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With this April Fool's issue, IRCA welcomes Terry Jones from Plankinton, SD.

IRCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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March 25, 2006. Board deliberations over the last little while follow:

Proposal 22.1.09 was to accept **Lynn Hollerman's** condensed financial statement for Sep 1, 2005-Feb 28, 2006 as follows:

IRCA chequing account:

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| balance on Sep 1/05: | \$1,319.34 |
| income (from dues): | \$3,730.80 |
| expenses (DX Monitor publishing, web hosting): | -\$2,709.70 |
| balance on Feb 28/06: | \$2,340.44 |

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| PB | MH | JJ | PM | DP | MS | RW |
| Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

Proposal 22.1.09 passed

Proposal 22.1.10 was to accept **Phil Bytheway's** condensed financial statement for the IRCA bookstore for Sep 1, 2005- Feb 28, 2006 as follows:

IRCA Bookstore:

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| INCOME | \$925.62 |
| POSTAGE | -\$121.14 |
| PUBLISHING | -\$ 70.88 |
| NET GAIN for period | \$733.60 |

Quickie Sales Summary

TIS – 1, MEX10 – 34, T4 – 35, Slogans – 8

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| A | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

Proposal 22.1.10 passed

Proposal 22.1.11 is to modify the IRCA Editorial Policy according to input from board members and editors.

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| PB | MH | JJ | PM | DP | MS | RW |
| Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

Proposal 22.1.11 passed. This was mostly a housekeeping issue, as some parts of the policy were out of date, but there is also some clarification about editorial decision-making concerning submitted material. The updated policy is now posted in the member's area on the IRCA website:

<http://www.ircaonline.org/secure/editorial.htm>.

By the time this hits print, the deadline for Ted Vasilopoulos and Ric Heald awards will have passed, so hope you have already made your nominations. Art Blair was not able to handle the RHA nominations, so Patrick Martin has been standing in for him as the contact person for those.

Although the days are getting longer, there's still DX out there (hints of Norway-1314 here in the evenings, and still hearing Japan in the mornings), so don't shut down the radio yet. And report those catches to **DX Monitor**. best wishes, Nick

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BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

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|------------|-----------|------|------|------------|----------|
| 1/22/06+ | 0400/0700 | 1550 | KXTO | Reno NV | (Walker) |
| * 4/ 3/06+ | 0200-0400 | 1020 | KCKN | Roswell NM | |

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>

KCKN 1020khz Roswell, NM Maintenance Test. Date: April 3, 2006 (Test starts late Sunday night, April 2nd). Time: Midnight to 02:00AM MDT (0600-0800 UTC). Modes of Operation: 10KW, Non-Directional. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID. Classic Country Music.

Notes: Test will consist of a one minute audio CD prepared by the BTC. CD contains Morse Code ID's, phonetic voice ID's, various NRC Sweep Tones, etc. Station will also run their extensive collection of classic country music. Sweep tones and codes will be inserted in local breaks (2-3 minutes in length). These breaks occur at :15, :30, and :40 roughly each hour. Other times programming will consist of classic country music format. Station is doing maintenance work on their audio chain during this period.

Reception reports are desired via e-mail or US Mail. Station would prefer to receive audio CD's (1st choice) or Cassettes. If sending report on e-mail, station prefers MP3 format. kckn@swmail.net. Please put "KCKN DX Test" in the subject line.

Snail mail at: KCKN, PO Box 220, Roswell, NM 88202-0220. ATTN: Mr. Don Niccum. Be sure to include a business sized SASE.

Don, Jerry, and the whole staff at KCKN are very DX-Friendly, with some of them being members of the National Radio Club. We're very grateful for this rare test from the "Land of Enchantment"!

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

| FREQ | OLD CALL | CITY | NEW CALL |
|------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| 740 | new | Fargo, ND | KKAG |
| 1050 | WTSJ | Cincinnati, OH | WCVX |
| 1090 | new | Farmington, NM | KUCU (I also show a CP on 1060! Ye-eh) |
| 1160 | WBOB | Florence, KY | WDJO |
| 1190 | WHIY | Moulton, AL | WEUV |
| 1240 | new | Beatty, NV | KDAN |
| 1280 | WGTX | De Funiak Springs, FL | WDSP |
| 1410 | KHOL | Beulah, ND | KDKT |
| 1420 | KBTN | Neosho, MO | KQYS |
| 1490 | WUSS | Pleasantville, NJ | WTKU |
| 1510 | KCUV | Littleton, CO | KYOL |
| 1570 | new | Winterville, NC | WECU |
| 1580 | WCNB | Connersville, IN | WIFE |
| 1600 | WEUV | Huntsville, AL | WHIY |
| 1620 | WHLY | South Bend, IN | WWLV |

FORMAT CHANGES

| FREQ | CALL | CITY | OLD INFO | NEW INFO |
|------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 590 | WLES | Lawrenceville, VA | oldies | silent |
| 620 | KMNS | Sioux City, IA | talk | sports |
| 648 | WVUV | Leone, American Samoa | hot AC | silent |
| 700 | KMBX | Soledad, CA | Spanish CHR | Spanish adult hits |
| 700 | WGZS | Dothan, AL | religious teaching | oldies |
| 750 | KMMJ | Grand Island, NE | talk | religious teaching "The Bridge" |

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|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 860 | WAMO | Millvale, PA | urban AC //107.1 FM | talk |
| 910 | KIYU | Galena, AK | variety | silent |
| 910 | WSFE | Burnside, KY | sports | talk |
| 920 | WYMB | Manning, SC | sports | Jones classic rock //WMXT |
| 940 | WIPR | San Juan, PR | Spanish | silent |
| 980 | WTOT | Marianna, FL | adult standards | silent |
| 1010 | KXXT | Tolleson, AZ | talk | religious teaching |
| 1010 | WRJR | Portsmouth, VA | Spanish | black gospel "Spirit 1010" |
| 1040 | WCHR | Flemington, NJ | religious teaching | contemporary Xtian |
| 1040 | WZNA | Moca, PR | Spanish cont. Xtian | format not available |
| 1050 | WLON | Lincolnton, NC | adult contemporary | oldies |
| 1060 | WBIX | Natick, MA | talk | business news |
| 1070 | KBCL | Bossier City, LA | contemporary Xtian | religious teaching |
| 1110 | WBCA | Bay Minette, AL | southern gospel | Sporting News Radio //WNSI |
| 1160 | WBYN | Lehighton, PA | contemp Xtian //107.5 | contemporary Xtian |
| 1170 | WQVA | Lexington, SC | Spanish hits | Spanish |
| 1190 | KFXR | Dallas, TX | oldies | classic country |
| 1190 | WJES | Saluda, SC | oldies | silent |
| 1220 | WREV | Reidsville, NC | regional Mexican | Spanish hits |
| 1230 | WNUZ | Talladega, AL | format not available | silent |
| 1240 | KAMQ | Carlsbad, NM | contemporary Xtian | silent |
| 1240 | WVOS | Liberty, NY | adult contemporary | silent |
| 1250 | CJYE | Oakville, ON | contemporary Xtian | religious teaching "Joy 1250" |
| 1250 | WKBR | Manchester, NH | ABC Pure Gold oldies | Fox Sports radio |
| 1280 | WANS | Anderson, SC | black gospel | ESPN Sports |
| 1280 | WDSP | De Funiak Springs, FL | talk | Jones classic hit country |
| 1300 | WQPM | Princeton, MN | silent | religious teaching |
| 1310 | KZIP | Amarillo, TX | Spanish talk | Jones MOYL adult standards |
| 1310 | WDKD | Kingstree, SC | Jones oldies | Jones soft AC//WSIM-93.7 |
| 1330 | KJPR | Shasta Lake, CA | silent (new CP) | NPR news/talk //KSJK-1230 |
| 1330 | WNIX | Greenville, MS | ABC Urban AC | ABC Pure Gold oldies |
| 1340 | KTMM | Grand Junction, CO | sports | talk |
| 1360 | WGFA | Watseka, IL | contemporary Xtian | talk |
| 1410 | WLVV | Mobile, AL | silent | black gospel |
| 1420 | KQYS | Neosho, MO | KBTN, country | news/talk |
| 1450 | WBVA | Bayside, VA | silent | Salem cont. Xtian //WWIP |
| 1480 | KPHX | Phoenix, AZ | talk, comedy | Jones MOYL adult standards |
| 1480 | WNEZ | Windsor, CT | black gospel | tejano |
| 1500 | KBRN | Boerne, TX | country | silent |
| 1550 | WVAB | Virginia Beach, VA | silent | religious teaching //WPMH |
| 1570 | WECU | Winterville, NC | new | black gospel //WWNB |
| 1570 | WNSH | Beverly, MA | oldies | talk |
| 1580 | WTCL | Chattahoochee, FL | oldies | Spanish |
| 1590 | KKZZ | Ventura, CA | adults standards | talk "1590 the Connection." |
| 1590 | WALG | Albany, GA | news/talk | talk |
| 1590 | WYSR | High Point, NC | ESPN sports | Spanish hits //WREV |
| 1670 | WVVM | Dry Branch, GA | talk | Spanish hits |

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS

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|------|-----|--------------|-------------|
| 1490 | new | Ironwood, MI | 250/250 ND2 |
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NEW STATION GRANTS

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| 1190 | KNUV | Tolleson, AZ | 400 |
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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

| | | | |
|------|------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 740 | WMIN | Hudson, WI | 1100 DA-D to 2500 DAD |
| 800 | WNNW | Lawrence, MA | 1000/244 ND to 3000/244 DAN |
| 880 | KPOE | Midland, TX | 2000/500 (new CP) |
| 900 | WLSI | Pikeville, KY | 5000/160 ND to 3500/1125 ND2 |
| 950 | WPEN | Philadelphia, PA | 5000/21000 to 5000/3800 |
| 960 | WPBI | North Palm Beach, FL | 500/250 DA-D to 1200 DA-D (new CP) |
| 980 | KCAB | Dardanelle, AR | ND to ND2 |
| 1240 | KSAM | Whitefish, MT | ND to ND2 |
| 1290 | WTMI | West Hartford, CT | 490/11 ND to 49000/11000 ND2 |
| 1300 | WKCY | Harrisonburg, VA | 5000/32 ND to 5700/22 ND2 |
| 1420 | WKCW | Warrenton, VA | 10000/17 ND to 22000/60 DA2 |
| 1540 | KMPC | Los Angeles, CA | 50000/10000 DA-2 to 50000/37000 DA2 |
| 1550 | WKTF | Vienna, GA | ND to ND2 |
| 1570 | WECU | Winterville, NC | 3800/200 ND to 200/3800 ND2 (new CP) |

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

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|-----|------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 690 | WELD | Fisher, WV | 2000 ND-D to 3000/14 ND3 |
| 740 | WRWB | Harrogate, TN | 1000/7 ND to 900/7 ND2 |
| 870 | KRLA | Glendale, CA | 20000/3000 DA-2 to 20000/37000 DA2 |
| 880 | KHNR | Honolulu, HI | 50000/50000 DA-1 to 10000/10000 ND2 |
| 910 | WDFD | Farmington Hills, MI | 50000/19000 DA-2 to 50000/29000 DA2 |
| 910 | WNDC | Baton Rouge, LA | 1000/1000 DA-1 to 1200/51 DA2 |
| 920 | WMOK | Metropolis, IL | 1000/73 ND to 1000/750 DAN |
| 940 | KTON | Belton, TX | 1000/5 DA-2 to 4500 DAD |
| 950 | WNZZ | Montgomery, AL | 1000/44 ND to 1000/47 ND2 |

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|------|------|----------------------|--|
| 970 | KHVN | Bedford, TX | 1000/270 to 400/215 |
| 980 | KSVC | Richfield, UT | 5000/1000 ND to 10000/1000 DAN |
| 1010 | WNTK | Newport, NH | 10000/37 ND to 10000/2000 DAN |
| 1050 | KCAA | Loma Linda, CA | 1400 DA-D to 1400/35 DA2 |
| 1060 | KUCU | Farmington, NM | 1500/250 to 10000/250 (new CP) (1090?? -ye ed) |
| 1070 | WKII | Solana, FL | 3100/260 ND to 2700/233 ND2 |
| 1160 | KCTO | Cleveland, MO | 100/215 DA-2 to 500/230 DA2 |
| 1170 | KCBQ | San Diego, CA | 50000/1500 DA-2 to 50000/2900 DA2 |
| 1170 | WKFL | Bushnell, FL | 1000 ND-D to 10000 DAD |
| 1180 | KHCM | Honolulu, HI | 5000/5000 ND to 1000/1000 ND2 |
| 1200 | WSML | Graham, NC | 10000/1000 DA-N to 10000/1080 DAN |
| 1210 | KPRZ | San Marcos-Poway, CA | 20000/10000 DA-2 to 40000/10000 DA2 |
| 1280 | KZNS | Salt Lake City, UT | 10000/600 DA-2 to 50000/600 DA3 |
| 1300 | WJYP | St. Albans, WV | ND to ND2 |
| 1370 | KPWL | Newport, WA | 5000/350 DA-N to 50000/500 DA2 (new CP) |
| 1400 | KENT | Parowan, UT | 800/800 ND to 1000/1000 ND2 |
| 1410 | WEGO | Concord, NC | 1000/182 ND to 1000/68 ND2 |
| 1420 | KIGO | St. Anthony, ID | 1000/1000 ND to 32000/12 ND2 |
| 1430 | WDJS | Mount Olive, NC | 1000 ND-D to 10000/5000 DA2 |
| 1460 | WQXM | Bartow, FL | 1000/155 ND to 10000/155 DAD |
| 1550 | KMAD | Madill, OK | ND-D to ND2 |
| 1580 | KTGR | Columbia, MO | 250/10 ND to 214/8 ND2 |
| 1580 | WSRF | Ft. Lauderdale, FL | 10000/5000 DA-2 to 10000/1500 DA2 |
| 1580 | WTTN | Columbus, WI | 1000/7 to 4700/6 |
| 1580 | WVVO | Columbus, OH | 1000/250 DA-2 to 3200/290 DA2 |
| 1590 | KYNG | Springdale, AR | ND to 2500/58 ND3 |

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

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|------|------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 660 | KGDP | Orcutt, CA | 10000/1000 to 5000/5000 |
| 720 | WQTH | Claremont, NH | 50000/500 to 50000/670 (new CP) |
| 790 | WPIC | Sharon, PA | 1000/51 to 1300/58 |
| 890 | WVOF | Lithia Springs, GA | 1000 to 5000 |
| 950 | WPEN | Philadelphia, PA | 5000/21000 to 25000/21000 |
| 1150 | KXMG | Portland, OR | 5000/47 to 10000/63 |
| 1190 | KNUV | Tolleson, AZ | 5000/250 to 5000/400 |
| 1280 | WNAM | Neeenah, WI | 5000/5000 to 50000/5000 |
| 1460 | WDOG | Barnwell, GA | 1000 to 320/45 |
| 1460 | WHIC | Rochester, NY | 5000/5000 to 4500/3000 |
| 1490 | WIRB | Dothan, AL | 430/430 to 1000/1000 |
| 1540 | KMPC | Los Angeles, CA | 50000/2900 to 50000/37000 |
| 1580 | KHGG | Van Buren, AR | 1000/45 to 1000/49 |
| 1600 | WPDC | Elizabethtown, PA | 500/79 to 1000/17.5 |

ADDITIONAL NOTES: (CONTRIBUTOR IN PARENTHESES)

PUBLIC LISTINGS:

- 1180 KYDZ Bellevue/Omaha NE has gone silent at the end of the five-year expanded-band transition. (It spawned KOZN 1620 Bellevue/Omaha, and its Radio Disney format lives on at KOIL 1020 Plattsmouth NE.)
- 1190 KRFT De Soto/St. Louis MO flips from Fox sports to talk, with a mix of programming including WW1's Don Imus, Radio One's Two Live Stews, Air America's Al Franken and Cox's Neal Boortz.
- 1240 KRDM Redmond OR flips from talk to regional Mexican.
- 1240 WTAX Springfield IL, WDBR 103.7 Springfield IL and WYMG 100.5 Jacksonville IL are silent after a tornado destroyed the 306-foot tower that WTAX and WDBR transmitted from. (It also held the WYMG studio-transmitter link.) While the stations work on getting low-power emergency signals back on the air, the WTAX news-talk format is being heard on sister stations WABZ 93.9 Sherman IL and WQQJ 101.9 Springfield IL.
- 1280 WALV Dayton TN returns to its WDNT calls, while WDNT 104.9 Dayton TN becomes WALV, completing a three-station call shuffle there that moved the WALV calls from 95.3 Cleveland TN, now WHJK.
- 1460 KARR Kirkland/Seattle WA has returned to the air.
- 1620 WHLY South Bend IN flips from standards to AC "Love," requesting the WWLV calls that were once used by sister station WOZW 102.3 New Carlisle IN in its "Love" days. Sister station WNDV 1490 South Bend IN is now simulcasting the ESPN sports format of WDND 1580 South Bend, in preparation for 1580 going silent soon. (to be continued - pb)

Now available ... The NRC AM Antenna Pattern Book

The all-new Pattern Book now includes daytime and "Graveyard" frequency patterns for the first time. For those stations which operate with 50 kW (and higher in Mexico) non-directional (designated U1 in the AM Log), the day 'pattern' is shown to approximately the predicted 0.5 mV/1M coverage limits, while the night pattern is illustrated approximately 1.5 times larger. Stations in Alaska and Hawaii are listed on separate pages at the end of the book. The basic list of U.S. and Canadian stations comes from the 26th Edition of the National Radio Club's AM Radio Log. Mexican stations in the states bordering the United States plus those stations elsewhere which are easily heard in the U.S. and Canada are also included. All data is up-to-date as of November 1, 2005. Prices: \$16.95 to USA/Canada IRCA/NRC members, \$22.95 USA non-members, \$25.95, Canada non-members/all overseas orders contact us for prices. Order from **NRC Publications - PO Box 164 - Mannsville NY 13661** (NY residents, please add sales tax). Please state your membership affiliation when you order.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1340 KUOW **WA**, Tumwater 3/11 1400 heard both ID for KUOW FM Seattle and KUOW
Tumwater. KLKI Anacortes, WA QRM. Ex-KVSN. (PM-OR)
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- 540 CBK **SK**, Regina 3/8 0400 ID "CBC 1" into relay from Channel Africa. Good. (REW-HI)
+3/12 0237 British woman talking to European-accented man about the death of
Slobodan Milosevic, program ID'd itself as Radio Netherlands' "Weekend
Connection." Fair, over/under XESURF-CA and Mexican. (5P-HI)
- 560 KVOK **AK**, Kodiak 3/13 0240 mostly under KSFO with C&W music, "5-60 KVOK," back into
C&W music. (PM-OR)
- 580 KMJ **CA**, Fresno 2/28 0130 in good with "Newstalk 580 KMJ" ID, then into Coast to Coast
AM with George Norry. (CM-CA)
- 620 KPOJ **OR**, Portland 2/28 0120 in good with KPOJ ID. (CM-CA)
- 630 CKOV **BC**, Kelowna 3/13 0300 good on top of CHED with "CKOV News." (PM-OR)
- 640 KYUK **AK**, Bethel 3/13 0237 good, all alone on channel with blues music. At 0237 native
sounding announcer said "You're listening to KYUK in Bethel," then into C&W song.
(PM-OR)
- 660 CFFR **AB**, Calgary 2/28 0205 in fair with "Oldies Radio CFR" ID. (CM-CA)
- 680 CHFA **AB**, Edmonton 3/13 0304 fair with KNBR phased, with man in French, sounded like
news. (PM-OR)
- 690 CBU **BC**, Vancouver 2/28 0300 in good with "CBC Radio Vancouver" ID. (CM-CA)
XERA **BCN**, Tijuana 2/28 0215 good with "This is XERA Rosarita Baja California." New call
letters. (CM-CA)
- 750 KFQD **AK**, Anchorage 3/13 very good on top of KXL with "News Radio 7-50, KFQD
Anchorage" at 0059:55, into CBS net news at 0100. (PM-OR)
+3/14 1529 very good with time-check by man "This is KFQD, 6:29." (REW-HI)
- KOAL **UT**, Price 2/26 0730 dominant with spots including J.B.'s Restaurant in Price,
promo/jingle, then back into talk. (MS-CA)
- 770 KCBC **CA**, Riverbank 3/14 0944 ID by man "KCBC 770, Christian Radio, keeping you strong
in the word," into sermon from George Myers Ministries. 0959 promo for women's
convention in St. Louis, 1000 ID by man "KCBC, keeping you in the word, covering
northern and central California with quality Christian programming, this is KCBC
Riverbank, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, KCBC." Very good, new. (REW-HI)
- 780 KNOM **AK**, Nome 3/14 1004 very detailed weather, 1104 again weather, 1105 weather for
St. Louis Island, good. (REW-HI)
- 830 KNCO **CA**, Grass Valley 3/5 0100 ID into news, very weak & choppy fighting it out with
CKKY but mostly on top using Drake and Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)
- 850 KOA **CO**, Denver 3/8 0105 "KOA weather for the High Country... high fire danger... 2-4"
wet heavy snow... Front Range... it's 52 degrees in Denver, 46 in Boulder, I'm Cathy

- Sabin." ID by man "8-50 KOA, the most listened to station in Colorado. Stay with
Newsradio KOA." Booming, no sign of my local KHLO. (REW-HI)
- 870 KJMP **CO**, Pierce 3/16 0525 poor, occasional fade ups under KFLD, KLSQ and WWL with a
very good variety of music. Heard several songs that fully matched their website
"scrolling" play-list then snagged "KJMP Pierce" at 0614, probably on day power.
Someone else caught the same ID at :14 past the hour so take that as a tip. Thanks
to Dave from Redmond, OR for tipping this off. New. (DP-OR)
- WWL **LA**, New Orleans 3/15 0035 mention of "The Big WWL," Coast to Coast with George
Norry. Very weak sputtering in the static, one Spanish unID under. (GH-OR)
- 910 KOXR **CA**, Oxnard 3/19 2304 ID by man in English "KOXR," into Spanish ID "KOXR La
Mexicana. En Mexico... Viva Mexico!" into ranchera. 2304 slogan "La campeona de
nuestro pueblo. La Mexicana." Booming signal, nice for 1kw. (REW-HI)
- CKDQ **AB**, Drumheller 3/13 good on top of jumble with C&W music and "Cat Country" slogan
at 0235. (PM-OR)
- 920 KVIN **CA**, Ceres 3/6 0020 man said "Thanks for listening to KVIN," NOS tune, "On the
Street Where You Live." Weak in tight KXLY null. Thought this was KSHO but
surprised by a new log. (GH-OR)
+3/15 2344 Big Band, 2352 "Greenery Nursery in Turlock... KVIN..." 2353 "They Can't
Take That Away From Me," 0000 3/16 ID "KVIN, the Vine, Ceres," good. New, CA
#135 since I reactivated. (REW-HI)
- 940 KNNZ **UT**, Cedar City 3/12 1700 big daytime signal, ID "Newsradio 940 KNNZ." Formerly
KBRE. (MS-NV)
- CJGX **SK**, Yorkton 3/12 2250 many "GX 94" ID's and C&W music with female DJ. Fair
signal but drifts in/out with Mexican pest null on R-388 and Sanserino loop.
(GH-OR)
- 970 KHTY **CA**, Bakersfield 3/17 2240 ID "KHTY Bakersfield with the mighty sounds of the 70's,
60's and 80's." Note: the decades are not in chronological order! Into rock oldies,
good. (REW-HI)
- 1020 KCKN **NM**, Roswell 2/28 0325 good with KCKN ID and then heard country music. (CM-CA)
+3/6 0105 ID and Ferlin Husky song. Good to fair signal in Mexican pest null on Drake
with Sanserino loop. Not heard much this season. (GH-OR)
- KDKA **PA**, Pittsburgh 2/23 0057 ID by man "KDKA," news talk, 0100 ID "KDKA Newstalk 10-
20," news. Good, over/under KTNQ-CA. Still trying for reportedly reactivated KCKN-
NM. (REW-HI)
- 1050 KORE **OR**, Eugene 3/21 0100 ID and ad for ????. Garbled and not very readable,
inspirational music. Their 149 watts barely making the 140 mile tip, on Drake with RS
loop. (GH-OR)
- 1060 CKMX **AB**, Calgary 3/16 0100 ID "The new classic country, CKMX," over/under my local
KHBC. First time heard since KHBC went NSP. (REW-HI)
- 1080 KOTK **OR**, Portland 3/8 0850 mention of McMinnville, "The talk of Portland, KOTK 10-80,"
over/under KWAI, no sign of usually dominant KRLD. New. (REW-HI) (You heard
"KOTK"? My log shows Portland 1080 is KFXX, and FCC lists KOTK on 1420 in
Omaha, NE.—NJ)
- KRLD **TX**, Dallas 2/23 2307 ID by woman "1080 KRLD," man "It's a great town. Get out and
about and enjoy life, KRLD." Woman "Welcome to KRLD" into news talk. Very good.
(REW-HI)
- 1100 WTAM **OH**, Cleveland 2/25 0008 ID by man "1100 AM WTAM Your Source," newstalk, good
over/under KFAX. (REW-HI)
- 1110 KAGV **AK**, Big Lake 3/13 good to fair on top and mixing with KBND at 0315, "Alaska's
Gospel Voice" slogan, back into soft Christian music. (PM-OR)
- KFAB **NE**, Omaha 3/1 0000 ID by man "KFAB Omaha 11-10 AM" into news, 0004 local
news, ID by man "Omaha's news, weather, traffic and sports station, AM 11-10
KFAB." Very good, trace of KAOI. (REW-HI)
- 1120 KZSJ **CA**, San Martin 3/14 1025 Vietnamese talk by man, 1030 mentioned "KZSJ," fairly
good over/under KPNW. (REW-HI)
- 1130 KWKH **LA**, Shreveport 3/16 2127 vocal "Daydreams in the Afternoon," 2130 ID by man "Your
station for county legends, KWKH," into C&W vocal. 2133 again "KWKH." Dominant,
KRDU-CA behind. First reception since I reactivated, is easiest LA here. (REW-HI)
- 1150 CKFR **BC**, Kelowna 3/11 0039 finally ID'd with call other than "Oldies 1150" after 40
minutes. Fair signal mostly above KKNW on SP-600 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1160 KRDY **TX**, San Antonio 2/26 2305 ID by woman "AM 11-60 Radio Disney," vocals, still heard
2/27 0000, good at times well over KSL. New. I never thought I'd hear a U.S. station
on 1160 besides KSL. (REW-HI)
- 1210 KPRZ **CA**, San Marcos 3/7 2330 end of "Focus on the Family," ID "KPRZ San Marcos,
celebrating the 20th anniversary of KPRZ. Dr. James Dobson on KPRZ is sponsored
by Focus on the Family," 2331 ad for shopping center, 2332 ID "KPRZ," into political
spot. Good, new. (REW-HI)
- KUBR **TX**, San Juan 3/18 2257 ending religious show in Spanish, man gave station's
mailing address "P.O. Box 252, McAllen, Tejas 98505." 2258 man gave ID in English
"Radio KUBR 12-10 AM San Juan, Texas." Good, trace of KZOO behind. New.
(REW-HI)
- 1220 KCCS **OR**, Salem 3/19 0100 faint ID by female with religious talk and vocal music. Weak in
the grumble and seldom heard. SP-600 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1230 KDAC **CA**, Ft. Bragg 3/4 1440 good signal even outside of town. Slogan is La Maquina
(Spanish). Still lights up the AM stereo light. Address is P.O. Box 1248 F.B. (MS-CA1)

1230 KORT ID, Grangeville 3/17 0100 faint ID and C&W music barely dominating the jumble. Last heard 10/03. A pleasant surprise to hear this one again. (GH-OR)
 KKEE OR, Astoria 2/23 1003 ID "Here on ESPN, 12-30 ESPN, KKEE Astoria," 1004 back to network, into sports talk, over/under KDAC-CA. (REW-HI)
 KOZI WA, Chelan 3/11 0110 man gave ID into vocal music. Up strong for 30 seconds then back down into the mix. Not often heard. (GH-OR)
 1240 KJAA AZ, Globe 2/12 0300 faded up for the top of hour ID "Broadcasting 24-7 KJAA Globe." Gave website that sounded like kgns.com, Christian music. I used to hear them often in the 90's as a country station. (MS-CA)
 KJOP CA, Lemoore 3/19 2355 solo piano, 2359 ad for Holy Child Catholic Bookstore. 3/20 0000 "Leading thousands to the Lord, 24 hours a day, KJOP Lemoore, your Catholic Radio Station." Good, on top, new. (REW-HI)
 1270 KBZZ NV, Sparks 3/8 2345 heard "The Buzz" slogan in the jumble with CHAT(?) and one or two others. Bits & pieces of sports talk. Really weak. (GH-OR)
 1340 KYNS CA, San Luis Obispo 3/7 0355 ESPN Sports, 0356 ID by man "KYNS San Jose, San Luis Obispo" (in that order!) back to ESPN. Good, new. (REW-HI)
 1360 KOHU OR, Hermiston 3/9 0040 man said K-O-H-U into C&W music, Up strong for a minute or two then back to Spanish pest on R-390A on N-S wire. Seldom heard. (GH-OR)
 1380 KSRV OR, Brownsville 3/16 0020 oldies, many "Treasure Valley" ID's. Fighting it out with KRKO but mostly on top, fair to poor signal on Drake with RS loop. (GH-OR)
 1450 KVSL AZ, Show Low 3/11 2353 becoming dominant, ID "Unforgettable 1450 KVSL" into NOS tune. Logged years ago at home on frequency check. (MS-CA2)
 KVEN CA, Ventura 2/27 2255 ID by man "We're your home for that beautiful rock 'n roll, 14-50 KVEN, the Boomer," into Sinatra song. Good, over/under XECU. 15 years ago this station interviewed me on-air for 1/2 hour. Back then it was the dominant U.S. graveyard here, now KVTO-1400 has assumed that role. (REW-HI)
 KVSI ID, Montpelier 3/13 0730 heard ID coming out of instrumental "...the songs on AM 1450 KVSI," into tune "Right Time of the Night." (MS-NV)
 1470 KUTY CA, Palmdale 3/19 2245 Sean Hannity Show with Howard Stern as guest. 2256 ad for Institute of Criminal Justice, 2255 PSA, 2256 ad for Quicken Loan, 2257 show ended, ID by man 2300 "You're on 14-70 KUTY Palmdale." Good, new. (REW-HI)
 1480 KYOS CA, Merced 3/15 0950 man with "This morning and every morning on the KYOS Morning News, you can win." Good, over/under KVNR-CA. (REW-HI)
 1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 3/11 2330 ID and ad for Bio Diesel Coast to Coast Show. Moderate KGA-1510 splatter, otherwise fair on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
 +3/14 2237 local ads, 2240 "KSTP... on KSTP I'm Dave Thompson," into political talk. Good to very good, some KUMU-HI and KSJK-CA in Vietnamese in background. Last heard in the 1980's. (REW-HI)
 1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa 2/20 0849 ID "KFNN is the station that makes you money," news item on China marketing automobiles in USA, spot for Prudential Financial. Huge. (MS-CA)
 1550 KYCY CA, San Francisco 3/17 2230 California basketball, 2231 Toyota ad, 2233 ID by man "On KYCY AM 15-50." 2234 "The California basketball network..." 2235 "Welcome to Investalk, a 1-hour program about making the best of your greenbacks." Good, possible Spanish underneath. New, but heard as KKHl with classical music in the past. (REW-HI)
 1560 WQEW NY, New York City 3/20 good on top of KNZR with usual Radio Disney, ID at 0301 "Radio Disney is WQEW New York." (PM-OR)
 1570 KPRO CA, Riverside 2/20 0924 fading up momentarily. Not usually very strong here. (MS-CA)
 ?KSXT? CO, Loveland 3/11 0820 strong English talk station suddenly popped up with non-local spots and no ID. Gradually faded down in the next 20 minutes. Geoclock shows grayline slicing right through Loveland at 0820, so it must be this going to day power. New. (AP-CA)
 1580 KGAL OR, Lebanon 3/4 0349 top of hour ID "KGAL Albany, Lebanon, Oregon," spot for Laser-Quick. NOS music over KMIK Arizona. Logged this one at home when they were on 920. (MS-CA1)
 1590 KKZZ CA, Ventura 2/23 1008 traffic report, ID by man "On KKZZ Ventura... 46 degrees in Oxnard," good. New. (REW-HI)
 1610 KFB727 CA, Baker(?) 3/13 1630 giving information for Mojave National Preserve. Pretty sure these were call letters. (MS-CA2)
 KNEC996 CA, Geysersville 3/4 0320 TIS giving info on bridge washout in Geysersville. (MS-CA1)
 WUJ42 WA, Pasco 3/12 0415 TIS for Ice Harbor Dam with tourist info, phone numbers, etc. QRM with WSDOT TIS near Yakima, WA. (PM-OR)
 1620 WTAW TX, College Station 3/20 topping 1620 with promo for news "Every morning on WTAW" at 0401. (PM-OR)
 1630 WRDW GA, Augusta 3/13 2303 "Your opportunity to purchase... on WRDW Augusta..." 2304 into sports talk, callers on air, 2314 talk of injuries, 2329 caller about NCAA. Often good, over/under KKGm-TX & unID Spanish on offset frequency with low rumble, doubtless KRND-WY but not yet ID'd here. New, I consider this my best mainland catch since reactivating late last year. (REW-HI)
 KKGM TX, Fort Worth 3/13 2315 gospel hymns, 0420 man "You're with KKGM. Stay right where you are, and you can listen worldwide on KKGM.com," more gospel. 2328 man "KKGM AM Ft. Worth," more Black gospel. Good, on top, mostly WRDW behind and little Spanish. New. (REW-HI)

1660 WQSN MI, Kalamazoo 3/20 0359 good on top of jumble with ESPN sports, spot for boat show in Kalamazoo. ID just before top of hour "AM 16-60 WQSN Kalamazoo," back into ESPN. No sign of KXOL, probably off. (PM-OR)
 KQWB ND, West Fargo 3/16 0120 conservative talk show, ID "You've been listening to Freedom Radio brought to you by Talkradio 16-60 KQWB West Fargo." Good, over/under KTIQ-CA in Spanish. New, first ND since I reactivated. (REW-HI)
 +3/20 topping WQSN at times with CNN net news at 0403, weather for Fargo at 0405, then into talk show with female moderator. WQSN was the main QRM. (PM-OR)
 1700 KVVNS TX, Brownsville 3/1 0100 ID by man "Newstalk 1700, the Valley's place to talk, KVVNS," into Fox News, 0107 into George Norry. Very good, in clear, XEPE off air, broken down as so often, 0107 XEPE back on, KVVNS still readable through it. New. (REW-HI)

DX TEST

1550 KXTO NV, Reno 3/19 0357-0405 (not heard) 0657-0705 (heard). Supposedly twice-nightly DX test tried to check status, checked 0357-0405 (1am PST) timeframe, nothing noted during that time, KXEX/KYCY/XEBG mix, with KXEX dominant, no code ID's or tones or anything noted. Checked 3 hours later, was just about to give up when at 0703 came through nicely over the same 3 stations (KXEX more dominant than earlier at 1am) with 2 sets of simple code ID's, didn't seem to run the sweep tone, made out a "...-" which corresponds to an "X" so assume their "KXTO" call letters broadcast. So test is still alive, at least at 4am, not sure about 1am PSA... (RW-CA)
 1580 WDAB NC, Travelers Rest 2/27 0000-0100 in fair with Morse code ID's and sweep tones. New. (CM-CA)

HELP WITH UNIDS

1230 KWG CA, Stockton this is probably Richard E. Wood's unID in Vol 43 No 24. They are part of the EWTN, Immaculate Heart Radio, a Catholic network. (MF-CA)
 1240 KJOP CA, Lemoore this is RW's unID in Vol 43 No 23. Same network as KGW and others. See www.ihradio.org. (MF-CA) (KGW??—NJ)
 1310 KMKY CA, Oakland GH's Radio Disney (in DXM March 4) might be KMKY. (REW-HI)
 1590 KKZZ CA, Ventura might be Rene's unID in Vol 43 No 24. They are heard here often but usually play NOS format. (MF-CA)

UNIDS

680 UNID 3/13 0304 station buried behind CHFA with what sounded like news in English. KBRW? Too weak to tell much. (PM-OR)
 1120 UNID 3/12 0246 Spanish Mexican polka music underneath KPNW. Poor. (5P-HI)
 1240 UNID 2/23 0957 "Timeless Classics" oldies, "On timeless Classics, Carly Simon." Which CA or central OR station carries this service? (REW-HI)
 1320 UNID 3/12 0248 Spanish man talking by phone, then woman singing. KCTC-CA with Mexican programming? Poor. (5P-HI)
 1340 UNID 3/4 0014 ESPN Sports, one station ID by man "98.5 K-Fox" (not in a list of network affiliates), KUF9 98.5 San Jose, CA is listed. (REW-HI)

Once again I must ask if you hand write your WDXR report, please make it readable. Portions of one reporter's loggings were not used, as I could not read what was written. Also, I've had a request to print everyone's mailing address. It has been my policy to print your mailing address if you include it in your report, and if you request it not be printed I honor that request. So please, do not ask me to print everyone's addresses as I cannot do that, as it is a privacy issue. Nancy 3/24 2100

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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., SANGEAN ATS 909

LOGGINGS

1100 NY WHLI Hempstead 3/3 1755 NOS music hrd; ID. (WM-MD)
 1270 NY WDLA Walton 3/7 1800 ID hrd; NEW. (WM-MD)
 1280 PA WHVR Hanover 3/7 1802 Local ad with 717 Area code. (WM-MD)
 1390 TN WYXI Athens 03/17 1711 Obituaries, weather forecast and Paul Harvey's News and the Rest of The Story. Decent signal above the afternoon static and a few other stations. "...up next on WYXI." (IEN-GA)
 1480 PA WDAS Philadelphia 3/10 1800 Blk Gspl Mx hrd. (WM-MD)

Not a lot of action this week. Had a GREAT time on the Cruise. Recorded numerous stations, still Reviewing tapes. Next trip is NAB in Las Vegas.... PLEASE see deadlines above.... We are now on a bi-weekly schedule. Thanks to William and IRA this week. 0800 3-25-06 fresh

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Greetings everyone,

Another nice turnout this time around, with even a bit of TA activity. So away we go.

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

1314t **NORWAY**, Kvitsoy, NRK. Just a carrier at 0440 on 3/9. Then musical murmurings poking through at 0531. The streaming web site had classical sounding violin and piano mx, but all that was cutting through the splatter was occasional violin notes. Other than the usual 1215 carrier, other faint carriers on 567, 585, 639, 728 (Tahiti?) 747, 756, 765, 774, 855, 882, 945, 963, 999, 1008, 1017, 1053, 1107, 1116, 1152, 1179, 1197, 1206, 1305, 1422, 1467, and 1539. 1314 carrier noted on a number of evenings, but unusually 13 March at 0128, 45 minutes before local sunset. (NHP-BC)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

810 **MEXICO**, Tampico, Tams, XEFW "Radio Estrella" 3/8 0410, SS nx by 2 alternating women, 0412 time check in CST. (REW-HI)
920 **MEXICO**, Guadalajara, Jal, Radio Amor XELT 0355 romantica ballad, 0400 straight to TOH ID 3/16. (REW-HI)
1050 **MEXICO**, Monterrey, NL XEG La Gigante 3/14 0445, ranchera, 0450 time check by man. (REW-HI)
1060 **MEXICO**, Mexico DF, XEEP, Radio Educacion. Good on top during great AU cx, with the A at 33!!, at 0904 UTC 3/20. Many mentions of "Radio Educacion" and even one XEEP ID in SS. The best I have heard them in years. CKMX generally dominates here. (PM-OR)
1100 **CUBA**, Bubble Jammer 3/11 0440 noted through KFAX. (REW-HI)
1120 **UNID**, 3/12 0746, SS polka mx u/KPNW OR. XEMX Mexicali? Poor. (5P-HI)
1150 **MEXICO**, Guadalajara, Jal. XEAD, 3/8 0700 ID by man "Radio Metropolis XEAD", time signal ...- (3 short, 1 long). (REW-HI)
1160 **BRAZIL**, UNid 3/12 0538-0620, preacher in PP. (REW-HI)
1210 **CUBA**, Sanct, Spittitus, CMGL 3/17 0401, Cuban NA. (REW-HI)
1220 **BRAZIL**, Rio de Janeiro, ZYJ458, Radio Globo 3/8 0640. (REW-HI)
1280 **BRAZIL**, Rio de Janeiro, Radio Tupi ZYJ455 3/12 0530. (REW-HI)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

153 **RUSSIA**, Komsomolsk. Slow inst mx, fair //279, traces of // audio on 180 also. 3/12. (NHP-BC)
531 **JAPAN**, Morioka, JOQG 1406 3/12 Woman talking very faint //594. (NHP-BC)
560 **ALASKA**, Kodiak KVOK, mostly u/KSFO with C&W mx. At 0740 3/13 "5-60 KVOK" ID, back into C&W mx. (PM-OR)
567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIK 1412 3/12, Man talking, poor //594. (NHP-BC)
585 **JAPAN**, Kushiro JOPG 1411 3/12. Woman talking nil to faint, then bits of inst. mx //594. (NHP-BC)
594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK hrd 3/25 at 1307 with man in JJ. (BB-AZ)
640 **ALASKA**, Bethel, good all alone on channel with blues mx at 0733 3/13. At 0737, native sounding ancr said "you're listening to KYUK in Bethel" Then into a C&W song. (PM-OR)
675t **VIETNAM**, My Van, VoV1 1418 3/12. Oriental singing by woman, faint but clear, but no way to ID. (NHP-BC)
693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB 3/25 1311 with JJ talk, poor, just above noise level. (BB-AZ)
750 **ALASKA**, Anchorage KFQD very good and on top of KXL and jumble with "News Radio 7-50, KFQD Anchorage" At 0859.55, then into CBS at 0900 3/13. (PM-OR)
774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB 1501, 3/12. Light inst. mx leading up to pips on the hour. Faint, but not bad for a half an hour after LSR. (NHP-BC)
828 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBB 3/25 1316 with JJ talk. (BB-AZ)
972 **REP. KOREA**, Dangjin, HLC A 1140 3/11, KK talk fair on USB. (AP-CA)
1110 **ALASKA**, Big Lake KAGV good to fair on top and mixing with KBND at 0815 UTC 3/13. Slogan "Alaska's Gospel Voice" Back into soft Christian mx. (PM-OR)
1152 **FIJI**, Rakiraki 3/12 1620 in Melanesian choir, man in Fijian Good. (REW-HI)
1188 **REP. KOREA**, Incheon, HLKX FEBC 3/11 1620, strange illogical programming in Hindi, but teaching very elementary CC. (REW-HI)
1242t **JAPAN**, Tokyo, JOLF 1430 3/9 Man and woman in JJ talk, fair in splatter. (NHP-BC)
1296 **AZERBAIJAN**, Pirsaat, Radio Free Afghanistan 3/5 1600-1700 all talk in Dari (Afghan Persian, sounds like Farsi). Booming. Loudest non-Hawaiian station. New. (REW-HI)
1296 **NEW ZEALAND**, Hamilton 1ZH, News Talk ZB 3/8 1600. (REW-HI)
1386 **INDIA**, Gwalier (listed) 3/19 1558 man talking in Hindi. (REW-HI)
1395 **INDIA**, two listed (Bikaner and Chennai) 3/17 1500 Indian songs, male ancr in Hindi. (REW-HI)
1413 **OMAN**, A'Seela BBC 3/4 1645 nx in Farsi by alternating m/f, mentions of Syria, etc. Good. (REW-HI)
1422t **JAPAN**, Yokohama JORF 1435 3/9. Man in apparent JJ, not quite readable enough for a lang ID, but similar cadence. (NHP-BC)

* Also noted S9_20DB signal 1407 UTC 3/14, M&F JJ talk and mx. Stronger than other powerhouse stations. (DV-WA)

1449 **MICRONESIA**, Pohupe V6AK 3/9 1620 man preaching in Polynesian, Micronesian choir, 1623 woman in EE "the time is 3:23" Good new. (REW-HI)
1449 **NEW ZEALAND**, Palmerston North, 2YM Radio National 3/8 1614, detailed wx forecast by woman. Good. (REW-HI)
1449 **THAILAND**, Unk (2 listed) M&F alternating in Thai at 1618 dominating 2YM. (REW-HI)
1467 **REP. KOREA**, Mokpo HLKN 1425 3/15 Man & woman talking nil to poor //3930. (NHP-BC)
1476 **AUSTRALIA**, Unk ABC regional net station 3/8 1623. Clear. (REW-HI)
1476 **NEW ZEALAND**, Auckland Radio Pacific 3/19 1604 commercial by man and phone #, included "double zero, double five..." (REW-HI)
1485 **AUSTRALIA**, Unk ABC regional net station 3/8 1623//1476 Clear. (REW-HI)
1503 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUK 1401 3/21 Barely hrd the pips on the hour after earlier JJ sounding talk, poor at bet. As this faded down, NHK1 faded up on 594. (NHP-BC)
1566 **REP. KOREA**, Cheju, HLAZ FEBC 1230 3/11 blasting in at S7 w/JJ talk. (AP-CA)
1593 **JAPAN**, Niigata/Matsue JOQB/JOTB 1355 3/20. Audio traces here, man talking //828. Barely hrd pips on the hour at 1400. (NHP-BC)
1701 **UNID**, 3/5 1647 Indian film mx fair. Suspect Aussie Ethnic station (REW-HI) (Very likely, the 400w gets out well to the coast. Very common when cx are good. (PM))

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*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

549 **ALGERIA** Alger Chaîne 1, Les Trembles, MAR 16 0211 - male group Arabic vocal, drums, strings; over others. [Connelly*B-MA]
558 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 16 0210 - // 621 with man in Spanish; to good peak.
567 **IRELAND** RTE R.1, Tullamore, MAR 17 0107 - man in English, then female opera vocal; good, equal in strength to adjacent 570 WMCA/WSYR/Cuba. [Connelly*B-MA]
603 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 16 0201 - // 774 with Spanish news by man & woman; fair.
612 **MOROCCO** RTM A, Sebbaa-Aioune, MAR 16 0213 - male Arabic vocal & orchestra; fair.
+ MAR 17 0103 - Arabic news by woman. [Connelly*B-MA]
621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., MAR 16 0209 - man in Spanish with news, teletalk; huge. [Connelly*B-MA]
639 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, La Coruna et al., MAR 16 0214 - // 621 with Spanish talk; poor.
747 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 20 0301 - Spanish news by man & woman, mention of "Estados Unidos"; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, MAR 16 0157 - classical piano music, very good. [Connelly*B-MA]
765 **SWITZERLAND** RSR Option Musique, Sottens, MAR 16 0215 - Celtic-influenced French male vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
774 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, MAR 16 0201 - // 603 with news; poor.
+ MAR 21 2244 - Spanish newstalk; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
819 **EGYPT** ERTU, Batra, MAR 17 0102 - Arabic preaching by man, not // 612 Morocco.
855 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, MAR 16 0219 - Spanish discussion; in WEEI slop.
864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, MAR 16 0143 - French talk, then "Nothing Compares 2 U" by Sinead O'Connor; to good peak, somewhat choppy fades.
+ MAR 21 2251 - woman in French; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
890.95 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Algiers, MAR 21 2250 - Arabic talk, het against WAMG, pronounced rumble from something on 891.0 (Portugal?). [Connelly*B-MA]

- 945 **FRANCE** France Info, Toulouse, MAR 16 0222 - // 1206 with excited French talk; fair over WROL slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, MAR 17 0111 - talk about the future challenges facing horse racing in the UK; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1107.13 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 "Todo Noticias", Caceres, MAR 17 0113 - Spanish talk, splittable from the 1107.0 pile-up. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros, MAR 17 0114 - commentary / teletalk with woman in Spanish; good.
- 1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, MAR 21 2254 - Slavic male rock vocal; over Spain. Signal was huge, at least 10 dB better than adjacent 1130 WBBR! [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, MAR 15 2157 - fast French talk. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Virgin R. synchros, MAR 16 0146 - "The Boxer" by Simon & Garfunkel; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1251 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, MAR 17 0028 - Arabic vocal; to good peak. Adjacent WKBR-NH back on 1250.0. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1296 **SUDAN** (t) Reba, MAR 16 0143 - possibly this with Koranic chanting, then Arabic talk; briefly over Spain / UK. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1314 **NORWAY** NRK, Kvitsoy, MAR 16 0139 - Norwegian talk by two men; to good peak.
- 1359 **SPAIN** RNE, Arganda del Rey, MAR 20 0311 - Spanish news / discussion; monster signal!
- 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille, MAR 21 2301 - // 1557 with French news; poor to fair.
- 1394.82 **ALBANIA** Filake, MAR 14 2159 - music, then sign-off. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 20 0313 - // 1359 with newstalk; poor to fair.
- 1422 **ALGERIA** Algiers, MAR 17 0027 - Arabic male vocal & loud accompaniment; good.
- 1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, MAR 20 0314 - classical music; fair to good.
- 1485 **SPAIN** SER synchros, MAR 17 0118 - // 1116 with Spanish teletalk; to fair peak.
+ MAR 20 0315 - teletalk; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1503 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 17 0120 - // 621 with Spanish talk; light audio on big carrier (maybe Iran blank carrier mixing?). [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Duba, MAR 14 2140 - // 9555 & 9870 with Arabic discussion followed by bits of instrumental music interspersed with talk; good.
+ MAR 21 2301 - Arabic news by man; local-like, at least 25 dB stronger than adjacent 1520.
- 1548 **KUWAIT** R. Sawa, Kabd - Kuwait City, MAR 17 0127 - Arabic talk about Iraq and Iran, bits of English talk by a US official, then translated into Arabic and commented-upon by man. Radio Sawa ID's were then given by a female announcer; vocal dance music followed. Signal was huge and local-like, much stronger than adjacent 1550 (CBE) and comparable to 1540 (WDCD/CHIN). [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne, MAR 20 0321 - classical music; very good.
+ MAR 21 2301 - // 1377 with French news; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1575 **SPAIN** SER synchros, MAR 20 0323 - bits of Spanish talk; mixing with other (Italy?).
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R. Farda, MAR 17 0129 - boy-band style vocal (not in English), Radio Far-DAH ID's by man & woman; loud!
+ MAR 21 2304 - booming in with high-energy dance music. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** RadiOle, MAR 17 0005 - fast Latin American tropical style vocal with African-influenced rhythm; good, over SER stations.
+ MAR 20 0325 - blasting over SER. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1593 **KUWAIT** VOA, Kuwait City, MAR 17 0131 - "special English" (slow) type newscast; fair.
- 1602 **SPAIN** R. Vitoria, Vitoria, MAR 20 0326 - pop female Spanish vocal; good, over SER stations. [Connelly*B-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** R. ZIZ, Basseterre, MAR 20 0253 - "I Want to Know What Love Is" by Foreigner, brief talk, then "Mona Lisa" by Nat King Cole; very good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 640 **GUADELOUPE** R. Guadeloupe, Pointe-a-Pitre, MAR 17 0108 - excited talk, apparently about sports, by man in French; over CBN/YVQO. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** RCR, YVKS, Caracas, MAR 20 0241 - several "R-C-R" mentions; good, over CBGY/WBS/probable Cuba. [Connelly*B-MA]

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Receiver: Drake R8A. Antenna system: dual-feedline Flag: 5m x 10.6m.

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

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Although I'm late, I'll still say it... Happy Anniversary to the IRCA! First, I would like to welcome Herb Newberry back to the fold - good to have you back! OK, time for a re-introduction. I'm 47, married and have three teenagers. I am retired from the postal service as well as the Air Force Reserves, where I

held several jobs through the years- most notably as an Avionic Communications Technician. I joined the IRCA in the late 70's and have been a member most of the time since then except for a couple of years in the early to mid 90's. For the last couple of years I've been publishing the hard-copy DX monitor bulletins that Phil so graciously edits. I'm happy with my end of the deal and appreciate all that Phil does- I think we make a pretty good team. Since moving to Albany in 1996, I've heard 602 stations and would definitely have to say that this DX season has been the best so far. The most notable catches for me were: My first Alaskan's (3), my first TA's (2), a couple of new TP's and two more Cuban stations. At this point I'd like to promote the "IRCA" group list since it's been a great DX tool for me. Besides communicating up-to-the minute tips, it's been fun to "talk" with other DXers about a great variety of topics. I might mention, another not-so-minor boon for me was relocating our home computer to the radio room- ah, looking up info. is so much easier now, hi. My other main hobby, both active and arm-chair, is ghost town exploring. I collect and read a lot of books about this subject, but I also hit the dirt roads four to five times a year in my Jeep. Last and maybe least, I'm an amateur radio operator- general class. You can find more info. and a picture of my modest shack at QRZ.com. (KE6GMM) Thanks again to the IRCA and my tip of the hat goes to its editors and all of you who send in your loggings. See you at our convention in Seaside Oregon. 73- Doug Pifer

Gary Siegel, 2955 - 115th Street, Toledo, Ohio 43611

Another great year for IRCA and time for a Happy Anniversary greeting! This is my 35th year in this bastion of DX democracy having joined shortly before hosting a convention here in Toledo way back in 1971. I have seen a lot of changes in the industry we follow over these past many years which have been discussed at length among us. We are likely to see many more changes that will affect our ability to scan the AM dial in the fashion to which we've become accustomed. I mentioned that IBOC digital is clearly a threat but the ever increasing amount of all night small power stations has clogged the dial into a blur in most areas predominately east of the Mississippi River. This situation will only worsen unless more smaller stations are gobbled up by the big conglomerates and signed off much like my semi-local WFRO-900 in Fremont, OH was in the past couple years. However, I'm not necessarily advocating this, hi! At this point, I've heard 3,464 stations of which 3,163 are domestics and 301 non-domestics from 49 states, 10 provinces, and 57 countries. Of the domestic total, 2,892 are U.S. based regular stations but a small number are TIS', beacons and utility stations and a few home sale stations, push the total U.S. over 2,900. I have 219 Canadian stations (is this more than are actually still operating there, hi?), plus a couple of beacons from there as well. I'm still trying to figure out how to hear Alaska and the two Canadian territories and the new province of Nunavut. (Why hasn't the Yukon been elevated to provincial status, or NWT for that matter, they have more population than Nunavut surely? Can a Canadian member answer this one for me?) Hey at least you can drive to the Yukon and NWT. My states in which I've heard 10 or more numbers 13; they rank in this order PA 179, Tenn 170, No. Carolina 164, Ohio 159, Mich 148, NY 135, Georgia 134, Virginia 133, Ill 129, KY 129, Ala. 115, Wis 105 and Florida 100. Also among entities with over 100 heard includes Ontario at 104. Among the six local frequencies I've heard 372 stations and they line up this way - 1340-78, 1450-68, 1400-63, 1240-62, 1490-54 and 1230-47. I'd like to see as a fun comparative way how club members tack up against one another in their various DX areas. I wouldn't mind taking on this project to re-establish such a list to size up where everyone stands in the scheme of things, a supremacy list so to speak much like the NRC does, the WFTDA does and the Extra-Miller club does for county traveling. This might help spur more of the members to participate in the club bulletin, methinks. As for me I'm currently working as a police dispatcher with the City of Sylvania where I've been for over 28 years. Can retirement be too far away? I've been married to Jeannette for over 13 years now and quite happily I might add. I worked in radio prior to what I do now and was doing that for 5 years having been on the air at WCWA-1230, WTUU-1520 (now WDMN Rossford) as well as WMHE-FM (now WVKS-92.5). I enjoyed the experience greatly and may pursue that end after I complete my current career. I've been something of an outspoken critic here locally of the absence of any really good music stations in the Toledo market. I intend to continue to rankle some radio folks until they deliver a standards format, a better oldies station and/or classic country station to this metro. I headed a petition campaign from 2002-2004 and gathered over 5000 signatures to emphasize my point. We as DXers need to express our dissatisfactions with corporate radio. It's the only way they'll see a need to improve the local product, after all it's our listening experience. I'll end it here for now. Best wishes to IRCA! Here's to at least 42 more. 73s. (I'm hoping to pass 3500 heard by next year, but that will be tough to do, hi.)

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"When the dawn comes up like thunder" wrote Kipling. So it is with DX at dawn here in Hawaii. Dawn is fast, here in the tropics (I am at 19 def., 34 min north, 155 deg 0 min west), and the contrast between daylight and darkness is extreme. The time of dawn does not vary greatly between the seasons; a rule of thumb is 7am in winter, 6am local in summer. As I mentioned recently, here on the eastern tip of HI, stations in North America--the U>D> mainland, western and central Canada, and Mexico, especially northwest Mexico, are dominant. Our best reception of stations far to the west, northwest and north comes when mainlanders have faded out. As I write this in March, the window of opportunity is short, since a few mainlanders are still present at 6:30am (1630 UTC). Dawn and fade-out of all non-Hawaiian stations (at least with my modest longwires and local powerline noise so bad that half the band is currently wiped out for DX - mostly the low end) are only half an hour later, just after 7am (1700 UTC). A noise-free location (using 12VDC, no doubt) and the kind of beverages I had here in the 1980's might produce Asian, African and European stations later, even much later, when stations from other Hawaiian islands, being in daylight, would be weak. At higher latitudes, note how Bruce Portzer, Seattle, had a detectable carrier from Japan at his local noon! And most fascinating for me, as a native of Scotland, is how the British DXers on expeditions to Sheigor, northwest Scotland, have breakfast and return to DXing at 10am local (1000 UTC), to continue reception of Alaska and several recent loggings of HI: KHVH-830 and KUMU-1500. These put my recent loggings in the

shade, but still in the window of opportunity. I often hear booming signals from 11 time zones away - Saudi Arabia 1440 and 1521 and 10 zones away - Azerbaijan 1290, Oman 1413 and the U.A.E. 1575. I am also working on tentative from 13 time zones away (Libya) and 12 time zones away (Germany and Egypt). As summer comes, U.S. mainland stations will fade out much earlier, but by 1700 UTC it will be broad daylight here, so I am less likely to hear Libya but will perhaps have a better chance at Southern Africa. But in the 1980's, I heard S. Africa (Namibia) far better at my local sunset.

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Just a couple of comments. Was able to do some SSS DXing this evening. Only thing new was WBRY-1540 TN over KXEL. Nothing else worth noting. Did hear Bobby Jones Gospel Greats (urban gospel) on 1480 but unable to pull an ID on it. I suspect it was Salem. VA but no way to know for sure other than the list I pulled from his website. However that list has so many errors in locations that I don't know how accurate it was. Did catch the CBC on 1550 again but no ID. On Friday 3/24, I was down to Louisville for a quick visit to the Mid America Truck Show. Over a million square feet of exhibit space there. Would be nice for a radio club convention, right, hi.... Anyway, I listened to WMRI-860 Marion, IN on the way down. I was able to hold it to below Seymour, IN before I finally lost it. Listened to WHAS-840 after that for the traffic report, but unfortunately, tuned it in too late to help me. I was past the I-265 bypass before tuning it in and I should have run that road instead of I-65 thru town. Coming back, it was dark and I had KRMG-740 OK in good up to the 35 mile marker in Indiana, then it turned over to CHWO during the next three miles. Five miles above that, it went to more KRMG than CHWO but a mixture of both for perhaps the next 30 miles and it really wasn't much fun to listen to, so I finally turned the radio off until I got up to around Franklin, Ind. I was also in and out of slight to moderate rain all the way back which probably didn't help me much. Enjoyed the trip and show, though, and it was worth the trip and the tired legs. 73.

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FREQ CALL NAME, TITLE; ADDRESS; WHAT; WHEN; WHO

530 TIS Terry C Miller, Communication Sys Dir; WSDOT, PO Box 47300, Olympia WA 98504-7300; L; 11; PM [Station is a portable unit on a trailer in Kelso and its callsign is WNVNA814]

740 CHWO Brian Smith, QSL Mgr; Ontario DX Association, 155 Main St N, Apt 313, Newmarket ON L3Y 8C2; Q+++; 30; PM

780 KNOM Ric Schmidt, GM; PO Box 988, Nome AK 99762; C; 38; DP

810 WHB Jason Justice, TechDir; 6721 W 121st, Overland Park KS 66209; C; 138f; JP

860 KKOW Bob Burk, OpsMgr; 1162 E Hwy 126, Pittsburg KS 66762; FBbc; 13; JP

910 KECR LB; MF

920 KGTK [Illegible]; 1700 SE Mile High Dr, #201, Port Orchard WA 98166; F; 5f; PM

970 WWDJ T Robinson; 777 Terrace Ave, 6th Fl, Hasbrouck Heights NJ 07604-3100; L; 330ffr; JP [Also signer for WMCA-570]

970 KCMD* Dan Bozyk; 222 SW Columbia St, #350, Portland OR 97201; P; 90; PM

1000 KTOK Britt Lockhart, DirEng; PO Box 1000, Oklahoma City OK 73101; LBbc; 124; JP

1010 KCPW P; MF

1020 KCKN PO Box 220, Roswell NM 88202-0220; kckn@swwmail.net; IRCA

1080 KSSL LB+; MF

1580 WDAB** Les Rayburn [N1LF], NRC/IRCA Broadcast Test Coord; les@highnoonfilm.com; E; 1; SSH [Station in Traveler's Rest SC]

1640 WKSH Deb Bratel, StnMgr; W223 N3251 Shady Lane, Pewaukee WI 53072; LB; 48; MH

1660 KXTR Ken Wolf, CE; 4935 Belinder Rd, Westwood KS 66205; F; 334ff; JP

WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card or form supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: * [For this column] = This is a different signer and address than Patrick reported in the February column for the first prepared card he received; * [For this column] = See comment below

Nice to see a fairly large number of reporters again this month. Even your Editor received a verie this month, for the WDAB-1580 DX Test! E-mail veries for WDAB were also reported by Patrick (in 10 days), and others on the IRCA ListServ; Patrick later received a postal mail of in 11 days. Jim Pogue sends word that Bob Bittner is apparently still working through the reception reports of the DX Test by WJTO-730 as he just received his verie, even though he sent his report the morning after the test. This column was prepared on 3/27/06. 73, SSH.

2005-2006 IRCA ALPHABET SOUP DX CONTEST

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Final contest standings, March 15, 2006

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| 1. Willis Monk | 260 | 8. Phil Bytheway | 161 |
| 2. Michael Hawkins | 254 | 9. Nancy Johnson* | 116 |
| 3. Don Kaskey | 251 | 10. Martin Foltz | 98 |
| 4. Bill Nittler | 238 | 11. Mary Anne Sanford | 69 |
| 5. Tim Noonan | 203 | 12. Dale Park | 30 |
| 6. Nigel Pimblett | 192 | 13. John C. Johnson | 6 |
| 7. John Tudenham | 190 | | |

* Contest manager is not eligible to win.

This is a **first**, the DX contest for the season has ended before May 31st. Congratulations to Willis for winning this year's Alphabet Soup DX Contest. Any of the top three contestants could have won, but Willis reached the 260 mark first. Thanks to all who entered the contest and I hope everyone had fun DX'ing for Alphabet Soup stations. If you have an idea for the 2006-2007 contest be sure to let me know. Again, thanks to all who entered the contest this season.

SPECIAL FEATURE – You Know What Day it is DX Tidbits

By Bruce Portzer

INTERNATIONAL DX DIGRESSION

- 972 **SOUTH KOREA**, 1400 4/1 strong with program called the "Seoul Music Show", old James Brown and Wilson Pickett songs. (Chopped Mutton, WA)
- 882 **PHILIPPINES**, 1330 4/1 unid, Arturo Belio talk show in rapid-fire mix of Tagalog and English. Only caught a few words, sounded like they said a race of telepathic Yetis in flying saucers had invaded the station but my Tagalog isn't very good. Suddenly disappeared after a loud buzzing sound. Fair, mixing with China, Mongolia, North Korea, 4BH, India and BBC-Wales. (Matt Pardon, OR)
- 1314 **NORWAY**, 2345 4/1 noted with Gershwin-derived Hip-hop xylophone polka music. Possibly a format change, as last week they were playing Mantovani-influenced Celtic-Gamelon covers of early Beatles songs. (Conn Malarkey, MA)
- + Also noted with coverage of International Lutfisk Festival, including Lutfisk carols, interviews with the winners of the Lutfisk eating competition, and recipes for making lutfisk 1234 4/1. (Sennheiser Tandberg, Denmark)
- 1360 **MEXICO**, 0000 4/1, XEBOX, Tijuana, new station, IDing as X-Box, unusual format of sound effects from video games I didn't realize there was a market for that sort of programming. Program called "The Halo Hour" (a religious show??). Don't they realize there's a San Diego station on this frequency? (Confused DXer, CA)

DX WHIRLED AROUND

AUSTRALIA, 4TAB-1008 is being heard with a new beer-talk format. According to an e-mail, the station dropped its former horse racing format when the staff discovered it had no listeners. Further research showed beer drinking to be a more popular and faster growing sport. New format features songs about beer, beer reviews, infomercials about beer, and talk shows about beer. TAB stations in other parts of Australia are expected to follow suit.

CHINA: A new station has been reported in Fujian Province. Programming is aimed at former New Orleans residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina. IDs as "Zhongyang Renmin Gumbo Dientai".

CUBA: Clear Channel Communications has purchased the Radio Reloj network and will move the transmitters to the top 50 US markets. According to a CCC press release, "The Reloj format fits an important niche in our portfolio of properties by introducing some badly needed creativity into the radio marketplace". CCC plans to convert Reloj into a multi-lingual format by eliminating all announcements, leaving only the clock ticks and the letters "RR" in Morse code every minute.

VARIOUS: The IBB has agreed to sell Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty to the Halliburton Corporation for \$250 million. Budget cuts have severely cut back the RFE/RL schedule and staffing in recent years, so the sale is viewed as a way to revitalize the stations, while reducing government expenditures. The station will be supported by secret Defense Department grants of \$350 million per

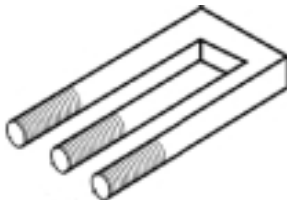
year. Effective 4/1/06, the stations will be known as Radio Republican Europe and Radio Republican Liberty. Their new goal is to promote conservative Republican values in Europe and the Middle East.

TECHNICAL COLUMN

The Uni-directional Ferrite Loop: Loops have been popular AM DX antennas for decades. Ferrite rods are especially good because of their compact size and deep nulls. Ferrite rods typically have a figure 8 pickup pattern with nulls to the sides, and main lobes in both directions. Some designs have even included turns wrapped around three or more rods taped to achieve even deeper nulls than a single rod.

For many reasons, it would be nice to have loop that receives in only one direction, rejecting signals off both sides and the back. This has obvious advantages in hearing TP stations on the west coast, TA stations in the northeast, or choosing between Latin American or domestic stations in the southeast.

After years of research I've been able to perfect such a loop, the basic design of which is shown in below:



The loop core is made of a carbon-impregnated polyhydrofluoroclorodimethyltetrahydro polymer resin. 16 turns of #4 Litz wire is wound on each of the three legs, which are resonated using a three gang 365 mfd capacitor salvaged from an old five tube radio.

Results thus far have been spectacular. For example, I can hear KNBR every night here in Seattle, with no interference from any other stations! Similarly, KXL Portland can be picked up during the day with no interference from KFQD Anchorage.

Complete plans will be provided in a future issue, along with information on sources for the core material.

Questions and Answers: I tried building Craig Healy's plumbing pipe loop. Unfortunately it's not very sensitive. I don't own a blowtorch, so I used plastic sprinkler pipe I had laying around instead of copper. Otherwise I followed the plans exactly as specified. Any ideas?

Here are some suggestions: double check all your solder connections. Also try reversing the wire connections. Opposite wire polarities may be causing your signals to cancel out somewhere. And make sure you used the right type of toroid material in your pickup coil.

BOOK REVIEW: HARRY POTTER AND THE BEVERAGE EXPEDITION by J.K Rowling

The final book in the Potter series is a major surprise. I would never have expected it to showcase our humble hobby.

Harry and his friends travel to northern Scotland and launch a major DXpedition in Shiegra, not to be confused with Sheigra, where the muggles DX (or do I have that backwards?). Anyway, they go up there to log exotic medium wave and tropical band stations and end up getting far more than they bargained for.

The book is a virtual wish list of things we wish we could do at our DXpeditions. The Beverage wires are on self-dispensing reels. They simply sprout legs and walk in a perfectly straight line over puddles, bushes, and rocks. After a half mile or so, they burrow into the earth, effectively terminating the far end of the antenna. I wish we had a way of doing that, so we didn't have to slog through the rain and undergrowth to put up antennas.

They also try set up an array of EWE antennas by putting an *rf conductus* charm on a flock of sheep. Unfortunately, the critters continue to wander around aimlessly and face in different directions, preventing any sort of directivity, but it was a cool idea nonetheless.

Their charms and spells are much more successful once the DXing gets underway. I was especially impressed by their ionospheric modification spells, which allowed them to hear stations only from specific areas. The *getlostiusinterferer* charm was also pretty impressive – it causes undesired stations to shut down their transmitters. Or *ID dammitus* spells, which when uttered, cause the station to broadcast continuous IDs in morse code. I'd like to know more about this one; I've been uttering similar phrases for years without success.

The lads also play tricks on one another by having fake IDs come out of one another's radios, changing receiver displays from English to Chinese, and having smoke curl out of speaker grills.

Things take a dark turn as the book progresses. Unbeknownst to them, Lord Voldemort and his band of Death Eaters have assembled on the property next door. They attempt a massive summoning charm that, if successful, would have given them total control of all the evil forces that ever existed, allowing Voldemort to achieve complete world domination. Unfortunately, Draco Malfoy trips over one of the Beverage wires, ruining the charm. Instead, they end up creating a 100kw IBOC transmitter on each of the North American and European AM channels.

The angry Death Eaters immediately vaporize the offending antenna, leaving Harry and his friends wondering what happened to their DX. They head outside to investigate, and confront the furious band of Death Eaters. What follows is an amazing intense confrontation between good and evil. The battle that follows will leave you totally breathless, but you'll have to read the book to find out what happens.

You know you're an AM DXer if:

- You take a trip to a tropical island and spend all your time checking out the radio dial.
- Propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast.
- You tell your wife, when she sees a new radio in the shack, that it's been there for years.
- Your watch is set to UTC.
- Someone asks if you'd like a Beverage and you immediately think of a long piece of wire.
- DX Bulletins and electronics magazines make up most of your bathroom library.
- You and your wife took a cruise so you could visit the radio room.
- Your teenager doesn't invite friends over because you might be "listening to static".
- You know the Latitude and Longitude of your home.
- You've stripped wire with your teeth.
- You've told your son "One day, this will all be yours", and he doesn't respond.
- The sales people at the local Radio Shack can't answer any of your questions.
- You bought your wife a radio for her birthday because it has a synchronous detector.
- You know the locations of all the expanded band stations but you can't find your car keys.
- You've ever told your wife "not tonight dear, I have a DX test".
- You make suggestions like Aerial and Drake when picking names for the baby.
- You've made an offer on a house, contingent on it passing ground conductivity tests.
- You've ever told someone that electrical noise is not the same thing as static.
- You have more friends in DX Clubs than in real life.
- You can hum the national anthems of at least 40 different countries.
- You know the call letters and frequency of every station in Alaska but you can't remember you kids' birthdays.
- You can remember the frequencies, calls, dates, and times of all upcoming DX Tests, but you forget to pick up whatever it was your wife said to get on the way home from work.
- You spent more on your receiver than you did on your wife's wedding ring.
- You think that people yawning around you are sleep deprived.
- Oldies tunes remind you of stations you've heard instead of former girl friends.
- You've ever told a real estate agent you want a lot 1000 feet long and fifty feet wide, pointed at Australia.

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