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This issue... IRCA welcomes John Lochey from Grass Lake, MI.

BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

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1/22/06+ 0400/0700 1550 KXTO Reno NV (Walker)

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:

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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>

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
610	WJFN	Hawkinsville, GA	WCEH
660	new	White Springs, FL	WNFS
690	KSLJ	Blackfoot, ID	KBLI
950	WQTK	Charleston, SC	WJKB
1260	KSSL	Idaho Falls, ID	KBLY
1340	new	Kalispell, MT	KQJZ
1460	WNVI	North Vernon, IN	WJCP
1490	KYFO	Ogden, UT	KOGN (station silent-ye ed)
1490	WNDV	South Bend, IN	WDND
1580	WDND	South Bend, IN	WHLY

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
600	WCVP	Murphy, NC	country	southern gospel
610	WCEH	Hawkinsville, GA	black gospel	ABC Real Country
700	WJOE	Orange, MA	news/talk	ABC Pure Gold oldies
730	WDOS	Oneonta, NY	country	classic country
830	WCRN	Worcester, MA	ABC true oldies, talk	talk
890	KDJQ	Meridian, ID	regional Mexican	oldies
910	KIYU	Galena, AK	silent	variety
950	WJKB	Moncks Corner, SC	sports	talk
970	WMAY	Springfield, IL	news/talk	talk
980	KGLN	Glenwood Springs, CO	hot AC	soft AC
980	WTEM	Washington, DC	ESPN sports	Fox Sports radio
1010	KCHI	Chillicothe, MO	oldies	classic rock //KCHI-FM
1230	WESX	Salem, MA	ABC Memories AC	Spanish religion
1230	WVSD	Quincy, FL	black gospel	silent
1240	KLOA	Ridgecrest, CA	Jones adult standards	Jones Good Time oldies
1250	KZHN	Paris, TX	urban contemporary	CHR "The Zone"
1260	WGVM	Greenville, MS	ESPN sports	silent
1270	WIJD	Prichard, AL	talk	religious teaching
1290	WBTF	Sheffield, AL	talk	adult standards
1300	WJDA	Quincy, MA	soft AC	ethnic
1310	KACE	Birch Tree, MO	silent	oldies
1320	WMSR	Manchester, TN	classic hits	talk
1330	WAEW	Crossville, TN	oldies	talk
1330	WANG	Havelock, NC	WW1 oldies	WW1 adult hits //WSSM
1340	WKGN	Knoxville, TN	urban AC	Spanish
1350	WCHI	Chillicothe, OH	adult standards	ABC Pure Gold oldies
1360	KWDJ	Ridgecrest, CA	country	talk "Fox Talk 1360"
1370	WGIV	Pineville, NC	silent	black gospel
1380	KDXE	North Little Rock, AR	talk, ESPN sports	talk, Air America "Air America Little Rock"
1390	KULP	El Campo, TX	Jones country	Jones Classic country
1390	WTNL	Reidsville, GA	Spanish religion	silent
1400	KQDJ	Jamestown, ND	adult standards	ESPN sports
1400	KRLN	Canon City, CO	oldies	adult contemporary
1400	KUNO	Corpus Christi, TX	regional Mexican	Spanish oldies "La Preciosa"
1400	WCYN	Cynthiana, KS	country	oldies
1400	WUHS	Moultrie, GA	black gospel	religious teaching
1430	WXAM	Buffalo, KY	traditional country	ESPN sports
1440	KETX	Livingston, TX	country	silent
1450	WBVA	Bayside, VA	contemporary Xtian	rel. teaching //WPMH
1460	WELZ	Belzoni, MS	black gospel	gospel music
1460	WJCP	North Vernon, IN	sports	ABC Country //WJCP-FM
1470	KAIR	Atchinson, KS	Jones classic country	Jones CD C&W//KAIR-FM
1470	WPDM	Potsdam, NY	adult contemporary	country //WSSN-FM
1490	WANA	Anniston, AL	black gospel	country //WTDR 92.7 FM
1550	WVAB	Virginia Beach, VA	religious teaching	gospel music "Praise 1550"
1570	WNCA	Siler City, NC	adult contemporary	oldies
1570	WTRB	Ripley, TN	country	classic country
1580	WVVO	Columbus, OH	black gospel	silent
1590	KMOZ	Rolla, MO	country	rel. teaching //KSIV-FM

NEW STATION GRANTS

1270	WNOG	Ft. Myers, FL	5000/5000 DA2
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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

590	KSUB	Cedar City, UT	DA-N to DAN
660	WBHR	Sauk Rapids, MN	10000/250 DA-2 to 10000/500 DA2
730	KQPN	West Memphis, AR	233/250 DA-N to 1000/1000 DA2
1080	WFTD	Marietta, GA	DA-D to DA2
1310	WCOW	Traverse City, MI	DA-2 to DA2
1340	WTAN	Clearwater, FL	ND to ND2
1370	WGIV	Pineville, NC	ND to ND2
1450	KFSD	Escondido, CA	ND to ND2
1450	WVAX	Charlottesville, VA	ND to ND2
1480	WCIN	Cincinnati, OH	DA-2 to DA2
1570	KBCV	Hollister, MO	DA-2 to DA2 (new CP- ye ed)
1570	WNCA	Siler City, NC	1000/282 ND to 5000/280 ND2
1590	WZUM	Carnegie, PA	DA-2 to DA2

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

540	WXNH	Jaffrey, NH	250/330 DA-2 to 250/280 DA2 (new CP- ye ed)
570	KNRS	Salt Lake City, UT	5000/5000 DA-1 to 25000/5000 DA2
610	KVNU	Logan, UT	5000/1000 DA-2 to 1000/1000 DAN
630	KUAM	Agana, Guam	ND to ND2
660	KLTI	Springfield, MO	1000 to 1500/44
690	WOKV	Jacksonville, FL	50000/10000 DA-N to 50000/25000 DAN
740	WMBG	Williamsburg, VA	500/8 ND to 500/7 ND2
890	WAMG	Dedham, MA	25000/3400 DA-2 to 25000/6000 DA2
900	WFIA	Indian Hills, KY	1000/163 to 1000/164
900	WGOK	Mobile, AL	DA-2 to DA2
950	KJRG	Newton, KS	ND to ND2
960	KGKL	San Angelo, TX	DA-N to DAN
960	KKJX	Klamath Falls, OR	DA-N to DAN
1050	KSIS	Sedalia, MO	1000/90 ND to 1000/86 ND2
1070	WKIL	Solana, FL	3100/260 ND to 1800/233 ND2
1180	WPLE	Germantown, TN	1000 ND-D to 5000/85 DA3
1210	KQEQ	Fowler, CA	370/370 ND to 5000 DAD
1230	KDIX	Dickinson, ND	ND to ND2
1260	WUFE	Baxley, GA	ND-D to NDD
1300	WJYP	St. Albans, WV	ND to ND2
1420	WKCW	Warrenton, VA	DA-2 to DA2
1450	WNBY	Newberry, MI	ND to ND2
1450	new	Ruidoso, NM	ND to ND2
1460	WXOK	Baton Rouge, LA	5000/1000 DA-N to 5000/600 DAN
1470	WBFC	Stanton, KY	850/82 ND to 2500/82 ND2
1520	WDYD	Douglasville, GA	2500 ND-D to 50000 DA2
1540	WKVQ	Eatonton, GA	1000 ND-D to 10000 ND2
1550	KKJY	Albuquerque, NM	5000/120 ND to 5000/27 ND2
1600	KMDO	Fort Scott, KS	530/27 ND to 770/48 ND2 (was silent – ye ed)
1600	KRKE	Albuquerque, NM	10000/128 ND to 10000/175 ND2

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

610	KVNU	Logan, UT	5000/1000 to 10000/1000
770	WTOR	Youngstown, NY	9000 to 13000
790	WSQV	Ashland City, TN	500/35 to 2000/35
800	WNNW	Lawrence, MA	DA-N to ND2
890	WAMG	Dedham, MA	25000/3400 to 25000/6000
940	WHIT	Hudsonville, MI	1000/5 to 250
990	KAML	Kenedy-Karnes City, TX	ND to ND1
1000	WMVP	Chicago, IL	50000/50000
1030	KCWJ	Blue Springs, MO	1000/500 to 5000/500
1160	KCTO	Cleveland, MO	1000/215 to 500/230
1180	WSQR	Sycamore, IL	198/17 to 900/1
1190	WAMT	Pine Castle, FL	5000 to 2200/136
1200	WRTO	Chicago, IL	10000/1000 to 20000/4500
1320	KSCR	Eugene, OR	1000/40 to 600/40
1410	WRMN	Elgin, IL	1000/500 DA-N to 1000/1300 DAN
1550	WAZX	Smyrna, GA	50000/500 to 50000/16
1550	WTTC	Towanda, PA	500/4 ND to 500 NDD
1570	WBGX	Harvey, IL	1000/500 to 1500/500
1580	WSRF	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	10000/5000 to 10000/1500

PUBLIC LISTINGS COURTESY OF THERADIOJOURNAL.COM AND 100000WATTS.COM:

- 950 WQTK Moncks Corner SC changes calls to WJKB, flipping from sports "950 the Team" to sports-talk "The Jock."
- 1460 WNV1 North Vernon IN changes calls to WJCP and flips from ESPN sports to country, picking up the format from WJCP-FM 92.7 Austin IN, which is being sold.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Eric Bueneman sent along the following:

In a future edition of "Broadcasting Information", could you explain to the membership what the abbreviation "ND2" and "ND3" means? I know that "ND" is "non-directional", "DA-D" or "DAD" means "directional antenna, daytime", "DA-1" means "directional antenna, same pattern at all hours", "DA-2" means "directional antenna, two different patterns" and "DA-N" means "directional antenna, night". (EB-MO)

And here's my response:

Antenna mode terminology from: http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/MB/Databases/cdbs/_code_table.html

- DA1 Directional Antenna: Same constants day and night
- DA2 Directional Antenna: Different constants day and night
- DA3 Directional Antenna: Different constants day, night, critical hours

- DAD Directional Antenna: Daytime Only
- DAN Directional Antenna: Nighttime Only
- N/A Not Applicable
- ND Non Directional
- ND1 Non Directional Antenna: Same constants day and night
- ND2 Non Directional Antenna: Different constants day and night
- ND3 Non Directional Antenna: Different constants day, night, critical hours
- NDD Non Directional Antenna: Daytime only
- NDN Non Directional Antenna: Night only (ye ed)

Richard Wood sends along the following:

1180 HI Honolulu KHCM noted here ex-1170 5/4. Had been silent on 1170 for about 2 months, ID's between each C&W selection "11-80 on your dial, KHCM", "11-80 on your radio dial, AM country, KHCM". The move from 1170 seems pointless to me, and brings KHCM closer to 1210-KZOO. All other Honoluluans are at least 40 khz. apart, now KHCM is only 30 khz. from KZOO. No improvement in nighttime reception here SE of Hilo, either. On 1170, KHCM was cut to pieces by KLOK, KFAQ, and KCBQ (all jostling for the position); on 1180, it's KERI, KOFI and possibly WHAM. (REW-HI)

Richard Wood also sends along the following:

(from KTRB-860 Modesto, CA verification) "...as you know, KTRB 860 is moving to San Francisco and will be replaced in Modesto by KPMP 840. We expect KPMP 840 to sign on the air in the next 90 days (verifed dated 4/21/06-ye ed). At that time, KTRB 860 Modesto will go off the air. The new KTRB 860 San Francisco will have 2 transmitter sites, one for daytime operation and one for nighttime operation. When construction and testing are completed at those new transmitter sites, KTRB 860 San Francisco will go on the air... "KPMP will be a 5,000 watt station". (REW-HI)

Dale Park sends along the following:

From the Honolulu Star Bulletin, Vol. 11, Issue 129 - Tuesday, May 9, 2006, The Buzz (Erika Engle)

Station owner nets \$1 million out of swap

KORL-AM 690 and KHCM-AM 1180 will swap ownership this summer in a deal that will net Kauai-based KORL owner Hochman-McCann Hawaii Inc.\$1 million. California-based Salem Communications Corp., which owns KHCM, announced the intended swap and cash payout along with first-quarter results yesterday morning. Each company will keep its employees, formats and call letters. The latter will migrate when the deal is done, pending filings with and approvals from the Federal Communications Commission. "It's a really good deal for us," said George Hochman, president of Hochman-McCann. The company paid \$550,000 for the 10,000-watt KORL in 2003, "and we're selling it for a million plus another radio station," he said. A 10,000-watt signal provides much greater broadcast coverage than a 5,000-watt signal but, "We don't really need 10,000 watts," Hochman said. The audience for KORL's Filipino and Hispanic programming is primarily around West Oahu, where the signal from 1180's Leeward tower is the strongest, he said. Salem, on the other hand, is pleased to be getting the 10,000-watt facility at 690 AM. "We've been a little hamstrung, with three AM radio stations and only one of them has a full-market signal -- that's been KGU (AM 760)," said Steve Miller, general manager of Salem Media of Hawaii Inc. "We're trying to improve our situation by being able to improve the ...market coverage of our signal," he said. KHCM will continue its country music format when it moves to 690 AM, Miller said. "We are definitely committed to the country format here ...there's going to be a lot of people who are happy." Did we mention Hochman was happy too? "We're swapping frequencies and they're putting a nice check in our pocketbook. God bless America," Hochman laughed. "We're going to pour the money back into Hawaii radio," he said. The company has a license and construction permit to build KRUD-AM 1130, the call letters of which Hochman intends to change. "We want to build our own tower site. ... There's a need in the community for another tower on Oahu," Hochman said. "We're serving ethnic markets that need service." Hochman-McCann has until December 2008 to get that station up and running. Separately, Bill Mays, a partner in Hochman-McCann, has another partner, Bill Shirk, with whom he formed Shirk-Mays LLC. Shirk-Mays is loping through the labyrinthine process of developing an FM station for Kahului, Maui. The FCC yesterday indicated it was prepared to grant Shirk-Mays its construction permit for the station, pending receipt of the remainder of the company's winning bid in a January FCC auction. (DP-HI)

Pat Martin sends along the following from the NRC reflector:

KRKO/Everett-Seattle Gets Tower Permit From County

Sports-Talk KRKO, Everett, WA, wins its six year battle with the county to build four new towers to improve its signal, as the SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL voted to approve the station's permit on MONDAY night. The four towers- one at 350 feet, the others at 200 feet- were scaled back from the originally-proposed 8 tower array and encountered local opposition from residents and environmentalists. Opponents may take the case to court in a last-ditch effort to block tower construction, which they say will damage the aesthetics of the area; the plan also needs to obtain a shoreline development permit. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin also sends along the following from Craig Edwards of Nhulunbuy (Gove) Northern Territory, Australia:

KTRB San Francisco, CA 860 kHz. Detailed verification letter, sticker and info sheets from v/s Steve Dresser, Chief Engineer, 1192 Norwegian Avenue, Modesto CA 95350 for US\$ rp. Letter stated they are planning a move to San Francisco where they will be 50kW day and night as opposed to 50kW day and 10kW night like now. In Modesto they will have a new station KPMP on 840 kHz with 5kW day and night by the end of the year. (CE) (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following on some investors in Ibiquty (the handlers of IBOC):

Radio Broadcasters, ABC, Inc., New York (NYSE:DIS)

ABC Inc., a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company, controls a multitude of television and radio interests, including the ABC Network, Buena Vista Television, ESPN, the ABC Cable Network, which features Lifetime and the Disney Channel, and ABC Radio Networks. ABC also owns 10 television stations and 50 radio stations in key markets in the US, making it one of the five largest radio broadcasting companies in the US in terms of station revenue. Beasley Broadcast Group, Inc., Naples, Florida (NASDAQ: BBGI) Founded in 1961, Beasley Broadcast Group, Inc. is one of the 20 largest radio broadcasting companies in the United States. Upon completion of pending acquisitions, Beasley Broadcast Group will own or operate 42 radio stations (26 FM and 16AM) located in eleven large- and mid-size markets across the nation.

Bonneville International Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah. Bonneville International Corporation is one of the 20 largest radio broadcasting companies in the United States. In addition to owning a television station, a communications company and a satellite division, the company also owns 34 radio stations.

CBS Radio, New York, New York. CBS RADIO is one of the largest major-market radio operators in the United States, with stations covering news, alternative rock, country, FM talk, classic rock, oldies, JACK and urban formats, among others. A division of CBS Corporation, CBS RADIO operates 179 radio stations, the majority of which are in the nation's top 50 markets.

Citadel Communications Corporation, Las Vegas, Nevada (NASDAQ:CITC). Citadel, one of the ten largest radio broadcasting companies in the US, is focused primarily on acquiring, developing and operating radio stations in mid-sized markets throughout the United States. Upon completion of pending transactions, Citadel will own or operate 140 FM and 65 AM radio stations in 42 markets.

Clear Channel Communications, Inc., San Antonio, Texas (NYSE:CCU). Clear Channel Communications, Inc. is the largest radio broadcasting company in the United States. It operates over 1,140 radio stations, and 17 TV stations in the US and has equity interests in approximately 240 radio stations internationally. Clear Channel also operates approximately 700,000 outdoor advertising displays, and is a leader in live entertainment through subsidiary SFX Entertainment.

Cox Radio, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia (NYSE:CXR). Cox Radio is one of the ten largest radio companies in the United States. Upon the consummation of all announced transactions, Cox Radio will own, operate or provide sales and marketing services for 83 stations (68 FM and 15 AM) clustered in 18 markets in the US.

Cumulus Media, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia (NASDAQ:CMLS). Cumulus Media Inc. is the second largest radio company in the United States based on station count. Giving effect to the completion of all announced pending acquisitions and divestitures, Cumulus Media will own and operate 260 radio stations in 54 mid-size, U.S. media markets.

Emmis Communications, Indianapolis, Indiana (NASDAQ:EMMS). Emmis Communications is a diversified media firm with award winning radio broadcasting, television broadcasting and magazine publishing operations. Emmis' 20 FM and 3 AM radio stations serve the United States' largest markets, making Emmis one of the ten largest radio broadcasters in the US. In addition, Emmis owns 2 radio networks and 15 TV stations, and publishes several regional magazines.

Entercom Communications Corporation, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania (NYSE:ETM). Entercom owns 95 stations in 18 markets, making it one of the five largest radio broadcasting companies in the country.

Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation, Dallas, Texas (NYSE:HSP). Hispanic Broadcasting is one of the ten largest radio broadcasting companies in the US, and the country's largest Spanish language radio broadcaster. Hispanic Broadcasting currently owns or operates 47 radio stations in twelve out of the top-fifteen Hispanic markets, and Las Vegas.

Radio One, Inc., Lanham, Maryland (NASDAQ:ROIA). Radio One is one of the 20 largest radio broadcasters in the US and is the largest radio broadcaster serving African-American audiences in the US. The company owns and operates about 50 radio stations in 18 of the biggest African-American markets.

Regent Communications, Inc., Covington, Kentucky (NASDAQ:RGCI). Pending the close of all announced transactions, Regent will own and operate 45 stations (31 FM and 14 AM) clustered in 10 markets in California, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

Saga Communications, Inc., Grosse Pointe, Michigan (AMEX:SGA). Saga Communications is one of the 20 largest radio broadcasters in the US. The Company owns or operates broadcast properties in 18 markets, including 34 FM and 21 AM radio stations, 2 state radio networks, 1 farm radio network, 4 TV stations and 2 LPTV stations. As previously announced, Saga has entered into an agreement to purchase the stock of Mitchell Bro.

Susquehanna Radio Corp., York, Pennsylvania. Susquehanna Radio describes itself as a communications company whose core business is radio broadcasting, but also creates and provides a variety of other marketing products and services. It is the eleventh largest radio broadcaster in the US. The Company owns and/or operates 29 AM and FM radio stations across the country. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin also sends along the following (from Radio and Records):

Phil Hendrie Retires From Radio

The Premiere Radio Networks' syndicated host announced today that he will retire from his daily nationally syndicated radio show to pursue his acting career. The final live broadcast of The Phil Hendrie Show will take place on June 23. "I have taken my show as far as I can in the present climate of terrestrial radio," said Hendrie about his pending departure. "I've been doing these characters for 16 years, and I believe it's time for me to take them from behind the microphone and present them in front of the camera." Hendrie is currently featured on NBC-TV's sitcom Teachers as cynical history teacher Dick Green. He has also appeared as Judge McCarthy on the sitcom A.U.S.A. and made his motion picture debut in 2004 in Trey Parker's and Matt Stone's Team America: World Police as the voice of I.N.T.E.L.L.I.G.E.N.C.E. and a terrorist character. In addition, Hendrie has performed numerous character voices on episodes of the animated television shows King of the Hill and Futurama. (PM-OR)

Frank Aden passes along the following:

KDJQ-890 Meridian, ID is back to oldies, drops SS. (FA-ID)

Pat Martin sends along the following:

I just called KLIB 1110/1690 Roseville and was told by the secretary that the 1110 license was returned to the FCC to be cancelled. There are no plans to return 1110 to the air by them. Most of the programming went to 1690. The rest of it was dropped for the time being. (PM-OR)

Scott Fybush adds some info to the above re KLIB-1110:

There's a little bit (but not much) more to the story than that.

KLIB's licensee, Multicultural Broadcasting, is one of several parties to a petition that's pending before the FCC to restore the licenses of several stations that were returned as part of the X-band 5-year deadline. The petition basically claims (not without merit) that the FCC's X-band plan has been a failure, and that the public interest would be better served by allowing the "second" stations to remain on the air, in most cases being sold to another licensee (ideally a small business). I don't remember all the parties involved, but the ones that come to mind are WHWH 1350-NJ, KLIB 1110-CA, KYDZ 1180-NE, WJCC 1700-FL, and I know there were others as well. The FCC hasn't yet ruled on the petition. (SF-NY)

Pat responds to the above:

People were questioning KLIB being silent for the last several days, so I thought I would call and find out for sure. I figured they had turned in their license though. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin also sends along the following:

KPOJ 620 is now IBOC and it is not easy to get rid of and still hear KONA 610 good to the East. I used to get KONA at S9 days, now it is buried in almost total hash. KPOJ's 2.5 KW (10% of power) of IBOC noise is terrible. I may have to put up a second beverage, or a BOG to the East to phase KPOJ to get KONA as my other combo of antennas will not do it. Even KWRO on 630 has noise from KPOJ along with KCIS. (PM-OR)

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DATE OF COLUMN: 05/20/06. I've enclosed a list of some of the terminology used in parts of the column per request from a reader. Info from FCC website. Just 4 more months till the IRCA convention in Seaside, OR, I'm designing the convention logo which will be put on shirts and other items, but it's a surprise, you'll have to attend to find out what it looks like! Hope your DX will pay in May. 73's.

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: May 31, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28. Please use Eastern Time.

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Hammarlund HQ-150, Sanserino air-core box loop

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Hammarlund SP-600, R-390A, R-388, Drake R8B, various longwires, amplified

Sanserino and Radio Shack loops

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Drake R8, 1500' Eastern Beverage

(REW) **Richard E. Wood**-HC 3 Box 11087-Keaau, HI 96749-9221

FRG-100, LW 350' to NE, 175' to NNE

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1260 KSRF CA, Beverly Hills 5/1 0758 fading in & out, QRM picking up. Contemporary song followed by new call letters. Ex-KKGO. (RA-NV)

620 KPOJ OR, Portland is now IBOC, first noted 5/15 1715. Terrible hash on both 610 & 630 off Eastern Beverage especially. KONA 610 is no longer a strong signal here on the OR coast. I can still hear them, but a bit of phasing is needed to hear them rather poorly. They also cause QRM on KCIS & KWRO on 630. But, not as bad as the Beverage to the East brings in KPOJ very good. I had an idea KPOJ/KEX being off/on a lot the past few weeks after midnight was an IBOC situation. So we now have our second NW IBOC'er on AM. (PM-OR)

840 KSWB OR, Seaside 5/2 0045 many "840 Gold" ID's and 60's/70's music. Fair to poor but still atop KXNT, using Drake with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)

870 WWL LA, New Orleans 5/12 0047 ad for Jefferson Parish, 0048 PSA, 0049 promo for FM affiliate, "Pearl Jam on WWL," 0050 back to WWL Sportstalk. Very good, dominant, trace of possible KRLA-CA. First time heard since Katrina. (REW-HI)

KFLD WA, Pasco 5/6 0005 ad for Dave Ramsey Show and talk program. Really weak and sputtering on R-388 with E-W wire. Not heard for a while. (GH-OR)

940 KWRU CA, Fresno 5/13 0103 male announcer listed all affiliates including KDBV Salinas-980, an FM in Corpus Christi and TV in Yuma, AZ. Gave network name as "Radio Vida Abundante, la cadena mundial de Jesucristo." NRC Log lists this network as only "Radio Vida" without the adjective. Does it also so ID? (REW-HI)

1000 KFLG AZ, Bullhead City 5/1 0954 weak mentioning slogan "Star 100," ad for AAA auto club, and mentioned KZZZ (1490). (RA-NV)

1110 KDIS CA, Los Angeles 5/1 0957 ads for Sears & Radio Disney, began gaining strength. (RA-NV)

1160 KRDY TX, San Antonio 5/10 0110 ID by woman "KRDY AM 11-60 Radio Disney," very good atop KSL. Amazing how 1kw KRDY beats 50kw KSL, which is also closer to me. (REW-HI)

1180 KLAY WA, Lakewood 4/24 0857 ID'd during momentary pause on KOFI. (LG-MT)

1230 KWG CA, Stockton 5/8 0100 ID, 0105 Pope Benedict leading Latin vespers, // 1240 KJOP-CA, good. (REW-HI)

1240 KQEN OR, Roseburg 5/5 0120 ID and mention of "Your local news station." Weak under unID's on Drake with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)

1280 KXTK CA, Arroyo Grande 5/8 0102 ad for ESPN golf school, 0103 ID by man "You're listening to the Central Coast's sports leader, 12-80 AM KXTK," into Fox News. Good over KRVM. (REW-HI)

1300 KROP CA, Brawley 5/13 0057 local ad, 0058 State Farm Insurance, 0100 ID by man "KROP Brawley." Quite good for 500 watts, clear. New. (REW-HI)

KCMJ NV, Carson City 5/11 0959 call ID with logo, into news. First time logged in Henderson, logged prior as KPTL. (RA-NV)

1320 KXRO WA, Aberdeen 5/3 0000 ID and news in a noisy fight with unID Oriental dialect station, Drake with RS loop. Long time no hear. (GH-OR)

1360 KPXQ AZ, Glendale 5/1 1000 into religious programming, QRM (may have been KLSD San Diego). (RA-NV)

1370 KZSF CA, San Jose 5/6 0157 "El deporte internacional a travis de la Famosa 13 en San Jose... presentado por International Brokers," tropical music, shouts of "Gloria, Gloria." Good. (REW-HI) (Richard, I couldn't read if you had written "travis" or "traves." Sorry.—NJ)

(KUPA) HI, Pearl City is silent, unheard since late April. (REW-HI)

KAST OR, Astoria reported in WDXR, DXM 1378 (4/15/06) on "1320" is heard here on 1370. (REW-HI)

1440 CKJR AB, Wetakiwin 4/26 0000 C&W music with ID over/under KMED which usually dominates, on SP-600 on N-S wire. Last heard in '02. (GH-OR)

1450 KCLX WA, Colfax 4/29 0030 ID and C&W oldies sputtering in the jumble. Poor to unintelligible using R-390A and E-W wire. A new log. (GH-OR)

1460 KARR WA, Kirkland 4/22 0759 weak but all alone, ID as "KARR Kirkland, Seattle." (LG-MT)

1490 ?KBZY? OR, Salem 4/30 seemed the ID at 0800, in the mess. (LG-MT)

KYNR WA, Toppenish the Native American language heard here and reported in WDXR May 13, 2006 is not "jibberish" (correct spelling gibberish) but presumably Yakama (also spelled Yakima), spoken there. (REW-HI)

1500 KSJX CA, San Jose 5/1 1002 ID mentioning service of Multi Cultural Broadcasting, programming followed by either Chinese or Vietnamese. (RA-NV)

1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa 5/1 1002 call ID with traffic, fighting through QRM. (RA-NV)

1560 WQEW NY, New York 5/5 0055 song "YMCA," 01001 ID "WQEW 15-60 is Radio Disney New York," // KAVT-CA 1680, good over KNZR. (REW-HI)

1580 KMIK AZ, Tempe 4/16 0344 contest, "The station that makes you rich, Radio Disney," 0359 perky female, "Radio Disney, how are you?" Good, no sign of usually dominant KBLA-CA. (REW-HI)

+ 5/5 0905 noted hip hop music. Checked 1110 Los Angeles, same broadcast airing. Very rare, first time. KBLA 1580 may have been off. (RA-CA)

1590 KLFE WA, Seattle 4/29 2300 man said "K-Life" into religious music, fair signal with short fades. (GH-OR)

1610 WPWA784 MT, Three Forks 5/18 on top with boating info and call ID at 0859. (LG-MT)

1700 KVVN TX, Brownsville 5/15 0100 ID, 0505 Coast to Coast, into Art Bell (who is mostly on SaSu, George Norry other nights). Good, another English talker behind, no sign of XEPE (or the night before, 5/14). It seems to break down often. (REW-HI) (The ID was at 0100, but Coast to Coast began at 0505?—NJ)

HELP WITH UNIDS

870 KAIM HI, Honolulu in WDXR May 13, 2006 religious talk reported by GH-OR could be this. DP-HI (p. 23 same issue) reports it runs 1kw directional west from Moloka'i. PM-OR says he hears it, but rarely. Here SE of Hilo it is heard at medium strength, usually under KRLA and sometimes WWL. (REW-HI)

1130 KRDU CA, Dinuba in WDXR May 13, 2006 KRDU is likely the religious reported by RA-NV; heard nightly here. (REW-HI)

1440 KODL OR, The Dalles in WDXR May 13, 2006 KODL is probably this, which carries oldies and puts a lot of power nights toward St. Helens, GH's location. (REW-HI)

UNID

1020 UNID 5/5 0100 and often thereafter, thru powerhouse KTNQ-1020 a strange one with slow, lugubrious, lengthy choral selections. Language still unID but not Spanish. Could be religious. Could be domestic, but KDKA-PA is news/talk, KCKN-NM is C&W, likewise CKVH-AB. (REW-HI)

Thanks to our reporters this week. Again, parts of some tips were deleted as they were unreadable by both John and I. Nancy 5/19 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

1250 KBTC MO, Houston. 5-2 fair over WSSP. KKHK. 21:10 noted with country music, local PSA. [EB-MO]

1340 KWMO MO, Washington. 4-29 fair over WJBD. 18:18 with local PSAs, "Your new home for hit country, 13-50 KWMO" into country music. Logged with there was no electricity to the shack. [EB-MO]

1370 WLLM IL, Lincoln. 4-29 fair over KWRT with splash from KSLG-1380. 18:14 with light Contemporary Christian music, promo, calls. Another logging while the power was out. [EB-MO]

1540 WBRY TN, Woodbury. 4-29 fair to poor with KXEL and KZMP. 21:50 noted with calls and country music format. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1971 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Karl Zuk of Queens Village, NY said he was a new member and works for ABC Radio as an engineer ... Paul LaFreniere of Grand Marais, MN said he was 41, married, and has five children ... Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA received verifications from KSSK 590 and XERIO 1560.

OPEN MIKE

Sad to hear that Morris Sorensen died. Morris was a regular contributor to CDXR. This column was typed 5-20-06. 73, John

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STARS OF THE WEEK

- (IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New** Watkinsville, GA
 DRAKE R-8B, 135' N/S L.W.
 SANGEAN ATS 909
- (RJ-NC) **Russ Johnson** Lexington, NC
 Palstar R30C, Icom R75, Sony 2010, Longwires

LOGGINGS

- 1400 KY WFTG London 5/6 0559 "1400, WFTG London." Before Net News. AM Log says they only run 690 watts. (RJ-NC)
 (Thanks for the plug!!- ed)
- 1440 SC WGVL Greenville 05/17/06 1801 TOH ID and Spanish music. Decent signal in the evening static. "La Radio de Todos... WGVL from Greenville, South Carolina". (IEN-GA)
- 1450 VA WMVA Martinsville 4/21 0659 "AM 1450, WMVA Martinsville, Virginia" ID and then into into ABC radio news. (RJ-NC)
- 1550 TN WIGN Bristol 05/14/06 1805 SRN News, ad for a church in Bristol and gospel music. Good signal (S9) with fades. "1550, WIGN". (IEN-GA)
- 1590 GA WXRS Swainsboro 5/3 2200 Announcer reading weather report followed by ID's for "NewsTalk AM 1590, WXRS - Swainsboro". (RJ-NC)

Back from the Dayton HamVenton, tired and broke... Had a great time 0700 5-06 fresh

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Greetings everyone,

Summer (oh well, almost summer) DX is alive and well on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Enjoy the following, and apologies for any errors in advance as I've just arrived home. Receiver used was an AOR 7030+, with a classic Beverage N/S and a Beverage on the ground running E/W. Exciting loggings at times! ...**Walt Salmaniw**, Victoria, BC.

- 620 **ALASKA**, 1406-, KGTL, Homer May 22 Simple ID as 'KGTL 620' following USA network news. Fair to good reception. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 670 **ALASKA**, 1329-, KDLG May 22 BBCWS programming, and then a generic NPR ID. Local IDs usually occur just before the top of the hour. Fair reception. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 738 **AUSTRALIA**, 1235-, 2NR May 20 ABC ID and phone number following some English music. Sometimes good reception. Didn't hear the usual RFO Tahiti this morning. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 747 **AUSTRALIA**, 1235-, 7PB Hobart May 20 At 12:35 I could hear an English program cochannel with the louder JOIB. Wasn't sure who they were until I came across a // frequency of 774 with 3L0 dominating JOUB. I'm therefore presuming this one to be 7PB in Tasmania. Hopefully that's the correct assumption as the other Aussie stations don't appear to match. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA**, 1245-, 3LO Melbourne May 20 A fascinating morning! The best of the 3 so far and I'm pleased with my west aiming BOG. Definitely an Australian morning compared with a northerly emphasis the previous 2 mornings. Presumably 3LO battling it out with JOUB, with the Aussie usually overtop with a very nice signal! The Aussie noted in // to 747 so likely 7PB Hobart. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 792 **UNIDENTIFIED**, 1255-, unid, later 4RN Australia May 20 Tantalizing! I'm listening to Indian sounding instrumental music at fair to almost good levels. Sure doesn't sound like Australia, but I'll know soon enough if the signal holds. Of course by the TOH, the signal had faded and then came back just after 13:00 at which time the signal was from 4RN. The same or different stations? I would have loved to report Nepal or Pakistan, but alas, most likely just 4RN!. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 800 **ALASKA**, 1334-, KINY, Juneau May 22 Oldies music followed by semi-ID as Hometown Radio, and mentions of the capital. Good reception. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 890 **ALASKA**, 1333-, KBBI, Homer May 21 Excellent reception with BBCWS relay. ID at 13:59. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 930 **ALASKA**, 1338-, KTKN, Ketchikan May 22 Local programming with KTKN.com website and PSA. This is the strongest AM station heard in Masset, heard very well all day. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)

- 999 **UNKNOWN**, 1206-, unknown May 18 English religious broadcasting. HLCL, Korea is listed as a Christian broadcaster, but do they do so in English as well? (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1089 **JAPAN**, 1222-, JOHB, Sendai May 18 Fair reception of English lesson with splash from domestics on 1090. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1110 **ALASKA**, 1348-, KAGV, Big Lake-Houston May 21 I suspect that KAGV is back on the air. Heard at fair level with inspirational hymns. Hopefully it will still be audible in 10 minutes for an ID. Yes! ID as KAGV, Alaska's Gospel Voice at 13:56. Full ID at 14:00. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1152 **JAPAN**, 1228-, JOPC, Kushiro May 18 NHK2 English language lesson with discussion about whether Pluto should be considered a planet. Although several NHK2 stations are listed, the Hokkaido station is the most likely. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1229.99 **ALASKA**, 1350-, KIFW, Sitka May 22 Very strong reception with ad for 'Coastal Contacts', then dead air (which occurs frequently on this station... I'm assuming this is a spot for local announcements between network feeds). Finally, after about 3 minutes of dead air, 'The latest in Alaskan news at KIFW.com'. Full ID at 13:59:40 for KIFW. Reporting first drop in gasoline prices by a penny. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1230 **ALASKA**, 2326-, KIFW, Sitka May 20 Fair reception at 4:30 PM best on North Beverage which makes sense. Interesting that they're in // to KCKN Ketchikan on 930, the closest Alaskan which is heard like a local, with local IDs in between the oldies. Saturday night's alright for fightin' by Elton John. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1458 **PHILIPPINES**, 1240-, DYZZ Radio Bantay. May 22 Another Filipino station! Deep fades, but when up it's at fair plus levels. Again, I'm not sure which it is. Probably not FEBC, so it's either DZJV, but most likely DYZZ Radio Bantay as it fits PAL best. I'm very pleased! Definitely a Filipino opening! (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1512 **PHILIPPINES**, 1221-, DYAB May 22 Not sure which of the 2 Filipino stations this is, but reception is quite nice! About a 7 to 8/10 with call in show and fast paced Filipino talk with a smattering of English words. I did pick up Da Vinci code. Lots of 'oh-oh'. Doesn't sound Christian, so I'm leaning towards DYAB as most likely, versus DYAT. I should have a good audio clip. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1566 **AUSTRALIA**, 1309-, 3NE Wangaratta May 18 Battling it out with HLAZ, Korea. English variety programming with many mentions of Australia. Sometimes dominating HLAZ. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1575 **JAPAN**, 1211-, American Forces Network May 22 A very tentative logging. This station plays almost continuous US rock music. Quite weak. This is not what I'd expect from VOA Thailand. Yes, definitely US military in Japan with English heard briefly at 12:30:30 for about 30 seconds clearly, then down in the mud again. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1611 **AUSTRALIA**, 1230-, Radio Two May 20 I knew things were hopping when I briefly monitored this Australian graveyard frequency at 12:30 and heard music, and at least 3 different programs. At 13:01 I caught a 'Radio Two' ID at decent levels. Excited, I checked the PAL only to find about 20 Radio Two stations all sharing the same frequency!!! Still, I'm very pleased. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 1725 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**, 1215-, GA aeronautical beacon Goroka May 19 Very happy to hear this 50 watt beacon at surprisingly very good levels! I don't believe I've ever heard this one, with only KUT 1737 Kutubu being the only PNG beacon audible. It was, but at only fair levels. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 2325 **AUSTRALIA**, 1319-, VL8T Tennant Creek May 19 Excellent reception of ABC programming with a call-in show regarding numismatics. 2310 VL8A Alice Springs was not on the air this morning. Parallel to 2485 VL8K Katherine was also well heard, with it's characteristic buzzing audio. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 2850.05 **KOREA (NORTH)**, 1324-, KCBS May 19 Superb reception with very clean audio with the usual strident female vocalist, marching to socialist victory :-)! (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 2960 **INDONESIA**, 1327-, RPDT2 Manggarai May 19 Fair reception with Indonesian talk by a male. A real mom and pop sounding operation. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3280 **CHINA**, 1334-, Voice of Pujiang May 19 Straight 5-5-5 signal with very modern programming with many mentions of Shanghai. At 13:35 a pop song in English (I didn't recognize it), interrupted several times by a young sounding female. A real contrast to KCBS, North Korea!. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3325.05 **INDONESIA**, 1339-, RRI Palangkaraya May 19 Fair to good reception with easy listening Indo music by a female vocalist. I suspect both PNG and Indonesia was very strong this morning as there are several presumably PNG open carriers still present on 90 meters. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3344.97 **INDONESIA**, 1342-, RRI Ternate May 19 Good reception with a western pop song, which seems a bit odd for an Indo station, but sure enough afterwards the usual sing-song Indo

- voice of a young lady came on. Akin to Filipino to me. Open carrier at 13:44:45. Then at 13:45:00 returned with more traditional Indonesian vocal. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3365 **INDIA**, 1347-, AIR Delhi May 19 I wonder whether the very strong carrier and weak audio is from an open carrier from PNG. I suspect so. Indian music heard in the background, which would have been quite strong if not for the cochannel OC. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3480.95 **UNIDENTIFIED**, 1354-, Unidentified May 19 Good reception, esp in USB to avoid a loud het. I suspect this is Korean. None of my more recent lists show anything, except for a deleted station in the DBS. Voice of the National Salvation, Wonson. I suspect this is the same station. I have always been confused over whether or not these clandestine stations beamed north or south ever really left the air. Now I'm really confused. After a short musical piece muddy audio by a man and woman. Perhaps this is one of those Kurdish clandestines? NA or some such piece at 14:01. Very interesting! NA ended suddenly at 14:02:30. I have a good audio clip here if anyone wishes to have a listen!. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3578.77 **INDONESIA**, 1404-, RSPK Ngada May 19 A tentative logging as audio was very weak with my local sunrise having taken place quite some time ago. I am hearing very weak Indo talk by a male. Back into music at 14:14. Now barely audible. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3757 LSB **CANADA**, 1419-, Ham net May 19 Rather fascinating ham net discussing aerial spraying conditions, trap lines, etc. Mostly good reception. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3925 **JAPAN**, 1421-, Nikkei Radio Broadcasting Corp May 19 Superb reception with even a short English clip (an interview with an English speaker about fuel cell technology), without Japanese translation. Many mentions of Nikkei weekly. 'Home page' and 'www' mentioned. Parallel 6055 equally strong. 9595 just slightly weaker. Possibly an English lesson, since the same male returns explaining what the term 'rev' means! Society for testing English proficiency incorporated mentioned at 14:28 as the presenters of this program. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3935.1 **NEW ZEALAND**, 1350-, ZLXA May 20 Weak audio in English dominated by a loud continuous utility sounding QRM. Can't make much more out, unfortunately. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3945 **INDIA**, 1433-, AIR Gorakhpur May 19 Urdu is listed at this time (Foreign service) with typical middle eastern/sub continental audio, likely Koran recitation. Poor to fair reception but quite clean audio. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 3976.06 **INDONESIA**, 1438-, RRI Pontianak May 19 Very good reception despite only a S3 to S5 signal. Very clear, with only a minimal of the typical bassy sound of most Indos. Several mentions of Pontianak. Best heard on my West facing BOG (Beverage on Ground). (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4000 **CHINA**, 1444-, Nei Menggu PBS May 19 Good reception with Chinese programming. Parallel to 4620 (poor) and 6045 (very good). No sign of RRI Kendari just above this frequency. Mongolian service is listed on 4525 (good reception), 4785 (fair), and 6195 (good under cochannel BBCWS ...I think this is Singapore, but references not in front of me). (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4635.07 **TAJIKISTAN**, 1452-, Tajik Radio First programme May 19 Presumably Dushanbe but off slightly from nominal frequency and a bit of a buzzy signal. Not sure for certain as it's too weak to ascertain any content. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4666 **USA**, 1456-, San Francisco Aeroradio May 19 Couldn't help but mention a silky smooth sounding female op on this frequency calling and receiving calls from airliners over the Pacific. Good reception. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4820 **TIBET**, 1500-, Xizang PBS May 19 ID in Chinese as listed in the DBS mentioning 'Xizang.... Dientai'. Good reception. Parallels 5935 (very good), 7170 weakly heard under cochannel. Tibetan service heard on 4905 (good), 4920 (fair to good), 5240 (poor to fair), and 7385 (poor). (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4839.70 **VIETNAM**, 1355-, Radio Son La May 20 Very distinctive music immediately identifiable. Although not nearly as good as heard in Grayland, nonetheless still a decent signal at S5. Audio still a little distorted, but nowhere nearly as bad as when previously heard in Grayland last year. A very brief announcement just after 14:00 and then off. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4925 **INDONESIA**, 1510-, RRI Jambi May 19 Presumably them at fair to good reception hours after my local sunrise with easy listening modern vocal. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4930 **TURKMENISTAN**, 1511-, Turkmen Radio HS2 May 19 Again a presumed logging at poor to fair level with EZL western sounding music. Not sure who else this could be. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 4960 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**, 1155-, Catholic Radio Network May 19 Reception is fair to good with inspirational hymns. Seemingly low modulation. Much better when rechecked at 13:15 (after my MW dx session), with 'God is Watching Us' by female vocal. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)

- 4970 **INDIA**, 1440-, AIR Shillong May 20 Easy listening western music with a nice clean S5 signal. Brief English talk just before this song by a YL. Then a Beatles song (As my guitar gently weeps). Then another Beatles song (Life goes on). Same YL announced the previous songs and the next one. Morse intruder suddenly came on at 14:51, but on LSB only. Blue skies, and other western songs. Unfortunately, not a single Indian song. North Eastern serve of AIR from Shillong ID'd twice at 15:00 in English, and then onto more western songs. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 5019.87 **SOLOMON ISLANDS**, 1519-, SIBC May 19 Fair to good reception of BBCWS relay with world news. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 5890 **RUSSIA**, 1433-, Shiokeze program May 20 No chance to make anything out of them, although reception was strong. Completely obliterated, though, by a very loud pulsing buzz jammer on both USB and LSB. Darn! (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 6925 **USA**, 0317-, Pirate unknown May 21 Fair reception. I just missed the announcement as I tuned the frequency. Suddenly off at 03:25 after a short announcement. Something like 'here's the deal'. At least that's what it sounded like. Oh well, perhaps they'll be back. Speaking of pirates, I've noted the absence for several weeks of the southern California pirate KCBM. They had a regular schedule Saturday nights on 6990, with a decent signal into BC. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 7120 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**, 1157-, Radio Wantok Light May 19 Poor reception with Christian vocals, and talk in Tok Pisin at 11:57. No where near as strong as the virtual armchair copy when they were first on the air several years back!. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 7295 **MALAYSIA**, 1504-, Traxx FM May 21 English news, mostly regarding Malaysia, such as elections in Sarawak, and bilateral relations between Mongolia and Malaysia, and Slovak-Sabah relations (!). Good level (S7), but suffering from some adjacent splatter on both sides. Recap of headlines at 15:09:30 and ID for RTM newsroom. 'Before we end, say no to corruption.' (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 7295 **MALAYSIA**, 1506-, RTM Kuala Lumpur May 20 Traxx FM, but with English news ending at 15:09 without a Traxx FM ID and into rapp music. Kuala Lumpur mentioned at the end of the news. I went to have breakfast and upon my return at 15:52 the signal was much stronger and totally in the clear. Excellent reception! 34 minutes past 11:00 (or was that 54 minutes?). Traxx FM ID at 16:00 and TC for midnight, so it was 54 minutes. Wonderful programming! Into news. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 9730 **VIETNAM**, 1602-, Voice of Vietnam May 20 English service for Europe with fair to good reception. Parallel to 7220 poor to fair, and 7280 stronger, but under a cochannel. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)
- 9839.92 **VIETNAM**, 1427-, Voice of Vietnam May 20 Strong reception of VoV's Japanese service with sign-off announcements and then open carrier. Indonesian scheduled from 14:30. Sure enough at 14:30 no IS heard, but into the same ident song as I recall from the 70s. (Salmaniw, Masset, B.C.)

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I have to strongly disagree with Larry Godwin's assessment that "the local listener comes first", in reference to the equal importance of DXers in a station's overall community image. With the outrageously high amount of national syndicated programming out there, many stations, especially in small markets, have become dumping grounds for satellite programming. Not counting commercials, they largely do not air one minute of local programming. Those who program largely syndicated and satellite-fed programming do not care one bit about serving the local areas. To these stations, the local aspect NEVER comes first; it is only an afterthought. Those who do not think that DXers are just as important to the station than the local listeners shouldn't even be in the broadcast business. What if that DXer came to the station's locale, and patronized many of the businesses in that area? Now, Gary Siegel raises a point about station coverage. Take, for instance, a 5,000-watt, low-channel blowtorch like KTRS 550, or a 50,000-watt blowtorch like KMOX. During the daytime, KTRS has superior coverage. Most of the listeners in the St. Louis market live in the western suburbs; this is where KTRS' nighttime signal is strongest. In the Metro East, however, KTRS' nighttime signal is only

second-rate; they have to protect stations in Cincinnati, OH (WKRC) and Gainesville, GA (WDUN). KMOX, by contrast, cannot make the trip to Terre Haute during the daytime; even Robert Hyland complained about the coverage of the station when he was running the show at the Once-Mighty 'Mox (in this case, he couldn't hear them in Rolla and down into southern MO, when he could hear 550, then KSD, and 630, then KXOK). A number of AM stations cannot realistically cover the entire market; Covenant Network, which owns WRYT 1080, had to add KHOJ 1460 (ex-KIRL) to serve the growing Catholic community in St. Charles. WRYT's daytime coverage is okay, but they needed the 5 kW daytime signal to cover areas that WRYT cannot cover adequately. WCBW 880's coverage to the west has been severely hampered by KFUC 850's experimentation with the technically unsound "HD Radio". However, when it comes to the local broadcasters' interest in a certain age group, they're even starting to abandon the over-35 market. St. Louis has lost Adult Standards and Smooth Jazz in the last two years; there is no full-time station for either format. While KFTK 97.1 airs Adult Standards in select weekend dayparts, Smooth Jazz (without the AC selections) is now limited to 90 minutes a week on WSIE 88.7. The only way the Adult Standards format could return to St. Louis is through a local owner purchasing an AM or FM station or building a new station. Only two frequencies could conceivably fit in the area: 660 kHz (provided it's licensed to a community west of St. Louis) and 107.1 MHz (provided it can be built a minimum of 17 miles from the transmitter sites of WARH 106.5 and KSLZ 107.7; most likely to a community north of St. Louis). Two formats I would consider, if I had to buy my own stations, are Adult Standards and Real Oldies ('50s and '60s). I'd take apart "Jack"; spinning hit-oriented '70s and '80s formats into separate formats. I would have to strongly disagree on one point: I don't think corporations, especially those like Clear Channel, which are publicly traded, should own local radio stations. These stations should be 100% locally owned and operated, with voicetracking replaced by radio personalities recruited from local colleges and universities. Many of the former college radio personalities require less pay than even one year of a cheap syndicated show; a four-station cluster can be staffed 24/7 with 100% local talent for the price of one year's rights to Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Bill O'Reilly COMBINED. Two can be staffed for the price of one year's rights to Rush Limbaugh alone. I also think that corporate ownership of Christian radio stations is a blasphemy against God. Christian teaching and excessive profit just doesn't mix. Christian radio stations should be owned only by churches, not-for-profit religious organizations and Christian business people who are NOT motivated by excessive profit. There really should be rules limiting the amount of Christian programming a corporate-owned and/or secular-formatted station can air. Working in public radio as I have been for the past six years, I'm given more freedom than I could have had at a commercial radio station. Besides, I don't want to be an illegal "shock jock". 73 and good DX from Eric (NOUIH)

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I'm sorry to see (DXM-1378) CKEC-1320 New Glasgow, NS moving to FM. The end of an era. I heard it the first day it came on the air, in 1960, at my first DX location, Newcastle upon Tyne, England; judging from the strength, loop bearing and references to Pictou County, that it was something new and not previously dominant Jacksonville, FL (calls there are now WJGR, might have been different back then). Also, I won't be the only one lamenting the switch to FM of CHTN-720 PE, a new province for most DXers on the East Coast and beyond. I heard CBA-1070 here in the 1980's and if I hear it again I'll check 720 then; I'll have to hurry now! My old friend Bob Foxworth's fine "Caribbean Boat Trip Report" in DXM-1378 is excellent. I knew Bob when he was an engineer at WCBS-880 and I was Chair of the Dept. of Languages at Adelphi U., L.I., 1978-80. To judge from Bob's report, seems 4VEH-840 is our best or only choice for Haiti, and I have had traces of something not in EE or SS there lately, but have to be careful with ID because R. Bandeirantes, Brazil has been heard here, of course in PP. Bob reports PJD2 St. Maarten now on 1300. I remember the former religious programs Bob also mentions; its slogan "Proclaiming Jesus' Deliverance to the West Indies" and its powerhouse signal here in HI, on 1295 in the 1980's. Along with the many Cubans, it was the beacon to Caribbean conditions here then; now succeeded by the amazing signals (for listed 1 kw or for any power!) of WDHP-1620 VI. It is dominant here, usually over KSMH-CA. Do you West Coasters get it? It's the most distant Western Hemisphere station heard here nightly. I still haven't reheard Jamaica and the other West Indians I heard in the 1980's, though new country Turks-530 has been added since then and is an excellent beacon for low-band propagation, varying far more than WDHP does. I enjoy the saga of XETRA vs XERA-540 in DXM-1378, heard here but just to confuse things I have heard another Mexican there with ID as "XEH..." announcing as "La Ranchera". Can anyone help? I would have ID'ed by now if not for the pesky line noise I mentioned before. Real estate prices here are down a little and I am advertising in the local press to buy more land similar to what I had here in the 1980's which I foolishly sold. If I find something I won't hesitate to cancel the proposed Seaside convention trip, though meeting other DXers, going on DXpeditions and visiting DX shacks would teach me what I need to know if I get a better location here. Thanks to Jerry Kiefer of KCKN-1020 NM, a challenging DX test heard. Heard the powerhouse KTNQ-CA thanks only to the sweeps and code ID. Looks like my KCKN test reception was no worse than that reported by Martin Foltz and Robert Wien-CA and Patrick Martin-OR in DXM-1378. Their words "poor to unreadable", "more QRM than I expected", and "poor-fair" apply to my reception too.

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Not much going on here as we had at least a trace of rain for 11 days straight. I did hit one of my goals for the year - that of hearing station 670 which would be one half of the number I heard up in Gary and the west Indiana. The lucky station was WTMA-1250 Charleston, SC for my 10th SC station heard here. I also picked off graveyarders WAJF-1490 AL and my old standby WTKG-1230 Grand Rapids, Mich.) As a teenager in Kalamazoo, Mich., they were WJEF and a regular at 55 miles. I remember one time listening to the Tigers baseball game on 1230, and, at ID time, it was a mish-mash of voices as both WSTR-1230 and WJEF-1230 ran their respective IDs at the network break. Also, easy listening music on 1600 back on 4/28 turned out to be WCGO in Chicago Hts, IL, a pleasant surprise. I wasn't expecting them, but when I heard the calls, I knew exactly who I was listening to as they were my old regular there when I lived in Gary. Richard, I just ran the XEH...-540 thru the FCC's AM query website and they don't show any Mexicans starting with those letters on 540. The website shows all the Western Hemisphere stations on AM all the way down thru Chile and Argentina, but I don't know how up to date it is with the call letters, etc. It doesn't show slogans. While I was down south, Dennis Gibson sent me an e-mail letting me know that about six months ago, the FCC started showing coverage maps on their website. I tried to pull it but couldn't do it, probably because I only have dial-up service and it tends to be rather slow. However, in the process, I discovered that I can also pull the times for each month for sign/on and sign/off or pattern changes, power drops or such as the case might be. It will give it in either standard time or daylight time, whichever the viewer prefers. I printed the page for local WIBC-1070 (in EST) so that I will know what it will be each month here. It's easier than trying to guess where Indy falls on the map. For the moment, my copies of the sunrise/sunset maps are packed away in the garage (I hope) but I have a not so clear photocopy of each map with my copy of the NRC log so I do have something to work with, even if it is hard to read. Next deadline in two weeks--the weekend following the Decoration Day holiday. 73.

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