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**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 Pifer** ([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 Bytheway** 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 Portzer 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 2009Convention Update!!!**

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

The tentative convention schedule includes station tours on Friday beginning at 12 noon. A tour of KKOB and all sister stations has been confirmed!! On Saturday there may be an impromptu drive out to the KKOB tower site followed by the business meeting and banquet at the Golden Corral (\$10 all you can eat!!). Make your plans now and join in on the fun.

**Madison-Milwaukee Get-Together**

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Madison-Milwaukee Get-Together for DXers and Radio Enthusiasts will take place on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 1:00 PM until 10:00 PM CDT. This year's venue is in Madison at Mark Taylor's house - 1114 Ellen Avenue. This is an informal event to meet and socialize with other radio hobbyists and enthusiasts. We will have dinner at a local restaurant about 5:30 PM and can return to Mark's after for the traditional cake and chat. If possible please RSVP to [markokpik@tds.net](mailto:markokpik@tds.net) or 608.225.2690. Come when you can, and leave when you must.

**NRC/DXAS/WTFDA Convention 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

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- 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!

**CANADIAN RADIO NEWS**  
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For May, 2009 (June 1 2009)

**TECHNICAL CHANGES GRANTED**

930 NF St. John's CJYQ Decrease daytime power from 50,000 watts to 25,000 watts and relocate transmitter

**OWNERSHIP CHANGES GRANTED**

710 ON Niagara Falls CJRN From CJRN Inc. to Niagara Radio Group Inc.

**PROPOSED AM TO FM CONVERSIONS**

570 YT Whitehorse CFWH Move to 94.5 with 3,300 watts (6,290 watts maximum ERP)

**PROPOSED TECHNICAL CHANGES**

1610 QC Montreal CJWI Move to 1410 and increase power from 1,000 watts (fulltime) to 10,000 watts (fulltime)

I attempt to be as accurate as possible with this information. I visit many websites and message boards on a daily basis seeking the latest in Canadian radio news to report in this column. I trust this information to be worthy, however I can't be in all places to confirm everything. If inaccurate information is reported I do apologize, but don't blame me... I'm only the messenger.

**WESTERN DX ROUNDUP**  
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**WDXR DEADLINES:** June 26, July 10, July 24. Please use Eastern Time

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Sony ICF-2010, Quantum QX V2.0 loop  
(CM-CA2) DXing at Cache Creek Casino Resort, Brooks, CA
- \*\*\*\*\*
- 530 WQJU974 **CA**, Vacaville 5/17 1000 in good with just a loop tape giving information about Vacaville. Called City of Vacaville and got the call letters of station. (CM-CA)
- 650 CKOM **SK**, Saskatoon 5/12 0045 male with ID, ad for local mattress company. Fair signal with a weak CISL playing far under, on TMC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 670 KBOI **ID**, Boise 5/16 0750 in good with KBOI ID. DX'ing with Sony ICF 2010 and Quantum loop in Cache Creek Casino hotel room. (CM-CA2)
- 720 KDWN **NV**, Las Vegas 6/4 2134 "Newstalk 720 KDWN" ID/slogan. (AB-ID)
- 760 KFMB **CA**, San Diego 6/5 0755 "America in the Morning" program, KFMB ID at 0759, ABC news at 0800. (AB-ID)
- 780 KKOH **NV**, Reno 6/4 2123 "Newstalk 780 KOH" slogan. (AB-ID)
- 980 KVLV **NV**, Fallon 6/4 2130 "KVLV Fallon" ID. (AB-ID)
- 1190 KEX **OR**, Portland 5/16 0815 in good with KEX ID, reception in hotel is not all that great. (CM-CA2)
- 1230 KOZI **WA**, Chelan 5/25 0000 Neil Young tune, ID "Your Information Station." Fair, better signal than usual on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1350 KTIK **ID**, Nampa 5/19 0025 heard ID with ESPN sports talk fighting it out with unID oldies station. Very weak on R-388 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 1370 KAST **OR**, Astoria 5/22 2355 heard male give "Cast" ID into some sort of ad for ??, very weak on Hammarlund with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

- 1380 KRKO WA, Everett 5/24 2345 ID, ad for Lynwood Bowl and Washington National Guard. Fair to good with some slight fades on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1430 KLO UT, Ogden 5/28 2345 ID into Dennis Pranger show. Fair to poor with KBRC playing in the garble, on Hammarlund with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 1630 KRND WY, Fox Farm 5/17 0100 in good with ID and "La Grande" slogan, using Quantum loop. (CM-CA)
- 1670 KNRO CA, Redding 5/17 0600 in good with "KNRO Redding," newstalk format, using Quantum loop. (CM-CA)

**UNID**

- 1340 UNID 5/22 0030 man said "Talkradio 1340 KGCL." No listing and fairly certain of the call letters. Perhaps a new station? Help! Thanks. (GH-OR)

Thanks to reports from Art, Glen and Curtis we have a column this time. Nancy 6/12 2100

**CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP**

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**DOWN THE DIAL**

- 1490 WDBQ IA, Dubuque. 6-1 good. 21:00 with legal ID, mention of "A Cumulus Station" into ABC News. I was surprised that I needed this one. [TN-WI]
- WZOE IL, Princeton. 6-1 fair to good. 22:00 with legal ID into CBS News. Not new, but first time heard since moving here. [TN-WI]
- 1620 WDND IN, South Bend. 5-27 fair to good. 22:07 with "16-20 ESPN Radio" slogan, spots, and a call ID. EX-WPNT. [TN-WI]

**25 YEARS AGO**

May 19, 1984 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... EDXR editor **Bob Lazar** of Reston, VA resigned ... **Bill Harms** of Savage, MD mentioned his pending trip to Seoul, Korea ... **Ernest Cooper** of Provincetown, MA discussed the early days and **Ray Edge** ... **Pat Martin** of Seaside, OR received a KPTL cap along with the verie they sent.

**OPEN MIKE**

So far it's been a cool summer. Records are in the 100's, we haven't seen 85 yet this summer. Have you made your plans to be in Albuquerque for the 2009 IRCA Convention? This column was typed 6-13-09. 73, John

**EASTERN DX ROUNDUP**

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**Deadlines:** 6/27, 7/11, 7/25 and 8/22

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

- (KK-VA) **Kraig Krist** Manassas VA  
 NRD-545 rx w/134' multiband antenna NW to SE.
- (IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New** Watkinsville GA  
 GE Superadio III, SANGEAN CCRADIO plat. edition

**LOGGINGS**

- 920 NC WPCM Burlington. 6/12 0525-0635. Mixing w/C&W singing and talk. Beach oldies 0600 "Good morning I'm John Brockwell on 'oldies and beach nine twenty' AM WPCM keeping you up with the times" into news. 0606 "From the WPCM weather center here is the forecast for today". (KK-VA)
- 930 MD WFMD Frederick. 6/8 0525-0635. Mixing w/WLLL, WDLX, ESPN and singing. News. 0529 "...you're listening to AM Express..." and "News radio nine thirty WFMD and online at WFMD dot com" into news. (KK-VA)
- NC WDLX Washington. 6/8 0525-0635. Mixing w/WFMD, WLLL, ESPN and singing. 0550 "...the morning drive... North Carolina on pirate radio twelve fifty and nine thirty... take us along for the ride..." (KK-VA)
- VA WLLL Lynchburg. 6/8 0525-0635. Mixing w/WFMD, WDLX, ESPN and singing. Religious programming. 0538 "...prayer guide... also at WLLL... links... also find... for the area... nine thirty AM WLLL radio." (KK-VA)

- 940 NC WKYK Burnsville. 6/7 0525-0635. Mixing w/WKGM. C&W songs. 0538 "Nine forty WKYK." (KK-VA)
- VA WKGM Smithfield. 6/7 0525-0635. Mixing w/WKYK. 0545 strong carrier comes on. In mid sentence "filled with the Holy Spirit" preaching about life in the womb. 0558 "Born to Win" program ends. "Every Friday at four thirty join Gene... as he presents the radio program 'Voice in the Wilderness'... be sure to tune in... on nine forty WKGM. Your ministry station" and "You are listening to your ministry station serving Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia. This is WKGM Smithfield and all of Hampton Roads. A positive radio group station." into "Sowing the Seeds Broadcast". (KK-VA)
- 950 MD WCTN Potomac-Cabin John. 6/6 0525-0635. Mixing w/WORD, ESPN and R Relej time pips. Oldies 0548 "Now you promote... business... on Washington's newest... radio nine fifty WCTN... WCTN dot com". 0614 "Non stop symphony sound nine fifty WCTN". (KK-VA)
- SC WORD Spartanburg. 6/6 0525-0635. Mixing w/WCTN, ESPN and R. Relej time pips. 0532 "News radio WORD..." (KK-VBon Air: Logged @1700 8/12 (finally) with ID which mentioned WTRU-830: "W L E S, Bon Air." //WTRU-1030 Wake Forest/Raleigh. Clearly audible, but still poor with QRM from cochannelers. Obviously up to full 200 w ERP and not old (estimated) 50 w or so. (KK-VA)
- 960 NC WRNS Kinston. 6/5 0525-0635. Mixing w/oldies station, Fox Sports and WFIR. 0634 giving weather "...lows... Saturday mostly cloudy 79 degrees high... coming up at 7 o'clock this morning... calling out the names... for the 'All American Summer' WRNS 'All American Summer' powered by... Dodge Ram... brand new 2009 Dodge Ram... free gas for a year. Log onto WRNS dot com right now and get registered... go to WRNS dot com and click on the 'All American Summer'... free trips... Hollywood... five trips... gas cards..." (KK-VA)
- VA WFIR Roanoke. 6/5 0525-0635. Mixing w/oldies station, Fox Sports and WRNS. News and talk. 0526 "... on news, talk nine sixty WFIR. Depend on it". (KK-VA)
- 980 DC WTEM Washington. 5/31 0525-0635. Mixing w/oldies station. Typical ESPN programming with "The Best of ESPN". Ad for Manassas Chrysler. (KK-VA)
- 990 PA WNTW Somerset. 5/30 0525-0635. Mixing w/faint talk and preaching. 0531 weather on "The NTJ news, talk, sports network". Back to "Coast to Coast AM" program discussing demons. 0600 "Johnstown nine ninety WNTW Somerset. News, talk, sports network serving the Laural Highlands" into "Fox News ". (KK-VA)
- 1120 GA WJXO Douglasville. 06/02/09 1900. Oldies, TOH ID, and more oldies. Good signal with periodic deep fades. "In Douglas County, We Are 1120, WXJO, Douglasville". (IEN-GA)
- 1200 SC WMIR Atlantic Beach. 06/04 1936. Urban Contemporary Gospel Music. Weak signal with fades. "Rejoice. WMIR, 1200." (IEN-GA)
- 1330 GA WMLT Dublin. 06/04 1902. Atlanta Braves Baseball. Decent, steady signal despite splatter from WGAU on 1340, just up the road in Athens, GA. "Braves Baseball on WMLT" and "This is your home for Atlanta Braves Baseball, AM 1330, WMLT, Dublin". (IEN-GA)

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 Thanks to Ira & Kraig this week. Best to all... fresh 6-13 0830

**DX WORLDWIDE – II**

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**WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

**ARGENTINA:** 1660 Radio Esperanza, Virrey del Pino (Partido de La Matanza), BA Relaying FM 88.3 QTH calle Volta, entre Vesalio y Dubalia, Virrey del Pino. Tel: +(02202) 49-3745. Music programming by now, with scarce IDs. An Argentinian DXer in Neuquén (Patagonia) has tentatively heard them under another co-channel with an SRF 37. (Arnaldo Slaen & Marcelo Cornachioni, Argentina, Condiglist YG, via Nigro, Uruguay, Apr 24)

**BAHAMAS:** The current structure and staffing levels at the Bahamas national broadcaster ZNS will have to be critically reviewed, to ensure that its transition to public service broadcasting is smooth and effective, said Tommy Turnquest, the minister responsible for broadcasting in the Bahamas. "As it now stands, ZNS has 253 employees. Eighty of these staff members are in management and 173 are line staff. Of that total, 205 work in Nassau and 48 persons work in Freeport, Grand Bahama," Mr Turnquest told parliamentarians in the House of Assembly. "The upshot of the current staffing tables of 80 managers and 173 line staff at the BCB (Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas) is that the average ratio of staff to one manager is less than 3:1. "In some cases, management staff has no one to manage. This is a situation that developed as a result of promotions over the years, which were

intended to give employees improved wages, but which did not take sufficiently into account the job that actually needed to be done." Mr Turnquest said the issue of funding from advertisements will also have to be considered when ZNS transitions to public broadcasting. "It would not be expected that ZNS, as it moves to public service broadcasting, would be soliciting advertisements," he said. "Currently, the Government provides an \$8 million contribution to ZNS for its operations and \$3 million towards its capital improvement program (digital upgrade)." Mr Turnquest said a decision will also have to be made in respect to the number of stations that the BCB operates once it transitions to public broadcasting. Currently, the BCB operates a national radio service (ZNS-1) on both the AM band and the FM band (where applicable). It will have to determine whether to retain or divest its other two branded stations, Power 104.5FM and Inspiration Station (1240 AM/ 107.9FM), he said. (Bahama Journal 7.5.2009 via Andy Sennitt, RN Media Network via DXLD)

**BRAZIL:** Brazilian telecom officials say they will include DRM as a platform under consideration during a 180-day public consultation period in establishing national digital radio standards. The announcement came as a seven-member panel representing DRM made its pitch at the Brazilian Association of Radio and Television (ABERT) Congress in Brasilia last week. The move means DRM will join Ibiquty's HD Radio and Eureka 147 DAB/DAB+ as candidates in providing standards for the country's future digital radio infrastructure. Even though DRM's non-proprietary technology has found recent favor in both Russia and India, the selection process is unlikely to be a slam-dunk in South America, where HD Radio has enjoyed a relatively long history, particularly in Brazil, where more than 20 stations have participated in demonstrations and ongoing evaluations of IBOC digital technology. Source: text written by Radio Magazine Online, Digital Radio Update, 3 June 2009 from DIGITAL radio mondiale – News- Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, www.dxersguide.blogspot.comqth.net via DXLD)

**CUBA:** 1140 CMBF R Musical Nacional, unknown site, heard 0120-0130 GMT April 25 2009. Orchestral scores, often over co-channel Rebelde's baseball coverage. Parallel much stronger 590 Musical, 1620 CMBF R Rebelde, somewhere near Pilon, Granma, heard 0101-0115 GMT April 25 2009. Fair with baseball coverage, parallel all others. Estimated site per Paul Zecchino LOBS readings. (Terry L Krueger via DXLD)

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** 1700 HI.. R Eternidad, Santo Domingo is now heard in UK. ID: "Radio Eternidad, impacto el presente con un mensaje eterno." (Andrew Brade, MWC)

**GUATEMALA:** 840TG.. Idea Radio, Guatemala City "Idea Radio 840 AM". A brand new evangelical radio station in Guatemala City. (Julio Pineda, CIDX May Messenger via DXLD)

**NETHERLANDS ANTILLES:** 1300 PJD2 Voice of St Maarten, Philipsburg, now 5 kW according to a verie to ARC member Hasse Mattisson. (Arctic)

#### ASIA AND PACIFIC

**AFGHANISTAN:** Afghanistan 621 kHz Khost: I am told by reliable sources that the Khost medium wave system is nearly complete. (Glenn Hauser, April 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**AUSTRALIA:** Gary Deacon in South Africa has received a new Chinese language X-band station on 1620 from Landsdale, Western Australia. The licence holder, according to Kevin White of <http://www.ausradiostations.com/> is Promo Radio, 12 Pickering Close, Hoppers Crossing Vic 3029. Promo Radio owns 30 licenses including this one. (NZDXT)

A new narrowcast station is operational from Launceston Tasmania on 1611 kHz with 400 watts. It is parallel to 1593 and IDs as Rei Italia. Presumably they are using the same sender that Radio Two had for Launceston before they went broke. (Robin Harwood Tasmania via DXLD)

1583.4 2EC Narooma – well off frequency, noted as a big het the first night then found as local next day. Have emailed the station and they will look into it and thanked me for letting them know. (Richard Jary ARDXC 18 April)

**INDIA:** All India Radio's regional stations have recently been launching their own websites. At least these are up and running at the moment: AIR Ahmadabad – <http://www.airahmedabad.in> AIR Bhawanipatna – <http://www.airbpn.org/> AIR Cuttack – <http://www.airctc.com/> AIR Imphal – [http://cicmanipur.nic.in/html/air\\_imp.htm](http://cicmanipur.nic.in/html/air_imp.htm) AIR Panaji – <http://www.airpanaji.gov.in/> AIR Rohtak – <http://rohtakakashvani.com/> AIR Thiruvananthapuram – <http://www.airtvm.com/> AIR Kolkata (unofficial) – <http://www.freewebs.com/airkolkata/>. (Moscow Information DX Bulletin via finndxer)

The decision taken by All India Radio (AIR) to take up digital radio broadcasting using the Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) system was today described as "a major success" for the DRM consortium. The 2009 General Assembly of the DRM consortium being held in Erlangen, Germany, was told that the Indian public broadcaster had started making significant investments in DRM technology and had purchased transmitters and other equipment. AIR has already started DRM digital shortwave services to Europe using a powerful shortwave transmitter. The broadcaster is expected to roll out a major plan on providing DRM digital radio services in the medium wave band. The ABU's Technical Director, Sharad Sadhu, said that the sentiment prevailing at the meeting was that a large scale implementation phase of DRM digital radio had now dawned, given the steps taken by several governments and broadcasters to set up transmission infrastructures. Mr Sadhu told the Assembly that in the Asia-Pacific region, the emphasis needed to be put on DRM in the medium wave band." Given the large area coverage required for national radio services, we believe that DRM in the

medium wave band would provide an optimum solution, particularly in the larger countries," he said. One of the latest DRM digital radio sets, unveiled at the General Assembly, provides a full set of DRM applications, including text, data, slow scan images and graphics. The radio set has a 5-inch color LCD screen which makes it suitable for all DRM "radio with pictures" services. Thursday 26 Mar 2009 (ABU via Aloes Gupta, dx\_india)

**KOREA, SOUTH:** VOA has added 1188 kHz 1330-1500 UTC //5890 7225 11740 in Korean. This broadcast is via the FEBC transmitter in Seoul and replaces the transmission on 648. (VOA Website via Bruce Portzer)

**MYANMAR:** unlisted MW 729 kHz noted sign on at 2300 UTC parallel to 594. The other MW frequency 576 was also heard then. This new 729 kHz was heard in the evenings also (parallel to 5985 at 1330). (Alokesh Gupta, dx\_india 13 June)

**UZBEKISTAN:** the last Uzbek MW on 756 kHz is reported inactive for some time. The program continues on FM 87,9 MHz. (Shukhrat Rakhmatullaev, UZB via Mauno Ritola, Arctic)

#### EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

**ALGERIA:** 1386 RTA Paktika province station, Radio Paktin Voice, has started operation in Barmal district with 5 kW. 1503 RTA Radio Badghis in Qalay-e-Naw has started operation with 6 kW. (both WRTH National update via finndxer)

**ARMENIA:** The Arabic section of NHK announced that starting 29.3.2009 they will start using 1377 from 2015 till 2045 UTC from the relay station in Armenia (Gavar). That's the first time ever NHK Arabic starts using MW frequency for the Middle East area. (Tarek Zeidan via DXLD and Ydun Ritz medium wave info)

**BELGIUM:** Radio Vlaanderen Internationaal announces on its website that it is to resume medium wave broadcasts from 30 March. The station will have new names for its two networks, RVi 1 becomes Radio Vlaanderen Info and RVi 2 becomes Radio Vlaanderen. The medium wave broadcasts will be on 927 kHz, frequency previously used for the domestic service. The medium wave transmitter will carry the Radio Vlaanderen Info service. <http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/radio-vlaanderen-internationaal-back-on-mediumwave>.

**BELARUS:** As from 1 April, Belarussian national radio has reduced broadcasting times and made some frequency changes. BR1 and Radio Kultura now only from 1500 to 2100 UTC on the following frequencies:BR1: 1278, Kultura: 1008 1026 1125 1197 kHz. (Alexander Mazgo, Belarus via open\_dx via finndxer)

**FINLAND:** 963 Pori is now relaying China Radio International, starting with tests from 15 April and a different final schedule from April 17 as follows : Russian 0200-0400, Estonian 0400-0500, Lithuanian 0500-0600, Russian 1600-1800, Polish 1800-1900, Czech 1900-2000, German 2000-2200. (Info from Digita via Arto Mujunen via Mauno Ritola, Arctic)

Radio86 has started broadcasting China-themed programs on 963 kHz in the medium-wave band from Finland. Daily programs air between 5am and 9 am and between 6 pm and 1 am. The transmission is ensured by Digita transmission services in Pori. The programs are produced byRadio86, based in Tampere, Finland. The radio shows, presented in a number of European languages, all focus on China. Additional content is provided by China Radio International. (11th May 2009 via Mauno Ritola) /times seem to be CET. Noted 1600-2200 on 13 May and until0600 on 14 May. From 1600 was noted in Chinese instead of previously scheduled Russian. Later in the evening noted with CRI Czech until2000 (how are the Czechs expected to hear this weak signal with three local signals blasting on adjacent 954 kHz?), and then CRI German until s/off. (Arctic)

**GERMANY** 594 Hessischer Rundfunk, Frankfurt will no longer broadcast on medium wave as of 2010. All programming produced for medium wave distribution will be discontinued, including the broadcasts for immigrants in Spanish and Greek. This measure is part of a today released program to save 64 million Euros until 2012. Director Helmut Reitze says that the primary goal of this program is to ensure the existence of Hessischer Rundfunk as an independent body. Exact deadline not specified, but could be 31 Dec 2009. The remarks by Helmut Reitze are not exaggerated, gossip had it recently that a worst case scenario for Hessischer Rundfunk would be to become the Frankfurt outpost of Südwestrundfunk. The program line-up on 594 contains also live coverage of sports and events that matter, as well as broadcasts in other foreign languages, originating from Cologne and Berlin (i.e. just relayed, thus not mentioned in the press release). This doomed medium wave program is also carried on Astra 1H, as "hr-info +", besides the regular hr-info (as on FM). But this is not a real name, just a satellite channel designator. (Kai Ludwig via DXLD 29.4.2009)

Because of high energy cost, from July 1, 2009, ERF Radio cuts back airtime on medium wave 1539 kHz: they will be on the air daily 5 till 8 UTC and 1730 till 2100 UTC. (Harold Kuhl, [mediumwave.info](http://mediumwave.info) via mwc)

**ITALY:** Challenger Radio is testing on 1566 kHz from Villa Estense, in the Padova (Padua in English) province (north-eastern Italy). They are transmitting with 500 W power into a makeshift wire antenna. Modulation was rather low, but now it's better. Phone number is +39-0429-660118. E-mail: [challenger@challenger.it](mailto:challenger@challenger.it). At present they are relaying a religious program. Their site is [http://www.challenger.it/realvideo/eng\\_live\\_uronair.html](http://www.challenger.it/realvideo/eng_live_uronair.html) . It seems they are selling satellite time



(and thus, possibly, radio airtime) to aspiring broadcasters. They are announcing DRM tests too, and by phone I was told that DRM is coming in the near future. Radio Broadcast Italia is testing from Rome on 1485 kHz; they own a 1 kW transmitter but when I heard them a few days ago their power was 500 W into a 21 meters vertical antenna; they are working on a 35 meters lattice antenna. Their site is <http://www.broadcastitalia.it/>, mainly dedicated to historic recordings of early Italian free FM radios; there is a link to streaming audio, if you want to check whether you're listening to the station. E-mail is [radio@broadcastitalia.it](mailto:radio@broadcastitalia.it); I received a quick reply from Stefano Ricciardetto, who attached a PDF QSL and promised a "real" card via snail-mail.

(Roberto Scaglione [www.bclnews.it](http://www.bclnews.it) via Fabriziovvia Magrone, mwc 6 June)

1062 kHz RAI Pisa transmitter has been relocated to a new site. 1368 kHz RAI Firenze transmitter has been closed (WRTH National update via finndxer)

**POLAND:** One of Twoje Radio transmitters, probably from 1584kHz, is on 1558.15kHz drifting a little bit up and down. Heard on 28 May 2009 after 1800UTC and also in the morning of 29 May 2009. Before and after 0700UTC there was no local program so it looks like this transmitter relays their central program only. IDs: "Twoje Radio AM". (Twoje Radio (pron. Tvoye Radio) = Your Radio. (Karel Honzik, CZE, mwc 30 May)

**RUSSIA:** 1242 Information and music radio station Novyi Den (New Day) is new station (ex-Radio 7-y Etazh). It targets city of Angarsk and Irkutsk region and broadcasts round-the-clock. The music format: domestic and foreign variety, jazz, rock 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, classic. The station has website at <http://radionoviyden.narod.ru/>. (Victor Rutkovsky via open\_dx via finndxer)

**SLOVAKIA:** 702 Slovakia has plans to reactivate Kosice – Cizatice on 702 kHz with 5 kW for eastern Slovakia. The transmitter on the radio building in Bratislava on 1287 kHz will be used for DRM (new digital radio – Rádio Litera or Rádio Klasika). (Herman Boel via MWC e-mail news 3.5.2009) 1098 Rádio Patria – a program for national minorities is stronger again on 1098 kHz. Now via Nitra-Jarok (pron. Yahrock) with 10 kW. The weak transmitter on the Slovak Radio building in Bratislava was switched off and when the DRM module arrives they will start testing DRM on 1287 kHz. During the night the Slovak Radio 3 – Devin is relayed on 1098 kHz. Otherwise this cultural program is on FM only. (Karel Honzik via MWC e-mail news 2.5.2009)

**TURKEY:** 1062 TRT Diyarbakir in the southeastern part of Turkey is now back on the air 24h in the Kurdish language. Power seems to be 300 kW. The signal in Växjö is very good all evening. (Mauno Ritola + Bengt Ericson 13.4.2009)

**UKRAINE:** 765 No more broadcasts from Radio station "Mayak" via the AM transmitter in Petrivka. ([tvr ukr.org](http://tvr ukr.org) via finndxer) 1476 Radio Briz, radio station of the Ukrainian Navy, has been re-licensed on the AM frequency, Sevastopol (Derhachi). ([tvr ukr.org](http://tvr ukr.org) via finndxer)

**VATICAN CITY:** For the first time since it went on the air in 1931, Vatican Radio is going commercial to meet soaring costs. The station costs some 21 million euros to run each year and the Vatican has been looking for ways of raising new funding. The radio station, known as the Voice of the Pope, broadcasts worldwide in forty languages on short, medium and long wave, on FM in Rome and also on the internet. It covers news from the Roman Catholic Church, as well as messages from the pope. A specialized advertising bureau will vet the radio ads, ensuring they are in line with Catholic moral standards. On 6 July, it will transmit its first commercial advert for Italian electricity multinational ENEL. (Radio Netherlands news via mwc) An advertising agency is to vet the radio ads to make sure they are in keeping with moral standards. On 6 July it will transmit its first commercial advert. More at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/8068680.stm>. Wonder which products would be denied access. (Mark Hattam mwc)

**UKOGBANI:** The BBC has posted the results of the Radio Devon 855 DRM trials: Digital Radio Mondiale- our medium wave experiences: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/radiolabs/2009/05/digital\\_radio\\_mondiale\\_our\\_med.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/radiolabs/2009/05/digital_radio_mondiale_our_med.shtml) Links to the full report, split into three parts, at this webpage: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/devon/content/articles/2009/05/11/digital\\_medium\\_wave\\_report\\_feature.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/devon/content/articles/2009/05/11/digital_medium_wave_report_feature.shtml). (Mike Barraclough, mwc)

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Greetings IRCANs. I logged a couple of new ones: "News-talk- sports 1630 WRDW" Augusta, GA at 9:30 pm on a Saturday night broadcasting Green Jacket Baseball. Very strong signal here with just one kilowatt non-directional. I was also surprised to hear NPR on 1150 this morning at about 5:45 am Eastern. It was WAMC Albany, New York's simulcaster WRUN. My commute runs from 5:30 to 6:00 am Eastern. The days now are very long, with early dawns, and my car listening time is well into daylight making use of the last burst of sunrise skip especially to the south and west. Lots of stations from places like Pennsylvania and Virginia. AM radio is predictably much less alive in the summer than mid-winter revealing many longer distance ground wave signals from a few hundred miles out. Skywave is nearly completely gone by the time I reach the wheel. It's a whole new world.

Unfortunately, I receive much more HD Radio noise in the daytime. When will broadcasters finally give this up? My condolences to **Ralph Sanserino's** family. Ralph was a guiding light to IRCA for decades. He was a Yoda who not only shared his gift for technical development, but encouraged us to pursue the DX craft ourselves. A wonderful mentor and friend has left us but he will always remain an inspiration in our hearts. 73 de N2KZ dit dit.

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June 15, 2009 Final Contest Standings:

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2. Greg Hall	290	7. Nancy Johnson*	68
3. Tim Noonan	216	8. Dale Park	43
4. Willis Monk	151	9. John C Johnson	3
5. Phil Bytheway	106		

\*-Contest manager not eligible to win.

Congratulations go to our Super Alphabet Soup Contest winner Bill Nittler. Thank you to all of our contestants this season. If you have any suggestions for our 2009-2010 contest please write or e-mail me at the address above. Have a great summer everyone!

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