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EDITOR IN CHIEF NEEDED FOR DXM

Dan has resigned as EIC effective immediately. We thank Dan for his past service to the IRCA. Phil has stepped in (as usual) and agreed to finish out this volume as EIC. However, **WE MUST** find a replacement EIC for the next volume. Duties involve taking all the columns from the editors and getting the DXM ready for Publishing. Penny and I will continue to publish DXM from Ocala for the next volume. At this time I have NO plans to take on any more duties. So we need someone to help out. PLEASE contact Phil for further information on EIC duties.

This is the last Bi-Weekly issue of DXM. Next printed issue in a month. Next SDXM in two weeks.

2010 IRCA CONVENTION

The 2010 convention will be held in Seaside the weekend of September 24-26, 2010 at the Inn at Seaside at 441 2nd Avenue. (503) 738-9581. (<http://www.innatseaside.com>). \$79 one bed/\$89 two beds and \$25 registration fee. Please register at least a month in advance of the convention. Planned activities include radio station tours (KSWB Seaside, and New NW BCing in Warrenton, KAST & KKEE, and FMs), a possible trip on Sunday to Tillamook. We will also have our usual Banquet (Seaside Pig n' Pancake Restaurant), and the IRCA auction, both on Saturday. Being on the Oregon Coast, there are many things to do, the Seaside beach, the Seaside Factory Stores, Shopping on Broadway, etc. Astoria is only 18 miles north, and was founded by Lewis and Clark in 1805. This is a very historic area. Hope you can come. The 2006 Seaside convention was a blast. Our conventions are always a lot of fun.

73, Patrick Martin Seaside OR

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
940	KWRU	Fresno, CA	KYNO
950	WVTS	Charleston, WV	WBES
1240	WBES	Charleston, WV	WVTS
1300	KYNO	Fresno, CA	KWRU
1330	WMJW	Ontario, NY	WDRE
1450	WDRE	Milford, PA	WMJQ
1460	KBSF	Springhill, LA	KTKC
1550	WMDH	New Castle, IN	WLTI

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
630	KIDD	Monterey, CA	Oldies	Sports – ESPN
700	WDMV	Walkersville, MD	Spanish Oldies	Reported Silent
730	WZGV	Cramerton, NC	Silent	Classic Hits
820	KORC	Waldport, OR	Silent	Classic Rock
940	KYNO	Fresno, CA	Spanish Talk	Talk
950	WBES	Charleston, WV	Talk	Sports – Fox
960	KROF	Abbeville, LA	Cajun	Oldies
970	KNEA	Jonesboro, AR	Southern Gospel	News/Talk
1090	KMXA	Aurora, CO	Regional Mexican	Spanish Romantica
1210	WTXK	Pike Road, AL	Silent	Sports – SNR
1230	WXCO	Wausau, WI	Sports – ESPN	Talk

1240	WVTS	Charleston, WV	Sports	Talk
1290	KJEF	Jennings, LA	Classical	Cajun/Swamp Pop/Oldies //KLCL
1300	KWRU	Fresno, CA	Talk	Spanish Talk
1340	KOLE	Port Arthur, TX	Classical	Black Religion
1370	WBYE	Calera, AL	Silent	Black Gospel
1440	WDXQ	Cochran, GA	Classic Hits	Reported Silent
1450	KIKR	Beaumont, TX	Sports	Regional Mexican //KBED
1460	KBSF	Springhill, LA	Silent	Adult Standards
1490	KFON	Austin, TX	SS Hits	Spanish Christian
1520	WKVI	Knox, IN	Soft AC	Hot AC
1540	KGBC	Galveston, TX	Oldies	Cajun
1560	KZQQ	Abilene, TX	Sports – ESPN	Classic Rock
1590	WZRZ	Jackson, MS	News	Talk
1650	KSVE	El Paso, TX	Spanish Adult Hits	Spanish Romantica

SLOGAN/IMAGE CHANGES & UPDATES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW INFO
590	VOCM	St. John's, NF	"Depend On It"
800	VOWR	St. John's, NF	"We Serve"
1210	WTXK	Pike Road, AL	"The Ticket"
	VOAR	St. John's NF	"Christian Family Radio"
1230	WXCO	Wausau, WI	"1230 The Voice"
1450	KFSD	Escondido, CA	"Southern California Talk" (Incorrectly listed as 1540 last issue –ED)
1490	KFON	Austin, TX	"La Palabra"
1560	KZQQ	Abilene, TX	"The Zoo. Rock 1560"

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS

(A) = application, (G) = grant

650	WHAN	Powhatan, VA	Minor change in CP to change city of license from Ashland, VA to Powhatan, VA Cuurent CP is for 23K/14K CH on 1430 KHZ at 37-36-57/77-51-25 (G)
770	KCBC	Manteca, CA	License to cover 50K/4.1K DA-2 Change city of Licence from Riverbank to Manteca (A)
820	KORC	Waldport, OR	License to cover 1K/5w NDA at 44-26-17/124-01-10 (G)
880	WMDB	Nashville, TN	License to cover 2.5K/2w NDA 36-12-43/86-49-09 (G)
1010	new	Reno, NV	50k/2K DA-2 at 39-30-41/119-42-51 (A)
1110	KVTT	Mineral Wells, TX	License to cover for 50K Day/39K CH DA-1 at 33-19-49/97/44-08 (A)
1140	KCXL	Liberty, MO	License to cover 4K/6w NDA at 39-14-18/94-23-59 (G)
1160	KCTO	Cleveland, MO	5k/23 DA-2 from 500/23 38-40-26/94-36-28 (A)
1180	new	Wasco-Greenacres, CA	Application for experimental station dismissed. Requested 120 watts night only from 35-21-07/118-53-29 (D)
1190	WVUS	Grafton, WV	License to cover 4.5K/22 NDA 39-21-01/80-02-40 (G)
1210	WANB	Waynesburg, PA	License to cover 5K/710 CH 39-52-12/80-08-01 (G)
1230	WFAY	Fayetteville, NC	License to cover 1K/1K NDA 35-04-20/78-52-26 (G)
1280	KZNS	Salt Lake City, UT	License to cover 50K/670 DA-2 40-51-07/111-58-07 (G)
1310	WPLV	West Point, GA	Minor change to 1k/25 NDA (drops night power from 31) 32-53-18/85-09-24 (G)
1360	WIXI	Jasper, AL	License to cover 12K/42 NDA 33-49-12/87-16-26 (G)
	WVMC	Mount Carmel, IL	License to cover 5K/20 NDA 38-26-51/87-46-12 (G)
1430	KFIG	Fresno, CA	License to cover 5K/5K DA-1 36-53-27/119-39-30 (G)
1490	KZQZ	St. Louis, MO	Increase from 5K day to 50K Day 38-32-09/90-11-26 (A)
	KBZY	Salem, OR	Application for site change cancelled per KBZY request
1500	WPJX	Zion, IL	License to cover 250/2 DA-D 42-27-19/87-54-03 (G)
1550	KESJ	St. Joseph, MO	2.5K/500 from 5K/5K new site at 39-49-39/94-48-39 (A)
	WHIT	Madison, WI	License to cover 5K DAY DA 43-00-08/89-23-13 (G)
1560	KKAA	Aberdeen, SD	License to cover 10K/10K DA-2 45-25-05/98-28-36 (G)
1690	new	Charlotte Amalie, VI	CP granted for 920/920 NDA at 18-18-57/64-53-02 (G)

F.C.C. FINES

WMFM Zeeland, MI and WMJH Rockford, MI

Both stations fined 15,000 by engaging in an unauthorized transfer of control of the Station that occurred in the context of a time brokerage agreement, and by failing to staff the main studio of the Station with a managerial employee and staff level employee of its own while the Station was being operated by a time broker. Both stations are owned by the Birch Broadcasting Corporation.

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

710 WOR New York, NY – from NY Daily News

George Noory's "Coast to Coast," bumped last month from WABC (770 AM), has come in for a landing at rival WOR (710 AM). "Coast to Coast," which begins April 5 and will be heard five nights a week, from 1 to 5 am, replaces the long-running Joey Reynolds show on WOR. "C2C" is best known for its exploration of paranormal phenomena, though Noory says it has focused more in recent years on social, medical, personal and political issues. It has the second highest number of stations for any syndicated show in the country,

trailing only Rush Limbaugh. Noory said that after the show was dropped by WABC, he received "thousands" of e-mails from New York area listeners who could no longer hear it. Reynolds, who has been a radio host for almost half a century, will remain on WOR through April 2 and says he bears no ill will. "I've been able to do a lot of great things on this show over the years," he says. "I don't think of this as being fired. It's an economic thing — which everyone has to do these days." Reynolds also said he doesn't expect to be absent from late-night media for long, because he is in discussions about a live nightly show that would be seen on television and carried on the Internet. "I'd hoped it would also be simulcast on WOR," he says. "So now I'll have to see if another station is interested." "Joey has done a remarkable job for WOR over a long period of time," said WOR program director Scott Lakefield. "But the time has come for a change by bringing one of the country's most popular shows to WOR." (DP-H)

890 KDJQ MERIDIAN, ID – from RBR.COM

KDJQ-AM Meridian ID is being sold out of receivership to a noncommercial Hispanic religious licensee. The station is in the Boise area, and the transaction is at the FCC after having already received court approval. The buyer is Iglesia Misionera Pentecotes Inc., headed by Ambrocio Cruz. The noncommercial outfit will pay \$325K cash for the station, and will also pay an additional \$11K to TBF Financial in exchange for certain pieces of station equipment. The seller is Greg Merrill, who was appointed receiver for the station by the Fourth Judicial District of Ada Count, Idaho. The station operates on 890 kHz with 50 kw during the day and 250 watts at night. Merrill operates as TriState Management LLC, and was also acting in his capacity as a broker for Media Services Group. He says this is the third attempt to sell the station. (DP-H)

970 KCMD Portland, OR – from RBR.COM

March 8 marked the debut of Sean Hannity and Mark Levin on Freedom 970 (KCMD-AM) in Portland, OR. The deal was announced last November by Alpha Broadcasting's Director of Talk Programming, Brian Jennings, but was on hold until the hosts were free of previous contractual obligations with Pamplin Media Group's KPAM-AM there. The Sean Hannity Show takes over 12-3pm and the Mark Levin Show immediately follows, 3-6pm (PT). "We've been waiting for this day and now that it's here I'm thrilled to add both Hannity and Levin to the Freedom 970 roster," commented Jennings. "The station has really evolved over the last 6 months and these shows complete what we've started with America's Morning News and the Laura Ingraham Show. The heat has most definitely been turned up on Portland's AM dial." Alpha Broadcasting, headquartered in Portland, Oregon was formed by Larry Wilson, Bob Proffitt and Endeavour Capital, also in Portland. (DP-H)

1110 KTEK Alvin, TX – from RBR.COM

It's yet another sign of the times transaction. Salem Communications filed to sell KTEK-AM Alvin TX to Business Radio back in December of 2007, posting a contract calling for a \$7.75M compensation package. Now it's getting the station back for less than half price. And when it comes to cash, the new value is almost one tenth what it was. The new contract specifies compensation of \$3.7M. Salem will pay \$800K in cash. \$1.26M will come under the heading of debt forgiveness, and the remaining \$1.64M will be credited to Business Radio to use in for form of programming time on "certain stations" owned by Salem. An LMA began 3/8/10. The station rejoins a Salem Houston cluster that includes Christian Talk KKHT-FM and News-Talk-Info KNTH-AM. Salem, headed by long-time execs Stuart W. Epperson and Edward G. Atsinger III, is buying the station under licensee name South Texas Broadcasting Inc. (DH-H)

1190 WAGE Leesburg, VA from RBR.COM

The effort to bring WAGE-AM (currently dark) back to Loudoun County, VA (suburban DC) is meeting with some resistance from the county's planning staff, as well as some members of the public. Potomac Radio, which ceased transmitting WAGE from Leesburg, VA in 2008, is seeking permission to establish a 50-kW AM transmitter on a 7.5-acre leased property in the county. The site is owned by Loudoun Water and is next to a property planned for the mixed-use development, reports Leesburg Today. The station will consist of three 195-foot self-supporting lattice towers with a buried grounding system of 120 equally spaced copper wires extending in 200-foot radius around each tower. A 20-foot by 25-foot transmitter building, satellite dishes and auxiliary generator with above ground natural gas tank will be located in proximity to the proposed antenna arrays near an existing gravel road. The proposal would require ground-disturbing activities within the floodplain as well as the removal of approximately two-acres of forest cover, requirements that have raised concerns of county staff members and the public, particularly with regard to the nearby heron rookery on the Kincora property. Project manager Pat Giglio acknowledged that Potomac Radio has submitted a series of conditions to mitigate the potential impacts. Michael Friedman, of the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, noted that the heron rookery includes 50 nests spread over a grove of sycamore trees on the property. The only other speaker on the application at last week's public hearing was Ernest Mayer, who lives "within direct eyesight" of the proposed towers and noted they would be an "intrusion of the sky line" and would "lower the value of nearby homes and property." J. Randall Minchew, the attorney representing Potomac Radio, told the paper his client would continue to work on all the concerns that were brought up at the hearing, including the potential impacts to the heron rookery. Minchew noted that the plan was to bring Loudoun-based programming back to the airways in a way that all residents can access it. "A bringing back of Loudoun County's only radio station that came on in 1958, and then went silent as part of its overall business planning to expand in August 2008, really can come back this October with 50,000 watts with a firm beacon so it can provide programming to all of Loudoun County," he said. There is no proposed date for the commission's work session, but Minchew said he expected it would come forward sometime in the next few weeks.

1200 WXKS Newton, MA – from RBR.COM

On Monday, March 8 at noon Clear Channel's "Rush Radio 1200/WXKS" becomes the new home of The Rush Limbaugh Show. He makes the move from Entercom's WRKO-AM in Beantown. Rush will air in his live slot, weekdays 12pm-3pm, followed by The Sean Hannity Show 3pm-6pm, The Jason Lewis Show 6pm-9pm, The Mark Levin Show 9p-12mid, Coast to Coast AM with George Noory midnight – 6am and The Glenn Beck Program 9am – 12noon. "Boston is the birthplace of the American Revolution," says Bill George, Program Director of Rush Radio 1200/WXKS. "Rush Radio will lead a new revolution beginning Monday, March 8th at noon. From our months of research and planning to Scott Brown's recent Senate win, it's clear that there is a changing tide in Massachusetts. People are ready to embrace the type of conservative ideals that Rush Radio 1200 and its hosts embrace." (DP-H)

1500 KSTP Minneapolis, MN switches to sports talk, aligns with ESPN – JUDD ZULGAD, Star Tribune

There was a blockbuster announcement on the Twin Cities sports scene Thursday that had nothing to do with Brett Favre, Joe Mauer or any of the local teams. Officials at longtime AM radio talk-station KSTP announced they are switching to an all-sports format and have reached a long-term deal with ESPN Radio that will eventually change their brand name to 1500 ESPN Twin Cities. This resulted in many departures and personnel moves at the station, including shifts for morning show host Patrick Reusse and afternoon staple Joe Southery. The exact date of the move isn't known, because ESPN has a contract with Clear Channel-owned KFAN (1130 AM) that could run as long as 60 days. The head-to-head competition between KFAN and KSTP will be among the many interesting story lines that come from a decision that caught many by surprise. There is little doubt Hubbard Broadcasting executives wanted to be more associated with sports because of their desire to retain the Twins on AM 1500 past this season, when the four-year contract between the sides is set to expire. (DP-H)

1560 KZQQ Abilene, TX

ESPN Radio 1560 AM has changed format from sports talk to classic rock, and will now be known as KZQQ the Zoo, Rock 1560. Local event programming – including Abilene High School and McMurry University sports, among others – will continue to be carried by the station, KZQQ, said Parker Cannan, president of Radio Abilene. The company owns two other stations, KWKC 1340 AM and Star 106, an FM station. ESPN Radio sports talk began airing July 10, 2006, on 1560 AM, according to a press release announcing the change would take effect at 6 pm. Thursday. "Business-wise, it wasn't possible for us," Cannan told his radio audience when asked by a caller about financial negotiations between Radio Abilene and ESPN Radio. Cannan made his remarks while appearing on a call-in sports show hosted by Al Pickett, which will now be broadcast on KWKC 1340 AM. Cannan also said he was told that "they're doing this to about 50 or 60 of the smaller markets." In an interview with the Reporter-News, Cannan said negotiations began about three months ago with ESPN Radio, as the station's contract was set to expire. "They gave ultimatums and I couldn't live with them. I didn't think it was good for the company. I didn't think it was good for Abilene," Cannan said. Cannan declined to give details of the negotiations, except to say there were "multiple" issues involved beyond financial considerations. ESPN Radio lists affiliates in Midland and San Angelo on the company's Web site. Radio Abilene made the announcement late Thursday afternoon, and no one from ESPN Radio or other local ESPN affiliates was available for comment. Cannan said he was "stunned" at ESPN's "heavy hand" in the negotiations, but is now looking forward to the classic rock format, which will feature two locally-hosted "drive-time" shows. (DH-H)

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04/02/10 1150 That's a wrap on this one... off to the NAB in Las Vegas this week. 73's. fresh

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1370 KUPA HI, Pearl City 4/2 0222 finally noted back on the air with J.T. The Brick on Fox Sports Radio. No station ID at 0259, but heard at 0659 retune "This is KUPA Pearl City AM 13-70, Honolulu's Home for Sports Talk, Fox Sports Radio Hawaii. We are the Ball(?)." No local ads noted. Audio quality slightly better than regular phone line; signal required a boost from the loop. Honolulu Star Bulletin said KUPA was going to return 3/15 with FSR 24/7. Last noted testing with jazz music on Oct. 11; was last on regular sked with FSR, in Oct. 2007. (5P-HI)

1470 KNFL UT, Tremonton back on the air playing taped music. (MR-UT)

 550 WQHK896 CA, Long Beach 3/12 1951 in with loop announcement by a woman, started with ID and then mentioned Port of Long Beach, etc. Mixing with KUZZ. Heard daily around this time. New. (MF-CA)
 KRAI CO, Craig 3/24 2150 end of unID song then KRAI ID under KOAC. (AB-ID)
 560 KWTO MO, Springfield 3/7 2207 KWTO ID, brief talk with "Springfield" mentioned. Poor with others. New. (AB-ID)
 KLZ CO, Denver 3/10 2304 "KLZ 5-60" ID, few ads and second ID at 2306. Fair/poor. (AB-ID)
 580 KUBC CO, Montrose 3/28 0859 "580 KUBC Montrose The Voice of the Valley." (BB-AZ)
 620 WTMJ WI, Milwaukee 3/22 2300 WTMJ ID and news. Poor under KPOJ. (AB-ID)
 630 KIDD CA, Monterey is now ESPN 630 www.espn630.com. It flipped from oldies which is now on 97.9, KYZZ. (DG-CA)
 650 KGAB WY, Orchard Valley 3/22 0430 "6-50 KGAB" ID, brief Fox News followed. (AB-ID)
 CKOM SK, Saskatoon 3/23 2152 gent with "Newstalk 650" slogan then woman with CKOM ID. (AB-ID)
 700 WLW OH, Cincinnati 3/24 2300 WLW ID, poor under KALL. New at last! (AB-ID)
 KGRV OR, Winston 3/25 0923 weather, ad, "Two Minute Program" and "This is KGRV 700" at 0928. (AB-ID)
 810 KSWV NM, Santa Fe 3/8 to 3/9 station on day power all night as verified by the CE. Station ID at 0200. Station has a mixed format of Spanish church music, oldies, sports, etc. (MR-UT)
 880 KCMX OR, Phoenix 3/13 2330 old time radio Johnny Dollar, ad for fraud prevention seminar. Fair to poor with unIDs under, on Hammarlund with wire. (GH-OR)
 930 KAGI OR, Grants Pass 3/14 0000 faint ID and mention of Jefferson Public Radio, way out in the mix and weak on Hammarlund with wire. (GH-OR)
 990 KTMS CA, Santa Barbara 3/26 0959 with "Newstalk Santa Barbara." (BB-AZ)
 1140 KYDZ NV, North Las Vegas 3/26 2124 with "This is Kids Radio 1140 AM." (BB-AZ)
 1170 KPUG WA, Bellingham sports talk with fair signal, slow shallow fades, on Hammarlund with Sanserino loop. A regular here. (GH-OR)
 1020 KDKA PA, Pittsburgh 3/20 0658 end of local sports talk program, then ID at the hour "...Newsradio 1020, KDKA," CBS news. Almost alone on freq. clearest signal in a long time. (NP-AB)
 1210 ?KQEQ? CA, Fowler 3/12 0215 in with Vietnamese talk by a woman with music in between items. Maybe news? On top for about 4 minutes. Heard some nights but no ID yet. (MF-CA)
 KHAT WY, Laramie 3/26 1010 ad block including an auto dealership in Laramie, KHAT ID at 1012. (AB-ID)
 1230 KBAR ID, Burley 3/28 2038 ad block, "KBAR Burley" ID at 2040. (AB-ID)
 KHSN OR, Coos Bay 3/22 0800 gent with KHSN ID and "ESPN 1230." New. (AB-ID)
 KZZR OR, Burns 3/28 2345 country music, weak but dominating the pile. Male gave ID (Ho Hum). (GH-OR)
 KQIK OR, Lakeview 3/30 2159 KQIK ID. (AB-ID)
 KVOC WY, Casper 3/31 0959 KVOC ID. (AB-ID)
 1240 KEJO OR, Corvallis 3/26 floated to the top of the channel with call ID at 1000 on the car radio. Only the second time I've heard it. (LG-MT)
 KQEN OR, Roseburg 3/28 0000 barely there in a mix with at least 2 others. Soon lost to unID Spanish, on TMC with wire. (GH-OR)
 KXLE WA, Ellensburg 3/31 1002 gent with KXLE ID. (AB-ID)
 1270 KBZZ NV, Sparks 3/24 2100 with "KBZZ Sparks-Reno." (BB-AZ)
 KBAM WA, Longview 3/19 0005 many "Real Country" and "K-BAM" ID's. Not far but really good for 83 watts night power on TMC with wire. (GH-OR)
 KIML WY, Gillette 3/25 2155 with "Newstalk 1270 KIML." (BB-AZ)
 1280 KXTK CA, Arroyo Grande 3/21 on top of channel with ESPN sports and ID at 2200. New. (PM-OR)
 KFRN CA, Long Beach 3/24 2159 with "KFRN" in English. (BB-AZ)
 1300 KCMY NV, Carson City 4/2 with "KCMY" then weather. (BB-AZ)
 KAPL OR, Phoenix 3/29 2200 KAPL ID and news. (AB-ID)
 1350 KABQ NM, Albuquerque 4/1 1000 "1350 KABQ" ID under KTIK. New. (AB-ID)
 1420 WOC IA, Davenport 3/20 0700 ID in the mix at the hour as "Newstalk 1420, WOC, Davenport-Quad Cities." (NP-AB)
 1460 KION CA, Salinas 3/10 0237 ID, into Coast to Coast, QRM from ESPN Deportes Radio (Las Vegas). (MF-CA)
 1490 KWAC CA, Bakersfield 3/19 2000 heard nice English ID and then ESPN Deportes Radio programming. (MF-CA)
 KTOB CA, Petaluma 3/14 0052 heard Spanish music program, mostly dominant. Continued to listen until I heard a nice "La Vaquera 14-90" slogan at 0110. New, #375 heard, a goal I've had for years. (MF-CA)

1500 KUMU HI, Honolulu 4/2010 noted for the past month that KUMU-FM 94.7, relayed by KUMU-1500, has cut back severely on the light rock and is playing primarily adult urban contemporary, from Barry White to Beyonce. (5P-HI)
 1610 WQIV246 ND, Ellendale 3/26 0357 heard a man mention "...please contact the Ellendale Police Department," then call ID a few seconds later. (NP-AB)

UNIDS

1550 UNID 3/13 0020 male said "1550 KRLC," however I have no listing. Weak under semi-local KKAD. Any help appreciated. (GH-OR)

Art's KWTO and KLZ 560 tips were somehow combined into one tip last issue. The correct ones appear this time. Sorry Art! – Nancy 4/2 2100

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: 4-17, 5-1 and 5-22

		STARS OF THE WEEK
(LF-FL)	your editor	Ocala, FL Drake R-8B, MFJ 616 audio enhancer, Grundig S-800, BSI Auto Logging Software, Vox Pro E-2 editing software
(KK-VA)	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA NRD-545 rx w/KIWA Loop antenna
(KK1-VA)	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA NRD-545 rx w/134' multi band ant NE/SW
(KK5-VA)	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA Using PL-310 portable with built in antenna
(JJR-MI)	John J Rieger	L'Anse, MI Sony ICF-SW7600GR stock

LOGGINGS

800 PA	WCHA	Chambersburg 3/26 1031. Talk about upcoming cancer fund raising walk in April. "Your all time favorites on 'Music of Your Life' WCHA" into song. (KK5-VA)
930 AB	CJCA	Edmonton 3/21 0645. Poor o/others to quick fade. "AM930 the Light". (JJR-MI)
1200 NC	WSML	Graham 3/20 0751. Mixing w/religious. Local ad for "Infinity dealer in Greensboro" into song. Graham, NC is near Greensboro. (KK5-VA)
	PA	WKST New Castle 3/27 0755. Mixing w/WMIR and oldies. "You can hear the difference. This is news talk 1200 WKST New Castle" into news. (KK-VA)
	SC	WMIR Atlantic Beach 3/27 0755. Mixing w/WKST and oldies. Religious singing. "WMIR". (KK-VA)
1240 PA	WYGL	Selinsgrove 3/20 1859. Talk about college basketball. "ESPN AM 12-40 WYGL Selinsgrove. All sports all the time" into "ESPN Sports Center". (KK-VA)
	VA	WKDL Warrenton 3/20 1834. Mixing w/C&W song. Religious songs "Come to Jesus" and "He Knows Your Name". "A message from WKDL 12-50 AM..." into SRN news. (KK-VA)
1250 TN	WKBL	Covington 3/19 1820. Mixing w/WDVA, talk, other talk and religious (other than WDVA). C&W songs. "WKBL 12-50..." (KK-VA)
	VA	WDVA Danville 3/19 1820. Mixing w/WKBL, talk, other talk and religious (other than WDVA). "We're WDVA..." into Gospel song. (KK-VA)
1260 DC	WWRC	Washington 3/20 1727. Talk about animals on "Talking Pets". Ad for "Virginia Surgical Health Center". "WRC" jingle. (KK-VA)
1270 NC	WCGC	Belmont 3/20 1929. Mixing w/talk. Screaming Gospel message. "WCGC... Gospel..." into endless song. Talk about local events. (KK-VA)
1290 OH	WHIO	Dayton 3/20 2130. Mixing w/CJBK. "WHIO... news first AM 12-90". "WHIO Dayton Spring Fund..." (KK-VA)
	ON	CJBK London 3/20 2130. Mixing w/WHIO. "Tech Talk". "Coming up next Detroit Red Wings Hockey". "Detroit Red Wings Tonight". (KK-VA)
1300 NY	WGDJ	Rensselaer 3/20 2142. Mixing w/religious singing and C&W songs. Political call in show. "Here on Talk 13" cut off by ad. "talk1300 dot com". (KK-VA)
1310 VA	WDCT	Fairfax 3/20 2156. Mixing w/religious singing. Korean talk. English "You have your dial set on WDCT AM 13-10 Washington". (KK-VA)
1320 FL	WBOB	Jacksonville 3/20 2200. Mixing w/WJAS and music. "What's great about WBOB talk radio every Friday 12 noon... home... here on ABC 1300 WBOB." (KK-VA)
	PA	WJAS Pittsburgh 3/20 2200. Mixing w/WBOB and music. "Music of your life" type songs. "WJAS". (KK-VA)

1330 OH WFIN Findlay 3/23 1906. Mixing w/WYRD, WSPQ, singing and C&W. "Sponsored by the Ohio Department of... you... news... talk... sports WFIN" into news. (KK-VA)

1330 SC WYRD Greenville 3/23 1906. Mixing w/WFIN, WSPQ, singing and C&W. Ad for "Flat Rock Grille in Greenville". (they have good food - ed) Weather forecast. "WYRD". "Get it right with Rush". Talking about disaster of presidency. (KK-VA)

1350 NY WCBA Corning 3/26 1850. Mixing w/WOYK and singing. "Fox Sports 13-50 WCBA" into NCAA regional semifinal. (KK-VA)

PA WOYK York 3/26 1850. Mixing w/WCBA and singing. "First in sports WOYK". (KK-VA)

1360 AL WIXI Jasper 3/26 1906. Mixing w/WGFA, WDRC, sports and WNJC. Bluegrass music. "13-60 WIXI" into IRN/USA radio news. (KK-VA)

CT WDRC Hartford 3/26 1906. Mixing w/WGFA, WNJC, sports and WIXI. Discussing tea party movement. "You're listening to 'The Savage Nation' on AM 13-60 WDRC the talk of Connecticut". (KK-VA)

IL WGFA Watseka 3/26 1906. Mixing w/WNJC, WDRC, sports and WIXI. Out of the mix, News and "WGFA". (KK-VA)

IA KSCJ Sioux City 3/21 0630. Prob but o/WTAQ, unid OLD stn. Full LID, promo, nx. (JJR-MI)

NJ WNJC Washington Township 3/26 1906. Mixing w/WGFA, WDRC, sports and WIXI. Doo Wop songs on "Philly Radio. Keeping the hits alive with the 50's, 60's and 70's" Determined this is WNJC as web streaming at www.wnjc1360.com matches what I am hearing. (KK-VA)

PA WMNY McKeesport 3/28 0712. Mixing w/church type singing. Call in show. "...talker 13-60 WMNY Pittsburgh's business radio". (KK-VA)

1450 MN KBUN Bemidji 3/21 0652. Fair, many Bemidji ads, ph #s, lost to others, but unusually strong on tune in. "KBUN, Sports radio 1450, All Sports all the time, the Bun". SPO:ESPN. (JJR-MI)

ND KZZJ Rugby 3/21 0553. Poor in w/others "AM 1450 KZZJ" into C&W. (JJR-MI)

1540 IA WXEL Waterloo 4/1 0355-0435. Mixing w/singing and other talk. "Go behind the scenes... on news talk 15-40 KXEL" into ABC news. "That's 'On Press Row' with the Sports Guy weekdays 5PM on news talk 15-40 KXEL". (KK1-VA)

1560 NY WQEW New York City 3/31 0355-0435. Typical Radio Disney programming. Child sounding DJs "...you can listen to the Radio Disney... from the station that's about you..." "WQEW and WQEW HD 1 New York..." "Radio Disney" jingle into song. (KK1-VA)

1570 NC WNCA Siler City 3/29 1906. Mixing w/talk, Spanish and C&W. "First in news in Chatham County". "News when it happens 15-70 WNCA. (KK-VA)

VA WYTI Rocky Mount 3/30 1935. Mixing talk and Spanish. C&W/bluegrass music. "...in Rocky Mount this evening..." (KK-VA)

1580 MD WHFS Morningside 3/27 0804. IRN/USA radio news "Big Talker 15-80". Jingle "Welcome to the weekend. Welcome to 'Good Day'. (KK-VA)

ON CKDO Oshawa 3/28 0355-0435. Mixing w/talk and church type singing. CKDO with oldies. "...memories CKDO... enter CKDO fan club... enter CKDO fan club today..." "...it's all right here on CKDO". (KK1-VA)

1590 AL WVNA Tusculumbia 3/27 0355-0435. Mixing w/WGGO and music. ABC news. "Skywatch forecast... on news talk 15-90 WVNA..." Gave number to call in. (KK1-VA)

NY WGGO Salamanca 3/27 0355-0435. Mixing w/WVNA and music. "This is WGGO... ESPN radio..." St. Mary's basketball game highlights. (KK-VA)

1610 ON CHHA Toronto 3/25 0355-0435. Mixing w/other talk, singing and music. Spanish talk. English "You are listening to station 16-10 AM Radio Voices Latinos... first ethnic radio station... Toronto Ontario Canada. Postal code..." (KK1-VA)

1630 IA KCJJ Iowa City 3/23 0355-0435. Mixing w/NVCC TIS. "This... 16-30 KCJJ Iowa City, Coraville" into news. "Putting out a 10,000 watt signal across the mid west. 16-30 KCJJ". (KK1-VA)

1650 IA KCNZ Cedar Falls 3/21 0355-0435. Mixing w/singing and other faint singing. Talking about Ohio State. "This is the place for all the action... 16-50 KCNZ". (KK1-VA)

1660 MI WQLR Kalamazoo 3/20 0355-0435. Mixing w/other talk and music. "...16-60 WQLR" into talking about 2 cases of beer at the Hockey Hall of Fame. (KK1-VA)

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1630 VA NVCC Manassas 3/23 0355-0435. Mixing w/KCJJ. Northern Virginia Community College Manassas campus college and parking info loop. (KK1-VA)

 Thanks to all this week. This is the last of the Bi-weeklies, perhaps a signal that DX is winding down for the year ??? I am off to Las Vegas for the annual NAB, back on the 16th. Penny will be handling the DXM this week....
 fresh 4-03 0800

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Greetings everyone,

Even as late as it is getting in the season, DX is still coming in. Nice reports from Nigel Pimblett, Nick Hall-Patch, Dennis Vroom, Bill Block, and a one from Bill Nittler. (Welcome back Bill!) So away we go.

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

621 **UNID**, March 28, 2010 0345. Man speaking in unid language. (NP-AB)

711 **UNID**, March 28 at 0258 instrumental tune, with no talk in a few minutes of audio I had. (NP-AB)

774 **SPAIN**, synchros RNE1, March 26, 0453. Man in SS, then SS language version of REM song "Losing My Religion" //684 audio in audio. (NP-AB)

855 **SPAIN**, synchros RNE1 March 28 at 0301 News by a woman //774. (NP-AB)

864 **FRANCE** Paris, France Bleu, March 28 at 0246. Pop music in FF. Possible ID with a few words by a man at 0300, but too much splatter at that point to be certain, then back into music. (NP-AB)

873 **SPAIN**, synchros SER, March 28 0253. Presumed the one with talks in SS by woman, then man. (NP-AB)

882 **UNID**, March 28 0335. Man speaking, but weak signal with a lot of splatter made it impossible to even ID language. (NP-AB)

945 **FRANCE**, Toulouse, France Info, March 28, at 0301. News in FF by woman. (NP-AB)

963 **FINLAND**, Pori, CRI relay, March 28 at 0300. Time pips, opening ID, man speaking in RR. (NP-AB)

999 **SPAIN**, Madrid COPE, March 28 at 0308. Man speaking in SS. (NP-AB)

1017 **GERMANY**, SWR at 0257 on March 28, Man in GG speaking straight through the hour. Seemed to be a public address announcer in EE in the background. (NP-AB)

1089 **UNITED KINGDOM**, synchros, TalkSport, March 28 at 0245. Man interviewing another, then faded, coming back at 0305 with ads. (NP-AB)

1152 **ROMANIA**, Cluj, Radio Romania Actualitti, March 29, 0249. Woman speaking in Romanian (thanks to guys on RealDX for confirming the language). (NP-AB)

1161 **UNID**, March 28 at 0258. Man speaking but too much splatter to hear much. (NP-AB)

1206 **FRANCE**, Bordeaux, France Info, March 28, 0257. Light Instrumental selection //1377 kHz. Seemed rather unusual to hear music here. (NP-AB)

1215 **UNITED KINGDOM**, Absolute Radio, March 28 0258. Several commercials, ID, pop music. (NP-AB)

1269 **GERMANY**, Neumunster DLF, March 28 0259. Part of tune by Queen, then news theme and time pips and time check for 5:00 AM. (NP-AB)

1422 **GERMANY**, Heusweiler, DLF March 28, 0303 UTC. News in GG, read by a man. (NP-AB)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

1130 **MEXICO**, Aguascalientes, AG XEYZ "La Poderosa" Call given as XEHZ which is the FM call with good signal in and out on 3/29 at 0535. Heard next night. Must be using their CP power of 30 KW. (BN-NM) (Thanks for the tip on this. I will be checking 1130, as XEs are rather rare here. PM)

1340 **MEXICO**, Cd. Acuna, Coah, XEDH Heard 3/16 0105 w/noticias, mentions of Acuna and 2 call IDs. (BN-NM)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

153 **RUSSIA**, Radio Rossii 1318 fair with man in RR 3/27. (DV-WA)

180 **RUSSIA**, Radio Rossii 1334 3/27, very weak on second scan of the band. (DV-WA)

189 **RUSSIA**, Radio Rossii, 1320 good with man in RR 3/27 (DV-WA)

234 **RUSSIA**, Radio Rossii 1334 fair with man in RR 3/27. (DV-WA)

279 **RUSSIA**, Radio Rossii 1321 3/27, with man in RR. (DV-WA)

594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK very poor at 1310 3/31. (BB-AZ)

738 **TAHITI**, fair with woman in FF and typical island music at 0650 3/30. (PM-OR)

774 **JAPAN**, Akita, JOUB poor at 1308 3/31. (BB-AZ)

837 **JAPAN**, Niigata, JOQK 19 March 1336 Woman talking, mostly poor but fair at times //594. (NHP-BC)

846 **JAPAN**, NHK1 synchros 16 March 1353 Man in JJ mostly poor but //594. (NHP-BC)

945 **CHINA**, Jiaohu, CNR1 22 March 1256 Man talking rapidly, poor to fair //4460. (NHP-BC)

981 **CHINA**, various locations, CNR1 22 March 1303. Briefly poor w/man talking, then woman //4460. (NHP-BC)

- 1017 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI 22 March 1255. Woman talking along with pipe mx, briefly fair //5965, although 5965 was the weaker on channel. (NHP-BC)
- 1188 **JAPAN**, Kitami JOKP 9 March 1431, Men talking, telephone interview maybe, poor but //594. (NHP-BC)
- 1269t **JAPAN**, Esashi/Obihiro JOFM/JOHW 21 March 1351. Pretty tentative, at low level, but slow female singing in murk, seemed to be //1287. (NHP-BC)
- 1323 **CHINA**, Shuangyashan, CRI 17 March 1300. Chimes and fanfare on hour poor to occasionally fair, but talk by man and woman following was unreadable in splatter. Also 24 March 1221. Woman then man talking, poor but seemed //963 and usually a slight better signal. (NHP-BC)
- 1359 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros 27 Mrch 1339. Woman talking at various times, briefly poor but //4460. Believe this is new at home. (NHP-BC)
- 1476t **CHINA**, Unknown. Sounded like CC talk by woman at 1338 27 March. On March 29 1300, there were pips, 3 low and one high pitch, equal lengths, and except for the fact that there weren't 5 low ones, I would have said they were Chinese. (I don't think that there were two other pips buried in the noise). The following morning at 1300, I recorded the same pip sequence, but closer examination revealed two sets of 3 and 1 pips, slightly offset. On the RealDX list, Chuck Hutton suggested Zibo RGD from his experience, while Mauno Ritola suggested Heilongjiang, as both seem to use the truncated pips. Maybe I heard both. (NHP-BC)
- 1512 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros 6 March 1438. Woman and man talking, nil to poor //747. (NHP-BC)
- 1557t **TAIWAN**, Kouhu, Family Radio, 6 March 1448. Traces of deep voiced man in splatter likely to be this, though not strong enough to tell language. (NHP-BC)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, Cheju, HLAZ good at 1333 3/31. (BB-AZ)
- 1593t **TAIWAN**, Tocheng Fisheries Broadcast Station, 6 March 1443. Light vocal mx not //NHK2 or 4460, might have been w/1143 which was barely there at this time. Nil to nearly fair at times, may have been CNR1 mixing as well. (NHP-BC)
- 1602 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros 6 March 1440. Woman talking nil to poor //828. (NHP-BC)

QSLs (Great ones, Nigel! PM)

- 252 **IRELAND**, RTE Clarkestown, Freq only QSL card in 17 days or mint stamps. New country and my first LW QSL in about 5 years. (NP-AB)
- 1224 **JAPAN**, Kanazawa JOJK, Full data QSL card in 22 days for mint stamps. (NP-AB)
- 1530 **VATICAN**, Vatican Radio, 9755, 11625, Full data QSL card of the Chapel of the Annunciation, along with stickers and booklet on Vatican Radio for 2 Shortwave and 1 MW report in 65 days. New country QSL'd on MW. (NP-AB)
- 1656 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane, Voice of the Australian Chinese, Full data QSL sheet from David Lu, CE in 18 days for mint stamps and a CD report. Australia #30 QSL'd. (NP-AB)

TROPICAL BAND QSL

- 2368.5 **AUSTRALIA**, Radio Symban, Marickville NSW, Full data "Australian Native Birds" QSL card from John Wright in 56 days for \$2 US which he returned. John mentioned this was the 2bn correct report from Canada. (NP-AB)

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- NP-AB **NIGEL PIMBLETT**, 331 5th Street, Dunmore AB T1B 0J9 Canada ntjp@shaw.ca
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- DV-WA **DENNIS VROOM**, Salmon Creek, WA vroomski@comcast.net
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- PM-OR **PATRICK MARTIN**, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138-0843 mwdxer@webtv.net
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While I am a bit late with this for the anniversary issue I'd still like to congratulate IRCA for being such a great resource for the past 46 years for the DXer as well as a sounding board for exchange of

info. I've been in this great club since 1971 and have certainly seen a lot of changes on the AM dial over the nearly 40 years I've been a club member. I share with other IRCAn's the loss of renowned DXers John Bryant and Kermit Geary. These two were besides being great people who I'd had the pleasure to meet at various radio conventions, were also veritable fountains of knowledge. John was a valuable resource from the technical end and gosh Kermit was there when DX was born as evidenced by his over 6000 veries and stations heard. Those kinds of numbers will never be attained by anyone simply because the AM dial is so clogged with QRM. Kermit would have to be considered the Cy Young of DXers in terms of volume DX gotten over 9 decades. It is the rare DXer who can say that they've heard over 4000 stations let alone over 6000, that is mindboggling! My own effort going back to 1966 totals 3,598 heard (although there are 47 frequency shifts that I may add on soon) and once I attain certain goals may decide that I've accomplished all I can reasonably expect to do with the AM dial. Obviously passing 3600 heard is the most pressing aim, but I am only about 25 stations shy of 3000 full power US broadcasters, (I have over 3000 US stations when including beacons, utility, TIS and low power home selling and carrier current operations in totals); while I am over 600 K call stations, I need about 30 W's to reach 2400 of those. I would love to hear Alaska to complete the 50 states but there are so many improbable scenarios involving that that is no longer realistic. There was a time when that could have been accomplished. I often think that had CJCA not blocked 930 on Monday mornings back in the '60s and '70s that KTKN might have been a possibility. I'm still open to suggestions about Alaska, hi! It's tough enough hearing stations four or five states away let alone 4000+ miles away. Another goal I would like to reach would be 400 heard on the 6 local frequencies, 1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450 and 1490. I have 386 spread across these now. The greatest on any one frequency is 81 heard on 1340. Also this too could be rough to do as WCWA hinders my 1230-but still I do have 50 there but they are now back to IBOC'ing 1240 so that really stings. Finding another 14, yep that will be a chore. That will be less of a chore than the Butler Bulldogs winning the NCAA college basketball championship.

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My deadline is the last Monday of the month at 1500 ELT.

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

550	TIS	Robert Uribe; Wireless Communications Div, 5580 Cherry Ave, Long Beach CA 90805-5504; robert.uribe@longbeach.gov ; E; 8; MF [Station's callsign is WQHK896, is 10 watts, and gives daily status of port ops]
1160	WYLL*	Paul Easter, CE; Elk Grove Village IL; Q; NJP
1390	WEGP	Patrick T. Patterson, OpsMgr; P O Box 4088, Presque Isle ME 04760-4088; Q; 810 and 210; IRCA and NJP

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] = See comment below

Nigel's reply from WYLL-1160 included a note from the CE saying that although he is certainly willing to respond to both e-mail and written reception reports, only those written reports that include a SASE will be answered. The CE also said that listeners requesting QSLs should **not** send money. The postal and e-mail addresses for the WYLL CE were reported in the January and February 2010 columns. This column was prepared on 3/29/10. 73, SSH.

SPECIAL FEATURE (used with permission)

LEM291 DXpedition Report – February 26 – March 6, 2010
by Mika Mäkeläinen

For the first time I combined a family winter vacation with DXing. We shared a cabin with Jim Slatie's family in the Saariselkä ski resort in Lapland, and after a freezing but fun week I and Jim drove to Lemmenjoki for the last DXpedition of the season. During the first week skiing was limited

because of temperatures hovering around -20 to -30 degrees, but fortunately on the following week the AM band turned out to be hot. This combo vacation was a success, as we got a bunch of new stations, and our wives have not divorced us, at least not yet.



The southern slope of Mount Kaunispää in Saariselkä, close to our rental cottage

On Friday, February 26, I drove my family from Saariselkä to Rovaniemi to catch an overnight train home south. Finland's national railroad company VR made history by departing and arriving on time despite the snow and ice.

I shopped for groceries and headed back above the Arctic Circle, which runs just north of Rovaniemi. The roads were unusually quiet, probably because most people were home watching the Olympic ice-hockey semi-finals. Finland suffered a colossal loss to the US in Vancouver, so I certainly didn't miss anything while driving in crisp -30 degree weather to Lemmenjoki.



Kiilopää Mountain in Saariselkä in the distance

The cabin was already stocked with receivers and all the rest. I had visited Lemmenjoki with Jim briefly on Monday, February 22, to leave some automated recordings.

They worked only partially, and the conditions were not stunning, so we don't expect any historic discoveries from those Perseus files. However, as soon as I arrived on Friday evening, the AM band was full of North American stations, so I slept only for two hours during the first euphoric night. Jim joined me on Sunday afternoon after his family had flown south from the Ivalo Airport.

Propagation conditions during our week turned out to be good, but very different from what we had expected. We were hoping to hear some stations from Australia and New Zealand, maybe also from Thailand and the rest of South East Asia. On the western front, this time of the year should have been good for instance for targeting Peru.



Ice-covered trees near the top of Mount Kaunispää in Saariselkä

Eventually we probably got nothing new from Australia or New Zealand, but enjoyed good conditions to China for hours every day, as well as moderate to good conditions to Japan in the early afternoons. To the west, US stations were heard pretty well every day, and also on several nights, with a bunch of Mexicans, often heard for many hours after sunrise. All in all, conditions favored higher latitudes than expected. There were no spectacular historic openings to any particular direction, but steady average or above average conditions guaranteed a huge amount of recordings, which should yield also nice surprises.

Here is a summary of the solar weather indices during our time in Lemmenjoki:

Date	Solar flux	Sunspot number		Planetary A index			K indices (3-hour intervals)		Min-max solar wind speed (km/sec)	Number of flares (events)		
		STAR	NOAA	STAR	NOAA	Daily low-high	Planetary	Boulder		C	M	X
22.2.2010	83.7	15	14	4.1	4	0-6	11011112	11121211	314-369			
23.2.2010	84.2	42	31	1.8	2	0-6	21000010	22110210	298-358			
24.2.2010	82.6	31	40	3.0	3	0-12	13000101	13011100	307-353			
25.2.2010	82.7	28	30	2.1	2	0-7	10000012	10110112	314-384			
26.2.2010	80.5	23	26	1.9	2	0-5	10000001	20000010	296-373			
27.2.2010	78.6	11	26	1.8	2	0-4	00000111	10001100	285-314			
28.2.2010	78.1	11	13	2.3	2	0-4	00101101	02011211	285-335			
1.3.2010	79.3	37	36	5.3	5	3-7	11112212	22112321	297-379			
2.3.2010	79.4	37	39	4.1	4	0-7	00022212	10022212	339-386			
3.3.2010	80.4	37	39	5.9	6	0-9	12022222	22122322	355-421			
4.3.2010	81.3	38	40	6.3	6	0-15	23202111	13202201	334-441	1		
5.3.2010	79.5	0	35	2.5	2	0-5	00111101	00222211	350-404			
6.3.2010	78.3	22	0	3.3	3	0-9	20001111	20101102	321-377			
7.3.2010	76.6	12	0	4.3	4	0-12	23200001	22300000	346-424			

(Information collected by Jan Alvestad)

What was remarkable is that in the afternoon Far Eastern AM stations began to appear as early as four to five hours before sunset, and in the morning US stations continued to be heard up to six hours after sunrise in Lemmenjoki. Oh, the joy of solar minimum.... It will be interesting to compare the times in our logs to this table of local sunrise and sunset times:

Date	Sunrise in Lemmenjoki		Sunset in Lemmenjoki	
	local	UTC	local	UTC
22.2.2010	8:10	0610	16:54	1454
23.2.2010	8:05	0605	16:58	1458
24.2.2010	8:01	0601	17:02	1502
25.2.2010	7:57	0557	17:06	1506
26.2.2010	7:52	0552	17:10	1510
27.2.2010	7:48	0548	17:14	1514
28.2.2010	7:44	0544	17:18	1518
1.3.2010	7:39	0539	17:22	1522
2.3.2010	7:35	0535	17:26	1526
3.3.2010	7:31	0531	17:29	1529
4.3.2010	7:27	0527	17:33	1533
5.3.2010	7:22	0522	17:37	1537
6.3.2010	7:18	0518	17:41	1541
7.3.2010	7:14	0514	17:45	1545

In our series of close encounters with the Arctic wildlife, we saw more reindeer around the cabin than ever before. It turned out that one of the local reindeer owners' associations was moving its

herds to higher grounds through this area, and so reindeer were passing our cottage almost daily. This time of the year the reindeer are beginning to leave their winter feeding areas, heading up to the fells, where snow is exposed to the sun and melts faster – making it easier to find lichen on the Arctic tundra.



Reindeer on ice close to our cabin



Rudolph the red-boned reindeer

Also, some reindeer had been domesticated by the neighboring households, and although they are free to roam around, they always return home, where food is more plentiful than in nature during this exceptionally harsh winter.

We also got a taste of Lapland, quite literally. Our neighbor Aslak – who has a very traditional Lappish first name – kindly gave us some freshly cut and frozen reindeer meat, with hair and all, from his snowmobile loaded with pieces of a butchered reindeer. Reindeer meat is the basic staple of the region, and a valued delicacy in all of Finland.

As our cooking expertise is limited to heating "Kitchen Joy's" Thai meals in a microwave oven, we wondered how on earth are we going to prepare these chunks of meat into a culinary treat. Eventually we decided to boil them, as game meat may not be very tender. Obviously we didn't boil them long enough, as the meat was still rather tough for my taste, and Jim wouldn't even dare to take a single bite. For the record, I survived without any stomach ailments. Reindeer meat does have its unique taste, which is definitely worth trying if you ever get a chance - and a cook more experienced than me.

Let's focus again on the essential.... This was not a culinary adventure, but an expedition to discover something new on the AM dial. Most of Lemmenjoki's dozen or so Beverage and longwire antennas were used at some point, although clearly the best antennas were a wire pointing to the Northwest at 319 degrees, and another pointing to the East at 55 degrees, used for Asian stations.



DXing headquarters of the North

Around 2200-2300 UTC we hunted for US daytimers, and after that we tried to figure out which trans-Atlantic region the overnight conditions would favor, to leave automated Perseus recordings for the top-of-the-hour slots. In the morning we woke up before sunrise, and usually enjoyed good reception from the Western Hemisphere until around midday. In the afternoon, it was all Asians until about 6 pm local time. Here is a more detailed look at the reception conditions on each day:

Saturday, February 27, 2010

I got my stuff organized after 2100 UTC on Friday evening, which was a perfect timing. After 2130 UTC several US East Coast stations emerged with decent signal strength and continued for 14 hours. Although the end of February isn't ideal for hunting daytimers, several daytime stations were noted. Among the best catches early evening were WDER Derry NH on 1320 kHz, WEZS Laconia NH on 1350 kHz and WIZZ Greenfield MA on 1520 kHz. KGOW Bellaire TX on 1559.937 kHz stayed on full power through the night. There were a few scattered Latin Americans overnight, including a fair opening to Venezuela around 0245 UTC. Morning goodies included XEIB Caborca SO on 1170 kHz, along with the more common XEUVA. In the afternoon, the first Far Eastern stations overcame static

before 1100 UTC, after which Chinese stations dominated the Asian scene for hours. No sign of the coveted Aussies or Kiwis.



Mika Mäkeläinen

Sunday, February 28, 2010

On Saturday evening trans-Atlantic signals arrived later and weaker than on the previous night, and reception improved a bit only after solid darkness fell over the East Coast. However, conditions in all directions remained poor, and nothing worth mentioning was heard. As a sign of desperation I even ventured to the 60 meter shortwave band, where common South American stations were heard fairly well. In the morning XETOT Tampico TM 1190 kHz rose on top of the pile at midnight local time for full station identifications and the Mexican national anthem. After daybreak a selection of North American stations tilted towards the West Coast. Asians, led by the Japanese and northeastern Chinese, appeared already after 1000 UTC, which is remarkably early this time of the year. For example, from Heilongjiang two thirds of the signal's path to Finland was in bright daylight! Japanese stations were booming, and the NHK1 regional break at 1255 UTC yielded some very nice catches, including JOQC Fukaura on 1584 kHz. Later in the evening, WTWW Lebanon TN, a new shortwave station, was heard strong and steady on 9480 kHz, making its first appearance here.



Jim Solatie



Digita's antennas on top of Mount Kaunispää

Monday, March 1, 2010

Trans-Atlantic reception was poor through the night, but even after all signals seemed to disappear in the morning, there was a nice opening to Venezuela and the US East Coast at around 0630-0830 UTC, after which the AM band became mostly silent. Spanish stations were also heard with local and regional breaks around 0600-0700 UTC. A second fairly new shortwave station made its debut in Finland around midday as Voz Missionária from Brazil was heard on 11749.869 kHz in the 25-meter-band. Japanese and Chinese stations emerged forcefully around 1115 UTC and dominated the band for hours.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Despite high expectations, again no daytimer activity on Monday evening. Initially overnight conditions seemed poor, but conditions improved towards the morning, and around daybreak North American stations were stronger than on any previous day. Also stations from the lower end of the dial were heard, including a bunch of the most regular Cubans. Our catches include WQAM Miami FL on 560 kHz and Radio Ciudad Habana on 980 kHz. Stations from Coast to Coast were heard, and because of the sheer amount of stations, especially graveyard channels degenerated into noisy CBC-

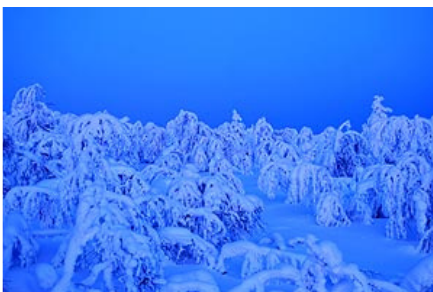
dominated frequencies. US stations prevailed until around 1100 UTC, which is almost six hours after sunrise in Lemmenjoki. That's also when the first Asian stations began their typical five-hour onslaught, first it was the Japanese, and later on stations from further south along the Pacific Rim – though unfortunately not all the way to "down under".



The entire AM band on Perseus

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Brazilian stations were the first to cross the Atlantic around 2100 UTC, later joined by stations from Argentina and Uruguay, all going relatively strong through the night. After "A Voz do Brasil" ended at 2300 UTC on Tuesday, we identified for example Rádio Camboriú, Balneário Camboriú SC on 1290 kHz and Rádio Frecuencia, Garopaba SC on 1380 kHz. There were only sporadic signs of North American stations. In the morning all trans-Atlantic stations vanished soon after sunrise, around 0530 UTC. A handful of Venezuelan and US East Coast stations reappeared at 0700 UTC. A narrow slice of the East Coast was audible, allowing for example the reception of WNBK Binghamton NY on 1290 kHz. Just before 0900 UTC the propagation path jumped to the Pacific Northwest, and we got a nice opening to Oregon and Nevada around 1000 UTC with stations like KBZZ Sparks 1270 kHz and KWNA Winnemucca 1400 kHz. Asian stations began fading in gradually around 1300 UTC, much later than on previous days. The emphasis was on lower latitudes than before, including a few Philippine stations logged after 1400 UTC. From China we identified for instance Tangshan PBS on 684 kHz and Qingdao PBS on 819 kHz.



Magical forest at dusk in Saariselkä



Freezing, but at least it is sunny

Thursday, March 4, 2010

This was probably overall the poorest day this far. Brazilian stations began to invade our dials after 2130 UTC and continued rather well through the night, though not quite as strong as on the previous night. Hardly any North American stations were heard overnight, and very few in the morning. After sunrise all trans-Atlantic signals vanished, but fortunately at least British and Spanish stations were exceptionally strong. There was a long daytime lull without anything to listen to, until Asian signals started pouring in after 1230 UTC. Initially there were a lot of Japanese stations, then very strong signals from China for a moment, and by 1500 UTC also some Indian and Pakistani stations, which had been almost completely absent on previous days. By 1600 UTC Iranian and Arabic stations had become dominant – along with Europeans, naturally.

Friday, March 5, 2010

On Thursday evening conditions to Brazil began even earlier than before, around 2115 UTC, just as the sun was setting in northeastern Brazil. The first US East Coast stations were heard around 2345 UTC. Initially reception was better from southern latitudes, but by early morning US stations improved, and we had a good opening to Mexico at 0730-0900 UTC, including XELRA Santa Rosalia BS on 940 kHz and KEYS Corpus Christi TX on 1440 kHz. The best part of the propagation this morning was that stations kept changing, so we hope to find more than the usual suspects in our recordings. Graveyard channels were once again open fairly well. In the afternoon the first Asians appeared around 1130 UTC, disappeared after 1300 UTC and re-emerged by 1400 UTC. Reception was more sporadic than before, and we heard many of the most common Philippines with huge signals around 1500 UTC. Soon after that stations from the Middle East and Europe took over.

Saturday, March 6, 2010

No daytimers were spotted in the early evening, and results from overnight depend on whatever happened to get caught in our recordings, as we desperately needed to get some sleep before driving home. Jim left already after 6 am local time to catch a train south, while I stayed until past midday, for as long as US stations continued to be heard. I then drove down close to Oulu, staying overnight at Jari Ruohomäki's cabin in Muhos, once again doing some DXing around sunrise, before finally driving south on Sunday.

This was a fairly successful and extensive DXpedition, so I would guess that our logs will not be ready for publication until sometime in 2011.

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