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This issue... IRCA welcomes **Walter W. Tukkanen** from Goya Okinawa, Japan and **David L. Haefner** from Bloomington, MN. DX and report often!!!

HQ Notes

From **Lee Freshwater** (see EDXR for address/email). We are finishing up the DXM CD project for VOL 12-43. We need a few more in order to burn the final CD set. WE NEED: VOL12 #18, VOL 16 #17, VOL 25 #30, VOL 37 #18. And from Volume 41 #'s 1, 3, 8, 9, & 25. HELP US get this project finished up!!

From **Pat Martin** (Seaside OR). The deadline for registration is coming up (July 21st). I am sure some may not remember the 2 month deadline. Also, we can use some auction items? Contact Pat (DXWW-W) for details.

From **Tim Noonan**: This is the first announcement of the 13th Annual Madison-Milwaukee Get-Together for DXers and Radio Enthusiasts. Please make a note of the date and location, mark your calendar, and ask for the day off! (One more message about this event will appear on these same lists about ten days prior to the event.)

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2006, Time: 1 pm until ??
Location: the home of Neil Kazaross, 1380 Lake Shore Rd in Grafton WI, which is located in Ozaukee Co., just north of Milwaukee.

Note: We sincerely thank Neil Kazaross and his wife for graciously offering to host the event at their home. Tim Noonan is organizing the event, and you are encouraged to direct correspondence regarding it to Tim.

Background: This is an all-band event, and everyone interested in the radio hobby is welcome. The first ten of these annual events took place in Madison, hosted either by Bill Dvorak or myself. Though I moved with my wife and sons to Oak Creek in south suburban Milwaukee in July 2003, my commitment to the event remains. Thus, the August get-togethers now alternate between venues in the Milwaukee and Madison areas.

Further information: I will be mailing or e-mailing detailed invitations beginning about June 15. These will supply directions, dinner plans, etc. Please feel free to be in touch with me (Tim) at **DXing2@aol.com** or 414 762-2702 with any questions. Tell your radio friends about it, and make your plans early to join us for another fun and memorable day of visiting with your fellow radio hobbyists.

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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:

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>

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
1010	KZNY	Milwaukie, OR	KSZN
1060	KTOZ	Springfield, MO	KBFL
1160	WMLB	East Point, GA	WWAA
1330	new	Ontario, NY	WMJQ
1490	WZFB	Fair Bluff, NC	WSRC
1510	WDID	Highland, IL	W XOZ
1690	WWAA	Avondale Estates, GA	WMLB

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
580	CKWW	Windsor, ON	easy listening	oldies
590	WLVA	Lynchburg, VA	format not available	religious teaching
730	CHMJ	Vancouver, BC	sports	talk
750	KAMA	El Paso, TX	Spanish oldies	Spanish news/talk
810	WMGC	Murfreesboro, TN	Spanish	regional Mexican
810	WPIN	Dublin, VA	sports	news/talk
840	KWDF	Ball, LA	contemporary Xtian	format not available
930	KIUP	Durango, CO	adult standards	ESPN sports
980	KMIN	Grants, NM	rock	country "K-Mine Country"
990	WALE	Greenville, RI	silent	Spanish AC "Super Max 990"
990	KFCD	Farmersville, TX	talk	Spanish contemporary Xtian
1010	KSZN	Milwaukie, OR	KZNY, SS adult hits	ESPN Spanish sports
1010	WFGW	Black Mountain, NC	southern gospel	religious teaching
1010	WRJR	Portsmouth, VA	black gospel	silent
1020	KCKN	Roswell, NM	silent	classic country
1060	WKQG	Milledgeville, GA	ABC Rejoice blk gos	black gospel
1100	KQNM	Milan, NM	classic country	adult alternative "The Q"
1110	WUNN	Mason, MI	southern gospel	religious teaching
1150	WGBN	New Kensington, PA	ABC Rejoice blk gos	black gospel
1150	XERM	Mexicali, BCN	regional Mexican	Spanish hits
1160	KMGS	Highland Park, TX	R&B oldies	classic country
1160	WWAA	East Point, GA	variety	business news
1180	KYET	Williams, AZ	silent	Jones Classic country
1190	XEMBC	Mexicali, BCN	Spanish news-talk	Spanish hits "R Hablado"
1220	WOTS	Kissimmee, FL	Spanish talk	Spanish
1230	WFAY	Fayetteville, NC	sports	regional Mexican //WGSP
1240	KAMQ	Carlsbad, NM	silent	ESPN sports
1240	WNVL	Nashville, TN	Spanish hits	regional Mexican "Activa 1240"
1260	WAMS	Newark, DE	black gospel	oldies
1310	KNOX	Grand Forks, ND	news/talk	talk
1340	WHAP	Hopewell, VA	silent	traditional country
1340	WTAN	Clearwater, FL	talk	Jones MOYL adult standards
1350	WBTL	Bedford, VA	talk	oldies
1350	WNNG	Warner Robins, GA	ABC Memories AS	ABC Memories soft AC
1370	WVIE	Pikesville, MD	oldies	talk
1380	WPCH	North Augusta, SC	classic country	ESPN sports
1400	WFPA	Ft. Payne, AL	oldies	adult contemporary
1400	WSPG	Spartanbur, SC	talk	ESPN sports
1400	WZHR	Zephyrillis, FL	talk	Jones MOYL AS //WTAN
1420	WLET	Toccoa, GA	southern gospel	religious teaching
1430	WTMN	Gainesville, FL	ABC Rejoice blk gos	black gospel
1440	KMED	Medford, OR	news/talk	talk
1440	KPTO	Pocatello, ID	new	silent (was this on air?-ye ed)
1440	WPRD	Winter Park, FL	Spanish talk	Spanish
1440	KETX	Livingston, TX	unknown	silent
1470	KNFL	Tremontion, UT	new (CP)	silent (was this on air?-ye ed)
1470	WJDY	Salisbury, MD	ABC Rejoice blk gos	black gospel

1490	WTJV	De Land, FL	regional Mexican	Spanish
1490	WVBG	Vicksburg, MS	gospel music	talk "NewsTalk 1490"
1500	WASN	Youngstown, OH	black gospel	tropical
1500	WPJX	Zion, IL	silent	Spanish urban
1510	WZOZ	Highland, IL	WDID, southern gos	format not available
1520	WHHQ	Elizabethton, TN	traditional country	silent
1540	WRTK	Niles, OH	ABC Rejoice blk gos	black gospel
1600	WRJE	Dover, DE	ABC Rejoice blk gos	black gospel
1690	WMLB	Avondale Estates, GA	talk	variety

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

590	WWLX	Lawrenceburg, TN	ND to ND2
600	WSNL	Flint, MI	1000/500 DA-2 to 4400/250 DA2
690	WOKV	Jacksonville, FL	50000/10000 DA-N to 50000/25000 DAN
710	WUFF	Eastman, GA	ND-D to NDD
730	KQPN	West Memphis, AR	DA-2 to DA2
1160	KCTO	Cleveland, MO	DA-2 to DA2 (new CP)
1270	KFLC	Ft. Worth, TX	50000/5000 DA-2 to 50000 DAD
1270	WAIN	Columbia, KY	ND to ND2
1270	WMKT	Charlevoix, MI	DA-N to DAN
1330	WEBY	Milton, FL	5000/79 ND to 25000/79 DAD
1410	KRWB	Roseau, MN	DA-N to DAN
1440	WBLA	Elizabethtown, NC	5000/197 to 2800/197
1530	WVBF	Middleborough Ctr, MA	ND to ND3
1540	WJJT	Jellico, TN	1000 ND-D to 1000 ND2
1580	KTGR	Columbia, MO	ND to ND2
1630	KKGM	Ft. Worth, TX	ND to ND2

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

570	KNRS	Salt Lake City, UT	5000/5000 to 25000/5000
610	KEAR	San Francisco, CA	ND to ND2
790	KBRV	Soda Springs, ID	5000 to 5000/29
910	KBLG	Billings, MT	ND to ND2
1000	WRAR	Tappahannock, VA	ND-D to NDD
1030	WUFL	Sterling Heights, MI	DA-D to DAD
1120	WXJO	Smyrna, GA	10000 (was silent-ye ed)
1180	WFYL	King of Prussia, PA	1000 ND-D to 420 NDD
1220	WBCH	Hastings, MI	250/47 ND to 250/48 NDD
1230	KSIX	Corpus Christi, TX	1000/1000 ND to 720/720 ND2
1270	WNLS	Tallahassee, FL	5000/5000 DA-N to 50000 DA2
1310	WJUS	Selma, AL	5000/34 to 1100/16
1340	KTCR	Kennewick, WA	ND to ND2
1370	WSHV	South Hill, VA	4200 ND-D to 4200/41 ND2
1410	KRWB	Roseau, MN	DA-N to DAN
1430	WATB	Decatur, GA	1000/51 DA-2 to 50000/174 DAD
1450	KIKR	Beaumont, TX	ND to ND2
1500	WSMX	Winston-Salem, NC	1000 DA-D to 140 NDD
1510	KYOL	Littleton, CO	9500/19000 to 10000/25000
1510	WAUK	Waukesha, WI	10000 DA-D to 23000 DA2
1570	WOKC	Okeechobee, FL	700/14 ND to 800/12 ND2

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

660	WPYT	Wilkesburg, PA	250 to 1400
730	WLTQ	Charleston, SC	5200/103 to 1100/103
740	WRWB	Harrogate, TN	1000/7 to 900/7
870	KRLA	Glendale, CA	20000/3000 to 50000/3000
900	WFIA	Louisville, KY	1000/163 to 1000/1000
1100	WISS	Berlin, WI	500 to 1000
1190	KREB	Bentonville, AR	2500 to 5000
1450	WWSC	Glens Falls, NY	1000/1000 to 1000/940
1470	WAZN	Watertown, MA	DA-2 to DA2
1540	KGBC	Galveston, TX	1000/250 to 2500/250
1550	KKJY	Albuquerque, NM	5000/120 to 5000/27
1550	WAYI	Bunnell, FL	9300/200 to 9500/520 (new CP-ye ed)
1560	WTOD	Toledo, OH	5000 to 2500
1600	KRKE	Albuquerque, NM	10000/128 to 10000/175

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

- 1160 KMGS Highland Park/Dallas TX drops its "Magic 1160" R&B format to simulcast "Lone Star Country" sister KFXR 1190 Dallas TX, until a sale of KMGS is complete.
- 1370 WWLG Pikesville/Baltimore MD flips from oldies to female-oriented talk (Dr. Joy Browne, Dr. Laura, Laura Ingraham) "V-1370, the Voice" and changes calls to WVIE.
- 1580 WHLY South Bend IN returns to the air with country (even though the five-year deadline to delete either WHLY or X-band former sister station WWLV 1620 has expired.)
- 1590 KMOZ Rolla MO flips from country to Bott Radio Network religion.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Tim Noonan sends along the following:

Tim Noonan sends along his usual monthly list of AM call changes. Thanks, Tim! (TN-WI)

Dennis Gibson passes on the following:

KTME-1410 Lompoc, CA. has changed call letters to KINF. (DG-CA)

John Johnson passes on the following:

Fisher Communications of Seattle is in the process of selling 24 of its 27 radio stations, including its Montana properties and stations in eastern Washington. The buyer is Cherry Creek Radio LLC, and the price is \$33.3 million. The sale includes Billings stations KBLG ("Newstalk" at 91.0 AM), The Zone ("Today's New Rock" at 96.3 FM), KRKX ("Montana's Home of Rock 'n' Roll" at 94.1 FM) and Y 93.3 ("Today's Hits/Yesterday's Favorites" at 93.3 FM). The sale must win approval of the Federal Communications Commission and meet other conditions. The deal is expected to close by the end of September. When the small-market stations are sold, Fisher will own three radio stations in Seattle, plus TV stations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The company will use some of the sale revenues to buy a TV station in the Portland, Ore., area. At the end of March, the broadcasting company reported a net loss of \$1.7 million for the first quarter. During the same quarter last year, Fisher lost far more -- \$5.1 million. Cherry Creek Radio is based in Denver. Two years ago, it purchased Holter Broadcasting Corp. radio stations in Helena for \$2.8 million. The company also owns four radio stations in Great Falls. (JJ-MT)

Pat Martin sends along the following:

KRCN-1060 CO. information: KRCN, CO, Longmont, rec. friendly note on my report in 8d from V/S: Ron Nickell-SR. VP & GM. Also enclosed was business cd and info of Radio Colorado Network. Address: 614 Kimbark St., Longmont CO 80501-4911. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Pete Taylor of Tacoma, WA:

In a column in today's Seattle Post-Intelligencer, columnist Bill Virgin reported that KIXI-880 has dropped nearly all of its local personalities and is now using Music of Your Life as of last Thursday. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following:

730 CHMJ is going Traffic and Talk on Monday at 7:30 AM PDT. Thanks to Eric & Dan for the tip. Have dropped Sports. CHMJ now calls themselves AM 730. Will repeat alot of CKNW-98 talk shows also, as they are co-owned. (PM-OR)

Art Blair sent along the following URLs that can be accessed for the following information:

Rush Limbaugh affiliate list: <http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/menu/rush.guest.all.html>

USA Radio Network schedule: <http://www.usaradio.com/schedule.php>

(Art also sent along a long, long list of Laura Ingram affiliates that, due to space limitations, I can't publish in the bulletin but I'm sure if anyone wants a copy, feel free to Email Art, or he can print it in his column in the bulletin-ye ed.) (AB-CA)

Art Blair also sends along the following:

From Chicago Sun-Times 5/25/2006: Reggaeton newcomer on Spanish radio lineup, May 25, 2006

BY ROBERT FEDER SUN-TIMES COLUMNIST

Hispanic radio continued its explosive growth this week with the debut of a Spanish-language reggaeton music format on far north suburban WPJX-AM (1500). Polnet Communications, which acquired the dormant daytime station last January for \$230,000 from Multicultural Broadcasting of Chicago, launched the Spanish format without commercials or announcers for the time being. Reggaeton is a tropical Latin hybrid of hip-hop and reggae that has taken young Hispanic radio listenership by storm. Kent Gustafson, consultant and former chief executive officer of Polnet, is serving temporarily as general manager of WPJX while management and on-air staff are being assembled. He confirmed that the company had plans to seek government approval to expand the station's signal to 24-hour broadcasting. In the Chicago area, Polnet also owns Polish WNVN-AM (1030) and time-brokered ethnic WKTA-AM (1330) and WEEF-AM (1430). In New York, it owns Spanish WLIM-AM and Polish WRKL-AM. (AB-CA)

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DATE OF COLUMN: 06/18/06. Well, almost the summer solstice in a few days, and it's pretty hot outside today, 95 in Fontana! Hope your summer DX heats up. Or if you want to cool down a bit instead, enjoy the great early fall weather on the northern Oregon coast and be sure to get your reservation in for the IRCA Convention in Seaside, OR hosted by Pat Martin, 9/22-9/24! You're sure to have a great time. Just 3 more months, and there'll be some great auction items, trust me on that, I'm contributing some! 73's.



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: June 30, July 14, July 28, Aug. 25. Please use Eastern Time.

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FRG-100, LW 350' to NE, 175' to NNE
- *****
- 650 KSTE CA, Rancho Cordova 5/17 2005 noted in passing with Michael Savage, 7 seconds ahead of show's flagstaff station KNEW-910. Station now mentions the "e" in its slogan "Talk 6-50 KSTE" (old slogan was "KST"). (5P-CA)
- 730 KBSU ID, Boise 6/15 0519 "Idaho's Jazz Station," promo and ID, into jazz tune and faded by 0524. (MF-CA)
- 800 CKOR BC, Penticton 5/24 0020 many "Easy Rock" ID's with fair signal over semi-local KPDC, using SP-600 on E-W wire. Possibly on day power. (GH-OR)
- 840 KXNT NV, North Las Vegas 5/16 0304 CBS news (different from KCBS-740), net ads, promo for "Rush Replay," announcement "And now back to Coast to Coast AM on the Talk Station, KXNT 8-40," back to C2CAM 5 seconds ahead of another C2CAM station underneath; KXNT itself was 5 seconds behind KSFO-560 and KNCO-830. Fair to good. (5P-CA)
- 850 (KHLO) HI, 5/18 noted totally off; // 790 Kealakekua still on, over/under KABC sports. Only KOA noted on 850; no sign of KICY but AK unlikely in May. Back on later that day. (REW-HI)
- 890 KDXU UT, Cedar City 5/16 0330 CNN news, ad for group of 5 casinos, PSA, announcement "Back to Coast to Coast AM on Newstalk 8-90, KDXU." Frequency was earlier dominated by KLFV-CA. Good. (5P-CA)
- 920 KVIN CA, Ceres 5/12 1914 health tips sponsored by The Modesto Bee, local ad, slogan "Vintage 9-20," ad, promo for MOYL on "The Vine, Vintage 9-20," Elvis song. Fair, slight KNEW-910 QRM but no HD splatter. KNEW & sister station KQKE-960 frequently promote their HD service. Heard in Millbrae. (5P-CA1)
- 960 CFAC AB, Calgary 5/15 0020 noted with Edmonton Oilers playoff hockey in San Jose. Fair, sometimes level with local KQKE. Heard in San Mateo. (5P-CA1)
- 980 KFWB CA, Los Angeles 5/22 0104 "KFWB award-winning news," ad for Kaiser Permanente, good over KDBV which is usually dominant here. (REW-HI)
- 1010 CFRB ON, Toronto 5/29 0210 "CFRB News," man/woman alternating. Good, dominant over Spanish. Not heard since March. Surprised to hear eastern Canada in late May, and on a night which also brought me my first Ecuador & Chile since the 1980's! Also, my usual easterners such as WLW, KDKA, WTAM, and WQEW were not heard. (REW-HI)
- 1030 KTWO WY, Casper 5/14 2320 woman airing country and country oldies, ID as "KTWO" and "K-Two Radio." Fair to good in Belmont. (5P-CA1)
- 1080 KRLD TX, Dallas 5/19 0105 "KRLD Traffic Center," "KRLD weather low 69 degrees, high 90..." Excellent, alone. (REW-HI)
- 1090 XEPRS BCN, Rosarito 5/16 0325 ad, slogan "The Mighty Double-X Sports Radio, the home of the Padres, the Might Double-X Sports Radio," back to Sports Radio 7 seconds behind KTCT-1050. Good. (5P-CA)
- 1110 KDIS CA, Pasadena 5/16 0315 noted in passing with Radio Disney programming 7 seconds behind KMKY-1310 and KIID-1470. Poor. KFAX-1100 QRM. (5P-CA)
- 1140 WRVA VA, Richmond 6/4 0159 ending talk show, man "On WRVA," 0200 news. Fair, over/under KHTK and unID C&W probably CHR. Last heard in 1980's. A surprise, no other east coast stations heard that night, but Chile and Brazil were good. Is WRVA often heard on West Coast? (REW-HI)

- 1180 KHCM HI, Honolulu 5/17 0548 promo for "The new KHCM" with reverb. Poor, heavy QRM including booming Cuba, KOFI KERI, etc. Apparently testing, heard only irregularly, not daily. (REW-HI)
- 1210 KPRZ CA, San Marcos 5/20 2327 ID by man "KPRZ San Diego" (no mention of San Marcos), promo events in San Diego, tickets at sportwestcoast.com, ID by man "Radio the whole family can listen to, KPRZ," 2328 ad for "Home Business 3-Step Plan.com." Very good, clear. (REW-HI)
- 1230 KSBN WA, Spokane 5/20 0100 female announcer with ID and "Money Talk" show in a fight with unID ESPN. New, SP-600 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1260 KOIT CA, San Francisco 5/18 0036 ID "KOIT San Francisco," ad for remastered old radio show, back to San Freberg "When Radio Was," "Adventures of Superman" from 1947. Excellent, alone. (REW-CA)
- KLYC OR, McMinnville 5/26 0030 oldies over/under CFRN. 60% on top using R-390A and N-S wire. Seldom hear this one over the dominant Canadian. (GH-OR)
- CFRN AB, Edmonton 5/29 0318 local ads, booming signal. (REW-HI)
- 1280 KWSX CA, Stockton 5/17 1315 Rush Limbaugh noted in passing, 7 seconds behind KSFO-560. Fair. (5P-CA)
- 1340 KWCY CA, Cathedral City 6/6 2107-2200 the dominant station with EZL format, ads, financial news at 2114, local news at 2146. (MF-CA)
- KOMY CA, La Selva Beach 5/29 0020 ID by man "You are listening to radio station KOMY Watsonville-La Selva Beach" into network news. Mostly good, over/under unID Spanish (both Mexico & Ecuador logged later that night). (REW-HI)
- KYNS CA, San Luis Obispo 6/9 0100 ID by man "San Luis Obispo's AM Radio 13-40 KYNS" into CA news by man, CA comment on Zarkawi's death, news from L.A. Good. (REW-HI)
- 1380 KRKO WA, Everett 5/23 0005 All Night Show with Jason Smith. ESPN format. Fair signal, slow fades, completely alone on SP-600 with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1430 KBRC WA, Mt. Vernon 6/5 0030 oldies with fair to good signal dominating a very weak and distant KLO on R-390A and E-W wire. Usually the other way around. (GH-OR)
- 1450 KVEN CA, Ventura 5/22 0113 ad for Arrowhead bottled water, 0115 ID by man "KVEN Ventura-Oxnard, the Boomer." Very good. (REW-HI)
- KONP WA, Port Angeles 6/8 0030 sports talk and ID in a jumble with 2 others, one playing oldies. Poor at best using Drake and Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)
- 1460 KABL CA, Salinas 5/16 0320 light jazz vocal, ad for "The Insider" on KION-TV 46, slogan "AM 14-60 The Paisano," more modern big band vocals. Fair, QRM from KEST-1450. (5P-CA)
- 1500 KSJX CA, San Jose 5/17 1959 Vietnamese talk by man, annc. In VV by second man, English slogan "Radio in your language, KSJX," VV ads, 2002 English "Radio is you language, AM 15 hundred KSJX San Jose, a service of Multicultural Broadcasting. QRM from KPIG-1510. (5P-CA)
+ 5/22 0150 Vietnamese man & woman talking seriously. Very good over XEDF with La Hora Nacional; KUMU totally off. 0159 KUMU abruptly returned. 0200 still heard, ID by man "This is KSJX San Jose, the International Station." (REW-HI)
- 1510 KPIG CA, Piedmont 5/16 0025 George Harrison oldie, man back-announcing records, annc. "You're listening to KPIG, The Mighty Pig," into oldie. Also noted at 0320. Now 24 hours. (5P-CA)
- 1520 KVTA CA, Port Hueneme 6/9 0505 in good with KVTA ID then Coast to Coast program. (CM-CA)
- 1540 KMPC CA, Los Angeles 5/19 0045 promo "Log on to L.A.'s sports talk. Log on to 1540theticket.com." Excellent, no KISA. (REW-HI)
- 1550 KYCY CA, San Francisco 5/12 1920 Oakland A's baseball, signal spread from 1460 to 1640 with only breaks at 1510 and 1530. Heard in Millbrae. (5P-CA1)
- 1600 KUBA CA, Yuba City 6/4 0450 man "Your local radio KUBA Yuba" (word "City" not heard), into oldies. Dominant over KTAP with sports. (REW-HI)
- 1610 ---- HI, Talking House, B Street, Kaloli Pt., Hawaiian Paradise Park, Puma District, Big Island 5/27 0000 tape loop, female voice "Aloha. Welcome to another house..." Good, new, distance 2 miles. (REW-HI)
- 1630 KCJJ IA, Iowa City 6/15 0613 faded up with ads, "16-30 KCJJ" slogan, mixing with XEUT open carrier and KRND. (MF-CA)
- KRND WY, Fox Farm 6/9 0700 fair with KRND ID. (CM-CA)
- 1640 (KDIA) CA, Vallejo 6/7 0400 off the air tonight, just open carrier on. Have not caught them off air for quite some time. Tried for OK and MS, but no luck. (CM-CA)
- KDZR OR, Lake Oswego 6/7 0455 in good with "KDZR Lake Oswego, Portland" ID. (CM-CA)
- KBJA UT, Sandy 6/7 0500 fair with KBJA ID. (CM-CA)
+ 6/15 0331 Spanish with call letter ID and "Esta es Super Radio" slogan, soon lost to KDIA. (MF-CA)

- 1650 KBJD CO, Denver 6/7 0133 talk show, ID several times "On KNUS 7," "KNUS" (listed on 710, but unheard here), 0134 into Roy Masters (English accent), promoting his seminars in S. CA. Good, dominant over KFOX-CA in Korean. (REW-HI)
- 1680 WLAA FL, Winter Garden 6/7 0140 Mexican rancheras with accordion, 0150 Cuban tropical standard, slogan "La Grande," 0157 ranchera, 0200 English ID "WLAA Winter Garden-Orlando." Good, some KAVT at times. Last heard in 1990's under an earlier call. First FL heard since reactivating. (REW-HI)
- KTFH WA, Seattle 6/9 0300 in good with "This is KTFH Seattle, a Salem Communications station." (CM-CA)

UNIDS

- 1330 UNID 5/30 2310-2340 Spanish vocal music into Spanish talk with male announcer. No ID given or heard. Fair, very steady signal on R-390A with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 1700 UNID 6/9 0420 in good with Tecate but not sure of call letters, no XEPE ID. Does anyone know call letters of station? Did they change call letters? I know station is from Tecate. (CM-CA)

Portions of one report were deleted as they were of no DX value, and a portion of another report not included due to copy-right laws. Nancy 6/16 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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RIDING GAIN

[NJ-WY] **Nancy Johnson**, Billings, MT NancyJohnson@Prodigy.net
On a camping trip using the 2006 Chevy TrailBlazer radio.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 530 TIS... WY, Jackson. 6-6 heard on the road just north of Jackson. 14:49 with information on the National Elk Refuge. No ID heard. [NJ-WY]
- 920 KWYS MT, West Yellowstone. 6-4 while at the Madison campground. 18:23 with ID between oldies. Station had been reported as silent. Station is on the air. [NJ-WY]

25 YEARS AGO

June 13, 1981 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Ernest R. Cooper** of Provincetown, MA said he now has 4,195 verifications ... **Robert Wien** of San Jose, CA told about KXRX format change to rock and KLIV changed from rock to MOYL ... **Jim Albrecht** of Milwaukee, WI reviewed the local and area radio stations formats.

OPEN MIKE

Nancy had to switch away from XM Radio to get these loggings! This column was typed 6-17-06. 73, John

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STARS OF THE WEEK

- (IEN-GA) Ira Elbert New Watkinville, GA
DRAKE R-8B, 135' N/S L.W., SANGEAN ATS 909
- (MH-NC) Mike Hardester Jacksonville, NC **DX4EVR@Earthlink.Net**
Toyota Camry w/windshield antenna

LOGGINGS

- 760 TN WETR Knoxville 06/05/06 0706 News and ID. Good signal when the ID played but it quickly faded under Gospel Music. "WETR Talkradio 760." (IEN-GA)
- 790 FL WAXY South Miami 06/15/06 2300 Sports news and information, and TOH ID. Weak, but steady signal mixed with UC Gospel Music. "Sportstalk 790, WAXY, South Miami". (IEN-GA)
- 800 TN WDEH Sweetwater 06/07/06 2032 Gospel Music, local weather and an ad for Tennessee State Parks. Decent, but steady signal above the evening static. "WDEH, AM 800, Sweetwater, Madisonville". (IEN-GA)

- 930 AL WJBY Rainbow City 06/05/06 0731 Gospel Music and an ad for Bob's Tires. Decent signal with fades. "...on WJBY". (IEN-GA)
- 1150 AL WGEA Geneva 06/05/06 0748 Local news and information, and a campaign ad for Roosevelt Harris, Alabama House of Rep. District 70 Decent signal in the morning static. "...1150, WGEA". (IEN-GA)
- 1230 NC WLNR Kinston noted 2 June @ 1326-1410 while driving through area. Female announcer in Spanish, but no ID noted. Local spots and PSA noted. EZL ballads, and a rap song. Frequent mentions of "Radio El Grande," and what I believe were noticias from Central and South America. Also, frequent mentions of "El Sol." Not certain of the context of that. On return, 1605, noted ID in English and Spanish. "WLNN WLNR Kinston..." Excellent signal while in area. Only WLNN I could locate was a low-powered TV station in Boone, NC. Rather doubt that they were simulcasting a TV station. (MH-NC)
- 1310 NC WISE Asheville 06/05/06 0800 TOH ID and ESPN Sports. Decent signal in the mix. "WISE, Asheville" and "ESPN Radio, 1310". (IEN-GA)
- 1350 GA WNNG Warner Robins 06/05/06 0640 Oldies. Steady signal all but buried in the morning static. "Oldies 1350, WNNG". (IEN-GA)
- 1390 SC WXTC Charleston 06/13/06 1859 UC Gospel Music. Weak signal that faded into the evening static. "You are listening to WXTC, Charleston's Inspiration Station, AM 1390". (IEN-GA)
- 1410 GA WLAQ Rome 06/05/06 0811 Local news and weather. Weak signal mixed with WKPP in McDonough, GA. ".on 1410, WLAQ in Rome". (IEN-GA)

PLEASE NOTE: We are finishing up the DXM CD project for VOL 12-43. We need a few more in order to burn the final CD set. WE NEED VOL12 #18, VOL 16 #17, VOL 25 #30, VOL 37 #18. And from Volume 41 #'s 1, 3, 8, 9, & 25. HELP US get this project finished up!! That takes care of this weeks EDXR. Thanks to IRA and Mike this week. Mike also reports that 1340 WOOW in Greenville, NC is still on the air, although the FCC lists their license as "deleted" 0800 6-18 fresh

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Greetings everyone,

**Comments and Loggings
Grayland DXpedition 2006.6**

June 10, 11, 12, 2006

John Bryant

Antennas: SW, W & NW Beverages, length: 600 to 900 feet. EWE 27'x100' x 27' at 270 degrees
Radios: WinRadio 303e, WinRadio 313e, various splitters and RF amplifiers

It was a real pleasure to join Guy Atkins and Don Nelson once again for a weekend DXpedition at the Grayland, Washington site. The camaraderie and discussions alone were worth the trip. It was our first time at the Grayland site since late last October. Don and Guy DXed Saturday and Sunday mornings and we used the full antenna array. Conditions were decent enough on Sunday morning that I opted for a third morning on Monday, using just the West Beverage.

General propagation conditions were below average on the morning of the 10th; they were better (average?) on the 11th and fairly good on the 12th. Ground dawn was about 1220 UTC. The pattern of reception on all three mornings was identical. There were virtually no TP signals until about 1120 when the Japanese faded in due to local sunset in central Japan. There is only about a one hour window of full darkness on our quite northerly path to Japan at summer solstice. When real dawn enhancement hit about 1140, many more signals were apparent and they were almost exclusively Aussies. Signal began to fade by 1230, but a few hung in until 1300 TOH. There were a few signals from the Pacific Islands and a very few from New Zealand. The much lower power commercial Aussies only appeared in any appreciable numbers on Monday morning, and then at rather low levels. DX is like sex, even "below average," is still pretty darn good, as I remember.

The experimental 27' x 100' EWE was a real disappointment. That antenna had noticeably outperformed a 700' beverage at my home site in Oklahoma.... As far as signal-to-noise ratio and it equaled or exceeded the beverage in raw gain and depth of rear-side null. I was hoping to take advantage of the "weakness" of the EWE at side rejection to be able to use only one antenna at Grayland. The EWE's response pattern is almost circular, with a small but deep rear null. At Grayland, our signals arrive in a spread of about 90 degrees of azimuth from SW to NW. With the EWE's response pattern and at least equaling the Beverages in signal-to-noise, it could be the perfect antenna for our restricted Grayland site. That does not appear to be the case, though. On every TP signal, the EWE's signal to noise was noticeably poorer than the appropriate Beverage.

The weakness of the EWE, of course, is the need for a good ground. I'm fairly confident of the grounds, in this instance, because I got a fairly good backside null and it was at an above-minimum setting on the pot. I used six short ground rods, networked, at the bottom of a 2' deep drainage ditch that runs due west. The soil both on the ground level and at the bottom of the ditch was practically saturated, due to the heavy recent rains. I should also say that I'm confident of the coax and impedance matcher. Both are new and were the ones that I used on the West wire on Monday morning to very good effect.

I continue to be amazed at the difference in antenna behavior over radically different grounds, whether or not the antenna is connected to the ground plane directly. The soil in my part of Oklahoma is a near-perfect ground and, therefore, not too good for beverages. They are useable however and I've had between three and five permanent Beverages up for most of two decades now. Over the years, I've had four other antenna types be "equal to or better than" a 600 foot Beverage on MW in Oklahoma: the 27' x 100' EWE, a 27'x100' KAZ a 27'x 100' K9AY and a 3' x 1.5 inch ferrite bar. Each has proven much inferior to the same length Beverage at Grayland. Some comments by Bruce Conti since the DXpedition have encouraged me to give this hummer one more trial as a bottom-corner fed loop before relegating it to "Oklahoma-only." Thanks, Bruce. Loggings: John Bryant, June 10-12, Grayland, Washington:

Final Comment:

There has been some recent discussion of the seemingly strange performance of 2YC/Access-783 in Wellington and JOWL-1197, Asahikawa, Hokkaido. Both are very reliable and usually quite strong TP signals here in the Pacific Northwest. What is unusual is that both signals have significant mountain ranges (150 km or more) between their transmitters and the Pacific on the azimuth that signals travel to reach North America. Most other signals that provide this level of reliability seem to be located on or near to the Pacific shore. Knife-edge refraction over the mountains might be one possibility, though if I remember right, there is a BBC paper that states that the wavelength of MW largely precludes that response. Another possibility might be the location of the transmitting tower itself. It's fairly common for stations located in valleys to mount their towers on top of the nearest mountain. I wonder where 2YC and JOWL have their towers.

Guy Atkins

This past weekend, I met with DXers John Bryant and Don Nelson for two nights of fishing for exotic signals at Grayland, Washington. It was great to see Don again after well over a year of our paths not crossing at DXpeditions; and John has recently returned to the Pacific Northwest where he is nearing completion of his summer and fall home on beautiful Orcas Island.

A few days before the DXpedition I felt a mild cold coming on, but I had hopes that it would pass quickly and not bother me while at Grayland. Nope--no such luck. Half way through the weekend, my head felt like an inflated weather balloon and my voice trailed away into broken, raspy speech as laryngitis set in. At least the fun of DXing would keep my mind off the misery!

Besides DXing, we each had related pursuits at Grayland. Don has been assembling a very impressive amateur radio setup, and during the daytime he was trying out a firmware upgrade to his computerized/motorized "Steppir" vertical antenna, along with working the kinks out of an amplifier and accessories. John erected a large 27 ft. X 100 ft. EWE antenna with adjustable termination to compare to the Beverages. I brought along my Eton E1 portable receiver, for what I expected would be very unfair comparisons against communications receivers.

John's carefully constructed large EWE antenna was disappointing in its performance at Grayland, with signals many dB down, providing no edge in S/N or signal intelligibility. In contrast, John says the large EWE is a "Beverage beater" back in his Oklahoma pasture land. Dramatic differences in ground conductivity are probably to blame, as we've always had difficulty getting good grounds in the sandy soil of Grayland.

The night of the 10th began with very good signals from Papua New Guinea on the tropicals, but virtually no signals or hets anywhere on medium wave. Finally, past 1000 UTC, some MW TP signals were heard; first were the Japanese, but then conditions quickly shifted to Australia and remained that way through dawn. The 11th was similar, but with far weaker PNGs on 90 through 60 meters (Wantok Radio Light was at good to very good levels both nights, though).

We had high hopes for spectacular MW propagation across the Pacific, based on the low solar flux and A/K indices the previous days. Unfortunately reception turned out to be "average", but I'll take average any day over the truly lackluster MW reception I experienced in January and April at the WA coast.

This DXpedition was my first chance to hook the portable Eton E1 to a "real" antenna. I fully expected the front end to "fold" when connected to the Beverage antennas, but happily the E1 responded beautifully. It was great fun to cruise the tropical bands and MW splits with the Eton, and experience reception which in most cases was every bit as high performance as that provided by communication receivers. Particularly memorable was listening to World Cup soccer on 2NR Grafton, Australia (738 kHz) using the synch-AM detector in LSB selectable sideband to avoid the domestic on 740.

Click on the links below to hear a couple of DX audio recordings made with the E1:

http://www.guyatkins.com/files/sdr/wantok_r_light_7120_11_jun_2006_e1.mp3 (Wantok Radio Light, 7120 kHz, with talk & ID)

http://www.guyatkins.com/files/sdr/r_vanuatu_signoff_3945_10_jun_2006_e1.mp3 (R. Vanuatu 3945 sign-off with IDs, announcements, and anthem)

Check my SDR-1000 blog site (URL below) in a few days for comments and recordings relating to the Flex-Radio's performance on the DXpedition.

Guy Atkins - Puyallup, WA USA

DXing at Grayland, WA - <http://www.sdr-1000.blogspot.com>

Flex-Radio SDR-1000 / mod. ICOM R-75 / Eton E1

SW, W, and NW Beverage antennas 800-1000 ft. long; PA0RDT Mini-Whip antenna @ 30 ft. height

- 558 **UNIDENTIFIED** Unid, Jun 10 1310 - Two stations mixing on 558: Japanese talk and music (presumed JOCR Kobe) and Aussie accented English with talk and an oldies tune (4GY Gypmie?). Pretty low level for both stations. (Atkins-WA)
- 576 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN Sydney, Jun 12 1220 - Noted only on the 12th with interview of a New Yorker about 9/11. Fair to good. (Bryant-WA)
- 594 **AUSTRALIA** 3WV, Horsham, Jun 10 1220 - Heard all three mornings, wiping out JOAK during dawn enhancement. The usual Aussie talk. (Bryant-WA)
- 594 **JAPAN** JOAK Tokyo, Jun 10 1118 - First het and audio noted on the MW band tonight. Faint signal of male and female announcers in Japanese; improving to fair by 1122. (Atkins-WA)
 - + NHK-1, Jun 10 1120 - Noted in JJ at fair level as faded in at tx-sunset. Typical NHK-1 public affairs programming. (Bryant-WA)
- 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR, Brisbane, Jun 10 1227 - Heard all three AMs at dawn. Was the strongest, most reliable TP signal. (Bryant-WA)
 - + Jun 11 1240 - Interview or talk show with male and female announcers, discussing bird flu. Parallel to 702 Sydney, also on the Metro network. Nice signal on peaks. (Atkins-WA)
- 639 **AUSTRALIA** 8RN, Katherine (pres.), Jun 10 1224 - Heard here at poor level, just briefly with Aussie-talk by male. This was QSLed last year as Katherine and is most likely now. Tantalizing. At later rechecks and on Sunday and Monday, this was Lautoka, Fiji. (Bryant-WA)
- 648 **AUSTRALIA** 2NU, Tamworth (presumed), Jun 10 1226 - Presume this the one (the other is in Western Australia) heard in Aussie at poor level briefly, on Saturday only. Multiple rechecks showed nothing. (Bryant-WA)
- 666 **JAPAN** JOBK, NHK-1, Osaka, Jun 12 0210 - Noted on last morning only at threshold level, but clearly //693 Tokyo. (Bryant-WA)
- 675 **AUSTRALIA** 2CO, Albury, Jun 10 1226 - Heard on both 10th and 11th running //to other ABC local outlets. Fair level at best. (Bryant-WA)
- 684 **AUSTRALIA** 2KP, Kempsey, Jun 11 1235 - Presume this was the one (the others are 6BS and 8RN) noted in passing with local ABC programming. Logged many times before. (Bryant-WA)
- 684 **FIJI** Radio One, Labasa, Jun 11 1304 - Presumed. Nice choral female vocals and drumming at 1304; slowly giving way to a presumed Australian in English. Back to island music at 1308. Fair signal at best. (Atkins-WA)
 - + Fiji Broadcasting, Jun 11 1307 - Typical Fijian/Tongan island music heard here at fair level at band fade on 11th. On 12th heard as early as 1148 with good signal. (Bryant-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB, NHK-1, Tokyo, Jun 12 1147 - Unheard on first two mornings, this usual JJ Big Gun was present at fair level on 12th only. Usual NHK-1 public affairs programming. (Bryant-WA)
- 702 **AUSTRALIA** 2BL, Sydney, Jun 10 0250 - Noted each morning at dawn with a good signal, though not as persistent as 4QR-612. (Bryant-WA)
- 738 **AUSTRALIA** 2NR Grafton, Jun 10 1126 - Low level signal, with Aussie accented English. Seemed to be talk on FIFA World Cup. Later at 1210, the signal was much stronger and competing co-channel with RFO Tahiti in French. Noted parallel 594 3WV Horsham at 1219. (Atkins-WA)
 - + Jun 10 1235 - Heard here at dawn on 10th and 11th. Sometimes dominating the frequency, other times mixing with Tahiti. // other local ABC outlets. (Bryant-WA)
- 738 **TAHITI** RFO, Mahina, Jun 10 1230 - Heard here each AM, sometimes mixing with Aussie 2NR, Grafton and once with a third station in a real furball. They seemed to be playing more Tahitian music this year. The best reception was just after 1230 on the 12th. A French expert on early American rock and roll played Jerry Lee Lewis' 'Great Balls of Fire!' and then discussed its importance, as I listened to the station located in Tahiti. Goodness Gracious, that was a true 'multi-cultural moment.' (Bryant-WA)
- 765 **AUSTRALIA** 2EC, Bega (very tent.), Jun 11 1237 - Pop music show with a female host heard briefly and then no more. Could have been 5CC Port Lincoln, but the 2's were in and the 5's were not, so tentatively 2EC. Gonna watch this the rest of the summer. (Bryant-WA)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA** 3LO, Melbourne, Jun 11 1302 - Noted in passing at good level with a male news reader. (Bryant-WA)

- 774 **JAPAN** JOUB Akita, Jun 11 1127 - Noted in passing at fair level with male announcer in Japanese. Parallel to 828 Osaka (stronger) and 747 Sapporo. (Atkins-WA)
- 783 **AUSTRALIA** 8AL Alice Springs, Jun 10 1220 - Presumed 8AL with good signal, but not parallel VL8T on 2325 (Alice Springs 2310 is off for maintenance, if I recall.) Very strong at times, with male and female announcers in English. Discussion of Tamil rebels in Sri Lanka at 1239. Noted with BBC relay of World Cup soccer (parallel 9740) at 1255 to time pips at 1300 and into BBC world news. 8AL was a full 3 to 4 seconds behind 9740 (satellite delay). John Bryant notes this could possibly be 2YA Access Radio in Wellington, NZ running BBC soccer coverage rather than 8AL, but as he mentions there were no other Kiwis heard this morning. (Atkins-WA)
- 783 **NEW ZEALAND** Access Radio/2YC, Wellington, Jun 10 1234 - Heard well at 1234 to 1304 band fade. Having just heard probable Katherine, I was here looking for 8AL, Alice Springs. I was aware that Access Radio and 2YC normally occupy this frequency, usually with Polynesian programming at this hour. The programming we heard was news features in accented EE with several of the features about World Cup issues and a couple about South Asia. I should have put my second radio on this channel with a recorder running and gone on DXing, but Alice Springs is un-QSLED for me and rare/exotic, so I recorded and took scads of notes, live. I checked several Australian programming streams for //s and it wasn't. After 25 minutes, one of the other DXers found // on BBC's 9740. All of us were shocked to hear BBC ID, about 1.5 minutes late and into news headlines at 1302. It still made sense as Alice Springs, since the signal was relatively strong, we had heard no other Kiwi's and Alice Springs is an almost totally separate operation from the rest of ABC Northern Territory Radio. 8AL simulcasting BBC late at night during World Cup 'makes lotsa sense.' When I got back home and regained internet access, I checked 8AL's site. No happiness. I checked Access Radio Wellington and learned that they now run BBC continually after midnight (1200 UTC.) DRAT! Fifty percent of dawn enhancement totally lost to wishful thinking. (Bryant-WA)
- 792 **AUSTRALIA** 4RN, Brisbane, Jun 10 1208 - This was the first Aussie signal noted each of the three mornings, as dawn enhancement began. Running ABC news programming after TOH. (Bryant-WA)
- + Jun 10 1242 - Nice program of classical and jazz music with male announcer discussing selections. '14 minutes until 11' time check at 1246. S-9 +10 dB signal!. (Atkins-WA)
- 828 **AUSTRALIA** 3GI, Sale, Jun 11 1304 - Noted in passing at the end of dawn enhancement on both 11th and 12th. (Bryant-WA)
- 846 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN Canberra, Jun 11 1145 - Heard at fair level // 792 with features program with both male and female readers. (Bryant-WA)
- 891 **AUSTRALIA** 5AN Adelaide, Jun 11 1140 - Interview with announcer and male guest; seemed to be discussing Australian politics. Noted parallel 2325 ABC network, but 891 was mixing co-channel with presumed 4TAB Innisfail at times with discussion of horse racing. Fair level. (Atkins-WA)
- 891 **JAPAN** JOHK NHK-1, Sendai, Jun 11 1123 - Noted here with typical NHK-talk programming at poor level. (Bryant-WA)
- 927 **FIJI** R Fiji 1, Sigatoka (tent.), Jun 12 1240 - A very dirty, wide signal, somewhat off frequency low was noted with very distorted audio. It sounded like island music, but I failed to try to //684 Labasa. (Bryant-WA)
- 963 **AUSTRALIA** UnID, Jun 11 1243 - This UnID was heard with choir music and ballads in EE. Fair level only. Faded just before TOH, naturally. Most likely 4WK Warwick which relays 2SM network programming and lists Country Music on weekend evenings. Will send inquiry and recording. Ideas, anyone?? (Bryant-WA)
- 963 **UNIDENTIFIED** Unid, Jun 11 1210 - Pop music and female vocals at tune-in; best on SW Beverage. Male announcer in English with possible ID at 1218, but too faint to decipher. (Atkins-WA)
- 972 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLCA, Dangjin, Jun 11 1257 - Noted in passing at fair level near actual dawn on both 11th and 12th. (Bryant-WA)
- 1008 **JAPAN** JONR, Osaka, Jun 11 1130 - Heard with what sounded like a teen-talk/music program at fair level. (Bryant-WA)
- 1017 **AUSTRALIA** 2KY Sydney (tent.), Jun 12 1204 - Heard briefly with Aussie news, then into music show by reappearance at 1207. Not enough for even a tentative report. Will watch throughout the summer. (Bryant-WA)
- 1053 **JAPAN** JOAR, Nagoya, Jun 11 1133 - Japanese pops + talk. Poor, but clear on the channel. Presumably it is not yet sundown for the Korean jammer on this frequency. (Bryant-WA)
- 1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** V7AB Majuro, Jun 10 1020 - Very likely Majuro here putting in a brief appearance, with island music and vocals in pres. Marshallese. Fair level for a few seconds, then back to threshold audio. Definitely not a South Pacific night! Noted a moderately strong open carrier on 1098 while trolling past the frequency later in the morning. (Atkins-WA)
- + MIBC (presumed), Jun 10 1055 - Probably the Marshalls noted just prior to 1100 on 10th with island music. Their now-famous open carrier present throughout DXpedition, especially strong at dawn enhancements. (Bryant-WA)
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA** 4BC, Brisbane, Jun 10 1212 - Heard only on Saturday morning with typical News-talk program at fair level. For the past three years, this 5 kw. commercial outlet has been our strongest Aussie signal. Not so this trip. Was glad to hear it once. (Bryant-WA)
- 1134 **JAPAN** JOQR, Tokyo, Jun 10 1213 - Heard all three mornings, but never above a fair/poor level. (Bryant-WA)
- 1179 **JAPAN** JOOR Osaka (presumed), Jun 11 1130 - Presume this the one at just above threshold level in JJ talk by male. (Bryant-WA)
- 1188 **AUSTRALIA** 2NZ, Inverell (tentative), Jun 12 1245 - Interview talk show with a male host and female guest. It 'almost has' to be 2NZ which is part of the 2SM network and runs 'Talk Tonight' with Graeme Gilbert at this hour. Will send a recording and tentative report. (Bryant-WA)
- 1197 **JAPAN** JOWL, Ashikawa, Hokkaido, Jun 10 1125 - Noted here all three mornings of the DXpedition at fair to good level. Hard to believe that this is a 3 kw. relay for STV, located right in the Alpine center of Hokkaido island. However, it has been performing at this level for many years. (Bryant-WA)
- 1233 **AUSTRALIA** 2NC, Newcastle, Jun 11 1210 - Up briefly with Aussie talk by male. Mentions of Sydney, Melbourne and others. Fair only. (Bryant-WA)
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF, Tokyo, Jun 12 1140 - This normally regular JJ was unlogged on the 10th and 11th, but showed strongly on June 12. (Bryant-WA)
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR, Sapporo, Jun 10 0216 - Heard all three mornings at fair/poor level. Most of the year, this is one of the stronger Japanese. Low level likely because of the extreme slant of the terminator. Northerly Sapporo sunset is actually after Tokyo and Osaka, despite there being considerably west of Sapporo. (Bryant-WA)
- 1296 **NEW ZEALAND** 1ZH, Hamilton, Jun 12 1215 - NewsTalk ZB programming at just intelligible level with time checks, commercial and male host doing a ZB interview. Very pleased with this new-for-me catch. Unexpected on a decidedly non-Kiwi DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF, Nagoya, Jun 10 1127 - Noted here in passing on both the 10th and 11th. On the 10th, at least, was // to JOWL, 1197 in Hokkaido. Likely All Night Nippon programming. (Bryant-WA)
- 1386 **JAPAN** NHK-1 Synchros, Jun 11 1135 - Noted here on 11th and 12th at poor and fair level //to other NHK-1 programming. (Bryant-WA)
- 1440 **JAPAN** JOWF, Sapporo, Jun 11 1135 - This 50 kw. central station for STV noted beneath USA QRM, // to much stronger JOWL on 1197. Heard on 11th only. (Bryant-WA)
- 1467 **JAPAN** NHK-2 Synchros, Jun 11 1140 - Noted in passing at threshold level // 774. Heard on 11th only. (Bryant-WA)
- 1503 **JAPAN** JOUK, NHK-1, Akita, Jun 10 1130 - Noted at poor level //594. Only heard on the 10th. (Bryant-WA)
- 1548 **AUSTRALIA** 4QD, Emerald, Jun 10 1306 - This old friend noted at fair level as the band faded after local dawn in Grayland with Aussie talk. Also heard on the 12th. (Bryant-WA)
- 1566 **AUSTRALIA** 3NE, Wangaratta, Jun 11 1212 - Heard at good level running a pop music show with a male host. This may have been prior to sunset on Cheju Island and the appearance of the HLAZ blow torch. (Bryant-WA)
- 1566 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLAZ, Cheju Island, Jun 10 1132 - Huge signal, well over S-9 with usual FEBC religious programming. Noted here all three mornings, though the 10th was best. (Bryant-WA)
- + Jun 11 1145 - Sermon and hymns in Chinese; typical for HLAZ at this time prior to switching to Japanese language at 1230. Strong and clear signal, and particularly enjoyable on the Eton E1 with synch-AM mode. (Atkins-WA)
- 2960 **INDONESIA**, 1050-1110, RPDT2 Manggarai Jun 10 Presumed. Female announcer reading a list of some sort, with many mentions of Indonesian city names and individual names. Perhaps the Indo version of 'communicados'. No pause or ID at top of hour, but some mentions of Manggarai at 1108. Nice S4 signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 3205 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**, 1210-1216, R. West Sepik Jun 10 Very good signal of PNG pops music and male announcer in Pidgin with mentions of Vanimo, Papua New Guinea, and Sandaun. Phone interview at 1215. I did not do a formal bandscan of PNGs, but the following were also noted in passing: 3260 R. Madang; 3325 R. North Solomons; 3355 R. Simbu (weak-tentative); 3385 R. East New Britain; 3905 R. New Ireland; 4960 Catholic Radio Network; and 7120 Wantok Radio Light (see separate logs on these last two). (Atkins-WA)
- 3944.8 **VANUATU**, 0945-1115, R. Vanuatu Jun 10 Lengthy sermon in presumed Bislama at tune-in; nice sing-sing music by choir and acoustic guitar. Conch shell and drums at 1000, and into news items. A mix of contemporary Christian and pop music was played up until 1111 when a female announcer gave ID and full sign-off announcements including MW, SW, and FM frequencies, and mentions of Port Vila. Into anthem and sign-off 1115*. Good signal level, and very enjoyable on both the SDR-1000 and the Eton E1 with a Beverage antenna. Our usual setup at Grayland includes an impedance matching transformer ahead of a ARR

- preamp upstream of an 8-way passive Mini-Circuits splitter. A separate trio of components is used with each of the Southwest, West, and Northwest antennas. (Atkins-WA)
- 4910 **INDIA**, 1320-1340, AIR Jaipur Jun 10 Weak but increasing signal approaching Jaipur sunset. Subcontinental music at tune-in, then apparent news items in Hindi by male announcer at 1330. John Bryant and I compared signals carefully on 4910, using my modded R-75, the SDR-1000, and my newest acquisition, the Eton E1. The best signal? The Indian-made Eton E1 in its remarkable synchronous AM mode! Antenna in use was a 1000 ft. NW Beverage antenna connected directly to each receiver. The E1 never showed signs of overload from this lengthy antenna, even on medium wave, where it provided very impressive reception (for a portable receiver) of trans-Pacific stations, such as the uncommon 8AL outlet in Alice Springs, Australia on 783 kHz. (Atkins-WA)
- 4960 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**, 0845-1005, Catholic Radio Network Jun 10 Mellow acoustic guitar music and Christian vocals at tune-in. Into Catholic mass at top of hour without break or ID. I reviewed the recording of this station later, and noted that the Vatican Radio interval signal was heard at 1002 UTC, followed by a weak 'Catholic Radio Network' ID by man in English. Poor to fair signal at best. (Atkins-WA)
- 7120 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**, 0805-0940, Wantok Radio Light Jun 11 Very impressive and strong signal tonight. Sermon in Pidgin by native pastor; acapella vocals in English; Christian contemporary music selections. Female announcer in English with time check '15 minutes past seven o'clock' and Wantok Radio Light ID; introduction to local gospel music group with song 'Hosanna, Hosanna'. At 0900, into relay of NBC (Port Moresby) news. At 0910, an interesting PSA for malaria treatment was heard; the text from my recording: *'Every year in Papua New Guinea, there are more than one million reported cases of malaria. That means about one quarter of Papua New Guineans suffer from malaria each year. But malaria can be treated by sleeping under treated mosquito nets every night. The mosquitos that spread malaria only breed at night. Treated mosquito nets are safe for you and your family, and enable everyone to get a good night's sleep. Mosquito nets do protect against malaria. Pregnant women and children under five are at most risk of dying from malaria, and must sleep under a treated mosquito net every night. Be sure to have enough net for the whole family; the more people protected by mosquito net, the greater the level of protection for the whole community. They come in a range of sizes-- single, double, and extra large, and are available at the grocer or your local store. Get more information from your provincial health office; buying treated mosquito nets is the best investment you can make to protect your family from malaria. Malaria can be treated and cured. Sleep under a treated mosquito net every night, and together we can beat malaria.'* (Wow...more than a million cases each year in PNG alone? Why are a few cases of bird flu getting all the Western press? Third world issues always take a back seat, it seems.) (Atkins-WA)

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The news that an application for a new local here w/U1 250/250 has been filed, then amended to U3 5000/5000 on 1450 came as a shock. This would be HI's first and only GYer in many years (I believe the forerunner of KUMU-1500 was on 1490 in the 1950's) and the fifth Hilo Amer. I'm surprised they didn't request 970 which is an old Hilo channel (KPUA moved thence to 670). Selfishly, I don't look forward to having the only US GYer with 5 kw, or anything over 1 kw, beaming a kidney-shaped pattern down my neck. And, as Bill Hale of NRC says, the pattern will serve very little of the island's land mass. However, the Puna district where I live is the fastest-growing on the island, because of comparatively cheap land prices. For towns with large, affluent populations which by their geography receive few big island radio stations are Kailua-Kona and Waimea (Kamuela). They need a new AM'er much more! How things have changed since the late 1990's and very early 2000's when Hilo was economically depressed and KIPA-620 and KHLO-850 went silent. Both back on new, but with weak signals. Another problem w/1450 is that it is adjacent to KHRA-1460 Honolulu. Not a big problem in Hilo or Puna, but powerful in areas not shielded by mountains. And, so far, wisely, no HI stations are separated by only 10 kHz. A poor choice! Do FCC rules allow powers over 1 kw on GYers in HI and AK? The power line noise I complained about in a recent Forum has partially abated. Still not perfect, but I can't complain too much when I still hear WDHP-VI every evening on 1620, I've heard WQE-Q-NY 1560 about eight times (sometimes w/KNZR-CA still on), and WWL-LA 870 is back. Did they tweak something to restore it to its famous pre-Katrina coverage? Since re-activating, I have

heard 40 XE's; total is 44 if I count those I heard in the 1980's, but have not yet re-logged. From Brazil, 2 ID'ed and regular (1220 and 1290) but 3 unID'ed even though they are fairly regular (730, 1160 AND 1290) because they carry endless preaching w/no ID at TOH. Mexico's Hora Nacional (Sun. evenings) announces it is carried on "1300 emisoras" (AM & FM combined). I don't see why France is objecting to 1690 Charlotte Amalia U1 10000/1000. There is nothing in Martinique or Guadeloupe near there, and AM in the French Caribbean is in decline; French Guiana is silent. In the French Pacific, it's good to have a second New Caledonian on 729. Speaking of station closings, the termination of VOA Rhodes and Kavala is a short-sighted decision. They are in an area which is even more strategic now than when they were built in the early years of the Cold War. The Thessaloniki VOA station founded in 1948 brought Greek domestic programming from Athens to huge areas of northern Greece which the shaky Greek government could not cover. I heard it when I started DXing in 1957, on 791 (now on 792). It carried Greece's own ERT, from Greece to Greece, in daylight, and VOA Balkan languages, mostly Bulgarian and Albanian, at night. What a scandal that it is closing! China Radio International, with a huge relay operation in Albania, knows the truth about the value of high-powered MW in the Balkans!

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Greetings. During this past season, the IRCA Board of Directors unanimously passed a proposal regarding ethics in reporting to the various columns in DX Monitor. We added text to the By-Laws concerning misrepresentation and erroneous tips. I felt that this was a good step in the right direction, but I was very disappointed that details of this action were not printed in the bulletin, rather just a web-link where a reader needs to pro-actively search to even see that anything was changed. How this will be enforced remains to be seen. As many of you know, we are experiencing a problem with a member (whose name I won't mention here) who feels the need to claim hearing every DX test that runs without regard for integrity or accuracy. Nancy's diplomatic comments at the end of these tips often state: "This is an unbelievable catch". I don't believe them! Example 1) This individual has reported hearing WNAR-1600 PA all the way on the west coast at least twice, even though he lives right next to an x-band station on 1620. WNAR is 100 milliwatts -- most of us know that that is only tenth of a watt, the power of a toy walkie-talkie. If the stations operator is blindly sending out QSLs, he needs to be more careful. Example 2) Same individual claiming to hear the WJTO-730 ME DX Test at 1 kw in Calif. I contacted the station management and they confirmed for me that the reception report that they received from him was incorrect and would not be verified. The IRCA/DX Monitor exists as a service to its members and should not be exploited for the purpose of disseminating false information. That's where I stand on the subject. I hope to hear from others on this. 73.

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I slacked off the radio thing after I loused up the Arizona DX test. Plugged into the wrong hole on the tape recorder - blank tape! Have not sent a report to a MW station lately but have tried for some special stuff on the SW. I do like to get around to promos now and then and used to visit stations when the opportunity arose. I quit the visits but ran into the Max, WXMA-102.3 a few weeks ago at the bank. The bank was cooking burgers and hot dogs for charity and selling chances on a Harley-Davidson. Today, WHAS-840 was at the Kroger store handing out snack samples and coupons. Am very glad Dr. Wood is active again. I still have his language recognition cassette. I think I got it from ODXA. By the way, does anyone have the old SPEEDX guide to writing foreign language reports? Sort of a short version of Gerry Dexter's booklet on a very few pages. Will pay copy and postage costs so let me know. So long for now -- Col. DX.

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I hadn't listened much at sunset this spring until right after the Memorial Day weekend. When I did get back to listening, I noticed I was getting a noise across the band until a few minutes after it got dark here; then the noise disappeared. I thought perhaps it was the weather or because it had gotten warm outside which tends to affect reception anyway. I never gave it a thought that I picked up a new set of neighbors that holiday weekend. Actually, the thought did cross my mind real quickly, then faded into the woodwork of my brain. A couple days ago, while I was out mowing the yard, I discovered that the neighbors have a small inflatable pool in their back yard. The pool, of course, has a small motor for circulating the water and I suspect that is the cause of my noise. It would also explain why the noise stops after dark. It looks like they have three smaller children who would be enjoying the pool. The people before them had no children and she traveled a lot for work so they were never a problem. I don't expect to say anything about it to them. Only new station since the last column was KTRH-740 which popped in while I was listening to a CHWO/KRMG mixture on 6/10. I expect to be up in Michigan over the 7/21/22 weekend for my annual reunion just outside of Grand Rapids. I doubt that I will be able to make the annual Wisconsin gathering in August although I wish I could. 73.





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