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ELECTION UPDATE

For those who have not already voted for their choice of the 2007-2008 Ted Vasilopolous Award (TVA) and Ric Heald Award (RHA), the ballot and details were contained in the 15 March 2008 **DX Monitor**. Please take a moment to show your appreciation by voting for one of the candidates who have worked hard for IRCA. The ballot must be RECEIVED by the Election Committee Chairman no later than 0001 hours Eastern Standard Time, July 1, 2008. (contact the ECC, Nick Hall-Patch, 1538 Amphion St., Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 4Z6 (or e-mail: nrp@jeee.org) if you do not have a ballot)

(Those subscribing to both the hard copy and electronic versions of the **DX Monitor** may vote by using the hard copy ballot OR by e-mail, whichever is the most convenient to you. **PLEASE DO NOT DO BOTH.** Thank you.)

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IRCA Convention 2008 News

The 2008 IRCA Convention will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona on September 12-14 at The Days Inn, 1000 West Route 66, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001. The phone number for the Days Inn is 928-774-5221 and tell them that you are with the IRCA. I have a block of 20 rooms which they will hold until August 12 but after that date the rooms will be gone very fast. So if you don't make your reservations by August 12 you will not get a room at the Days Inn. The room rates are \$65 for single, double, triple or quad. The registration fee for the convention is \$25 per person and you can pay at the door or sent it to me at the address below. The banquet will be held on Saturday night at Black Barts Steak House in Flagstaff. There are many things to do in Northern Arizona and a few of them are: The Grand Canyon, Lowell Observatory, Wupatki National Monument, Meteor Crater and Sedona. So start now and make your plans for the 2008 IRCA Convention in Flagstaff.

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NRC Convention 2008 News

Friday, August 29 - 31, 2008. 75th Anniversary - National Radio Club, founded in 1933. What better way to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary than to get back together in the familiar surroundings of the birthplace of modern broadcasting. And can you believe it? The city of Pittsburgh is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year, too! The host will be John Malicky; one of NRC's most experienced convention leaders. Just look at what he's arranging. The Pirates baseball team will play on Sunday afternoon against Milwaukee - very appropriate for the 75th diamond anniversary - weather permitting. Plan to arrive early enough on Friday to take part in studio tour that afternoon, with a pizza dinner being served in the meeting room that night. The grand opening will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday with a presentation about the history of Pittsburgh rounding out the evening.

Saturday morning will feature a tour of the Heinz History Center at 9 am, and you are invited to buy lunch at the Sports Rock Café if you wish. There will be transmitter tours in the afternoon for those who wish to get out and see what broadcasting in Pittsburgh is all about, and then, at 5 pm, the annual group photograph at the hotel. And, of course, there will be lots of time to sit and chat about DXing with other club members in the Hospitality Room.

The banquet this year will be in the Greenery. Restaurant night there at the hotel. A business meeting will follow, and then the world-famous auction will round out the evening.

Sunday will open with the annual NRC DX Examination, and then, at 11 am, we'll depart for a boat ride to PNC Park, home field of the Pittsburgh Pirates, via the Gateway Clipper Fleet. The game that afternoon is against the Milwaukee Brewers at 1:35; tickets are \$14 each, and please reserve yours by letting John know that you plan to attend. Seats will be behind home plate on the 3rd level. Back at the hotel, the Hospitality Room will re-open around 5 o'clock -- WNRC should be on the air by then and we'll sit and chat until everyone is talked out. The convention will end on Sunday evening. Now, here's what to do:

1. Reserve your room at the Greentree Holiday Inn, 401 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15220: Call: 1-412-922-8100. Be sure to tell them you want the "NRC Rate" @ \$75 per room (up to 3 occupants)

2. Convention Registration is \$45 and that includes the pizza party, the banquet, soft drinks and munchies during the three days in the Hospitality Room and, weather permitting, a trip to the history center.
3. Send all auction and "free" distribution items to John (PLEASE mark free items prominently so that they don't end up in the auction!): 995 Shadycrest Rd - Pittsburgh PA 15216-3046.
4. Send your registration check, payable to "National Radio Club", to: National Radio Club - PO Box 5192 - Sun City Center FL - 33571-5192. You can also register on line using PayPal at: www.nrcdxas.org.
5. The train station in Pittsburgh is only 4 miles away from the hotel; the taxi fee is \$25.

DX TESTS - BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR

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Sat 3/29/08 0300-0400 1480 WHBC Canton OH (Lamm)

WHBC 1480 kHz Canton, OH DX Test

Date: Saturday morning (late Friday night), March 29, 2008. Time: 3 - 4 am Eastern Time, 0700 - 0800 UTC. The station will test with **standard night** power and pattern, carrying their regular Fox Sports Radio talk programming and interspersing Morse code and sweep tones. Reception reports may be sent to Director of Engineering Dale Lamm/NX8J by several means:
 You may submit a report via the station's Web site by clicking on this link: <http://www.whbc.com/pages/1418821.php>

You may submit a report directly to Mr. Lamm by sending an E-mail to "**DLamm [at] WHBC.com**" Recordings in mp3 or wav format as proof of reception will be accepted.
 You may send postal reports to Mr. Dale Lamm, Director of Engineering, WHBC-AM Radio, 550 Market Avenue South, Canton OH 44702-2112. Audio files in mp3 or wav format will be accepted. If you only have cassette recording capabilities, please contact Jim Pogue (**KH2AR [at] comcast.net**) for special instructions.

NOTE: All requests for postal verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Many thanks to Mr. Lamm for agreeing to conduct this test.

WBIX DX Test Final Report

Let me think of some appropriate superlatives: spectacular, amazing, overwhelmingly successful... nope, they still don't capture how great this late-February DX test from Natick, Massachusetts came out. In addition to being heard in at least 18 U.S. states and 2 Canadian provinces, the test was also logged in Finland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Here's the LONG list of DXers who have reported hearing the test:

- Mark DeLorenzo - South Dennis, MA
- Dave Hochfelder - Albany, NY
- Steve Howe - Saint Albans, VT
- Curtis Sadowski - Paxton, IL
- Joe Miller - Troy, MI
- Mike Brooker - Toronto, ON
- Craig Healy - Providence, RI
- George Sherman - Minnesota
- Perry Crabill - Winchester, VA
- Mark Gerwivich - Markham, ON
- Mark Connelly - Billerica, MA
- Rob Ross - London, ON (DXing on an Ultralight radio of course)
- Bruce Portzer - Seattle, WA
- Tom Jasinski - Shorewood, IL
- Bjarne Mjelde - Berlevag, Norway
- Jan Edh - Fredrikstors, Sweden
- OJ Sagdahl - Trondheim, Norway
- Andrew Blade - York, UK
- Sig Andersson - Norrköping, Sweden
- Torolf Johnsson - Stockholm, Sweden
- Dave Pyatt - Burlington, ON
- Bob Galerstein - Monroe, NY
- Dave Braun - Wyoming, DE
- Joe Wozniak - St. Louis, MO
- Rich Line - Sterling Heights, MI

- David Faulkner - Albany, OH
- Torgeir Woxen - Sorumsand, Norway
- Barry Davies - Carlisle, UK
- Shawn Axelrod - Winnipeg, MB
- Neil Kazaroff - Barrington, IL
- Jim Wallace - Charleston, WV
- Tim Noonan - Oak Creek, WI
- Steve Francis - DXing from Newport News, VA
- Dave Larrabee - Columbia, MD
- Jim Solatie - Lemmenjoki, Finland
- Eric Soderman - Norrköping, Sweden
- Håkan Sundman - Lemmenjoki, Finland
- Ken Baird - Sorn, Scotland
- Kermit Geary - Walnutport, PA
- Jim Paige - Sterling Heights, MI
- Steve Kennedy - Coal Township, PA
- Charles Helms - Nutley, NJ
- Philip Chiello, Jr. - Elm Grove, WI
- Kraig Krist - Manassas, VA
- Leslie Wood - East Meadow, NY
- John Fisher - North Chelmsford, MA
- Mary Karren-Landy - Poland Spring, ME
- John Malicky - Pittsburgh, PA
- Andrew Brade - East Yorkshire, UK
- Paul Crankshaw - Ayrshire Scotland

It seems that the only DXers east of the Mississippi River who had a problem hearing the test were those like me here in Memphis who live in WBIX's protective null. Likewise, J.D. Stephens and Les Rayburn in Alabama reported no success in hearing this most desirable test.

A trend that appears to be developing is a greater international interest in trying for DX tests. This is indeed exciting, and a potentially strong selling point to station engineers and management for future

tests. Evidence supporting some unrealized potential for future successes in this area is provided by comments from DXer Mark Connelly in Massachusetts:

"At 0016 EST/0516 UTC on 24 FEB I had no problem hearing the WBIX-1060 Natick, MA test on the DXtuner receiver located in Iffracombe, England," he wrote. "Code ID's, sweep tones, and voice announcements came through fine. Clearly dominating the channel. (Other DXtuners) that had some signal: Edinburgh, Scotland (poor, much weaker than at Iffracombe, bits of voice and tones), Italy and Germany (carrier evident but nil / nearly nil audio) Caracas, Venezuela (bits of Morse code ID in huge "furbal" jumble)."

Thanks for sharing this fascinating info Mark. Perhaps we need to try and reach out to DXers in Latin America and encourage them to begin listening for tests. I have not received any reports from DXers in those regions on any tests this season.

As the prime BCB listening time begins to transition into nights with higher QRN levels and more hours of daylight, I am still trying to nail down just a couple more DX tests. More to follow on these as details become available.

Once again, our sincere thanks to WBIX Chief Engineer Grady Moates for agreeing to conduct this test, and to BTC member Paul B. Walker Jr. for his persistent efforts to arrange it. Now to the task of processing the many requests for QSL's.

Remember to keep checking the **DXTESTS.INFO** Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

Via **Martin Foltz**, we have this update from Steven Mena at KQMS:

"I did receive a number of letters from individuals participating in the DX test. I apologize for my delayed response, but just haven't found the time as of yet. I should have some available time in the near future to write back.

Thank you, Steven Mena"

So once again, we're asked to be patient. Thanks to Martin for getting this update for us.

Just in time for the next test. Give a listen: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC_Podcast_10.mp3.

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ OLD CALL CITY NEW CALL

790	WSKO	Providence, RI	WPRV
880	WNSG	Nashville, TN	WNDB
1230	new	Presidio, TX	KHUA
1240	WYNY	Dress City, FL	WMJQ
1290	new	Del Norte, CO	KHRJ
1300	WTMM	Rensselaer, NY	WGDJ
1330	WUJQ	Ontario, NY	WYNY
1390	WLUA	Belton, SC	WRQP
1400	new	Eureka, CA	KIHH
1400	new	Langtry, TX	KHTW
1450	new	Comstock, TX	KOAH
1450	new	Eads, CO	KEHT
1470	new	Marathon, TX	KHRX
1470	KYUU	Liberal, KS	KSMH
1490	new	Richfield, UT	KYHR
1600	KOPT	Eugene, OR	KOPB
1680	KAVT	Fresno, CA	KGED

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
540	KNOE	Monroe, LA	news/talk	talk
590	KTHO	South Lake Tahoe, CA	adult contemporary	adult standards
610	WRUS	Russellville, KY	news/talk	variety
630	CFCO	Chatham, ON	oldies	country
640	WMEN	Royal Palm Beach, FL	talk	sports
640	WWLG	Wildwood, FL	soft AC	adult contemporary
710	WRQM	Rome, GA	religious teaching	classic country
740	WCXZ	Harragate, TN	talk	country
800	VOWR	St. Johns, NL	adult standards	religious teaching
840	KMPH	Modesto, CA	adult standards	talk
850	KWOF	Waterloo, IA	contemporary Xian	Christian CHR/rock
980	WHAW	Weston, WV	oldies	bluegrass
990	KRSL	Russell, KS	adult contemporary	classic hits
1010	WCNL	Newport, NH	Americana	country
1050	WFED	Silver Spring, MD	talk	news

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
1060	KTNS	Oakhurst, CA	soft AC	adult contemporary
1070	WFTD	Sarnia, ON	oldies	country
1080	KNUZ	Marietta, GA	regional Mexican	ethnic
1090	WENR	Bellville, TX	soft AC	silent
1090	WNNR	Englewood, TN	adult standards	southern gospel
1100	KWWN	Las Vegas, NV	Spanish sports	sports
1110	KTEK	Alvin, TX	religious teaching	business news
1230	WECK	Cheekowaga, NY	country	sports
1230	WNGM	Hiawasee, GA	oldies	classic hits
1230	WSBB	New Smyrna Beach, FL	oldies	adult standards
1230	WTKN	Corinth, MS	classic hits	silent
1240	KWIK	Pocatello, ID	talk	news/talk
1250	WIPS	Ticonderoga, NY	adult standards	silent
1250	WKDL	Warrenton, VA	contemporary Xian	regional Mexican
1280	KCOB	Newton, IA	country	oldies
1290	WWHM	Sumter, SC	silent	classic hits
1320	KXYZ	Houston, TX	business news	ethnic
1340	new	Silver City, NM	new	unknown
1340	WRAW	Reading, PA	contemporary Xian	oldies
1350	KCOX	Jasper, TX	contemporary Xian	sports
1400	KQDJ	Jamestown, ND	ESPN sports	Fox sports
1400	WFLF	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	ethnic	sports
1400	WMXF	Waynesville, NC	adult standards	talk
1430	WEEF	Highland Park, IL	Spanish urban	ethnic
1430	WGFS	Covington, GA	oldies	ethnic
1430	WIL	St. Louis, MO	classic country	talk
1440	WGLD	Red Lion, PA	classic hits	silent
1450	WLEC	Sandusky, OH	Fox sports	adult standards
1460	KDWA	Hastings, MN	news	news/talk
1460	KENO	Las Vegas, NV	sports	Spanish sports
1460	WBUC	Buckhannon, WV	oldies	country
1460	WKDV	Manassas, VA	Spanish	regional Mexican
1470	WPQG	Evergreen, AL	country	sports
1490	KXLQ	Indianola, IA	silent	Spanish
1500	KUMU	Honolulu, HI	talk	Spanish
1500	WPJX	Zion, IL	Spanish urban	sports
1500	WSMX	Winston-Salem, NC	gospel music	Spanish
1530	KCLR	Ralls, TX	silent	format not available
1570	WGLE	Cleveland, TN	southern gospel	Spanish contemporary Xian
1580	WPGC	Morningside, MD	black gospel	news/sports
1590	WSRW	Hillsboro, OH	adult standards	religious teaching
1600	KOPB	Eugene, OR	KOPT, talk	country
1680	KGED	Fresno, CA	KAVT, R, Disney	news/talk
1700	KBGG	Des Moines, IA	regional Mexican	adult standards

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
540	WXNH	Jaffrey, NH	250/330 DA-2 to 220/430 DA-2	
590	WLVA	Lynchburg, VA	5000/1000 DA-2 to 2500/15 ND	
680	WRGC	Syba, NC	1000/250 DA-N to 5000/210 DA-N	
780	KCEG	Pueblo, CO	3000/760 DA-2 to 1400/490 DA-2 (CP-ye ed)	
830	KOTC	Kennett, MO	10000 ND-D to 10000 ND	
840	KXNT	North Las Vegas, NV	50000/25000 DA-2 to 50000/16000 DA-2	
860	KJME	Troutdale, OR	50000/5000 DA-N to 50000/15000 DA-N	
890	KJME	Fountain, CO	5500/500 DA-2 to 4500/550 DA-2 (4500/550 granted-ye ed)	
980	WHAW	Weston, WV	1000/50 ND to 25000/47 ND	
1080	WALD	Walterboro, SC	2500 ND-D to 9000 ND	
1100	WISS	Berlin, WI	1000 ND-D to 2500 ND	
1130	KTMR	Edna, TX	10000 DA-D to 25000 DA-2	
1150	KRMS	Ossage Beach, MO	1000/55 ND to 840/55 ND	
1150	WRUN	Utica, NY	5000/1000 DA-2 to 4000/370 DA-2	
1180	KYPS	Baxter, MN	35000/5000 DA-N to 50000/5000 DA-3	
1230	KYSA	Los Angeles, CA	1000/1000 ND to 1000/1000 DA-2	
1240	KSON	San Diego, CA	1000/1000 ND to 545/545 ND	
1240	WNFG	Hibbing, MN	1000/1000 ND to 490/490 ND	
1300	WGDJ	Rensselaer, NY	5000/5000 DA-2 to 10000/8000 DA-2	
1340	WGSF	Augusta, GA	1000/1000 ND to 1000/990 ND	
1460	WPON	Walled Lake, MI	1000/760 DA-2 to 670/175 DA-2	
1470	WLQR	Toledo, OH	1000/1000 DA-2 to 1000/700 DA2	
1560	WPYJ	Ellijay, GA	1000 ND-D to 500 ND-D	
1560	WTOD	Toledo, OH	5000 DA-D to 4300/2 DA-3	

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
970	KFEL	Pueblo, CO	3200/180 ND to 15000 DA-D	
1450	KOBO	Yuba City, CA	500/1000 ND to 160/500 ND	
1490	KGBA	Charleco, CA	1000/1000 ND to 500/500 ND	
1540	WQGR	Charlotte, NC	2500 DA-D to 2400 DA-D	
1600	KLEB	Golden Meadow, LA	5000/250 DA-2 to 7500/250 DA-D	
1600	KOPB	Eugene, OR	5000/1000 DA-N to 5000/1000	

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

- 640/1400: WMEN 640 Royal Palm Beach FL flips from talk "Man Talk 640" to Fox sports; WFLL 1400 Fort Lauderdale FL flips from Caribbean music to ESPN sports. Both stations will brand as "WFTL," the calls of their sister station on 850 in West Palm Beach FL.
- 790: WSKO 790 Providence RI and WSKO-FM 99.7 Wakefield-Peace Dale RI drop sports; 790 flips to True Oldies (retaining Don Imus in morning drive) as WPRV, while 99.7 flips to news-talk WEAN, simulcasting WPRO 630 Providence.
- 840: KMPH 840 Modesto CA flips from standards/talk to talk/sports as "The Patriot."
- 850: KWOF 850 Waterloo IA drops its "Prodigal" Christian rock format and flips to "The Spirit," simulcasting KWOF-FM 89.1 Hiawatha/Cedar Rapids IA.
- 950: KJCD 104.3 Longmont/Denver CO flips from smooth jazz to sports as "The Fan," picking up the format from KFFN 950 Denver, which will change to a new (as yet unannounced) format after a brief simulcast period.
- 1100/1460/920: KWWN 1100 Las Vegas NV flips from ESPN Deportes Spanish-language sports to ESPN sports "ESPN Radio 1100"; KENO 1460 Las Vegas NV flips from Fox Sports to ESPN Deportes; KBAD 920 Las Vegas NV flips from ESPN to Fox Sports.
- 1250: WKDL 1250 Warrenton VA flips from contemporary Christian to regional Mexican "La Kalliente," simulcasting with WKDV 1460 Manassas VA.
- 1290: WWHM 1290 Sumter SC returns to the air with a simulcast of classic hits "Bad Dog" WICI 94.7 Sumter SC.
- 1400: WMXF 1400 Waynesville NC flips from standards "Easy 1400" to news/talk, simulcasting WWNC 570 Asheville NC.
- 1500: KUMU 1500 Honolulu HI has flipped from talk to sports as "1500 the Team."
- 1600: KOPT 1600 Eugene OR flips from progressive talk to Oregon Public Broadcasting NPR news-talk, bringing a fourth public radio voice to Eugene (local KWAX 91.1 and KLCC 89.7, plus Jefferson Public Radio's KRVM 1280.) (Now KOPB-ye ed)
- 1680: KAVT 1680 Fresno CA flips from Radio Disney to standards as "Legends 1680," with new calls KGED.
- 1700: KBGG 1700 Des Moines IA flips from regional Mexican "La Indomable" to ESPN sports "1700 the Champ."

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Pat Martin sends along the following from the IRCA Hard-Core mailing list dated 2/18/08:
CBC Radio One switch to FM dial delayed. The Cape Breton Post
SYDNEY — The CBC says it's highly unlikely CBC Radio One in Sydney will switch over to the FM dial this fiscal year or next. The radio station hoped to make the move by sometime next fiscal year but radio regional director Susan Mitton said that isn't likely to happen. "What they are going to do for the next year is prioritize areas of the country that have no service, so we aren't obviously there," she said. "It's our Maritime priority but there are other parts of the country that have no CBC Radio One service. They are ahead of us." Mitton said the move to FM is still on the wish list for next fiscal year. "We're lower on the list though so it's highly unlikely unless something happens, say a project in another part of the country doesn't happen, well, that would obviously free up those and we could get back on the priority list." When the CBC received permission from the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission in July to switch over to the FM dial it was given two to three years to make the move, she noted. The CBC has said the AM transmitter and antenna system off Keltic Drive will have to be replaced, along with other related broadcasting equipment, for the move from 1140 AM to 97.1 FM. The switch to FM will improve the signal, and the sound, for Radio One listeners, and will extend the broadcast into some pockets that currently aren't able to receive the AM signal. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following from the IRCA Hard-Core mailing list dated 2/19/08:
North Korea intensifies Press Oppression, By Yoon Won-sup, Staff Reporter
http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2008/02/16_19157.html
North Korea executed the director of one of its state-run companies last year for having made phone calls abroad without permission, according to an international association of journalists. "North Korea is the world's most isolated country and the security forces are responsible for keeping it that way at all costs," Reporters Without Borders based in Paris said last week in its annual report covering 98 countries. It shows a marked increase in executions for the offense of communicating with people outside the country, the report added. The group said the North has intensified its oppression of the press, particularly foreign press which target North Koreans as an audience. Several foreign-based radio stations have increased their airtime while newspapers available online, in particular the Daily NK, have stepped up their coverage. But Pyongyang responded to the challenges by resuming jamming, independent and dissident radios from broadcasting to its people. They are Free North Korea Radio, Voice of America, Open Radio for North Korea, Radio Free Asia and Radio Free Chosun. The Korean Workers' Party fiercely condemned foreign news aimed at destabilizing the regime and the security forces were ordered to act to prevent foreign videos, publications, telephones and CDs from coming into the country. The press association said North Korea is one of the worlds least connected to the internet. However, many exiled North Korean journalists contribute to the blogs. Most of the Web sites are hosted in Japan or South Korea because the ".nk" domain name has yet to be launched. Meanwhile, the reporters group revealed that North Korean journalists secretly launched a magazine "Rimjang" in November last year with a Japanese news agency in order to cover unprecedented news about North Korea. Around a dozen journalists received secret training in China before returning to their country and published the first edition including interviews with North Koreans and an analysis of their economic situation. North Korean reporters are looking for subjects that reflect the lives of the people, their attitudes and aspirations, one of the project's founders was quoted as saying, adding that the magazine will be distributed secretly inside North Korea. Reporters Without Borders campaigns for freedom of speech all over the world. "The spinelessness of some Western countries and major international bodies is harming press freedom," Robert Menard, secretary-general of the organization, said in the report. "The lack of determination by democratic countries in defending the values they supposedly stand for is alarming." (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following from the IRCA Hard-Core mailing list dated 2/20/08:
According to my 10000watts.com change report tonight, KOPT 1600 in Eugene has flipped from progressive talk to public radio, with Oregon Public Broadcasting buying the station from Churchill. This extends OPB's reach to the south - it's currently heard in Portland, Corvallis (KOAC 550) and most of eastern Oregon, but public radio in southwestern Oregon comes from Eugene's KLCC 89.7 and KWAX 91.1, and from the Jefferson Public Radio chain based in Medford that includes KRVM 1280 in Eugene... which means Eugene will now be the only city (that I know of, anyway) with two public radio stations on the AM dial! (PM-OR)

(to be continued - pb)

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DATE OF COLUMN: 3/15/08. I am dedicating this column to the memory of **Gary Larson** of Burbank, CA who passed away in early February at the age of 52. Gary was an active member in IRCA and was a very interesting person and very knowledgeable in DXing and the radio hobby in general. He was one of the first persons I met when I moved to southern California in 2002 and made my difficult transition to the area an easier one. He was a good friend and will surely be missed not only by myself, but the club itself. As Dale Park of Honolulu, HI said in a recent Email to me: "I'm sorry to hear about Gary Larson's passing. I think I met him at the Irvine convention in 1997. He will be dearly missed."
On another topic, I will be moving out of southern California to the Las Cruces, NM area on March 20th, arriving in Las Cruces, NM on March 22nd and will be starting my new job on Monday March 31st. I have some projected living areas picked out and should hopefully be settled in by next month's column. I'll provide my new address and phone at that time at the top of the column. In the meantime, I'll have mail forwarded from my old address and my phone line will still be active for messages for the time being in case you have a hot tip for the column. Looking forward to the move! 73's.

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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- OF SPECIAL INTEREST**
- 1680 KGED CA, Fresno 3/11 0125 tuned in to NOS music, "Legends 16-80" and "America's Best Music" slogans, local ads near the top of the hour and "KGED Fresno" at 0200. Call and format change. (MF-CA)
+ Now NOS, ex-Radio Disney with these calls. ID 3/11 0445 "K-G-E-D" into After the Lovin'. EX-KAVT. (PM-OR)

- 540 KNMX NM, Las Vegas 3/12 0841 with "KNMX" ID. (BB-AZ)
570 CKGL ON, Kitchener 3/2 0000 faint ID far under dominant KVI on R-390A with N-S wire. Lost in the noise by 0002. Weak! (GH-OR)
590 KTIE CA, San Bernardino 3/5 2040 KTIE ID, ad for Bose headphones, traffic report, "Newstalk 590" slogan/ID at 2043. Good. (AB-ID)

610 KEAR CA, San Francisco 3/10 0959 "KEAR San Francisco" ID. (AB-ID)
650 CKOM SK, Saskatoon 3/4 2231 local ad string, "Newstalk 650" slogan. Good over KSTE. (AB-ID)
700 KXLX WA, Airway Heights 3/10 2202 weather "F from the KXLX Center." Good. (AB-ID)
710 KIRO WA, Seattle 3/15 0757 "The Osgood File," promo, ID "Seattle's... KIRO Seattle... Where the news starts now" into morning news, mention temp of 41 degrees, lead story about school drug testing with outro "News Talk 7-10, Cairo," teasers of other stories. Very poor to poor; electrical QRM. (5P-HI)
770 KTTH NV, Reno 3/10 1034 KTHH ID into Glenn Beck program. (AB-ID)
780 KKOH NV, Reno 3/12 0759 woman said "Newstalk 7-80 KKOH Reno," ABC-I news. Poor, KGU-760 splatter, het from 783. (5P-HI)
810 KGO CA, San Francisco 3/11 0046 end of promo "Only on KGO Newstalk 8-10," Internet Speedway ad. Rarely heard on O'ahu due to its signal strongly hugging the West Coast. Poor. (5P-HI)
830 KLAA CA, Orange 3/11 1002 traffic report for southern California, ad string at 1003. Glenn Beck program at 1007. Good. (AB-ID)
840 KMPH CA, Modesto 3/5 KMPH ID's at 0933 and 0934. Poor on crowded frequency. (AB-ID)
870 WWL LA, New Orleans 2/27 2300 ID and news. Weak and choppy but totally alone on R-388 with N-S wire. First time heard this season. (GH-OR)
890 KDJQ ID, Meridian 3/10 1603 man with "KDJQ Meridian" ID into "Walk Like a Man" by the Four Seasons. Not heard since! (AB-ID)
920 WLS IL, Chicago 3/16 0030 not really DX for me as they are common, but dominant tonight with Coast to Coast and a neat musical "stinger" into news at 11:30 CDT that reminded me of the old "W-L-S" when they were Top 40 back in the 70's. (PM-OR)
990 KVEL UT, Vernal 3/10 0938 KVEL ID into news. Fair under KXLY. (AB-ID)
1030 XESDD BCN, Ensenada/San Diego 3/11 0057 EDT Spanish M with salsa-like music, at 0502 ID "XESDD La Tremenda... Baja California, Mexico" into oompah waltz music. Fair to poor; possible KTWO-WY underneath. QRM from KLHT-1040. (5P-HI2)
1070 KNX CA, Los Angeles 3/9 0458 (0158 PST!) man saying "And just a reminder Daylight Saving Time starts one minute from now at 1:59 AM. News, weather and traffic together... CBS news" ID "This is KNX AM and HD Los Angeles..." into CBS news. Poor, KWAI-1080 splatter. (5P-HI)
1180 KLAY WA, Lakewood 3/12 1136 man with "KLAY AM 1180" ID. Poor, mixing with KERI. (AB-ID)
1190 KXMX CA, Anaheim 3/15 0857 with ID "AM 1190 KXMX." (BB-AZ)
KVSU KS, Beloit 2/29 1912 local ads during break in high school basketball coverage. (NP-AB)
1200 WOAI TX, San Antonio 3/11 0104 Fox News Radio, traffic report mentioning I-35 "... from Newsradio 12 hundred WOAI 24-hour Traffic Center." Weather Channel forecast. Nationwide Insurance ad, PSA mentioning WOAI.com into Coast to Coast AM. Poor, KZOO-1210 splatter. (5P-HI2)
1230 KBOV CA, Bishop 3/4 0959:55 top of hour ID actually faded up "Oldies radio, good time rock & roll, we're KBOV." There might have been a jingle after that but local KYPA top of hour ID faded in. ABC news was heard after this and not KYPA so probably KBOV. New. (MF-CA)
KWG CA, Stockton 3/1 2200 ID at the hour as "KWG Stockton, your local Immaculate Heart radio station, bringing the best... your home town, your radio..." New for me. (NP-AB)
KRXX ID, Rexburg 3/13 0720 ESPN promo, Mike & Mike in the Morning program. Poor. (AB-ID)
1240 KGY WA, Olympia 3/10 2330 very faint ID way far out in the static and noise. Poor at best on the R-390A with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
1250 KZDC TX, San Antonio 3/13 2300 with ID "KZDC San Antonio." (BB-AZ)
KNEU UT, Roosevelt 3/13 1107 weather report, KNEU ID into C&W music. 1260-KWEI slop. (AB-ID)
1270 KDJI AZ, Holbrook 2/29 1932 local news items, references to "White Mountain Radio," dual KVVW/KDJI ID's, then back to Michael Savage. Apparent power/pattern change at 0059 as signal suddenly dropped. New catch for me. (NP-AB)
KSCB KS, Liberal 2/29 1901 coverage of high school basketball between Liberal and Salina. (NP-AB)
1280 KDOX NV, Henderson 2/29 1955 traffic report, ID as "Fox News 1280 KDOX," then back to the Glenn Beck show. New for me. (NP-AB)
KRVM OR, Eugene 3/13 1100 man with KRVM ID into news, QRM from KPTQ and KZNS. (AB-ID)
1290 KUMA OR, Pendleton 3/13 1048 weather for Pendleton, sports, KUMA ID at 1049. (AB-ID)
1300 KAPL AZ, Phoenix 3/13 1040 religious talk/call-in program. Gave studio phone number 899-5275. Good with KACI QRM. (AB-ID)

1310 KIQQ CA, Barstow 3/5 1004 tuned in to Spanish music program. La Maquina Musical slogan, mentions of Inland Empire and Riverside. New here, I never tried for them in the mornings. (MF-CA)
1340 KBBR OR, Coos Bay 3/16 0030 faint ID in the static, talk fighting it out with UNID ESPN on SP-600 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
1360 KPXQ AZ, Glendale 2/29 1930 time check "5:30 here on 1360 KPXQ, the Christian Station," then into phone-in program. (NP-AB)
1390 KRRZ ND, Minot 3/16 0120 good on top with Jefferson Airplane's "Somebody to Love" followed by "Another KRRZ oldie." (PM-OR)
1430 KLO UT, Ogden 3/17 2350 ad for Rusty Humphries show, talk and ID. Fair but scratchy, one UNID far under, on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
1450 KCLK WA, Asotin 3/10 1936 KCLK ID and ESPN promos. Poor. (AB-ID)
KGRE CO, Greeley 3/8 2000 Mexican music, ID just past the hour for KGRE and KOLT(FM). (NP-AB)
1500 KUMU HI, Honolulu 3/8 0845 ID as "AM 1500 The Team, local sports in the morning..." back to Sporting News Radio. (NP-AB)
KSTP MN, St. Paul 3/18 0030 poor with ID, severe 1510 splatter, on R-390A with N-S wire. Not heard for a while. (GH-OR)
1530 KDSN IA, Denison 3/4 1920 on top for a few minutes with song by Blood, Sweat and Tears, then time check mentioning "KDSN AM and FM in Denison, 23 degrees the current temperature." (NP-AB)
1590 KLIV CA, San Jose 3/4 0952 KLIV ID, editorial, second ID at 0953. Fair. (AB-ID)
1600 KUBA CA, Yuba City 3/13 0733 "AM 1600 KUBA" ID. KOPT QRM. (AB-ID)
1680 KRJO LA, Monroe 3/11 0430 in & out with Black Gospel, many "Rejoice" slogans heard between musical numbers. (PM-OR)
WDSS MI, Ada 3/11 fair off and on over/under KRJO with Radio Disney, now easy to log with change of Fresno. Noted ID at 0457 "WDSS AM 1680, Ada-Grand Rapids" back into Radio Disney as usual. First time I have caught the WDSS call. (PM-OR)

DX TEST

1060 WBIX MA, Natick 2/24 0000-0200 poor with Morse code and sweep tones. Very surprised to hear them, not easy, IBOC noise from KTCT-1050, MA #2. (CM-CA) (This is a remarkable catch. I have not heard of another person hearing the test—NU) (Curtis – once again, no specific times listed, please include specific times and what you heard in the future – pb)

Thanks to all our reporters this time. Nancy 4/21 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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RIDING GAIN

[TMJ-IL] Tom Jasinski, Shorewood, IL amdxe@core.com
Drake R8A and Quantum Loop

DOWN THE DIAL

680 WDRD KY, Newburg. Tentative logging. 3-6, 7, 8 poor with WCNN, WPTF, and WCTT. 07:00 to 08:15 with Radio Disney programming during SRS. Never got a set of call letters or location. The opportunity was there again with WSCR 670 having it's IBOC off. 3-9 the 670 IBOC was back on. [TMJ-IL]
810 WMGC TN, Murphysboro. Tentative logging. 3/10 strong mixed with WGY, solid with slight fading with WGY null'd. Most likely using their daytime power. 02:00 with SS music, occasional spot or promo. ID occurred a few minutes before 02:00, but my SS is horrible, so no details. No call letters or mention of location after listening for several hours. If this was indeed WMGC they are unneeded for the log as I had heard them in the early 1980's as WMTG. [TMJ-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1983 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... This was the anniversary issue. A 5 page list of members was included. 38 members sent in forum reports including Neil Wolfish of Toronto, ON who said he was 20 and started DXing in 1976 ... Tom Jasinski of Shorewood, IL said he was 36 and had been DXing for 20 years ... Karl J. Zuk of Cronton, NY said he was 29 and works for ABC Radio ... Robert Wien of San Jose, CA said he was 22 and recently received a verite from KORD ... Pat Martin of Seaside, OR said he was 34 and had been DXing for 21 years ... Doug Pifer of Santa Ana, CA said he was 24 and started DXing in 1977 ... Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA said he was 31 and started to DX when he was 12 ... Jef Jaisun of Kirkland, WA received a verification from Montserrat 740 ... Richard C. Evans of North Wales, PA mentioned he's been a member since February of 1965

... Larry Godwin of Santa Rosa, CA began DXing in 1956. He mentioned his wine interests and his wine publication, "Just Released."

OPEN MIKE

Spring is here. This column was typed 3-22-08. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturdays 8 AM!! 4/05, 4/19, 5/03, 5/17, 5/31, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12 and 7/26

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (WM-TN) Willis Monk
Old Fort, TN
- (IEN-GA) Ira Elbert New
Drake R-4C, 149' LW
Watkinsville, GA
- (WM-MD) William McGuire
DRAKE R-8B, 135' N/S L.W., SANGHEAN ATS 909
2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD
DX-388

LOGGINGS

- 790 RI WKSO Providence. 2200 3/12. ESPN Radio heard; mention of R.I. (WM-MD)
- 850 CO KOA Denver. 2230 03/08. Heard an ID rise up out of the mud, "News radio KOA." (WM-MD)
- 880 AR WKNR QRM from two different ESPN stations and a Cuban. (WM-TN)
- 880 AR KGHT Sheridan. 2055 3/11. Minor League Hockey, mention of Lake Erie. (WM-MD)
- 910 SC WTMZ New York, NY. "AM 880, KGHT". (IEN-GA)
- 920 GA WGKA Dorchester. 2100 3/16. Various ads. ID. (WM-MD)
- 930 FL WFXJ Atlanta. 0005 03/01. From 0003 to 0005 gave the call 7 times, like perhaps the ID tape was stuck. Then into the Michael Reagan show. (WM-TN)
- 930 FL WFXJ Jacksonville. 0045 03/01. Ad for Jacksonvillejobwanted.com. Promo for Fox Sports radio in Jacksonville. Mixed with WMGR. (WM-TN)
- GA WMGR Bainbridge. 0015 03/01. "The all new oldies channel" (They have been saying they are "all new" for about year and half, how long can you go and still be all new?) Mixed with WFXJ. (WM-TN)
- 940 GA WMAC Macon. 0100 03/01. "For 85 years, serving middle Georgia as the leader in news, sports and weather, this WMAC AM940, Macon - Warner Robins. Repeated several times, then at 0006 back into Coast to Coast. (WM-TN)
- 950 SC WORD Spartanburg. 0058 02/29. "Accu-weather for Spartanburg, Greenville and Anderson and all of the WORD listening area..." WX given by a XYL. Then into the news and a repeat of Accu-weather given by an OVI, and finally into Coast to Coast. (WM-TN)
- 960 AL WERC Birmingham. 0007 03/01. ID then into Coast to Coast. (WM-TN)
- MS WABG Greenwood. 0059 02/27. Rose up out of the mud, a station playing black gospel sing'n, with the following ID, "The all new WABG 960 AM, from the Mississippi delta to Clarksville..." Then QSB. It is possible this station has changed from news talk to black gospel. (WM-TN)
- PA WHYL Carlisle. 1920-1925 3/11. NOS mx hrd; ID. (WM-MD)
- 970 KY WGTK Louisville. 0111 03/01. ID then into the Michael Regan show. (WM-TN)
- 980 FL WRNE Gulf Breeze. 2245 02/29. "This is your Zataran man with your favorite Zataran music on WRNE AM 980." Playing what I would call Cajon music. Nice signal when I first heard it, then lots of QSB. (WM-TN)
- SC WAZS Summerville. 0023 03/01. "Rocket 980" into some song called "Mello yellow." Lots of QRM, QSB. (WM-TN)
- 990 TN WNNML Knoxville. 0030 03/01. "The sports animal, 9-90, WNNML, Knoxville" Mixed with the Cuban. (WM-TN)
- 1000 NY WHLI Hempstead. 1923 3/12. NOS mx hrd; Weather & ID. (WM-MD)
- 1050 FL WJSB Crestview. 1828 02/26. S/off - Rose up out of the noise "...WJSB comes to the end of another broadcast day, our studios are located at the end of (missed name of street)... we ask that you join us at WAAZ 104.7..." QSB. Lots of fading and QRN. (WM-TN)
- 1150 CT WMRD Middletown. 0005 3/13. CNN Radio News. (WM-MD)
- 1160 TN WCRT Donelson. 2000 3/10. Rel. pgm; ID. (WM-MD)
- 1260 NJ WBUD Trenton. 2230 03-04. NOS mx hrd; ID. (WM-MD)
- 1320 NC WAGY Forest City. 2200 3/10. ID heard in mess. (WM-MD)
- 1370 IN WGCL Bloomington. 2300 03/12. TOH ID. News and Weather, and ESPN Radio. Decent signal on top of the mix. "Monroe County's Sports Leader, WGCL, Bloomington". (IEN-GA)

- 1420 GA WKWN
- OH WHK
- 1430 NJ WNSW
- 1440 GA WGMII
- OH WHKZ
- 1460 PA WTKT
- 1470 NC WTOE
- GA WRGA

- SC WQXL
- SC WLMC
- VA WTZE
- 1540 ON CHIN
- 1550 CT WDKZ
- PA WITK
- 1570 PA WYTI
- 1590 IL WAIK

1360 ?? ??? 2055 3/05 ESPN Radio heard in mess.

Thanks to all this week. A word about the deadline above... 5/17 I will be in Dayton Ohio for the annual Hamvention. I may get time to do EDXR when I get back depending on the work schedule. I may have to hold items for the following issue. My annual NAB trip to Las Vegas falls during an "off" week in April so it should not affect the schedule. Best to all...
fresh 3-22 0900

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Greetings everyone:

A nice turnout this week, even though conditions have not been the best with elevated A & K indexes. John Bryant got a nice QSL from a Japanese station. So away we go.

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1030 MEXICO, Ensenada XESDD 3/11 0457 UTC, SS M w/salsa like mx. at 0502 ID XESDD La Tremenda, Baja California, Mexico, into ompah waltz mx. Fair to poor, possible KTWO underneath. QRM KLHT 1040. Dan Sheedy in nearby Encinitas says that XESS 620 is now relaying XESDD. (5P-HI2)
- 1700T MEXICO, Tecate XEPE 2/24 0922 UTC promo ending with .com San Diego, 17 hundred back to the Lionel Show. Poor (5P-HI1)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 558 JAPAN, Kobe JOCR 1033 3/14, weak with JJ talk. (GD-WA2)
- 567 JAPAN, Sapporo JOIK 1035 3/14 with weak JJ audio. Never heard at home because of KVI. (GD-WA2)
- 594 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAK 1315 3/14 very strong with JJ program, heard on modified DT-200VX. (GD-WA2)
- 657 DEM KOREA, Kangnam 1336 3/14 weak with shouted Korean on modified SRF-39FP. (GD-WA2)
- 693 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAB heard 3/22 1322 with man and woman in JJ. (BB-AZ)
+1316 3/14 weak JJ under CBU-690 on modified DT-200VX. (GD-WA2)
- 747 JAPAN, Sapporo JOIB 1319 3/14 fair with JJ under KXL 750 slop on modified DT-200VX. (GD-WA2)
- 774 JAPAN, Akita JOUB heard 3/22 1323 with man and woman in JJ. (BB-AZ)
+1229 3/14 huge signal with EE lessons on modified DT-200VX. (GD-WA2)
- 828 JAPAN, Osaka JOBB heard 3/27 1328 with man and woman in JJ. (BB-AZ)
+1220 3/14 very strong with EE lessons on modified DT-200VX. (GD-WA2)
- 954 JAPAN, Tokyo JOKR 1045 3/14 weak audio under KJR-950. (GD-WA2)
- 963 CHINA, CRI Russian service 1336 weak RR audio on modified SRF-39FP. (GD-WA2)

972 **REP KOREA**, Dangjin HLCA 1312 weak with KK talk on modified DT-200VX. (GD-WA2)
 1053 **UNID**, 1049 3/14 weak KK plus jammer. (GD-WA2) (The KK must have been DEM KOREA and the jammer was from the South. PM)

1134 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOQR 1051 3/14 weak with JJ talk and mx. (GD-WA2)
 1287 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOHR 1053 3/14 very weak with JJ audio. (GD-WA2)
 1377 **UNID**, March 12 1415 Vocal pop music, followed by woman talking but faded down, not //CNR or NHK2 and hard to get a bearing on it, but could have been DU? Talk sounded almost SS, so maybe Philippines? Do you hear any Filipinos here, Patrick? Fair at best. (NHP-BC) Nick, if it had an SS sound, very likely it was a Filipino, as SS would not be used anywhere else in Asia, especially on 1377 I wouldn't think. Unfortunately, I have a local 7 kHz away, so even with phasing I rarely hear anything on 1368 or 1377. CNR has been heard a time or two I believe, but very rare. PM)

1503 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUK 21 March 1348 Man talking briefly fair //594. (NHP-BC)
 1566 **REP KOREA**, Jeju HLAZ heard 3/22 1333 with a little music and then talk. (BB-AZ) +1055 3/14 in KK. (GD-WA2)

TROPICAL BAND DX ROUNDUP

4845t **MAURITANIA**, March 16 while scanning the 60 Meter band, I got a pretty strong signal here at 0620 UTC. Heard Arabic prayers until 0630 then ID and news. French and sometimes Arabic news and commentary until 0655, S9+10-20 DB with 30 degree EWE. Still going at 0800 with S9 signal, Arabic style music. Looks like this maybe Radio Mauritania, but not confirmed. This is pretty late for African DX. Have 7 minute detail recording on it on file. (AH-NV) (Art, very likely you had Mauritania. They can be a powerhouse here, when operating. They get out well and Africans generally are not all that strong here. PM)

4930 **BOTSWANA**, VOA, March 10, was scanning 60 meters at 1500 and came across a VOA Botswana broadcast in EE. It faded out or went off the air at 1630. Best reception was on 90 degree EWE (with EWE directions available 30, 90, 120, 240, and 300 degrees) with a signal level of S8-9 with CC Military CW beacon (8PNX) in the background. The Marconi T antenna gave a signal level of S4-5 with the CE beacon faintly there. (AH-NV)

QSLs

1152 **JAPAN**, Kochi JORB, rec partial data QSL card, long letter from CE of NHK Kochi and three pages o color pictures of the antenna, transmitters and studios of NHK Kochi. Man, that was really worth waiting for. The CE, Mr. Ryo Sasaoka even pointed out which antenna carried "my" signal. Very pleased to say the least! (JB-WA) (Great going John. Those JJ QSLs are really neat.PM)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

BB-AZ **BILL BLOCK**, Prescott Valley AZ billwblock@msn.com
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JB-WA **JOHN BRYANT**, Eastsound WA bjohnmorcas@rockisland.com
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GD-WA2 **GARY DEBOCK** D1028Gary@aol.com
 DXing at Grayland WA with Modified Sony SRF-39FP and Sangean DT-200VX, Ultralights both with 6.25" antenna transplants

AH-NV **ART HERNANDEZ**, Northern Nevada ppiseuo123@yahoo.com
 DXing with Icom R71A, Quantum phaser and EWE antennas, MFJ 1025 phaser

5P-HI **DALE PARK**, Honolulu HI dxfool@aol.com
 DXing at Aina Haina Playground, Honolulu with Honda car radio

5P-HI2 **NICK HALL-PATCH**, 1538 Amphion Street, Victoria BC V8R 4Z6 nhp@ieee.org
 NHP-BC DXing with Drake R8, Dymek DR333, north and west flag antennas, ALA 100 loop, 1 meter indoor box loop, 14m sloper, DXP-3 phasing unit.

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 Happy anniversary IRCA! I hope a recent DX Forum of mine didn't chase any would be reporters out of the pages of the bulletin. The last month has seen a dearth of anyone sending any comments into the club (including me, hi!). I'm still curious about what challenges other members are encountering now that HD-AM digital has become an unfortunate night time occurrence on the dial. I'm of the mind now that we as a club, as hobbyists and most of all as listeners to the AM dial have to

take our concern about this broadcaster induced obliteration caused by HD technology to the FCC and to our members of Congress and the Senate. We, the public, have a right to be able to hear free radio transmissions as clearly as possible since the airwaves belong to us. While some QRM is to be expected (although now it is out of control with so many lower power stations on at night all over the AM spectrum), what is not acceptable is large 50KW's spewing hash all over onto their adjacent channels over hundreds of miles. Actually it's not even okay for local and regional channel operators to do it either. This is not about just us being able to enjoy our hobby and logging stations, this is about the right of the American people to be able to dial across the radio freely and hear what is on without it being masked over by a relatively few broadcasters who think this is the next great way to make more money. A failed technology has no place on the nation's airwaves. We need to be heard on this. I would recommend that you read what one radio owner thinks about this on WYSL.com. Bob Savage of WYSL Avon, NY is vehemently opposed to HD-AM as is the CE of WSM-650. They even have a website that denounces IBOC and says that it is wrong because - it Bothers Other Channels! (The actual meaning of IBOC!) If we aren't heard on this all parties will assume this destruction of AM is Ok and nothing will be done about it. Come on IRCAs what do you think about this and how is it affecting your ability to DX in your area? For me I've really been hurt in the 780-1280 area of the dial, with sections from 810-850, 900 -920, 1020-1140, 1170-1280 stung the worst, as well as 1360-1380. At least WJR shuts off the IBOC at night and WWJ-950 has turned it off entirely. Hopefully more will follow their lead and realize that the so-called benefits of HD are not there. Bring back AM-stereo, at least that boosted signals and improved the fidelity of the stations that used it. Fortunately, in spite of the tougher sounding AM dial, I have been able to receive 3 new stations so far this year, all in February. On 2/10 at 1900 had some classic C&W pounding over WRVA on 1140, turned out to be KCLE Cleburne, TX, caught a full ID along with mentions of sister stations on 1120 and 1460 plus one FM. That was pretty cool! On 2/12 at 1720 hours I had some oldies and standards in on 1440 and as the station went into an ad block they mentioned a business in Johnstown, NY, that gave me WFNY from nearby Gloversville. Then on 2/16 at 1915 after hearing much Asian sounding music and language, believe it was Korean, caught a sloff for KJON-850 from Carrollton, Texas, nice. So yes there is some DX still possible. In fact a very good unneeded was heard about 0245 on 2/26 while WMVP-1000 was off. Heard some ABC news features in weakly against unneeded XEOY. The news station was KOMO in Seattle. Hearing it made me wonder as to the chances of hearing a WC Pacific NWer like them again given what the dial is like these days. It does go to show that given the right conditions and perhaps the right station off at the right time and no IBOC good DX can still happen. Hope it is happening for all of you. (Of course perhaps WMVP was off for IBOC installation, ugh.) 73s.

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I too have been concerned about the lack of reports, although I would presume there has been more activity on the website. I don't get on it myself. However, the falloff of reports did hit at a good time for me because I work so many more hours in February. I still haven't gotten the HQ out of the closet, but the Superadio II is on as I type this and CHWO-740 is in good, tho mixing at times with KRMG out of Tulsa. Just what I want... an Oklahoma station being a pest, hi, it has nothing to do with IBOC (and I don't know if they use it anyway). KRMG has mixed with CHWO for the past several years at this location. I will be down to Louisville this coming Friday for the annual truck show. It should be interesting to see how the early changeover to DST will affect listening to the radio on the way down and back. Usually, it's dark most of the way back so I get to listen to CHWO. However, I may be staying late after the show for dinner with friends down from Wisconsin so time will tell. I usually listen to WHAS-840 for the last 30 miles to try and get a handle on traffic conditions before I go over the bridge into the city. See you in two weeks. 73

SPORTCHANNELS IRCA

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Aloha, Spring is in the air, and you know what that means — indoor football season! And soccer! Oh, and baseball too. Here's the info I have laying around as of 3/23/08—

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

San Francisco GIANTS	Jon Miller/Greg Papa, Duane Kuiper, Mike Krukow, Dave Flemming
670 KPUA-HI	1270 KJUG-CA 1420 KKEA-HI 94.1 KBKY-CA
680 KNBR-CA	1340 KATA-CA 1430 KFIG-CA 96.7 K244AH-CA r
790 KPFT-CA ba	1360 KUIK-OR FM: 102.3 KNTK-CA
1230 KJFK-NV	1400 KKJL-CA 92.7 KMFB-CA

ba - Backup for 1430 KFIG.

Seattle MARINERS

550 KTZN-AK
580 KRSA-AK pc
680 KOMW-WA p
700 KXLX-WA bd
800 KINY-AK pe
840 KMAX-WA
870 KFLD-WA
900 KKRT-WA
910 KBLG-MT
920 KXLX-WA
940 KICE-OR
1000 KOMO-WA
1020 KWIQ-WA r

pc – Sat. games only. bd – Backup for 920 KXLY. pe – Sun. games only. f – Reportedly switched to Spanish. bg – Backup for 840 KMAX.

Tampa Bay RAYS

620 WDAE-FL
770 WWCN-FL
1060 WIXN-FL r
1080 WHOO-FL
1220 WSRQ-FL

Texas RANGERS

600 KTTB-TX p
690 KPET-TX
710 KGNC-TX
950 KJTV-TX
1080 KRLLD-TX
1090 KVOP-TX
1230 KSST-TX
1290 KSWD-TX

i – Listed as Spanish.

Toronto BLUE JAYS

570 CKGL-ON
590 CJCL-ON
600 CKAT-ON
630 CFCO-ON
680 CJOB-MB
790 CIGM-ON
900 CHML-ON

790 WQXI-GA
850 WEEI-MA
106.1 WNMX-NC

1000 WMVP-IL
1100 WTAM-OH
103.3 KESN-TX
104.3 KKFN-CO
950 KEPN-CO
1130 WDFN-MI

680 KNBR-CA
1050 KTCT-CA
610 KILT-TX
850 KEYH-TX
1230 KQUE-TX
1070 WIFN-IN
710 KEPN-CA
570 KLAC-CA
1330 KWKW-CA
103.5 WRBO-MS

Dave Niehaus, Rick Rizzs

1300 KLER-ID
1310 KZXR-WA f
1320 KGDC-WA
1330 KQWO-WA
1350 KRLC-ID
1370 KXTL-MT
1400 KXGF-MT
1430 KBRC-WA
1430 KYKN-OR
1450 KGLX-WA bg
1450 KGRZ-MT
1450 KONP-WA
1470 KELA-WA

1490 KBIS-WA
1490 KLOG-WA

FM: 92.1 KCRK-WA
92.7 KNCW-WA
95.1 K236AE-WA r
95.1 K236AH-WA r
99.3 K257DN-WA r
101.7 K269AH-WA r
101.9 K270AE-WA r
107.1 K296ET-WA r

Eric Nadel, Victor Rojas

1410 KLVQ-TX
1430 KEES-TX
1490 KRBT-TX
1490 KRUI-NM
1550 KCOM-TX
1580 KZQQ-TX

1570 CKMW-MB

Jerry Howarth, Alan Ashby, Mike Wilner

1210 CFYM-SK
1240 CJCS-ON
1260 CFRN-AB
1280 CJSJ-SK
1310 CIWW-ON
1330 CJYM-SK
1330 WSPQ-NY

Steve Holman, Dennis Scott
Sean Grande, Cedric "Combread" Maxwell

"Muggsy" Bogues/Stephanie Ready/Jason Capel
Neil Funk, Bill Wennington, Steve Kashui-ST
Joe Tait, Mike Snyder-ST
Chuck Cooperstein, Bob Ortegel
Jerry Schimmel, Jason Kosmicki-ST

George Blaha, Mark Champion, Rich Mahorn, Matt Dery-ST

1210 CFAC-AB
1260 CFPL-ON
1280 CKGM-QC
1040 CKST-BC
1070 CHOK-ON
1190 CFSL-SK

Gene Peterson, Jim Foley, Craig Ackerman
Adrian Chavarria
Mark Boyle, Bob "Slick" Leonard
Ralph Lawler-p, Michael Smith-p, Brian Sieman
Spero Dedes, Mychal Thompson
Fernando Gonzales, José "Pepe" Mantilla
Eric Hasseltine, Hank McDowell/Elliott Perry

Miami HEAT

610 WIOD-FL
1140 WQBA-FL
710 WAQI-FL
620 WTMJ-WI
106.1 KLCH-MN
660 WFAN-NY
1130 WBBR-NY
105.9 KBZE-LA
1050 WEPN-NY
1280 WADO-NY
580 WDBO-FL
610 WIP-PA
1210 WPHT-PA
94.1 WYSP-PA
620 KUN-PA
1400 KSUN-AZ
750 KXL-OR
1140 KHTK-CA
99.9 KRCX-CA
1200 WOAI-TX
1530 KZNX-TX
1350 KCOR-TX
770 KTFH-WA
590 CJCL-ON
960 CFAC-AB p
1320 KFNS-UT
980 WTEM-DC

Phoenix SUNS

1490 WMOA-OH
1590 WAKR-OH

FM:

93.0 WLEO-OH
94.0 WZOQ-OH r
970 WFUN-OH
980 WONE-OH
1100 WTAM-OH
1230 WYTS-OH

Cleveland CAVALIERS**WILE-OH**

1270 WILE-OH
1340 WIZE-OH r
1390 WNIO-OH
1450 WJER-OH
1450 WLEC-OH
1480 WHBC-OH

Denver NUGGETS

610 KCSR-NE
690 KRGS-CO
930 KIUP-CO
950 KRFDZ-CO
960 KNEB-NE
1010 KSIR-CO
1210 KHAT-WY

Jerry Schimmel, Jason Kosmicki-ST

FM: 104.3 **KKFN-CO J**
93.7 K229AI-CO r
93.9 K230AN-CO r
94.3 K232AD-CO r
96.7 K244CI-CO r
96.9 KBCR-CO
103.1 KYDT-CO

Mike Inglis, John Croffty-p, Jason M. Solodkin-ST

(Spanish)
(backup)
Milwaukee BUCKS
Minnesota TIMBERWOLVES
(backup)
New Orleans HORNETS
New York KNICKS
Orlando MAGIC
Philadelphia 76ERS
(backup)
(backup)
Phoenix SUNS
(Spanish)
Portland TRAILBLAZERS
Sacramento KINGS
(Spanish)
San Antonio SPURS
(network)
(Spanish)
Seattle SUPERSONICS
Toronto RAPTORS
(network)
Utah JAZZ
Washington WIZARDS

John Andariese, Gus Johnson, Spencer Ross

1490 WMOA-OH
1590 WAKR-OH

FM:

93.7 K229AI-CO r
93.9 K230AN-CO r
94.3 K232AD-CO r
96.7 K244CI-CO r
96.9 KBCR-CO
103.1 KYDT-CO

Tom McGinnis, Todd MacCulloch**Tom McGinnis, Todd MacCulloch**

1490 WMOA-OH
1590 WAKR-OH

Tom McGinnis, Todd MacCulloch

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1590 WAKR-OH

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1590 WAKR-OH

1490 WMOA-OH
1590 WAKR-OH

100.1 WSWR-OH
100.9 WJAW-OH
104.5 WQKT-OH

100.1 WSWR-OH
100.9 WJAW-OH
104.5 WQKT-OH

Hot Rod Hundley, Ron Boone

100.1 WSWR-OH
100.9 WJAW-OH
104.5 WQKT-OH

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100.9 WJAW-OH
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Seattle SUPERSONICS

610 KONA-WA
630 KTRW-WA
660 KAPS-WA
770 KTTW-WA

Utah JAZZ

540 KDAK-UT
590 KID-ID
590 KSUB-UT
610 KVNLU-UT
650 KMTI-UT
750 KOAL-UT

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Matt Pinto, Gary Hill-ST
1470 KELA-WA
1490 KBIS-WA
1490 KWOK-WA

"Hot" Rod Hundley, Ron Boone

1240 KEVA-WY
1240 KWIK-ID
1270 KTFI-ID
FM:
98.7 KBEE-UT
1320 KFNZ-UT
1340 KTSN-NV
1400 KSRR-UT

NBA DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE (D-LEAGUE)

Albuquerque THUNDERBIRDS
Bakersfield JAM
Colorado 14ERS
(network)
Dakota WIZARDS
Fort Wayne MAD ANTS
Idaho STAMPEDE
Iowa ENERGY
Sioux Falls SKYFORCE
Tulsa 66ERS

Robert Portnoy, Joe O'Neil
ANNCRS: UNAVAILABLE
Chad Andrus

Rick Anthony
Estel Walker, Aaron Vohn
Mark Snider
Marty Terrell
Tom Nieman
Don King

NO RADIO: Anaheim ARSENAL, Austin TOROS, Los Angeles D-FENDERS, Rio Grande Valley VIPERS, Utah FLASH.

CONTINENTAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

1370 KXTL-MT
95.5 WQHY-KY h
1400 KEIN-MT
95.3 KMGZ-OK
1460 KUTI-WA

Fraser McDonald
Jamie Howell, Bobby Hackworth
ANNCRS: UNAVAILABLE
Chris Needham
UNAVAILABLE

NOTE: o – Folded Feb. 25. NO RADIO: Albany PATROONS, Atlanta KRUNK, Minot SKYROCKETS, Pittsburgh XPLOSION, Rio Grande Valley SILVERADOS.

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

880 CKLQ-MB
960 CFAC-AB
88.1 C??-BC p
1260 CFRN-AB
1380 KRKO-WA
610 CHNL-BC
1150 CKFR-BC
102.9 CHDR-BC
99.1 CJDR-BC
94.1 CJOCT-AB
90.9 CFVZ-SK
1550 KKAD-WA
99.3 CKDV-BC
105.5 CHUB-AB
620 CKRM-SK
92.9 CFQC-SK
1150 KKNW-WA q
790 KJRW-WA
94.1 CIMG-SK
870 KFLD-WA
97.5 KOWL-WA
980 CKNW-BC t
107.9 CFML-BC u

Brandon WHEAT KINGS
Calgary HITMEN
Chiliwack BRUINS
Edmonton OIL KINGS
Everett SILVERTIPS
Kamloops BLAZERS
Kelowna ROCKETS
Kootenay ICE (relay)
Lethbridge HURRICANES
Medicine Hat TIGERS
Moose Jaw WARRIORS
Portland WINTER HAWKS
Prince Albert RAIDERS
Prince George COUGARS
Red Deer REBELS
Regina PATS
Saskatoon BLADES
Seattle THUNDERBIRDS
Spokane CHIEFS
Swift Current BRONCOS
Tri-City AMERICANS (backup)
Vancouver GIANTS (backup)

NOTES: q – Played on 98.3-3 KWJZ-HD3. t – Sat. and Sun. games only. u – Fri. games only. ABBREVIATIONS USED: a – away games only, b – backup or conflict station, h – home games only, p-partial schedule, r-relays another station, s-sideline reporter, ST-studio host, " –personnel alternate. In network listings, flagship stations are in boldface. Data sources and station cities are available upon request from dxfool@aol.com, as well as updates and corrections to previous columns (Yes, I know the Idaho State nickname is "Bengals"!); More baseball lists next time. Until then, Vaarwel!

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Phil Bytheway 93 Nancy Johnson* 118 Date Park 35
Greg Hall 302 Gary Kinsman 125 Dan Riordan 123
John C. Johnson 15 Tim Noonan 241

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