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 This time... IRCA welcomes **Kraig Krist** in Manassas, VA, **Sandy Teller** in Bozeman, MT and **Ronald Kida** in Bergenfield, NJ. Enjoy your DX and report to our columns often.  
 This is the last bi-weekly issue of DXM, SDXM-only in two weeks, first monthly DXM in 4 weeks.

**ELECTION UPDATE**

For those who have not already voted for their choice of the 2007-2008 Ted Vasilopoulos 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@jeeee.org](mailto:nrp@jeeee.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 right 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 -- WNRRC 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](http://www.nrcdxas.org).
5. The train station in Pittsburgh is only 4 miles away from the hotel; the taxi fee is \$25.

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BTC Podcast number 11 is now ready for listening. Click on this link for the latest news from your IRCA/NRC Joint Broadcast Test Committee.

[http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC\\_Podcast\\_11.mp3](http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC_Podcast_11.mp3)

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**CANADIAN RADIO NEWS**

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For March 2008 (April 1 2008 - next update May 1 2008)

630	ON	Chatham	CFCO	<b>FORMAT CHANGES</b> From Oldies to Country (Country 92.9) (format now originates on CFCO-1 92.9 Chatham which was previously a nested repeater for CFCO 630)
1670	QC	Gatineau	CJEU	<b>NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR</b> Children's Programming (French) (Radio Enfant)
1070	NB	Moncton	CBA	<b>OFF THE AIR</b> Simulcast time for FM conversion expires on April 7th
610	QC	New Carlisle	CHNC	<b>AM TO FM CONVERSIONS GRANTED</b> Move to 107.1 with 3,800 watts (format will remain AC/Talk) (French)
1150	QC	Gaspe	CHGM	Move to 99.3 with 257 watts (format will remain AC/Talk) (French) (will simulcast CHNC 107.1 New Carlisle with local programming in the future)

**OWNERSHIP CHANGES GRANTED**

740 ON Toronto CHWO From Primetime Radio to MZ Media Inc.

**PROPOSED AM TO FM CONVERSIONS**

690 MB Pukatawagan CBDS Move to 102.5 with 200 watts  
 1270 QC Alma CFGT Move to 97.7 with 50,000 watts E.R.P.

**PROPOSED TECHNICAL CHANGES**

1450 QC Montreal CHOU Increase power from 1,000 watts fulltime to 2,000 watts fulltime  
 I attempt to be as accurate as possible with this information. I visit many websites and message boards on a daily basis seeking the latest in Canadian radio news to report in this column. I trust this information to be worthy; however I can't be in all these places to confirm everything. If inaccurate information is reported I do apologize, but don't blame me... I'm only the messenger.

**BROADCASTING INFORMATION**

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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:**

Pat Martin sends along the following dated 1/17/08:

In the end, CFBN, voice of the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, will be known as the station that didn't fly.  
[www.crtc.gc.ca/archiv/ENG/Decisions/2008/db2008-8.htm](http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archiv/ENG/Decisions/2008/db2008-8.htm)  
 Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-8, Ottawa, 17 January 2008, Greater Toronto Airports Authority, Toronto, Ontario, Application 2008-0015-3, received 24 December 2007, Revocation of licence.

1. The Greater Toronto Airports Authority has requested the revocation of its broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial radio programming undertaking CFBN Toronto.
2. The licensee indicated that the station is no longer in operation. Therefore, the licensee has requested that its licence be revoked.
3. Given the licensee's request and pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act, the Commission revokes the broadcasting licence issued to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority for the above-mentioned undertaking. (PM-OR)

**Pat Martin** sends along a correction to a recent column (Email dated 1/24/08):

I see in (DXM-ye ed) No 19 that you listed KWWN with ESPN Deportes Radio. That's not right, it's ESPN Radio in English, same programming as KBAD-920 with dual IDs so simulcasting. (MF-CA)

**Dale Park** sends along from the Wilmington, NC [StarNewsOnline.com](http://StarNewsOnline.com) dated 1/26/08:

Neil Amato, Pack fans only hearing static from local radio  
 If you're an N.C. State basketball fan living here, chances are your displeasure goes beyond breaking down Brandon Costner's slump or Ben McCauley's minutes. Despite an agreement with NextMedia, which put 2007 football games on a far stronger FM radio signal, several basketball games haven't been on any local station. Singing, talking, commercials, even Carolina, have replaced Gary Hahn and Tony Haynes, and it's going to happen again this season. The reasons are many, but they make little sense. N.C. State has its share of fans here, nearly 3,000 graduates in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. The interest goes beyond numbers. Plenty of Duke basketball fans adopt another team for football, and a smattering of East Carolina football followers have a keen interest in ACC basketball (sorry, Mack McCarthy, it's true, even if your Pirates did beat State.) A basketball team with two national championships, with a coach who played on the miracle 1983 team, all two hours away? They should be on the radio here, with no interruption. "Are we aware of it? Yes. Are we OK with it? No," said Brian Asbill, general manager of Wolfpack Sports Marketing. Asbill says the radio broadcast situation has improved overall. A season ago, N.C. State games were on AM 980 WAAV, but the Pack took a back seat to UNC-Wilmington games. Football didn't have such interference on 980, but the signal wasn't strong. So N.C. State hooked up with NextMedia, the conglomerate that owns five FM stations as well as AM 630 WMFD, the local ESPN radio affiliate. NextMedia agreed to put football games on 98.7 WILT FM, a powerful station. Basketball games were slated for AM 630. Well, kinda. You've heard of ABC fans, Anybody But Carolina? AM 630 has a new twist on ABC. Anytime But Carolina. If the Tar Heels are playing, they are on 630. N.C. State was out of luck, absent on the air. The exception: When the teams play each other, Jan. 12 and again Feb. 20. UNC is on 630, and N.C. State on 104.5 FM. It's a business decision, apparently, by the NextMedia folks. They don't want to mess with the format for even five hours a week, of their FM stable: 98.3, 98.7, 99.9, 104.5 and 107.5. Ben Darnell, the new program director at WMFD, said he felt N.C. State fans' pain but couldn't convince the FM side to air other State games. "I'm going to bring it up again," he said. Asbill, while praising the football on FM, is pushing for improvement on the basketball side. "We would like to have full coverage, and we're working toward it," he said. "Given the size of our university, it's fair to ask." UNC-WM hoops has a home on 980, but according to Darnell, it appears its baseball games will not be broadcast this season on 630. The station airs the UNC, ECU and N.C. State football coaches' shows, and the shows for Roy Williams and Sidney Lowe in basketball season. Other than Charlotte-based Primetime with the Packman from 3-7 p.m., the rest of 630's programming is national. Asbill encourages N.C. State fans to contact NextMedia's local stations, but it goes beyond those who see red first. If you're a sports fan and drive a car, you should care. It's not going to save the world, resurrect the housing market or cut gas prices, but it's the right thing to do. In this market, N.C. State needs a home. Sports editor Neil Amato (no relation to Chuck; really) can be reached at 343-2263 or [neil.amato@starnewsonline.com](mailto:neil.amato@starnewsonline.com). (DP-HI)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following from Bill (last name not listed-ye ed) and also from Pat Griffith of Westminster, CO dated 1/28/08:

The 540 at Pine Bluffs, WY is KJUL. The CP runs out on 7/28/08. It appears they will have 5-340 towers, using 3-days and 3-nights, with 1 common tower between the arrays. Also, the licensee (Timothy Cutfirth, whose name I have seen a lot in new applications), doesn't appear for any 'new' stations in TX. (just an observation). Will be watching for any updates from them. 73, BILL

"Patrick Griffith wrote: Just wanted to let you know that on Friday I spoke very briefly with the owner of the new 540 that's going up along I-80 at the WY/NE border. He said all of the towers have been partially up for several weeks but the construction is delayed due to heavy snowfall in the area. The night pattern has a tight east/west figure 8 pattern along the I-80 corridor. But he expects the station to have a decent signal into the Denver area during the day. He said that he expects the DIA TIS station to probably move into the expanded band. TIS are secondary so he doesn't have to pay them to move. He also just got a couple new AM CPs in Texas. I think he has about 7 AM CPs going right now. One of the new TX CPs is right on the border at Del Rio. Nobody ever filed for the channel because the FCC said the rights were held by Mexico. But he contacted the Mexican authorities and they gave it their blessing. So the FCC approved the filing. (PM-OR)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following from Steve (last name not listed-ye ed) of Houston, TX dated 1/29/08: There was an e-mail in my inbox this morning at work announcing the start-up of a low-power emergency radio station that will cover the NASA/Johnson Space Center (JSC) area (six-mile radius).

Here are the particulars, thanks to JSC's Center Ops Directorate:  
 FREQ: 1690 kHz. CALL: KHA926. POWER: 10 Watts, normal ops: 30 watts, emergency ops, TRANSMITTER SITE: NASA/Johnson Space Center, ANTENNA HEIGHT: 30 feet.  
 The station is scheduled to go full-time on Feb 1st. (PM-OR)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following from Dennis (last name not listed-ye ed) of Salmon Creek, WA dated 1/28/08:

KMUZ 1010 is now using the slogan "Radio Oregon 1010 AM" and is playing Nostalgia music. 50-'60's music. Last time I heard them they were Spanish. Now the Mills Brothers, James Brown, Elvis. Still owned by Bustos Media of Oregon..... Have not heard a commercial in about 40 minutes. Some competition for KKAD 1550. (PM-OR)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following addendum dated 1/29/08:

I tuned in to KMUZ this morning to check them out and an interesting format. You might call it Adult Standards, but they also throw a lot of 50s/60s rock/R&B in too. Like I heard "The Days of Wine & Roses" by Andy Williams, and next "Tutti Frutti" by Little Richard. They call themselves "Community Radio" At least they are doing something different. I did send them a reception report as I have not QSL'd 1010 under KMUZ. I do have KMUZ QSL'd on 1230 Gresham and I believe Murray UT too. (PM-OR)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following addendum from Steve (no last name listed-ye ed) of Salmon Creek, WA dated 1/31/08:

KMUZ 1010 kHz Milwaukie, OR is now using the call letters KOOR. Slogans as "1010 AM Oregon Community Station" "Exercise Your Freedom of Voice" KOOR Bustos Media announcement at the TOH. The commercials seem to be about one an hour."Brought to you by **H&R block.com**". Always a company's web site name. Huge play-list of 50-60's songs. (PM-OR)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following addendum dated 1/31/08:

The old "OLY" was good, but I am not sure it is as good since the company changed some years back. Caught the ID at 2:01 PM (PST) "This is KOOR Milwaukie-Portland 10-10 AM, Oregon's Community Station. Radio Oregon. A Bustos Media station." (PM-OR)

**Tim Noonan** sends along his monthly list of FCC call changes dated 2/4/08. Thanks, Tim! (TN-WI)

**Dale Park** sends along the following from the Bellingham, WA Herald dated 2/6/08:

Station to air liberal views, Whatcom County airwaves will get a little more liberal Friday. "AM 930 Progressive Talk — Radio Free Bellingham, KBAI" will feature Joe Teehan, current host of "The Liberal Outpost" on KGMI, as well as nationally syndicated left-leaning talk shows by radio hosts such as Thom Hartman, Rachel Maddow and Alan Colmes, according to a Cascade Radio Group press release. Teehan's show will be simulcast on KGMI and AM930 before being moved completely to the new station this spring. AM930 replaces "KBAI-930AM Good Time Oldies". (DP-HI)

**Dale Park** sends along the following from the Science Daily dated 2/4/08:

New Kind Of Transistor Radios Show Capability Of Nanotube Technology  
 ScienceDaily (Feb. 4, 2008) — Carbon nanotubes have a sound future in the electronics industry, say researchers who built the world's first all-nanotube transistor radios to prove it. The nanotube radios, in which nanotube devices provide all of the active functionality in the devices, represent "important first steps toward the practical implementation of carbon-nanotube materials into high-speed analog electronics and other related applications," said John Rogers, a Founder Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Illinois. Rogers is a corresponding author of a paper that describes the design, fabrication and performance of the nanotube-transistor radios, which were achieved in a close collaboration with radio frequency electronics expert at Northrop Grumman Electronics Systems in Linthicum, Md. "These results indicate that nanotubes might have an important role to play in high-speed analog electronics, where benchmarking studies against silicon indicate significant advantages in comparably scaled devices, together with capabilities that might complement compound semiconductors," said Rogers, who also is a researcher at the Beckman Institute and at the university's Frederick Seitz Materials Research Laboratory. Practical nanotube devices and circuits are now possible, thanks to a novel growth technique developed by Rogers and colleagues at the U. of I., Lehigh and Purdue universities, and described last year in the journal Nature Nanotechnology. The growth technique produces linear, horizontally aligned arrays of hundreds of thousands of carbon nanotubes that function collectively as a thin-film semiconductor material in which charge moves independently through each of the nanotubes. The arrays can be integrated into electronic devices and circuits by conventional chip-processing techniques. "The ability to grow these densely packed horizontal arrays of nanotubes to produce high current outputs, and the ability to manufacture the arrays reliably and in large quantities, allows us to build circuits and transistors with high performance and ask the next question," Rogers said. "That question is: 'What type of electronics is the most sensible place to explore applications of nanotubes'." Our results suggest that analog RF (radio frequency) represents one such area." As a demonstration of the growth technique and today's nanotube analog potential, Rogers and collaborators at the U. of I. and Northrop Grumman fabricated nanotube transistor radios, in which nanotube devices provided all of the key functions. The radios were based on a heterodyne receiver design consisting of four capacitively coupled stages: an active resonant antenna, two radio-frequency amplifiers, and an audio amplifier, all based on nanotube devices. Headphones plugged directly into the output of a nanotube transistor. In all, seven nanotube transistors were incorporated into the design of each radio. In one test, the researchers tuned one of the nanotube-transistor radios to WBAL-AM (1090) in Baltimore, to pick up a traffic report. "We were not trying to make the world's tiniest radios," Rogers said. "The nanotube radios are a demonstration, an important milestone toward building the technology into a form that ultimately would be commercially competitive with entrenched approaches." \*The paper has been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and is to be published in PNAS Online Early Edition in the first week in February, 2008. The work was funded by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy. (DP-HI)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following re possible move of KOHI-1600 St. Helens, OR to 1700 dated 2/20/08: KOHI 1600 is not moving to 1700. The FCC is not offering anymore X Band frequencies anyway. I asked on the IRCA if KOHI could move to 1700 and the reply by several engineers was NO. So KOHI will stay on crowded 1600. (PM-OR)

**Dale Park** sends along the following from the Frederick MD. News-Post dated 2/25/08:

Christian group buys WTHU Radio in Thurmont, Originally published February 19, 2008, By Ed Waters Jr., News-Post Staff  
 THURMONT — One of the new owners of WTHU likens the planned changes at the station to a resurrection. Michael Betteridge was an announcer at WJTM in Braddock Heights, which had been a Christian radio station. "Four years ago, almost to the day," he said Monday, "the station was sold to WYPR. We had no idea it was being sold. There was quite an uproar about it." Almost immediately, those who were suddenly off the air came together with the idea that one day they would be able to rise again on the

airwaves. "We formed Christian Radio Coalition and we've been webcasting on WJTM.org ever since," Betteridge said. The Coalition for the group to return to the airwaves happened last Friday, when they purchased WTHU in Thurmont for \$150,000. A call to the station Monday was not returned. According to Radio & Records Inc., a publication that tracks broadcasting industry news, the group made a \$5,000 deposit, will present \$95,000 at closing of the sale and \$50,000 paid pursuant to terms of the studio and antenna site lease. Betteridge said the purchase will not just provide an asset to the local Christian community, but the listening area as a whole. "The Clear Channels and Bonneville's are eating up the local stations. You have someone in New York or Los Angeles deciding what the format will be and sending out the signal," he said. "We are local people and will be discussing local issues, not just Christian ones, on the air." Hosts will include Betteridge and his wife, Donna, who are active in All Saints Episcopal Church; Pastor Ed Ambush of Bread of Life Church; Rev. Richard Dyson, retired; Rev. Paul Black of Cornerstone Fellowship Church, and Kevin Bream, who had been the program director at WJTM. Betteridge is also on the board of the Frederick Rescue Mission. It will probably be June before the changeover to the new format, Betteridge said, based on information from his attorney, John Neely, of Bethesda, who works with clients and the Federal Communications Commission. "There is a period for public input," Betteridge said. "Anyone is welcome to come to the station (10 Radio Lane) to view the contract and to provide input to WTHU or the FCC ([www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov)). The FCC, he said, wants to ensure that the station will provide the best resources for the community. "We want an open dialogue," he said. Betteridge said the station's frequency would remain 1450 AM and it would be on the air 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The station will also simulcast with the WJTM.org website. Betteridge said. "It will be a blend of Christian music and messages," he said. The format will include guest speakers and "we will look at local issues not just at the Christian level." Noting the closeness to the Easter Season, Betteridge said the rebirth of the station was a bit like the Resurrection. "There was death and then new life," he said. "That's kind of what we felt about this. For four years it seemed there was no hope, then this arose. It is a resurrection of sorts for us." (DP-H)

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### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 620 KIPA **Hi, Hilo!**KIPA-S Kalaoa-Kona noted with strong carrier but no programming the evening of 3/23. Also noted in the daytime that week, sometimes with very weak music. Per station manager Dan in phone call 3/28, they planned to return to the air within two weeks with a "non-political" talk format. Noted back on 3/31 0500 with Top 40 hits from the '60's and '70's and announcements about a "Classic Hits Weekend," but no ID's. (5P-HI)
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- 560 KSFO **CA, San Francisco** 3/31 0456 end of "Coast to Coast" with Art Bell and guest Dr. Steven Greer of the Orion Project, station promo "...go to **KSFO.com**" for gift card offer, ad about paying off back taxes. ID "Hot Talk 5-60, KSFO San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose," ABC-E news. Poor. (5P-HI)
- 570 KLAC **CA, Los Angeles** 3/28 0556 ads for Long Beach Grand Prix race, HD TV dealer, Boston Medical Group. ID "AM 5-70 KLAC Los Angeles..." into Fox Natl. Sports News. KQNG-HI still off. Poor. (5P-HI)
- (KQNG) **Hi, Lihue** noted off the air afternoon of 3/23 and for the whole week. Per station manager in phone call 3/28, the power supply to the xmtr was disrupted and they were waiting for new part from the Mainland, hoping to return 3/31. Still off 3/31 but noted back on 4/2. (5P-HI)
- 610 KNML **NM, Albuquerque** 3/24 0206 man with KNML ID then into sports. (AB-ID)
- 910 KTRO **WA, Vancouver** 3/22 0058 man with KTRO ID. QRM from CKDQ & KWDZ. (AB-ID)

- 950 KAH1 **CA, Auburn** 3/23 0823 ad string, Garden Hotline program, KAH1 ID at 0859. (AB-ID)
- 970 KNUU **NV, Paradise** 3/22 0830 woman with KNUU ID, into CNN news. Poor/fair. (AB-ID)
- 970 KBUL **MT, Billings** 3/22 2302 KBUL ID, Fox news at 2303. Fair/good on crowded frequency. (AB-ID)
- 1140 KCMD **OR, Portland** 3/22 0924 KCMD ID and ads. Poor. (AB-ID)
- CHRB **AB, High River** 3/31 0758 bluesy southern Gospel tune, ID "You're listening to CHRB, a Golden West Radio Station. From the ? newroom, here's Roger..." Poor, KHTK-CA barely audible, deep fades. (5P-HI)
- 1190 KEX **OR, Portland** 3/31 0556 "Coast to Coast AM" with Art Bell, PSA about children, promo for station website 1190KEX.com with slogan "Newsradio 11-90 KEX," PSA about preventing alcohol abuse by children, PSA, ID "News, weather, traffic..."
- 1250 KZDC **1190KEX.com** and Newsradio 11-90 KEX Portland-Vancouver-Salem" into local news. Poor, lightning QRM. (5P-HI)
- 1320 KXRO **TX, San Antonio** 4/3 with ESPN topping the channel at 0559. 0559:45 after a local sport sponsored by ESPN "This is Mike Maringo(?) and you're listening to San Antonio's Sports station, KZDC San Antonio" into ESPN Sports Center. This was from playing back timer cassette. QRM from UNID Spanish (KC?) and KKDZ. New. (PM-OR)
- 1360 KHNC **WA, Aberdeen** 3/20 1930 loud & clear with local news into Jim Bohannon Show. (GH-OR2)
- 1370 KXTL **CO, Johnstown** 3/3 0806 actually dominant over KLSO with ID "You're listening to 10,000 watt, 1360 KHNC Johnstown-Denver," into Jewish programming. New for me. (MS-CA)
- 1390 KKSX **WA, Tacoma** 3/25 0744 Spanish music and "Radio Sol" slogan at 0747. Good. (AB-ID)
- 1410 KERN **MT, Butte** 3/19 0951 ad string, "AM 1370 KXTL" ID at 0953. Good. (AB-ID)
- KMYC **CA, Bakersfield** 3/20 0940 KERN ID under KMYC. (AB-ID)
- 1430 KMRB **CA, Marysville** 3/19 2200 "KMYC Marysville-Roseville" ID, into Fox news. Fair/good. (AB-ID)
- 1450 KNOT **CA, San Gabriel** 4/2 2100 with ID "KMRB" then back into Asian talk. (BB-AZ)
- 1470 KBSN **AZ, Prescott** 3/3 0835 ID "1450 Mile-high Country KNOT," with KWFM & others. (MS-CA)
- 1490 KRKC **WA, Moses Lake** 3/25 1028 man with "AM 14-70 KBSN" ID, Ace Hardware ad. Fair. (AB-ID)
- KOWL **CA, King City** 3/4 0933 ID "AM 1490 KRKC," mentions of industrial park in King City. (MS-CA)
- 1500 KSTP **CA, South Lake Tahoe** 3/22 0100 news and ID sputtering in the static. Extremely weak. New. (GH-OR2)
- 1510 KIRV **MN, St. Paul** 3/25 0300 "AM 1500 KSTP" ID followed by ABC news. Fair. (AB-ID)
- 1520 KOKC **CA, Fresno** 3/5 0954 trading dominance with KSPA. Coming out of Family Life Show with request to include call letters KIRV when writing to this ministry. Legal ID on the hour. (MS-CA)
- 1560 KVAN **OK, Oklahoma City** 3/22 0303 ABC news, ads, "1520 KOKC" ID at 0305. Good with 1530 KFBK and 1510 KGA slop. (AB-ID)
- 1620 KSMH **WA, Burbank** 3/21 1354 man with KVAN ID, into Carpenters song. Poor. (AB-ID)
- KYIZ **CA, Auburn** 3/23 1056 various religious announcements, "KSMH Sacramento" ID at 1100. Fair/good. (AB-ID)
- 1650 KBJD **WA, Renton** 3/18 0946 vocal music, "1620 KYIZ" ID at 0949. Good. (AB-ID)
- 1680 KXOL **CO, 3/18** 1000 man with "KBJD Denver" ID. Fair. (AB-ID)
- 1680 ?KGED? **UT, Brigham City** 3/21 0804 dual ID KOVO/KXOL in Spanish. Good but fadey. (MS-CA)
- UNIDS** **CA, Fresno** 3/21 0205 female gave ID but very weak and choppy. Tom Jones tune, oldies format. (GH-OR2)
- 1200 UNID 3/21 0230 Arabic? Hindu? Gibberish, odd dialect. Quite strong and totally alone. Ideas? (GH-OR2)
- 1250 UNID 4/3 Spanish station with lots of sound effects near TOH at 0659, but at ID time faded under jumble. Maybe KC? (PM-OR)

Thanks to our reporters. The DX season is winding down but be sure to send in your tips! Nancy 4/4 2100

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### STARS OF THE WEEK

(KK-VA) **Kraig Krist**  
Manassas VA  
NRD 545, 12' VERT DIPOLE, 43' Eavesdropper running East to West  
(WM-MD) **William McGuire**  
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DX-388

### LOGGINGS

850 MA WEEI Boston. 2128 3/20. NCAAB BB, Mention of Westwood one.  
PA WNTJ Johnstown, 2200 3/24. Weather, "NTJ New-stalk Sports Network."  
900 ON CHML Hamilton. 2200 3/17. Sports talk; Promo; ID.  
920 ON CKNX Wingham. 2200 3/13. C&W music; ID.  
PA WKVA Lewistown. 1944 3/24. "Gold Hits"; ID.  
950 WV WVTS Charleston. 2206 3/15. ID heard in mess.  
1110 VA WYRM Norfolk. 1927 3/23. "The Ministry Station"; ID.  
1160 NJ WOBN Lakewood Twp. 1920 3/22. Station Promo; ID.  
1510 MA WWZN Boston. 2000 3/17. ID: "Sports Talk 1510"; local mentions.  
1640 MS WNTI Biloxi. 0155-0305 3/27. Mixing with Radio Disney (probably WKSH WI Sussex) with songs. 1:58 AM male with "...sport station... talk radio sixteen forty WNTI" into "ABC News"; 2:20 AM male "You're listening to the Voice of the Mississippi Gulf Coast talk radio sixteen forty WNTI" into ESPN Radio Sports Center. Also 3/26 0155-0305 mixing with Radio Disney with songs. WNTI with ESPN radio Amy Warren "All Night" sport talk/call in show. 2:39 AM male with "You're listening to the Voice of the Mississippi Gulf Coast on radio sixteen forty WNTI".  
(KK-VA) Portsmouth. 0155-0305 3/25. Radio Disney "AM sixteen fifty R. Disney". (KK-VA) Montreal. 0155-0305 3/25. "Welcome to the Howie Silverman Show... for those just tuning in, you're listening to CJRS sixteen fifty AM Montreal. Radio Shalom."  
(KK-VA) Charlotte. 0155-0305 3/22. Mixing with Spanish and/or preaching station WFNA with "ESPN Radio". 2:20 AM ET male "Charlotte's Sports Station sixteen sixty AM WFNA". Also 3/23 0155-0305 mixing with religious talk WCNZ & WWRU WFNA with "ESPN Radio". 1:59 AM ET male "Sports Station WFNA AM Charlotte". 2:34 AM ET male on religious station "...in front of the hour. You're listening to 'Morning Air' and we're..." 2:59 AM ET tone and male, in English "Sixteen sixty AM WWRU... around the world..."  
(KK-VA) Macon. 3/20 0155 - 0305 AM ET. Mixing 0158 ET Spanish Songs. English "WVVM" IDs during the time I listened.  
(KK-VA) Winter Garden and WDSS [ent] MI Ada. 3/18 0155 - 0305 AM. Spanish songs mixing with Radio Disney (probably WDSS). 2 AM ET male in English with "WLA..."  
(KK-VA)

### DX TEST

990 PA WNTJ Philadelphia. 0000-0100 3/14. mixing with several other stations including gospel music, Spanish talk and English sports talk. Morse code "WNTJ", sweep tones, raising tones and male "This is WNTJ Philadelphia... nine ninety kilohertz." Overall poor.  
(KK-VA)

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First a BIG WELCOME to Kraig this week. Please report often.... My COX NET A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EDXR. I recently found 2 old EDXR reports (2007) in my COX NET SPAM folder. The SPAM issue and junk mail problem has gotten so bad; I have set up a NEW address that will NEVER be published in ANY form. EDXR at AMLOGBOOK dot COM. Please use this address from now on. I also lost a ton of email on the former account, so if I missed any reports this week, PLEASE re-send them. 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 so it should not affect the schedule. Best to all....  
fresh 4-05 0900

## DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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### TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

279 RUSSIA, Radio Rossii, weak 1057 3/25 with m/f in RR. (DV-WA)  
594 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAK 1348 3/28 with man in JJ. (DV-WA)  
648 RUSSIA, 1351 3/24 weak and buried in splatter, KK program? (DV-WA)  
666 JAPAN, Osaka JOBK 1352 3/24 fair with m/f in JJ. (DV-WA)  
693 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAB 1346 3/24 fair in splatter, m/f CC lessons. (DV-WA)  
774 JAPAN, Akita JOUB 1345 3/24 with splatter with firm in CC lessons. (DV-WA)  
828 JAPAN, Osaka JOBB 1342 3/24 fair m/f in CC lessons. (DV-WA)  
891 AUSTRALIA, Townsville 4TAB very good with racing results, mention of "TAB" several times and QSL'd back in 79. Same station, but now different call and format. Relogged ad QSL'd in the 80s. (PM-OR)

1053 REP. KOREA, 1320 jammer doing its job, no audio from other stations. (DV-WA)  
1242 JAPAN? Tokyo JOLF very weak audio with woman in Asia lang at 1325 3/28. (DV-WA)  
1386 JAPAN, NHK2 very weak with man in JJ 1351 3/28. (DV-WA)  
1566 REP KOREA, Cheju HLAZ weak at 1300 3/28 man in Asian language. (DV-WA)

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Bruce Portzer in Grayland (temporarily), R-75, SDR-IQ, 300 foot mini BoG

I'm at Grayland with the family for a couple of days. We're in a rental house this time, rather than the motel. There's more room to spread out and this place actually has cell-phone coverage, but the noise level is higher than at the motel. I brought along my R-75 and SDR-IQ, and put up a 300 foot mini-Beverage pointing northwest.

I managed to sleep through sunrise this morning, but the SDR-IQ dutifully recorded 705-895 kHz on my behalf. Conditions were OK by Grayland standards. Most of the good stuff was in at around 1330 UT, although JOUB-774 was heard before 1000 and hung around until 1600 signoff.

All of which makes me wonder what was going on elsewhere on the dial. Judging from Dennis' logs this morning, the upper part of the dial was doing well, so it should have been a good morning out here on the coast. Hopefully, I'll be able to drag myself out of bed tomorrow morning, 3/25.

(3/28) This morning's DX here on the rainy Washington coast was somewhat OK but not spectacular. Lots of TPs were coming in but none were in particularly well. The upper part of the dial was pretty much dead except for 1566 and 1575. Even the normal high-band powerhouses like 1287 1323 1422 and 1475 were, at best, weak carriers with traces of audio. Conditions didn't seem nearly as good as yesterday, even allowing for the fact that yesterday's logs were limited to the 700s & 800s. As was the case yesterday, there was a sharp peak in signal strength around 1330. Before 1300 and after 1400 things were pretty dull. Highlights include:

594 JAPAN, JOAK, Japanese talk fair 1313, 3/28.  
648 RUSSIA, 1400 "Welcome to the Voice of America in Korean" EE ID, then man w/news in Korean. Briefly good but soon faded, 3/28.  
657 N KOREA, Korean talk & choral music 1323, inst music //3250/3320 1355 fair-poor, 3/28.  
666 JAPAN, JOBK, JJ talk //594 1324 fair, 3/28.  
693 JAPAN, JOAB, 1320, weather, local ID, into Korean lessons fair in CBU splatter, 3/28.  
711 SOUTH KOREA, poor-fair in KIRO splat 1341 with Van Morrison's "Moondance" //756, 3/25.  
720 Buzz from presumed N Korea mixing with KDOWN 1359, 3/25.  
729 Asian talk 1321, too much 730 splatter to ID language, 3/25.  
738 TAIWAN, CC talk & pop tunes 1320, CC talk then pips & distinctive steel drum theme music 1400, 3/25.  
738 UNID, 2 stations mixing 1328, probably S Korea & Taiwan, 3/28.  
747 JAPAN, JOIB strongest TP on the dial ending Korean lessons 1339, then woman w/anmt mentioning hoso & NHK, Chinese lessons 1340, 3/25.  
756 SOUTH KOREA, good w/Korean talk, into Van Morrison "Moondance" 1341, 3/25.  
774 CHINA, unid Chinese talk mixing with JOUB 1333, 3/28.  
774 JAPAN, JOUB, usually the strongest TP all morning 0955-1600. Signal took a nosedive for a while around 1330, which oddly enough was when everybody else faded up. Still there fair-poor at signoff 1600, ending theme music, 3-1 pips, ID by woman mostly buried in 770 splatter, then NA, 3/25.

756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, MAR 23 0243 - classical piano and orchestra; to good peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]

765 **SWITZERLAND** RSR Option Musique, Sottens, MAR 23 0244 - Celine Dion or similar vocal; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]

774 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, MAR 26 0040 - Spanish talk; to fair peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]

782 **SYRIA** R. Syria 1, Tartus, MAR 26 0040 - bits of audio and fat het against 783 Mauritania. Stronger on northeast-aimed SuperLoop (despite more CFDR slop); Mauritania more in the clear on southeast-aimed delta. [Connelly\*B-MA]

783 **MAURITANIA** R. Mauritania, Nouakchott, MAR 26 0037 - //4845 with talk by man, short a cappella chant, then shrieky tribal female vocal with "pots and pans" type percussion; fair. Actually better on southeast-beamed delta instead of northeast-aimed SuperLoop because of less CFDR slop and not as much Syria-782 het. [Connelly\*B-MA]

864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, MAR 26 0100 - woman in French, then light music; over Egypt. [Connelly\*B-MA]

882 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R. Wales, Washford, MAR 26 0032 - '40s crooner (maybe Bing Crosby), man said a few words in English, then more old-time music followed; fair with WCBS phased. [Connelly\*B-MA]

890.96 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Algiers, MAR 27 0128 - //549 with man in Arabic; to fair peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]

909 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R.5 Live synchros, MAR 23 0247 - English interview; through WABI slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]

945 **FRANCE** France Info, Toulouse, MAR 27 0133 - //1206 with woman in French; over 950 WROL slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]

999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid, MAR 23 0312 - two men in Spanish; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, MAR 26 0026 - English talk; poor to fair, over something else. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1098 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 26 0024 - echoey Spanish talk; fair with WTAM phased. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, MAR 23 0254 - Slavic choral music (possibly hymn for Easter), then something more pop/folk sounding; good with WBBR phased. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, MAR 23 0257 - //1557 with lush orchestral music; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Virgin R. synchros, MAR 23 0207 - "Free Fallin'" by Tom Petty; to good peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1251 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, MAR 23 0210 - Arabic male vocal; big carrier but weak audio. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1296 **SPAIN** COPE, Valencia, MAR 23 0211 - Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1305 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 23 0211 - man in Spanish; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1359 **SPAIN** RNE; Arganda del Rey, MAR 23 0212 - fast Spanish newstalk; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille, MAR 23 0223 - classical music //1557; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, MAR 23 0338 - man in German, then orchestral music; to fair peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1431 **DJIBOUTI** R. Sawa, Arta, MAR 28 0126 - pop Arabic music; in WXKS slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1485 **MELILLA/SPAIN** SER synchros, MAR 28 0246 - //1575 with Spanish teletalk; good peaks, jumpy fading, some IBOC hash way in the background. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1503 **SPAIN** RNE R.5, Pineira and La Linea de Concepcion, MAR 23 0216 - talk //1359; fair to good. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Jeddah, MAR 28 0124 - male Koranic chant; way over unID pop music station and easily getting by local 1510 WWZN. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Duba, MAR 26 0013 - Arabic discussion program; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1530 **VATICAN CITY** R. Vaticana, MAR 22 0319 - Vatican chimes, then eastern European sounding talk by woman; over WCKY. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1548 **KUWAIT** R. Sawa, Kabd - Kuwait City, MAR 26 0016 - Sawa mention, Arabic news items; to good peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1557 **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne, MAR 23 0223 - //1377 with classical music; good with WQEW phased. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1575 **SPAIN** SER synchros, MAR 28 0246 - man & woman with teletalk //1485; poor to fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R. Farda, Al Dhabyiya, MAR 26 0018 - Mideast dance music (vocal, strings, percussion); fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1584 **CEUTA** RadiOle, MAR 26 0019 - non-SER pop Spanish music; fair to good. [Connelly\*B-MA]

\*\*\* PAN-AMERICAN DX \*\*\*

600 **CUBA** R Rebeide, CMKV, Urbano Noris, MAR 26 0315 - discussion, mention of Havana, //5025 [Paszkiwicz-WJ]

792 **SOUTH KOREA**, woman talking 1359, distinctive musical notes & tone at ToH, then man w/news in Korean, 3/28.

828 **JAPAN**, JOBB good-poor //774 etc various times. Barely audible at 1600 s/off w/pips & NA //774, 3/28.

837 **CHINA**, time signal 1300, then CNR1 theme music and anmt in Chinese, 3/28.

855 **NORTH KOREA**, 3+1 pips then strident talk in Korean 1300, 3/28.

864 Misch mash of audio more of the morning but never anything IDable, 3/28.

873 **JAPAN**, JOGB, talk //747 fair 1320, 3/28.

890 **ALASKA**, KBBI, 1359 ID & marine weather for Kachimek Bay & other places, NPR news 1401, fair-poor. Also heard w/ID 1459, 3/28.

891 **THAILAND**, 1326 Thai talk briefly surfaced, 3/28.

909 **JAPAN**, Japanese talk fair 1334, either JOVX or JOCB, 3/28.

918 **CHINA**, unid, Chinese talk 1328, faded 1329, but back by 1332 w/echoey woman talking. Probably much wanted Shandong RGD, 3/28.

927 **JAPAN**, NHK1 3+1 time pips 1300 very poor, otherwise only had traces of audio, 3/28.

936 **CHINA**, 4+1 long time pips then bits of talk 1300 & 1400, weak both times, 3/28.

945 **CHINA**, fair-poor w/pips, theme music, Chinese talk 1300, 3/28.

954 **JAPAN**, JOKR, Japanese talk fair 1323, 3/28.

963 **CHINA**, CRI Russian service, poor w/theme song 1359, gone after 1400, 3/28.

972 **S KOREA**, poor w/ 3+1 time pips 1300, then oriental music, better 1302 w/man & woman in Korean, good w/Korean woman 1335. Some IBOC QRM from station on 950, probably KYES, 3/28.

981 **CHINA**, fair w/m&w in Chinese, 4+1 pips, theme music, Zhongyang Renmin Guangbo Dientai ID, 3/28.

1008 **JAPAN**, JOOR, weak JJ talk 1401, 3/28.

1134 **JAPAN**, JOQR, fair w/theme music & JJ talk 1300, unid instr music in background probably S Korea, no pips heard, 3/28.

1170 **S KOREA**, KBS World Radio, Chinese service fair and mostly dominant 1303, 3/28.

1206 **CHINA**, Yanbian, RGD fair w/Korean talk 1304, 3/28.

1475 **SABAH**, carrier & bits of audio in briefly, then gone 1309, 3/28.

1566 **S KOREA** fair w/religious service 1245, 3/28.

1575 **THAILAND**, good in SE Asia language (Khmer listed) 1340, woman mentioned VOA & Washington, 3/28.

## DX WORLDWIDE - EAST

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Hi folks, and welcome to another edition of DXWW-East. Welcome to new DXWW-East reporter Sheryl Paszkiewicz!

### \*\*\* TRANS-ATLANTIC DX \*\*\*

531 **SWITZERLAND** DRS1 /Musigwalle, Beromunster, MAR 23 0413 - cheerful Alpine instrumental music; to good peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]

549 **ALGERIA** Alger Chaîne 1, Les Trembles, MAR 23 0407 - male Arabic vocal; over other station (likely Germany). [Connelly\*B-MA]

558 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 27 0112 - woman in Spanish; through WGAN slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]

567 **IRELAND** RTE 1, Tuilamore, MAR 23 0321 - "A Well Respected Man" by the Kinks from '65, then man & woman in English; good.  
+ MAR 23 0357-0400 - nostalgic talk by man & woman, several RTE mentions, a bit of the "Get Smart" TV instrumental theme, then news read by woman; good. Station has since gone dark.  
+ MAR 26 0047 - repeating announcement by man about RTE Radio 1 going to FM only. [Connelly\*B-MA]

567 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 27 0115 - talk //558 & 585; poor. [Connelly\*B-MA]

585 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Madrid, MAR 27 0115 - //558 with woman in Spanish; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]

603 **FRANCE** France Info, Lyon-Tramoyes, MAR 27 0049 - //1206 with man & woman in French; fair, over Spain. [Connelly\*B-MA]

612 **MOROCCO** RTM A, Sebba-Aioun, MAR 27 0050 - Arabic vocal; fair on SE delta that totally eliminates WGIR. [Connelly\*B-MA]

621 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., MAR 23 0315 - //1359 with man in Spanish with interspersed music; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]

738 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Barcelona, MAR 23 0351 - man in Spanish getting by slop from 3-way even strength 740 CHCM/CHWO/WJIB jumble. [Connelly\*B-MA]

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Cappahayden, Newfoundland 2007 DXpedition 19 (conclusion - pb)

Participants, Receivers, Antennas, Location Jean Burnell, Drake R-8A, Icom R-71A (OCT 13-21) Jim Renfrew, Drake R8B (OCT 22-29) Saul Chernos, Drake R8 (OCT 22-29) Antennas: "North Wire", "South Wire" (actually a little further east than we would like) Location: Round Cove B&B, Cappahayden, Newfoundland, Canada (on the Avalon Peninsula, facing the Atlantic Ocean)

DOMESTIC (cont)

- 1340 CANADA CKHV NL Happy Valley-Goose Bay, OCT 27 0230 - indigenous speaker, had me mystified (Bolivia, Greenland?) until CBC News at 0300, ID as CBC North, followed by Peter Hope music program. The first Labrador MW station I have ever heard from anywhere! [JR, also SC]
1350 CANADA CKAD NS Middleton, OCT 24 2125 - "AVR Today's best country." [SC]
1370 USA WDEA ME Ellsworth, OCT 24 0403 - "AM 1370 WDEA," nostalgia music, later Bar Harbor ad. [SC]
1380 CANADA CKPC ON Brantford, OCT 25 0936 - Calls, mention Ed McMahon announcer. [SC]
1390 USA WEGP ME Presque Isle, OCT 24 0130 - Calls, news includes California wildfires. National Weather Service weather, announcement about signing off soon for transmitter maintenance, but this was not noted. [SC]
1400 CANADA CBG NL Gander, OCT 22 2205 - CBC mentions new 104.3 repeater on air in Fermeuse (which we heard at Cape Race). //750, 990. [SC]
1420 CANADA CKDY NS Digby, OCT 28 1101 - AVR ID, Centreville announcement. [SC]
1420 USA WASR NH Wolfeboro, OCT 24 0325 - ASR ID, pop-rock. [SC]
1430 USA WENE NY Mendocott, OCT 25 0940 - Fox Sports Radio, Sports radio 1430. [SC]
+ OCT 25 1026 - mention of Binghamton in a local ad. I remember WENE doing a remote at nearby gas station where I grew up in Endwell NY, and they gave me a play list. [JR]
1470 CANADA WLAM ME Lewiston, OCT 24 0401 - "1470 ESPN," sports, Mainiacs versus Whalers hockey a few nights later, PSA for Maine Association of Broadcasters. [SC]
1470 USA WLAM ME Lewiston, OCT 27 0117 - Maniacs hockey. [JR]
1480 USA WSAR MA Fall River, OCT 24 0925 - ID, ad, Red Sox World Series promo. [SC]
1490 CANADA WBAE ME Portland, OCT 25 0950 - "1400 & 1490 The Bay" dual ID. [SC]
1500 USA WWWW DC Washington, OCT 26 2310 - Washington Capitals versus Vancouver Canucks NHL hockey, with UNID Brazil mostly on top. [SC]
1510 USA WWZN MA Boston, OCT 29 1000 - Local sports: Red Sox sweep World Series, Patriots NFL. Mention WRKO. [SC]
1520 USA WWKB NY Buffalo, OCT 25 0951 - "The Voice of the new majority, AM 1520." [SC]
1550 CANADA CBE ON Windsor, OCT 25 0955 - "CBC Radio One in Windsor," 5:55 time-check, 7 degrees. Bill Baker announcer. [SC]
1560 USA WQEW NY New York City, OCT 26 0930 - Radio Disney. [SC]
1570 CANADA CFVA QC Laval, OCT 25 1026 - French. [SC]
1580 CANADA CKDO ON Oshawa, OCT 24 1018 - Whitty ad. [SC]
1620 USA WTAW TX College Station, OCT 24 0505 - Calls in Rush Limbaugh promo. [SC]
1640 USA WTTNI MS Biloxi, OCT 24 0857 - ESPN Radio. [SC]
1650 CANADA CJRS QC Montreal, OCT 25 0823 - French. [SC]
1660 USA WWRU NJ Jersey City, OCT 26 0305 - Korean. [SC]
1670 USA WVAM GA Dry Branch, OCT 25 0958 - Spanish, mentions Warner-Robbins in ID. [SC]
1680 USA WPTM NJ Lindenwald, OCT 27 0810 - Asian music. [SC]
1690 USA WPTX MD Lexington Park, OCT 27 2335 - Maryland football game live. [SC]
1609.99 CANADA CHHA ON Toronto, OCT 24 0912 - "La Voz Latina desde Toronto." [JR]
1700 USA WJCC FL Miami Springs, OCT 27 2200 - Spanish religion, La Voz de Salvacion gives Orlando address, Miami in ID. [SC]
+ OCT 27 2245 - "La Voz de Salvacion" program, Orlando address, www.lavozdesalvacion.org web address. [JR]

Pirates, Etc.

- 1629 UNID, Pirate, OCT 27 2331 - Greek music. [SC & JR]
1643 UNID, OCT 22 2215 - Greek music. [JR]
1645 NETHERLANDS R. Barones, OCT 27 2110 - Radio Barones ID, beer hall music interspersed with Dutch talk. Good signal at times. [SC]
+ OCT 27 2211 - good signal, "accordion pop" music, IDs. [JR]
1655.8 UNID, OCT 27 2336 - man speaking, perhaps a Serbian pirate. [JR]
1677 IRELAND EJM Atlantic Coastal Radio, OCT 27 2235 - with reports in various languages for English Channel, Portugal, etc. [JR & SC]

Medium Wave UNIDS

- 1670 UNID, OCT 24 0510 - Foreign language music on north wire. Pirate? Not //1700 but somewhat similar. [SC]
1690 UNID, OCT 24 0507 - Clearly Christian music includes a version of Will the circle be unbroken, with possible different wording. On both wires. Pirate? [SC]
1700 UNID, OCT 24 0515 - Foreign language music on north wire. Pirate? Not //1670 but somewhat similar. [SC]

Non-Directional Beacons

- 216 CANADA ME Matane (100w), OCT 23 0209. [JR]
274 CAPE VERDE SAL Sal Island (3 kW), OCT 23 0225. [JR]
327 PORTUGAL POR Porto, OCT 28 2222. [JR]
350 CANADA F2 Searose FPSO Grand Banks, OCT 25 1608 - some kind of buoy? [JR]
351 AZORES PD Ponta Delgado, OCT 28 0424. [JR]
370 CANADA GR Grindstone OC, OCT 28 0415. [JR]
372 GREENLAND OZN Pirns Christian Sund, OCT 28 0406. [JR]
371 AZORES MGL Ponta Delgada, OCT 28 0410. [JR]
378 CANADA RJ Roberval (500w), OCT 27 0406. [JR]
380 AZORES FIL Horta, OCT 27 0349. [JR]
382 PORTUGAL LAR Arruda, OCT 27 0348. [JR]
386 GREENLAND CP Constable Pymt, OCT 27 0348. [JR]
408 CANADA C5 Global Sante Fe, Offshore Platform, OCT 25 1612. [JR]
410 BRAZIL PEL Ponta Pelada, OCT 27 0336. [JR]
421 SPAIN GE Madrid, OCT 27 2042. [JR]
492 CANADA E8 NL Natuashish, OCT 23 2324. [JR]
1730 BRAZIL FRA OCT 26 0328. [JR]

Comments

I was rapidly losing interest in DXing AM. A crowded band made almost unbearably noisy by IBOC held little appeal. Back in the 1970s and early 80s, the west coast, South and Central Americans, and trans-Atlantics were commonplace, and the challenge was logging low-power or otherwise obscure stations. More than 20 years later, I feel lucky to log a new station that's recently signed on the air within 500 miles.

So, when Cappahayden veteran Jim Renfrew warned me that I would come home from my first-ever Newfoundland DXpedition and suffer from immediate withdrawal, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Because, in a sense, I was already feeling withdrawn from the AM side of the hobby. Regardless, a Newfoundland DXpedition held immediate appeal, if only that it might offer an opportunity to leave the AM hobby on a high note. I immediately busied myself planning every possible aspect of the trip - from the DX that would dominate my time there, to extra-curricular activities such as hiking, visiting friends in St. John's and checking out FM DX opportunities.

First, there was the question of equipment. I've always made do with portable receivers, finding that the relative isolation of my Burnt River ON DX site allows me to use relatively simple set-ups with fairly decent results. But, a DXpedition like Newfoundland is different, requiring top-notch equipment to land the most exotic stuff. I owe a big thank-you to Jim for loaning me his Drake R8, and to Jean Burnell, who was there a week ahead of us and left the longwires there for our use after he had returned home (his visit unfortunately did not overlap with ours), and to both Jim and Jean for



supplying the various bits of hardware needed to make the radios and antennae function optimally. That they did! The late-afternoon drive from the St. John's airport to our Cappahayden site should have yielded solid signals on the AM band, but we could barely get powerhouses such as Belgium 1512 and Saudi Arabia 1521 on the car radio. That's what a bad radio will do, even in a prime location! Still, it was with some trepidation that we hooked our radios to the two wires – one southwest, the other northwest.

Gratification was almost immediate. The band was loaded with ear candy, and only an ocean and language barriers kept me from ransacking the shop. Right off the top, Jim logged the new VOA station in Afghanistan. A new country for him. I heard English there, and the kind of programming I'd expect from VOA, but it took me a little longer to work through the jumble of stations to get a VOA ID and log it officially. But that didn't matter to me – not with Luxembourg dominating 1440 stronger than any domestic station has ever done to the channel at Burnt River, or with France Info 1377, recorded as my first official DXpedition logging. The house, as they say, was in session!

Of course, an army travels on its stomach, and one of the toughest DX challenges was maintaining a relatively healthy diet. Glad to say I lost, though there were some compromises. First, we stocked up on moderately healthy snacks – fruit, crackers, pretzels, granola bars, whole wheat bread, peanut butter and honey. Our site is a bed-and-breakfast, and the arrangement included breakfast and dinner. B&B owners Ollie and Ken served up Newfoundland specialties such as a Jiggs Dinner, a Sunday tradition with prerequisite salted corned beef ribs, cooked carrots and turnip, roast turkey and all the trimmings.

DX highlights include the new Afghanistan station (a country new to the overall Cappahayden logbook), India 1566 in the early afternoon, Greenland before sunrise, Argentina and Brazil on many channels, and Brits less than a kilowatt. Conditions mostly favoured what might be considered the usual places – Europe, western Asia, northern Africa, and Latin America. A couple evenings were slightly auroral and above-average for Brazil and Argentina, with possible reception of Paraguay a fraction above 1020.

In conclusion – yes, I am in withdrawal. But more to the point, the experience on Canada's easternmost coast has left me with renewed enthusiasm for medium wave DX. Already, since my return, I have managed a couple successful trips to my Burnt River site and logged one of the best domestics I managed in NL – 1050 CKSB in Winnipeg MB, which I'd never really paid attention to beforehand as a potential target but nabbed three times at Burnt River post-Cappahayden. I've also had some decent TA signals from Albania, Croatia and France. I've added two ground-based beverage longwires, and I'm considering a new higher-end receiver.

I would like to thank Jim and Jean for the experience! My only regret in all of this is that Jean's visit, and my week there with Jim, did not overlap. One week for all, next year – no, make that two weeks! Hey, maybe I'll just move there!

Just getting away to Cappahayden can be a story in itself. This time the Toronto airport surprise was learning that the 20 kg weight limit was for total luggage, not each bag. The airline counter person's eyes lit up when she saw that I was 13 kg over, and that there was more money to be made. Ouch. Fortunately, we were able to downsize enough to avoid a similar legal heist on the return trip. It was very nice to arrive in Cappahayden, quickly plug into the antenna coaxing left by Jean, and immediately tune in Afghanistan. DX on demand, I like it! And then a few minutes later, the first of many fine meals was served up by our hosts Ollie and Ken Perry.

My overall impression of the week was positive. We had steady TA reception all week, at no point did we have nothing to work on. I was trying to ID signals buried beneath the more common stations that I've missed in my previous eight visits to Newfoundland, while Saul was like a kid loose in a candy shop with a big bag and someone else's credit card – his first visit to Cappahayden meant that

everything was new.

The South American experience in the past two years had been dismal, so it was very nice to see much more action from that direction, though still a far cry from the incredible conditions we had experienced back at the old DX Inn south of here. As a comparison: the best night to Brazil and Argentina gave one or two signals on many channels to work with, while years ago we had 2 or 3 deep on most channels. Plus, Paraguay and Uruguay were elusive this time. I noticed that the north wire worked better the southern wire for Cuba, Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico, off the back end.

As for exotic receptions, besides Afghanistan we noted India 1566 most days, once as early as 3:15 PM local time. But nothing from China, Taiwan, or South Korea, the targets we hope to hear some day. There were no hets from Japan in the mornings, either, but our antennas are not aimed that way. Not all was lost to the east, because I managed to ID a bunch of Iranians using parallel channels.

Our thanks to the European Medium Wave Guide – again – for detailed information about stations on the air from Europe, Africa and Asia. The 2007 World Radio TV Handbook is a very useful adjunct. I enjoy longwave, too, but didn't spend a lot of time there this time. Only a few of the stations heard were new.

Finally, we took some day trips to Trepassey (climbed the hill where guns were placed at the time of the Revolutionary War to protect the harbor from American privateers, Saul fought the wind to see if he could get Cape Breton or St. Pierre on an FM portable, and, from the photo, he's apparently eager to chase off invaders again!), Ferryland (Cabot's first North American settlement, with Baltimore High School nearby!), Cape Race (19 km gravel road to see a lighthouse, and the wireless building where the Titanic distress call was first received), the Renewals light house (also a long gravel road), and St. John's (lunch at the only vegetarian restaurant in Newfoundland, and a tour of the old town and harbor with the Newfoundland Deputy Minister for Intergovernmental Relations as tour guide).

The flight home was routine, except that "Ocean's Thirteen" was cut off before the film ended during Toronto approach... did they get away with it?

-- Jim Renfrew

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I made it down to the truck show at Louisville on 3/28. Going down, I listened to CHWO-740, a little bit of WZZD-1390 in Seymour, Indiana, and finally WHAS-840, trying for the traffic report in Louisville, but not much of that. The talk show wasn't bad, tho, concentrating on the proposed new bridges over the Ohio River, between Kentucky and Indiana. Coming back, on the bypass around the west side of Louisville, I did a quick bandscan of the area AM stations. I didn't write anything down so it is from memory. 790 sports, 900 religious, 970 talk, 1350, urban. I don't remember what the other stations were. I wasn't impressed with the AM band down there, but, then, I am not impressed with the band u here in Indianapolis either so it's a wash, I guess. That's it for this week. How about some reports from you guys. 73.

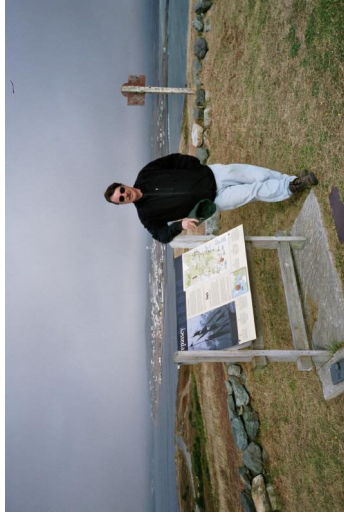
## SPECIAL FEATURE

**Bruce Portzer Bandscan**

I'm currently in south Florida on business (3/22/08-pb). Unlike most such trips, this one included a weekend, allowing a bit of extra time for sightseeing. Last Saturday afternoon, I visited Everglades National Park, partly to see the flora and fauna and partly as a daytime DXpedition of sorts. Most of my listening was done near the Flamingo Visitor's Center, approximately 70 miles southwest of Miami. Located near the southern tip of the Florida peninsula, it has a clear salt water path to western Cuba. Cuban stations may be pesty interference to DXers in the eastern US and Canada, but they're rare DX back home in Seattle so I was genuinely interested in hearing them.

The receivers at my disposal included a Sony SRF-39FP and the radio in my rental car, a Dodge Caliber. Most of my listening was done on the car radio, but a fair amount was also done on the Sony, especially when it came time to null out some of the strong stations. Here's a summary of stations heard, not counting the stations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Naples, and most other south Florida cities. The numbers in parentheses indicate the signal quality, with 1 being threshold audio and 5 being local quality. All times are local (UTC-4). Most listening was done 1200-1600 LT, except as noted.

---Bruce



530 Cuban(4) with bits of presumed RVCi Turks & Caicos (1,5) in its null  
 540 Jumble (2) of 2-3 stations dominated by woman in Spanish possibly //560  
 560 Cuban, in WQAM null (4)  
 570 Rejo (4)  
 590 Cuba, (5) running classical music show, "Radio Musical Nacional" ID, another SS in its null  
 620 R Rebelde (5) loud with distorted audio  
 630 Cuban, don't recall which network (2)  
 640 R Progreso, (3) in WMEN null  
 670 Cuban (3,5) //620 with WWFE null  
 680 Cuban (2,5) //670  
 690 R Progreso (4), //730/750  
 710 R Rebelde (5) with WAQI null  
 730 Progreso (3,5) //750/690  
 750 Progreso (5), sounding much stronger than listed 1kw  
 790 Rejo ticker (2) in WAXY null  
 810 Bahamas, ZNS3 (4)  
 820 Rejo (3) in null of domestic SS station  
 840 Unid SS (4), probably Dobleve but didn't hear ID  
 850 Rejo (3) mixing with WFTL-West Palm Beach  
 860 Rejo (5)  
 870 Rejo (3) o/unid domestic  
 880 Progreso (3)  
 890 Progreso (5)  
 910 R Metropolitana (5), Habana, relaying Progreso network until 1800, then broke away for local programming with Metropolitana ID.  
 930 Rejo (3) with unid domestic in background  
 950 Rejo (5)  
 960 Rejo (1), Morse code "RR" noted several times under unid domestic with standards music. Nothing else audible.  
 970 WFLA, Tampa (3,5), talk show and "970wfla.com" ID. At approx 220 miles, this was the most distant domestic I Dded. There may have been others from Tampa-St Pete area or farther locations, but I was concentrating on Cubans and generally didn't pursue domestics.  
 980 Cuban (5) with news format, probably CMCK (Coco, Peridico del Aire) but never heard an ID  
 990 Spanish (3), probably Cuba  
 1060 Cuba (5), listed as CMDX but didn't hear ID, noted with several Bob Marley tunes in early afternoon, had sports event later  
 1070 Cuba //1060 (2)  
 1080 Cuba //1100 (4) o/unid US station  
 1100 Cuba (5), apparently R Cadena Habana but didn't heard ID, //1080/1120  
 1120 Cuba (4) //1100  
 1180 Radio Marti (5+), loudest and closest station, splattering 1160-1200, Unid Cuban underneath  
 1190 Unid (2) SS with tropical music, not sure if Cuban or domestic  
 1320 Cuba (3), Bob Marley music //1060  
 1340 Radio Ciudad del Mar, Palmira (5), two "CMFL, Radio Ciudad del Mar" IDs at 1600, then alternating anmits by man & woman //1350. A few minutes earlier they ran what sounded like a religious talk, a man with frequent mentions of "Cristo" & music I would normally associate with Christian radio shows. Unfortunately, I don't know enough Spanish to understand what he was saying. It certainly seemed like unusual programming for a Cuban station.  
 1350 Radio Ciudad del Mar //1340 (3) with unid station in background  
 1450 Radio Guines (5), definite ID at 1558  
 1540 Unid SS station with opera (4), Radio Segua listed, r&b music from presumed ZNS1 Nassau (3) in its null

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 1170 WWVA Leann M DeLong, ExecAsst/PromotionsDir; Clear Channel Radio, 1015 Main St. #1, Wheeling WV 26003; QM; 730fff; PM  
 1240 WKDK Powell E Way II, DirEng; PO Box 753, Newberry SC 29108; L; 5-18; DH, TMJ, JP, IRCA  
 1330 WLOL [None]; Relevant Radio, 919 Liliac Dr N, Golden Valley MN 55422; QB+; 10; PM  
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