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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 Mantley Ln S, Salem OR 97306, or e-mail to dxer@desert4wd.com if you're interested.

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 KBNM 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 KBNM, 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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Mon 11/12/07	0100-0400	940	WFAW	Fort Atkinson WI	(Swanson)
Sat 11/24/07	0400-0500	780	WCXH	Monticello ME	(Weiner)
Sat 12/15/07	0400-0500	830	KLAA	Anaheim CA	(Clark)
Sun 12/16/07	0300-0400	1400	KQMS	Redding CA	(Myers/Mena)

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 K9LC, 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.

RESCHEDULED - WCXH 780 kHz Monticello, ME DX Test - RESCHEDULED
 As most of you know, due to a mix-up with times the WCXH test ran an hour later than advertised. Allan Weiner has graciously agreed to conduct another test and promises we will all be on the same clock this time! Here are the details of the rescheduled test from this most desirable station in a most desirable state.
 Date: Saturday morning (late Friday night), Nov. 24, 2007. Time: 4 - 5 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, 0900 - 1000 UTC. 5,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of

special voice announcements, march and other special music, Morse code and sweep tones. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Allan H. Weiner, WCXH Radio, 274 Britton Rd., Monticello, ME 04760-3110. 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. Again, our sincere thanks to Allan Weiner for giving us a second chance to hear his station.

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 bc1ark@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 if 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.

WIGG DX Test Results

The results are in from the WIGG test last weekend. It looks like 1420 kHz was a tough frequency for many of us, but the test still made it out fairly well to the Midwest, the South and somewhat to the East.
 Bill Dvorak in Madison, WI says that after a careful review of his tapes he picked out some 1,000 Hz tones and several Morse code IDs from the test.
 Up the road in Oak Creek, WI Tim Noonan reports, "I did hear the WIGG test - not very strong, but definite "WIGG" code."

Over in Taylors, SC, Chris Johnson says he had to dodge QRM from WHK, WKSJ and WVOT in order to pull out some Morse IDs and a long tone.
 Taking advantage of the advertised phone number, Tom Jasinski in Shorewood, IL called and spoke with CE Paul Turner during the test. Tom copied code and tones through QRM from WHK and WVAJ.

Bill "Philio Bill" Harms in Elkridge, MD says, "Got it! Clear Morse code ID . lots of WHK and WVOT." In St. Louis, MO Joe "Woz" Wozniak had trouble posting his results to the IRCA list on Sunday morning but no trouble hearing WIGG in spite of QRM from WOC, KTOE and co-channel local WJRL. Not too far from Woz, Curtis Sadowski in Paxton, IL says "Hearing tones, code and music from WIGG AM 1420 DX test. The channel is crowded, but it's coming through well enough to be distinguished."
 Brett Saylor in Central Pennsylvania says 1420 sounded more like a graveyard to him at times, but he still pulled out some tones and CW to add another Mississippi station to his log thanks to WIGG.

In Alcoa, TN, Steve Francis reports Floyd Cramer music along with tones and Morse code all combined to bring WIGG's signal into his shack, not heard since March 26, 1971, probably on a frequency check.
 To the south, J.D. Stephens in Hampton Cove, AL (near Huntsville) says he had good copy of the WIGG test.

And your BTC Coordinator - Jim Pogue - visiting family in Durham, NC logged some tones and a Morse code ID, plus had a brief phone conversation with Paul during the test.
 And finally, I got one e-mail (which I mistakenly deleted) from a DXer in Australia who said he heard some of the test via a recently reestablished DX Tuner in Florida!

Now the bad news: Lots of folks tried but were unable to hear the test due primarily to high QRM levels. These included Walt Salimantw in Victoria, BC, Canada, Saul in Brunt River, ON, Canada, and Barry McLarnon in Ottawa, ON, Canada, who copied a mush of WHK, WACK, WBEC and WBSM but no WIGG. Others trying for the test were Jim Renfrew in Holley, NY, Rich Brock near Pittsburgh, PA, Mike Stonebridge in St. Isidore, AB, Canada, Phil Bytheway in Seattle, WA, Patrick Martin in Seaside, OR, Jerry Ervine in McAllen, TX who had lots of Radio Formula but no WIGG, and Paul Walker in SC.
 Thanks to everyone who tried for the test, and congratulations to those who logged it.

We still have several more tests in the works in addition to those which have already been announced, plus another whole slug of requests to go out. Check the DXTESTS.INFO Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

PODCAST #3

The latest Broadcast Test Committee Podcast - Edition #3 - hosted by committee member J.D. Stephens is now available for downloading and listening. Here's the link: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC_Podcast_3.mp3. Thanks to J.D. for this great addition to our efforts.

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CANADIAN RADIO NEWS

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For October 2007 (November 1 2007) (next update December 1 2007)

1690 QC Montreal
CJLO Relocate transmitter

PROPOSED AM TO FM CONVERSIONS

610 QC New Carlisle CHNC Move to 107.1 with 3,800 watts/6,000 watts ERP
980 ON Peterborough CKRU Move to 96.7 with 6,000 watts/20,000 watts ERP
1150 QC Gaspe CHGM Move to 99.3 with 257 watts/468 watts ERP (will simulcast proposed CHNC 107.1 New Carlisle)

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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930 KIUP CO, Durango 10/28 2058 "Sports radio for La Plata Co. KIUP Durango." (BB-AZ)
940 KIXZ TX, Amarillo 10/28 2032 with weather and "KIXZ" ID. (BB-AZ)
950 KKFN CO, Denver 10/26 2057 with "Sports Radio 950" then ads for Denver area. (BB-AZ)
1000 KDCE NM, Espanola 10/26 1959 with "KDCE" ID into CNN news. (BB-AZ)
NM, Albuquerque 10/28 0928 with ID "KKIM Christian Radio for Northern New Mexico." (BB-AZ)
1220 KHTS CA, Canyon Country 10/28 2147 with "KHTS" and then ads. (BB-AZ)
CA, Palo Alto 10/28 2138 with "Newstalk KNITS." (BB-AZ)
1240 KSMA CA, Santa Maria 10/28 0959 with "KSMA Santa Maria." (BB-AZ)
1340 KPGE AZ, Page 1/22 0900 ID mentioned two FMers (93.3 was one) then KPGE 1340, current temp was 39 degrees. (MS-CA)
+ 10/26 1951-2007 tuned in to country music, top of hour ID also mentioned their 2 FM stations, time check, ABC news followed by what sounded like local news as they faded into the jumble. New, very happy with this one. Hope they answer reports. (MF-CA)

1490 KZZZ AZ, Bullhead City 10/24 0805 ID "K-triple Z" then into Jim Bohannon Show. (MS-CA)
1650 KHRO TX, El Paso 0900 legal ID and ads, slogan "El Paso Newstalk," good through local KFOX Torrance. (MS-CA)

DX TEST

1220 WLPO IL, LaSalle 10/27 0417 weak with Morse code at 0406 and sweep tones & code at 0417. (PM-OR)
(WLPO)+10/27 0400-0415 DX test tried these 15 minutes (test ran till 0430), but nothing under KWKU except a weak Canyon Country and XEB and Palo Alto in both their null. (RW-CA)

Thanks to our four reporters this week. Nancy 11/2 2100

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturdays 8 AM!!

STARS OF THE WEEK

(WM-TN) **Willis Monk** Old Fort TN
Drake R-4C, 149' LW
(JC-DE) **John Cereghin** 38 S. Carter Rd, Smyrna DE
FRG-7, KA-1103 with 50' sloper pointing NNE, 1 foot square Box loop, and Select Antenna

LOGGINGS

540 GA WDAK Columbus 1850 27/10/07 1855 Troy (AL) Trojan football vs Arkansas State ID - "news talk radio 540, WDAK." (WM-TN)
590 KY WVWLK 0030 21/10/07 Popped up out of QRM from Cuba. "NEWSTALK 590 WVWLK." (WM-TN)
620 NJ WSNR La Grange 1840 27/10/07 Local ad, ID at 1843. weak, QSB. (WM-TN)
640 FL WVVLG Newark 10/26/07 1405 Caribbean-themed programming. (JC-DE)
Wildwood 0012 20/10/07 Heard ID as station rose up above CUBA "AM 640 WVLG." Playing MOYL type of music. (Nice signal for only 880 watts.) (WM-TN)
780 NS CFDR Halifax 10/25/07 2215 KIXX-Country IDs, country mx, under WBBM. (JC-DE)
800 GA WJAT Swainsboro 2300 20/10/07 Promo for up-coming high school FB games on the home of the Patriots. ID: "800, WJAT, Swainsboro." (WM-TN)
910 ME WABI Bangor 10/29/07 0630 Tough copy, taped ID, possible "Voice of Maine" band heard. (JC-DE)
940 FL WINZ Miami 0100 26/10/07 Two ID's one at 2358, "WINZ, 940, MIAMI" then two PSAs, then ID - "THIS IS 940, WINZ" (Pronounced as wins). (WM-TN)
980 DC WTEM Washington 0000 01/11/07 "SPORTSRADIO 980, WTEM, WASHINGTON'S ONLY SPORTS RADIO." (It has taken about 10 months of listening to finally get a real ID from this station.) (WM-TN)
990 NC WEEB Southern Pines 10/30/07 2200 "Talk Radio 990, WEEB.... We've got you by the ear." (JC-DE)
1060 GA WKNG Tallapoosa 0747 09/10/07 "WKNG, King country" Then into a Sonny James song. (WM-TN)
NC WXNC Monroe 0722 20/10/07 /WDYT on 1220. Same program, but not as good a signal as 1220. (WM-TN)
1070 VA WINA Charlottesville 2200 09/10/07 ID - "WINA 1070, Charlottesville," then into CBS news. Strong signal for about 5 minutes, then QSBed. (WM-TN)
1120 PA WKQW Oil City 10/31/07 1745 "The Wild Catter", classic country mx. (JC-DE)
1140 FL WQBA Miami 10/31/07 2140 Spanish, good ID and clear mentions of "Miami-Dade" under WVRVA. (WM-TN)
1220 NC WDYT Kings Mountain 0715 20/10/07 "Think Radio, WDYT" Program called "Firing Line" nice signal for 1 KW at Sunrise. (JC-DE)
1230 VA WODI Brookneal 10/25/07 2150 Caught "WODI" jingle. (JC-DE)
1350 MS WKCU Corinth 0110 14/10/07ID - "1350 WKCU" Nice signal for about 5 minutes then QSB. (WM-TN)
1470 TN WBCR Alcoa 1600 10/10/07 Ad for Carrier a/c at 1559. ID "WBCR TRUTH Radio" audio had bad modulation. QRM/QSB. (WM-TN)
1590 MD WKHZ Ocean City 10/27/07 1645 Running oldies-type programming off of www.kiztv.com website. (JC-DE)
1600 AL WXXVI Montgomery 2230 16/10/07 ID - "WXXVI MONGOMERY" then into Black southern gospel sing'n. QSB, QRM. (WM-TN)
1610 ON CHHAT Toronto 2225 16/10/07 Believe this to be CHHA. No ID heard, but a man praying in English, then than Spanish. Nice S-9 signal into TN. (WM-TN)
1620 VI WDHP Frederiksted 2200 TO 2215 16/10/07 Faded up with a taped weather rpt. From NWS for ST. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix (Been to each island while I was in the navy) QSBed for a while with GRM from WTAM.listening to WRRR.... Still in at S5 at 2215. ID "...WRRV 1260 and WDHP 1620 Frederiksted, the Reef." Then time pips and tone at T.O.H. Mixed with WTAW Lots of QSB, QRM. (WM-TN)

A BIG WELCOME to John Cereghin this week. Please report often.... Thanks also to Willis this week... fresh 11-03 1400

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Greetings everyone.

Some nice tips from Nick Hall-Patch and Dennis Vroom this week.

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1215 **KALININGRAD**, Bolshakovo, Radio Rossii 0432 Nov 2, man in RR, way over Virgin Radio for a couple of minutes. This was the only channel with consistent TA audio this morning and it had two reasonable signals! (NHP-BC)
- 1215t **UK**, Virgin Radio, prob the one with a female ancr (sounded British), but not much more than threshold audio mostly 0345 Nov 2, also heard pop mx, but pretty poor at best. (PM-OR)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 153 **RUSSIA**, 1238 Nov 1, faint with man in RR. (DV-WA)
- 180 **RUSSIA**, 1238 Nov 1, weak with man in RR. (DV-WA)
- 189 **RUSSIA**, 1239 Nov 1, weak with man in RR. (DV-WA)
- 279 **RUSSIA**, 1239 very weak with man in RR Nov 1. (DV-WA)
- 567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIK 1245 Nov 1 very weak with JJ singing //594. (DV-WA)
- 594t **AUSTRALIA**, Horsham 3WV 1438 Oct 25, EE talk, fair fading to poor, by man o/u slow inst. mx from JOAK (NHP-BC)
- 621 **CHINA**, Unid, 1424 Oct 18, Man speaking in Mandarin, fair to surprisingly good, considering the channel. Gary DeBock's Mandarin-speaking friend told him that the ancr was offering advice on dating, friendship, etc... and the station will have a guest that the audience can call. No ID, could be Harbin, but no // found. (NHP-BC)
- 621 **RUSSIA**, Khabarovsk, Radio Rossii, 1411 Oct 18, woman talking in RR, rather briskly //279, both with fair strength. 621t had a big hum on it at one time, possibly North Korea, but no audio from it. (NHP-BC)
- 639 **AUSTRALIA**, Mossman 4MS 1411 Oct 25, Slow vocal mx, poor fighting with SAH but //612. (NHP-BC)
- 639 **CHINA**, various locations, CNR 1, 1429 23 Oct Woman in CC fair to poor, followed by brief mx, then man talking //5030. (NHP-BC)
- 648 **RUSSIA**, 1259 short phrase repeated many times, 1300 VOA EE ID. Koreans program? Will record next time heard at 1300 Nov 1. (DV-WA)
- 666 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBK 1306 Nov 1 weak with man in JJ. (DV-WA)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA**, Melbourne 3LO, 1409 25 Oct brief piece of vocal mx, then man talking //612, fair fading to poor, then overtaken by JOUB. (NHP-BC)
- 819 **DEM KOREA**, Pyongyang KCBS 1446 23 Oct Nil to poor in splatter, w/slow vocal mx by woman //2850. (NHP-BC)
- 855 **DEM KOREA**, Sangwon, Pyongyang Bangsong, 1415 1 Nov, man talking poor w/big hum //3320. Usually just a hum here. (NHP-BC)
- 873 **JAPAN**, Kumaoto JOGB 1433 28 Oct. Man talking rather intensely, like giving a speech, so much that I thought it was North Korea, however was //828, slow fade up to fair (1434) at best. (NHP-BC)
- 981 **CHINA**, various locations CNR, 1445 21 Oct, Oriental vocal mx nil to poor fighting the splash w/980, but //5030. Also Nov 2 at 1446. Mx followed by woman talking //5030 poor at best in 980 splat. (NHP-BC) (Good catch Nick, so close to 50 KW CKNW. PM)
- 1323 **CHINA**, Jilin CRI, Govorit Pekin, 1435 21 Oct, woman talking, poor //963 briefly better at 1440, quite readable for a few seconds, but mostly in the splatter. (NHP-BC)
- 1377 **CHINA**, Zhengzhou CNR1 1353 23 Oct, woman and man talking in CC nil to poor //5030. (NHP-BC)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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Well, today, 10/28 '260 here ID ed as KGIL but some promos still use KMZT. Classical on AM doesn't bother me a bit, since I grew up hearing 1330 KFAC around the house and in my parents car (KPOL 1540 as well). Glad standards are returning. As for changes on 1260 and old 540 (Hesperia; later Costa Mesa (dark), I always wanted to tape changes but they've happened usually a day ahead of the publicized date. Was looking over many old cassettes - some of 1260 and of 1510/100.7 San Rafael, CA. Halloween about here. Found 2 old tapes of a surf music program on a local FM, both Halloween ones. Program no longer on FM, 88.9. Saw tapes of Bay area AM/FM that a friend in San Mateo (now Foster City) sent me over the years. Hope fall is going OK for everyone. 73.

DX WORLDWIDE - II

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ARGENTINA: CPs from COMFER:

- 1000 Hoyo de Epyén, Chubut – 1 KW
- 1080 Capitán Sarmiento, Chubut – 1 KW
- 1200 Villalonga, Buenos Aires – 1 kW
- 1440 Villa Gesell, Buenos Aires – 0.25 kW
- 1480 Federacio, Entre Ríos – 1/0.25 kW
- 1490 Rivadavia, San Juan – 1/0.25 kW
- 1500 Monte Caseros, Corrientes – 1/0.25 kW
- 1550 Santa Syvina, Chaco – 0.25 kW
- 1570 Miramar, Buenos Aires – 1/0.25 kW
- 1580 Tres Arroyos, Buenos Aires – 1/0.25 kW
- 1600 Godoy Cruz, Mendoza – 1/0.25 kW
- 1600 Villa Dolores, Córdoba – 1/0.25 kW
- 1620 Alta Gracia, Córdoba – 0.25 kW
- 1620 Cañada de Gómez, Entre Ríos – 0.25 kW
- 1630 General Villegas, Buenos Aires – 1 kW
- 1640 Carmen de Patagones, Buenos Aires – 1/0.25 (Amplitud Modulada via Arctic)

CUBA: 930 CMIP R. Surco //FM 98.1

- 1000 GDMF R. Granma, Manzanillo
- 1040 GMBF R. Musical Nacional, Villa Clara (José Miguel Romero via DXLD 7-111)
- 1140 CM.. R. Bayamo, Media Luna, 1 kW
- 1150 CM.. R. Bayamo, Entronque de Bueycito, 10 kW
- 1160 CM.. R. Bayamo, Siguanaea de Pílon, 1 kW (Ing Yandys Cervantes Rodriguez via José Miguel Romero via DXLD 7-111)
- 1220 GMBY R. Caribe, "La Voz de Isla de Pinos", Nueva Gerona // FM 101.7 Web <http://www.radiocaribe.co.cu> (via José Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DXLD 7-111)
- 1340 CMFL R. Ciudad del Mar, Palmira // FM 98.9
- 1350 CMFL R. Ciudad del Mar, Aguada de Pasajeros //FM 98.9

Radio Jaruco, now on FM only (Christier Brunström, ARC, except as noted)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

CHINA: Many local and provincial stations relay CNR news at 6:30 a.m. local time (2230-2300 UT) and/or 8:00 p.m. (1200-1230 UT). I believe these are relays of CNR1, although this has not been confirmed. Some stations also relay the audio from CCTV news at 7:00 p.m. (1100-1130 UT). This was discovered by looking at the schedules found on many Chinese station website while updating the Pacific Asian Log. This means that a CNR ID during these time periods could be just about any station on the channel, and not necessarily a new CNR outlet. (Portzer)

INDIA: The official Home & External Service Schedule (MW, FM, SW) of All India Radio for B-2007 season is now available in <http://www.allindiaradio.gov.in/schedule/fqs.ch.html>. (Jose Jacob, DX_India, 29 October)

JAPAN: NHK2 network has new signoff times 1600 Sa Tu We Th, 1540 Su Mo Fr. I'm not sure how long they've been in effect, but I first noted them on the website in late September. (NHK Website, via Bruce Portzer)

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS: The only public broadcaster in the Northern Marianas has stopped airing some programmes because of a budget cut. The KRNM radio station mainly broadcast shows distributed by Public Radio International and produces ten percent of its shows locally through volunteers. Among the shows it used to broadcast were BBC news and a number of US current affairs programmes. But its manager, Chris Pogue, says the station must now change its schedule. "We need to receive our programming via a different method. What we are intending on doing is getting our MPR shows through an internet stream directly from [Washington] DC, pulling off some other programmes off internet feeds, and then complementing that with a Radio Australia feed." Chris Pogue says its budget has been cut by 30,000 US dollars but the planned saving measures will help a lot. (Radio New Zealand International via RNW Weblog)

KOREA, SOUTH: KBS World Radio 1170 B07 schedule: Korean 1000-1100, Russian 1100-1200, Japanese 1200-1300, Chinese 1300-1400. (Jose Miguel Romeri, HCDX)

PAKISTAN: 558 Pakistan wants to use this frequency for 1000/500 kW non-directional at Umarmkot, G.C.: 69E50 25N15. (ITU GE75/116, 04.09.2007) (Media Network weblog)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

ALGERIA: Harris to modernize tda high-power mw stations 10.09.2007 <http://www.radioworld.com/pages/c.0021.html>. Business Digest <http://www.radioworld.com/pages/s.0140/t.p0001.html>. Harris Corp. <http://www.broadcastharris.com/> is deploying two turkey medium-wave transmission systems for Télédiffusion d'Algérie (TDA) <http://www.tda.dz/> the Algerian authority that runs public broadcasting in the country. The stations, at F'kirina in the northeast and Sidi-bel-Abbès in the northwest, are part of a government program to modernize the television and radio infrastructure. The contract is worth US\$15 million. The project, to be completed in 2009, includes the design and construction of the two radio transmission stations, the procurement and installation of towers and antenna systems, as well as the delivery and installation of 600 kW DX Series medium-wave AM transmitters. "We are very excited about the new Harris transmitters as they provide us with much lower operating costs, significantly improved coverage and audio quality, and an opportunity to move towards DRM when this is needed," stated TDA Managing Director Abdelmalek Houyou. (Radio World International Newsbytes via Ben Dawson, DXLd)

BENIN: Trans World Radio's engineering team is making progress in readying the new transmitting facility in Benin, West Africa. programming is scheduled to begin airing in December. The transmitter and an air conditioning unit are on-site. Two additional containers with power generators and essential antenna parts are in transit and due to arrive in Africa in the coming weeks. According to TWR, the team signed the license agreement last year, and TWR-Africa has persevered through several subsequent challenges regarding the transmitter project, including delays in ordering and receiving equipment and seeking out program producers. Construction of the high power mediumwave station in Benin is making steady progress. Missionaries, including the Cox and Kennedy families, have been working hard to get the station operational. Paul Cox, a broadcast engineer, is overseeing the installation of the transmitter and other technical aspects. (Source: Mission Network News via RNW Weblog 24 Sept)

BOTSWANA: 909 The Zimbabwe Project at the Voice of America, Botswana is expanding its Studio 7 broadcasts to Zimbabwe with the addition of one-hour programs on Saturday and Sunday, bolstering its existing schedule of 90-minute evening broadcasts Monday through Friday in response to the country's deepening crisis, upcoming elections, and state jamming of VOA signals. Weekend broadcasts will begin today at 1700 UTC on 909 kHz mediumwave from Botswana and shortwave frequencies 4930, 13755 and 15775 kilohertz. (Voice of America via Andy Sennitt, RN Media Network 18.8.2007 via Ydun Ritz via Ullmar Qvick via Arctic)

DJIBOUTI: On the German A-DX mailing list there was some discussion today on whether or not Djibouti was transmitting on 1170 kHz as both their web site and the WRTM only mention 1539 kHz and do not say anything about 1170 kHz. So I e-mailed the station and just got confirmation that they do indeed broadcast on 1170 kHz. (Herman Boel, mwc 23 Oct)

GREECE: Today I heard this station after checking another MW station. It is called Radio Macedonia (no relation to an FM station from Thessaloniki) and transmits from a point near to Verria, about 40 km south of Thessaloniki. Its QRG is 1384.34 kHz NO further tech info available for firm. He knows well the receivability of his signal in Europe, including Germany Stations owner name is Panayiotis. (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki Greece, HCDX 1 Nov)

MOROCCO: RTM continues with a few rather odd frequencies. 1079.8 RTM-"Q", site?, 0930-..., 09 Sep, Arabic, Ar. songs; 55555 (!) 1187.9 RTM-"C", Casablanca still off channel, 0925-..., 09 Sep, Berber, local songs; 45554 but only daytime, i.e. when no other signal is received.

1593 (this is one is very hard evenings) RTM-"R", Marrakech, 0927-..., 09 Sep, Arabic, Ar. songs; 24442.

1634.8a (ex-1632a) RTM-"B", site?, 1104-..., 11 Sep, Arabic, music, talks; 45454 and increased readability only after switching to the FM mode. (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DXLd)

NETHERLANDS: The Dutch government has invited parties interested in using one of the remaining unallocated regional FM and mediumwave frequencies in the Netherlands to register their proposals by 30 October. The plan is to use the same system of comparative applications that was used for the

national licenses in 2003. It is intended to begin the licensing process before the end of 2007. There are 12 FM and four mediumwave frequencies available. The mediumwave details are: Heinooord 828 kHz 20 kW directional (day)/5 kW ND (night), Almere 1224 kHz 40 kW directional (day)/20 kW ND (night), Echt 1035 kHz 10 kW directional (day/night), Amsterdam 1557 kHz 1 kW ND (day/night). (Source: Radiocommunications Agency Netherland via Media Network October 6 2007)

The UK commercial broadcaster Big L, which uses a mediumwave transmitter in the Netherlands on 1395 kHz, has decided to introduce a programme in Dutch, which will be aired on Mon-Fri at 0300-0400 UTC in the morning, when most Dutch people are still asleep. It appears that the programme is aimed at Dutch-speaking truckers in and around the Netherlands. According to the website mediumwave.info: "Eric van Willegen told me that Big L 1395 AM will launch a new programme starting Monday the 1st of October 2007. The name of the programme is "Big L Goes Dutch". It's a mix of oldies, truckin' songs and a few Dutch songs." At the time of posting this item, there is no mention of the programme on the Big L website, though it has been heavily promoted on air over the past few days. (RNW Weblog, 30 Sept)

SPAIN: 1260 DRM transmissions from SER, Madrid, seem to be 24 h here with no use of 1251. (Juan Arranz, Mostoles, Madrid, via Monterini, playdx yg via DXLd)

These are the new regional/local times in the RNE R1 & R5TN networks from next Sep. 3rd 2007: UTC times: M-F: 0525-0530 & 0550-0600 REG R1 // R5tn, 0715-0730 LOCAL R5tn, 1106-1200 REG R1, 1745-1800 REG R5tn. Sa-Su: 1130-1200 REG R1 // R5tn. (M. Molano, Salamanca, Spain via Steve White)

Spain wants to add the following daytime transmitters: 1386 Bilbao 50 kW at 02W54 43N16 1476 San Sebastian 50 kW at 02W00 43N20. (ITU GE75/116, 04.09.2007)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: 1539 kHz is shared by Asianet Radio and VOA Urdu. Asianet Radio is on at 6.00 am to 7.00 pm as per scrolling message on Asianet TV; earlier they were 24 hrs on 648 kHz. This is followed by VOA Urdu. The Asianet Radio, web page is not updated and still shows as 648 kHz. I personally have not heard them on new frequency due to AIR Panaji also on same frequency but another friend has heard it. (Jose Jacob, Hyderabad, India, Aug 10, dxldvg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) (the times seem to be local -ed/ 1539 is now with Asianet Radio 0200-1400 (lower power) and Aap Ki Duniya 1400-0200. (Mauno Ritola, Arctic)

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