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This issue, IRCA welcomes **Brian Penney** of Fishkill, NY. Next issue will be our Anniversary issue!!!

Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA Awards for 2006-2007

Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)

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

Ric Heald Award (RHA)

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

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, shall be sent to the folks listed below:

TVA Nominations:

Lee Freshwater, 414 SE 3rd St., Ocala, FL 34471, E-mail: lfreshwater@cox.net

RHA Nominations:

Les Rayburn, High Noon Film, 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111, Birmingham AL 35216, E-mail: les@highnoonfilm.com

All Nominations must be received by the above no later than March 15, 2007.

The 2007 **IRCA/DecalcoMania** convention will be held in Salt Lake City UT on August 24-26, 2007 at the Airport Days Inn, 1900 West North Temple, SLC UT 84116. Telephone (801) 539-8538. Request the IRCA convention discount rate of \$50 per night. Registration fee is \$25 (not including Saturday banquet) and is payable to: **Mike Sanburn**, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256, USA. Hotel website is: www.the.daysinn.com/saltlakecity06838. Trip rewards site: www.triprewards.com. Tourism site: www.utah.travel. Delta airlines web: www.delta.com.

The 2007 Convention of the National Radio Club and the Worldwide TV-FM DX'ers Association will be held in Boise ID at the Rodeway Inn, 1115 North Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706. The host is Frank Aden. Dates: Friday, August 31, 2007 through Sunday, September 2, 2007. Cutoff date for registering with the club(s) is August 15, 2007; with the hotel, August 20, 2007. More as we know more.

BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

Les Rayburn: les@highnoonfilm.com (times are Eastern) <http://www.dxtests.info>

Mon 3/19/07 0200-0400 650 KMTI Manti UT (Tucker)

KMTI 650khz Manti, UT Maintenance Test

Date(s): Monday Morning (Late Sunday Night) March 19, 2007. Time: Midnight until 0200AM Mountain Time (2 Hour Long Test). Modes of Operation: 10Kw DA-2. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID. Notes: Arranged by NRC Member, John Tucker, KG7RS, of Mesa, AZ. John stopped by KMTI during a recent road trip and convinced engineer Doug Barton to run some special programming during his next maintenance period! That's "grass roots" DX testing in action!

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 "KMTI 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. SASE Required for reply.

Thanks to Doug Barton and the staff of KMTI for including us in their maintenance period! And a special thanks to John Tucker for arranging this test. This is a real chance for those on the East Coast to put a 2nd Utah station into their log books!

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
910	WFVR	Valdosta, GA	WRFV
910	KXEB	Frisco, TX	KATH
1230	WITH	Baltimore, MD	WRBS
1230	KPSA	Roswell, NM	KBCQ
1240	WCNM	Lewiston, ME	WEZR
1250	KNWH	Twentynine Palms, CA	KDGR (changed on 1/15-ye ed)
1250	KDGR	Twentynine Palms, CA	KNWH (they changed back on 2/1! -ye ed)
1260	WAMS	Newark, DE	WNWK
1270	KNWT	Palm Desert, CA	KFUT
1290	WTMI	West Hartford, CT	WCCC
1330	WFGO	Erie, PA	WFNN
1330	KENU	Enumclaw, WA	KGRG
1370	new	Charlestown, RI	WKFD
1400	new	Tonopah, NV	KTNP
1400	KEWL	Texarkana, TX	KKTK
1590	new	Hilo, HI	KIXC
1600	WJRE	Dover, DE	WAMS
1660	KXTR	Kansas City, MO	WDAF

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
540	WLIE	Islip, NY	business news	Spanish religion
580	WLES	Bon Air, VA	silent	religious teaching
630	KTRW	Opportunity, WA	religious teaching	adult standards
640	KTIB	Thibodaux, LA	silent	talk
660	WDLT	Fairhope, AL	blues	talk
730	WMTC	Vancleave, KY	religious teaching	southern gospel
840	WVPO	Stroudsburg, PA	oldies	soft adult contemporary
850	WABA	Agudilla, PR	talk	Spanish
860	KTRB	Modesto, CA	silent	oldies (stunting with rock)
910	KKSN	Vancouver, WA	oldies	talk
910	WSRP	Jacksonville, NC	regional Mexican	Spanish CHR
930	WJBY	Rainbow City, AL	religious teaching	southern gospel
930	WYNI	Monroeville, AL	adult contemporary	silent
940	WIPR	San Juan, PR	silent	Spanish
960	WPLY	Mt. Pocono, PA	oldies	talk
980	KUPI	Ammon, ID	classic country	regional Mexican
980	WTIX	Winston-Salem, NC	silent	classic country
990	WALE	Greenville, RI	silent	smooth jazz
1010	KBBW	Waco, TX	religious teaching	talk
1020	KAXX	Eagle River, AK	classical	silent
1030	KMAS	Shelton, WA	soft adult contemp.	adult contemporary
1060	KXPL	El Paso, TX	Spanish news	regional Mexican
1110	WOKU	Hurricane, WV	sports	contemporary Xtian
1120	WBBF	Buffalo, NY	black gospel	Spanish
1180	KYET	Williams, AZ	classic country	silent
1210	KQTL	Sahuarita, AZ	Spanish news-talk	regional Mexican
1230	WCMD	Cumberland, MD	soft AC	adult standards
1230	WLNR	Kinston, NC	Spanish	Spanish CHR
1230	WTKN	Corinth, MS	silent	news/talk
1240	KELK	Elko, NV	country	adult contemporary
1250	WNEM	Bridgeport, MI	talk	news
1260	WRIE	Erie, PA	adult standards	sports
1270	KFUT	Thousand Palms, CA	talk	Spanish sports
1280	KLDY	Lacey, WA	classical	Spanish contemp. Xtian
1280	WEIM	Fitchburg, MA	talk	adult contemporary
1290	WCHK	Canton, GA	classic country	regional Mexican
1300	WAVZ	New Haven, CT	talk	sports
1300	WMVO	Mt. Vernon, OH	adult standards	talk
1300	XEP	Ciudad Juarez, CH	Spanish classical hits	romantica

1310	KAHL	San Antonio, TX	talk	adult standards
1310	WOKA	Douglas, GA	gospel	black gospel
1310	WQAH	Priceville, AL	southern gospel	talk
1320	WPSB	Birmingham, AL	talk	Spanish
1330	WJSS	Havre de Grace, MD	religious teaching	talk
1340	KOMY	Watsonville, CA	talk	oldies
1350	KZTD	Cabot, AR	regional Mexican	Spanish
1360	KELE	Mountain Grove, MO	talk	country
1360	WHJC	Matewan, WV	country	southern gospel
1360	WWOV	Conneaut, OH	oldies	talk
1390	KSLM	Salem, OR	oldies	sports
1440	KETX	Livingston, TX	silent	country
1450	KAVP	Colona, CO	classic rock	classic country
1450	KFSD	Escondido, CA	classical	adult standards
1450	KYNT	Yankton, SD	soft adult contemp	adult contemporary
1450	WCLM	Highland Springs, VA	R&B oldies	variety
1450	WKTI	Huntsville, AL	sports	talk
1460	WJCP	North Vernon, IN	country	oldies
1490	KQDS	Duluth, MN	talk	oldies
1510	WBSG	Lajas, PR	Spanish CHR	Spanish news-talk
1520	XEJCC	Ciudad Juarez, CH	Spanish news-talk	modern rock
1530	KCLR	Ralls, TX	Spanish cont. Xtian	silent
1560	KVAN	Vancouver, WA	new	oldies
1560	WAHT	Clemson, SC	oldies	silent
1560	WINV	Beverly Hills, FL	classic hits	silent
1580	WNPZ	Knoxville, TN	silent	black gospel
1580	WVZN	Columbia, PA	Spanish	silent
1590	WLBN	Lebanon, KY	adult standards	oldies
1600	KRVA	Cockrell Hill, TX	adult contemporary	ethnic

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

580	KSAZ	Marana, AZ	5000/320 DA-N to 7000 DA-D
648	WVUV	Leona, American Samoa	10000/10000 to 50000/50000 ND
680	WRGC	Sylva, NC	1000/250 DA-N to 5000/210 DA-N
810	WBIC	Royston, GA	230 ND-D to 4000/600 DA-N
890	new	Exmore, VA	220/220 DA-2 to 1000/250 DA-2
900	WUAM	Saratoga Springs, NY	250/47 ND to 400/75 ND
1050	WFED	Silver Spring, MD	1000/44 ND to 3500/44 ND
1080	WALD	Walterboro, SC	2500 ND-D to 16500 ND
1080	WOAP	Owosso, MI	1000 ND-D to 50000 DA-D (station silent-ye ed)
1100	WISS	Berlin, WI	1000 ND-D to 14000 DA-D
1110	WGNZ	Fairborn, OH	2500 DA-D to 5000 DA-2
1130	WEAF	Camden, SC	1000/7 to 1000/9 ND (older CP grant below-ye ed)
1140	KCLE	Cleburne, TX	850/710 DA-2 to 5000/710 DA-3
1180	new	Baxter, MN	50000/5000 DA-N to 35000/5000 DA-3
1200	WAGE	Leesburg, VA	5000/1000 DA-N to 50000 DA-D
1250	WPRZ	Warrenton, VA	5000/32 DA-2 to 8000/125 DA-2
1310	WSLV	White Sulphur Spring, WV	5000 ND-D to 250 DA-D
1320	KCTC	Sacramento, CA	5000/5000 DA-2 to 5000/500 DA-2
1320	WJAS	Pittsburgh, PA	5000/5000 DA-N to 7000/3300 DA-2
1360	WMOV	Ravenswood, WV	1000 ND-D to 5000 ND-D
1370	KGEN	Tulare, CA	710/72 ND to 5000/250 DA-2
1370	KXTL	Butte, MT	5000/5000 ND to 5000/5000
1370	WGHC	Clayton, GA	250 ND-D to 6000 ND-D
1380	KRCM	Beaumont, TX	1000/127 DA-1 to 250/69 ND
1390	WBLL	Bellefontaine, OH	500/81 ND to 1000/22 ND
1400	new	Eureka, CA	1000/1000 to 795/795 ND
1430	WNSW	Newark, NJ	5000/5000 DA-N to 10000/7000 DA-2
1440	WDRJ	Inkster, MI	1000/1000 ND to 1000/1000 DA-2
1440	WGLD	Red Lion, PA	1000 ND-D to 730/530 ND
1450	KIOV	Payette, ID	1000/1000 ND to 1000/1000 (station silent-ye ed)
1450	WVLD	Valdosta, GA	1000/1000 ND to 860/860 ND
1460	KBRZ	Freeport, TX	500/214 to 800/125 ND
1460	WZNZ	Jacksonville, FL	5000/5000 DA-2 to 15000/5000 DA-N
1490	WTQS	Columbia, SC	1000/1000 to 1000/1000 ND (new CP-ye ed)
1510	KLLB	West Jordan, UT	10000 ND-D to 10000 ND
1550	WRHC	Coral Gables, FL	45000/4400 DA-2 to 1000/1000 DA-2
1600	KXEW	South Tucson, AZ	2500/1000 DA-N to 1000/1000 DA-N

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

620	KJOL	Grand Junction, CO	5000/79 ND to 5000/320 DA-N
630	WNEG	Toccoa, GA	500/44 ND to 5000/44 ND
660	KGDP	Orcutt, CA	10000/1000 DA-2 to 8000/6000 DA-2
910	WAVL	Apollo, PA	5000/69 DA-2 to 6700/700 DA-2
1130	WEAF	Camden, SC	1000/7 ND to 5000/7 ND
1230	KAAA	Kingman, AZ	1000/1000 to 1000/1000 ND

1290	WVOW	Logan, WV	5000/1000 DA-N to 5000/1000 DA-2
1320	WJGR	Jacksonville, FL	5000/5000 DA-N to 50000/5000 DA-N
1360	WPTT	McKeesport, PA	5000/1000 DA-N to 7000 DA-D
1430	WBLR	Batesburg, SC	5000/142 ND to 4500/140 ND
1460	WNPL	Golden Gate, FL	850/340 DA-2 to 7000/2000 DA-2
1470	WBFC	Stanton, KY	850/82 ND to 2500/25 ND
1490	WICY	Malone, NY	1000/1000 ND to 50000 DA-2 (on a GY'er?-ye ed)
1550	WIGN	Bristol, TN	5000/6 ND to 35000/6 ND

PUBLIC LISTINGS CROSTEL OF THERADIOJOURNAL.COM AND 10000WATTS.COM:

580: WLES 580 Bon Air/Richmond VA signs on with religion as "The Truth."
630: KTRW 630 Opportunity/Spokane WA flips from American Christian Network religion to standards as "Fabulous 630."
660: WDLT 660 Fairhope/Mobile AL flips from blues to female-oriented talk as "660 the Voice."
860: KTRB 860 San Francisco CA signs on, testing for a month with "San Francisco Sound" oldies.
910: KKSN 910 Vancouver WA/Portland OR drops oldies "Kissin' 910" and flips to talk, simulcasting KTRO 93.1 Gladstone/Portland OR; former simulcast KSLM 1390 Salem OR flips to ESPN sports as "The Fan," simulcasting KFXX 1080 Portland OR.
940: WIPR 940 San Juan PR returns to the air with Spanish news/talk/variety.
980: KUPI 980 Ammon ID flips from classic country to regional Mexican as "La Super Caliente."
980: WTXI 980 Winston-Salem NC returns to the air with classic country, simulcasting with WIST-FM 98.3 Thomasville NC.
990: KFCD 990 Farmers Branch/Dallas, TX adds leased-time sports.
990: WALE 990 Greenville/Providence RI returns to the air with a simulcast of jazz WAKX 102.7 Narragansett Pier RI.
1110: WSWF 1110 Seneca Falls NY flips from news/talk to travel information.
1210: KQTL 1210 Sahuarita/Tucson AZ flips from Spanish news-talk to regional Mexican "La Raza."
1240: KELK 1240 Elko NV flips from country to AC, while KLKO 93.7 Elko NV moves from classic rock to "Bob FM" adult hits.
1250: KNWH 1250 Twentynine Palms CA changes calls to KDGR, while sister station KNWT 1270 Thousand Palms CA becomes KFUT. (KDGR changed back to KNWH-ye ed)
1260: WRIE 1260 Erie PA flips from standards to ESPN sports "The Score."
1270: KFUT 1270 Thousand Palms/Palm Springs CA flips from sports to ESPN Deportes Spanish-language sports.
1280: KLDY 1280 Lacey/Olympia WA flips from classical to Spanish religious "Radio Cristiano," simulcasting with KNTB 1480 Lakewood/Tacoma WA and KBRO 1490 Bremerton/Seattle WA.
1290: WCHK 1290 Canton GA also drops classic country to simulcast WLKQ.
1300: WAVZ 1300 New Haven CT and KQDS 1490 Duluth MN both drop progressive talk; WAVZ flips to ESPN sports, while KQDS flips to oldies.
1310: KKNS 1310 Corrales NM flips from sports to Spanish oldies.
1320: WPSB 1320 Birmingham AL flips from Radio One talk to Spanish as "Radio Centro Birmingham."
1330: WFIN 1330 Findlay OH is back on the air from a temporary longwire antenna.
1340: WHAT 1340 Philadelphia PA drops its urban talk format and is stunting.
1360: KELE 1360 Mountain Grove MO drops news-talk and simulcasts country KELE-FM 92.5.
1360: WHJC 1360 Matewan WV flips from a simulcast of country/classic hits WVKM 106.7 Matewan WV to southern gospel; WVKM drops country and flips to classic rock.
1360: WWOW 1360 Conneaut OH flips from talk to Catholic religion, keeping talk in morning and midday.
1370: New 1370 Charlestown RI takes calls WKFD, reviving the former calls of the now-defunct 1370 Wickford RI.
1450: KFSD 1450 Escondido CA flips from classical to a simulcast of standards KSPA 1510 Ontario CA.
1450: KWGL 105.7 Ouray CO/KAVP 1450 Colona CO flips from classic rock "The Eagle" to classic country "The Range"; sister station KAYW 98.1 Meeker CO flips from "Kiss" country to adult hits "Drive."
1600: WJRE 1600 Dover DE changes calls to WAMS (its eighth call sign in a decade, and the second time it's used the WAMS calls), while sister station WAMS 1260 Newark DE becomes WNWK, its sixth call sign in five years.
1660: KXTR 1660 Kansas City KS/MO rebrands as "WDAF," remaining classical; it will take the calls from WDAF 106.5 Liberty MO/Kansas City MO, which will get new calls to match its "Wolf" moniker.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Art Blair sends along the following:
Fri, Jan. 19, 2007, Three radio stations in S.F. have new owner in trade deal, By Brad Kava, San Jose Mercury News
Two of San Francisco's top radio stations, and a third that is lower in ratings, were traded Thursday by Salt Lake City's Bonneville International to a new owner, Philadelphia's Entercom. Entercom takes control of the market's No. 2 station, soft music KOIT-FM (96.5) and its ninth most popular station, classical KDFC-FM (102.1). It also gets the 23rd-ranked station, KMAX-FM (95.7), which plays a format of new and old rock and pop. In return, Bonneville receives seven stations, three in Seattle (KIRO-AM, KBSG-FM, and KTTH-AM) and four in Cincinnati (WKRG-FM, WSWD-FM, WUBE-FM and WYGY-FM). Entercom was at the center of a major radio story this week when a woman died as a result of a water drinking contest at its Sacramento rock station KDND-FM. The company fired 10 people associated with its "Morning Rave" show. The swap is about even in cash flow, according to analyst Tom Taylor, of the publication Inside Radio. It was brought about by Bonneville's unsuccessful attempts to sell KMAX. Bonneville, owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has had trouble running rock or urban stations because of lyrical content and because it won't take ads for beer, lotteries or casinos. The change should go into effect by the end of the year, after review by FCC. (AB-CA)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA:
Another format change: KLDY-1280 in Lacey, WA is now Spanish /KBRO-1490/KNTB-1480.
Check out the Seattle Post Intelligencer article http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/tv/299140_radiobeat11.html for more details.

The stations owner passed away about 2 years ago. He had been operating it and KBRD-680 as a hobby of sorts. KLDY mostly ran classical music, and KBRD was mainly pop tunes from 1930-1960. From what I gather, it was quite an eclectic operation. Both stations were deeded over to a non-profit foundation after the owner died. The foundation in turn decided to sell KLDY to raise some needed cash to keep KBRD on the air. (PM-OR)

Dale Park sends along the following:

Via Quad City Times, Davenport IA - Dec. 7, 2006, WKBF makes format switch, By David Burke
The Christmas season, Randy Melchert says, is the perfect time to make a change at WKBF-AM 1270. Melchert, a Wisconsin broadcaster, bought the station from Mercury Broadcasting for \$150,000 in mid-October. The station switched off its format of liberal-based talk radio at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, giving way to all Christmas music until Jan. 1. Then, the station will have a Christian talk radio, Melchert said — "teaching, preaching and some talk shows." "We're able to celebrate Christmas this month, the fact that Jesus came to earth, and he came to take the punishment for our sins," he said Wednesday. Melchert received approval from the Federal Communications Commission for the purchase on Nov. 30. WKBF had been operated by Clear Channel's Quad-City Radio Group. New FCC guidelines forbid operation of more than six radio stations in a market, and Clear Channel is now at that number. The station will change its call letters by the end of the month, Melchert said. The station will identify itself as "Truth 1270," and has started a Web site at <http://www.truth1270.com/>, which includes streaming audio online. "One of the big themes is Christianity in a post-modern world," Melchert said. "There is objective truth, and we're programming based on that." Melchert, a Baptist, is uncertain of the schedule for the station. He said he'd like to begin with about 10 hours of local programming a week, eventually building to as much as 40 hours. "We're still finalizing some of the individual programs, but we're going to have several churches that will be having local programs and ministries," he said. The station does not align itself with any particular denomination, Melchert said, but more of the doctrinal beliefs of the individual churches. "We believe the Bible is the word of God," he said. "We take it literally." Melchert said he will hire a local staff, but is unsure of how many people that would be. On Tuesday, he leased studio space from Quad-City Radio Group for local broadcasts. He said he's received several phone calls and e-mails from listeners of the former "Progressive Talk 1270," angry about the loss of liberal programming, including the Air America radio network. "We've been getting some letters from listeners upset they're not getting AI Franken (Air America's flagship program) anymore," he said. (DP-HI)

Dale Park also sends along the following:

Via the Buffalo News: WHLD 1270 offering 'urban inspirational', By JAY TOKASZ, News Staff Reporter, 12/29/2006

Gospel finally has its own 24-hour spot on the AM radio dial in Buffalo. WHLD-AM 1270, formerly home to a progressive talk format, has been converted into an "urban inspirational" station. Gospel music, "sermonettes" from local and national preachers, and other faith-based programming are featured on the station, which premiered Dec. 18. "It's clean music, faith-based, with a little flair," said Ray Parker, operations manager for Totally Gospel radio network. "It's a format that's family-oriented, and it's going to keep people's spirits up." Gospel and urban inspirational have had a home at WBBF-AM 1120 and at WUFO-AM 1080 for more than a decade, but those stations have only daytime signals. Pastor John H. Young Sr., president of Excel Radio Networks and senior pastor of the Fellowship Christian Center, said he has been trying for years to get a round-the-clock spot for his gospel network. "We've been turned down quite a few times," he said. The new urban inspirational format is targeted at the faith community but won't be entirely religious, said Brian Brown-Cashdollar, president of Niagara Independent Media, which owns the leasing rights to program WHLD and WBBF. In addition to inspirational music, WHLD eventually will have news programming, news talk shows and possibly even sports, he said. "We want to be a full-service station," said Brown-Cashdollar. Young said he believes that there is a large, untapped market for the format - especially as an alternative to urban hip-hop stations. Churchgoing African-Americans, he said, tend to be a "very stable, loyal portion of the community." Young estimated that WBBF-AM 1120 has 30,000 daytime listeners, and he expects the audience to grow significantly with an expanded format at WHLD-AM 1270, which has a 5,000-watt signal. Known as "The Word 1270," WHLD-AM includes "The Morning Worship Club," a talk show with Young as host, from 6 to 10 a.m. weekdays. A mix of programming airs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., depending on the day. Mondays, for example, feature mostly music, while Wednesdays include more Scripture readings. A Catholic Mass is broadcast live at noon Sundays from St. Stanislaus Church in the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood of Buffalo. The station, owned by Citadel Broadcasting Corp., also continues to air the progressive talk show "Democracy Now." WBBF, also owned by Citadel, is changing over to a different format next week. (DP-HI)

Mike Sanburn passes along the following from Barry Davies/Scott Fybus:

Hello IRCA'ers DX-midAmerica reports that 1660 has changed calls from KXTR to WDAF. Can any one confirm that 1660 is simulcasting country music from 106.5 FM? If so, would this be permitted long term? Barry Davies Editor North American News MWC UK

The FCC no longer enforces any restrictions on AM/FM simulcasting, so yes, it would be permitted - but it's not what's happening here. The 106.5 facility is changing call letters, as it tries to ditch what's perceived as the "old" WDAF calls and the heritage they carry, and Entercom wants to keep the calls in the family, so they're moving them to the classical AM on 1660, which will remain classical. (MS-CA)

Dave Gordon sends along the following:

KOMY (1340-La Selva Beach, CA-ye ed) is playing oldies now! They were Air America. Check <http://www.komyradio.com/>. (DG-CA)

Mike Hardester passes along the following:

The Monday, January 29, 2007, issue of the "Casper Star-Tribune.Net, Wyoming's Online News Source," had the following item in the "Briefcase" section: "Highway advisory radio systems will be installed at Casper,

Cody, Douglas, Dubois, Independence Rock, Lander, Riverton, Torrington, Wheatland and Worland under a \$983,000 contract awarded to Sturgeon Electric of Henderson, Colo. Original source: <http://www.casperstartribune.net/articles/2007/01/29/news/business/7a593bd08a43abd0872572700267a46.txt>. (MH-NC)

Dave Gordon passes along the following from **radio-info.com**:

San Francisco's Newest Radio Station, KTRB-AM 860, Hits the Airwaves with 50,000 Watts of Power - 73-Year-Old Heritage Radio Station Moves from Modesto to San Francisco - Station Begins Final Phase of Testing at Alameda County Transmitter Site Thursday, February 1, 2007 - On-Air Testing Features a Tribute to "The San Francisco Sound".

San Francisco, California (January 31, 2007) - Something old is new again, as one of Northern California's pioneer radio stations, KTRB-AM 860, makes its historic Bay Area debut by bringing "The San Francisco Sound" back to the nation's fourth-largest radio market beginning this Thursday, February 1, 2007. KTRB-AM 860 will sign-on at midnight on February 1, and beginning at 6:00 a.m. that day, the station will play continuous music reprising the late 60s and early 70s heyday of "The San Francisco Sound." "The San Francisco Sound" refers to rock music performed live and recorded by San Francisco-based artists and groups from the mid-1960s to the early 1970s. KTRB-AM 860 will showcase seminal Bay Area bands such as The Beau Brummels, The Syndicate of Sound, The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Quicksilver Messenger Service, Big Brother & The Holding Company, as well as Santana, Creedence Clearwater Revival, and Journey. KTRB-AM 860 Vice President & General Manager Jim P. Pappas said, "Our sign-on in the Bay Area is the culmination of three decades of dreaming, planning, and hard work by the best and brightest from inside and outside our company. KTRB-AM 860 represents the genesis of our company's more than 50-year California-based broadcast tradition. It was KTRB that inspired the three Pappas Brothers to become broadcasters. We are thrilled to own and operate a 50,000 Watt blowtorch that will serve the millions of residents in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and the entire Bay Area, just as KTRB-AM 860 has served generations of Californians since its founding in 1933." KTRB-AM 860's permanent format will commence March 1, 2007. While plans have not been disclosed, Pappas said, "KTRB will bring a fresh sound to the Bay Area to add diversity to the choices available to the public. KTRB will entertain and inform with fresh, lively content, the likes of which the public does not now have available."

About KTRB. KTRB-AM 860 is one of the oldest radio stations on the West Coast, having served the San Joaquin Valley and surrounding areas since the early days of the medium. Until recently, the station was licensed to Modesto, California. In 2003, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the relocation of KTRB's transmitter site to the Bay Area. On February 1, the station will return to the air licensed to San Francisco and serving the entire San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose radio market. Broadcasting on a Canadian Clear Channel frequency with 50,000 Watts of power day and night - the highest power allowed in the United States - KTRB has been engineered to cover a huge geographic area. San Francisco is the fourth-ranked radio market in the United States and the number-one AM radio market in the nation. KTRB's storied history began in 1933, when original owners T.R. McTammany and Bill Bates (the "TR" and "B" in KTRB) established the station as the first commercial broadcast outlet in Modesto. Through the years, KTRB has served as the launch pad for the careers of Country music notables such as The Maddox Brothers and Rose, and Chester Smith, and the station was the dominant radio voice in the San Joaquin Valley for decades. In 1973, brothers Pete, Mike, and Harry Pappas led a group of investors in purchasing KTRB from the Bates estate, and the station has remained under Pappas family ownership ever since. KTRB's studios are located at 1700 Montgomery Street in San Francisco, overlooking The Embarcadero. KTRB is owned by Pappas Radio of California, an affiliated company of Pappas Telecasting Companies, the largest privately-held, commercial television broadcaster in the United States. (DG-CA)

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DATE OF COLUMN: 02/17/07. Well, Valentine's Day has come and gone; hope you got candy or a bon-bon. Hope your DX is just as sweet, a chocolate radio can't be beat! 73's.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 860 KTRB **CA**, San Francisco 2/17 2251 ID "You are listening to San Francisco's newest 50,000
watt radio station, AM 860, KTRB" into folksy-rock type music. Ex-Modesto. (MS-CA)
- 1030 KCEE **AZ**, Cortaro 2/19 1743 with ID "AM 1030 KCEE," ex-KEVT. They are now in English
from Spanish and the new format is music from the 1940's to 1960's. (BB-AZ)
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- 560 KSFO **CA**, San Francisco 2/23 0840 with traffic report and "KSFO" ID. (BB-AZ)
580 **KMJ CA**, Fresno 2/22 0132 ad, Fresno Fuego vs. Chivas USA exhibition soccer
match, ad, announcement "Back to Coast to Coast AM with George Noory on
Newstalk 5-80 KMJ," back to show 16 seconds behind KPNW-1120. Fair to good,
KSSK-590 splatter. (5P-HI)
- 590 KUGN **OR**, Eugene 2/17 0900 with ID "KUGN Eugene-Springfield." (BB-AZ)
- 610 KAVL **CA**, Lancaster 2/14 0900 with traffic report and "Sports 610." (BB-AZ)
- KEAR **CA**, San Francisco 2/14 0858 with "Family Radio." (BB-AZ)
- 660 KGDP **CA**, Orcutt 2/4 0829-0830 mentioning address in Santa Maria, CA where to send
pledges for religious programming aired. Fair with QRM, no sign of KTNN. First time
heard in the Los Angeles area (San Pedro). (RA-CA)
- 670 KLTT **CO**, Commerce City 1/31 0039 ID as "AM 670 KLTT Commerce City-Denver." Under
the Cuban, with regularly dominant KBOI inaudible. (NP-AB)
- 680 WDBC **MI**, Escanaba 2/3 2300 nostalgia music, ID at the hour under CJOB and KNBR as
"AM 680 WDBC Escanaba-Gladstone." (NP-AB)
- 700 WLW **OH**, Cincinnati 2/4 0300 poor with "WLW news time," have not heard them for a
while. (CM-CA)
- KALL **UT**, North Salt Lake City 2/4 fair with "KALL North Salt Lake" ID. (CM-CA)
- 720 WGN **IL**, Chicago 2/4 0200 fair over KDWN with "This is WGN Chicago." (CM-CA)
- 730 KBSU **ID**, Boise 2/6 1200-1205 NPR, "Boise State University" mentioned, ad for Egyptian
Theater, discussion show followed. Strong. (RS-ID)
- 780 KKOH **NV**, Reno 2/4 0400 good with "KKOH Reno" ID. (CM-CA)
- 840 KSWB **OR**, Astoria 2/7 0115 ID and ad for Astoria Ford dealership. Weak but dominating the
mix with 500 watts night power on SP-600 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 860 KMVP **AZ**, Phoenix 2/17 2300 stunting(?) with continuous ID's "All sports 620 KTAR. ESPN
Radio KTAR" etc.... New simulcast! (MS-CA)
- ?KTRB? **CA**, Modesto 2/5 0310 suspected strong way over XEMO most of the time with a
strange-sounding "heavy metal" type alternative rock, sounded like they were on
50kw power, so maybe testing still? Looped NNW-SSE, little doubt it was them but no
definite ID heard, so still tentative. KMVP & KARS way in background under XEMO.
Scheduled s/on date is 3/1. Checked their website at www.ktrb860.com but all it
says is "KTRB 860 AM is moving to San Francisco" and "Website under
construction." (RW-CA)
+ 2/3 0605 good with "This is KTRB San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose" into oldies
music. (CM-CA)
- 900 KTIS **MN**, Minneapolis 2/3 0925 religious program, the weather and ID at 1430 as "KTIS
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Northwestern College and radio for the Twin Cities." (NP-AB)
- CHML **ON**, Hamilton 2/19 2000 mixing with KTIS, ID as "AM 900 CHML," then into
Broadcast News. (NP-AB)
- 920 KVEL **UT**, Vernal 2/18 0856 with ID "AM 920 KVEL." (BB-AZ)
- 930 KRKY **CO**, Granby 1/20 0824 with weather report for Granby and then into C&W music.
(BB-AZ)
- 1010 KSIR **CO**, Brush 2/23 0854 with "KSIR" ID then into sports. (BB-AZ)

- 1050 KTCT **CA**, San Mateo 2/7 1939 on. 3X gave confusing "KNBR 1050" ID! Ad for roses.
(RS-ID)
- 1070 WTOS **WI**, Madison 2/17 0358 ESPN programming, ID at the hour "ESPN Radio 10-7-Oh,
WTOS Madison." (NP-AB)
- CBA **NB**, Moncton 2/12 0202 CBC Hourly News, then into "CBC Overnight," with program
from Channel Africa. Also noted at 0300 with CBC Hourly News, and 0459 with bits of
local weather. (NP-AB)
- 1110 KDIS **CA**, Pasadena 2/9 2000 with ID "KDIS Los Angeles." (BB-AZ)
- 1120 KPNW **OR**, Eugene 2/19 0652 "Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell," PSA, Fox News Radio
promo, ad, ID "Fox News 24-7, Newsradio 11-20 KPNW Eugene-Springfield" into Fox
newscast. Fair to very poor. (5P-HI)
- 1150 KTLK **CA**, Los Angeles 2/12 0912 "Stephanie Miller Show" in progress, traffic report during
network ad break, slogan "L.A.'s Progressive Talk." Very poor. (5P-HI)
- 1170 KPUG **WA**, Bellingham 2/16 0055 ID and CBS news, fair signal with one unID fair beneath
on Drake with RS loop. Heard regularly. (GH-OR)
- 1230 KZZR **OR**, Burns 2/15 0045 C&W music and ID in a noisy jumble. Weak and barely above
the pack on R-390A with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 1270 KBZZ **NV**, Sparks 2/2 2000 came up over dominant KTFI with ID as "1270 The Buzz
Sparks-Reno, a service of American Broadcasting." (NP-AB)
- 1290 KKDD **CA**, San Bernardino 2/8 1458-1459 noted mentioning website www.disney.com.
Weak, getting between KFRN-1280 Long Beach and KAZN-1300 Pasadena while
DX'ing in Brea, CA. (RA-CA)
- 1340 KOMY **CA**, La Selva Beach per monitoring of its webstream <http://ksco.got.net:9020> 2/17,
(and confirmed by Santa Cruz Sentinel) station has switched from talk to oldies from
the 50's, 60's and 70's. Slogans include "Oldies 13-40," "The Much-More-Music
Station" and "The Original Sound of Monterey Bay." (5P-HI)
- 1370 KXTL **MT**, Butte 2/23 0854 with ID "?? KXTL." (BB-AZ)
- 1400 KRPL **ID**, Moscow 2/10 1842-1921 almost non-stop oldies, Sam Cooke, etc, good under
KSPT-ID(T) and over KRSC-WA (Spanish). (RS-ID)
- 1420 KMOG **AZ**, Payson 2/7 0600 ID "We're Rim Country's number one news and information
station, 1420 KMOG Payson," ABC news, then country music. (MS-CA)
- 1440 KAZG **AZ**, Scottsdale 2/20 0940 good post sunrise signal with "Arizona Gold" slogan and
oldie "Along Comes Mary." (MS-CA)
- 1450 KNOT **AZ**, Prescott 2/7 0633 playing country classic "If I Could Only Win Your Love" by The
Kendalls. (MS-CA)
- 1470 ?KUTY? **CA**, Palmdate tentative 2/13 0711 with "Good Day USA with Doug Stephan," 10
seconds behind //KHBZ-990. Very poor to fair. (5P-HI)
- 1500 KSTP **MN**, St. Paul 2/4 0105 news & ID, big and strong like never before. DX'ed with Bogen
T661 tuner restoration project with internal loopstick antenna. (GH-OR)
- 1550 KUAZ **AZ**, Tucson 2/1 0930 s/on with mentions of KUAZ-FM simulcast. (MS-CA)
- 1560 KZIZ **WA**, Sumner 2/3 0530 in fair under KNZR Bakersfield with "This is 1560 KZIZ" and
mention of Seattle, then into Gospel music. New. (CM-CA)
- 1680 KDOW **WA**, Seattle 2/12 0500 fair with "KDOW Seattle, a Salem Communications Station."
No sign of KAVT. (CM-CA)
- 1700 (XEPE) **BCN**, Tecate 2/4 0100 off the air for 10 minutes, then back on. (CM-CA)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 1340 KIST **CA**, Santa Barbara in DXM 1404 I doubt MS could hear KTLK since it's on 1150 in
L.A. I listen at times to KTLK. NRC 2006-07 log has call as KIST. Far as I can tell,
both KIST & KTLK are Clear Channel stations. (GL-CA)
+ KIST is the correct callsign of MS-CA's log of 1/21 in #1404. The station went back to
the KIST call letters when sister station 1150 KXTA-CA took the KTLK callsign two
years ago after switching to liberal talk. (5P-HI)
- KBBR **OR**, North Bend unID in DXM 1404 GH heard was likely KBBR North Bend, OR
(address is Coos Bay, OR), likely could be using the slogan he heard. Format is
news/talk. (GL-CA)
+ KBBR could be GH-OR's unID of 1/26 in #1404, as North Bend is located near Coos
Bay. (5P-HI)
- 1420 UNID The unID of 12/30 heard by GH-OR with WSPN Radio's "Game Night" is most likely
KUJ-WA Walla Walla per the network's website. The station also carries Univ. of
Washington sports. Other possibilities are KPOC-AR, KPEL-LA and KGIM-SD (and if
you wish really hard) KKEA-HI. (5P-HI)
- 1460 UNID The unID of 1/09 heard by CM-CA with George Noory is most likely the return of
KION-CA Salinas, as noted by myself and REW-HI in the same issue of DXM
(strange that 2 DX'ers living over 2200 miles away have better reception of this
station). I have heard this station from Honolulu, Fairfield CA and nearby Apts CA.
(5P-HI)

UNIDS

- 880 UNID Honolulu(?) 2/15 0003 noted a strong signal relaying KHVH-830. Never heard anything this strong on this frequency before. Possibly KHNR testing on new channel, ex-870? (5P-HI1)
- 1210 UNID 2/15 0100 Spanish vocal music and a few Spanish words from male announcer from time to time. No discernable ID at top of hour. ??? (GH-OR)
- 1400 UNID 2/18 1001 unID station relaying the news from Silk-FM in Kelowna. Silk-FM was recently acquired by Standard Radio, and Standard owns both CIOR Princeton and CKGR in Golden, so not certain which one it was. (NP-AB)

Congratulations to Nigel on his CBA 1070 logging. It is rare indeed to have NB reported to WDXR. Next time will be the Anniversary issue. The deadline for that special column will be Friday March 9. Nancy 2/23 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 830 WCRN MA, Worcester. 2-16 and 2-17 weak to fair in WCCO null with talk. 22:00 to 24:00. At 23:35 on 2-17 I heard what sounded like a WpRN ID. Later identified as WCRN through club message boards. Later discovered this station was testing its new antenna setup and at its higher power. On 2-19 nothing was noted and they probably tuned their null to protect WCCO. [TMJ-IL]
- 1170 KCBQ CA, San Diego. 2-20 loud. 21:06 with "11-70 KCBQ" and a spot. [NJ-MT]
- 1290 WHKY NC, Hickory. 2-12 good. 07:48 with local news items. Heard this one on the car radio while driving to work. [JP-TN]
- 1370 WMGO MS, Canton. 2-10 fair. 19:05 with program comments, call letters. [JP-TN]
- 1400 KAOK LA, Lake Charles. 2-14 fair, 06:00 with clear ID and then gone. [JP-TN]
- 1450 KNHD AR, Camden. TENTATIVE. 04:00 poor with "Son Life Radio" slogan. The Jimmy Swaggart website shows this is the only network station on 1450. [JP-TN]
- WFFX MS, Meridian. 2-11 poor. 18:46 with "Fox Sports 14-50" ID and spots for Meridian area sponsors. [JP-TN]
- WVLD GA, Valdosta. 2-13 poor. 04:00 with "Your Sports Station" slogan. [JP-TN]
- 1470 KWRD TX, Henderson. 2-12 fair. 18:59 with sign off announcements. This had been reported as being silent, but apparently back on the air. [JP-TN]
- 1490 KDBM MT, Dillon. 2-14 poor. 12:00 with legal ID. [NJ-MT]
- KOGN UT, Ogden. 2-15 good. 18:58 out of NOS music with "Radio 14-90 KOGN Ogden and 14-70 KNFL Tremonton" into network news. Also heard on 2-19 loud at 21:00 with ID into CNN News. [NJ-MT]
- KRTK ID, Chubbock. 2-15 strong. 21:59 with "KRTK 14-90 Chubbock, Pocatello and American Falls." [NJ-MT]
- KTTR MO, Rolla. 2-13 poor. 19:06 with call letters and mentions of Rolla. [JP-TN]

UNIDS

- 1490 unID 2-15 unID around 20:00 with NPR programming. Only thing heard was "This is National Public Radio" slogan. [NJ-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

February 20, 1982 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Neil Wolfish** of Toronto, ON said he has logged 18 new stations so far in the new year ... **Steve McGreevy** of San Rafael, CA build a three foot loop ... **Philip Boersma** of Spring Lake, MI discussed Christian radio stations ... **Karl V. Jeter** of Decatur, GA said he couldn't get to work for three days due to winter weather.

OPEN MIKE

Nancy found our local KBSR-1490 off the air for a few days giving a chance to log 1490 again. Next issue is the Anniversary issue. Be sure to send in your tips to the DX columns and your forums to help make this the biggest IRCA Anniversary issue every. The deadline for CDXR is March 9th. This column was typed 2-24-07. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines 8 AM!! 3-10, 3-24, 4-07, 4-21, 5-5, 5-19, 6-2, 6-16, 6-30, 7-14, 7-28 and 8-25

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (LF-FL) your editor Ocala, FL
Drake R-8B, KIWA Loop, Potomic FIM-41, MFJ Phasor, LF ENG
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LOGGINGS

- 740 KY WNOP Newport, 2-08 1805, Catholic programming heard. (WM-MD)
- 940 TN WECO Wartburg, 2-14 1800, S. Gospel music, ID. (WM-MD)
- 960 VA WFIR Roanoke, 2-20 0400, "News Talk 960 WFIR"; ID up and out. (LF-FL)
- 970 KY WGTK Louisville, 2-20 2100, TOH ID , Poor. (LF-FL)
- 980 TX KRTX Rosenberg-Richmond, 2-23 2300, Dual ID "This is... KRTX Rosenberg, Richmond & 104.9... KPTY Missouri City...." They were Running SS music, but a full EE ID at TOH. NEW!! (LF-FL)
- 1010 MS WMOX Meridean, 2-23 0100, TOH ID Good sig. (LF-FL)
- NY WINS New York, 2-22 2100, TOH wx & ID, Poor. (LF-FL)
- ON CFRB Toronto, 2-23 0300, Poor with TOH ID "When you can't afford to let the world go ahead of you... 1010 News Talk CFRB...." (LF-FL)
- 1070 SC WCSZ Sans Souci, 2-24 0600, ID mixing with WAPI, Poor. (LF-FL)
- 1130 WI WISN Milwaukee, 2-4 1819, Dr. Dean Edell Show with clear ID. (CJG-KY)
- 1160 GA WCFO East Point, 2-4 1706, clear ID. (CJG-KY)
- IL WYLL Chicago, 2-4 1708, religious preaching. (CJG-KY)
- 1200 TN WABB Nashville, 2-4 1832, big band music and clear ID. (CJG-KY)
- 1420 TN WEMB Erwin 2-15 1855 Local ads; Mention of Erwin. (WM-MD)

UN-IDEN

- 840 ?? ???? 2-08 1755-1800. SPANISH music heard. (WM-MD)

LACK OF LOGGING

- 910 NC WSRP Jacksonville, 1/13 and 1/14. noted silent 1/13 at 1310, and noted silent all day today, 1/14. Normal programming is Spanish language. No idea if it was silent earlier in the week, but this is motivation to do some DXing this PM. The last time 910 kHz was silent (during Gulf War I) a nice log of Maine was made. (MH-NC)

Welcome to the bi-weeklies!!!! STOP the presses! I actually DX'ed!!! And logged a NEW ONE!!! Please note Deadlines posted above for the rest of this volume.... Best to all... fresh 2-24 0900

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Greetings everyone,

TP DX is getting inland a bit further than usual once again with TP tips from Craig Barnes from Colorado. Great going Craig! So away we go.

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM**, Talksport, synchros 2/12 0623. Could tell it was EE talk but too weak to discern topic. (NP-AB)
- 1179 **SWEDEN**, Solvesborg Sveriges Radio 2/12 0510. Talk by woman in Swedish. Good audio for about 30 seconds, then faded. (NP-AB)
- 1215t **GREAT BRITAIN**, Virgin Radio synchros. This one showed a carrier around 0400-0500 February 6, 7, 21, 22, 23, 24. Snippets of music heard 12 Feb 0347, 13 Feb 0405, and briefly at fair level w/pop mx and man talking at 0540 25 Feb. (NHP-BC)
- 1377t **FRANCE**, Lille. 0403 12 Feb. A few moments of FF sounding talk faded up on this one, but soon gone. (NHP-BC)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 530 **CUBA**, Radio Cadena Habana 2/18 0522. ID as "Cadena Habana" then into mx mixing with RVC. (NP-AB)
710 **CUBA**, Radio Rebelde, very good with Tropical mx and "Radio Rebelde" IDs at 0910 2/ 23 with KIRO off. (PM-OR)
1130 **MEXICO**, Nogales, Son XEHN hrd 2/25 at 1401 with ID in EE "XEHN" with local KQNA 1130 off. (BB-AZ)
1180 **CUBA**, Radio Rebelde, 2/18 0603 Dominating the freq with lively vocals about 1 second behind //5025. (NP-AB)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 153 **RUSSIA**, Radio Rossii at 1502 2/16, weak with man in RR. (DV-WA)
531 **JAPAN**, Morioka JOQG mixing here with one of the DUs at 1400 on 2/18. (PM-OR)
558 **FIJI**, good w/Island mx in passing at 1401 2/18. (PM-OR)
567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo, JOIK. 1440 21 Feb, with woman in Japanese //594, both variable strength, but 594 quite good at times, while this was fair. (NHP-BC)
594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK 1443 2/18 fair signal w/man in JJ. Not hrd at this level in a while. (DV-WA)
+ Hrd 2/23 1403 with JJ talk. (BB-AZ)
594 **CARRIER** at 1344 2/17. (CB-CO)
639 **CHINA**, CNR1. 1500 20 Feb. Fair to good signal w/CC talk by man and pips on hour //5030. (NHP-BC)
639 **FIJI**, Good next to KFI at 0732 2/17 with man in Fijian. (PM-OR)
666 **CARRIER**, weak at 1346 2/17. First time in CO for me. (CB-CO)
684 **FIJI**, good with Island mx at 1409 2/18. Best hrd in some time. (PM-OR)
693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB audio hrd between fades with Male & Female in JJ. First time hrd audio on this freq in CO at 1330 2/17. (CB-CO) (Great Going Craig. That is quite a catch for CO. PM)
+ Hrd 2/23 1405 with JJ talk. (BB-AZ)
+ Also noted 2/12 1401. News in EE by man with item about North Korea. (NP-AB)
702 **UNID**, 1347 2/17, fair carrier with brief faint audio female singing in for about 2 minutes then gone. First time for me in CO. (CB-CO)
729 **JAPAN**, Nagoya JOCK, good with man in JJ at 1411 2/18. (PM-OR)
774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB at 1300 to 1315. Decent audio with male in JJ. (CB-CO)
+ 2/12 1319 man and woman repeating phrases in a lesson of some type. (NP-AB)
828 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBB weak with man in JJ 1446 2/18. (DV-WA)
873 **JAPAN**, Kumamoto, JOGB. 1504 19 Feb. Barely detectable mx box s/off tune heard here; the best this channel has been in a couple of months. (NHP-BC)
873 **CARRIER**, 1321 2/17, no audio. (CB-CO)
918 **JAPAN**, Akita JOTR, fair with woman in JJ mentioning "Akita" at 1100 2/21. (PM-OR)
954 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOKR man in JJ at 1423 2/18. (PM-OR)
972 **REP KOREA**, Dangiin HLCA 2/22 1335. Presumed the one with the big carrier, but only traces of a man and woman talking. (NP-AB)
1053 **CARRIER**, weak at 1352 2/17. (CB-CO)
1116 **CARRIER**, weak 1358 2/17. (CB-CO)
1206 **CHINA**, Foreign Service in //9610 at 1454 with weak signal. Only CC station hrd 2/18. (DV-WA)
1242 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOLF 1503 2/18 weak with JJ talk. (DV-WA)
1422 **JAPAN**, Yokohama JORF weak 1509 2/18. (DV-WA)
+ **CARRIER**, weak at 1408 2/17. (CB-CO)
1475 **MALAYSIA**, Kota Kinabalu RTM, 2/22 1416. In for about 10 minutes with first audio heard on 1475 with EE light pop songs and talk between in unid language. Presumed Malaysia given the freq. (NP-AB) (Great going Nigel. PM)
1503 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUK weak w/mx 1510 2/18. (DV-WA)
+ 1512 21 Feb, instrumental mx //594, both at fair strength at times. (NHP-BC)
1521 **TAIWAN**, Changchih RTI 2/21 1410. Strongest upper band carrier this morning and the only one to develop into audio with CC talk by man and inst. mx. Presumed Taiwan. (NP-AB) (Another great catch Nigel. PM)
+ 1516 21 Feb. A few bars of classical mx //7185, poor in splatter, but faded up to fair signal w/man in CC. Slightly delayed on MW. Haven't ID'd this for over 20 years; likely that not much signal is sent this way. (NHP-BC)
1557t **TAIWAN**, Kouhu, Family Radio. 1519 21 Feb. Likely the one w/poor to fair signal, usual deep voiced man in English. Someday I'll get an ID on this. (NHP-BC)
1557 **UNID**, traces of audio around 1450 with splash from local KKAD, phased KKAD also other station was phased too. On 2/16. (DV-WA) (Likely Taiwan. PM)
1566 **REP. KOREA**, Cheju HLAZ fair at 1457 2/18. (DV-WA)
+ **CARRIER**, weak no audio 1320 2/17. (CB-CO)
+ 2/24 1403 with woman talking. (BB-AZ)
1593 **UNID**, weak carrier, then brief threshold musical audio for a minute or so then gone. First time hrd in CO by me. at 1401 2/17. (CB-CO) (Maybe JJ 10 kw PM)

VERIFICATIONS

- 675 **VIETNAM**, Hanoi, after several follow ups and e mails to VoV, I finally received a QSL card in 100d, no V/S QSLing both SW freq on 6175 and 675 khz. Now to get a QSL for 549 khz! Address: 37 Ba Trien, Hanoi Vietnam. Vietnam QSL #2. I am really pleased with this one. (PM-OR)
1008 **TAIWAN**, Lukang, Radio Taiwan Int. 55 Pei An Road, Taipei 10462, Taiwan, rec QSL card in 100d for tentative CD report. No V/S. Taiwan QSL #14. (PM-OR)
1125 **PHILIPPINES**, Davao City, DXGM rec nice letter in 146d from retiring GM, Jose M. Lansang along with 3 postcards of Mindanao. Address: DXGM, Republic BC System, Davao City 8000, Davao Del Sur, The Philippines. Phillipine QSL #24. (PM-OR)

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DXing at the Queen Charlottes

Hello, fellas from the Queen Charlottes! Regarding DX conditions, last night's TA fare was much worse than the previous night (2/13 UTC 13th). I note that the SF was 73 with A/K indices at 14 and 4. Not great. I assume the previous day's were much lower. In any case I did hear some audio on 1215 and 1179 to name a couple, but these were rather short lived. As I was up until 03:30 local the previous night chasing Alaskans, I was pretty darn tired and hit the pillow pretty early by 21:30 or so local. The night of the 13th (UTC) was phenomenal! Alaska was wide open. I was able to log and mp3 IDs on about 2/3 of the listed stations. Still no Barrow, though.

720 was also elusive, but for another reason. About 0400 onwards (maybe a bit later), I started to hear Russian. OK, I thought. There are several Alaskan stations that broadcast in Russian, right? No sign of this on 720 though. Well, the signal increased to armchair copy. To my surprise, they went into a call-in program, many callers being from Moscow. At the TOH, I hear the familiar IS for Mayak! It was from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk with Mayak programming. Wonderful! Close to 5-5-5 SIO as well. This went on for hours. I continued to log Alaskan after Alaskan as well. Finally I went to bed and missed the morning's DX. Last night, no signs of Mayak on 720 at all, nor this morning.

This morning I monitored a couple more Alaskans that have been elusive: 870 and 920. The latter is difficult due to Ketchikan on 930 which is very close to my location. Alaskans seem to do very well from the middle of the night to the morning, and rapidly fade away at sunrise here (they're still in darkness) being replaced by WA, OR, BC lower mainland, and CA stations... also in daylight, but presumably more favourable due to a clear salt water path. My theory anyway. Any other ideas why Alaska just drops off like a light switch at local sunrise? They are in darkness, still, so why the fade out being replaced by stations that have been in the sun for an hour or more?

As for TPs this morning, I initially thought things were pretty dull at 15:00. The Aussie X-band was open with lots of carriers, but weak audio only on 1611. The upper half of the band was totally dominated by Japan. Virtually every channel had readable audio. Didn't realize there were so many NHK2 repeaters on the top half... sure heard most of them, anyway! Heard a few Koreans up there too. The lower half was less populated, but that may be due to the late hour... around 16:40 onward. Still heard great audio on 954, for example, with JOKR and 945 with NHK1, being replaced with CNR1 with satellite delay compared to 5030 at 16:42. Vietnam may have been in there as well. KBS1 was present on 711. Both 1737 and 1725 PNG Beacons were in at decent levels.

A comment on 1575 from a few mornings ago. I'm quite certain that this was Radio Farda from the UAE. They beam due north (ie towards me) and there is a darkness path. I'll have to check the mp3, but they were absolutely dominating the frequency for a time. Is this the 1st WCNA logging of them in our mornings? Perhaps one of the first Euro/Asian TA logging for WCNA this season in the morning? Comments welcome.

Well after a wonderful DX session this morning, took out the surf board and went surfing for an hour... perfect waves. Not too big, just 4 to 5 footers but lovely, with a bit of sun breaking through. Nice! (water pretty cool... probably around 4 or 5 deg C, but with a wet suit, no problem. Toes felt like sausages though!

Assistance with Barrow 680 would be appreciated. Any suggestions on how and when to log this one? Maybe they're not on the air. Not a peep the other night despite perfect conditions. Hmmmm.

Walt Salmaniw from the beautiful and wild Queen Charlotte Islands, BC (Haida Gwaii)

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Hi folks and welcome to this week's edition of DXWW-East.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 549 **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles, FEB 23 0128 - Arabic talk by man, telco quality audio; fair to good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTE Radio 1*, Tullamore, FEB 23 0129 - "Something So Right" by Paul Simon; very good.
+ FEB 26 0114 - nightclub soul-jazz male vocal; good, best low-band TA at the time. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5 Live*, Droitwich et al., FEB 23 0131 - BBC newstalk; through 680 WRKO slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes, FEB 23 0103 - French news; slightly over others. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 747 / Radio 1*, Flevoland, FEB 23 0102 - instrumental music, then woman in Dutch; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, FEB 23 0058 - operatic male vocal and violins; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens, FEB 23 0101 - French news by man; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 864 **EGYPT** *Holy Koran Radio*, Santah, FEB 26 0103 - Koranic a cappella male vocal; loud, dominant. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette, FEB 23 0133 - "I'm Not in Love" by 10cc; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 890.96 **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaîne 1*, Algiers, FEB 23 0105 - woman shouting in Arabic; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5 Live* synchros, FEB 26 0135 - woman talking about bipartisan parliamentary discussions; to good peak over WABI slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE*, Madrid, FEB 26 0314 - Spanish newstalk; fair over mystery second station that might have been in English. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1017 **GERMANY** *SWR Content-Radio*, Wolfsheim, FEB 26 0311 - man in German, bassy audio; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros, FEB 24 0338 - Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros, FEB 26 0309 - //1089 with talk, then a segment of "Synchronicity" by the Police; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1089t **ALBANIA** *RTV Shqiptar 1*, Shijak, FEB 26 0310 - maybe this with Slavic-sounding talk a bit under *TalkSport* UK. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros, FEB 23 0118 - interview with female athlete; fair.
+ FEB 26 0149 - talk about music, 5 seconds of an African vocal played, more talk and laughing (two men seemingly partying in the studio and a woman on the phone), someone did a reasonably good banjo-pickin' job on part of the "Deliverance" theme, then some talk about radio in the '70s; loud, clobbering WBAL. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros, FEB 26 0220 - //1584 with Spanish talk; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar, FEB 23 0120 - folk-rock; to good peak.
+ FEB 26 0308 - //7285 with romantic Slavic male-female duet vocal; LOUD, stronger than adjacent 1130 WBBR! [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *Radio Sweden International*, Solvesborg, FEB 23 2247 - //6065 with interesting dissertation about the influence of English words on the Swedish language and popular culture and the increasing requirement for English to be spoken at business meetings in Sweden; fair strength. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux, FEB 23 0122 - fast French talk by man; fair.
+ FEB 23 2244 - French telephone interview; good.
+ FEB 26 0216 - //1557 with lush orchestral music. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin Radio* synchros, FEB 23 0123 - '80s-style rock (Depeche Mode or similar), then talk by man; fair.
+ FEB 26 0200 - Green Day "The Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)"; HUGE! [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1269 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Neumünster, FEB 26 0305 - German talk by woman, then classical music; at good level, capable of pushing by the typically-strong 1270 CJC/WTSN/CFGT mélange. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** *BBC Radio Ulster*, Lisnagarvey, FEB 26 0201 - BBC news; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille, FEB 26 0202 - news by woman in French; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1395 **NETHERLANDS** *Big L*, Trintelhaven, FEB 26 0303 - early '66 hit "Homeward Bound" by Simon & Garfunkel; to fair peaks. [Connelly*B-MA]

- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler, FEB 26 0208 - avant-garde dissonant symphonic music; over presumed Algeria. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** *Radio Sawa*, Arta, FEB 26 0235 - pop Arabic vocal; in tough WXKS slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR*, Roumoules, FEB 23 2241 - fast Arabic talk; to good peaks during pauses in slop from local pest WAZN. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA*, Jeddah, FEB 26 0212 - Koranic a cappella male vocal; in with a very big signal, even getting by S9+40 local WWZN (50 kW at 16 km), something that is not easy to do. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA*, Duba, FEB 23 0126 - public address by man in Arabic; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
+ FEB 23 2224 - //9555 & 9870 with shrill female vocal, strings, drums; LOUD! [Connelly*B-MA]
+ FEB 24 0145 - decent audio with monologue by male Arabic speaker [Jordan-AL]
+ FEB 26 0212 - Arabic talk by man; local-like, easily 10 dB better than WWKB. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *Radio Sawa*, Kabd - Kuwait City, FEB 23 2230 - Arabic talk, then group vocal with strong thumping percussion; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne, FEB 26 0216 - //1206 with lush orchestral music, operatic female vocal; good, almost equal strength to adjacent WQEW R. Disney. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *Radio Farda*, Al Dhabiya, FEB 23 2237 - Farsi talk by woman; fair with jumpy fading. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé*, FEB 26 0220 - Spanish female vocal; slightly behind the SER synchros. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1584 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros, FEB 26 0220 - //1116 with fast Spanish talk by man & woman; to very good peaks. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1602 **SPAIN** *Radio Vitoria*, Vitoria, FEB 26 0221 - pop Spanish music not parallel to SER outlets; in WUNR slop. [Connelly*B-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 530 **CUBA** *Cadena Habana*, FEB 24 0645 - non-stop lively vocals. brief "Cadena Habana" ID by male at 0700 then directly back to vocals. [Jordan-AL]
- 560 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde*, FEB 24 0607 - lively vocals, ID and announcements female, TC, sound effects //5025. Poor. [Jordan-AL]
- 570 **CUBA** *Radio Reloj*, FEB 24 0711 - news, ID/TC's, morse. Good. [Jordan-AL]
- 600 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde*, FEB 24 0725 - talk by man, //5025 et al. Over-modulated and distorted compared to other frequencies. [Jordan-AL]
- 610 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde*, FEB 24 0730 - talk by man and woman, ID, TC //5025 et al. Mainly poor with fair peaks. [Jordan-AL]
- 670 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde*, FEB 24 0515 - ID by female mentioning frequencies "onda corta", into vocals. [Jordan-AL]
- 895 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *Voice of Nevis*, Bath Village, FEB 23 0134 - reggae vocal; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]

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Adiós y 73, Brandon.

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I'm taking a vacation from the clubs and DXing due to my health. Had been delaying until the taxes were done and will take care of the problem next week. Or, it will take care of me! At any rate, I got my Renfro Valley Bugle today. Has an interesting article about the WHAS-840 and CBS network radio shows that originated there years ago. During renovations, they found the old portable remote mixing equipment used for special events: The Possum Hunt, the Hay Ride and The Gospel Sing at a local church, etc. I believe they had some shows from The Bat Cave, too. The engineer was usually Virgil

Mann of WLAP in Lexington, who worked weekends and special occasions for Renfro Valley. Regular shows were "The Breakfast Frolics" from the Lodge Restaurant, "The Country Store Program" in the back of the old store, besides the "Saturday Night Barn Dance" and "Sunday Morning Gatherin'", from the old red barn. Only the "Gatherin'" is still broadcast and billed as the second oldest radio show continuously broadcast in the country. On about 200 stations now and seems to be shrinking. Guess the show doesn't appeal much to current generations. Keep the faith folks. Best from Col. DX.

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I hope everyone is having a good DX season! Another new station was added to the logbook on January 29 with the reception of WAAM 1600 Ann Arbor, MI at 2218 ELT with "News/Talk 1600 WAAM" slogan and conservative talk. This one had a good to poor signal through WCGO with KATZ (transmitter located 17 miles from my QTH) nulled, bringing my AM total to 1,020. WAAM was logged on the Superadio III. KHOJ 1460 is full-time now; they're now dominant on 1460, despite it being 85 watts at night. The station broadcasts an all-Catholic format from EWTN, and even IDs with WRYT 1080 when the latter station is off. With listeners in the St. Louis area now having difficulty pulling in WOLG 95.9 due to WFUN-FM 95.5 and KIHT 96.3 broadcasting in spectrally inefficient digital, it's a benefit to the listeners to have KHOJ broadcasting full-time. I've been busy with ham radio pursuits this season; upgrading my 50 MHz station's antenna from a loop to a three-element beam and putting a more powerful mobile station in the car, as well as studying for a license upgrade, especially with the Morse Code requirement going away beginning February 24, 2007. Mike Sanburn asked in his Forum in Volume 44 Number 21 about the best time of year for an IRCA Convention; the best time for me is in early to mid-August. I'm working and taking college classes much of the year. It's especially best to try to schedule around a hamfest; the 2001 IRCA Convention was the same weekend as the St. Charles County Hamfest. As for a dream location, I have several in Missouri and Illinois, so I'll whittle it down to the top five for each state. In Missouri, my top five dream locations are Kansas City (America's largest non-Clear Channel market), the Springfield/Branson area, the Lake of the Ozarks, Farmington/Park Hills and the Warrenton/Wentzville area. In Illinois, the top five dream convention sites are Springfield, Champaign/Urbana, the Alton/Grafton area, Carbondale and Quincy. We really need to have another small-market IRCA Convention, but closer to St. Louis. I've also been working with Magix Music Maker as an audio recording program; I've been able to transfer some FM DX and AM Stereo airchecks from cassette to computer with the program. The trouble with Total Recorder is that the free version only records 40 seconds at a time. I'm also working with mixing music and jingles; I've transferred jingles from tapes I picked up at the 2001 St. Louis IRCA Convention to computer as well, and put together CDs with my idea of '70s and '80s pop music formats, as well as "Real Oldies" and a mix of hits from the 1950s to the 1980s. With radio music programming being so bland and dominated by illegal "shock jocks" and dumbed-down voicetracking, it's no wonder I'm making these CDs! 73 and good DX from Eric (NOUIH)

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A reminder that the next issue will be the annual anniversary issue with my deadline being March 10th. The sooner the better, however, hi. I haven't done much DXing with my one attempt lately being done on 2/13 when we had a bad snowstorm here and I was home at the right time for trying sunset DX. Not much luck, with the band seemingly mostly a garbled mess. I am still stuck at 720 heard. I am looking forward to late April when I won't have two jobs, each of which seems to want me to be working 40 hours a week.... See you in two weeks. 73.

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NOTES: * [For this column] = See comment below

Nice column this month! Patrick Martin would like to thank Jim Pogue for his help in securing a verification from WISN-1130. This column was prepared on 2/26/07. 73, SSH.

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