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**Very Sad News**

Former IRCA Editor-in-Chief and Publisher **Ralph Sanserino** passed away on 5/4/09. The next two issues of **DX Monitor** are dedicated to his memory. Ralph's wife's address: Cecilia Sanserino, 21855 Eucalyptus Ave, Perris CA 92570.

**DX MONITOR Editor-in-Chief Needed**

Effective the end of this volume (early August 2009), I will be stepping down as **DX Monitor** Editor-in-Chief. Anyone interested in the position, please contact me ([phil\\_tekno@yahoo.com](mailto:phil_tekno@yahoo.com)) or IRCA's President **Doug Pfifer** ([dxe@desert4wd.com](mailto:dxe@desert4wd.com)).

**IRCA Slogan's and IRCA TIS/HAR List Editors Needed**

Anyone interested in taking over either of these positions and preparing a new edition for this fall's DX season, please contact **Phil Bythway** at the **IRCA Bookstore** ([phil\\_tekno@yahoo.com](mailto:phil_tekno@yahoo.com)).

**Pacific Asian Log AM Radio Guide**

The classic Pacific Asian Log of mediumwave [AM] radio stations on air across the entire region has now been updated at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net).

Produced by Bruce Portzler in Seattle WA, this extensive radio guide covers literally thousands of AM radio stations and is hosted by the Radio Heritage Foundation.

It draws on monitoring by many volunteers across the region, as well as information directly from broadcasters so it's accurate and up to date.

You can search the database or download a pdf version for your own non-commercial use by visiting [www.radioheritage.net/PAL\\_search.asp](http://www.radioheritage.net/PAL_search.asp) today.

**IRCA/DecalcoMania Convention 2009!!**

The 2009 IRCA/DecalcoMania convention will be held Thu Sept 17, Fri Sept 18 and Sat Sept 19 at the Days Inn, 2120 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87107 (Near I-40 and Hwy 25) [www.midtowndaysinn.com](http://www.midtowndaysinn.com). Guest room rates \$44.95 1 person, \$54.95 2 persons. Free shuttle within 5 mile radius (includes airport and train station.) Phone number for reservations is 505-884-0250 (events manager is Danita) Registration fee is \$25 (not including banquet) payable to Mike Sanburn, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256. [mikesanburn@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesanburn@hotmail.com) 73

**NRC/IDXS/WTFDA Convention 2009**

**IT'S ALLENTOWN IN 2009!**

**Friday September 4 - 6 2009.** This year's joint NRC-WTFDA Convention will be held in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania, in Allentown, with members of WTFDA joining NRC members, too! Besides the regular events such as the auction, banquet, and quiz, the AAA Lehigh Valley Ironpigs minor league baseball team will be in town, in their last home stand of the season. It will be held at the Rodeway Inn 1151 Bulldog Drive, Allentown PA 18104. This hotel is conveniently located near Rts 22, 309, and the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike. It is also close to the Lehigh Valley International Airport.

1) To reserve your room call the Rodeway Inn at 1-888-395-5200. Make sure to mention you are with the National Radio Club for the \$69 rate (before Taxes). Up to 4 people can stay in the room. You can get 1 king bed or 2 double beds. The website for the motel is [www.rodewayinnallentown.com](http://www.rodewayinnallentown.com). This motel was formerly known as the Days Inn Conference Center.

2) Convention registration is \$45. Check is payable to "National Radio Club" and mail it to **Bob Smolarek** at 31 Mark Drive, High Bridge NJ 08829

3) Send any auction items to 31 Mark Drive, High Bridge NJ 08829

4) More details to follow concerning tower hunting, tours, and a guest speaker. So be in Allentown this Labor Day!

**WESTERN DX ROUNDUP**

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**WDXR DEADLINES:** May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24. Please use Eastern Time.

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Drake R8B, R-388, R-390A, TMC GPR90, Hammarlund SP-600, various wires, amplified Terk and Sanserino loops

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610 CKYL AB, Peace River 5/9 0346 ad block, "YL Country" and C&W music at 0348. Poor/fair. (AB-ID)

760 KKZN CO, Thornton 5/5 2318 "AM 7-60 Colorado's Progressive Talk" slogan. (AB-ID)  
770 KTTH WA, Seattle 5/4 0000 ID and news. Fair signal dominating the pack, some KKOBB in there (I think) on TMC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

800 CKOR BC, Penitcion 5/11 0005 heard "EZ Rock" ID, playing older music. Spattering under/over KPQQ, very weak on TMC with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

840 KMAX WA, Colfax 5/4 0913 NWS news, long ad block at 0918. Fair/good. (AB-ID)  
870 KFLD WA, Pasco 5/10 0100 ad for Dr. Laura show, Fox news. Fair signal with big 860 KPAM splash on R-390A with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)

920 KXLY WA, Spokane 5/8 0900 ABC news, time check and KXLY ID at 0902. (AB-ID)  
930 KSEI ID, Pocatello 5/2 0841 KSEI ID and sports scores from ESPN, fair/good. (AB-ID)  
950 KOZE ID, Lewiston 5/11 0800 KOZE ID and ABC news. Fair over local KNJY, and surprisingly no KMTXI New. (AB-ID)

1010 CBR AB, Calgary 5/12 0712 news from Radio Australia! Weather at 0715. Huh! (AB-ID)  
1030 KMAS WA, Shelton 5/2 0045 oldies playing in a 2-way mix with UnID, 60% on top. Fair to poor on TMC with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)

1050 KTWQ WY, Casper 5/6 2200 "K-2 Radio" slogan, brief weather, then into Fox News. (AB-ID)  
1080 CJNB SK, North Battleford 5/3 0145 C&W music, CJNB ID at 0147. Fair. (AB-ID)  
1080 KVNI ID, Coeur d'Alene 5/6 2204 "AM 10-80 KVNI" slogan, then into Seattle Mariners baseball. (AB-ID)

+ 5/8 0020 "Tonight" by the Velvets, male gave ID "The Mighty 1080." Local KFFX totally off! A rare occasion to catch this new one. (GH-OR)

1100 KNZZ CO, Grand Junction 5/9 0332 "1100 KNZZ" ID into an unID talk program, over WTAM. Rats! (AB-ID)

1230 KOZI WA, Chelan 5/10 0030 heard male with ID in a 3-way mix with lots of static and buzz. Very weak on Hammarlund with Terk loop. (GH-OR)

1290 KOWB WY, Laramie 5/2 2305 Fox News, KOWB ID at 2305. Heard dominating the frequency of late. (AB-ID)

1350 KSRO CA, Santa Rosa 4/28 0030 news, Coast to Coast show, ad for John Deere. Very weak and choppy, downright poor on Hammarlund with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

1390 KJOX WA, Yakima 5/3 0030 ID and ESPN sports talk. Weak but only one discernible on 1390 tonight on R-388 with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

1400 KBCH OR, Lincoln City 4/29 0000 faint ID in a mix with several others. Very weak on Hammarlund with E-W wire. Only about 100 miles away but never heard before. (GH-OR)

1420 KODI WY, Cody 5/4 0700 KODI ID and CNN (?) news. New. (AB-ID)

1430 KUJ WA, Walla Walla 5/3 0000 C&W oldies, man gave ID. Trading places with KITI at times, weak but mostly on top using R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

1430 KLO UT, Ogden 5/2 2355 ID and ad for the Medicine Shop Pharmacy. Soon lost in the whirl. Weak signal on TMC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

1450 KONP WA, Port Angeles 5/1 0000 news in the jumble fighting it out with ESPN sports talker, KFLS? Very weak, choppy, and then gone on TMC with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

1460 KUTI WA, Yakima 4/28 2325 country music, ID and ad for life insurance company. Weak and buried beneath a terrible squeal on Hammarlund with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

1490 KCID ID, Caldwell 5/3 2245 "1490 KCID" ID and song "Rainy Night in Georgia" sung by Brook Benton. "America's Best Music" slogan at 2249. (AB-ID)

1580 KGAL OR, Lebanon 4/26 0000 CBS news, scratchy and weak but alone on Hammarlund with Sanserino loop. Surprisingly seldom heard. (GH-OR)

Thanks to Art and Glen for our column this time! Nancy 5/15 2100

### EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: 5/30, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/22, 8 AM!!!

#### STAR OF THE WEEK

(KK-VA) **Kraig Krist**  
Manassas VA  
NRD-545 rx w/134' multiband antenna NW to SE

#### LOGGINGS

1100 NY WHLI Hempstead. 5/15 0525-0635. Mixing w/WTAM. Big band type songs. 0611 "WHLI."  
(KK-VA)

1120 DC WUST Washington. 5/13 0525-0635. Mixing w/WKQW, KMOX and WSME. 0614 very strong signal. "Good Morning and welcome" into national anthem. 0618 "Live from Paris it's time for the daily broadcast from Radio France International" into African music. RFI station ID in French. 0635 "RFI Music."  
(KK-VA)

NC WSME Camp Lejeune. 5/13 0525-0635. Mixing w/WUJST, KMOX and WKQW. C&W songs. 0603 Ads mentioning "North Carolina". 0607 "That's the North Carolina news... your Camp Lejeune weather... this afternoon... that's the weather watch for eleven twenty" into C&W mx.  
(KK-VA)

PA WKQW Oil City. 5/13 0525-0635. Mixing w/WUST, KMOX and WSME. 0607, out of the mix. "This is WKQW... dot com..."  
(KK-VA)

1130 SC WEAF Camden. 5/12 0525-0635. Mixing w/WBBR. Gospel type singing. 0529 "While the other guys are in the commercial zone, we're playing non stop quartet music. Your station blend of quartet music keeping you in the know." into ad for Antioch Baptist Church in Columbia SC.  
(KK-VA)

NY WBBR New York City. 5/12 0525-0635. Mixing w/WVEAF. Business news. 0539 "Wall Street Business News". 0546 Traffic report mentioning Jersey and East Rutherford. 0547 "...this is Bloomberg eleven three oh" (kk is this similar to Hawaii Five O?)  
(CAT-NC)

1150 ON CKOC Hamilton. 5/10 0525-0635. Mixing w/SS. talk about government and Gospel. Oldies. 0532 "Wake up with John... mornings on oldies eleven fifty KOC. Coming up on the Monday show is..."  
(KK-VA)

1190 IN WOWO Fort Wayne. 5/4 0555-0650. Mixing w/WBSL, WVUS, religious talk and Gospel type singing. Economic news. 0629 "...front page at WOWO dot com... eleven ninety WOWO". 0635 "Eleven ninety WOWO."  
(KK-VA)

MO WBSL Bay St Louis. 5/4 0555-0650. Mixing w/WOWO. WVUS, religious talk & Gospel type singing. 0630 talk faded in with "...WBSL... bay... official... radio."  
(KK-VA)

WV WVUS Grafton. 5/4 0555-0650. Mixing w/WBSL, WOWO, religious talk and Gospel type singing. Oldies. 0623 "...good advertising. It makes a business grow. You're listening to WVUS AM eleven ninety Grafton West Virginia" into oldies "on your home for timeless favorites..."  
(KK-VA)

1200 VA WAGE Leesburg. 5/3 0555-0650. Mixing w/singing and talk. Typical Fox Sports programming. 0600 "This is Fox Sports Radio. WAGE Loudoun county's sound choice for sports. AM twelve hundred WAGE Leesburg and Loudoun county is your town choice for news" into CNN Radio News.  
(KK-VA)

With this issue we say goodbye to **Ralph Sanserino**. When I rejoined IRCA in 1995 after many years of inactivity, Ralph was the first person to get in touch to welcome me back. When I took over the EDXR one year later, Ralph was so very helpful and made me feel welcome as an editor. I was able to finally meet him at the Las Vegas convention. As editor of DXM Ralph worked harder than anyone to make the club a great place for all of us. Our thoughts are with his family. We will miss him. Best to all...  
fresh 5/16 0830



### DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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#### TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

153 RUSSIA, at 1149 5/7 with Radio Rossii. poor with woman in Russian. (DV-WA)  
180 RUSSIA, 1148 5/7. Radio Rossii poor with woman in Russian. (DV-WA)  
279 RUSSIA, 1147 5/7 Radio Rossii weak with man in Russian. (DV-WA)  
594 JAPAN. Tokyo. JOAK, NHK1 1214 5/7 weak at best with man in J.J. (DV-WA)  
657 DEM REP KOREA. 1210 5/7 fair to weak with man in KK. (DV-WA)  
693 JAPAN. Tokyo. JOAK. 5/7 1209 weak in splatter. (DV-WA)  
828 JAPAN. Osaka. JOBB. 1146 5/7. (DV-WA)

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Phil asked us to submit our thoughts here. **Ralph** was always a wellspring of information. He sold me a DX-392 at well below market value, and helped me to get it up and running when it had been damaged in shipping. Ralph was as much the epicenter of IRCA as Phil Bythway. Phil got things done on the receiving end, while Ralph got things done on the technical end. Ralph was just one of those priceless guys who, when they pass, everybody asks, 'who's gonna replace him?' The answer is 'nobody'. As an ex-editor of EDXR, I valued the suggestions Ralph would occasionally send. I talked to him on the phone a few times, and he was just as helpful and knowledgeable then as well. Sail on, Ralph. We will all miss you

**Mike Hardester**, 3118 Gaitway Court, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28546 **DX4EVR@Earthlink.Net**  
As it has been stated by others, the hobby has lost a fine man and I have lost a friend. I first met **Ralph Sanserino** in San Diego around 1974-75. At the time, he would drop by the weekly IRCA publication (San Diego Publishing Committee or whatever it was called), along with John Kolb, and occasionally Randy Seaver. Others in regular attendance were Grant Manning, Patti Webster, and Father Jack Pejza. Military duties permitting, I would drop by to lend a hand. When Radio West was established, Ralph helped with equipment designs. Many of you are aware of the various loops that Ralph designed and built. Some equipment was designed in conjunction with John Kolb (any hobby equipment with the "KS" brand was a joint venture). Always thinking about a new piece of equipment. All of this said, what kind of a person was Ralph? Friendly, helpful, brilliant in radio/hobby related equipment, and an all around Good Guy. Any technical question I would put to Ralph was answered at a level that I, a semi-technical person, could easily understand. The same was true with others. A couple of years ago, the FETs in my Radio West Ferrite Loop needed to be replaced. I contacted Ralph, and although he wasn't feeling the greatest at the time, he readily agreed to fix it without hesitation. This was the rule and not exception. Ralph was always willing to help anyone, if he could. He is missed. Mike Hardester

### 2008-2009 IRCA Super Alphabet Soup DX CONTEST

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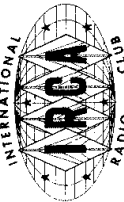
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\* - Contest manager is not eligible to win.

Please report to the appropriate editor any special loggings you hear while DX'ing for the contest! The contest runs until May 31 2009. Final standings will appear in the late June DXM.

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