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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IRCA... WOW!!!

Please welcome back to the IRCA family John Hart in San Francisco CA. Next issue (in two weeks) will be the official IRCA Election issue.

DX TESTS – BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR

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Sat/Sun 3/14-15/09 2200-0200 846 R North (Baird)
Sun 3/15/09 0000-0200 960 WHYL Carlisle PA (Collier)

RADIO NORTH DX TEST

Ken Baird in Scotland has coordinated a DX test to run two hours before and two hours with the WHYL test from 0200-0600 UTC (10pm-2am EDT). Many thanks to Ken!! It's 1kw on 846 – will have CW. The details are as follows. DATE: Sunday morning (Late Saturday night) March 14-15th 2009. TIME: 0200-0600 UTC inclusive. There will be voice IDs and CW slow speed IDs every 30m on the hour and on the half hour during their normal overnight music. There will be frequent jingle IDs thrown in between times as well. FREQ: 846 kHz. MODE OF OPERATION: The station runs 1kW, and music will hopefully consist of better known pop/oldies. QSL INFORMATION: Radio North will verify with full data QSL's for this broadcast. E-mail: radionorth846am@gmail.com. – Bruce Collier

WHYL DX TEST

Sunday, March 15 2009, 0000-0200 ELT. A radio buddy of mine is visiting and we're gonna throw it to 5kw DA E-W with a smaller lobe north and have a little fun. Hope to have Morse IDs and sweep tones as well. Listen for pop music, a little "peppier" than our Standards! I have the high end jacked way up, about 12 db from 5-8 khz – so listen on 965usb – the more high end, the more positive modulation, and I'm right at +125%, and that tends to favor the upper sideband. Pattern will be a three-leaf-clover pattern at big west-smaller north--best is east.

Reports will go to: **WHYL, ATTN Bruce Collier, 1703 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle PA 17015**. I hope to mail a nice 8.5 x 11 envelope out w/tower/xmtr photos, a QSL card and media kit info. Please include \$1.00 to cover postage (optional but nice). – Bruce Collier (thanks Bruce – pb)

CANADIAN RADIO NEWS

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For February 2009 (March 1 2009 – next update April 1 2009)

AM TO FM CONVERSION GRANTED

1340 BC Revelstoke CKCR Move to 106.1 with 800 watts

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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[\(Continued from a previous issue – pb\)](#)

John Johnson sends along the following from the Salt Lake City UT Deseret News dated 1/23/09: KDYL turning back clock for fans of old-time radio. By Lynn Arave, Deseret News.

Do you miss the "old-time" radio stations, where you felt you personally knew the local Djs whose shows aired live? Then KDYL (AM-1060) might be the station for you. With its "real oldies" music format, this station

is cranking out unique programming, using radio veterans with more than 150 years of combined radio experience, according to KDYL morning host "Steve O" (Carlson). He said there's no satellite-fed programming. In addition, the station airs on the AM band, "where it all began, static and all." On the high-tech side, he said KDYL is hoping to be streaming on the Internet soon, expanding the station's potential reach to worldwide.

Here's the current weekday KDYL lineup:

5-10 am: "Steve-O on the Radio." Phil Mueller does local news. Sherry Bryant does traffic. Special features include saluting veterans and raising the flag at 7:30 am; "Name that Real Oldie" at 8:30 am; and "Dick Clark's Music Calendar" at 9:30 am.

10 am-noon: The "All-Request Midday Cruisin' Cafe" with JC Hackett.

Noon-1 pm: The "Real-Deal Shopping Show" with Hank Hathaway and Sandy.

1-3 pm: "Midday" with Mark Van Wagoner.

3-6 pm: The Danny Kramer show. He airs "The '50s at Five." "Dick Clark's Music Calendar" at 5:30 and has traffic with Sherry Bryant. E-mail: lynn@desnews.com. (JJ-MT)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Deane McIntyre of Calgary, AB dated 1/23/09:

The move of CJOY-1460 Guelph ON to FM has been denied by the CRTC, along with applications for new FM stations by other parties: [http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009-31.htm](http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-31.htm). Proposed conversion of CJOY to FM

The Commission notes that the proposed conversion of the existing AM station CJOY to the FM band would have a minimal impact on the Guelph radio market, given 591989's presence as the sole commercial radio operator in the market. Further, 591989 made a commitment to maintain CJOY's current Gold/Oldies music format on the new FM station.

The Commission also notes, however, that 591989's application for the proposed conversion was based, in part, on the expectation that the Commission would license one or more new radio stations on the FM band in Guelph as a result of the call. Since the Commission has decided not to issue a new licence to serve the Guelph radio audience, the Commission is therefore of the view that 591989's proposed conversion is not warranted at this time. (PM-OR)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Orlando, FL Sentinel dated 1/24/09:

WQTM-740 Orlando dumps Spanish after only a year, WQTM returning to sports-talk format, Dave Darling, WEEKEND WATCHDOG.

If it seems as though the Central Florida sports-talk landscape is changing faster than your Florida winter lawn, it's not your imagination. The complete article can be viewed at: http://www.orlandosentinel.com/sports/ori-coldairfling23012309jan23_0_5285401.colum. (complete article not accessible by ye eh- ye eh) (DP-H)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Ashtabula, OH Star-Beacon dated 1/27/09:

News/talk radio format returns to Ashtabula County, By ROBERT LEBZELTER – Special Sections Editor, bobleb@starbeacon.com, Star Beacon.

CONNEAUT – WWOW radio is hoping No. 6 will be the charm. Tentatively schedule for Jan. 5, the 5,000-watt AM station will switch from noncommercial Catholic programming to news/talk, its sixth format change since the new century. The station started the millennium as contemporary country, before going to oldies, then news / talk, back to oldies and finally Catholic radio's Eternal Word Network. "We've had our greatest success in news and talk," said Marty Landon, the station's general manager. "We are also filling a void because there hasn't been any news/talk stations in the area since WFUN went to ESPN sports," Landon said. The station will include a mix of local and syndicated programs and will offer local news throughout the day. National news will come from the Salem Radio Network, whose Website describes it as "Christian radio's definitive source for news." Landon said local high school sports will return to the station with baseball and softball coverage this spring, but will wait until fall to get into football and then basketball. The daily schedule includes "Morning in America" with Bill Bennett from 6 to 7 am, followed from 7 to 9 am by "VWOW Morning Show" with Landon and Gary Gersin. Laura Ingraham's show follows from 9 am to noon. "Town Talk Live," a local program, will feature people from throughout the community from noon to 1 pm. Landon said, "We hope to get high school students involved in the show," Landon said. "The Doctor's In" featuring Ray Guarendi and Coleen Mast airs from 1 to 2 pm. "The Dave Ramsey Show" returns to WWOW from 2 to 4 pm, dealing with home money matters. "Sean Hannity" airs from 4 to 6 pm, followed by a variety of programming, including high school sports. Saturdays from 8:30 to 11:30 am features "Saturday Sports Show with Dave Arcaro." Weekends will include a variety of specialty programs dealing with topics like home improvements. (DP-H)

Dale Park sends along from the Charlotte, NC Observer dated 1/29/09:

Conservative talk WDYT-1220 shuts down due to lack of advertising, Talk radio station goes off the air. By Mark Washburn.

Struggling talk radio station WDYT-AM (1220) has gone off the air, the latest victim of an advertising market in free fall. "Revenues fell below the expense levels," said Danny Fontana, a Charlotte investment adviser who used to be on rival WBT-AM (1110) and launched WDYT three years ago. "I couldn't see running in the red." Fontana assembled investors to buy the station for \$950,000 in 2006 from former NC lottery commissioner Kevin Geddings, who was later convicted of mail fraud. Its transmitter was moved from Kings Mountain to Gaston County to improve signal strength in Charlotte, but it was still difficult to receive in parts of the core market. (DP-H)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Deane McIntyre of Calgary, AB, dated 1/29/09:

CFLN-1230 Goose Bay NL and its relay CFLW-1340 Wabush NL have both applied to the CRTC to move to FM. CFLN has applied for 97.9 MHz, 1kw at 25.4 meters, and CFLW has applied for 94.7 MHz, 1kW at – 26.4 meters (yes, a negative EHAAT): [http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009-36.htm#22](http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-36.htm#22).

Goose Bay and Wabush, Newfoundland and Labrador Application Nos. 2008-1513-6 and 2008-1601-9 Applications by Newcap Inc. (Newcap) to convert its radio programming undertaking CFLN Goose Bay and its rebroadcasting transmitter CFLW Wabush from the AM band to the FM band. The new station at Goose Bay would operate on frequency 97.9 MHz (channel 250A) with an effective radiated power (ERP) of 1,000

watts (non-directional antenna/effective height of antenna above average terrain of 25.4 metres). The new transmitter at Wabush would operate on frequency 94.7 MHz (channel 234A) with an ERP of 1,000 watts (non-directional antenna/effective height of antenna above average terrain of ~ 26.4 metres). The applicant requests permission to simulcast the programming of the new FM station and transmitter on CFLN and CFLW respectively for a period of three months from the date of implementation of the new FM station. The applicant also requests, pursuant to sections 91(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act, the revocation of the licence for CFLN effective at the end of the simulcast period. (PM-OR)

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WDXR DEADLINES: March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29. Please use Eastern Time.

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Superadio 2, Select-A-Tenna

- 550 KOAC OR, Corvallis 2/26 1008 "Morning Edition" program, KOAC ID at 1030. (AB-ID)
- 560 KSFO CA, San Francisco 2/26 1035 KSFO ID and news. (AB-ID)
- KLZ CO, Denver 2/14 0239 with "... HD Radio from 560 KLZ...." Some interference from KBLU in Yuma, AZ. (GS-CA)
- 570 KCFJ CA, Alturas 2/26 2035 song "I Can't Stop Loving You" sung by Ray Charles, followed by KCFJ ID. Fair with KVI QRM. (AB-ID)
- 600 KSJB ND, Jamestown 2/28 0755 "Classic Country KSJB," into C&W music. Good. (AB-ID)
- 670 KMZQ NV, Las Vegas 3/2 0605 good, alone on frequency with ID "The best of the 60's and the 70's, here on the Q." Faded out to CO station a few minutes later. New out here! (RW-NM)
- 710 KIRO WA, Seattle 2/25 1903 "KIRO FM" slogan, news, traffic and weather at 1905. Good. (AB-ID)
- 750 KERR MT, Polson 2/25 1908 Mission Valley Power Co ad, "750 KERR" ID and news followed. (AB-ID)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 2/20 2350 George Noory (I think) male gave ID. Up strong for 30 seconds then totally gone, on TMC with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- KL SQ NV, Whitney 2/26 1040 man with Spanish talk, mentions of "Whitney" several times. Co-channel QRM from KFLD and KRLA. New. (AB-ID)
- 900 CKBI SK, Prince Albert 2/20 0010 C&W music, male gave ID. Fair to poor with deep slow fades on Hammarlund with N-S wire. Totally alone. (GH-OR)
- 920 KVEL UT, Vernal 2/26 0102 with homeserviemagic.com ad followed by a woman's voice "and now the weather forecast on AM 920 KVEL...." into weather, several unIDs in background. (GS-CA)
- 930 CJCA AB, Edmonton 2/19 0045 male gave "The Light" ID. Buried in a mix and suddenly up big and strong. Back down by 0500. Good signal on TMC with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 960 KIXW CA, Victorville 1/31 0611-0630 Science Fantastic program with ID at 0629 followed by ad for Kay's Designers. Lots of interference. (GS-CA)
- 970 KFTA ID, Rupert 2/25 2101 "La Fantastica" slogan, news in Spanish followed. (AB-ID)
- 1060 KTNS CA, Oakhurst 2/28 0935e fading up coming out of country tune, ID "KTNS AM 1060." (MS-CA)
- 1090 XEPRS BCN, Tijuana 2/24 "Double X" slogan and sports. Fair. New. (AB-ID)

- 1110 KLIB CA, Roseville 2/24 0600 in good, noted that station is simulcasting 1690 KFSG. Heard call letters KLIB Roseville-Sacramento then KFSG Roseville-Sacramento. Using Quantum loop. (CM-CA)
- 1130 KRDU CA, Dinuba 2/26 0230e with broadcast from Calvary Chapel in Fresno CA. (MC-CA)
- 1150 KSEN MT, Shelby 2/24 0945 weather, KSEN ID and ABC Sports. (AB-ID)
- CKFR BC, Kelowna 2/23 0935 news, ads, "AM 11-50" slogan at 0939. Good in the mix. New. (AB-ID)
- 1180 KERN CA, Wasco 2/24 0500 in good "This is KERN Wasco-Green Acres-Bakersfield." Last time I heard them was on 1410. Ex-KERI. Using Quantum loop. (CM-CA)
- 1220 KHTS CA, Canyon Country 2/23 2133 "Home Town Station" slogan and local weather. Fair. (AB-ID)
- KDOW CA, Palo Alto 2/25 1034e good with financial news, talking about crude oil prices. Trading places with KHTS. (MS-CA)
- 1250 KIKC MT, Forsyth 2/27 0903 "KIKC Forsyth (and?) Miles City" ID. Poor. New. (AB-ID)
- KWSU WA, Pullman 2/15 2310 BBC talk program. Fighting it out with KKDZ 56% on top. Fair signal, surprisingly seldom heard. (GH-OR)
- 1280 KRVM OR, Eugene 2/13 0000 "Jefferson Public Radio," international news. Very choppy, weak and alone on Drake with N-S wire, no KIT tonight. Last heard 7/06. (GH-OR)
- 1310 KEIN MT, Great Falls 2/26 2046 song "Scarborough Fair" sung by Brasil '66 followed by KEIN ID. Fair with CHLW QRM. (AB-ID)
- 1350 KSRO CA, Santa Rosa 3/4 0842 with "KSRO." (BB-AZ)
- 1370 KWRM CA, Corona 2/7 0056 with "chinaradio.com." (GS-CA)
- 1390 KLGJ UT, Logan 2/22 1945 good on top of KSRV with NOS format and call ID after "Magic Moments" by Perry Como. No sign of any HD hash off the Eastern Beverage from KRKO. (PM-OR)
- 1410 KERI CA, Bakersfield 2/24 0700 in fair "This is KERI Bakersfield." Ex-KERN. Using Quantum loop. (CM-CA)
- 1440 KINF CA, Santa Maria 2/7 2356-0007 News, talk, information, AM 1440 and AM 1410" followed by "AM 1410 Lompop. AM 1440 Santa Maria" in kind of an echo. Had to null out local KWST, 1340 to catch. (GS-CA)
- 1460 KUTI WA, Yakima 2/17 0000 country music, ID, CBS news. Fair but with a bad squeal. One unID buried deep under, on Hammarlund with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1470 KYWW TX, Abilene 2/25 0003 with "We re kicking off another hour of nothing but country classics... KYWW, Abilene Texas" followed by "Did You Happen to See the Most Beautiful Girl." (GS-CA)
- 1490 KYCA AZ, Prescott 2/23 0205e fading in with clear ID and mention of Federal Communications Commission (a MM s/loff?). (MS-CA)
- KBIS WA, Forks 2/27 0759 KBIS ID under KCID. New. (AB-ID)
- 1500 KSJX CA, San Jose 2/24 0800 in good with "KSJX San Jose" ID, using Kiwa loop. (CM-CA)
- KSTP MN, St. Paul 2/14 0027 with "...AM 1500 KSTP and AM1500.com the Twin Cities place for talk." Heavy splatter from local Mexican on 1490. (GS-CA)
- 1590 KLIV CA, San Jose 2/25 0018 man with San Jose area traffic including Hwy. 17 through the Santa Cruz Mtns, South Bay temperatures, plug for "Earth and Sky" in 30 seconds, TC "KLIV news time 9:20," faded out during promo. Fair to very poor, over/under KKZZ. (5P-H1)
- 1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo-Richmond 2/25 0001 man plugging upcoming programs "On AM 16-40 KDIA," network news, at 0003 local host with slogan "AM 16-40 The Light, at the top of the dial," show promos. Very poor to poor. (5P-HI)

UNID
 1550 UNID 2/21 2030-2200 station playing oldies under KKAD, CBE? Fairly strong at times on GE Superadio while trying to hear Winter Hawks hockey. Help! (GH-OR) (Glen, how about KFRC San Francisco?—NU)

Happy Anniversary IRCA! Thanks to all our reporters this time. Nancy 3/6 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

920 KXL WA, Spokane. 3-1 good. 04:40 with mention of "Cougar Sports Network." [JcJ-MT]
1300 KGLO IA, Mason City. 2-23. 22:20 with promo for sports coverage. "AM 1300 KGLO" ID. Not that common here. [SP-WJ]
1440 KTNO TX, University Park. 2-28 nulling others. 23:10 with Rancheras, religious program, "Radio Esperanza" mentioned. [SP-WJ]
1670 WTDY WI, Madison. 3-6 poor. 21:20 with "...right here on Madison's 16-70" during promo for the Laura Ingraham Show. 22:00 with a better signal going into news. [NJ-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1994 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **John Clemmer** of East Moline, IL found a California highway map from the 1940's which included listing of radio stations. Older call letters such as KECA 790 Los Angeles and KPO 680 San Francisco were listed ... **Herman Plew** of Atascadero, CA mentioned his local KATY 1340 San Luis Obispo has been silent since last July ... **Pat Martin** of Seaside, OR was trying to identify a Chinese station on 1690.

OPEN MIKE

Happy Anniversary, IRCA! Thanks to all of the members that wanted to be in this historical column. This column was typed 3-7-09. 73. John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturday 8 AM!!! 3-21, 4-04, 4-18

STARS OF THE WEEK

(KK-VA) **Kraig Krist** Manassas, VA
(WM-MD) **William McGuire** NRD-545, Homemade 134' multiband antenna NW to SE 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD DX-398
(JC-DE) **John Cereghin** WDX3IAO Smyrna, DE E-100 DT-400W, both barefoot

LOGGINGS

570 MD WTNT Bethesda, 3/5 1755-2335. "Freedom of speech has never been so important. Depend on five seventy WTNT". 1758 "Now, more than ever, you need to keep your voice alive. The new freedom five seventy WTNT". Into Monica Crowley Show. 1800 "Fox News Radio". 1806 "The Savage nation with Michael Savage". (KK-VA)
580 PA WHP Harrisburg, 3/4 1755-2335, mixing w/bluegrass music (probably WYHM) John Walsh with "American's Most Wanted" lookout. 1759 "...on WHP news..." into weather report and news. 1803 "Traffic and weather together WHP", "...on WHP five eighty", "29 degrees in... 34 in York, 39 in Harrisburg WHP news time now six oh four", 1806 Sean Hannity show. (KK-VA)
TN WLES Rockwood, 3/4 1755-2335, mixing w/WHP. 1821 Banjo and bluegrass type music. Only station I see listed on 580 kHz with bluegrass is WHYM. (KK-VA)
590 KY WWLK Lexington, 3/3 1755-2335, talk mixing w/Gospel type singing. 1828 "...WVWK official weather station five ninety WVWK... news talk five ninety WVWK... news for your eyes and ears... Kentucky and throughout the Commonwealth... every hour, every day news talk five ninety WVWK" into PSA. (KK-VA)
ON CJCL Toronto, 3/5 1705, "...continues here on Toronto's sports radio 'The Fan'". (KK-VA)
600 KY WKYH Paintsville, 3/2 1755-2335, talk mixing w/WCAO, WSJS, singing and mx. 1834 "That's a look at the weather on WKYH". (KK-VA)
MD WCAO Baltimore, 3/2 1755-2335, Gospel singing mixing w/talk (WSJS) and mx. 1801 "...Clear Channel Communications WCAO Baltimore...". (KK-VA)
NC WSJS Winston-Salem, 3/2 1755-2335, talk mixing w/WCAO and mx. 1824 "WSJS news time five twenty four...". (KK-VA)
610 PA WIP Philadelphia, 3/1755-2335, Sports talk mixing with faint talk and mx. 1826 "six ten WIP dot com..." 1826 "Sports radio six ten WIP". 1824 "The sports debate never ends on sports radio six ten WIP". (KK-VA)
620 NY WHEN Syracuse, 2/28 1755-2335, Sports talk mixing with mx. 1825 "Sports radio six twenty WHEN..." (KK-VA)
630 DC WMAL Washington, 2/26 1725-1805, "Six thirty WMAL traffic". Sean Hannity call in show. 1729 "News talk six thirty WMAL". 1730 News with Mark Weaver. 1735 back to Sean Hannity Show. (KK-VA)

640 NJ WWJZ Mount Holly, 2/25 1725-1805, Radio Disney. Child "Radio Disney number one" (repeated several times). Ad for High School Musical 3. 1731 child "Radio Disney Jonas Brothers..." into mx. (KK-VA)
670 IL WSCR Chicago, 2/22 1725-1805, call in sports show. "WSCR six seventy 'The Score'" into ad for Jennings Chevy. (KK-VA)
680 MD WCBM Baltimore, 2/21 1725-1805, mixing w/WPTF. 1731 "...when news breaks six eighty WCBM". (KK-VA)
690 VA WZAP Bristol, 2/20 1725-1805, mixing with French talk (probably CINF). Religious preaching. Gives address in "Nickelsville VA". Music "Onward Christian Soldiers", 1730 "WZAP News" and "WZAP sky watch", "Here's the WZAP weather forecast..." (KK-VA)
720 PA WWIX Shiremanstown, 2/25 1748, Ad mention 717 area code. (WM-DE)
830 OH WKTX Cortland, 2/25 1800, Ethnic pgm; s/off; ID; SSB. (WM-DE)
870 NY WHCU Ithaca, 3/2 1806, weather, Local News; ID. (WM-DE)
1360 MI WKYO Caro, 3/2 2000, "The Greatest Hits of All Time"; ID. (WM-MD)
1380 NC WKJV Asheville, 2/24 1900, ID after mx. (WM-DE)
1440 NY WFNJ Gloversville, 2/23 1645, wx, "...here on WFNJ..." (JC-DE)
1440 PA WC DL Carbondale, 2/21 1655, standards, "The Greatest Music of All Time, this is AM 1440, WC DL and AM 730 WNAK". (JC-DE)
1460 NC WHBK Marshall, 2/28 0630, Southern gospel mx, wx ending with "...right here on the all new WHBK...". (JC-DE)
NJ WIFI Florence, 2/25 1900, promo for morning show; ID; NEW. (WM-DE)
1520 NC WARR Warrenton, 2/21 1755, blues px, sign-off announcements with "This is AM 1520, WARR in Warrenton, North Carolina". (WM-DE)
1590 VA WFTH B Richmond, 2/25 1645, "Faith 1590", "The Afternoon Praise Party" with Ace Alexander, local ads with 804 area code. (JC-DE)
1630 GA WRDW Augusta, 2/25 2000, PSA; ID. (WM-DE)
1640 WI WKSH Sussex, 3/2 1855, Radio Disney heard. (WM-DE)
1680 GA WRSN Dry Branch, 3/2 1850, Sports talk; ID. (WM-DE)
1620 ?? ??? PSA; CNN News Promo; "The Fort" (WM-DE)

Happy Anniv. To the IRCA!!! Thanks to all this week. Best to all... fresh 3/08 0830

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Greetings everyone:

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

585 **JAPAN**, Kushiro, JOPG. 1417 4 Mar. Man in JJ, briefly poor to fair //594. (NHP-BC)
639 **CHINA**, various locations, CNR1. 1422 4 Mar. Fair to poor //5030 w/instrumental mx. (NHP-BC)
873 **N KOREA**, Sinuiju, KCBS? 1405 23 Feb. Choral singing poor to fair //2850 mixing with JOGB. Been awhile since this has been heard. (NHP-BC)
1134 **JAPAN**, Tokyo, JOQR. 1434 4 Mar. JJ talk by man likely this one, fair level, w/S Korea under //972. Quite a number of interesting unIDs popping up around this time (1314, 1323, 1494 etc). (NHP-BC)
1422 **JAPAN**, Yokohama, JORF. 1440 4 Mar. JJ talk by man, briefly fair, likely this one. (NHP-BC)
1494 **Unid**. 1456 6 Mar. Mostly poor signal, and may have been //1287 which was mostly not there at the time, so I'd have to classify it as wishful thinking. Not sure the talk really had JJ inflection anyway, and Philippines has been heard here years ago. Nothing much across the hour of course. (NHP-BC)
1557 **TAIWAN**, Kouhu, Family Radio. 1452 2 Mar. Slow deep voiced man in EE conversation with another man. "Law of God" etc. pointed to religious bc. Fair strength and fairly stable signal. (NHP-BC)
1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VoA. 1455 2 Mar. Woman speaking SE Asian language (listed Burmese), fair to good. Best this has been heard for awhile. (NHP-BC)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

1610 **ANGUILLA**, The Valley, Caribbean Beacon. 0630 27 Feb. Briefly poor at times, but enough to get above the murk on the channel. First time at 0620 was some gospel singing, second time a preacher talking; both //6090. (NHP-BC)

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Drake R8, Dymek DR333, SDR-14 running DX Fishbarrel program; north and west Flag antennas, ALA100 loops and phaser, 1m indoor box loop, 14m sloper, DXP-3 phasing unit

Grayland DXpedition Loggings – Dec 29 2008 – Guy Atkins

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 "oldrums" 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 Wait Salmawit 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 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.

558 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSA KBS2 Namyang, Dec 29 1500 – fair level, parallel to 603. Thanks to Bill Harms for helping to identify Korean on this frequency via my recording of 558.

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 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSA KBS2 Namyang, Dec 29 1500 – Fair at best with rapid pop music, single long time pip, and Korean talk, parallel to 558. Bill Harms later noted the ID on my recording: "KBS je-i Radio innida" (KBS Radio 2) (Atkins-WA)

612 **JAPAN** JOIK Fukuoka, Dec 29 1159 – A surprisingly poor JOIK 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 Unalaska, 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 AM 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 KDWN. 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 IDing as 'You're spending the holidays with KCAM Glenallen Alaska, the voice of the Copper River Valley'. ID for KGMJ 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 synthros, 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 Kuramoto, 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** C-JDC 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 Philippino. (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 poor of a signal as you can get and still hear an ID, thanks to looping the Perseus WAV file multiple 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 – Thanks to Bill Harms, who interpreted the Korean announcements. Bill says: "I heard the following: A time check for 8 o'clock. 'AM 864 kHz. FM 98.9 MHz ??? kHz(?) KBS Gangneung – Radio Imrida. HLKR: I can't make out the third frequency. What this means is that they were relaying the provincial level regional station HLKR in Gangneung." 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 TP's 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. MR4 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. 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. Yurust, 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** JORF 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** HLKN 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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It's the IRCA anniversary issue, so time for a re-intro Forum. I'm married to CDXR editor John who I met through IRCA 38 years ago, and have two children and a grandson. I still work fulltime at the OfficeMax store in Billings. In addition to DXing other hobbies include genealogy and camping. Since I camp so often at Yellowstone National Park I'm thinking about starting a heard log from there, hi. In 1969 I began BCB DXing from Fredonia, NY and joined IRCA in 1971. From my three DX locations (Fredonia, NY, Aberdeen, WA and Billings, MT) I've heard a total of 2560 stations (some duplicates). I'm a domestic DXer and spend much of my DX time on the challenging grayveard channels. John and I enjoyed the Flagstaff convention last year and are looking forward to Albuquerque this coming September. Thanks to all who send reports to the various columns, and to those who donate hours of work to the club. **Happy Anniversary, IRCA!**

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Happy anniversary to IRCA! It's great to see that BCB DX is still alive and well in the twenty first century. I've spent much of this season DXing the grayveard frequencies, and in fact I just joined the GYDX Yahoo group... I wanted to say thanks to Phil for all the work that he's put into the Monitor over the years. Much appreciated... I was recently reading a book on art-deco architecture in Long Beach CA. One section outlined radio station KFOX (which had changed call letters from KFON to reflect the name of the new owner William Fox film corporation.) In 1928 they switched studio location from the Markwell building to 220 Anaheim street (and suffered considerable damage there in the 1933 earthquake.) The rusted tower bases are still visible today. The KFOX call letters live on in So Calif on 1650 kHz.... Reminder: The 2009 IRCA convention is in Albuquerque NM. The website previously published seems to be incorrect, so visit www.daysinn.com and link into the Menaul blvd. location from there. Dates are Sept. 10, 11, 12. As always, we are seeking donations of radio station bumper stickers, t-shirts, mugs, key chains, etc.... Hope to see everybody there! 73 and GOOD DX.

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It's that time of year again; time to wish **IRCA a very Happy Anniversary**. A re-introduction is in order: I'm 42 years old now, still single, and working as a morning DJ for WSIE 88.7 in Edwardsville, IL; I've been working at the station in various time slots since May 2000; I've held the morning shift full-time since May 2004. I also have to help care for my mother, who has been suffering from a slower-progressing form of ALS (or Lou Gehrig's Disease) since May 1997. I joined the IRCA in 1994 after spending twelve years with NRC. I've DXed from two locations in Hazelwood, MO, as well as Woodstock and Marietta, GA since I started DXing in the fall of 1981. I also DX on shortwave, FM, TV and the NOAA Weather Radio bands; my totals as of February 21, 2009 are 1,068 AM stations, 979 FM stations, 503 analog TV stations, 68 digital television stations, and 75 NOAA Weather Radio Stations. I have been licensed as an Amateur Radio operator since October 1992; I was originally a Technician Class licensee. I've been operating with a General Class ticket since June 2007, operating mainly on the 50 and 144 MHz (6 and 2 Meter) bands. I've also had some AM radio stations on my resume, working as a volunteer board operator and part-time announcer at WFTD 1080 in Marietta, GA from 1989 to 1992 and briefly at WGNW 920 in 1996 and 1997. One of the highlights of my days at WFTD was aiding the station in the selection of a Harris DX-10 transmitter (which went online in 1990) and showing the station's Operations Manager at the time, Rocky Payne, the art of QSLing. I have worked for primarily non-commercial, not-for-profit and independent (non-corporate) commercial radio stations since I started as a behind-the-scenes worker at KCFV 89.5 in the summer of 1985. On the local radio scene, the new calls on 101.1 are WXOS, the last three letters referring to the "X" and the "O" in various sports game plans. The new sports format went on the air on New Year's Day; the local programs are augmented by shows from ESPN Radio. WXOS already has the rights to St. Louis University basketball has also snagged the rights to St. Louis Rams football. KFNS 590/100.7 and KSLG 1380 are increasing their local sports talk programming, while Sporting News Radio moves from KFNS to sister station KRFT 1190, and WFFX 1490 is now predominantly Fox Sports Radio six days a week, with Urban Gospel on Sundays. KZQZ 1430 has added another familiar name to St. Louis radio listeners: Kevin McCarthy is now doing middays at the station, which has its studios in Belleville, IL, co-located with WXOZ 1510. McCarthy worked previously at KMOX 1120 on the AM

side in St. Louis. While I was in Erie, PA at the end of December, I noted that WRIE 1260 has flipped from News/Talk to ESPN Radio as "ESPN 1260 The Score", with local sports reports inserted once an hour. That leaves the News/Talk format on the areas two graveyards, WJET 1400 and WPSB 1450. While I was there on New Year's Eve, I heard an interesting interview on KKNX 920 out of Wingham, ON; one with the step-brother of Elvis Presley. On the way up to Chicago on Amtrak's Texas Eagle on December 29, I noted that WJBC 1230 in Bloomington, IL is now broadcasting in the unproven "HD Radio" system, and interfering with stations on 1220 and 1240 on my Sony SRF-49 between Bloomington and Pontiac. With receivers designed to receive "HD Radio" not selling very well, that particular system will likely go the way of quadruphonic sound and eight-track tapes, no matter what the NAB says. The deteriorating economy has also hit the radio industry: KTRS 560 has which is laying off 1,800. Radio would have been in much better shape had the nation's broadcasters not wasted money on "HD Radio" and high-priced personalities, and found alternative measures of cost-cutting like hiring lower-priced talent from within the local area, recruiting new talent from college and university broadcasting programs, and keeping other new technologies like C-QUAM AM Stereo on the air. "HD Radio" has had a negative effect on AM station coverage areas: I was not able to get KMOX 1120 or WHO 1040 on the Superadio III while I was in Erie. The Chicago 50 kW stations were coming in with fair signals on both visits to the area in August and December. The good thing is that none of Erie's four AM stations, as well as WYNE 1530 in nearby North East, have toused up their signals by switching to "HD Radio". 73.

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It's time for all of us to send in our DX Forum reports to celebrate IRCA's anniversary. **Happy Anniversary, IRCA!** As you no doubt know, I am a Charter Member of the club, joining when the club formed in 1964. I've seen many changes over the years, but the friendship of fellow members has always been foremost when considering everything about the IRCA. I'm married to Nancy, your WDXR editor. Nancy and I have known each other for 38 years. I edit your CDXR column and currently serve on the Board of Directors. I work for KTVQ channel 2 here in Billings. May 8th marks my 37th anniversary with KTVQ. It was KOOK-TV when I started back in 1972. There have been many changes over the years from film to computer files, but the biggest change that was to happen on February 17th has been postponed to June 12th. The FCC said Billings wasn't ready for the shutdown of analog television broadcasting. My DXing started in 1962 from Sheridan, WY. Back then I used various old receivers including a Hallicrafters SX-16. Now I use my 24 year old Icom IC-R75A or Nancy's much newer Drake R8B with a Kiwa loop, or the great little Sony SRF-59 which I obtained at the 2008 Flagstaff convention auction. Other hobbies include computer video and audio editing, web site design, genealogy, TV DX, and collections of all kinds including TV Guide magazines dating back to the late 50s, old radio station music surveys (yes, I still collect these), bumper stickers, sports pocket schedules, Coke-A-Cola items and even The Three Stooges items. Nancy and I attended the Flagstaff IRCA convention this past September and have already scheduled vacation for the 2009 Albuquerque, New Mexico convention. It is great that the IRCA is still going strong after all these years. **Happy Anniversary!** 73, John.

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Greetings and **Happy Anniversary, IRCA!** I'm 66, a charter member, and began DXing in 1958 from Amarillo, TX. I've also DXed from Boulder, CO, where I attended the Univ. of Colorado; Berkeley, CA, while I was in graduate school; Corvallis, OR, while I taught at Oregon State; Durango, CO; and Missoula, where I'm retired from teaching at the Univ. of Montana. I've been basically inactive again this season but have thoroughly enjoyed reading about others' successes. I wish everyone good DX. 73, Larry

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Happy Birthday, IRCA! It's time for the traditional re-introduction. I'm 48 and started in the DX hobby when I was 13. Jill and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary last summer, and we have two sons, Chris, 12, and Paul, 10. I am employed as a lecturer in music history at a local university, and classical music, like radio, is a huge part of my life. Living here in the southern part of the Milwaukee area allows quite dependable reception of WFTM 98.7 in Chicago, a superb classical station. I remain interested in AM, FM, SW, and LW DX, usually concentrating on one at a time. Recent developments have erased my interest in TV DX. Just lately I figured out that our closest station is a longwave beacon, MK 410, just under three miles south of us. Work with station distances over the past year revealed something I long wondered about, my closest unheard AM station: it's WNTA 1330 in Rockford IL, at 74 miles. I'm a Milwaukee native, and lived here until 1989, when we moved to Madison for my education. At that point I started over my DX totals, and heard 945 from Madison by the time we moved to Oak Creek in 2003. Then I resumed my 1973-89 Milwaukee total (966), and the logbook now stands at 1139 heard. It took a long time to hear station no. 1000! It was KOZN 1620 Bellevue NE. Aside from DXing, I also enjoy keeping track of station changes in paper and computer files, and post changes for stations in this part of the country in my web site. Enough about me—best wishes and good DX to all.

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It's been awhile since I've wished IRCA a happy anniversary, so here it is now. It's certainly been a long and interesting ride over the last 45 years (good grief, that's not far from 50... better start the celebration plans soon). I'm a bit surprised that I've been a member for the great majority of those years, and have certainly had many benefits for that membership, not to mention a fair bit of work at times; amazing how foolishly one can volunteer for something, hi. Personal notes: pushing 60, electronics technology working in oceanographic research, married to Susan, father of two adult daughters, who perhaps were vaguely influenced by DXing, though with no interest in it themselves. My surmise is based on the fact that one worked for four years in Japan; can she have been uninfluenced by listening inadvertently as a youngster to the sign-off chimes on NHK on an old TRF, while eating breakfast at home? And did the other, presently traveling in Central America, hear more than her share of Latin Americans in the evening? (back in the days when one could hear such things). Certainly it was enough to get her to send back a letter from El Salvador, purely to be able to put on it a commemorative stamp for the 82nd anniversary of Radio El Salvador. Are they even still on the AM band? At any rate, hope there are many more anniversaries for IRCA. 73.

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It's been an interesting column this time around, with two charter members reporting and I come close, having joined ICA 11 months after it started up. During these 46 years, I have had logs in 8 locations across 6 states, with two places each in Indiana and Wisconsin. The other states have been Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Alabama. The first radio convention I attended was the 1966 IRCA one in Milwaukee and the last one was the 1988 NRC convention in Milwaukee. I've also attended two or three in Toledo and a couple in Louisville. I know what Nick means about volunteering for club duties - this is my 28th year with the EDXF/DFX, plus I also did the CDXR for about 8 years, back in the last century. John and Nancy have been doing their columns even longer. I also put in six or eight forgettable years in club government. I haven't done much lately with listening to the radio. Many know about my newspaper collection, but I have really been doing more with the business card collection over the past couple of years. I now have about 41,500 cards in the databases with another roughly 20,000 cards to enter. That still makes me look like a piker, though, as some guys are well into six digits and I know of one into 7 digits worth of cards. With the time change this weekend, I was thinking about the "good old days" before the Uniform Time Act when I understand, some county seats would go ahead on the time while the rest of the county would not. On the economic front, I understand employees at Emmis Communications have taken a two-step pay cut totaling about 8 percent. I remember that when I was moving here back in the summer of 1999, Lee Freshwater was saying I would really enjoy this city. He was right and I think Indy is probably the easiest city to get around in of all the large cities I have lived in or around. That's it for another column. 73.

SPORTCHANNELS IRCA

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Aloha and Happy Anniversary, IRCA! Well, college basketball is having its "March Madness" and the NBA is going down the home stretch, meaning it's a good time to list basketball radio networks, hi. Anyhoo, here's the info I have laying around as of 3/07/09--

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

790	WQXI-GA	Atlanta HAWKS	Steve Holman
850	WEEI-MA	Boston CELTS	Sean Grande, Cedric "Combread" Maxwell
106-1	WOLS-NC a	Charlotte BOBCATS	Scott Lauer, Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues
1000	WMVP-IL	Chicago BULLS	Chuck Swirsky, Bill Wennington, Steve Kashul-ST
1100	WTAM-OH	Cleveland CAVALIERS	Joe Tait
103-3	KEPN-TX	Dallas MAVERICKS	Chuck Cooperstein, Bob Ortegel
1270	KFLC-TX	(Spanish:)	Victor Villalbal, Raul Saenz-p
1510	KCKK-CO	Denver NUGETS	Jerry Schommel, Jason Kosmicki-ST
1130	WDFN-MI	Detroit PISTONS	Mark Champion, Rick Mahorn
680	KNBR-CA	Golden State WARRIORS	Tim Roye, Jim Barnett-p (non-TV games)
1050	KTCT-CA	(back-up, 19 games)	
810	KILT-TX	Houston ROCKETS	Craig Ackerman, Adam Wexler
850	KEYH-TX	(Spanish:)	Adrian Chavarria
1070	WFNI-IN	Indiana PACERS	Mark Boyle, Bobby "Slick" Leonard, Kevin Lee-ST
710	KTLK-CA	Los Angeles CLIPPERS	Ralph Lawler-p, Michael Smith-p, Brian Sieman
570	KLAC-CA	Los Angeles LAKERS	Spero Dedes, Mychal Thompson
1330	KWKW-CA	(Spanish:)	Fernando Gonzales, Jose "Pepe" Mantilla
103.5	WRBO-TN	Memphis GRIZZLIES	Eric Hasseltine, Hank McDowell/Elliott Perry, Tony Luftman-ST

940	WINZ-FL	Miami HEAT	Mike Inglis, John Crotty, Jeremy Marks-Pelz
1140	WQBA-FL	(Spanish:)	José Pafeda, Joe Pujala
1120	WTMJ-FL	Milwaukee BUCKS	Ted Davis, Dennis Krause
1130	KFAN-MN	Minnesota TIMBERWOLVES	Alan Horton, Kevin Lynch
107.5	KBGY-MN h-p	(Spanish, select home games:)	Alfonso Fernandez
660	WFAN-NY	New Jersey NETS	Chris Carrino, Tim Capstraw
106.7	KMEZ-LA	New Orleans HORNETS	Sean Kelley, Gerry Vaillancourt, Joe Block-ST
830	WFNO-LA	(Spanish:)	Emilio Peratta
1380	WPYR-LA	(retransmission/relay)	
1050	WEPN-NY	New York KNICKERBOCKERS	Gus Johnson, John Andariese
1280	WADO-NY	(Spanish:)	Alfredo Bajaj, Juan Antonio Cains, Clemson Smith-Muniz
640	WWLS-OK	Oklahoma City THUNDER	Matt Pinto
560	WDBO-FL	Orlando MAGIC	Dennis Neumann, Richie Adubato
1030	WONQ-FL	(Spanish:)	Joey Colon, Ramon Rivas
610	WIP-PA	Philadelphia 76ERS	Tom McGinnis, Todd MacCulloch
620	KTAR-AZ	Phoenix SUNS	Al McCoy, Tim Kempton
1400	KSUN-AZ	(Spanish:)	Arturo Ochoa, Gerardo Romo
95.5	KXJM-OR	Portland TRAILBLAZERS	Brian Wheeler, Antonio Harvey
1150	KMUZ-OR	(Spanish:)	UNAVAILABLE
1140	KHTK-CA	Sacramento KINGS	Gary Gerould, Jason Ross-ST, Tom Abatemarco-ST
99.9	KRCX-CA	(Spanish:)	Aramando Botello
1200	WOAI-TX	San Antonio SPURS	Bill Schoening
1350	KCOR-TX	(Spanish:)	Paul Castro
590	CJCL-ON	Toronto RAPTORS	Paul Jones, Eric Smith
1320	KFNZ-UT	Utah JAZZ	"Hot" Rod Hundley
980	WTEM-DC	Washington WIZARDS	Dave Johnson, Glenn Consor

NOTE: a - Normal format is Spanish.

NCAA DIVISION ONE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Appalachian SU MOUNTAINEERS

620	WDNC-NC p	920	WPCM-NC p	1350	WZGM-NC	David Jackson, Randy Jackson, Tim Sparks
730	WOHS-NC p	1050	WLON-NC p	1390	WADA-NC	—FM—
790	WBLO-NC	1150	WAVO-SC	1450	WATA-NC	97.3 WKBC-NC
850	WRBZ-NC p	1200	WXIT-NC			100.7 W264BY-TN r
870	WPWT-TN d	1270	WCGC-NC p			106.1 WOLS-NC p a

SYNDICATOR: ISP Sports. NOTE: a - Normal format is Spanish.

Boston College EAGLES

620	WVMT-VT	910	WABI-ME	1490	WMRC-MA	Ted Sarandis, Bill Ebben
680	WRKO-MA b	1250	WGAM-NH p			105.5 WVEI-MA r
830	WCRN-MA	1440	WRFD-ME			107.1 W296BK-NH r
850	WEEI-MA	1440	WVEI-MA	94.1	W231AK-MA r	107.7 WTPL-NH
900	WGHM-NH p r	1450	W TSA-VT	95.5	WGEI-ME	
				103.7	WEEI-RT	

SYNDICATOR: ISP Sports

Brigham Young U COUGARS

690	KBLI-ID	102.7	K274AV-UT r	106.3	K292EE-UT r	Greg Wrubell, Mark Durrant
1160	KSL-UT	99.3	K257DL-UT r	103.1	K276CU-UT r	
1260	KBLY-ID r	100.1	K261BP-UT r	105.1	KAUU-UT	
		102.3	K272CI-UT r	105.5	KTHK-ID	

SYNDICATOR: ISP Sports

California GOLDEN BEARS

540	KRXA-CA	1380	KTKZ-CA			Roxy Bernstein, Todd McKim
970	KESP-CA	1550	KFRC-CA c	99.3	K257CA-CA	101.7 K269AT-CA r
						102.3 KCWH-CA

SYNDICATOR: ISP Sports. NOTE: c - Changed call sign from KYCY during season.

California-Los Angeles BRUINS

570	KLAC-CA	1550	KXEX-CA			Chris Roberts, Don MacLean
1360	KWDJ-CA			96.1	KSLK-CA r	

SYNDICATOR: ISP Sports

Clemson U TIGERS

730	WOHS-NC	1410	WPCC-SC p	95.7	WWBD-SC
1050	WLOM-NC	1450	WGNC-NC	102.7	WPUB-SC p
1240	WKDK-SC	1460	WDOG-SC	94.3	W232AX-SC r
1340	WQSC-SC	1460	WBCU-SC	103.3	WQKI-SC
1340	WRHI-SC	1480	WGUS-GA	104.9	WQLT-SC
1390	WADA-NC	1590	WCAM-SC	95.7	W239AT-SC r

SYNDICATOR: ISP Sports

OVERTIME: Corrections to last time – it's the CBA Lawton-Fort Sill CAVALRY and the D-League's Colorado 14'ERS... The Oakland A's return to the Spanish airwaves with games on the day-night combo of 1190 KDYA-CA and 1640 KDIA-CA... The owner of both the Los Angeles ANGELS OF ANAHEIM and flagship 830 KLA-CA has decided to put weeknight games on 980 KFWB-CA, ...

ABBREVIATIONS USED: a – away games only, b – backup or conflict station, d – daytime, h – home games only, p – partial schedule, r – relay, another station, s – sideline reporter, ST – studio host, ? – personnel alternate, in network listings, flagship stations are in **boldface**. College campus stations are in lowercase. Data sources and station cities are available upon request from dxfool@aol.com, as well as updates and corrections to previous columns. Hope you can help me out with baseball radio info for major, minor and college teams for the next edition. Until then, Avri!

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FREQ CALL NAME, TITLE; ADDRESS; WHAT; WHEN; WHO

1450 KVEN J D Strahler, Chief Op; 1376 Walter St, Ventura CA 93303; L; 30; MS
 1490 KIST Peter Bie, Nx and Public Aff Dir, 414 E Cota St, San Bernardino CA 93101; L; 30; MS
 1575 [None]; Radio Liberty, 1201 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington DC 20036; Q; 21; PM [Reception of Radio Farda, United Arab Emirates]
 1610 TIS [Illegible]; Ojai Police Dept, 402 S Ventura St, Ojai CA 93023; P; 7; MF [Station's call sign is WQIX414, part of the City of Ojai's Emergency Advisory Radio System; report mailed to Ojai City Manager]

WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card or form supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

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IRCA TECHNICAL COLUMN

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Some updates

Craig Healy sends the following, which will cross-reference to his recent article in the Technical Column "A Simple Phasing System" (DXM 27 December 2008):

I made a minor change in the indoor balanced vertical this evening and it was a good improvement. Until now it had been a couple of rooms away fed by a 40' length of RG-58 50ohm coax. There was a significant noise issue and a number of birds that swamped a number of frequencies. And, some electrical buzz would run for 30 seconds on and a minute off. Gave me 2/3rds DX time.

I replaced the RG-58 with CAT15 Ethernet cable of about the same 40' length. At each end is a 110 to 50 ohm balun. The 50 ohm side goes to the antenna and the receiver. The CAT5 cable is a nominal 110 ohm impedance. Additionally I use a 450 to 50 ohm balun on the antenna. I really could have just used a 450 to 110 ohm transformer if I had such a beast, but no....

What it did was to pretty near remove all the noise and birdies. I can listen to weak signals now and the noise is under them. Some problem noises simply vanished and none are really a pest right now. 1330 was unusable most of the time but WSPQ-1330 Springville, NY has been fading in and out. The noise would have buried it before the cable change. 1140 was equally unusable, but now it's clear.

I have to say I am very pleased with using CAT5 Ethernet cable instead of coax. Noise and signal ingress is much less, it's also cheaper and much easier to put connectors on the ends (the standard RJ45 do fine at MW frequencies). I have tried it to connect a ferrite loop in my truck but it really didn't help reduce the ignition noise. I think I'm stuck with that until I swap the 350 Chevy V8 for a Cummins 4BT diesel.

For those who may not have seen the vertical antenna article, it's here: <http://www.am-dx.com/vertical>.

Those who were interested in the recent loopstick modification/addition articles for Ultralight radios might find this of interest. It's by Kirk Allen and is called "Comparisons Between a Slider E100 and an Unmodified E100 with Passive Loop". His conclusion is that the Slider is worth the small investment of time and effort compared with the alternatives. It's in the Ultralight files area at www.dxr.ca, and the direct link is http://www.dxr.ca/component/option,com_docman/task,cat_view/itemid,87.

You may be aware of the Wellbrook Phased Array (an extensive review appeared in DXM of 21 June 2008). Wellbrook has now added a K9AY Phased Array to their portfolio. It has sharper directionality than the earlier phased array, based on the sharper initial directionality of the K9AY antenna compared with the ALA100 loop antennas used in the earlier array. For further details please visit <http://www.wellbrook.uk.com/K9AYphasedarray.html>.

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