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 Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA Awards for 2008-2009

**Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)**

Ted Vasilopoulos was a charter member of IRCA who died in 1965, and was known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past several years. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: **Patrick Martin, Nick Hall-Patch, Lee Freshwater, Doug Pifer, and Phil Bytheway.**

**Ric Heald Award (RHA)**

Ric Heald was an enthusiastic IRCA volunteer and contributor. In 1995, after his passing, the RHA was created to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: **Dan Riordan, Lynn Hollerman, and Les Rayburn.**

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

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All nominations must be received by the above no later than **February 1, 2009.**

**Radio Heritage Hawaii Contest!**

To celebrate Hawaii's 50 years of statehood in 2009, the Radio Heritage Foundation [[www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net)] is running a new competition open worldwide. Its on-line exhibition 'Art of Radio Hawaii' features great art work of letterheads and logos from Hawaiian AM radio stations since the 1930's, and is already amongst the most popular content at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net).

To enter the competition, simply visit the 'Art of Radio Hawaii' exhibition before February 14 2009, and send an email to [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net) headed 'Art of Radio Hawaii Competition' with the answer to this question:

What is the call sign of the Hawaiian AM radio station that began broadcasts in 1957 from the Kaiser Hawaiian Village Hotel in Waikiki?

You'll see the art work for this station logo in the exhibition, along with many others in a nostalgic tour of the island state's radio dial.

The prize is a brand new copy of the 2009 World Radio TV Handbook that also contains a full list of all 32 AM and 57 FM radio stations on air in Hawaii today. It also includes many website details, so you can listen in to your favorite Hawaiian radio stations wherever you live in the world!

Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Entries are only by email and must be received by February 14 2009. As a condition of entry, your email address will be added to a mailing list to receive newsletters and other mailings from the Radio Heritage Foundation.

The Radio Heritage Foundation is a registered non-profit organization that connects radio heritage and popular culture across the Pacific. Its' volunteer based and welcomes donations of time, skills, memorabilia and funds to continue its projects.

However, we hope you'll enjoy hearing from us from time to time, and our special offers and competitions celebrating radio heritage across the Pacific.



**DX TEST - BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR**

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Sun 1/18/09 0200-0300 1240 WOON Woonsocket RI (ABDX/Rogers)

**WOON 1240 kHz Woonsocket RI DX Test**

ABDX presents the first DX test of the season.

Thank you to Jay Rogers for running a DX test at WOON 1240 kHz in Woonsocket, RI. This test will run Sunday morning January 18 from 0200-0300 ET/0700-0800 UTC. WOON 1240 is mono running 1 kW NDA.

You can send your reports to Dave Richards via e-mail or regular mail. WOON/1240, 985 Park Ave, Woonsocket, RI 02895-6332, USA.

E-mail: [dave@onworldwide.com](mailto:dave@onworldwide.com) (note: use the station call sign as the subject line so it's not disregarded as spam).

The DX test will consist of: --Morse Code ID, --Voice announcement about it being a test broadcast, --Morse Code ID, --WOON Radio Jingle, (sung) "O-N Radio... in Woonsocket". These four elements will repeat, in that order, for 60 minutes from 2:00-3:00 EST on 1/18/09.

Audio clips sent to the station will not be required but will be appreciated. While supplies last, a bumper sticker will be included with the QSL.

A special thank you to Jay, **Ron Gitschier** and others who made this test possible.

Kevin Redding, ABDX List owner, and all the people at ABDX who made this possible!

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- OF SPECIAL INTEREST**
- 1180 KERN CA, Bakersfield(?) 1/1 0758 ID "KERN now at 1180" coming out of the Year in Review, siring of PSA's, bumper music. Legal ID said KERN Bakersfield, ABC news. Ex-1410. (MS-CA)
  - + 1/8 2157 with "KERN Bakersfield" then into news. Was KERI, (BB-AZ)
  - 1340 KQJZ MT, Evergreen 1/8 at 0800 on top with my local nullled. Just past ToH I heard melodic tones and announcer said it was "KQJZ Evergreen-Kallispeil." This is a new station. (LG-MT)
  - 1410 KERI CA, Bakersfield 1/9 0200 with "KERI" and info about the change of KERI and KERN. (BB-AZ)

1550 KFRC CA, San Francisco 1/9 0201 new call letter change. KFRC ID with oldies. Fair with some fades outs. Local KKAD phased. (DV-WA)

KQNM NM, Albuquerque 1/1 0830 website given: softfavorites1550.com "Crazy Love" by Poco. Ex-KKJY for me. (MS-CA)

+ 1/6 0842 with "KQNM" then into oldies. (BB-AZ)

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540 ?CBK? SK, Regina tentative 1/1 0007 with what sounded like a sketch comedy program with occasional audience laughter. Good to poor; no sign of Samoa co-channel. (5P-H1)

560 KMON MT, Great Falls 12/29 0750 with C&W music and "kmon Country." Weak but readable. (GS-CA)

570 KQNG HI, Lihue 12/27 0120 noted back on at full power. (5P-H1)

600 KOGO CA, San Diego 1/7 2136 good signal with KOGO ID, alone on the channel. (DV-WA)

KCOL CO, Wellington 1/1 fair above jumble briefly at 0700 and again 0900 with "Newstalk Radio, KCOL Wellington" and "Newstalk 600, KCOL Wellington, Ft. Collins... Loveland..." into Fox news. (PM-OR)

+ 1/7 1852 with "Fox News Radio KCOL." (BB-AZ)

KGEZ MT, Kalspell 1/1 good at times at 0500 with woman announcer "This is KGEZ Kalspell" into IRN news. (PM-OR)

KSJB ND, Jamestown 1/3 0850 with "KSJB" then into C&W music. (BB-AZ)

CJWW SK, Saskatoon 1/1 good on top at 0100 with "Your Information Station CJWW." (PM-OR)

640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 12/26 0230 man with sports, second man with "KFI Traffic" featuring "Ralph's Saving-U-Time Traffic Lane," weather "on KFI," Bill Handel promo, Loma Linda Medical Center ad, other ads; back to George Noory. Now running 50kw. Fair to good (louder than semi-local KHNU-620). (5P-H1)

670 KIRN CA, Simi Valley 1/6 2115 fair with music. Iranian talk. KIRN live stream verified my reception. KBOI phased. (DV-WA)

720 WGN IL, Chicago 1/5 2055 WGN ID. Fair with KDWN phased. (DV-WA)

750 KOAL UT, Price 1/2 0335 with PSA and ID. Weak, in just briefly, no sign of KXL. (BW-CA)

780 WBBM IL, Chicago 1/4 0017 ad for "Mercedes Benz of Chicago. ID "WBBM news time 12:20." Equal with KOH phased. (DV-WA)

+ 1/4 0039 under KKOH with clear ID "Newsradio WBBM. (MS-CA)

800 CKOR BC, Penitcion 1/4 0508 good with "South Okanagan's EZ Rock." Local KPDQ phased. (DV-WA)

820 WBAP TX, Dallas 12/20 2136 with sports. Signal only S2-S3 with very sharp null to hear under 3500 watt Mexicali, Mexico station only 25 miles south of me. (GS-CA)

830 KNCO CA, Grass Valley 12/26 0030 ID and community calendar. Soon lost to CKKY. Weak on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

WCCO MN, Minneapolis good opening east, noted 1/5 0620 ID, sports, weather for Twin Cities, good signal with slight QRM. (BW-CA)

850 CKBA AB, Athabasca 1/5 0048 "The Fox" 60's-70's rock. No call letter ID, station streaming audio matched what I was hearing. (DV-WA)

870 KJMP CO, Pierce 1/4 0107 ESPN Radio, Dave Ramsey. (GS-CA)

WWL LA, New Orleans surprised to hear this 1/5 0640 good signal with ID and sports. (BW-CA)

880 KCMX OR, Phoenix 1/3 0932 with weather report. (BB-AZ)

890 WLS IL, Chicago 1/5 0007 in with a couple of WLS mentions and comments from a listener. Soon covered by CJDC with country. (DV-WA)

910 KTRO WA, Vancouver 1/6 2030 format change from "Talk Radio Oregon" to "99-5 The Wolf"; C&W simulcast from KWJJ. Change was at midnight. (DV-WA)

+ 1/6 2230 now C&W, ex-talk // with KWJU-99.5. "The Wolf" slogans, thanks to Dennis Vroom for the tip. (PM-OR)

920 KVEL UT, Vernal 12/20 2150 with Utah Jazz vs Chicago game. Clear ID and "Utah Jazz Radio Network." (GS-CA)

KXY WA, Spokane Clark Howard show strong with an oldies station playing faintly far under from time to time. Ideas? (GH-OR)

950 KRWZ CO, Denver 12/28 2354 with "Cruising Oldies 950 AM" and "KRWZ, AM 950" about a minute later. Fairly weak. (GS-CA)

+ 1/8 1922 with traffic report then into oldies. (BB-AZ)

960 CFAC AB, Calgary 1/4 2143 on top of the channel with Calgary Flames recap. ID as "The Fan 960." (DV-WA)

980 KVLV NV, Fallon 1/3 1924 with "Hometown Radio KVLV." (BB-AZ)

KBBO WA, Selah 1/4 2312 weak with "980 Talk KUSA." Found out this is KBBO slogan. CKNW phased. (DV-WA)

1030 KMAS WA, Shelton 1/8 2316 Husky basketball. ID "10-30 KMAS," fair signal with Spanish QRM, no sign of KTWO. (BW-CA)

?KTWO?WY, Casper tentative 12/27 0020 man saying "AM 10-30," then Kenny Rogers' "Coward of the County." KLHT-1040 off due to blackout. Poor, over/under tentative XESDD. (5P-H1)

1130 CKWX BC, Vancouver 1/4 0202 announcer Roberta Graham with the news, Vancouver weather and ID "News 1130." My first Canadian since starting DX'ing again. (GS-CA)

1150 KAGO OR, Klamath Falls 12/27 0900 "Newstalk 1150 KAGO" slogan, poor with KGEM-1140 slop. (AB-ID)

KKNW WA, Seattle 1/3 0259 KKNW ID, then CNN news. Fair with local KXMG phased. New station here. (DV-WA)

CKFR BC, Kelowna 1/6 0155 "Dan Russell News Talk Sports. ID as "News Talk Sports, AM 1150," fair to good with KXMG phased. (DV-WA)

1160 KSL UT, Salt Lake City 12/27 0130 man with traffic, KSL-5 weather forecast, ID "KSL Newradio 1-Oh-2-Point 7 and 11-60 AM," back to "The Nightside Project." Poor to fair. (5P-H1)

1260 KGIL CA, Beverly Hills 1/6 2311 with "Newstalk 1260 and 540." (GS-CA)

1320 KGDC WA, Walla Walla 12/25 0100 ID into Fox news. Mixing it up with unID, probably KXRO. Fair to poor on TMC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

1340 KIHRR OR, Hood River 1/3 fair on top with KZNN at 1359:50 with ID "KIHR Hood River." (PM-OR)

KZNN WA, Wenatchee 1/3 1359:55 fair to good at times with sports news and ID mixing with KIHRR and KUOW. "KZNN Wenatchee." (PM-OR)

+ 1/3 1846 KZNN ID, sports programming. Fair signal. (DV-WA)

1360 KHNC CO, Johnstown 1/7 2005 with "You're listening to KHNC." (BB-AZ)

KBUY NM, Ruidoso 1/8 0900 with "KBUY Ruidoso" then into news. (BB-AZ)

KRKK WY, Rock Springs 1/2 2250 with oldies music and "K-Rock 1360" over/under KLSD San Diego, CA with LA Lakers vs Utah Jazz game. (BB-CA)

+ 1/4 2200 with "KRKK Rock Springs, Green River." (BB-AZ)

1370 KGNO KS, Dodge City 1/2 2336 with very solid S5 playing oldies. Clearly ID'd "KGNO." (GS-CA)

+ 1/8 0806 with "KGNO." (BB-AZ)

1380 KSRV OR, Ontario 1/3 0001 with C&W, ID'd several times as "1380 The Bull." (GS-CA)

+ 1/6 0908 with "KSRV News." (BB-AZ)

1390 KHEY TX, El Paso 1/7 0856 with "1380 ESPN El Paso." (BB-AZ)

KENN NM, Farmington 1/3 0023 clear ID with "KENN Farmington." Solid signal for about 10 minutes then faded under unID Spanish language station. (GS-CA)

KJOX WA, Yakima 12/28 1949 auto (Mazda) ad, KJOX ID then NFL scores. Fair with KSRV-1380 slop. (AB-ID)

1410 KDKT ND, Beulah 1/9 0900 with "Fox News Radio 1410." I did not hear the call letters so I called the station and asked them if they use that slogan at the time I heard them and they said yes. (BB-AZ)

1440 KINF CA, Santa Maria 12/28 2259 PSA for the Red Cross, ID and ABC news at 2300. Fair. (AB-ID)

KMED OR, Medford 12/24 2001 ID into news, talk show of some sort. Very weak in a staccato jumble on Hammarlund with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

1450 KVSL AZ, Show Low 1/1 2134 ID "KVSL 1450..." NOS song "Goin' Out of My Head." Over KNOT, KFSD, and others. (MS-CA)

KWFM AZ, Tucson 1/4 1840 in well with "Cool 1450" slogans, ads, and oldies. Still very much daylight outside! (MS-CA)

1460 KION CA, Salinas 12/27 0300 man saying "IRN News," ad for Three-Step-Plan home business program, mentioned IRN-USA network, Three-Step-Plan ad again, PSA, Prostrate Cancer Foundation PSA, hospital PSA, back to "Coast to Coast with Ian Punnett." Later heard at 0459 with legal ID "KION Salinas-Monterey-Santa Cruz, KION AM 14-60. More Simulating Talk Radio." IRN-USA news, KHRA off due to blackout. Fair to poor. (5P-H1)

1490 KCID ID, Caldwell 1/4 0054 absolutely dominating tonight with NOS, ID "Your memories are all here on 1490 KCID America's best music," into Tom Jones tune. (MS-CA)

KEYG WA, Grand Coulee 12/24 0000 C&W with ID and news. Very weak but way over the usually dominant KLOG on TMC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 1/7 0300 ID, fair signal. (DV-WA)

1510 KCKK CO, Littleton 1/6 0906 with weather report and "KCKK." (BB-AZ)

KGA WA, Spokane 12/27 2327 heard first in car with Spokane Chiefs hockey vs Tri-City. Later noted at home 12/28 0254 with Fox Sports Radio, at 0257 promo for Gonzaga U. basketball, slogan "First Team on Fox. 3-6am on 15-10 KGA," Super Supplements ad, health PSA, Credit Answers ad, Veteran Admin. PSA, faded out during legal ID, Fox Sportscast. Poor. (5P-H1)

1570 CKMW MB, Winkler 12/23 0005 faint C&W music and ID. Really weak with at least one other unID in the static, on TMC with E-W wire. (GH-OR)  
 1600 KRKE NM; Albuquerque 1/3 0114 oldies with "Real Oldies 1600." (GS-CA)  
 1620 KSMH CA, Auburn 12/19 2320 with "Catholic Family Radio, KSMH." (GS-CA)  
 WTAW TX, College Station 12/19 2322 with Alan Coomes show on "Newstalk 1620." Got this by nulling out more dominate KSMH. (GS-CA)

**UNIDS**

1040 UNID 12/27 0121 heard someone say "Newsradio 10-40" before fading into lightning QRN. WHO-IA? Very poor. (SP-HI)  
 1150 UNID 12/29 2300-2330 Spanish speaker with vocal & instrumental music. No ID's at TOH or BOH. Fair to good and alone on TMC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

Thanks to all our WDXR reports this time! Nancy 1/9 2100

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**DOWN THE DIAL**

650 KGAB WY, Orchard Valley, 1-10 on top. 08:08 with calls, Morning Zone talk show, weather, high school scores. [SP-WJ]  
 770 WYNN AL, Athens, 1-8, 21:55 with calls, ABC News, Schmitt Show, many local spots. New logging for me. [SP-WJ]  
 790 WYAY WI, Eau Claire, 1-5 poor in mess. 01:59-02:03 with legal ID and promo for way790.com and "News talk 7-90 WYAY" slogan into ESPN Sports. [CK-CO]  
 860 KKAT UT, Salt Lake City, 1-9 good, heavy interference at times from FF CBKF2. 23:30-23:42 with "The Wolf" slogan and spot into Utah Grizzlies Hockey game. [CK-CO]  
 880 KHAC NM, Tse Bonito, 1-3 good. 18:50-19:02 with Christian music. SRN News at 18:55, legal ID for both KHAC and KTBA-1050 into talk program. [CK-CO]  
 940 KVSH NE, Valentine, 1-10. 08:42 with country music, local spots, calls. [SP-WJ]  
 1030 WBZ MA, Boston, 1-3 poor under K1TWO and KCWJ. 03:00 with "WBZ... 10-30 everyday" into CBS News. Rare here. [CK-CO]  
 1080 KSLL UT, Price, 1-4 excellent over KRLD. 02:00-03:36 with ABC Timeless Favorites oldies music. Only IDs heard were a couple of "10-80 KASL" jingles. (Note: KASL is a licensed station in Wyoming). Noted ABC News Now at the top of the hour was cut off by oldies music without warning. This is a daytimer on way past their sign off or on way early. [CK-CO]  
 1550 KFRC CA, San Francisco, 1-4 poor under KMPL. 03:35-03:51 with "...in the Bay Area... this is KFRC" and "Hometown soul and rock n roll. Playing the greatest hits of all time in no particular order." Oldies music. 03:51 ID "This is the true oldies channel, AM 15-50 KFRC." [CK-CO]

**25 YEARS AGO**

January 7, 1984 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... We were informed of the death of DXer H. John Clements ... Karl Forth of Chicago, IL said the first post sunset operation in his area was WKKD-1580 ... Pat Martin of Seaside, OR told about his GE Superadio recently purchased at a local Payless.

**OPEN MIKE**

Have you joined this year's DX Contest? Remember, the contest is just a fun way to log new stations. It's not meant to be a career. This column was typed 1-10-09. 73, John

**EASTERN DX ROUNDUP**

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(KK-VA) **Kraig Krist**  
 Manassas, VA  
 NRD-545 rx with homemade 134 foot multi band antenna running NW to SE

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

(EB-PA) **Eric Bueneman**

N0uith vacationing in Erie PA  
 GE Super Radio

**LOGGINGS**

600 OH WSOB Salem, 12/30 1521, noted with local ads, "Great Songs and Wonderful Memories, AM 600 WSOB" slogan, into Oldies. Fair sig. w/splash via CKTB 610. (EB-PA)  
 790 PA WPIC Sharon, 12/30 1532, noted with local PSA, weather forecast, "News/Talk 790 WPIC" slogan, morning show promo, into Clark Howard. Fair over other stations, light splash from CKLW 800. (Memory time... this was the very first radio station I ever visited I think I was 8 or 9 years old. My mother took a group of us Cub Scouts out to the "radio station" for a tour.... All I remember is this funny looking box with a bunch of lights in it-ed) (EB-PA)  
 920 ON KKNX Wingham, 12/31 0846, noted with weather, "AM 920" ID, local ads, "Family Minute with Dr. James Dobson", music by Elvis, into interview with Elvis Presley's step-brother. Good with minor splash from WBEN 930. (EB-PA)  
 940 PA WGRP Greenville, 12/31 0902, noted with Classic Country, "Classic Country 940" slogan, legal ID including WLOA 1470, Franklin Graham promo. Good signal. (More memories.... WLOA 1470 used to be WFAR (Farrell) They had a 3 tower array just up the hill from my folks house in Hermitage, PA-ed) (EB-PA)  
 1000 IL WMVP Chicago, 12/30 1538, noted with local ads, "ESPN Radio 1000" slogan, Mike and Mike promo. Good over others.  
 1050 ON CHUM Toronto, 12/31 0907, noted with Oldies, "Toronto's Greatest Hits, 1050 Chum" slogan. Good signal, but not as strong as 680, 740, 860 or 1010. (EB-PA)  
 1090 MD WBAL Baltimore, 1/8 1655-1735, Mixing w/talk and smx probably WTSB. Talk about taxation. Into traffic report. "it's 35 in Baltimore. WBAL traffic and weather". 1700 Gone as WBAL went to night time power. (KK-VA)  
 NC WTSB Selma, 1/8 1655-1735, Mixing w/WBAL. WTSB playing C&W songs. 1720 "forecast at WTSB..." 1728 w/s/off "WTSB and WMTM ends its broadcast day... we wish everyone a good evening." (KK-VA)  
 1100 OH WTAM Cleveland, 1/7 1655-1735, Mixing w/talk and mx. Talking about bank deposits. 1659 promo for "20-20 on ABC". 1700 "This is news radio WTAM AM eleven hundred" into news. 1730 "News at the top and bottom of the hour. This is Cleveland's news radio WTAM eleven hundred" into "Five thirty report". (KK-VA)  
 1120 DC WUST Washington, 1/4 1645-1735, mixing w/sports. Talk in language other than English. 1700 English "You're listening to the multicultural voice of the nation's capitol. AM eleven twenty WUST Washington". (KK-VA)  
 1130 NY WBRR New York City, 1/3 1645-1735, Mixing w/talk and sports. "Bloomberg eleven thirty" into New York area traffic report. (KK-VA)  
 1140 VA WRVA Richmond, 1/2 1645-1735, Talk then into traffic report. 1646 "Right now at WRVA it's 42". "Wall Street Journal Report". 1700 "Fox News Radio". (KK-VA)  
 1390 OH WNIO Youngstown, 12/31 0912, noted with Adult Standards, "1390 WNIO and WNIO-dot-com" slogan, mention of weather forecast for high winds. Good to fair with splash from WJET 1400. (EB-PA)  
 1460 ON CJOY Guelph, 12/31 0916, noted with Oldies, call letters. Fair signal with splash from WPSE 1450. (EB-PA)  
 1530 PA WYNE North East, 12/31 0919, noted with Oldies, "WYNE North East" legal ID at 0922. Very good signal. (EB-PA)  
 1540 ON CHIN Toronto, 12/31 0923, noted with talk and pop music in Italian. Good to fair with two Ohio stations: no splash from WYNE 1530. (EB-PA)  
 1570 OH WANR Warren, 12/31 0928, noted with "Classic Hits 1570 WANR" slogan, promo into Classic Hits. Good signal. (EB-PA)

Well, the BIG GATOR win was fun to watch, and took some of the sting out of seeing Ball State lose so badly... Now on to Basketball season!!! Nice to hear from our friend Eric who was vacationing in EDXR land, Eric visited Erie, PA, the home of the "Wonders" ....hi.... Of course Ocala is the home of The Royal Guardsmen... AKA Snoopy & the Red Baron.... Eric writes, "The Superadio III is by far a better performer in Erie than the Grundig S350; I was able to pull in more DX this time around. With the lowest channel local station being on 1260, the lower part of the AM band is pretty much open, except for semi-locals from Buffalo, Detroit and Toronto." Best to all... fresh 1-10 0830



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Greetings everyone,

DX has slowed down bit as we enter mid Winter, but some DX is still out there. So away we go.

### PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 640 **MEXICO**, Cd. Juarez, Chih, XEJUJA 1/4 at 0254. Fair to good signal with older SS vocals and "Radio Recuerdo" jingle. (CK-CO)
- 800 **MEXICO**, Zaragoza, Coah. XEZR 1/6 at 0404. Good peak over faded XEROK with ID in EE(!) "You are listening to XEZR...." mentioned serving part of Texas, 2KW of power, beauty of the Zaragoza area, etc., then similar ID in SS and "La Traviesa" slogan. Nice surprise! New catch. (CK-CO)
- 970 **MEXICO**, Caborca, Son. XEEZ. 1/4 at 0055. Good peak in XEJ fade with call letter ID (emphasis placed on the "Z") and "La Super Z" slogans, into Mexican vocal. (CK-CO)
- 970 **MEXICO**, Cd. Juarez, Chih. XEJ 1/4 at 0050. Good signal with nortena music vocals "La J Mexicana" slogans. GRM from XEEZ. (CK-CO)
- 990 **MEXICO**, Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. XEER 1/4 at 0320. Solid peaks with ranchera music, "Lobo 9-90, La Radio de Cuauhtémoc" jingles by woman. Mixing with XECL. (CK-CO)
- 1030 **MEXICO**, Tijuana, BCN. XESDD 1/4 at 0130. Very good, over 2 other stations in SS with ranchera music and "La Tremenda 10-30" slogan. (CK-CO)

### TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 639 CHINA, various locations, CNR1 1532 3 Jan. Man in CC poor to fair //5030 but leading it by a fraction of a second. This, along with the bassy quality of 639 made the parallel quite difficult at times. Conditions have been quite poor at sunrise since 3rd of January, but this one also popped up briefly on 10th of Jan at 1342, so it might be better to listen earlier these days. (NHP-BC)
- 666 JAPAN, Osaka JOBK at 1553 3rd Jan Male vocal mx, poor //594. Not that common here. (NHP-BC)
- 774 UNID at 1520 11th Jan. Woman talking through JOUB's carrier, quite weak, but had CC infection? Best on N Flag, so not a DU. If CC, then the only CC noted this morning. (NHP-BC)
- 945 CHINA, Jiaoch. CHR 1 1604 3rd Jan CC pop music //5030 followed by a man in CC. Poor at best. (NHP-BC)
- 1566 REP KOREA, Cheju, HLAZ 1800 on 3rd Jan. heard various bits of very poor audio, man talking, between 1730 and 1800 this morning, ending with a fade up to 3 and 1 pips on the hour followed by immediate carrier cut. (NHP-BC)
- 1575 THAILAND, VOA 1231 1711 weak with man in Asian language. (DV-WA)

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### Guy Atkins to Grayland

Using a Perseus receiver has radically changed the way I chase and listen to DX. With the ability to record and play back and entire MW band, and employing a "looping" technique across the top of the hour, I find I can catch and ID far more DX from a single evening than is possible with conventional receivers and techniques.

The 29th was an average midwinter "oldtrums" DX evening, but digging out top of the hour catches for this single night has kept me busy until now. I haven't yet started checking frequencies on the files recorded at the bottom of the hour or in-between! Nor have I yet gone through the files for December 30th, except for a few hours of 60 meters tropical band DX (which was very good, with numerous Indian regionals, Vietnam, and three morning longpath Africans including Chad--first time ever for me via longpath).

I'll bet Walt Salmaniw and Chuck Hutton are still wading through their many Perseus WAV files from their DXpedition to northern Vancouver Island in November, despite the lackluster conditions they encountered. They are sure to find more DX on their hard drives waiting to be discovered! I've written on my blog about the importance of a high quality sound card and headphones for the best weak audio recovery when using a low noise SDR receiver like Perseus. I think these two items

give an "edge" to the receiver system that helps me to have the best chance at the really weak, threshold DX signals. The Edrol UA-25 mentioned on my blog is an example of a relatively inexpensive upgrade to a laptop's built in sound card or the average sound card installed in most desktops. My gut feeling is that 5-10% of the weakest, most threshold level stations I logged were made possible by the Edrol UA-25 and my Sennheiser HD-525 headphones. They give you the sense of being able to really dig into the noise, splatter, and muck to provide improved clarity and a better chance at IDing a station. This trip to Grayland Beach State Park was a real challenge with the weather. I encountered high winds and rain, and occasional, nearly-sideways hail that pounded the yurt wall so hard I had to crank up the volume to the headphones considerably. I also had the din of the nearby roaring Pacific Ocean to contend with. At least last week's snow had melted, and I had brief periods of calm and almost no rain while erecting and dismantling the antennas--thankfully! It was also the first time I've been c-c-cold in the Grayland yurts: the wind and chilly temps found their way easily around the door edges, and the yurt's built-in heater couldn't keep up. Not only this, but I went three days without a latte! Now THAT's endurance! <g>

If I come up with any new or different loggings from these after I listen to the Perseus files from Dec. 30th I will post them on the IRCA list.

### Grayland DXpedition Logs – Dec. 29, 2008

- 558 **JAPAN** JOCR Kobe, Dec 29 1500 – Nice piano music and talk by woman in Japanese; single time pip at 1500, and into guitar music and more talk. Parallel to 603 which is supposed to be NHK1, but 603 was not parallel to other known NHK1 stations like 594. JOCR 558 is listed as 'CRK' network in PAL. Fair to good. (Atkins-WA)
- 567 **JAPAN** JOIK Sapporo, Dec 29 1158 – Male announcer in Japanese to 3+1 time pips. Fair, and parallel to 594 Tokyo. (Atkins-WA)
- 576 **RUSSIA** R. Mayak, Dec 29 1159 – Moscow Nights chimes at 1159:45, then 5+1 time pips (with echo from other station on the frequency) before a male gave announcements in Russian. Poor to fair in jumble. (Atkins-WA)
- 580 **ALASKA** KRSA Petersburg, Dec 29 0600 – Top of hour ID as 'This is KRSA Petersburg, your station for faith'. Into Christian contemporary music. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 594 **JAPAN** JOAK Tokyo, Dec 29 1000 – Woman with ID 'JOAK Tokyo' in Japanese at top of hour. 3+1 time pips, and into NHK1 news. Fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 603 **JAPAN** JOOG/JOJK, Dec 29 1500 – Unknown Japanese here, with piano music. Japanese talk, and guitar music, parallel to 558 (but not 567 as listed, nor 594, both NHK1 stations). Has JOOG/JOJK changed affiliation to the CRK network? Fair but in the clear. (Atkins-WA)
- 603 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSA KBS2 Namyang, Dec 29 1400 – Fair at best with rapid pop music, single long time pip, and Korean talk. (Atkins-WA)
- 612 **JAPAN** JOLK Fukuoka, Dec 29 1159 – A surprisingly poor JOLK here, considering they are 100 kw. Japanese male announcer at 1159, 5+1 time pips, and back to the announcer, parallel to 594 Tokyo. (Atkins-WA)
- 621 **CHINA** Heilongjiang?, Dec 29 1400 – Asian pops and Chinese talk; echo sound effects. More than one other station in the background creating a real mess. (Atkins-WA)
- 630 **ALASKA** KJNO Juneau, Dec 29 0500 – ID at top of hour as 'The ?? information station, 630 KJNO, Juneau, Alaska, the home of CBS News'. Fair level. (Atkins-WA)
- 639 **CHINA** CNR 1, Dec 29 1159 – Unknown location with female in Chinese to 1200 5+1 time pips. Poor to fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 648 **RUSSIA** Voice of Russia, Dec 29 1159 – Loud and clear VoR interval signal to male announcer in Korean. Good level. (Atkins-WA)
- 657 **NORTH KOREA** Pyongyang Pansong, Dec 29 1159 – Very strident and harsh speech or talk by male in Korean, a few seconds of a lumbering orchestral tune, and 5+1 time pips at 1200. Immediately back to an apparent continuation of the same material; hard to listen to the angry announcer even without understanding the language! Fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 666 **JAPAN** JOBK Osaka, Dec 29 1600 – Man in Japanese; 3+1 time pips, and into NHK network ID and presumed news. Good signal, and parallel to 594. (Atkins-WA)
- 666 **UNIDENTIFIED** Unid. TA, Dec 29 0615 – Weak talk in possible Slavic language. Signal appeared briefly every 10 minutes or so, and faded after a minute of weak audio. Possibly Lithuania, which has a SR around 0650? (Atkins-WA)
- 670 **ALASKA** KDLG Dillingham, Dec 29 0500 – Top of hour ID by male announcer as 'KDLG Dillingham, also heard on KIAL Unalakleet, KSDP Sand Point, KNSA Unalakleet, and K201 DA??' Fair to good level, but fighting co-channel KBOI Boise. What is that last ID that was mentioned? I heard 'K201' spelled out, and then the letters D-A, but that certainly doesn't sound like an AMI broadcast band call sign. (Atkins-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB Tokyo, Dec 29 1200 – 3+1 time pips at 1200, followed by flute music and into English lessons, parallel to 747 and 774. Good signal, but lots of splatter from a very strong 690 kHz. (Atkins-WA)
- 700 **ALASKA** KBYR Anchorage, Dec 29 0500 – Sports news and mentions of ESPN by woman, followed by very weak partial 'KB??' ID by man. Tentative. (Atkins-WA)

- 702 **JAPAN** NHK2 Unid. Location, Dec 29 1200 – 3+1 time pips at 1200, followed by English lessons with male and female announcers. Poor to fair, and parallel 747 and 774. (Atkins-WA)
- 720 **RUSSIA** Voice of Russia / R. Mayak, Dec 29 1100 – Good signal dominating KDWL, Las Vegas at the top of the hour, with 'Moscow Nights' chimes and 5+1 time pips. Into Chinese talk at 1101. (Atkins-WA)
- 729 **JAPAN** JOCK Nagoya, Dec 29 1300 – 3+1 time pips at top of the hour, and into Japanese by male with mentions of NHK. Fair, and parallel to 594. (Atkins-WA)
- 738 **JAPAN** JOLR Toyama, Dec 29 1300 – Presumed this station in North Honshu, with 3+1 time pips somewhat early (1159:55) and Japanese talk. (Atkins-WA)
- 747 **JAPAN** JOIB Sapporo, Dec 29 0614 – Fair signal with English lesson, about 1 hour before Sapporo SS. Parallel to 774. (Atkins-WA)
- 750 **ALASKA** KFQD Anchorage, Dec 29 0500 – 'News talk 7-50, KFQD... Anchorage' ID at top of the hour, and then into network news. Very good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 756 **CHINA** CNR 1, Dec 29 1200 – Unknown location with Chinese to 1200 5+1 time pips and into orchestral fanfare, and then more Chinese talk. Fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 774 **JAPAN** JOUB Akita, Dec 29 0610 – Fair signal at tune-in, about 1-1/2 hours before Akita SS. Japanese talk and music, parallel to 747. I returned at 1000 and caught an English lesson with three Japanese instructors, and was surprised to hear one of them introduce himself by saying 'and my name is GUY!' (Atkins-WA)
- 780 **ALASKA** KNOM Nome, Dec 29 0700 – Male announcer with ID and time check 'KNOM Nome, it's 10 o'clock'. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 790 **ALASKA** KCAM Glenallen, Dec 29 0600 – Loud and clear signal with female announcer Ding as 'You're spending the holidays with KCAM Glenallen Alaska, the voice of the Copper River Valley'. ID for KGMl Bellingham, WA in background. (Atkins-WA)
- 800 **ALASKA** KINY Juneau, Dec 29 0500 – 'Broadcasting from Alaska's capital, KINY Juneau' ID at 0500. Fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 828 **JAPAN** JOBB Osaka, Dec 29 0900 – Japanese talk to 3+1 time pips at 0900, followed by English news, per schedule, and parallel to 747 and 774. Fair level, but found them with an excellent signal at 1300. At 1500, caught a nice local JOBB ID. (Atkins-WA)
- 830 **USA** KNCO Grass Valley, CA, Dec 29 0500 – Looking for KSDP Sand Point Alaska, here, but came up with ID for KNCO: 'You're listening to Nevada County's award-winning mobile news station, news talk 830 KNCO'. Fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 837 **CHINA** Unid., Dec 29 0800 – Unknown Chinese station, weak with woman announcer to 5+1 time pips at top of hour. Signal too far into the mush to make out any ID. Harbin perhaps? (Atkins-WA)
- 846 **JAPAN** NHK1 synchros, Dec 29 1300 – Low level Japanese audio here, with 3+1 time pips at 1300 and Japanese talk. (Atkins-WA)
- 864 **JAPAN** Unid., Dec 29 1300 – A jumble of low power Japanese outlets, with a 3+1 time pips rising to the top at 1300, but mostly a spaghetti-like mix of Japanese speakers. (Atkins-WA)
- 873 **JAPAN** JOGB Kumamoto, Dec 29 1100 – English lesson at 1100 tune-in, with discussion on the proper etiquette for throwing away a non-recyclable plastic bag (where DO they come up with these topics?!). Good signal, and parallel 774 and 747. I heard a nice clear 'JOGB' ID at 1500 recheck. (Atkins-WA)
- 890 **ALASKA** KBBI Homer, Dec 29 0600 – Top of the hour ID as 'This is KBBI AM 890 Homer, Alaska', given by an announcer who gave his name as 'Freedom'. Weather forecast gave wind chills for the following morning as 25 to 35 below zero Fahrenheit. Into NPR news. Good level. (Atkins-WA)
- 890 **CANADA** CJDC Dawson Creek, Dec 29 0500 – ID at 0500 as 'We are the Peace Country's King(?)'. CJDC by male announcer. Poor to fair under heavy co-channel interference. (Atkins-WA)
- 909 **JAPAN** JOCB Nagoya, Dec 29 1200 – Japanese announcer to 3+1 time pips, flute music, and into English lessons, parallel to 747 and 774. Fair level, with an intriguing background station that might have been Filipino. (Atkins-WA)
- 918 **CHINA** Unid. location, Dec 29 1200 – Synchros here with multiple echos, 5+1 time pips at 1200, background music and male announcer in Chinese. Thought I heard mention of Shandong, but all I can make out for sure is Renmin Guangbo Dientai. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 936 **CHINA** Unid., Dec 29 1100 – Unknown location with flute music before and after 5+1 time pips; male announcer in Chinese. Very weak level. Anhui? (Atkins-WA)
- 945 **JAPAN** NHK1, Dec 29 1200 – Unidentified location with 3+1 time pips and faint signal of Japanese announcer. Mixing heavily with 5+1 pips and programming of unid. Chinese station. (Atkins-WA)
- 954 **JAPAN** JOKR Tokyo, Dec 29 1200 – Fair signal of Japanese announcers in heavy splatter of KJR Seattle. Mentions of Tokyo; I didn't notice any time pips at the top of the hour. (Atkins-WA)
- 963 **CHINA** CR1, Dec 29 1200 – Strong S-8 signal of Russian service with familiar music at top of the hour, and ID in Russian. Into presumed news at 1201. (Atkins-WA)
- 970 **ALASKA** KFBX Fairbanks, Dec 29 0600 – A very, very messy frequency with noise and low-level garbled voices, but I managed to pull out a 'KFBX' ID from the muck at 0559:54. About as multiple as you can get and still hear an ID, thanks to looping the Perseus WAV file several times around the top-of-the-hour. (Atkins-WA)
- 972 **SOUTH KOREA** HLCA, Dec 29 1800 – Male and female Korean talk; 3+1 time pips at 1800 followed by presumed ID. Speech or political sounding talk at 1806 by man. Fair level at over two hours past local sunrise, and still providing very weak audio at 1850! Alas, it was just a strong het a few minutes later and the time pips and announcements at 1900 could not be heard. HLCA was strong throughout the evening however. (Atkins-WA)
- 981 **CHINA** CNR 1, Dec 29 1200 – Unknown location with 5+1 time pips and Chinese talk by male announcer at top of the hour. Very faint in 980 splatter. (Atkins-WA)
- 999 **CHINA** Liaoning Jingji GD, Dec 29 1159 – Female announcer in Chinese with what sounded like 'Liaoning Jingji' mentioned twice prior to 1200, followed by 5+1 time pips. Signal was mostly down in the jumble with another station on 999 after 1200. Some splatter from KOMO 1000. Tentative, and fair signal before fading. (Atkins-WA)
- 1008 **NETHERLANDS** GrootNieuwsRadio, Dec 29 0515 – Tentative, with Dutch or French sounding talk 0515 by man, then mostly music to fade at 0525. Back up again briefly at 0540. Weak signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1017 **CHINA** CNR, Dec 29 1100 – Unid. location with very strong signal at tune-in, trumpet fanfare, and undecipherable partial '...Guangbo Dientai' ID. Rapid fadeout or pause in programming revealed a weak Kiwi accented English announcers beneath, with mentions of Christchurch. Radio Hauraki perhaps? (Atkins-WA)
- 1017 **JAPAN** JOLB Fukuoka, Dec 29 1200 – Heard with 3+1 time pips and Japanese talk parallel to 774, and co-channel at equal level with CRI Russian service. Fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 1026 **CHINA** Beijing Jingji GD, Dec 29 1000 – 5+1 time pips at 1000, followed by ID in Chinese 'Beijing Jingji Guangbo Dientai' by male. Into instrumental flute music. Poor to fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1035 **JAPAN** CNR 1, Dec 29 1200 – Another unknown CNR1 China location with 5+1 time pips, music, and Chinese talk, on a jumbled frequency. Scraps of Japanese talk heard co-channel–seven low power NHK2 outlets listed for 1035. (Atkins-WA)
- 1044 **SOUTH KOREA** KBS1, Dec 29 1000 – Female with talk in Korean, to a clear 'HLCA' ID (pronounced by announcer as 'H-ee L – C – Ahh'). The station HLCA is on 972 kHz, so this 1044 outlet must be relaying HLCA. The PAL guide lists two South Korean stations here, each relaying a different station than HLCA. Fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1053 **CHINA** Unidentified, Dec 29 1500 – Rapid fire Chinese talk, mixing with 3+1 Japanese time pips. Fair to good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1062 **SOUTH KOREA** HLKQ Cheongju, Dec 29 1100 – Poor signal of Korean talk; no time pips noted at top of the hour. Presumed. (Atkins-WA)
- 1107 **JAPAN** Unidentified, Dec 29 1200 – Presumed unknown MBC or MRO network station here, with time pip at 1200 and Japanese talk by man. Poor signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1134 **JAPAN** JOQR Tokyo, Dec 29 1812 – Instrumental music and Japanese talk by woman and man at tune-in. One of the few TPs remaining past 1800. Fair level on peaks. (Atkins-WA)
- 1143 **TAIWAN** BEL3 Baisha – Taiwan Fisheries, Dec 29 1200 – Orchestral music 1159, to 3+1 time pips 1200, and talk by woman in Chinese. Fair level and parallel to 1593. (Atkins-WA)
- 1188 **JAPAN** JOKP Kitami, Dec 29 1200 – 3+1 time pips and Japanese talk by man at 1200; fair level in splatter, and parallel to 594. (Atkins-WA)
- 1188 **UNIDENTIFIED** Unid. TA, Dec 29 0545 – Strong het noted here 0515, then weak audio and snippets of music. MRA Hungary here? 0555 UTC is around sunrise in central Hungary. (Atkins-WA)
- 1197 **JAPAN** JOWL Asahikawa, Dec 29 1200 – Weak splattered signal, but strong enough to detect a parallel to 1440 JOWF. Female talk in Japanese to 1159:57 single long time pip, and into siren sound effects and more talk. (Atkins-WA)
- 1206 **CHINA** Yanbian RGD, Dec 29 0900 – Female with Korean language per schedule. to 0900 organ music. Good level until signal took a rapid dive into the splatter just past 0900. Presumed. (Atkins-WA)
- 1215 **CHINA** CNR7 Voice of Old China, Dec 29 1200 – Modern 'hip' programming with Western-style advert production and Chinese pop music, 5+1 time pips at 1200, and many announcements by man and woman in Chinese to 1203. I believe I heard a partial '...Huaxia zhi Sheng' ID spoken very quickly at 1202. Very good level on peaks, but sometimes dropping down into the noise. (Atkins-WA)
- 1224 **JAPAN** JOJK Kanazawa, Dec 29 1200 – Man in Japanese with NHK network ID at 1159:45, and 3+1 pips at 1200. Fair to good. (Atkins-WA)
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF Tokyo, Dec 29 0900 – Male & female announcers in Japanese, with 3+1 time pips, and into advertisements or announcements. At 0900:12, I noticed another station in the background with Gregorian chant-like singing and ringing of a ship's bell. Rather strange... I wonder what this was? (Atkins-WA)

- 1278 **CHINA** CNR, Dec 29 0900 – Unid outlet with Chinese talk to music bits and 5+1 time pips at 0900. Could only pick out a very partial ‘??...dientai’ ID. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR Sapporo, Dec 29 1655 – Happened upon this station just as it was entering a fade, but caught two or three ‘JOHR HBC’ IDs by male before the signal became unreadable. It was audible again by 1700, but I didn’t note any IDs at top of hour. Fair to good level overall. Also noted earlier in the evening at 0900 with very good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1314 **JAPAN** JOUF Osaka, Dec 29 1200 – Japanese talk, and long single time pip at top of hour. Female announcer with mentions of various Japan cities (Kyoto, Tokyo, etc.). Fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF Nagoya, Dec 29 1100 – Fair signal with 2+1 time pips at 1100, then jazzy music (Watermelon Man’ tune) with voice-over Japanese announcers, then a surprising, reverb-heavy repetition of the ‘F’ word (you know what I mean!). You hear the strangest things on foreign radio..... (Atkins-WA)
- 1350 **JAPAN** JOER Hiroshima, Dec 29 1159 – Totally inaudible beneath domestic stations at 1159:00. JOER rose quickly to a good level before the top of the hour to dominate the channel with male and female Japanese talk. 2+1 time pips at 1200, some more Japanese chatter, and gone again by 1200:30. (Atkins-WA)
- 1368 **JAPAN** JOTS Wakkanaï, Dec 29 1245 – First noted with Japanese talk at fair level 1245, and beautiful guitar and woodwinds instrumental at 1251, when it improved to very good, parallel to 1287 JOHR. Faded shortly thereafter, but back up enough at 1300 to detect 3+1 time pips and more talk by man in Japanese. Great level for a 1 kw station! (Atkins-WA)
- 1377 **RUSSIA** R. Yunost, Dec 29 0800 – 1970s rock music at tune-in (sounded like The Who); Deep voiced announcer in Russian with ID, and back to rock music, electronica style. Fair to good level. (Atkins-WA)
- 1386 **JAPAN** NHK2, Dec 29 0900 – Unid NHK2 station, with Japanese talk by male to 3+1 time pips, followed by news in English (per PAL/NHK2 Web site). Poor but improving signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1404 **CHINA** Hubei RGD, Dec 29 1700 – Sign-off announcements by male in Chinese with RGD ID, and pulled the plug at 1704 (PAL lists 1700\*). Fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1422 **JAPAN** JORE Yokohama, Dec 29 1159 – Apparent advertisement 1159, long single time pip at 1200, followed woman in Japanese and mentions of Radio Nippon. Good to very good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1440 **JAPAN** JOWF Sapporo, Dec 29 1000 – Japanese talk and music; single time pip or tone at 1000 to male and female announcers. Good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1467 **SOUTH KOREA** HLNK Mokpo, Dec 29 1300 – Man and woman Korean announcers, 3+1 time pips, and more Korean talk past 1300. Fair level at best. (Atkins-WA)
- 1475 **MALAYSIA** RTM Kota Kinabalu, Dec 29 1159 – As with JOER Hiroshima. RTM rose from nothingness at 1159 to a fair level by 1200, with woman in presumed Bahasa Malaysian, thumping rock music beat, and two mentions of Malaysia after 1200. Back into the noise by 1202. (Atkins-WA)
- 1503 **JAPAN** JOUK Akita, Dec 29 1200 – Man in Japanese, 3+1 time pips at 1200, and into presumed news with mentions of world cities. Good signal and parallel to 594 NHK1. (Atkins-WA)
- 1557 **TAIWAN** Family Radio – WYFR, Dec 29 1600 – Dr. Harold Camping with Bible teaching in English. Fair signal, but fluttery. (Atkins-WA)
- 1566 **SOUTH KOREA** HLAZ Cheju, Dec 29 0900 – Christian hymn to announcements in Korean, then 3+1 time pips and into presumed ID and broadcast in Russian at 0900. Strong signal just past Korea sunset. (Atkins-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND** VOA Ban Phachi, Dec 29 1300 – VOA music fanfare and ID in English at 1300 and mentions of Washington DC. Into Vietnamese programming at 1301. Fair signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1593 **CHINA** CNR1, Dec 29 1100 – Unid location with announcers in Chinese, 5+1 time pips, orchestral music, and a few ‘...Guangbo Dientai’ partial IDs. Fair to good. (Atkins-WA)
- 1602 **JAPAN** NHK2 synchros, Dec 29 1200 – Whispers of Japanese audio here, and 3+1 time pips 1200. Disappointed there was nothing more substantial, but conditions on the 29th were not superb for Japan, based on the weak showing of the low powered JJ outlets. (Atkins-WA)
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DXing from Grayland Beach State Park, Perseus SDR X2 / Wellbrook Phased Array antenna (proto), PAORDT Mini-Whip Antenna
- Wait Salmaniw goes to Queen Charlotte Islands... yet again!!!**
- While on the Charlottes between December 29th and January 4th, I did some very extensive monitoring of the bands. Unfortunately, nearly non-existent internet access prevented me from reporting in a more timely fashion, so instead I’ve reported my observations here, in several parts. Part I will cover my arrival and the first morning and day of listening, December 30, 2008 which was probably the best morning and afternoon (for TA) DXing of the trip. It was quite cold up there as well, especially early with a very biting north-westerly wind! Enjoy! **Wait Salmaniw, Victoria, BC.**
- Winter DXpedition to Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands, Dec 29, 2008 to January 4, 2009. **Part I** for 30 December, 2008.
- As always, I’m excited to get back to the Queen Charlottes to get some serious time in on the dials, and this time was no exception! DXing in the depths of winter call for a slightly different strategy than other times of the year. For example, we arrived in Masset to find a “winter wonderland” with perhaps 15 cm of fresh fluffy snow, and temperatures around – 4 to – 6 deg C. The ground (mostly sand) was frozen solid, so there wasn’t going to be any driving stakes into the ground this time. As my Wellbrook phased array requires some driving into the sand, I elected not to erect my array at this time.
- We arrived in the early afternoon and proceeded out to the cottage. After some unpacking, I immediately set out to lay down the BOGs. My favourite is my NW BOG which has always been a very good performer. Next, I laid down the NE BOG (hoping for Greenland on 3815U), and lastly the coax to my Europe facing large diameter Wellbrook ALA 100. I also have a permanent mini-Beverage terminated into the ocean at about 450’ due north. This, I noticed had broken in one of the many big ocean storms, but was easily repaired once I found the mass of white Teflon coated wire entangled in the kelp and sea weed.
- Checking each wire, all performed well. I immediately noticed that TA signals were in strongly, and it was still another hour before darkness fell. A good sign for sure, especially with A/K indices of 0/0!
- As is so often the case, the first day/evening is usually one of getting things organized rather than any serious DXing. On top of that, we were up at 5:00 AM to get to the airport bright and early, so after having a bite to eat, and finding conditions mostly to have deteriorated on the TA front (they were very good on SW, though), I called it a night and returned to the dials at 11:45 UTC. Again, I should have slept in a bit more since things were rather ho-hum for several hours before really taking off closer to dawn, and especially after 16:00 UTC.
- Highlights of my first morning were the continued TP and later TA signals that just didn’t want to stop. After dawn, many exotic MW frequencies were yielding audio (albeit weak). Early on, the Chinese stations totally dominated the bands, while the Japanese stations were mostly very weak (including the many Hokkaido stations). As the morning wore on, the Japanese stations became more and more dominant. By 17:00, I started seeing some TA activity, especially from the Arabian Gulf area. Much later in the 19:00 time frame, the Chinese stations seemed to return, mostly all CNR1 stations.
- The LW Russians were poorly heard today with only 153, 234 (later at 13:31) and 279 making appearances.
- I’ll now itemize frequencies with various comments, highlighting only those of specific interest:
- 531 This was a busy channel all morning with audio that peaked at 16:09 with NHK1 programming at a 9 level.
- 549 Russia all the way with a nice Radio Rossi ID at 12:10.
- 576 Echo heard at 12:15. It sounded Russia again.
- 594 JOAK was heard very well. A cochannel also noted at 13:34.
- 603 A Chinese station, not CNR1 heard at 16:14.
- 648 Russia in Korean at 8 level at 12:20.
- 657 North Korea at 9 level at 13:55.
- 666 7.5 level with NHK1 under a cochannel station with Christian sounding hymn. Chinese noted at 14:11.
- 675 Vietnam at 14:05.
- 693 NHK2 at 9 level, at 14:08.
- 702 NHK2 at 8 level at 12:27.
- 720 North Korea (719.9) at 9 level, but not until 17:08.
- 729 JOCK poorly heard earlier, but up to 9+ level at 17:08.
- 738 Presumed Taiwan Fisheries station at 16:20, 8 level.
- 774 NHK2 never made it past an 8.
- 774 NHK2 at 12:33 at 9 level.
- 945 2 cochannels noted at 12:40, with one being CNR1, and the other with oriental music. 8 level.
- 963 CRI Russian at 12:44, 8 level, but just barely. Nothing like the strength they’re heard in the early Fall!
- 972 KBS still going strong in Korean at 20:46!
- 981 CNR1 at 12:45, and still there at 8 level at 20:08.
- 1044 CRI Japanese, with Chinese lesson at 12:49.
- 1053 JOAR and North Korea (on 1053.04) at 8 level.
- 1089 Talk Sport at 7+ signal at 20:23.
- 1134 CNR1 at 13:10. Still CNR1 at 20:22!
- 1170 Probable CRI at 19:09, over/under KJNP, North Pole, AK where the temperature was – 47 deg F!
- 1178 Radio Sweden in Russian at 19:48 at fair level. IS at 19:59 confirms them.
- 1189 JOKP and FEBC at 13:16.
- 1206 Yambian presumed at 8 level.
- 1215 Absolute Radio with typical music. Fair level at around 20:00.
- 1251 Radio play at 19:44. ?Libya?

1287 JOHR; Hokkaido at very good level, all // at same time to 1278 (JOFR), and 1269!  
 1368 JOTS, Hokkaido at 9 level at 19:03.  
 1386 ? Iran at 7 level at 19:40.  
 1413 JOIF with KBC ID at 19:34 very strong. Still a 7 at 20:20.  
 1440 Nearly a perfect 10 signal for JOWF, Sapporo at 19:00.  
 1449 JOQM. Very strong 9 level at 19:00.  
 1458 Arabic music at 6 to 7 level at 20:15. Not sure who this would be.  
 1467 KBS1 // to 711 at 20:00.  
 1503 7 level at around 18:45. ?Egypt??  
 1512 Strong Filipino at 16:53, with phone in show. Lots of "Good Morning" heard. Presumably DZAT. 9 level.  
 1539 "VOANEWS.com" heard at 18:36 at 8 level, making this UAE in Urdu. Checked again at 20:29, and it's now CNR1.  
 1548 Probably Radio Sawa around 19:00.  
 1557 WYFR always arrives later than the rest, at 8 level at 16:48, and continued for some time. Around 18:56 I was listening to slow English Bible lesson, "I will confess before my Father who is in Heaven".  
 1566 Very anemic earlier, but up to 9 level later at 15:59. At 18:30, while HLAZ is off, I could hear faint audio, perhaps TWR Benin? Very strong carrier from HLAZ returned at 18:56, followed by an IS and Hymn at 18:56:40 into Korean... 9 level, but rapidly faded over the next 30 minutes.  
 1575 A fun frequency to monitor for sure! Initially AFN Japan at 1:55, then VOA Thailand at 9 level at 12:42. Later Farda at 15:15. At 16:00 I could hear VOA again very strong, cochannel with Farda and AFN, but by 17:13 Farda returned to dominate. It was at 8 level at 8 level at 20:13!  
 1584.02 Who's on this slightly off frequency? 3 + 1 time pips at 19:00. ?Iran, ?Kuwait, ?Egypt?  
 1593 7 level, probably VOA Persian, from Kuwait at 18:39.

The above proves that European and middle Asian stations can be heard on MW during the day in North America. It was great fun to watch the gradual transition from TP to TA propagation! You can be sure I'll be back at it tomorrow morning!

**Part II:** Rumbblings of disturbed conditions 31 December 2008 Masset, BC.

I noticed the K index starting to rise this morning, with it being 4 at 12:00 UTC. The SF remained low at 69 and A index at 0. From previous experiences, I recalled that disturbed conditions from our end preceded any changes in the AK indices, and I suspect today was no different. This morning I listened starting at 13:55 UTC. The Russian LW stations were present at very good levels. I noted that 279 was not in parallel to the other LW stations with it having a National Anthem at 15:00 at 9.5 level. Also heard were: 153, 180 both at 8, 189 at 6.5, and 234 at 7.5.  
 Now onto the MW observations. Today I'll comment on the stronger stations, or those of interest:  
 531 NHK1 at 14:07 at 9 level.  
 549 Russia at 14:09 at 8.  
 558 KBS2 at 14:12 at 7 // to 603.  
 567 NHK1 at 7.  
 576 Russian at 9 level at 14:15.  
 594 JOAK with New Year's programming at 14:16 at 9 level.  
 603, 612, 621 all 7 level.  
 648 Russia with Korean at 9 level.  
 657 North Korea at 7 level, but both 657 and 639 (and 684) spoiled by IBOC hash.  
 666 2 cochannel: Chinese and NHK1 around 14:27.  
 675 7 level.  
 693 NHK2 and another cochannel at 14:31 at 9 level.  
 711 KBS1 at 7 level.  
 720 Interesting channel. Russian with New Year's greetings, not Radio Rossii. It appeared to be a local Kamchatka program, although not // to SW Kamchatka frequencies such as 6075. Also over N. Korea which is on the lower side. Then CNR2 faded up past 14:59 dominating (or eliminating the Russian) and at 15:00 I'ded as "China Business Radio" in English.  
 729 NHK1 and Cochannel Chinese at 14:38 at 9 level.  
 738 Chinese (Taiwan Fisheries stations) cochannel with KBS1 at 14:44.  
 774 NHK2 and weak cochannel at 14:49 at 9+ level.  
 819 Probably North Korea with weak modulation at 14:53.  
 828 NHK2 and cochannel at 14:57 at as close to a perfect 10 as possible.  
 837 Chinese not CNR1 at 15:08 at 9 level.  
 915 Shandong with echos at 7 level at 15:15.  
 948 CNR1 and cochannel at 15:16 at 7 level.  
 954 JOKR at 7 level.  
 971 Korean at 9 level at 15:22, and still a 9 at 18:27 (when it was // to 1134, an 8).  
 982 CNR1 at 8 level.

1026 8 level with instrumental music ?Chinese?, at 15:25. ?Beijing?  
 1035 CNR1 and echo at 7 level.  
 1053 CJMB Manitoba early, later JOAR and cochannel.  
 1071 Chinese at 15:36 at 9 level.  
 1089 JOHB with NHK2 sign-off at 15:42 which is earlier than the 16:00 scheduled. 8 level.  
 1188 Christian sounding music from FEBC at 18:53 at 8 level.  
 1503 NHK1 at 7 level at 18:14.  
 1548 4QD at 18:03 at 7 level.  
 1557 WYFR at 15:59 at 7 level.  
 1566 Russian at 9 level from HLAZ. Heard throughout the morning at very good levels.  
 1575 VOA Thailand at 16:00 at 9 level. Later, I'm sure I heard Russian at 17:55... not sure who this would be.  
 1611 weak audio at 16:01... so some Australian propagation this morning.  
 1701.06 Radio Brisvaani at 7 level.

Overall, I wouldn't call this morning a very strong one. There were hints of northern signals weakening and some openings weakly to the south. Tomorrow's another day!

**Part III:** Masset 2 January, 2009: A poor start, but a real Japanese pipeline later!

Started listening around 14:15 this morning and noted the lower MW band very poor, while the upper half was much better. Dawn was at 17:09 UTC this morning (9:09 local). Things really picked up later on, though, with a good variety of signals. SF was 69, A index had risen to 8, while the K index at 12:00 UTC was 1.  
 The Russians were present on 180, 189, 234 and 279 this morning.  
 594 JOAK managed a 8 level at best at 14:15.  
 603 KBS2 and cochannel Chinese at 16:39. Much stronger at 8 level than the earlier 6.  
 693 NHK2 at 9 level at 14:30.  
 711 KBS1 at 8 level at 16:41.  
 720 North Korea at 8 level on 719.9 at 16:43.  
 738 Taiwan Fisheries Station with strong signal at 9 level // to 1593 and 1143.  
 747 NHK2 not a good performer this time on the Charlottes. 7 level only at 14:34.  
 774 9 level for NHK2 at 14:42.  
 819 Inspirational EZL music and Chinese talk cochannel to North Korea at 16:46 and better at 9 level by 17:33.  
 828 NHK2 at 8 level at 14:44 plus cochannel.  
 945 CNR1 best at 16:50 at 8 level.  
 972 Korea at 9 level at 14:51.  
 981 CNR1 at 16:54 at 9 level.  
 990 CNR2 at 16:58 at 8 level.  
 999 North Korea on 998.93 at 17:05 at 8 level.  
 1017 CRI Korean at 7 level.  
 1035 CNR1 at 7 level.  
 1071 JOFK and cochannel at 8 level at 17:08 //594.  
 1080 North Korea cochannel to KUDO at 17:10 at 7.5 level. My PAL shows a sign-off of 15:00 though.  
 1170 KJNP North Pole. AK totally dominated this channel today after 15:00.  
 1179 JOOR at 17:15 at 8.5 level.  
 1242 Strong orchestral music JOLF at 17:18 at 9 level.  
 1269 Japanese // to 1287 at 17:21.  
 1278 ditto.  
 1287 ditto.  
 1305 KBS1 at 17:22 // to 711 at 8 level.  
 1314 JOUF at 9 level at 16:29.  
 1332 JOSF at 9 level at 17:23.  
 1350 JOER at 9 level at 16:32.  
 1377 CNR1 at 9 level at 17:24.  
 1386 9 level NHK2 and EZL music cochannel at 15:19.  
 1413 JOIF at 7 level.  
 1440 JOWF at 9 level // to 1314.  
 1449 JOQM // to 1287 at 15:22 at 9 level.  
 1458 Chinese at 7 level.  
 1494 JOTL // to 1314 at 9 level (and not // to 1287!)  
 1503 Very strong 9 level NHK1 JOUK presumed at 15:28.  
 1512 DZAT ID at 8 level at 16:08.  
 1548 Brisbane at 7 level.  
 1557 WYFR at 16:04 at 8.5 level.  
 1566 Strong cochannel to HLAZ throughout morning.

1575 VOA at 13:59. VOA and AFN at 15:30. Quite certain I heard an "AFN Misawa" ID at 17:42:30. Generic AFN ID at 16:00 though. 9 level. By 18:33 my North mini-Beverage yielded Radio Farda, while the NW wire continued with AFN.

1593 Chinese Fisheries at 16:03 // to 1143, and 738 at 16:45 at 7 level.

**Part V:** 4 January, 2009 Maszet, BC: Overall poor conditions, but a not bad Chinese showing early. For my last morning, I DXed from about 13:50 onwards. Again conditions were not all that good. SF was 70, A index 101, and K at 12:00 was 2. Not very promising. Once again, I listened from 1701 kHz down.

- 1592 NHK2 at 13:53 at 6.5.
- 1603 NHK2 at 7 level early, but CNR1 at 16:29.
- 1575 VOA at 16:26. Did not hear English when checked at 15:48, though.
- 1566 8 level at best for HLAZ.
- 1503 JOUK Akita with NHK1 at 14:09 at 8 level.
- 1386 NHK2 at 7 level at 14:12.
- 1377 Chinese, not CNR1 at 14:14 at 8 level.
- 1323 CRI Russian at 8 level.
- 1287 JOHR at 9 level at 14:20.
- 1278 9 level presumed JOFR.
- 1269 8 level with 2 cochannels.
- 1251 Chinese at 14:24 at 7.
- 1242 Japanese at 9 level at 16:23.
- 1206 Yambian in Korean at 14:25 at 9 level.
- 1197 Chinese at 8 level.
- 1188 Japanese at 8 level.
- 1179 8 level.
- 1170 VOA jingle at 15:06 with cochannel domestic. Still strong at 16:21 at 8 to 9 level.
- 1089 Chinese plus vocal singing cochannel at 9 level at 16:20.
- 1071 NHK1 and cochannel at 7 level at 15:38.
- 1053 North Korea plus cochannel at 16:19 also at 15:41 at 9 level.
- 1044 CRI Japanese at 14:38 //7190 SW at 9 level.
- 1026 8 level Chinese vocal music at 14:39.
- 1008 buzzing audio at 8 level.
- 999 Christian singing without ID at TOH at 16:00. Not sure who. ?V6AF?
- 981 CNR1 at 9 level.
- 972 HLCR at 14:51 9 level with weak Chinese cochannel.
- 918 Shandong plus echo at 8 level.
- 873 NHK2 sign-off at 15:00, not 16:00 or 15:40. This change has been widely reported subsequently! 8 level.
- 828 Huge OC at 15:07.
- 819 North Korea on 819.05 at 14:49 at 8 level.
- 774 NHK2 sign-off as 873 at 9 level.
- 747 OC at 8 level.
- 738 Taiwan Fisheries plus cochannel at 8 level.
- 711 KBS1 and ? Vietnam cochannel at 16:11 8 level.
- 693 OC.
- 675 Vietnam at 16:10 at 8 level.
- 666 NHK1 at 15:15 at 8 level.
- 657 North Korea 656.95 at 7 level.
- 594 JOAK and cochannel at 15:18 and again at 16:05 at 8 level.
- 531 NHK1 at 8 level.

Russian LW: only 279 at 9+ level at 15:21 only. No other Russian LW heard.

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The I had not spoke with or seen Don Erickson, I was saddened to hear of his passing a couple years ago. As I mentioned before, Don got me and my brother Matt into IRCA I think in 1968. We lived pretty near each other, so we had quite a few get-togethers. He was publishing IRCA bulletin at that time, and his house was known as "Joyland". DXers from all over would happen through, and Don had notes all over the walls of his house written by DXers that visited. Don was very friendly and personable, and helpful to newer DXers as well. His house was a radio warehouse and virtual

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