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This issue of DX Monitor is dedicated to the memory of Ralph Sanserino. 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) or IRCA's President Doug Pifer (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).

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. 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 today.

IRCA/DecalcoMania 2009 Convention Update!!

The 2009 IRCA/DecalcoMania convention will be held Thu Sept 17, Fri Sept 18 and Sat Sept 19 at the Days Inn, 2120 Menaub Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87107 (Near I-40 and Hwy 25) www.ridtodayinn.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

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 16th 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 markokpk@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. This motel was formerly known as the Days Inn Conference Center.

- 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
- Send any auction items to 31 Mark Drive, High Bridge NJ 08829
- More details to follow concerning tower hunting, tours, and a guest speaker. So be in Allentown this Labor Day!

CANADIAN RADIO NEWS

Dan Sys - dsysca@yahoo.ca

For May, 2009 (June 1 2009)

TECHNICAL CHANGES GRANTED

930 NF St. John's C1YQ 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.

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
680	WSMB	Memphis, TN	WMFS
870	WGHC	Mt Holly, NC	WTCCG
890	new	Rushmore, VA	to be determined
940	WZOQ	Lima, OH	WGIT
1020	KABA	Eagle River, AK	KOAN
1050	WTOP	Silver Spring, MD	WZAA
1060	KHBC	Hilo, HI	KIPA
1060	new	Sparks, NV	KFOY
1120	new	Richmond, ME	WZME
1150	KREL	Quanah, TX	KOLI
1160	WDJO	Florence, KY	WGRT
1230	new	Newport, ME	WGUY
1310	WWGA	Waycross, GA	WAYX
1310	WBUD	Asbury Park, NJ	WADB
1390	KVXX	Salem, OR	KWOD
1390	WXTC	Charleston, SC	WSPO
1400	WNGA	Clayton, GA	WGHC
1460	WEMR	Turkhamock, PA	WGMF
1490	WODJ	Whitehall, MI	WKLQ
1590	WRJS	Swainsboro, GA	WXR5

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
590	WREN	Carrollton, AL	silent	black gospel
610	WCEH	Hawkinsville, GA	country	adult standards
660	WPYT	Wilkinsburg, PA	sports	talk
670	KWXI	Glenwood, AR	southern gospel	talk
800	KDDD	Dumas, TX	country	Tejano
820	KORC	Waldport, OR	rock	silent
830	KOTC	Kennett, MO	classic hits	silent
860	WMRI	Marion, IN	adult standards	southern gospel
940	WZOQ	Lima, OH	sports	oldies
1010	WGST	Berkeley Springs, WV	country	talk (W/DHC 92.9)
1050	WZAA	Silver Spring, MD	news	talk (Air America)
1060	WXNC	Monroe, NC	regional Mexican	Spanish religion
1080	WMCU	Coral Gables, FL	religious teaching	Spanish religion
1100	KQNM	Milam, NM	soft AC	talk

1140	WQII	San Juan, PR	Spanish talk
1150	KBPO	Port Neches, TX	Spanish religion "Radio Vida"
1150	WJEM	Valdosta, GA	gospel music
1160	WDJO	Florence, KY	talk "Real Talk 1160"
1230	KWNO	Winona, MN	talk
1240	KSLV	Monte Vista, CO	classic country
1240	WOON	Woonsocket, RI	variety
1240	WSDT	Soddy-Daisy, TN	oldies
1330	WRAM	Monmouth, IL	classic country
1340	new	Steamboat Springs, CO	format not available
1340	WNCO	Ashland, OH	talk
1360	WKAT	North Miami, FL	Spanish religion
1370	WFDR	Manchester, GA	talk "Straight Talk 1370"
1380	KRCM	Beaumont, TX	format not available
1390	WSPO	Charleston, SC	sports (Sporting News)
1420	WQBC	Vicksburg, MS	silent
1430	WDAL	Dalton, GA	Spanish
1450	WENJ	Atlantic City, NJ	sports
1450	WGNB	Gastonia, NC	oldies
1460	KLTC	Dickinson, ND	oldies
1470	KWSL	Sioux City, IA	Spanish adult hits
1470	WMGG	Dunedin, FL	adult standards
1490	KCPX	Spanish Valley, UT	new
1490	WSYA	Anniston, AL	country
1520	WJMP	Kent, OH	sports
1540	KZMP	University Park, TX	ranchero
1550	KIVA	Albuquerque, NM	soft AC
1580	new	Middleton, TN	new
1590	WZUM	Paradise, NV	easy listening
1590	WZUM	Carnegie, PA	southern gospel "1590 The Promise"
1600	WLWZ	Bayamon, PR	silent

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

540	WLIE	Islip, NY	2500/220 DA-2 to 10000/250 DA-2
670	WVVT	Essex Junction, VA	5000/300 DA-3 to 15000/280 DA-3
720	WVOA	Dewitt, NY	2500/390 DA-N to 10000/390 DA-2
770	WEW	St Louis, MO	1000 ND-D to 10000/200 DA-3
790	KBRV	Soda Springs, ID	5000/29 ND to 5000/27 ND
840	KXNT	North Las Vegas, NV	5000/25000 DA-2 to 50000/16000 DA2
850	WFTL	West Palm Beach, FL	50000/24000 DA-2 to 50000/20000 DA-2
860	KTRB	San Francisco, CA	50000/50000 DA-2 to 50000/50000 DA-N
920	WURA	Quantico, VA	2000/970 DA-2 to 7000/970 DA-2
930	WEZZ	Monroeville, AL	5000 ND-D to 450 ND
960	WSVU	North Palm Beach, FL	1200/1400 DA-2 to 24000/1400 DA-2
1010	WOLB	Baltimore, MD	250/30 ND to 1000/30 ND
1050	KTCT	San Mateo, CA	50000/10000 DA-2 to 50000/50000 DA-2
1110	KJSA	Mineral Wells, TX	2000 DA-D to 50000 DA-2
1120	KTXW	Manor, TX	250/153 DA-2 to 430/153 DA-2
1140	KHFX	Gleburne, TX	5000/710 DA-2 to 25000/710 DA-2
1160	WCFO	East Point, GA	50000/160 DA-2 to 50000/138 DA-D
1190	new	Pine Bluff, AR	10000/350 DA-N to 25000/350 DA-2
1210	WDGR	Dahlonoga, GA	10000 ND-D to 20000/1 DA-2
1260	WISO	Ponce, PR	2500/2500 ND to 25000/2000 ND
1280	KZNS	Salt Lake City, UT	50000/670 DA-2 to 50000/725 DA-2
1280	WNAM	Neenah-Menasha, WI	5000/5000 DA-2 to 50000/5000 DA-2
1290	WATO	Oak Ridge, TN	5000/500 DA-2 to 10000/14 ND
1310	KGLB	St Peter, MN	870/260 DA-2 to 2500/270 DA-2
1380	KRKO	Everett, WA	34000/50000 DA-N to 50000/50000 DA-N
1430	WEEF	Highland Park, IL	1000/29 DA-2 to 1600/750 DA-2
1540	KGBC	Galveston, TX	2500/250 DA-2 to 5000/187 DA-N
1570	WTLK	Taylorville, NC	1000/244 ND to 900/198 ND

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

640	WMEN	Royal Palm Beach, FL	7500/460 DA-2 to 50000/25000 DA-2
680	WRGC	Syva, NC	1000/250 DA-N to 5000/210 DA-N
900	new	Bend, OR	50000/2000 DA-2 to 500000/2400 DA-2
940	KDIL	Dillon, MT	10000/350 DA-2 to 10000/250 DA-2
940	KICE	Bend, OR	10000/60 DA-2 to 10000/95 DA-2
1030	KWFA	Tye, TX	5000/370 DA-2 to 5000/650 DA-2
1040	KURS	San Diego, CA	360/61 ND to 360/61
1080	WNWI	Oak Lawn, IL	3000/900 DA-N to 3000/2600 DA-N
1080	WOAP	Owosso, MI	1000 ND-D to 50000/4500 DA-2
1090	KUCU	Farmington, NM	1500/250 DA-2 to 10000/250 DA-2 (CP)
1120	KANJ	Roy, UT	10000/900 DA-2 to 10000/1100 DA-2
1170	WPLX	Germanatown, TN	1000 ND-D to 5000/26 DA-3
1230	KSIX	Corpus Christi, TX	1000/1000 ND to 720/720 ND

1300	KSET	Slisbee, TX	500 ND-D to 1500/320 DA-2
1300	WKCY	Harrisonburg, VA	5700/22 ND to 6400/5 ND
1330	WKTA	Evanston, IL	5000/17 DA-D to 5000/110 DA-2
1360	KBUY	Ruidoso, NM	5000/199 DA-1 to 9000/201 ND
1380	WAGS	Bishopville, SC	1000/67 ND to 5000/38 ND
1430	KLO	Ogden, UT	10000/5000 DA-2 to 25000/5000 DA-2
1450	KOBO	Yuba City, CA	500/1000 ND to 160/250 ND2
1460	WJTI	Racine, WI	500/62 ND to 350/49 ND
1460	WXOK	Baton Rouge, LA	5000/1000 DA-N to 4700/290 ND
1520	new	Savannah, GA	50000/700 DA-2 to 50000/780 DA-3
1530	WENG	Englewood, FL	1000 ND-D to 1 ND (1 watt/1-ye ed)
1540	KTTG	Spring Harbor, MI	450 ND-D to 400 ND
1550	KIVA	Albuquerque, NM	5000/120 ND to 10000/27 ND
1550	WQZQ	Clarksville, TN	2500/10 ND to 2000 ND-D
1560	KGOW	Bellaire, TX	50000/100 DA-D to 15000 DA-2
1590	WGBW	Two Rivers, WI	1000/33 ND to 10000/200 DA-2
1600	KRKE	Albuquerque, NM	10000/175 ND to 50000/175 ND

PUBLIC LISTINGS COURTESY OF THE RADIO JOURNAL.COM AND 100000WATTS.COM:

- 1240: KWAK Stuttgart AR returns to the air with ESPN sports.
- 1350: WAFK Akron OH Fox sports replaces Sporting News Radio.
- 1370: WDEF Chattanooga TN flips from ESPN to Fox sports.
- 1550: KDCC Dodge City KS flips from Sporting News Radio as "The Sports Hound 1550."

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Pat Martin sends along the following dated 5/21/09:

We have a pirate on the air on 17.10 from the Puget Sound. I think. Heard last night in Russian. I am getting bits of it now. I thought it might have been from FE Russia as I first caught it around Midnight last night. (PM-OR)

Dale Park sends along the following from rbr.com dated 5/22/09:

KLOKbuster in San Jose

Multi-ethnic specialist Principle Broadcasting Network has a deal that will put it into its fourth major market – and seller Univision will have a little more cash to play with. PBN is getting 1170 kHz KLOK-AM in San Jose. According to brokerage Kaili & Co. Inc., the price tag reads \$7.65M. In the world of Arbitron, San Jose is embedded in the San Francisco market. PBN will add it to a portfolio which already includes outposts in New York, Boston and Dallas. PBN President/CEO Bill Saurer commented: "Principle looks forward to working with and serving the rich variety of cultures that populate the bay area with a very powerful signal," strongly indicating that a switch to Ethnic programming is in store. He's also talking about KLOK's 50 kw-D and 5 kw-N. Univision, meanwhile, will not have to sacrifice KLOK's programming in a market where it owns and operates a number of stations. The Radio Cadena format will move over to KBRG-FM's HD2 side channel. RBR/TVBR observation: It seems that prices are finding their way to what the real market will bear, and as a result, deals are slowly starting to get done. But it's still too early to call it a trend. (DP-HI)

John Johnson passes along the following from the Salt Lake City, UT Deseret News dated 5/22/09:

Catholic radio coming to Utah, By Lynn Arave, Deseret News
Catholic radio is coming to Utah later this summer. Immaculate Heart Radio announced earlier this month that it is purchasing 50,000-watt KCPW AM 1010 from Community Wireless of Park City Inc. According to Radio and Records, the purchase price is \$900,000. This will be the network's 22nd station. It will air Catholic programming, news, talk and information, 24 hours a day. Immaculate currently has 12 radio stations in California and nine in New Mexico. The station is licensed to Tooele, but the towers are located closer to Salt Lake City, and the signal reaches most of Utah. "We are very excited to serve the church in this way by bringing the best Catholic programming from around the country and around the world to Utah," Doug Sherman, Immaculate Heart Radio president, said in a press release. "The transaction will close in August, and our broadcasts will begin at that time. Soon after that we will begin local programming, including The Bishop's Hour, which will highlight the great work of the church and laity in the Diocese of Salt Lake, and give Bishop (John C.) Wester an opportunity to use the radio to reach his flock." "We will pray that this endeavor will be a source of grace for the Diocese and a tool for promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Bishop Wester said. In the meantime, AM-1010 is likely to continue to simulcast sister station KPCW from Park City on the frequency. Community Wireless paid \$2 million when it bought the station some years ago. The money from the sale will help pay some of the debt it owes on its new studios at 60 Swede Alley in Park City. Immaculate Heart Radio was founded in 1997 with its first station, KJHM in Reno, Nev. Its programming is primarily focused on evangelization and catechesis, but devotional hours, including the Rosary and Mass, and Catholic news from around the world are also key elements in the broadcast day. More information is available at www.ihradio.org, or by calling 866-77 HEART. (JJ-MT)

Pat Martin sends along the following dated 5/22/09:

I just thought I would pass on that KORC 820 Waldport is off as I checked this morning and not a peep, just a weak phased KGNW. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following dated 5/22/09:

(Part of excerpt): The San Diego Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 1650 kHz was allegedly operating in Flagstaff, Arizona. On May 17, 2005, agents from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that a radio transmitter operating on the frequency 1650 kHz was located on West University Street, Flagstaff, Arizona. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station at this location on 1650 kHz in Flagstaff, Arizona. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin and Mike Sanburn send along the following from Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA dated 5/30/09:
From the May 16 Daily Olympian (Olympia, WA), <http://www.theolympian.com/southsound/story/852499.html>

KG7-1240 is building a new tower and ground system. The existing studio and tower, as I recall, are on pilings extending into Puget Sound, and the Port of Olympia wants to use the site for other things in few years. Hence, the station is building the new antenna 400 feet from the old one. I suspect the salt water has corroded the current tower and ground system a bit. Like the article says, the signal should be better on the new stick. (PM-OR/MS-CA)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Las Vegas, NV Review-Journal dated 5/28/09:

Local radio station finalizes deal to air Dodgers games, By **TODD DEWEY, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL**

Tom Humm grew up in Las Vegas listening with his father to legendary announcer Vin Scully call Los Angeles Dodgers games on the radio. This season, for the first time in more than 40 years here, Dodgers games haven't been broadcast on the radio in Southern Nevada. But Humm, the market manager for the Beasley Broadcast Group, helped change that Wednesday when he finalized a two-year deal for KBET-AM (790) to carry all Dodgers games for the rest of this season and next – including the playoffs, World Series and weekend spring training games. The station, which is changing its format from country legends to sports radio, will air Friday's game in a test run before broadcasting all Dodgers games in their entirety, including a 10-minute pregame and postgame show, starting Monday. "The Dodgers are definitely the cornerstone to launching our sports station, especially with their large following in Las Vegas," Humm said. "We're extremely excited to get these guys." Dodgers games were first broadcast here on KBAD-AM (920), formerly KORK-AM, from the mid-1960s through 1979. KDOWN-AM (720), another Beasley station, carried them through 2000, and KSFN-AM (1140) aired the games from 2001 to 2008 before switching to kids programming this year, leaving the Dodgers without a partner in Las Vegas. The team had reached an agreement with KVVN-AM (1100), the local ESPN Radio affiliate, to air one game per week this season before Beasley agreed to carry all the games, nullifying the other deal. "Our goal was to really call the games in Las Vegas," said Lauryn Lukin, the Dodgers' vice president of broadcasting. "We're really excited to have (KBET) on board. It's very important to us that our fans will be able to hear all the Dodgers games in Las Vegas." During the regular season, Scully will be simulcast for the first three innings, with Charley Steiner and Rick Monday calling the rest of the game. During the playoffs, Scully will be simulcast for the entire game. On Tuesday, KBET started airing the "Serious Sports Talk" show hosted by Carmine (Pat Casale) and Jimmy (Jimmy Tuma), from 9:30 to 11:30 am Monday through Friday. Humm said it could take a couple of months before the station completes its transition to sports programming. "We're looking at about a 60-day process to see what we want to add to the station," he said. "As we continue to transition to all sports over the next 30 to 60 days, we'll continue to play country music in between our sports programming." Humm said he's considering broadcasting NFL, NHL, NBA and college football and basketball games on the station. "There's just a tremendous amount of opportunity out there," he said. "A lot of franchises want to get into (the) Las Vegas (market)." (DP-H)

Dale Park sends along the following from **Milve.com** dated 5/30/09:

Grand Rapids all-sports station WBBL moves to 107.3 FM; WKLU shifts to Web, by The Grand Rapids Press

GRAND RAPIDS – WBBL is taking its ball and leaving – for the FM dial. Citadel Broadcasting announced Thursday afternoon that the sports radio station known as "The Ball" will move to 107.3 FM, the former home of rock station WKLU. The switch officially took place at 3 pm Thursday. WBBL had been at the 1340 AM location since going to an all-sports format in 1994. It airs a number of live events, including the West Michigan Whitecaps, Michigan State football and basketball and the Detroit Pistons, Red Wings and Tigers. The evening Tigers games still will be carried on 97 WLAY. It has been the home to local daily talk shows "The Huge Show" with Bill Simonson and "On The Bench" with Bret Bakita. WBBL also has picked up a number of national broadcasts through its partnership with Westwood One, and national talk shows, such as "The Jim Rome Show" and ESPN's "Mike & Mike in the Morning." (DP-H)

Dennis Gibson passes along the following re KR/VZ-1400 Springerville, AZ dated 6/3/09:

Maybe somebody along the way forgot to mention that the power increase during the day and decrease at night would be part of a move to 1370. http://fiatfoss.fcc.gov/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getattachment_exh.cgi?exhibit_id=570599&formid=301&q_num=5110. (DG-CA)

Dennis Gibson sends in a correction to a tip from Dale Park from last month's column, correction dated 6/3/09:

KTRB-860 is licensed to San Francisco. KMPH-840 is licensed to Modesto. KMPH uses the old KTRB-860 towers with some new programming to modify both the day and night patterns from what they were on 860. <http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?list=0&facid=66246>, <http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?list=0&facid=137401>.

(Original tip-ye ed): Dale Park sends along the following from the **SFgate.com** (San Francisco, CA) dated 5/15/09:

SF Chronicle, A's radio channel to go all-sports.

The A's radio channel, KTRB 860 (Modesto, CA-ye ed), is going all-sports Monday. The station will have syndicated shows on the air whenever the A's are not, beginning with "Todd & Tyler's Radio Empire" from 6-10 am weekdays. Later shows include "Myers & Hartman," with Chris Myers and Steve Hartman. The shows will be live except from 9-10 am. The original article can be found on **SFGate.com** here: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2009/05/14/SPB817K94C-DTL>. (Note-article won't load-ye ed). (DG-CA)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Quad City, IL Times dated 6/4/09:

New book explores pioneering Quad-City radio station, Story Discussion John Willard
In his book "WQUA, Moline's Hometown Station," author Dave Coopman writes that the radio station flourished at 1230 on the AM dial under the ownership of G. LaVerne Flambo, above, a successful promoter of big-name entertainment shows and teen dances during the 1950s. The station launched or aided the

careers of numerous on-air personalities, including some still familiar to Quad-City audiences such as William "Spike" O'Dell, Paula Sands and Jim Abrecht. Dave Coopman has tuned in his broadcasting background and love of local history to write another nostalgia-packed book about Quad-City radio. His latest work explores WQUA, which was on the air from 1946 until 1983. Billed as "Moline's Hometown Radio Station," the pioneering rock 'n' roll music outlet, 1230 on the AM dial, was a proving ground for William "Spike" O'Dell, Paula Sands, Jim Abrecht and many others who went on to broadcasting success. "WQUA, Moline's Hometown Station" is Coopman's second book exploring the golden age of Quad-City radio. In 1998, he published "Someplace Special... KSTT: A History of the Station and its People," a richly detailed book at the popular top-40 station of the 1960s and '70s. Like "Someplace Special," his book on WQUA brims with photos, promotional and advertising images, programming schedules, station logos and other graphics. The thorough and fact-laden account examines ownership and format changes, the comings and goings of announcers, and the station's glory days under owner G. LaVerne Flambo, the impresario who brought big-name entertainers to the Quad-Cities and introduced the popular "Crocodile Club" teen dances of the 1950s. A former Rock Island County Historical Society president who managed his college radio station and later worked as a broadcasting engineer, Coopman was encouraged to write "WQUA" by several former employees who also worked at KSTT. Published under the banner of Heritage Documentaries Inc., a local nonprofit organization with a goal of producing educational and historical projects, the indexed, 95-page, soft-cover book is available for \$15 at the Rock Island County Historical Society in Moline. KSTT and WQUA flourished in an era when Quad-City radio stations were operated by independent owners who had their offices on the premises, not by distant corporate chains as is the case today, Coopman said. "KSTT probably is better-known today, but WQUA was a good all-around station. And it also played rock 'n' roll before KSTT did," he said. Coopman, 60, graduated in 1970 from what was then St. Ambrose College in Davenport, where he managed the student radio station, KALA. He has worked as an engineer at several Quad-City radio and television stations, taught English at Moline High School and worked more than 20 years in sales management. In piecing together the history of WQUA, he combed Broadcasting magazine yearbooks, Federal Communications Commission records, newspapers and other sources. He also interviewed many former employees and others associated with local radio. WQUA signed on Sept. 23, 1946, from studios at 1319 5th Ave., Moline, and built a state-of-the-art studio at the northeast corner of 6th Avenue and 18th Street some 22 years later. The station was owned by the Moline Broadcasting Co., whose principals were broadcasting veteran Bruff Olin, Davenport industrialist G. Decker French and Davenport lawyer Howard Eckerman. The station blossomed under "Vern" Flambo, who became general manager in 1950 and was owner from 1955 until 1960. Coopman writes that Flambo was "the man who put the Quad-Cities on the entertainment map with his big-name shows and promotions, and who took great pleasure in developing the talent of many young people in the broadcasting field." Announcers who honed their skills at WQUA over the years include Spike O'Dell, now a star and host of the morning-drive time slot at radio station WGN-AM in Chicago; Paula Sands, news anchor and host of "Paula Sands Live" on KWQC-TV; and Jim Abrecht, who was sports director at WQAD-TV and later hosted a talk show on radio station WOC-AM for more than a decade while becoming the play-by-play announcer for the Quad-City Steamwheelers. In addition to nurturing young broadcasters, WQUA attracted proven talent such as Jack Carey, whose "Coffee with Carey" was a hit show in the 1970s. Other veteran announcers recruited at WQUA included Adam Jones, host of the "All Night First Fight" during the 1960s and '70s, and Jim McShane, who became immensely popular with listeners and advertisers alike during the '70s. After going through various format changes, WQUA dropped its identity in 1983 to become WMRZ, which featured hits from the 1950s and '60s. That format lasted until 1990, when the station became WLLR-AM. Today, it broadcasts sports talk and events as WFXN. In an age of corporate ownership of radio stations and programming ruled by consultants, Coopman says WQUA is worth remembering. "Young people today ought to know what radio was like 30 years ago," he adds. Contact the city desk at (563) 383-2245 or newsroom@qctimes.com. (DP-H)

Dale Park sends along the following from the South Lincoln County (OR.) News dated 6/4/09:

KORC deal falls through – station is off the air, By Larry Coonrod, South Lincoln County News
KORC fell silent on May 16 after a deal to keep the south county's only radio station alive collapsed. "I am very disappointed in this turn of events for a number of reasons," said Larry Proffitt, who along with his wife Margie has owned KORC since 2003. "Waldport's only radio station is now silent at a time when it's needed most." The Profitts decided to sell the station and retire last year. However, as the weakening economy hammered ad revenue, finding a buyer became difficult. The initial asking price of \$285,000 dropped to \$129,000. Just days before the Profitts were scheduled to shut the station down on March 31, Georgia Triangle Broadcasting signed a letter of intent to purchase the station for an undisclosed sum. Georgia Triangle Broadcasting is based in Thomasville, GA, and owned by Steven Blood. Blood planned to make KORC the flagship station for his syndicated Rocket Radio Network, which he operates under the moniker of Woody Nelson. On April 1, Blood switched KORC's format from oldies and country music to a blend of hard rock and shock jock shows and in a phone message to the South Lincoln County News referred to himself as the "man who is going to save KORC." Georgia Triangle Broadcasting had been operating the station under a time brokerage agreement since April, which expired on May 16 when no offer to purchase was forthcoming. Larry Proffitt said Blood told him he was not happy with the report on the station's broadcasting equipment done by an independent consultant. Proffitt had been optimistic that the internet broadcasting business model Blood planned to implement would have been very successful. "The proposed business plan by Georgia Triangle Broadcasting for KORC could have been a 'Win-Win' for the community," he said. KORC is now listed for sale through Windermere Real Estate for \$125,000. Proffitt estimated that starting a similar 1,000-watt station from scratch would cost about \$300,000, not counting the five-acres of land needed for a tower. "I want to thank Georgia Triangle Broadcasting for considering KORC for their 'Flag-Ship' station position. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors," Proffitt said. KORC first went on the air in 1988. (DP-H)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Denver, CO Post dated 6/6/09:

More layoffs at Clear Channel, By Joanne Ostrow, Denver Post Television Critic
Clear Channel of Colorado today announced the layoffs of 24 staffers, more than half of them part-time employees, as part of a series of national cutbacks by the parent corporation. The layoffs and job

eliminations mark the end of a "restructuring" that began in January and has proceeded in two rounds, totaling some 50 full and part-time personnel. Affected departments are engineering, accounting, traffic, continuity and programming. Additionally, KOA will now provide news for four other markets: Colorado Springs/Pueblo, Ft. Collins, Minneapolis and Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The effect was most significant on the FM side, where "G Man" and George McFly were among those laid off. The layoffs will have "no effect on the KOA newscast," according to AM program director Kris Olinger. Joanne Ostrow: 303-954-1830 or josrow@denverpost.com. (DP-HI)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Doug Smith of Pleasant View, TN dated 6/8/09:

CBC listeners express concern about loss of Whitehorse AM signal
CBC Whitehorse's current AM transmitter, located in the city's Porter Creek area, will be shut down in September. A CBC decision to change its Whitehorse transmitter to FM from AM has people who live in rural areas of the Yukon concerned they'll lose their signal. Pete Beattie, who lives at Lake Laberge, is one of a group of Yukon residents who have circulated a petition against the move. Beattie, who says CBC Radio is part of daily life for him and his neighbours, worries he'll lose the CBC signal because AM usually transmits over a larger area than FM. Beattie also wonders how they'll be kept informed during emergencies like forest fires. "I suppose it would be easy to think of any number of events like that where the AM signal would be really good," he told CBC News. Area residents have organized petitions asking both the federal and territorial governments to get involved. A petition to the House of Commons asks "that Parliament permanently maintain AM transmission from Whitehorse, Yukon (one of Canada's 13 capital cities) so that every rural Yukoner will be able to tune into CBC." Opposition parties in the Yukon are also urging action to save the AM signal. CBC North regional director John Agnew said he has no choice but to end AM radio in Whitehorse. The Radio One transmitter in the city's Porter Creek area has to be removed to make way for residential development, at the city's request, in the new Whistlebend subdivision. Moving it elsewhere would run into the millions of dollars, Agnew said, so it's far cheaper to add another FM transmitter to the Radio 2 tower on Canyon Mountain, which is known locally as Grey Mountain. The new transmitter will be more powerful than the current Radio 2 transmitter, he said. "We are satisfied from an engineering point of view that we will meet the requirements of our broadcasting licence, but how much further the signal will transmit beyond that I don't know," he said. The CBC has a mandate to broadcast within a 20-kilometre radius of Whitehorse. In addition to the main FM transmitter on Grey Mountain, a second repeater transmitter will be put on a different hilltop to make sure Whitehorse and the immediate area are served, Agnew said. The changeover is slated for August, but CBC will broadcast in both AM and FM while technicians work out any glitches in the system. (PM-OR)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Chicago, IL Sun-Times dated 6/9/09:

WSCR has its eye on FM dial, SPORTS TALK RADIO, HD frequency may just be first step for home of the White Sox, BY LEWIS LAZARE Media & Marketing Columnist
Within 30 days, sports-talk WSCR-AM (670) expects to be simulcasting on one of adult hits WJMK-FM's (104.3) three HD frequencies, according to CBS Radio Market Manager Rod Zimmerman. Both WSCR, the radio home of the White Sox, and WJMK are CBS Radio properties. The simulcast means WSCR fans who have access to an HD radio receiver will be able to hear the station's programming with a much higher quality sound than that now available on the AM frequency. But sources familiar with developments think the move to add an HD frequency at WSCR could be the first step toward a full-blown simulcast of WSCR on WJMK. In October 2007, CBS Radio made a similar move in Detroit, where its AM sports outlet is now simulcast on an FM frequency. Such a move at WSCR would likely have the immediate effect of boosting the station's ratings, which have been languishing. The addition of the HD simulcast, by itself, is not expected to substantially affect WSCR's ratings. Though Chicago is a sports market second to none, in the April Arbitron ratings book, WSCR pulled a 1.8 rating Monday through Sunday – good enough for only 26th place in the market in the key 25- to 54-year-old demographic. The numbers were disappointing, even though the April book included the first full month of White Sox broadcasts. (DP-HI)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Deane McIntyre of Calgary, AB dated 6/10/09:

CHTO-1690 Toronto ON has applied to the CRTC to increase its daytime power from 1kW to 3kW. Night power will remain 1kW. [http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009-339.htm#2](http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-339.htm#2). Toronto, Ontario, Application No. 2009-0785-0.

Application by Canadian Hellenic Toronto Radio Inc. relating to the broadcasting license for the ethnic AM commercial radio programming undertaking CHTO Toronto. The licensee proposes to change the authorized contours of CHTO by increasing the daytime transmitter power from 1,000 watts to 3,000 watts (non-directional antenna). All other technical parameters remain unchanged. The licensee stated that the proposed changes will result in better signal quality within its licensed area and more specifically, for its listeners located in Mississauga and Brampton who are currently experiencing poor reception of CHTO. The modification will increase the population within the 15mV/m contour from 468,000 to 672,000 people and within the 5mV/m contour from 850,000 to 1,442,000 people. (PM-OR)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Ashland, OH Times-Gazette dated 6/13/09:

WNCO-AM switching to news-talk format, Effect of Monday's change on local programming remains unclear. By GINGER CHRIST, T-G Staff Writer

Big changes are coming to the Ashland radio scene according to announcements airing Thursday on WNCO-AM 1340, leaving in doubt the fate of the station's local programming. Beginning Monday, WNCO-AM will ditch its "Timeless Classics" music format and become "Mid-Ohio's Talk Station" featuring a series of syndicated talk shows including conservative Sean Hannity, Mark Levin and the conservative political talk show, "Quinn and Rose," according to Thursday's promotional spots. No one at the local station would comment about what the changes would mean for local programming or staffing at the local studios on U.S. 42. Several personnel in both the Ashland and Mansfield offices contacted by the Times-Gazette referred questions to the general manager and the market manager, who both were said to be on vacation. But it would appear much of the local programming that has been interspersed amid the syndicated satellite feed of music from the 1950s, '60s and '70s won't be around come Monday on the local AM outlet owned by media giant Clear Channel Communications. On the air, local hosts, including longtime WNCO staffer Gene Davis

on his morning show "Anything Goes," referenced the end of their shows. Promotional spots for the new talk format mentioned "the day the music died," and suggested listeners turn to Clear Channel sister station Cruisin' 100, 100.1-FM for their favorite oldies. "We hope you stick around for our final goodbyes this weekend, and we hope you tune in for our new format Monday," the spot concluded. It appears none of the changes will affect sister station WNCO-FM, 101.3, which features a country music format. Clear Channel's corporate media office in San Antonio on Thursday refused to comment on the WNCO changes. "We don't speak for the local stations at corporate. Those decisions are handled locally," said Deanna G. Blount, executive assistant to Clear Channel's chief communications officer Lisa Dollinger. Clear Channel owns and operates more than 1,200 radio stations in the United States, including 72 in Ohio. The two WNCO outlets are among the seven stations owned by Clear Channel in the Mansfield and Ashland area. Across the country, Clear Channel has cut nearly 2,400 employees in its radio division in large and small markets across the country since the first of the year. Veteran reporter and news anchor Dave Pennell of WMAN-AM 1400, who covered a lot of Ashland news out of Clear Channel's Mansfield newsroom, was among the victims of the April personnel reductions. Clear Channel closed down the Ashland station's news operation seven years ago. (DP-HI)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Deane McIntyre of Calgary, AB dated 6/16/09:

The application of CFLN-1230 Goose Bay NF to move to FM (97.9 MHz, 1kW, 25.4 meters) to move to FM has been approved by the CRTC. Its relay station in Wabush NF, CFLW-1340, is also moving to FM (94.7 MHz, 1kW, 26.4 meters). Note that while CFLN operates at the now usual 1kW graveyards level, CFLW still operates at 250 watts, one of the few graveyards to still do so. <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-348.htm>.

CFLN Goose Bay and its transmitter CFLW Wabush – Conversion to the FM band
1. The Commission approves the applications by Newcap Inc. (Newcap) for a broadcasting license to operate a new English-language, commercial FM radio programming undertaking in Goose Bay Newfoundland and Labrador, to replace its AM station CFLN Goose Bay and for the conversion to the FM band of its transmitter CFLW Wabush. The terms and conditions of license for the new station and its transmitter are set out in the appendix to this decision. The implementation of the station and its transmitter is subject to the notification by the Department of Industry set out in the appendix to this decision. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection to these applications.

Simulcast period and revocation of AM license
7. As set out in the appendix to this decision, Newcap is authorized to simulcast the programming of the new FM station on CFLN Goose Bay and CFLW Wabush for a transition period of three months following the commencement of operations of the FM station. Pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act, and consistent with the licensee's request, the Commission will revoke the license for CFLN and its transmitter CFLW Wabush effective at the end of the simulcast period. The station will operate at 97.9 MHz (channel 250A) with an average effective radiated power (ERP) of 1,000 watts (non-directional antenna/effective height of antenna above average terrain of 25.4 metres). The transmitter in Wabush will operate at 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). (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Deane McIntyre of Calgary, AB dated 6/16/09:

The application by CBE-1550 Windsor ON to move to FM (97.5 MHz, 3.2 kW, 130.1 meters), with a relay transmitter in Leamington ON (91.9 MHz, 5.3 kW, 73.6 meters) has been approved by the CRTC. Excluding low power relay stations (LPRT's), this was the last CBC English station on AM between Winnipeg and Newfoundland (I think – unsure of the status of CBI Sydney NS which ran into problems with its conversion and is still listed as operating on AM in the IC database). <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-349.htm>.

CBE Windsor – Conversion to FM band and new transmitter in Leamington
The Commission approves the application by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language FM radio programming undertaking in Windsor to replace its station CBE and to operate an FM transmitter in Leamington.
Introduction

1. The Commission received an application by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language FM radio programming undertaking in Windsor to replace its existing AM station CBE Windsor. The new station would operate at 97.5 MHz (channel 248B) with an average effective radiated power (ERP) of 3,200 watts. The station would maintain the current format, which includes both programming received from the CBC's national Radio One network and local programming.

2. The application by the CBC was originally announced in Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing 2008-14. In its initial application as set out in that notice, the CBC also proposed to operate a new FM transmitter in Leamington at 91.5 MHz. At the request of the CBC, the application was withdrawn from the 26 January 2009 hearing in Orillia and rescheduled at the 30 March 2009 hearing in the National Capital Region. The CBC indicated that it had received notification by the Department of Industry (the Department) that it was not in a position to technically approve the use of the frequency 91.5 MHz as the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) had received an application for that frequency prior to the CBC's filing of its technical brief. In its amended application, the CBC proposed to operate the new FM transmitter in Leamington at 91.9 MHz (channel 220B1) with an average ERP of 5,300 watts.

6. As set out in the appendix to this decision, the licensee is authorized to simulcast the programming of the new FM station on CBE Windsor for a transition period of three months following the commencement of operations of the FM station. Pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act, and consistent with the licensee's request, the Commission revokes the licence for CBE effective at the end of the simulcast period.

7. As agreed to by the CBC, the Commission expects that within 30 days of the implementation of the FM radio station in Windsor, the CBC will apply for the revocation of the authorization granted in Broadcasting Decision 2008-102 for a nested FM transmitter on the 102.3 MHz frequency in Windsor. Issuance of the broadcasting licence to operate an English-language FM radio programming undertaking in Windsor and an

FM transmitter in Leamington, Ontario. The licence will expire 31 August 2015. The station will operate at 97.5 MHz (channel 248B) with an average effective radiated power (ERP) of 3,200 watts (maximum ERP of 19,000 watts with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 130.1 metres). The transmitter will operate at 91.9 MHz (channel 220B1) with an average ERP of 5,300 watts (maximum ERP of 10,450 watts with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 73.6 metres). (PM-OR)

Dale Park sends along the following from the Plainview, TX Daily Herald dated 6/17/09:

KKYN radio programming is on KREW. By the PDH
After the KKYN radio tower was struck by lightning and knocked off the air, KKYN programming can be heard on KREW (1400-AM) until the 106.9 FM signal is restored, probably in a couple of days. In times of inclement weather, National Weather Service reports are available on any Plainview Radio station. (DP-HI)

Dale Park sends along the following from USA Today dated 6/20/09:

Blindness no barrier for Rays radio broadcaster Olliu, Ray Glier. Special for USA TODAY
ST PETERSBURG, FL — Enrique Olliu rocks in his chair in the Tampa Bay Rays broadcast booth, his head cocked in the air, not pointed toward the diamond below. He describes what he just heard, not what he just saw. "That sound from the fans when Carlos Pena struck out sounded like they were disgusted, so I said on the air, 'Carlos swung at a bad pitch,'" Olliu said. "You don't hear that reaction very much from fans when he is up." Sure enough, on a two-strike changeup, trying to protect himself at the plate, Pena swung at a pitch that was up and away. It was his mind's eye that offered the perfect view for Olliu. It is that way on every pitch, because he is blind. Olliu, the 47-year-old analyst for the Rays Spanish-language radio broadcasts, has been rocking in that chair since 1998 and uses memory, pregame interviews with players, his alliance with play-by-play man Ricardo Taveras, and a passion for the game to make up for what should be an obvious obstacle. He can't see the field, but he handles the calls in the booth as routinely as a second baseman does a two-hopper. "When I first got here and heard about the team's blind announcer, I am thinking, like a lot of people, 'This is a joke, right?'" Rays catcher Dioner Navarro said. "And then you meet him and you see his ability to recall statistics and events and talk the game. I told him the names of my wife and kids one time, and he remembered them. 'I know he should have his limitations, but it is hard to know what they might be.'" Olliu has been blind since his birth in Nicaragua and can only make out bright lights, yet he has a feel for the game that makes him effective. His wife, Debra Perry, sits to his right and will lean in and whisper a statistic between pitches or at-bats, but the rest is up to Olliu. "My parents told me I had to outwork people because I was behind the 8 ball," Olliu said. "They said it wasn't good enough to be just as good. I've always felt that way. This is something my parents and teachers at the blind school said. You had to be better." Olliu will miss some plays, and occasionally a listener will call the next day's talk show and beat him up. Olliu will not come back and say, "I'm blind, give me a break." "My father said, 'I don't want to hear any excuses,' and I don't give any," Olliu said. "I miss some calls. My friends in the business tell me they miss some calls, too."

Making conversation. Olliu has friends in the broadcast business and in the Rays clubhouse, as well as in the dining hall, concourses, and everywhere, it seems. It is how he does his job and plows through a barrier, that endears him to others. He is asking and listening, then telling. "If I go to a meal with Enrique, I will know the name of the valet, I will know the name of the hat-check person, the captain, and not only will I know them, I will know their taste in music and where they are from and where they went to school," said Marc Haze, an engineer on the broadcasts. "I've been blessed that people want to talk to me," Olliu said. "You don't have a chance to see people, so you talk to them. My parents told me, 'You couldn't hide because you are blind.'" The players help Olliu the most because of their insight. When left-hander David Price first pitched for the Rays and Olliu heard broadcasters remark about Price's unusual delivery, Olliu had trouble envisioning the motion, so he went to manager Joe Maddon. "I asked Joe to walk me through it, so he tilted my arm, tilted my body, and used my arm to show it," Olliu said. "I got a picture of Price's delivery. I could see how hard the ball was to pick up. "I'll exchange pictures with Joe, those things that I think I am seeing, and ask him what he is seeing. We will see the same things: Somebody's bat is too slow; somebody is chasing pitches." In some circles, Olliu might be viewed as something to marvel over and not respect. The Rays, however, bow to their Latin linguist. "We think he is amazing," Navarro said. "He can start a conversation out of nothing." Olliu offers commentary on the action after the play-by-play call of Taveras, who first broadcast Rays games in 2000. Taveras has a booming, and still graceful, voice that fills the booth, and Olliu follows with insight, which he has drawn from conversations in the clubhouse with players before the game, and newspaper information and statistics recited to him by his wife. For somebody who is blind, Olliu uses the word "see" frequently, and he will often exclaim in an excited voice. "Did you see that?" "He and I are an automatic combination, because all the time he has something correct to say after I say something," Taveras said. "I don't want to change this guy at all."

Making most of audition. Olliu got his first break in 1989 when the "Ripleys Believe it or Not" television show heard about him doing sports commentary for a local station. They arranged for him to call one inning of a game of the Jacksonville Expos, a Class AA team. Ripley's was there for a carnival act. Olliu was there for a shot at a dream. He was so adept that instead of one inning, the club allowed him to work three. When it was over, he had a demo tape and held tight to it while he did various broadcasts around Tampa. In 1988, Olliu heard about the opening in the Rays' Latin booth and approached his friend, Orestes Destrade, who was then the Rays' director of community affairs. Destrade, now an analyst with ESPN who like Olliu attended Florida College, approached Rick Vaughn, the club's vice president of communications. They decided to let Olliu audition in an exhibition game just before the start of the season. "He was amazing," Vaughn said. "His knowledge of the game, and how he handled himself, the poise, just won people over." "When the team is on the road, Olliu and Taveras will call the game off TV from the booth at Tropicana Field. Olliu has a full-time job in the public defender's office as a liaison between the jail and the attorney. Rays fans can be amazed by the voice in the box. Victor Perez, a season ticketholder, said he and his family will watch some games at home and turn down the English broadcast on TV and then up the sound on the Spanish radio broadcast. "When I first heard him, I never knew he couldn't see, then I am 'wow,'" said Perez, who is retired and lives in St. Petersburg. "He is incredible. Very good. My family, my friends, we don't know how he does it. Incredible." (DP-HI)

Tim Noonan passes on his monthly list of FCC call changes dated 6/15/09. Thanks, Tim! (TN-WI)

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Date of Column: 6/22/09. Well, I've relocated to Colorado Springs, CO area is very nice, started my new job 6/15. We've also sold our house in southern California so family will be joining me here in late July or so and we will be buying a new condo out here, so I will only be in this apartment for about 3 months at the most. Been in my new apartment since 6/13/09, and got to Colorado Springs on 6/6/09 after leaving Las Cruces on 6/5/09. 3 more months until the IRCA convention in Albuquerque, Mike and I are starting to get stuff finalized for the convention, hope to see many of you there. Summer solstice occurred, so DX should start improving from this point on. 73s.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1060 (KHBC) **H**, Hilo per phone call to DJ Brad Freeman 6/25, station went off the air in Jan. for economic reasons (programming was already on KHBC-FM 92.7 and KHWI-FM 92.1) but he hopes to return to AM "soon." (5P-HI)
1100 KQNM **N**, Milan ex-KIVA back to these calls as of June 10 //KIVA-1550. (BN-NM)
1550 KIVA **N**, Albuquerque ex-KQNM, exchanged calls with 1100, now Talk Radio. (BN-NM)
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)
580 KMJ **CA**, Fresno 5/29 1738 noted in passing with Sean Hannity criticizing the "hypocrisy" of the New York Times regarding Judge Sonia Sotomayor. Heard in Los Altos. Fair to good. (5P-CA1)
620 KPOJ **OR**, Portland 6/12 0832 news, local ads and "AM 6-20 KPOJ" ID. (AB-ID)
650 KSTE **CA**, Rancho Cordova 5/29 1807 noted in passing with "Savage Nation" seven seconds ahead of flagship station KNEW-910. Heard in Los Altos. Poor. (5P-CA1)
670 KBOI **SK**, Saskatoon 5/12 0045 mate with ID, ad for local mattress company. Fair signal with a weak CISL playing far under, on TMC with N-S wife. (GH-OR)
710 KFIA **CA**, Carmichael 5/31 1608 noted in passing with military-oriented phone show "Missions on the Frontline". Heard at A&T Park. Fair to good. (5P-CA1)
720 KNUS **CO**, Denver 6/16 0103 gent with KNUS ID. CO #30. (AB-ID)
760 KFMB **CA**, San Diego 6/4 2134 "Newstalk 720 KDNW" ID/slogan. (AB-ID)
770 KCBC **CA**, Riverbank 5/29 1750 noted in passing with "Healthline Live" call-in show with Dr. Bob Marshall. Heard in Los Altos. Fair. (5P-CA1)

780 KKOH NV, Reno 6/4 2123 "Newstalk 780 KOH" slogan. (AB-ID)
840 KMPP CA, Modesto 6/2 1705 ad for ESPN NBA coverage, PSA for Stanislaus County Chapter of America Red Cross Honors Breakfast, into Dr. Laura. Heard in Fairfield. Fair to good, moderate QRN. (5P-CA2)
KXNT NV, North Las Vegas 6/6 2335 faint ID in the mush with uniID oldies (probably KSWB) and perhaps one other. Weak! (GH-OR)
860 KPAM OR, Troutdale 6/12 0826 news, several "K-Pam 8-60" ID's, weather at 0830. (AB-ID)
890 TIS CA, Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield 6/2 1708 talk about Travis Aero Club in Rio Vista. Still using narrow-filter or telephone-quality audio signal. Heard in Fairfield. Very good to good, lightning QRN. (5P-CA2)
910 CJDC BC, Dawson Creek 6/7 0000 male with ID and C&W music. Fair signal, a little scratchy but totally alone on the TMC with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
KTRO WA, Vancouver 5/29 1246 noted in passing with new format of SS sports via ESPN Deportes, airing either local or network show. At 1257 merit "Si es latinos..." Entercom Media, network name, coverage of Portland Timbers soccer, dual ID in EE "KTRO... KWDD(?) Salem..." (probably KWOD ex-KSLM); SS version of "Sportscenter" at 1300. Was C&W relaying KWJJ-FM 99.5 until switching to ESPN Deportes 5/1. Network website also lists crosstown KGDD-1520 and its relay KSNZ-1230 as affiliates. (5P-OR)
930 CJCA AB, Edmonton 6/8 0030 many "The Light" ID's, some ads and Gospel music. Fair but hissy, one UniID far under, on Hammarlund with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
970 KCMD OR, Portland 5/29 1250 noted in passing with Dial-Global's Michael Smerconish "On 9-70 AM The Talker." (5P-OR)
980 KVLV NV, Fallon 6/4 21 30 "KVLV Fallon" ID. (AB-ID)
1000 KOMO WA, Seattle 6/12 0811 local weather and sports. (AB-ID)
1010 KOOR OR, Milwaukie 5/29 1251 noted in passing with SS music. Listed as NOS by **Radio-Locator.com**. (5P-OR)
1080 KSCO CA, Santa Cruz 5/29 1810 noted in passing with local talk show in progress. Heard in Los Altos. Fair. (5P-CA1)
KSSL UT, Price 6/18 to 6/20 station on day power all night, very dominant signal drowning out KRLD. I heard station ID on all three nights. (MR-UT)
1110 KFAB NE, Omaha 6/18 0002 "Newradio 11-10 KFAB," news, weather including a tornado watch. (AB-ID)
1140 KHTK CA, Sacramento 5/31 1630 noted in passing with NASCAR coverage. Heard at AT&T Park. Fair. (5P-CA1)
1150 KLPM OR, Portland 5/29 1251 noted in passing with SS religious talk. Listed as "Unknown Format" by **Radio-Locator.com**. (5P-OR)
1170 KLOK CA, San Jose 6/11 0850 song "Summer Wine" sung by Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazelwood. (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)
1240 KMHJ ID, Mountain Home 6/16 1953 song "Everything is Beautiful" sung by Ray Stevens, and KMHJ ID. (AB-ID)
1330 KLBS CA, Los Banos 6/20 0810 KLBS ID then into vocal music, fair with some KWKW QRM. New. (AB-ID)
KJPR CA, Shasta Lake City 6/20 0800 gent with mention of Jefferson Public Radio and KJPR ID. First time I've heard any JPR station ID. New. (AB-ID)
1350 KTIK ID, Nampa 5/19 0025 heard ID with ESPN sports talk fighting it out with UniID 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)
1400 KQMS CA, Redding 6/13 2310 "Newstalk 1400" and "When Radio Was" old time radio show. Very weak and distorted, in the muck, on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
1420 KSTN CA, Stockton 6/2 1515 mix of modern rock oldies and classic rock (ie. "I'm Free" by The Who, "Kathmandu" by Led Zeppelin), mention of 3,000-hit "treasury" and "Treasure Chest of Hits." "14-20 KSTN Stockton." Heard in Vallejo. Good. (5P-CA2)
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)
KBRC WA, Mt Vernon 5/29 0100 many jingle type ID's and oldies playing in a mix with KLO and at least one other. Fair to poor on Hammarlund with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
1500 KSTP MN, Saint Paul 6/11 0000 male gave ID, ad having to do with home energy savings. Fair with massive KGA-1500 splashover, on R-388 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)

1610 TIS CA, Benecia? Tentative 6/2 1513 low hum carrier noted, no audio. Heard in Vallejo. (5P-CA2)
TIS CA, Newark 6/3 1413 with emergency preparedness info, available at **www.newark.org**. ID "You're listening to WNP2-Zero-4 Newark..." Listed as WNMQ214 in the Bill Harms list. Heard at the Googleplex in Mountain View. Good. QRM from KSMH mixture on 1620. (5P-CA2)
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)
1680 WPUJ472 CA, Foster City TIS 6/3 1409 talk about Explorer Scouts program, NOAA weather for Bay Area. Heard at the Googleplex. Poor, QRM mixture on 1670, UniID Mexican way underneath. (5P-CA2)
UNIDS
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)
1540 UNID 6/11 2330-0000 male preaching a sermon, mention of Brother Sayre. Mostly buried in the static, but up clear once or twice a minute, on R-388 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
Welcome to WDXR, Mike. It's great to hear from you. Nancy 6/26 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL
1080 KSSL UT, Price. 6-24 good. 22:21 with local spots, oldies. 22:59 ID "KSSL AM 10-80 on your AM dial right here in Price, Utah" into ABC News. On with daytime power at night. Thanks to a tip from Michael Riordan. [NJ-MT]
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-WJ]
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-WJ]
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-WJ]

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 KPTEL cap along with the verie they sent.

OPEN MIKE
Have you made your plans to be in Albuquerque for the 2009 IRCA Convention? This column was typed 6-27-09. 73, John

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STARS OF THE WEEK
Manassas VA
NRD-545 rx w/134' multiband antenna NW to SE
Watkinsville GA
GE Superadio III. SANGEAN CCRADIO plat edition

LOGGINGS
830 PA WEEU Reading. 6/25 0525-0635. Mixing with Spanish singing, talk, religious talk and oldies. "American in the Morning". 0559 "The Voice of Berks County WEEU" into news. 0606 "This is... reporting for the 'Voice of...' WEEU". (KK-VA) **Kraig Krist**
(IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New**

840 VA WKTR Earlyville. 6/24 0525-0635. Mixing with WHAS, music and Spanish. Typical ESPN radio programming. 0552 "This is Mike... ESPN... every weekday morning on Charlottesville's ESPN eight forty" into "ESPN Radio Sports Center". (KK-VA)
 850 NC WRBZ Earlyville is near Charlottesville.
 Raleigh. 6/23 0525-0635. Mixing with R Rejo RR pips, and WTAR. 0600 "No sucking up and no homers... talk... that's us. Sports radio eight fifty "The Buzz" WRKB Raleigh" into "First News". 0604 "Sports radio eight fifty "The Buzz" into golf results. (KK-VA)
 Norfolk. 6/23 0525-0635. Mixing with R Rejo RR pips, and WRBZ. "Wall Street Journal. This Morning". 0548 "...and listen to Precision Spinal Care "Ask the Experts" show on the second Tuesday of every month at 5PM on WTAR". 0550 "...weeknights eight till ten on eight fifty WTAR". (KK-VA)
 860 VA WEVA Emporia. 6/22 0525-0635. Mixing with R Rejo RR pips, religious talk, WYFR ident signal and singing. Ray Charles "Georgia" song. 0600 "Great music from the fifties to today in the daytime and the latest news and information at night. This is WEVA Emporia AM eight sixty and cable channel seventeen" into CBS news. (KK-VA)
 Fairlawn. 6/17 0525-0635. Mixing with WLS, religious talk other than WKNV and Spanish. 0601 "Joy AM eight ninety WKNV Fairlawn today's southern Gospel music and ministry station now begins its broadcast day" into song and bible reading. (KK-VA)
 900 MD WILC Laurel. 6/16 0525-0635. Mixing with WKDW and singing. Programming in Spanish with talk and songs. 0619 in Spanish mentions "Maryland", "Hyattsville" and "Washington". (KK-VA)
 Staunton. 6/16 0525-0635. Mixing with WILC and singing. WRNL C&W songs. 0534 "I'd be sticking my neck out but I'll lay odds that this next song will be a real country legend on Augusta's county real country station... hometown station nine hundred WKDW" into song. 0538 Nascar news. 0539 "Classic country WKDW" into ad for Sears tire. 0543 "Heart and soul country. The genuine article. The real deal. 100% country and no filling. Augusta county's... country WKDW" into C&W song. (KK-VA)
 Richmond. 6/13 0525-0635. Mixing with music and talk. WRNL with Fox Sports programming. 0559 "Race day is next up right here on Fox Sports Radio". "...radio for life WRNL nine ten Richmond Virginia". (KK-VA)
 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)
 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)
 930 MD WFMD 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)
 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)
 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)
 Potomac-Cabin John. 6/6 0525-0635. Mixing w/WORD, ESPN and R. Rejo 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)
 950 MD WCTN Spartanburg. 6/6 0525-0635. Mixing w/WCTN, ESPN and R. Rejo 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 cochannels. Obviously up to full 200 w ERP and not old (estimated) 50 w or so. (KK-VA)

960 NC WRNS Kingston. 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'... (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/fair 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 Laurel Highlands" into "Fox News." (KK-VA)
 1120 GA WJXO Douglasville. 06/02/09 1900. Oldies, TOH ID, and more oldies. Good signal with Douglasville. "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)

 Thanks to Ira & Kraig this week. Best to all... fresh 6-27 0845

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TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

783t MAURITANIA, Nouakchott, R Mauretanie. Still just a barely audible carrier, but this was on the shortest night of the year, 0519 on 21 June. This is the first season such reception has been noted, but I don't think I ever looked before either. This has been noted at least half the evenings in June so far. (NHP-BC)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

530 ALASKA, Adak, "ADK" beacon. 1120 21 June. A surprise to hear this at this time of year, fair at best with repeated Morse ID, and mixing with assumed "SQM" transcribed weather broadcast. (NHP-BC)
 747 JAPAN, Sapporo, JO1B 1106 21 June. Weak w/man talking //774. A solstice reception of any Japanese from home is a cause for celebration. (NHP-BC)
 774 JAPAN, Akita, JOUB, 1101 21 June. Man and woman in JJ poor, but fairly clear at times in splatter. Continued poor to fair for the next half hour, mostly w/JJ talk by man. Noted // with 747 at various times, never more than poor. (NHP-BC)
 1287 JAPAN, Sapporo, JOHR, 1104 21 June. Man and woman in JJ inflected talk. Poor. Improved to fair by 1111, definite JJ talk by man, and continued to fade up and down for the next 20 minutes. (NHP-BC)

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Hi folks, hope everyone is having a cool summer!
 *** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

162 FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis, JUN 5 0106 – French male folk-style vocal; fair. [Connolly-R-MA]
 171 MOROCCO R Mediterranean Internationale, Nador, JUN 4 2352 – Arabic talk by woman, then female Arabic vocal; good, best longwave TA.
 + JUN 5 0106 – woman in Arabic, then pop Mideast music; loud. [Connolly-R-MA]

- 531 **SPAIN** RNER 5 synchros, JUN 5 0115 – /855 with talk by woman, dance music; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
585 **SPAIN** RNER 1, Madrid, JUN 5 0101 – man & woman with Spanish news; poor to fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
612 **MOROCCO** RTM A, Sebbaa-Aioun, JUN 5 0056 – male Arabic vocal with string section and drumming; loud. [Connelly*R-MA]
621 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** RNER 1 synchros. Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., JUN 5 0054 – man & woman in Spanish; fair through WZON slop.
639 **SPAIN** RNER 1, La Coruna et al., JUN 5 0054 – /621 with woman in Spanish; through CBN/Guadeloupe slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
675 **NETHERLANDS** R Maria, Lopik, JUN 5 0100 – bit of a religious female vocal in a somewhat Celtic style, then Radio Maria ID by man, followed by man & woman talking; poor in WRKO slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
684 **SPAIN** RNER 1, Sevilla, JUN 5 0115 – /855 with woman in Spanish; to fair peak over WRKO slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
693 **AZORES** Centro Regional da RDP, Santa Barbara-Terceira, JUN 5 0014 – Portuguese pop music; to good peak.
+ JUN 5 0033 – slow Portuguese female vocal; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
711, 07 **WESTERN SAHARA** RTM; Layoune, JUN 5 0008 – fat carrier but poor audio, still about 70 Hz high of nominal channel. [Connelly*R-MA]
747 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** RNER 5 synchros, JUN 5 0021 – Spanish talk; poor to fair. + JUN 5 0054 – /774 with teletalk (woman to caller "Buenas noches, Salvador"); good. [Connelly*R-MA]
747 **NETHERLANDS** R 5, Zeewolde-Flevoland, JUN 5 0116 – segment of operatic male vocal, Dutch talk; over RNE synchros. [Connelly*R-MA]
756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, JUN 5 0128 – dissonant modern classical music; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
756 **SPAIN** R Euskadi, Bilbao, JUN 5 0116 – Spanish talk, teletalk; under Germany. [Connelly*R-MA]
765 **SWITZERLAND** RSR Option Musique, Sottens, JUN 5 0115 – pop-folk style male French vocal; good.
+ JUN 5 0130 – "All By Myself" by Eric Carmen; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
774 **EGYPT** Middle East R, Abis, JUN 5 0114 – group Arabic vocal; over Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
774 **SPAIN** RNER 1 synchros, JUN 5 0054 – /747 with teletalk (woman in studio to man on phone "Buenas noches, Salvador"); poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
783 **MAURITANIA** R Mauritanie, Nouakchott, JUN 5 0019 – man in Arabic, then chant; to good peak.
+ JUN 5 0031 – Koranic vocal; good.
+ JUN 5 0056 – preaching by man in Arabic; through CFDR slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
792 **FRANCE** France Info, Limoges, JUN 5 0056 – /1206 with instrumental James Bond theme; fair, over Spain.
+ JUN 5 0114 – /837 with female vocal having Mideast influences, then man in French; in slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
792 **SPAIN** SER, Sevilla, JUN 5 0055 – /873 with Spanish teletalk. [Connelly*R-MA]
837 **AZORES** Centro Regional da RDP, Pico da Barrosa, JUN 5 0021 – /693 with Portuguese music; over COPE. [Connelly*R-MA]
837 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** COPE synchros, JUN 5 0021 – Spanish talk; under Azores.
+ JUN 5 0058 – talk // stronger 882. [Connelly*R-MA]
837 **FRANCE** France Info, Nancy, JUN 5 0114 – /792 with female vocal having Mideast influences, then man in French; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
855 **SPAIN** RNER 1 synchros, JUN 5 0115 – /684 with talk, dance music excerpt; fair, echoey. [Connelly*R-MA]
864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, JUN 5 0055 – disco music; fair.
+ JUN 5 0115 – France Bleu jingle, spoken ID, then amped-up dance-mix version of 1977 Boney M hit "Ma Baker"; good.
+ JUN 5 0131 – female French vocal; very good. [Connelly*R-MA]
873 **SPAIN** SER synchros, JUN 5 0055 – /792 with Spanish teletalk. [Connelly*R-MA]
882 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** COPE synchros, JUN 5 0054 – Spanish discussion with two men (one named Antonio); good/dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
909 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R 5 synchros, JUN 5 0133 – man talking about sports; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
945 **FRANCE** France Info, Toulouse, JUN 5 0133 – woman in French; good, over CINW slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
954 **SPAIN** Onda Cero, Madrid, JUN 5 0100 – news in Spanish; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
981 **ALGERIA** RTVA Chaîne 2, Algiers, JUN 5 0023 – Arabic strings, vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid, JUN 5 0134 – man in Spanish; through WINS IBOC. [Connelly*R-MA]
1008 **CANARY ISLANDS** Punto Radio, Las Palmas, JUN 5 0100 – pips, Punto ID, Spanish news; through WINS slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, JUN 5 0135 – /1089 with talk, teletalk about Israel and Palestine; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
1053, 1 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, JUN 5 0056 – presumed source of high-side growl against TalkSport, not much audio getting through. [Connelly*R-MA]
1071 **SPAIN** Euskadi Irratia, Bilbao, JUN 5 0100 – Spanish news by woman; to fair peak. + JUN 5 0137 – Spanish talk; poor, mixed with others. [Connelly*R-MA]
1080 **SPAIN** SER synchros, JUN 5 0100 – /1116 with pips, musical fanfare, woman saying "Cadena SER" at start of news; under WTIC. [Connelly*R-MA]
1088 **ANGOLA** R Nacional, Mulenvos, JUN 5 0025 – man in Portuguese; fair. No 1089 at the time! [Connelly*R-MA]
1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, JUN 5 0135 – /1053 with discussion of Obama speech in Egypt; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
1098 **SPAIN** RNER 5 synchros, JUN 5 0054 – /1107 with woman in Spanish; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
1107 **SPAIN** RNE R 5 synchros, JUN 5 0026 – man & woman in Spanish; to good peak. + JUN 5 0054 – talk //1098; over growl. [Connelly*R-MA]
1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros, JUN 5 0138 – woman in Spanish; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
1125 **BELGIUM** RTBF VivaCite, Houdeng, JUN 5 0100 – pips, woman in French; in WBBR slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, JUN 5 0008 – folk style vocal, then Slavic talk by woman; fair.
+ JUN 5 0138 – Croatian talk by man; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
1143 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, JUN 5 0054 – /882 with interview. [Connelly*R-MA]
1152 **SPAIN** RNER 5 synchros, JUN 5 0058 – echoey Spanish talk by woman.
+ JUN 5 0100 – news //1107; echoey, mixed with others. [Connelly*R-MA]
1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R Sawa, Al Dhabiya, JUN 5 0054 – Mideast string music; mixed with unID Spanish talker and WWVA. [Connelly*R-MA]
1179 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** SER synchros, JUN 5 0031 – /1116 with echoey audio: Spanish talk by woman, teletalk, and a bit of music. [Connelly*R-MA]
1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, JUN 5 0054 – man & woman with French talk about the economy, America, dollars, program produced in cooperation with Radio Canada; good.
+ JUN 5 0142 – orchestral music; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
1215 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, JUN 5 0033 – man in Spanish; good/dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute R synchros, JUN 5 0055 – remake of Frampton's "Baby I Love Your Ways"; good, over Spain.
+ JUN 5 0143 – Absolute Radio ID, modern rock; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]
1242 **FRANCE** France Info, Marseille, JUN 5 0056 – /1206 with James Bond theme (Monty Norman); very good, equal to adjacent 1240 WBUJ (63.2 dBu/1.44 mV/m per V-Soft) and better than the usually-louder 1206 parallel. [Connelly*R-MA]
1305 **SPAIN** RNE R 5 synchros, JUN 5 0112 – woman in Spanish; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** BBC R Ulster, Lisnagarvey, JUN 5 0111 – woman in English mentioned President Obama; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
1359 **SPAIN** RNE, Arganda del Rey, JUN 5 0110 – man & woman in Spanish; to fair peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
1422 **ALGERIA** RTA, Algiers, JUN 5 0145 – dance-club music; way over Germany. [Connelly*R-MA]
1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, JUN 5 0111 – dissonant modern jazz; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Duba, JUN 5 0002 – Arabic news with Iraq and Arabiya mentions. + JUN 5 0112 – talk, then shrill a cappella male vocal; loud. Possible Spain way in background. + JUN 5 0147 – male group Arabic vocal. [Connelly*R-MA]
1557 **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne, JUN 5 0147 – French //1206; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R Farfa, Al Dhabiya, JUN 5 0110 – Mideast dance vocal music with trumping bass rhythm; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
1584 **CEUTA** RadiOle, JUN 5 0037 – pop Spanish male vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
*** **PAN-AMERICAN DX** ***
540 **GRENADA** GBN Classic AM, St George's, JUN 5 0059 – soft-voiced British-accented male announcer said "Now it's time for Classic radio in our broadcast to listen to the news from the BBC."; poor, but briefly through usual CBGA-1 and CBT. [Connelly*R-MA]
555 **ST KITTS & NEVIS** R Ziz, Basseterre, JUN 5 0116 – Caribbean English discussion by two men, laughing, something about "woke up in the wrong bedroom"; through WGAN slop. [Connelly*R-MA]

- 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ, San Juan, JUN 5 0054 – //600 (WYEL) with Spanish talk and cowboy-like "eee-hah!"
- + JUN 5 0123 – //600 with mentions of Puerto Rican cities including Santurce in adverts for 'banco' and 'supermercado'; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 600t **BRAZIL** ZYK278, R Gaucha, Porto Alegre, JUN 5 0029 – most likely this with fast Portuguese talk by man; briefly through jumble of others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 600 **PUERTO RICO** WYEL, Mayaguez, JUN 5 0115 – //580 (WKAQ) with Spanish sportstalk, adverts; mixed with CBNA and Unid (US?) religious station.
- + JUN 5 0125 – //580 with Puerto Rico adverts, Spanish sportstalk; poor to fair over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 640 **GUADELOUPE** R Guadeloupe, Pointe-a-Pitre, JUN 5 0030 – man in French; over CBN and 639 Spain het.
- + JUN 5 0124 – Caribbean French talk by man; good, over apparent VYQO. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 670 **VENEZUELA** YVLL, R Rumbos, Caracas, JUN 5 0100 – "ocho treinta minutos en Rumbos", then slow vocal; good over unID other Spanish speaker. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 700 **BRAZIL** ZYK686, R Eldorado AM, Sao Paulo, JUN 5 0115 – fast reverberated Portuguese sportstalk, local mentions; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 720 **VENEZUELA** VYQE, R Oriente, Porlamar, JUN 5 0030 – "en Venezuela, Oriente" reverberated ID; noisy. Another ID noted at 0033, followed by tropical music on an improving signal.
- + JUN 5 0127 – numerous Venezuela mentions; slightly over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 740 **BRAZIL** ZYH446, R Sociedade da Bahia, Salvador, JUN 5 0031 – usual "Close Encounters theme" instrumental excerpt, Portuguese talk; evenly mixed with CHCM. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS, RCR, Caracas, JUN 5 0017 – Caracas mentions in newstalk; over CBGY & possible Brazilian. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 770t **URUGUAY** CX12, R Oriental, Montevideo, JUN 5 0031 – very tentative: a couple of "uruguayano" mentions in Spanish newstalk briefly over fading/antenna-nulled WABC. Greyline placement was supporting numerous other deep South America receptions at the time. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 820 **ST KITTS & NEVIS** Trinity Broadcast Network/R Paradise, Charlestown, JUN 5 0101 – at end of evangelistic program a Caribbean-accented woman thanked listeners, mentioned St Kitts mailing address & 869-466-7921 phone number; loud. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 840 **BRAZIL** ZYK687, R Bandeirantes, Sao Paulo, JUN 5 0031 – woman in Portuguese; poor to fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 860 **BRAZIL** ZYJ459, R CBN, Rio de Janeiro, JUN 5 0031 – Portuguese talk by man & woman, "Radio CBN" ID; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 880 **VENEZUELA** YVYM, R Venezuela, Puerto Ordaz, JUN 5 0032 – Radio Venezuela ID; momentarily over WCBS. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 895 **ST KITTS & NEVIS** V of Nevis, Bath Village, JUN 5 0116 – reggae vocal. ID by man "powerhouse of the eastern Caribbean, Von Radio"; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 899.5f-5 **unID** JUN 5 0029 – possible Spanish talk (but that may have been from a 900 adjacent), off-channel carrier. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 900t **VENEZUELA** YVMD, Mara Ritmo 900, Maracaibo, JUN 5 0034 – Venezuela mentions in fast talk; in jumble of others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1000 **BRAZIL** ZYK522, R Record, Sao Paulo, JUN 5 0024 – reverberated Portuguese talk; in jumble. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1100 **BRAZIL** ZYK694, R Globo, Sao Paulo, JUN 5 0008 – fast Portuguese talk; peaking over WHLL.
- + JUN 5 0026 – Portuguese talk; good.
- + JUN 5 0033 – several "futebo!" promo's in excited talk; to good peak over WTAM & others.
- + JUN 5 0100 – "goooooocal!" shouting in frantic Portuguese talk; fair to good, dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1140 **BRAZIL** ZYH449, R Cultura, Salvador, JUN 5 0002 – Bahia mentions in Portuguese talk; initially poor, then up to fair level at 0003. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1220 **BRAZIL** ZYJ258, R Globo, Rio de Janeiro, JUN 5 0054 – store adverts in Portuguese; slightly over the RI religious station.
- + JUN 5 0110 – man in Portuguese; to good peak, best on LSB. [Connelly*R-MA]

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 [Connelly*R-MA] = Rockport, MA, USA (GC= 42.667 N/70.621 W) (Granite Pier)
Receivers: Microtelcom Perseus, Drake R8A. **Antenna:** cardioid-pattern Micro-SuperLoop on car roof, square, 2 m per side, with 9:1 transformer on east bottom corner to speaker wire to 2:1 transformer to W7IUV transfer amp, and 9:1 transformer on west corner to speaker wire to 500 ohm null-adjust potentiometer. See http://home.comcast.net/~dx_lab/pictures/micro_superloop.htm for a similar antenna.

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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 Slien & 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 Ibiquery'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 DXLD mondiale – News- Jaisakthivei, Chennai, India, www.drxersguide.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 Hl.. R Eternidad, Santo Domingo is now heard in UK. ID: "Radio Eternidad, impacto el presente con un mensaje eterno." (Andrew Brade, MWC)

GUATEMALA: 840 TG.. 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 hit 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 Bhopal – <http://www.airbhopal.org/> AIR Cuttack – <http://www.airctc.com/> AIR Imphal – <http://www.airimphal.org/> AIR Patna – <http://www.airpatna.org/> AIR Raipur – <http://www.airraipur.org/> AIR Ranchi – <http://www.airranchi.org/> AIR Shimla – <http://www.airshimla.org/> AIR Varanasi – <http://www.airvaranasi.org/> AIR Kolkata (unofficial) – <http://www.freewebs.com/airkolkata/>. (Moscow Information DX Bulletin via finndxr)

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 Galay-e-New has started operation with 6 kW.
(both WRTN National update via finndxr)

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

BELGIUM: Radio Vlaanderen International 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-international-back-on-mediumwave>.

BELARUS: As from 1 April, Belarusian 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 finndxr)

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 Muijunen 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 by Radio86, 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 until 0600 on 14 May. From 1600 was noted in Chinese instead of previously scheduled Russian. Later in the evening noted with CRI Czech until 2000 (how are the Czechs expected to hear this weak signal with three local signals blasting on adjacent 954 kHz?), and then CRI German until 5/0ff. (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 Asira 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 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. At present they are relaying a religious program. Their site is http://www.challenger.it/realvideo/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. 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 via Fabriziovia Magrone, mwc 6 June)

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

POLAND: One of Twoje Radio transmitters, probably from 1584 kHz, is on 1558.15 kHz 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. Twoye 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 finndxr)

SLOVAKIA: 702 Slovakia has plans to reactivate Kosice – Gizatiove 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 Radio Patria – a program for national minorities is stronger again on 1098 kHz. Now via Nitra-larok (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)

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 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. (Milke Barracough, mwc)

UKRAINE: 765 No more broadcasts from Radio station "Mayak" via the AM transmitter in Petrivka. (tvrkr.org via finndxr)1476 Radio Briz, radio station of the Ukrainian Navy, has been re-licensed on the AM frequency, Sevastopol (Derhachi). (tvrkr.org via finndxr)

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/world/europe/8069680.stm>. Wonder which products would be denied access. (Mark Hattam 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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Aloha. While the last DXM was being published I took in the GIANTS-CARDINALS baseball game in San Francisco, where I lost my new cellphone. I'll be more careful now, especially with compiling the info I have laying around as of 6/27/09—

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Arizona DIAMONDBACKS Greg Schulte, Tom Candiotti/Matt Williams, Jeff Munn (+ST)
600 KVNA-AZ 1050 KTBL-NM 1400 KJOK-AZ 99.9 K260BL-AZ r
620 KTAR-AZ 1130 KQNA-AZ 1490 KFFN-AZ 100.7 K264AK-NV r
780 KAZM-AZ 1230 KATO-AZ 102.3 KJJU-AZ
920 KNML-NM 1230 KRSY-NM 92.1 KZUA-AZ 103.3 KZKE-AZ
950 KNFT-NM 1250 KHIL-AZ 92.7 K224BV-AZ r 104.9 K285DM-AZ r
980 KNTR-AZ 1270 KDJI-AZ 94.3 KDDL-AZ b
990 KSVP-NM 1340 KIKO-AZ 97.7 KPSA-NM

NOTE: b – Backup for KQNA.

Los Angeles ANGELS OF ANAHEIM Rory Markas-p, Terry Smith, Steve Physioc-p, Rex Hudler-p
800 XESP-CA 980 KFWB-CA pc 1230 KELY-NV 1450 KGAM-CA
830 KLAJ-CA 1230 KGEO-CA 1240 KLOA-CA

SYNDICATOR: Skyview Networks. NOTE: c – Weekday games only.

Los Angeles DODGERS

560 WNSR-TN p 940 KICE-OR p 1340 KCBL-CA 1450 KVEN-CA
600 KROD-TX p 1100 KWWN-NV pf 1340 KYNS-CA 1520 KRHW-MO p
610 KAVL-CA 1150 KDEF-NM 1340 WSTA-VI 1560 KNZR-CA
790 KABC-CA 1230 KBOV-CA 1360 KWDJ-CA 1570 KPRO-CA
790 KBET-NV pe 1230 KYVA-NM 1360 WVMC-IL p
920 KPSI-CA 1300 KPQP-CA 1400 WIDL-CA r 100.5 WSJD-IN p

NOTE: e – May 29th plus all games from June 1st. f – One game a week Apr-May until superseded by KBET-NV.

Oakland ATHLETICS

Ken Korach, Ray Fosse-p, Vince Cochroneo (+ST), Robert Buan-ST
860 KTRB-CA 1340 KOMY-CA 1440 KVON-CA 99.3 K257CA-CA r
950 KAHJ-CA 1370 KPCO-CA 1480 KYOS-CA 100.9 K265BT-CA r
970 KESP-CA 1380 KTKZ-CA pg 1490 KRKC-CA 101.5 KEKA-CA
1230 KCNR-CA 1400 KWINA-NV 1490 KBLF-CA pg 101.7 K269AT-CA r
1240 KPOD-CA 1410 KMYC-CA pg
1270 KXBX-CA 1420 KSTN-CA 96.1 KSLK-CA i 102.3 KCWH-CA
104.9 K285DK-CA r

NOTE: g – Night and weekend games only. l – Silent per **Radio-Locator.com**.

Philadelphia PHILLIES Scott Franzke, Chris "Wheels" Wheeler, Larry Andersen, Jim Jackson-ST
630 WEJL-PA 1230 WCMC-NJ 1340 WMID-NJ 1470 WSAN-PA
830 WEEU-PA 1230 WBPZ-PA 1360 WPPA-PA 1490 WBCB-PA
930 WHLM-PA 1240 WYGL-PA 1370 WPAZ-PA
1150 WDEL-DE 1240 WBAX-PA r 1400 WRAK-PA r 94.9 W235BA-PA r
1200 WRKK-PA r 1270 WLBR-PA 1440 WNPV-PA 96.1 W241AZ-PA r
1210 WPHT-PA 1320 WGET-PA 1440 WGLD-PA 96.1 W241BB-PA r

NOTE: Lead announcer Harry Kalas passed away on Apr 13th.

San Francisco GIANTS Jon Miller-p, Duane Kuiper, Mike Krukow, Dave Flemming, Greg Papa-p
670 KPIA-HI 1340 KEWE-CA r
680 KNBR-CA 1400 KKJL-CA 92.7 KMFB-CA 101.7 K269AT-CA r
790 KPFT-CA b 1420 KKEA-HI 94.1 KBKY-CA 102.3 KCWH-CA
1230 KJFK-NV 1430 KFIG-CA 96.7 K244AH-CA r
1340 KATA-CA 99.3 K257CA-CA r

GIGANTES de San Francisco (Spanish)
990 KATD-CA r **1010 KIQI-CA**
Erwin R. Higueros, Tito Fuentes

NOTE: 49 games beginning May 7th.

Seattle MARINERS

550 KTZN-AK 1040 CKST-BC pk 1240 KGY-WA
580 KRSA-AK pj 1080 KFXX-OR 1300 KLER-ID 1490 KLOG-WA
710 KIRO-WA 1080 KVIN-ID 1320 KXRO-WA
900 KKRT-WA 1150 KQQQ-WA 1320 KRKC-CA 92.1 KCRK-WA
920 KXLY-WA 1170 KPUG-WA 1350 KRLC-WA 102.1 K271AH-WA r
960 KALE-WA 1230 KHSN-OR 1390 KJOX-WA 102.1 K271AZ-WA r
990 KTHH-OR 1240 KSAM-MT 1430 KBRK-WA
1020 KWIQ-WA r 1240 KTIH-OR 1450 KNPV-PA
1030 KMAS-WA 1240 KXLE-WA 1470 KELA-WA

NOTE: As of May 4th. J – 26 Saturday games only. k – Weekend games only.

MARINEROS de Seattle (Spanish)

1280 KLDY-WA m 1480 KNWB-WA m 1560 KVAN-WA o
1400 KRSC-WA o 1490 KNTB-WA m

NOTE: No true "flagship" as broadcasts relay the secondary audio programming (SAP) channel of Fox Sports Northwest cable network. m – 57 games only. o – 78 games only.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSN

1230 WFOM-GA **Atlanta DREAM**
1340 WALR-GA (relay)
1310 WDTW-MI **Detroit SHOCK**
1070 WFNI-IN **Indiana FEVER**
UNAVAILABLE **Los Angeles SPARKS**
106.1 KLCI-MN **Minnesota LYNX**
UNAVAILABLE **Phoenix MERCURY**
1140 KHTK-CA **Sacramento MONARCHS**
760 KTKR-TX **San Antonio SILVER STARS**
1150 KKNW-WA **Seattle STORM**

Art Eckman, LaChina Robinson
Matt Shepard
Chris Denari, Kevin Lee-ST
Larry Burnett
Alan Horton, John Focke-ST
Kevin Ray
Jim Kozimer, Krista Blunk
Andrew Monaco, Andy Everett
Dick Fain, Adia Barnes

NOTE: No radio (but Internet coverage) for Chicago SKY, Connecticut SUN, New York LIBERTY, Washington MYSTICS.

af2 (ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION)

107.1 KPUR-TX **Amarillo DUSTERS** (last 15 games)
92.7 KASR-AR **Arkansas TWISTERS**
1140 KGEM-ID **Boise BURJN**
95.7 KKLK-LA **Bossier-Shreveport BATTLE WINGS**

Trent Kling
Mike Harris
Scott Conklin
Chris Boyd

UNAVAILABLE
 1230 KSIX-TX
 1200 WPTK-FL
 1460 WNPL-FL
 1700 KBGG-IA
 96.1 WLXO-KY
 1240 WBBW-OH
 540 WAUK-WI
 105.3 KINB-OK
 99.9 WWCT-IL
 1230 WFXN-IL

Central Valley COYOTES
 Corpus Christi SHARKS
 Florida FIRECATS
 (relay)
 Iowa BARNSTORMERS
 Kentucky HORSEMEN-q
 Mahoning Valley THUNDER
 Milwaukee IRON (expansion team)
 Oklahoma City YARD DAWGZ
 Peoria PIRATES
 Quad City STEAMWHEELERS

Guy Haberman, Bryan Whitmore
 Scott Howe
 Dave Parks
 Joe Stasi
 Gary Ball, Randy Wilson
 Christian Aleshire, Anthony Farris
 Lane Kimble, Mike Clemens
 Brandon Rush
 Brendan Burke, John Venturi

102.1 KBUC-TX
 97.3 WRKAK-GA
 105.7 KZBD-WA
 1420 KSTN-CA
 730 WUMP-AL
 103.9 W280BA-AL
 610 KONA-WA
 740 KRMG-OK
 102.3 KRMG-OK
 103.1 WILK-PA
 910 WBZU-PA
 980 WILK-PA
 1300 WKZN-PA

Rio Grande Valley DORADOS
 Rich Bocchini-p, Dennis Scott, Jonah Goldberg-h-s
 Tim Dix
 South Georgia WILDCATS
 Spokane SHOCK
 Stockton LIGHTNING
 Tennessee Valley VIPERS
 (relay)
 Tri-Cities FEVER
 Tulsa TALONS
 (network)
 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton PIONEERS
 (relay)
 (relay)
 (relay)

Jim Albracht, John Furlong-h, Gary Stibolt-a, Bill Hurrell-s
 Larry Weir, Paul Sorensen
 Mike Benton
 Bryan Neece, Ray Greene
 Michael McDonnal, Kelley Cheatwood
 Rick Couri
 Rob Neyhard

NOTE: No radio for **Albany FIREBIRDS** (ex-CONQUEST), **Green Bay BLIZZARD**, **Manchester WOLVES**. q – Formerly Lexington HORSEMEN but still based in Lexington
OVERTIME: ESPN Radio has announced that for the first time in network history it will do play-by-play of World Cup soccer games from South Africa in 2010; no word on whether its Spanish counterpart is also doing coverage....
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2008-2009 IRCA Super Alphabet Soup DX CONTEST
Manager: Nancy Johnson – 265 Waterton Wy – Billings MT 59102-7755
E-mail: NancyJohnson@prodigy.net

June 15, 2009 Final Contest Standings:

1. Bill Nittler	305	6. Mike Sanburn	78
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.
 Contestants 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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My deadline for the June column will be June 22, 2009 at 1500 ELT.

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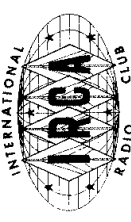
FREQ CALL NAME, TITLE; ADDRESS; WHAT; WHEN; WHO

1350 JOER [None]; RCC Broadcasting Co, Ltd, 21-3 Moto-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima 730-8504, Japan; Q#; 545; PM

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
NOTES: * [For this column] = None

Thanks to Patrick we have a column this month. This column was prepared on 6/1/09, one week later than usual due to the Memorial Day holiday. The deadline for the June column will be Monday, June 22nd, one week early than usual due to work-related travel. 73, SSH.

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