9 2310 – English language lesson; SINPO 33443.
- 1593 **ROMANIA** *R. Targu Mures, Miercurea Cluc*, NOV 5 1957 – Signing off with anthem; SINPO 32432.
- 1593 **ROMANIA** *R. Romania, Ion Korvan*, NOV 5 2000 – ID as "Radio Pesh"(?) over anthem of Targu Mures and station in Arabic, news in Romanian; SINPO 32442 but also 1 kHz het.
- 1602 **SPAIN** *SER R. Cartagena*, NOV 7 2154 – Local program; mainly ads, ID just before rejoining net at 2200; SINPO 22332 under R. Vitoria. NOV 10 2159 – "Radio Cartagena" ID; SINPO 24332.

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(continued from last week) I now have 3,4360 stations heard and among the choice goodies I've gotten so far this January are WSMO-1120 Camp Lejeune, NC in with C&W, XEACH-770 Monterrey, Mexico hammering WABC on 1/16 just before 6:30pm; shortly afterward I got KAAM Garland, Texas in with standards and mixing with them was unneeded KKOB! On 1/18 I found WHLY-1620 South Bend off being replaced by 10 watt TIS WQBR256 Lincolnshire, Ill. This one I found out about location-wise via the TIS service rep out of Zeeland, Michigan who puts TIS's on the air around the country. Tim Noonan, this is the one I checked with you about. As you know I have amply strong WJR-750 in my backyard at some 50 miles away. I did not let that stop me from nulling them down on 1/19 and ID'ing WETR Knoxville signing off at 5:45om, then catching WENO Nashville doing likewise at 6pm. I was tipped off into checking for these when I noticed other NC's and Tenn's in that were unusually strong. In nulling down WJR I have often gotten WCIS Morgantown, NC with southern gospel programming to the point where this one while a barometer to conditions is also something of a pest! Imagine that... a 500 watt pest under a nearby 50kw dominant. Last night 1/22 in working off a tip from John Clemmer and noticing other DXers hearing this, I checked for and heard KSIR-1010 in Brush, CO coming out of the Denver playoff loss and catching an ID at 6:20pm. This one should be widely heard. Don't give up trying to hear other things on normally dominant clear channels. I have heard under WLS-890 the likes of WAMG Dedham, Mass & CJDC Dawson Creek, BC! I've also heard CKWX-1130 in Vancouver under Detroit's WDFN. These receptions can occur and alert DXers can catch some real goodies. I think back to my catch of CJVR-750 Melfort, Sask from 1/22/03 at 8am in with the sun shining as yet an example of the kind of catch to watch for, that with WJR on right next door on 760. Perhaps my best catch of this type was in early December hearing 250-watt KOAK-1080 in Red Oak, Iowa at 9:20am in with C&W and catching an ID. I was in shock since they are 800 miles away! Has anyone noticed all the TA hets in recently? Some have been very strong. I've gotten them on 531, 549, 621, 639, 711, 729, 738, 774, 783, 819, 837, 882, 891, 909, 981, 999, 1053, 1062, 1089, 1134, 1179, 1341, 1422, 1431! I'd like to ID all these! I can guess who some are, anyone got a spare long wire, hi? Well, enough for now. 73s.

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I tried this morning, 2/13, for the WJTO-730 test but no luck. Looping northeast from here produced WJYM Bowling Green, Ohio with Son Life Radio. Looping to the southeast to avoid them produced a mixture of WLIL Tenn and WHOS NC. I haven't had a chance lately to listen to the radio. Too many hours at the tax place and they are scheduled wrong anyway for decent listening. I am set up for working evenings during the week and days on Sat and Sun plus the normal 2200-0600 Sat. night shift at the big box store. I hope to still be around after April 17th, hi. Still stuck at 659 heard, but checking out the dials right now before going to bed. Gary has me interested in what could be out there. At about 0150, I decided to check Gary's mention of WHLY-1620 IN being off one morning. They are on now but in looping west, I found KOZN-1620 ESPN's "The Zone" there for number 660. A few minutes before, I had tuned in to 590 just in time to hear a spot for a florist in Omaha. About time for bed and I need to get this out to Phil. This is the last of the weeklies, so the next column will be in two weeks. 73.

This is being added later. I have just spent the last couple of hours on 1620 listening to a SS station mixing with WTDY in Madison, Wisc. I suspect KHPY in Calif but can't pull enough to get a halfway decent idea and everything is completely SS. At 4am, it sounded like I heard the word Soledad but that town is quite a ways away from KHPY. I pulled up the FCC's AM Query List website and it only shows the four US stations on 1670, as opposed to other frequencies where they will show all the Central American and Caribbean stations on a given frequency. Again... 73 and the next column is in two weeks.

IRCA TECHNICAL COLUMN

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Comparing the Ewe and the Flag antennas

A few months ago, Don Nelson pointed out that "the Ewe has higher gain due to the ground image (other half of the antenna)", compared with antennas such as the Flag. Yet Tom Rauch, W8JI, grouped the Ewe, Pennant and Flag together in his table of antenna gains and directivity giving no gain advantage to the Ewe (<http://www.w8ji.com/receiving.htm>). I already have a Flag antenna of 10m long by 5m high, with the bottom wire 2.9m above the ground, facing west from this location (see

http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/flag/flag_antenna.pdf for details of its design). As I also had a convenient location approximately parallel to the Flag and 8 meters away, it seemed like a comparison between the two antennas would be a worthwhile idea.

According to Koontz' original article (Is This EWE for You? QST Feb 1995), wire height and length are not too critical for the Ewe, so I reproduced the dimensions of my Flag antenna exactly, supporting the Ewe with two thin posts clamped to the fence between our backyard and that of our long suffering neighbor. Our soil is a fairly dense clay loam, and in the late fall is quite soggy, so one meter long ground rods seemed adequate.

Even though my home is nowhere near the coast of the open Pacific, there are no regularly audible domestic broadcast stations from my west in a long arc from 190 degrees to 6 degrees. Therefore, it's an ideal location for a cardioid patterned antenna, but it's a little difficult to compare signal strengths between antennas unless overseas DX conditions are good. In addition, it was not an ideal setup for comparing signal response off the back end of the antennas, as only the Flag had an adjustable resistor (Vactrol) on it; the Ewe was terminated with an 887 ohm fixed resistor. The best I could do was to adjust the Flag's termination to approximately the same value resistance for the comparison.

For domestic comparisons, I chose stations on 600, 980 and 1470 kHz, all roughly 10-20 degrees from here (Vancouver, B.C. area), 660, 1170 and 1550, all in the 50 to 90 degree range, and 570, 1000 and 1590 kHz, all in the 140 to 150 degree range (Seattle, WA). For overseas comparisons, I looked at signals on 279 (Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia, 307 degrees), 529 (Level Island, Alaska, 327 degrees), 612 (Brisbane, Australia, 247 degrees), 738 (Papeete, Tahiti, 207 degrees), 774 (Akita, Japan, 303 degrees), 846 (Kiribati, 250 degrees) and 1566 (Cheju, S. Korea, 307 degrees) kHz, when and if they came in with any sort of signal.

The monitoring receiver was a Siemens D2007 frequency selective voltmeter capable of an 80Hz passband. I hoped (sometimes vainly) that this sharp selectivity would allow me to pick out overseas carriers from the sea of domestic splatter. The tests were performed from late November to mid December of 2005. Domestic tests were performed during the daytime, while the overseas station tests were performed in the late evening or near local sunrise.

So, what did I find? I'll regard the domestic results with a grain of salt because those signals were in the null of both antennas, and the depth of null is somewhat dependent on the value of the terminating resistor. However, with one exception, the Ewe delivered 3 to 12 dB greater strength on the domestics than the Flag did. The exception was the Mt. Vernon, WA station on 660 which was -1 dB relative to the Flag; interestingly, this one is within two degrees of directly off the back of both antennas.

The differences between the two antennas tended to be greater below 1000kHz, about 5dB more than the differences at the upper portion of the band, and in stations from the northeast compared with those from the southeast, averaging 3dB more.

More importantly to me as a DXer were the results for overseas stations on the two antennas; unfortunately, overseas conditions were not at their best during this period, so signals heard often were corrupted with domestic splash, even with the 80Hz bandwidth of the D2007. There was a fair bit of "eyeball averaging" of signals on the D2007's big meter.

The longwave signal could be regarded as a category of its own; it tended to be 8 to 10 dB better on the Ewe compared with the Flag. However the signal sounded cleaner on the Flag when listening on the R8; going back to the D2007, and using the noise level on 277 kHz as a comparison, it was plain to see that the Flag had a signal to noise ratio of 12 dB, while the Ewe had a ratio of only 4 dB. So, although the Ewe delivered a stronger signal overall from the longwave station, it also seemed to be more responsive to the local LW noise level than the Flag was. Using coaxial chokes on the Ewe lead-in may have solved the problem, but the Flag does not usually need them at all on any frequency.

Fortunately, that noise level did not extend to the medium wave band here; the observations on that band showed very similar S/N levels for each antenna. The exception was Tahiti on 738, where the Ewe had a 9dB poorer S/N level (against domestic splatter) compared with the Flag (14dB compared with 23 dB). Note that Tahiti is within 20 degrees of perpendicular to the bearing of each antenna, and the main interference to Tahiti is from KCBS at 175 degrees, also virtually perpendicular to the antennas. The important observation is that, across the band, the Ewe delivered signals that were between 4 and 9 dB stronger than the Flag did on overseas signals. Again, the greater differences in response tended to be at the lower end of the band.

So, in general, these observations tell us that the Ewe delivers a greater signal to the receiver than the Flag does, and that the difference is approximately the 6 dB that one would expect from a short vertical antenna with double the dimensions of another short vertical. (Remember that it is the vertical sections of both the Ewe and the Flag that pick up signals, and that if the Ewe's vertical sections have a ground image, it effectively doubles the length of the vertical section). It appears that W8JI may be mistaken in grouping the Ewe with Flags, though he does not give any dimensions of these antennas in his table, so could have already been comparing a smaller Ewe to a larger Flag.

While I had both antennas up, I took the opportunity to remove the grounds at each end of the Ewe, and replaced them with a wire running between the former ground end of the termination, and the former ground end of the matching transformer. The signal strength difference between the antennas for domestics dropped to between zero and 6 dB, again with the larger difference at the bottom end of the band. The Vancouver station on 1470 actually was 6dB weaker on the Ewe, though other Vancouver stations didn't show this anomaly.

The Russian station on 279, was now only 2 or 3 dB better on the modified Ewe, and the S/N ratio was 12.8 dB on the Flag and 3.4 dB on the Ewe, so if anything, the S/N difference was worse than with the original Ewe configuration.

On the medium wave band, the modified Ewe showed 3 to 7 dB greater signal strength than the Flag for overseas signals, so, there was not quite as great a contrast as with the domestic signals. The biggest difference in response between the antennas was now for 774 kHz, not for signals at the bottom of the band.

It appears then, that using a bottom wire as a replacement for the grounds of the Ewe reduces signal response somewhat over the original configuration, but still did not reduce the signal output to that of the Flag, which, in this configuration it resembles.

As a result of these experiments, a more permanent Ewe joined my backyard antennas; it's more northwesterly facing than the Flag, with somewhat different dimensions (5m x 14m), to allow it to fit between good grounds already in place in the yard. The idea of having two westerly facing cardioid antennas to phase together was appealing.

There is indeed extra signal strength available from this Ewe on Asiatic signals compared with the Flag, and a nice bonus of its more northerly aspect was that Norway-1314 was received better on it than any of my other antennas. But it is more sensitive to local electrical noise, and up to 1000kHz, not just on longwave, as the test antenna was. Fortunately, the noise is not always there, but on the lower MW band, it makes my Ewe a noisier antenna than the ALA100, the 14 meter sloper, as well as the Flag. Switching off house power and running the R8 on DC does reduce the noise slightly, but the other antennas are still quieter. Chokes on the coax lead-in haven't helped yet. Does anyone else have experience of Ewes being noisier antennas?



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