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IRCA welcomes John Cereghin from Smyrna, DE and David M. Wurl from Marshfield, WI!!!

Notes from IRCA's President - Doug Pifer

DX Monitor editorships of "Hearing It Through the Grapevine", "Website Wanderings" and "IRCA Sports Editor" are open. Please contact IRCA's President, Doug Pifer at: 7148 Marley Ln S, Salem OR 97306, or e-mail to dxer@desert4wd.com if you're interested.

HQ NOTES

Chris Black, N1CP, from South Yarmouth, MA and myself have been featured in an article in a local weekly paper. Read the article here: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/dennis/homepage/x2130790627>. Disclaimer: I was misquoted with regard to "DXers have big stomachs." That is not what I said or meant. My apologies to anyone who is a bit overweight. :-)

Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, MA

MIDWEST FALL DX GTG

NOV 9-11 2007 Location: Route 66 Historic Inn, 1710 W Elm, Lebanon MO 65536
 Near exit 127, I-44 Old Highway 66, Phone 417 532 6843. Low Rates (\$33/night), cable TV, close to many eating places. Lebanon is located on 1-44 50 miles NE of Springfield, 55 miles SW of Rolla, and about 155 miles SW of St Louis. A good DX location, local radio stations include KBNW 750, KLWT 1230, KJEL 103.7 and KCLQ 107.9, plus non-commercial KTTK 90.7, plus several FM translators. Local boy Talk Show Host Jim Bohannon got his start on KLWT 1230 as a teenager. Also part 15 station KLEB, Oldies 107.1 may be on the air in Motel (if I can get it going).

This is the same weekend as the ARRL Midwest Amateur Radio Convention at Cowan Convention Center about 2 miles East on E Elm Street Old Highway 66. This is a convention of the ARRL Midwest Division which includes the states of MO, KS, NE and IA.

Other attractions are the Route 66 Museum and Bennett Springs State Park Located 11 miles NW.
 A possible tour of AM KBNW, FM KJEL if I can arrange it but Manager Mike Edwards may be busy with ARRL Convention. Other features include a DX Logging contest and DX quiz.
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DX TESTS - BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR
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Sun 11/ 4/07	0500-0530	1420	WIGG	Wiggins MS	(Turner)
Mon 11/12/07	0100-0400	940	WFAW	Fort Atkinson WI	(Swanson)
Sat 12/15/07	0400-0500	830	KLAA	Anaheim CA	(Clark)
Sun 12/16/07	0300-0400	1400	KQMS	Redding CA	(Myers/Mena)

WIGG 1420 kHz Wiggins, MS DX Test.

Date: Sunday morning (late Saturday night), Nov. 4, 2007. Time: 4:00 - 4:30 a.m. Central STANDARD Time, 1000 - 1030 UTC (please note, this will be the morning we change from DST to standard time in most of North America). 5,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, Morse code, tones and classic country music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Paul A. Turner, WBSTJH, WIGG Radio, 959 N. Magnolia Dr., Wiggins MS 39577. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be

accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Our sincere thanks to Chief Engineer Paul Turner for agreeing to conduct this test.

WFAW 940 kHz Fort Atkinson, WI DX Test.

Date: Monday morning (late Sunday night), Nov. 12, 2007. Time: Midnight - 3 a.m. Central Time, 0600 - 0900 UTC. 500 watts using non-directional antenna pattern on the station's all-tube Collins auxiliary transmitter. Special programming to be announced, but minimally will consist of special voice announcements, Morse code and sweep and other tones. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Ernie Swanson K9LO, Chief Engineer, WFAW Radio, PO Box 94, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0094. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. Address for e-mail reports is ernie@nrmedia.com. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Ernie adds that he is interested in possibly conducting a second test in the spring from WFAW. Our sincere thanks to him for agreeing to conduct this test.

KLAA 830 kHz Anaheim, CA DX Test

Date: Saturday morning (late Friday night), Dec. 15, 2007. Time: 1 - 2 a.m. Pacific Time, 0900 - 1000 UTC. 20,000 watts using nighttime directional antenna pattern. Morse code IDs inserted into regular programming. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Brian Clark, Director of Engineering, KLAA Radio, 2000 Gene Autry Way, Anaheim, CA 92806. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk or via e-mail in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. Address for e-mails is bclark@am830klaa.com. NOTE: All requests for postal verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Brian says he would love to run the test using KLAAs daytime antenna pattern which would better favor the east but cannot because he must protect other stations on 830 kHz. Our sincere thanks to him for agreeing to conduct this test. It should be a good one for the folks to the west, and who knows how far east they may get it conditions are good?

KQMS 1400 kHz Redding, CA DX Test

Date: Sunday morning (late Saturday night), Dec. 16, 2007. Time: Midnight - 1 a.m. Pacific Time, 0800 - 0900 UTC. 1,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, Morse code and/or 1,000 Hz tones. Reception reports may be sent to Ms. Erin Myers, News Director, KQMS Radio, 3360 Alta Mesa Dr, Redding CA 96002. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Myers and to Chief Engineer Steven Mena for agreeing to conduct this test.

WLPO DX Test Results

The dust has settled from the WLPO DX Test, and it looks like we had another quite successful event. As with last weekend's test, WLPO was heard coast to coast and from Canada to Texas. Here's the list of DXers so far having reported hearing their 1,000-watt signal:

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| Jim Bagge | Springfield, MA | Dave Pyatt | Burlington, ON, Canada |
| Gerry Bishop | Niceville, FL | Wait Salmanni (tent.) | Victoria, BC, Canada |
| Steve Francis | Alcoa, TN | Brett Saylor | State College, PA |
| Tom Jasinski | Shorewood, IL | Mark Schiefelbein | Springfield, MO |
| Patrick Martin | Seaside, OR | Alan Schreiber | Austin, TX |
| Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON, Canada | J.D. Stephens | Hampton Cove, AL |
| Jim Pogue | DXing from Little Rock, AR | Bruce Winkelman | Tulsa, OK |
| | | Joe Wozniak | St. Louis, MO |

Tom Jasinski was actually on hand at the station for part of the test and writes, "Chatted with Steve Vogler, the CE who has been at WLPO for 40 years! Steve mentioned that while the power for this DX Test was at 1kw daytime level, the pattern was nighttime (even more amazing in my book-Pogue). WLPO has a sharp null at 79 degrees aimed at Waukegan, IL to protect WKRS 1220 kHz. While there at WLPO during the test only one e-mail was received, from Pat in Seaside. Only one call came in a few minutes after the end of test from California. Took a photo of Steve Vogler sitting at his computer with the E-mail from Pat Martin on the monitor."

I hope to get a copy of Tom's photo and will post it to the DXTests.info Web site. Many thanks to Tom for stopping by the station, spreading some good will and for extending a person "thank you" to Steve.

And finally from Steve Vogler himself, "I've sent out some e-mail verifications and when we get the new batch of cards I'll be sending them out," he e-mailed Sunday evening. "Management here was pleased with the test. The story in the paper (paper and WLPO are owned by the same family) gave us some good coverage and the follow up should be nice. If you ever want to do another test in the future I'm sure it wouldn't be any problem."

I hope we can arrange another test from WLPO - perhaps in February or March - for those who missed this one. And when I get the newspaper article(s) I'll post them as well.

Thanks again to everyone who made the test a success.

One final note received from Steve Vogler on Sunday evening:
 "Jim: Just to correct something. We were running 1kw but with the normal day pattern. It's an East-West figure 8 pattern with some null at 33 degrees to the East and the same size null on the West at 327 and the same to the South. Anyway, if we run another we could use the 500 night pattern or a non-directional with 250 watts.
 Steve"

So it turns out that there were indeed using their day pattern. Thanks again to everyone for listening for the test, and good luck with WCXH.

WCXH DX Test

I am waiting for a reply to my e-mail sent to Allan Weiner this morning, but it looks like the WCXH Test likely ran an hour late. It's always interesting when technology and humanity go head to head. If the automation system at WCXH did the time change as it normally would have instead of changing like the idiots making the policy on time changes decided, then it would indeed appear that technology got the better of us.

In any case, I've asked Allan to consider doing another test, hopefully on a Saturday or Sunday morning. I'll provide more information as I received it.

My apologies to anyone who lost sleep over this, and that includes me too!

Show #2 of The BTC Podcast has just been released.

It is available as a free download through the i-Tunes Music Store, or your favorite podcast reader. The URL for subscription is: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC_feed.xml. Or, you can download it directly at: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC_Podcast_2.mp3.

The BTC Podcast will be updated regularly with the latest DX tests as scheduled, as well as last-minute tests or changes. Your comments are welcome at dxtests@dxtests.info.

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WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Drake R8, SW EWE/WNW EWE, Quantum phaser, 1500' Eastern Beverage

- 560 **KLZ** CO, Denver 10/22 2219 with "AM 560 The Light." (BB-AZ)
- KPQ WA, Wenatchee 10/8 0005 caught the tail end of the news, ID and George Noory. Fair signal with constant hiss, but alone on Hammarlund with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 590 **KTIE** CA, San Bernardino 10/22 2204 with "KTIE the Talk of the Inland Empire." (BB-AZ)
- 600 **KCOL** CO, Wellington 10/22 2200 with "This is KCOL from the Crossroads of Northern Colorado." (BB-AZ)
- 700 **KXLX** WA, Airway Heights 10/21 0030 my uniID from last month. Finally gave an ID with news. Choppy signal on R-390A with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 740 **WLW** OH, Cincinnati 10/7 0035 sports talk, scores, etc. Male gave "700 WLW" ID. Fair to good over a usually dominating KGRV on Drake with RS loop. Long time, no hear. (GH-OR)
- CHWO ON, Toronto 10/25 0515 my old regular is back off the Eastern Beverage, topping the channel with NOS and "AM 740" ID's. (PM-OR)
- 750 **KFQD** AK, Anchorage 10/25 good on top with spot for Anchorage business and "KFQD" ID by man at 0035. (PM-OR)
- 780 **?KNOM?** AK, Nome 10/25 0020 presume the pop music mixing with KKOH. (PM-OR)
- 790 **KJRB** WA, Spokane 10/21 0030 "Your Sports Leader 7-90 KJRB," sports talk in and out of static mixing with others. Weak on R-390A with W-W wire. Last heard 12/05.(GH-OR)
- 850 **KICY** AK, Nome 10/25 good at S9+10DB, dominant for a time with Gospel music, break at 0031 with man talking about more Gospel music and mention of KICY. (PM-OR)

- 880 **KJUR** MT, Whitefish 10/8 0100 male gave ID in to news. Once again dominating way over KXI on Drake with Sanserino loop. Only second time heard. Perhaps on day power? (GH-OR)
- 920 **KPSI** CA, Palm Springs 10/20 2059 with "KPSI 920 Palm Springs." (BB-AZ)
- 930 **KSEI** ID, Pocatello 10/21 2259 with weather and ID "KSEI Pocatello and KRKX Rexburg." (BB-AZ)
+ 10/23 0100 weather and ID into ESPN sports talk. Fair signal on R-388 with N-S wire, uniD Spanish far under. (GH-OR)
- 1080 **KUDO** AK, Anchorage 10/25 0038 fair under/over KFX-Portland, with talk, spot at 0038 "... tell em you heard it on KUDO." then lost under KFX. (PM-OR)
- 1110 **KAGV** AK, Big Lake 10/25 0035 good on top of KBND with Gospel music. (PM-OR)
- 1270 **CBRU** BC, Squamish 10/24 1445 dominant /690-CBU with usual CBC fare, 400w. No sign of KBAM. (PM-OR)
- 1290 **KCUB** AZ, Tucson 10/18 2038 with traffic and weather. (BB-AZ)
- KZSB** CA, Santa Barbara 10/21 0936 with ad for a bank in Santa Barbara and ID "KZSB." (BB-AZ)
- KOUU** ID, Pocatello 10/22 0959 with "The Country Cow KOUU." (BB-AZ)
- KGVO** MT, Missoula 10/18 2032 with "KGVO" mixing with KCUB. (BB-AZ)
- KOWB** WY, Laramie 10/24 2023 with "The Country Cow." (BB-AZ)
- 1310 **KFKA** CO, Greeley 10/25 0949 with "Sports Radio for Northern Colorado." (BB-AZ)
- 1320 **KCTC** CA, Sacramento 10/18 0916 with "The New 1320 ESPN Radio KCTC Sacramento." (BB-AZ)
- KOLT** NE, Scottsbluff 10/25 0959 with "KOLT Scottsbluff." (BB-AZ)
- CHMB** BC, Vancouver 10/24 very good on top of KXRO with CC talk at 1440. (PM-OR)
- CJYM** SK, Rosetown 10/24 1430 good and dominant with oldies and "1330 & 1210" ID's. (PM-OR)
- 1340 **CINL** BC, Ashcroft 10/22 1110 good on top with series of sports and "NL" ID's. 10/24 1448 on top with rock and "NL" ID's. (PM-OR)
- CIWH** BC, Vanderhoof 10/25 1345 good on top with "97 FM The Wolf" ID's and C&W music. (PM-OR)
- 1360 **KRKK** WY, Rock Springs 10/18 2331 "You're listening to Oldies Radio KRKK for Rock Springs-Green River." (BB-AZ)
- 1380 **KTKZ** CA, Sacramento 10/23 0932 with traffic and "KTKZ" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 1400 **CIOR** BC, Princeton 10/22 1118 good on top with series of spots and "Easy Rock" ID's. (PM-OR)
- 1430 **KWST** CA, El Centro 10/22 0936 with "K-West Country 1430." (BB-AZ)
- 1440 **KEZW** CO, Aurora 10/22 0930 with "studio1430.com." (BB-AZ)
- CKJR** AB, Wetaskiwin 10/22 good and alone on channel at 1120 with "1440 Wetaskiwin" and "W 1440" slogans (call change or slogan from FM?). 10/25 1334 good alone on channel with oldies music and "W 1440" ID's. (PM-OR)
- 1450 **KFLS** OR, Klamath Falls 10/18 0035 in & out of the stop with ESPN sports talk. Very weak on Drake with RS loop. (GH-OR)
- CHOR** BC, Summerland 10/25 1338 good with "ManEater" by Hall & Oates and "Oldies 14-50." (PM-OR)
- 1490 **CFWB** BC, Campbell River 10/22 1111 good on top with C&W music. "The Ride." 10/25 1323 good with C&W music, "The Ride" slogans mixing at times with KWOK Hoquiam, WA. (PM-OR)
- 1550 **KRPI** WA, Ferndale 10/24 1442 very good and dominant with Punjabi music. (PM-OR)
- 1590 **KELP** TX, El Paso 10/24 0921 with "KELP" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 1600 **KRVI** NM, Albuquerque 10/24 0919 with traffic report. (BB-AZ)
- KVRE** WA, Blaine 10/24 1448 "local like" with Punjabi music. (PM-OR)

DX TEST

1290 **WIRL** IL, Peoria 10/21 0303-0305 DX test heard with code under KUMA. (FA-ID)
 It's rare that we have no California names in our list of reporters. I hope that everyone there is OK considering the many fires burning in that state. Nancy 10/26 2100

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturdays 8 AM!!

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STAR OF THE WEEK

LOGGINGS
 910 PA WAVL Apollo 10/15 1840 "Christian Hot Radio"; "Praise 910". (WM-MD)
 1070 TN WFLI Lookout Mountain 10/16 1833 Southern Gospel Music heard; "Your Fulltime Gospel Powerhouse"; ID. (WM-MD)
 1310 FL WYND Deland 10/16 2000 "Florida's Christian Voice" ID. New. (WM-MD)

 That's a wrap for this week, not a lot of action.....Best to all... fresh 10-27 1330

We are including a band scan from Ira Ebert New, Sapelo Island, Georgia Band Scan IEN-GA Ira Ebert New, III, Sapelo Island, Georgia – SONY ICF-2010

560 WQAM FL Miami – 10/15/07 1419 – Sports Talk Show. Decent signal mixed with splatter from WYMR in Jacksonville, FL on 550.at WQAM.... (IEN-GA)
 580 WDBO FL Orlando – 10/15/07 1422 – The Clark Howard Show. Good signal. "Details in 6 minutes on WDBO". (IEN-GA)
 610 WIOD FL Miami – 10/15/07 1306 – Sean Hannity Show promo into The Rush Limbaugh Show. Decent, steady signal. "News Radio 610. WIOD". (IEN-GA)
 730 WLTO SC Charleston – 10/15/07 1351 – At Linkletter station promo into I Can't Stop Loving You by Ray Charles. Good signal. "...in Charleston on AM 730". (IEN-GA)
 790 WFSN GA Brunswick – 10/15/07 1432 – The Jim Rome Show. Very good signal. "Sports Radio for Southeast Georgia, AM 790 and 1350". (IEN-GA)
 900 WJLG GA Savannah – 10/15/07 1436 – The Jim Rome Show. Good signal. "Savannah's sports station, AM 900 The Ticket". (IEN-GA)
 1060 WIXC FL Titusville – 10/15/07 1400 – TOH ID, ESPN Radio. Good, steady signal. "WIXC Titusville". (IEN-GA)
 1100 WCGA GA Woodbine – 10/15/07 1405 – USA Radio Network news, local weather forecast and The Dave Ramsey Show. Very good signal. "WCGA Weather Desk". (IEN-GA)
 1220 WJAX FL Jacksonville – 10/15/07 1323 – Theme From A Summer Place by The Lettermen. Good, steady signal. "The Music of Your Life on 1220 AM". (IEN-GA)
 1230 WSBF FL New Smyrna Beach – 10/15/07 1325 – Station promo into Takin' Care of Business by Bachman-Turner Overdrive. Decent, steady signal. "Tell your friends about 1230, The Beach". (IEN-GA)
 1340 WROD FL Daytona Beach – 10/15/07 1328 – This Girl is A Woman Now by Gary Puckett and The Union Gap. Good, steady signal. "1340, WROD". (IEN-GA)
 1440 WIGG GA Brunswick – 10/15/07 1333 – The Rush Limbaugh Show. Very good signal. "Rush Limbaugh on AM 1440, WIGG". (IEN-GA)

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Greetings everyone,
 Another great period of DX and I even received one of my most wanted QSLs in this weeks' mail too, KBRW Barrow AK, from my log a couple weeks back. Lots of great DX to report, so away we go. Also, welcome Gary DeBock from Puyallup, WA. Report often.

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

765t **SWITZERLAND**, Sottens Option Musique, Oct 18, 0255. Tentatively the one playing pop mx and FF anc. Thought I might have heard "option" mentioned at 0300, but signal was very weak at that point. (NB-AB)
 1089t **RUSSIA**, Tbilisskaya, Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio, Oct 18, 0248. Tentatively the one with talks in Russian. (NP-AB)
 1134 **CROATIA**, Zadar, Croatia Radio Oct 18 0210. News bulletin in EE, at the end they mentioned short wave and medium wave, and gave website address. (NP-AB)
 1206 **FRANCE**, Bordeaux France Info Oct 20 0220, woman speaking in FF. (NP-AB)
 1215 **UNID**, Oct 18, 0400. News by man in Eastern European sounding language. Virgin Radio took over again by 0403. (NP-AB)
 1539 **UNID**, Oct 15 0156. In for a couple minutes with inst. mx but faded before top of the hour. Likely the German (NP-AB)
 1548 **UNID**, Oct 20 0237. Weak but Arabic sounding, possibly Radio Sawa from Kuwait?? (NP-AB)
 1575 **UNID**, Oct 15 0139. Traces of woman speaking in unid language. (NP-AB)



PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP
TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

640 **CUBA**, Radio Progreso, good, the best I have them for years, totally dominating the channel for a while at 0800 on 10/27. Very unusual here in the NW. Finally KFI took over with Cuba still strong underneath. (PM-OR)
 1090 **MEXICO**, Rosarito Beach, BCN XEPRS 10/20 0728 "Third Shift on Fox" from KTBA 1430 Tulsa. KPTK WA way underneath. Good. (5P-CA)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

531t **AUSTRALIA**, Port Macquarie, 2PM Oct 19 1331 Man hosting program of pop mx. Also gave NSW lottery numbers, which points to 2PM. (NP-AB)
 558 **JAPAN**, Kobe JOCR, weak in JJ 1355 10/18. (GD-WA)
 585 **JAPAN**, Kushiro JOFG weak most mornings in JJ First heard 1355 10/12. (GD-WA)
 594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK strong with JJ financial news 1351 10/15. (GD-WA)
 603 **UNID** in Mandarin CC 1403 10/21. (GD-WA)
 612 **JAPAN**, Fukuoka JOLK Oct 12 1341, Woman speaking in JJ //594 khz. (NP-AB)
 621 **UNID** weak in Mandarin CC 1420 10/21 (GD-WA)
 639 **AUSTRALIA**, Port Pirie 50K Oct 20 1341. Most likely the one //2485 with ABC's Saturday Night Country program. Some interference from presumed Fiji. (NP-AB)
 639 **CHINA**, Beijing CNR1 weak in CC 1352 10/16. (GD-WA)
 639 **FUJI**, Lautoka Oct 19 1352 Presumed the one with island style mx, woman host. (NP-AB)
 639 **JAPAN**, Oita JOIP Oct 13 1345. Short bits of mx then talk by man in JJ //531. NHK1 Network so apparently JOIP. (NP-AB)
 648 **RUSSIA**, Vladivostok VOA Oct 8 1338. Woman presenting news magazine type of program in KK, with EE clips translated, as typical of VOA. (NP-AB)
 + Also noted VOR presumed the one with female in KK 1355 10/16. (GD-WA)
 657 **DR KOREA**, strong male/female in KK 1400 10/15. (GD-WA)
 666 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBK weak in JJ 1340 10/15. (GD-WA)
 675 **UNID**, Oct 19 1326 Faint traces of man speaking in EE. (NP-AB)
 675 **UNID**, weak in Mandarin CC 1350 10/15. (GD-WA)
 693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB strong w/EE lessons 1403 10/16. (GD-WA)
 711t **REP. KOREA**, Sorae HLKA Oct 21 1333 tentatively the one with man speaking over Classical mx background. Lots of KIRO splatter. (NP-AB)
 738 **UNID** weak in CC news 1428 10/18. (GD-WA)
 747 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIB strong with JJ before 1400, EE lessons after 10/16. (GD-WA)
 750 **ALASKA**, Anchorage KFQD good on top with spot for Anchorage business and "KFQD" ID by man 04:35 10/25. (PM-OR)
 774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB strong signal u/KTTH slop 1413 10/15. (GD-WA)
 780t **ALASKA**, Nome KNOM presume the pop mx mixing with KKOH 0420 10/25. (PM-OR)
 828 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBB great signal w/JJ news over local KGNW slop 1407 10/16. (GD-WA)
 850 **ALASKA**, Nome KICY good at S9+10DB dominant for a time with Gospel mx break at 0031 with man talking about more Gospel mx and mentions on KICY 10/25. (PM-OR)
 855 **DEM KOREA**, Sangwon, Pyongyang Broadcasting Station Oct 21, 1328 Came up with enough audio with man speaking for a few minutes to confirm the //3250 SW. (NP-AB)
 891 **AUSTRALIA**, Adelaide 5AN Oct 8, 1330 ID as "891 ABC Adelaide" then ABC news by man. (NP-AB)
 891 **AUSTRALIA**, Townsville 4TAB Oct 20 1328 mixing with 5AN ID as "Radio TAB Australia" (NP-AB)
 936 **CHINA**, Anhui presumed the one w/weak CC news 1405 10/15. (GD-WA)
 963 **CHINA**, CRI Oct 9, 1317 Woman speaking in RR //9675. (NP-AB)
 + Also noted strong most mornings in Oct w/CC ID at 1400, then RR service. (GD-WA)
 972 **UNID**, very weak in CC 1410 10/16. (GD-WA)
 1035 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington 2ZB Oct 19 1332. Talk in EE with 2 men, so ZB Radio presumed. (NP-AB)
 1044 **CHINA**, CRI good with JJ service 1415 10/16. (GD-WA)
 1053 **JAPAN**, Nagoya JOAR presumed the one the one w/weak JJ audio 1410 10/12. (GD-WA)
 1080 **ALASKA**, Anchorage KUDO fair w/o KFXX Portland with talk spot at 0438 10/25 "...tell em' you heard it on KUDO" then lost u/KFXX. (PM-OR)
 1107t **CHINA**, Urumqi Xinjiang Kz Oct 10, 1312, Tentative with man and woman talking in Central Asian language, Kazakh listed by station. (NP-AB) (That is a great catch, Nigel. PM)
 1107 **JAPAN**, Unid Oct 12 1323 Man speaking in JJ. (NP-AB)
 1110 **ALASKA**, Big Lake KAGV good on top with Gospel mx 04:35 10/25. (PM-OR)
 1116 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane 4BC Oct 5, 1332 interview program, a couple of 4BC IDs, then song by Peggy Lee. (NP-AB)
 1116 **UNID**, Oct 6 1313 one station with Classical mx, another with man speaking in JJ, even possibly a third. (NP-AB)
 1143 **UNID**, CC female 1418 10/17. (GD-WA)
 1413 **JAPAN**, Fukuoka JOIF weak in JJ 1431 10/16. (GD-WA)

- 1521 **CHINA**, Urumqi CRI Oct 10 1254 ID at the hour in CC & RR then continued in RR. (NP-AB)
 (Another great catch, Nigel. PM)
- 1557 **UNID**, Oct 21 1349. Man and woman speaking in CC. Most likely Family Radio, Taiwan. (NP-AB)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, Cheju, HLAZ strong in KK but covered w/KZIZ slop 1420 10/17. (GD-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, VOA strong in Asian language 1423 10/16. (GD-WA)
- 1593 **CHINA**, CNR1 weak in CC 1428 10/16. (GD-WA) (This is great DX for just a portable. A fine report. PM)

VERIFICATIONS

- 680 **ALASKA**, Barrow, KBRW rec a very friendly letter on nice letterhead in 14d for CD report. I have been after this one for over 25 years. My most wanted Alaskan. Also enclosed a couple stickers. V/S: Robert C. Sommer-VP & GM. Full detailed QSL letter including mentioning the location of the KBRW tx site as 6 miles SE of Barrow. Address: PO Box 109, 1695 Okpik Street, Barrow AK 99723. AK #59, MW QSL #29269. Boy this one made my day! (PM-OR)
- 747 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIB card and letter in 23 days for a report with a postcard and MP3 file on CD V/S DATE Shigeru, Public Relations Section. (MF-CA)
- 780 **ALASKA**, Nome KNOM re a very nice QSL postcard in 13d V/S: Ric Schmidt. I had this one QSL'd from the early 80s, but I wanted their new QSL card. Address: PO Box 988, Nome AK 99762-0988. (PM-OR)
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GRAYLAND DXPEDITION 2007.10

October 25-28, 2007 **John H. Bryant**
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Beta Version Wellbrook Phased Array, W & NW

Got back from Grayland. I was able to download at the Local Bar and Grill on Friday and Saturday noons, but had problems (that I did not realize) uploading.

For those of you tracking Trans-Pacific conditions, the brief description would be:

Thursday AM, Oct 25: LOUSY
 Friday AM, Oct 26: Better, but still poor, with more Chinese
 Saturday AM: Oct 27: Worse, but not as lousy as Thursday
 Sunday AM: Much better... not great, but GOOD.

I was hoping for a lot of low level audio, since I find that most useful when doing antenna testing... the main purpose for my trip. I should be more careful what I wish for....

Here is the narrative:

Wednesday, October 24 was my travel day from Orcas Island to Grayland. Rain, some fog and numerous accidents in Seattle forced me to divert widely around the metropolitan area, and take an additional ferry to get to Grayland. A normal 6 hour trip became a low stress eight plus hours. The travel delay and early sunset meant that I only had time to get up the standard BOGS: westerly 600' and the NW 800 footer.

THURSDAY, OCT 25

Given the conditions that I found Thursday AM, I probably should have just waited until Thursday hang any wire at all. Thursday AM was the least interesting, least productive morning of DX that I've had here in several years. From the way that the band was behaving, I'd guess that there was some kind of solar disturbance. I DXed periodically from 1130 until 1530... going back to bed twice in disgust.

A number of DUs were in most of the morning, at just above threshold levels... 531, 549, 612, 702, 1116, 1512 and 1548. None ever got to really listenable levels, but they hung around a long time. All of the usual Japanese were there, though usually at their late October poor levels. Once in a while, one of the Big Guns would pop up for 10 minutes or so, before dropping off to fair/poor levels. The Chinese were almost totally absent, with 963 and 1206 kHz being notable exceptions.

The only two bright spots were a really good log, early (1300UT) of 738 Taiwan Fisheries, parallel a much worse 1143 and CNR1 639, very late (1500 UT). I've heard them both a number of times before, but they were still the class of the field for Thursday morning, October 25.

Thursday, the 25th, was a beautiful sunny day at the beach and I had great fun putting up both Guy Atkins' and my own beta Wellbrook Phased Arrays ready for some more serious Beta testing on Friday morning and, I sincerely hoped, a load of great DX.

FRIDAY, OCT 26

I DXed from 1130 until 1615UTC, with somewhat better results than Thursday and a pot full of antenna testing. Overall conditions still seemed sub-par, but a good deal better than the abysmal conditions of yesterday Thursday AM. The Aussie Big Guns were in at 1130 and more or less stayed in until things FINALLY shut down after 1600. (sunrise = 1445UT) The larger Japanese were there, along with some of the second and third line stations, though levels were generally sub-par. The Koreans were back for the most part, though not too strong and there were quite a few more CCs around, though still quite low level.

At noon on Friday, Patrick Martin and Dave Williams showed up for a delightful lunch and afternoon radio jam session. We had lunch at the Local Bar and Grill and I was able to upload the partial "Report #1" and download two days worth of messages. It was comforting to know that other DXers in the region were experiencing similar (semi-lousy but improving) conditions.

SATURDAY, OCT 27:

If you look in the DXers' dictionary under "mediocre conditions," you'll see a picture of me at Grayland this weekend. The Japanese are clearly beginning to fade out about an hour or more before dawn enhancement kicks in, so they are "mere shadows of their former selves" at dawn. This morning, the few DUs that have been present the past two days were even more modest, though a few made it to poor levels of audio. The Chinese were beginning to reappear in some numbers, but there still were many "usual suspect" stations that were either still totally missing or were mired in the mud of unintelligibility (936, 927, for instance.)

The silver lining in this weekend for me was the fact that I was there primarily for final Beta testing of the Wellbrook array and I wanted a lot of very low level audio for test purposes. "Be careful what you wish for....."

SUNDAY, OCT 28

Finally, decent, not great but DECENT, TP conditions. Most of the usual East Asian suspects were there and sometimes at excellent levels. Even 4QD-1548, Emerald, Queensland was bombing in mid after dawn. The Japanese continued to peak well before dawn and nowhere near their levels of just a late September.... But, they were there!

The still disturbed but improved conditions brought me two very nice catches:

I DXed until 1545, an hour after sun-up and then had to roll 'em up and head back inland into the fourth nice sunny day in a row.

Totals for the 4-day weekend: Japan: 31 stations, China: 21, Australia: 11, South Korea: 6, North Korea: 4 and one station each in Okinawa, Taiwan, Thailand, Russia and the Philippines.

With our annual migration back to our winter home in Oklahoma coming up in two weeks, that closes out my DXpeditioning out here for another year... and what a great one it has been!

- 531 **AUSTRALIA UNID Aussies**, Oct 25 1134 - At least two Aussies noted mixing at just above threshold level throughout the morning. (JB-G'land WA)
- 531 **AUSTRALIA 4KZ**, Inmifall, Oct 26 1405 - Dominated frequency throughout max dawn, sometimes at quite decent level. Ran some great local commercials. At times, could also hear at least two other DU stations beneath 4KZ. (JB-G'land WA)
- 531 **JAPAN JOQG NHK1**, Morioka, Oct 27 1215 - Heard all morning on the 27th with the DUs beneath. //594. (JB-G'land WA)
- 540 **CHINA CNR1** Synchros, Oct 25 1410 - Heard at very poor level //5030. (JB-G'land WA)
- 549 **AUSTRALIA 2CR Orange**, Oct 25 1140 - Presume this the DU noted at just above threshold level throughout the morning, with ABC programming. (JB-G'land WA)
- 549 **OKINAWA JOAP NHK1**, Naha, Oct 28 1250 - Stumbled on this running a national sporting event soon after turning on the radio. Fair to good at first, rapidly fading back into the numble mix. Happily, the play-by-play announcer was very distinctive and I could follow the signal until TOH. The // on 594 was ever so much better. Really happy with this one, after a minimum of 16 years of trying. Report going out tomorrow! (JB-G'land WA)
- 558 **SOUTH KOREA HLOH**, Yeong-il, Oct 26 1140 - Noted mixing with JOCR. KK informal program with fem. host, laughter, pop music. (JB-G'land WA)
- 558 **JAPAN JOCR**, Kobe, Oct 25 1411 - Noted at poor level with JJ talk and occasional pops. Heard also Oct 27 and 28. (JB-G'land WA)
- 567 **JAPAN JOIK NHK1**, Sapporo, Oct 25 1415 - Heard here each morning, usually running at fair level or poorer. //594. (JB-G'land WA)
- 576 **AUSTRALIA 2RN**, Sydney, Oct 27 1445 - Aussie talk at fair level, just as the band began to fade. (JB-G'land WA)
- 585 **JAPAN JOFG NHK1**, Kushiro (prob.), Oct 28 1310 - Probably this northerly 10 kW among several much weaker NHK1 Synchros. Heard throughout the morning. (JB-G'land WA)

594 **JAPAN** JOAK NHK1, Tokyo, Oct 25 1141 - Noted throughout the DXpedition, though usually only at fair or poor levels. (JB-G'land WA)

603 **JAPAN** NHK1 Synchros, Oct 26 1145 - Noted at fair level //594. (JB-G'land WA)

603 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSA, Namyang, Oct 26 1415 - Heard at good level at dawn with a very informal program of talk and pop music. (JB-G'land WA)

612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR Brisbane, Oct 25 1250 - Heard throughout the DXpedition. (JB-G'land WA)

612 **JAPAN** JOLK NHK1, Fukuoka, Oct 28 1310 - Heard //594 mixing with 4QR. Both at good level. (JB-G'land WA)

639 **CHINA** CNR1 Synchros, Oct 25 1500 - Heard late at fair level //5030. (JB-G'land WA)

648 **RUSSIA** RV445 VOA, Ussuriysk, Oct 26 1355 - VOA programming, with some interviews in EE. Only fair level, but the language sounded Russian to me, rather than the listed KK. At 1400, they obviously slewed the antennas significantly to continue in listed CC programming. Heard also Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

657 **NORTH KOREA** Pyongyang Bangsong, Kangnam, Oct 27 1418 - Noted here in passing. On frequency, for a change, but with a massive spur on one side. Heard each AM, but usually badly distorted. (JB-G'land WA)

666 **JAPAN** JOBK NHK1, Osaka, Oct 28 1305 - Noted in passing at fair level, // all the other NHK1s. (JB-G'land WA)

693 **JAPAN** JOAB NHK2, Tokyo, Oct 25 1413 - Noted throughout the DXpedition, though usually only at fair or poor levels. (JB-G'land WA)

702 **AUSTRALIA** 2BL Sydney, Oct 25 1135 - Presume this the DU noted at just above threshold level throughout the morning, with ABC programming. Heard at fair level Oct 26. (JB-G'land WA)

702 **JAPAN** NHK2 Synchros, Oct 27 1430 - Heard at fair level //774. (JB-G'land WA)

729 **JAPAN** JOCK NHK1, Nagoya, Oct 25 1300 - Heard at fair level //594. Heard also Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

738 **TAIWAN** Taiwan Fishery B.S., Baisha, Oct 25 1312 - Heard with news and into a pop music program. Good for about 15 minutes. // much poorer 1143 kHz. Heard well also on Oct 27 & 28. (JB-G'land WA)

747 **JAPAN** JOIB NHK2, Sapporo, Oct 25 1145 - Noted throughout the DXpedition, though usually only at fair or poor levels. (JB-G'land WA)

756 **CHINA** CNR1 Synchros, Oct 25 1325 - Noted //5030 with talk by M+W. Fair. Heard also Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

774 **JAPAN** JOUB NHK2, Akita, Oct 25 1145 - Noted throughout the DXpedition, though usually only at fair or poor levels. (JB-G'land WA)

783 **AUSTRALIA** 8AL, Alice Springs (tent.), Oct 26 1449 - Very tentative this, late in max dawn at fair level, initially, fading to nothing just before 1500. Could be Access Radio, Wellington, but heard no other Kiwis. I hung on every word and every note, like an IDIOT, rather than trying to // from 120 meters. I'll be looking tomorrow morning, but.... Will send a tentative report with CD. (JB-G'land WA)

783 **CHINA** Hebei RGD (prob.), Oct 28 1505 - Probably this one heard just as the band began to fade with seeming news broadcast in standard CC. (JB-G'land WA)

792 **AUSTRALIA** 4RN, Brisbane, Oct 28 1404 - ABC News at a good level during dawn enhancement. (JB-G'land WA)

801 **AUSTRALIA** 4QY, Cairns (prob.), Oct 28 1520 - 30 minutes after dawn, caught an Aussie talk show just above threshold level. There are three Aussies listed. 2RF is Radio Italia; 5RM, Berri appears to be an Oldies' station. 4QY would be my first guess, anyway, since Q'landers often dominate late at Grayland. However, this talk program was similar but NOT // to 4QD-1548. Subsequent I-net research indicates that the two stations are in different subgroups of ABC Local Radio, so this is certainly a possibility. New for me and worth a report with CD. (JB-G'land WA)

819 **NORTH KOREA** KCBS, Pyongyang, Oct 28 1315 - This the listed massive North Korean here and one of few that seems to be on frequency most of the time. Heard throughout the DXpedition. Noted running a bit above 819.0 on Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

828 **JAPAN** JOBB NHK2, Osaka, Oct 25 1145 - Noted throughout the DXpedition, though usually only at fair or poor levels. (JB-G'land WA)

837 **CHINA** Harbin RGD, Harbin, Oct 28 1410 - Finally heard this at last dawn of the DXpedition, with news programming in CC. This has been a very regular visitor at my home QTH. Its absence here the first three AMs of the DXpedition is a real comment on the poor conditions. (JB-G'land WA)

855 **CHINA+N. KOREA** The Mess on 855; Oct 28 1430 - The Mess on 855 was present throughout the DXpedition, at various levels. There are normally three carriers on different frequencies. The on-frequency station is Chinese, most probably one of the CNR2 transmitters. It is in audio only on the best Chinese mornings. The carrier just above 855 is the North Korean, Pyongyang Bangsong. I have not identified the third carrier, higher still in frequency. (JB-G'land WA)

873 **JAPAN** JOGB NHK2, Kumamoto, Oct 27 1447 - Noted here //828 as the band began to fade. In past years, this station has been more prominent in loggings. In 2007, the North Korean seems to own 873 much of the time. Heard also Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

891 **JAPAN** JOHK NHK2, Sendai, Oct 26 1347 - //774 at fair level. (JB-G'land WA)

918 **CHINA** Shandong RGD, Yantai, Oct 27 1230 - Noted here all morning with nice peak at dawn. Heard also on Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

936 **CHINA** Anhui RGD, Hefei, Oct 28 1443 - This old friend has not seemed as prominent this year as the past couple of years. Heard only on 28th at fair level. (JB-G'land WA)

945 **CHINA** CNR1 Synchros, Oct 27 1230 - This old friend finally back on the third AM of the DXpedition. Fair only. Heard also on Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

954 **JAPAN** JOKR, Tokyo, Oct 25 1437 - Noted at good level only at max dawn. Heard also Oct 27th. (JB-G'land WA)

963 **CHINA** CR1, Govorit Pekin, Unk.Loc., Oct 25 1420 - Heard throughout the DXpedition, often well. (JB-G'land WA)

981 **SOUTH KOREA** HLCA, Dangjin, Oct 26 0232 - Heard each AM, sometimes at good level. (JB-G'land WA)

990 **CHINA** CNR1 Synchros, Oct 27 1404 - Heard at fair to poor level //5030. Heard also Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

1017 **JAPAN** JOBK NHK2, Fukuoka, Oct 28 1445 - Noted at max dawn at good level //774. Not heard very often by me. (JB-G'land WA)

1035 **CHINA** CNR1 Synchros, Oct 28 1431 - A bit of Chinese instrumentals and plenty of talk at fair level. There was an echo on this one. No surprise, as CNR1 has a bunch of CNR1 transmitters on 1035. (JB-G'land WA)

1044 **CHINA** CR1 Japanese Service, Changzhou, Oct 27 1238 - Noted here in passing. Fair only. Heard also Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

1053 **NORTH KOREA** V. of Nat'l. Salvation, Haeju, Oct 26 1427 - Heard mixing with jammer and Japanese. Sometimes dominant. (JB-G'land WA)

1053 **JAPAN** JOAR, Nagoya, Oct 26 1427 - Heard mixing with jammer and North Korean. Sometimes dominant. (JB-G'land WA)

1116 **AUSTRALIA** 4BC, Brisbane, Oct 27 1437 - Aussie talk at fair level. (JB-G'land WA)

1134 **JAPAN** JOQR, Tokyo, Oct 25 1422 - Good at max dawn with JJ talk. Heard also on Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

1170 **SOUTH KOREA** KCBS Japanese Service, Oct 26 1210 - Heard fairly well o/u KPUG Bellingham, with JJ talk. (JB-G'land WA)

1170 **PHILIPPINES** VOA, Poro Pt. (pres.), Oct 25 1335 - Presume this the one in CC doing well beneath KPUG, Bellingham, WA. (JB-G'land WA)

1179 **JAPAN** JOOK, Osaka, Oct 28 1334 - Heard at good level with M+F in JJ. Not a regular visitor. (JB-G'land WA)

1188 **SOUTH KOREA** HLKX, SEOUL, Oct 25 1150 - FEBC EE religious program in at good level briefly in disturbed conditions. Heard also Oct 26. (JB-G'land WA)

1206 **CHINA** CNR Korean Prog., Yanji, Oct 25 1151 - Heard at fair level each morning. Huge on Oct 28. (JB-G'land WA)

1215 **CHINA** CNR, Multiple Loc., Oct 26 1206 - Both CNR2 and CNR7 broadcast on 1215. From transmitter location, this was likely CNR2 from Shenyang, Manchuria. Unable to find //: Fair to good. (JB-G'land WA)

1242 **JAPAN** JOLF, Tokyo, Oct 25 1503 - Heard most AMs of DXpedition. (JB-G'land WA)

1260 **JAPAN** JOIR, Sendai, Oct 25 1425 - Here briefly in disturbed conditions with JJ talk. Surprised to hear on such a poor JJ AM. (JB-G'land WA)

1278 **CHINA** Hebei RGD, Shijiazhuang, Oct 25 1152 - Heard throughout the DXpedition, sometimes at good level. (JB-G'land WA)

1287 **JAPAN** JOHR, Sapporo, Oct 25 1202 - Heard here each morning, usually running at fair level or poorer. (JB-G'land WA)

1305 **CHINA** CNR2 Synchros (tent.), Oct 26 1215 - Tentative this at poor level. Possibly //1323. Unsure. Clearly standard CC. (JB-G'land WA)

1323 **CHINA** UNID station in CC, Oct 26 1215 - The Russian Service of CRI is usually dominant here. This was clearly standard Chinese. Two other Chinese local stations listed in Manchuria. These? (JB-G'land WA)

1323 **CHINA** CRI Russian Service, Oct 28 1338 - Doing very well in Russian this AM, much better than 963. This would hint at widely separate sites. I wish we knew. (JB-G'land WA)

1332 **JAPAN** JOSF, Nagoya, Oct 28 1334 - Noted with very informal programming M+F chatting, laughter, etc. Possibly All Night Nippon program. Fair to good level. (JB-G'land WA)

1377 **CHINA** CNR1, Zengzhou, Oct 25 1424 - Heard every morning, peaks to very good level. (JB-G'land WA)

- 1386 JAPAN NHK2 Synchron, Oct 25 1425 - Heard each AM, though usually poorly.
(JB-G'land WA)
- 1422 JAPAN JORF, Yokohama, Oct 25 1440 - Noted at good level only at max dawn. Heard also Oct 26. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1440 JAPAN JOWF, Sapporo, Oct 25 1426 - Heard each AM and beginning to serve as a bellweather for upper band Japan. If JOWF is in, JJ conditions are average or above. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1503 JAPAN JOKU NHK1, Akita, Oct 25 1445 - Noted at poor/fair level only at max dawn. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1512 AUSTRALIA 2RN Newcastle, Oct 25 1130 - Presume this the DU noted at just above threshold level throughout the morning, with ABC programming. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1548 AUSTRALIA 4QD Emerald, Oct 25 1131 - Presume this the DU noted at just above threshold level throughout the morning. Heard also Oct 27 & 28. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1566 SOUTH KOREA HLAZ, Cheju Island, Oct 25 1205 - Heard each morning, sometimes at good to very good level. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1575 THAILAND VOA, Ban Phach, Oct 25 1212 - Heard each morning, sometimes at good to very good level. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1593 CHINA CNR1 Unk. Loc., Oct 27 1415 - Heard at poor level but clearly //5030. (JB-G'land WA)
- 1593 JAPAN NHK2 Synchron, Oct 25 1430 - Noted //774, etc. at poor level. (JB-G'land WA)

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It's been a long while since I've been in these pages. I got spurred on by a very recent and fun visit at our column editor's domicile in Indianapolis, as well as the results from the season's first DX test. Yes it was a lot of fun visiting with Rick Evans and his wife Barb a mere five days ago on 10/18. I originally met Rick in 1965 when he was still living in his native Kalamazoo. By the way, Rick, you'll be happy to know that I still have all those business cards, exactly where I thought they'd be, if I didn't throw them away (I didn't). Though I rarely DX on medium wave anymore, I don't intend to walk away from the marvelous camaraderie of the hobby, the Conventions, the August get-together in WI, etc., anytime soon. I was fortunate to be able to do the Madison gathering as well as the Conventions this year, all part of a massive 39-day trip covering all Lower 48 western states except Montana. (To me, "western" means that the time zone for most or all of its land area is "behind" Central Time.) I just saw the list of reports for the WJRL TEST, and I was blown away by some of the great loggings listed - East Coast, FL and a few West-of-the-Rockies successes. GOOD GOING, GUYS! They're easy here - they're a semi local which can be 24/7, or "NSP" (No Silent Period) in old DX-club-speak from back when some stations actually did NOT stay on Monday mornings or sometimes even all night. I think this shows and proves that no DX TEST can summarily be ignored. Even those in KKH's shadow shouldn't assume WXXH is impossible, and you shouldn't just ignore KQMS-1400 if you're located east of the Rockies. I also noticed with interest the application for Watson Lake YT on 990, proposing 400 watts. Right now it's not gonna make any difference here as CBW is a behemoth, the 50,000-watt gorilla who won't let stuff get by, but it's interesting to think what could happen if CBW eventually goes silent in a move to FM. I think it could open up Watson Lake as a target even in places like Illinois, because the town is located in closest-as-can-be southeast Yukon. Considering they're applying for more power, it doesn't look like they plan to move it to FM any time soon. By the way, if there's ever any word that WBBM780 has a silent period coming, "please" contact me, somebody - at least as long as CFRD exists. That is about my only hope ever to hear Nova Scotia, which would complete my Provinces. (Along with Yukon and NWT, Nunavut is a TERRITORY and not a Province, right?) 73 and good times and good health to all.

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Thanks almost single-handedly to Patrick for the column this month, but at least things seem to be picking up after a very slow summer. This column completes my 15th year as your Editor! It's been a pleasure! Happy Halloween! This column was prepared on 10/29/07. 73, SSH.

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