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**EDITOR IN CHIEF (EIC) NEEDED NOW!!!**

**From the IRCA President: We have five issues left before the IRCA folds its doors. Without someone to edit the issues and send them to Penny and me for publishing, we have no club. With Dan's resignation, Phil agreed to be EIC thru this volume. This volume is almost finished. To date no one has volunteered to be EIC. Without an EIC we won't even have an "electronic club." I do EDXR/Broadcast INFO/Reprints/Awards and PUBLISH the hard copy. If you think I am taking on more duties, think again, NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. In fact, I would like to cut down on some of these duties. Someone needs to step up to the plate.**

**Contact Phil (phil\_tekno@yahoo.com) if you would like to see IRCA continue.**

**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

**Latest Pacific Asian Log Radio Guide Search Now Available**

The Radio Heritage Foundation has just released at its website [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net) the latest "on-line searchable" version of the PAL Pacific Asian Log Radio Guide covering all AM [mediumwave] radio stations across the region.

Used by radio listeners, broadcasters and the general public, the guide lists all known AM radio stations operating in the area with detailed information about operating times, languages, location, and much more... in fact more than 50,000 separately updated data entries across thousands of individual stations.

With riots in Thailand, earthquakes in Indonesia and Taiwan, tsunamis across the Pacific, civil unrest and censored local radio media, the information in the latest Pacific Asian Log Radio Guide is also very useful for travelers, travel agents and others who need to keep their clients informed.

Search the latest edition now at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net) – simply click on 'PAL AM Radio' in the Radio Guides factbox on any page.

You can also search for shortwave stations in the region [PAL SW Radio], Australian narrowcast AM radio [Australia 1611-1701 AM], New Zealand Low Power FM Radio Guide [NZLPFM Radio] and the Borderless Radio Rankings [What is Borderless Radio].

These services are provided free to the community by the Radio Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization connecting popular culture, nostalgia and radio heritage across the Pacific.

Only the on-line searchable Logs have been updated at this time, NOT the downloadable PDFs.

Donations are welcome to support this service and annual supporter packages begin at US\$10 with full details at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net).



**BROADCASTING INFORMATION**

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**CALL LETTER CHANGES**

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
1000	WNSI	Robertsdale, AL	WBZR
1050	WIQB	Hartsville, SC	WHSC
1340	new	Jackson, CA	KVGC

**FORMAT CHANGES**

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
900	CKMO	Victoria, BC	Adult Alternative	Ethnic
910	WNHV	White River Junction, VT	Sports	Reported Silent
980	WYFN	Nashville, TN	Religion	Reported Silent
1000	WNSI	Robertsdale, AL	Sports – SNR	Sports – FOX
1020	KJJK	Fergus Falls, MN	Oldies	Contemporary Christian
1160	WMET	Gaithersburg, MD	Talk/Standards	Catholic Religion
1200	KYAA	Soquel, CA	Ethnic	Oldies
1240	KRJY	Sacramento, CA	Black Gospel	Reported Silent
1320	WBOB	Jacksonville, FL	Talk	Religion
1360	WWOW	Conneaut, OH	Talk	Contemporary Christian
1420	WVOT	Wilson, NC	Gospel	Reported Silent
1440	WCDL	Carbondale, PA	Silent	Sports
1450	WTOD	Hartsville, SC	Silent	Sports – ESPN
1480	WWKO	Fair Bluff, NV	Classic Country	Reported Silent
1500	WAKE	Valparaiso, IN	News – CNN	Classic Country
1600	WMNE	Riviera Beach, FL	Silent	Ethnic

**SLOGAN – IMAGE CHANGES**

FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW INFO
1000	WNSI	Robertsdale, AL	"The Buzz"

**FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS  
(A) = application, (G) = grant**

750	KSEO	Durant, OK	Minor change to 220W NDA DAY at 34-02-12/96-25-37 (A) KSEO AM & FM lost their current site and is applying for this new location.
820	WCPT	Willow Springs, IL	License to cover AUX 3.2K NDA DAY 41-58-53/87-46-20 (G)
	WCPT	Willow Springs, IL	License to cover MAIN 5K/1.5K DA-N 41-58-53/87-46-20 (A)
860	KTRB	San Francisco, CA	License to cover for 50K/50K DA-N 37-37-57/122-07-47 DAY & 37-35-34/121-46-27 Night (A)
890	KTXV	Mabank, TX	Minor change to 20K DAY DA-1 at 32-17-13/95-58-39. Eliminates night time power of 250 watts and change to class D status as daytime only (A)
1140	KLTK	Centerton, AR	License to cover 5K DAY NDA at 36-21-50/94-20-53 (G)
1150	KOLJ	Quanah, TX	CP for 530/77 NDA at 34-18-55/99-44-49 Seeks to modify the license and correct co-ordinate, and replace the tower. The facility was off the air when licensee acquired the station die to a fallen tower. They plan to replace the tower at the existing site. (G)
1210	KUNF	Washington, UT	Minor change to 10K/231 NDA 37-04-06/113-31-04 (A)
1220	WOTS	Kissimmee, FL (Orlando)	CP from 1K/110 to 2.5K/210 DA-2 28-20-01/81-24-22 (G)
1240	WEZR	Lewiston, ME	Minor change to new site 1K/86 NDA at 44-06-55/70-14-55 (G)
	NEW	Green River, UT	CP for 250/250 NDA at 38-59-43/110-11-07 (A)
1260	KBSZ	Wickenburg, AZ	Minor change to 3.5K/50 NDA 33-22-56/111-32-09 (A)
	NEW	Kotzebue, AK	CP for 700/700 NDA at 66-53-00/162-34-34 (A)
1270	WNLS	Tallahassee, FL	CP from 5K/5K DA-N to 5K/110 NDA. Removes Night DA and lowers power. 30-25-38/84-19-46 (G)
1290	KALM	Thayer, MO	License to cover 1K/56 NDA 36-33-23/91-33-05 (A)
1310	WPLV	West Point, GA	License to cover 1K/25 NDA at 32-53-48/85-09-24 (G)
1400	NEW	Middleton, ID	New CP 1K/1K NDA ay 43-42-06/116/36-05 (G)
1410	WNGI	Mobile, AL	Minor change to new site 5K/4.6K DA-N 30-42-25/88-03-45 (G)
1440	WGLD	Manchester TWSP, PA	License to cover 730/53 NDA 39-59-58/76-44-44 (G)
1450	NEW	Craig, CO	CP for 250/250 NDA at 40-32-50/107-33-39 (A)
	WPSE	Erie, PA	Minor change to 1K/826 NDA 42-08-11/80-02-25. Raises night power from 623 watts (A)
1540	WKVQ	Eatonton, GA	License to cover 1K DAY NDA at 33-19-19/83-25-03 (G)

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS: Thanks to Dale Park (DP-HI)**

**730 KQPN WEST MEMPHIS, AR From RBR.COM**

Fred Westenberger, whose family brings Christian programming to the radio in four markets, is expanding in one of them, picking up yet another spin-off from Utah-based Simmons Media Group. The station is KQPN-AM West Memphis AR. Westenberger will license it as KQPN-AM. The value of the property is listed as \$400K, which will be paid in cash. According to the contract, \$275K of that is going to tangible personal property, \$25K to real estate and \$100K for FCC licenses and goodwill. An LMA was scheduled 5/1/10. It will pair up with WMQM-AM Lakeland TN and WLRM-AM Millington AR. KQPN operates with a Sports format at the moment. Westenberger also owns standalone stations in Nashville, Knoxville and New Orleans. Two brokerage firms worked on the deal, John Pierce & Company for the buyer and Patrick Communications for the seller.

**RADIO MARTI From the Miami Herald**

US Senate Democrats, arguing that Radio and TV Martí have failed to make any visible inroads in Cuba, recommended Monday the stations be moved from Miami to Washington and folded into Voice of America. "It's disappointing that after 18 years Radio and TV Martí have failed to make any discernable inroads into Cuban society or to influence the Cuban government," said Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, in releasing a committee majority staff report. "US civil society programs may have noble objectives, but we need to examine whether we're achieving them," added the Massachusetts Democrat, who favors easing US sanctions on Cuba and engaging the island's government. The report, written by the committee's majority staff, recommended that the stations and their parent, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB), be moved from Miami to Washington and their operations be "subordinated" to Voice of America, the worldwide US government broadcaster to "ensure that programming is up to VOA standards." The stations also should focus on "quality programming," it added, to better compete with what it described as recent improvements in Cuban government programming that include shows such as *Grey's Anatomy*, *Friends* and *The Sopranos*. Pedro Roig, director of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, could not be reached for a comment on the 15-page report, although the Martí stations' supporters immediately attacked the document. "John Kerry and his staff are out to kill OCB. They have always tried to kill it and they continue to try to kill it. They lack all credibility on this issue," said Republican Rep Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Miami. "As the Cuban regime tightens its hold on the Cuban people, the Congress should be focused on expanding the flow of uncensored information about the dictatorship's brutality and gross human rights abuses," said Rep Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, another Miami Republican. "The focus should be on growing and improving, rather than burying into VOA."

**Contributor:**

**Dale Park, Honolulu HI (DP-HI)**

05/09/10 0800. Did this column a week early so we would have something for Phil to use. I leave Tuesday (5/11) for the Dayton Hamfest. We will catch up for the hard copy in a few weeks.... A sign that DX Season is over for 2010. Hope you had a good one. Best to all fresh

**WESTERN DX ROUNDUP**

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**WDXR DEADLINES:** May 28, June 10, June 25, July 9, July 23. Please use Eastern Time.

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NRD-515, Kiwa loop

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- 910 KNEW CA, Oakland 5/6 0702 Geico ad, KNEW ID at 0703. (AB-ID)
  - 1240 KEJO OR, Corvallis 5/5 0900 KEJO ID. Last heard 1/18/09. (AB-ID)
  - KCVL WA, Colville, 5/1 gent with KCVL ID, then ABC news. (AB-ID)
  - KGY WA, Olympia 5/1 gent with KGY ID. (AB-ID)
  - ?KFBC? WY, Cheyenne 5/1 2306 a gent mentioned "Cheyenne" twice, then baseball scores. No call heard. (AB-ID)
  - 1340 KBBR OR, North Bend 5/2 0800 KBBR ID. Last heard 7/5/08. (AB-ID)
  - KUOW WA, Tumwater 5/13 0700 gent with KUOW ID. (AB-ID)
  - 1400 KQDJ ND, Jamestown 5/4 2300 KQDJ ID then CBS (?) news. New. (AB-ID)
  - 1550 KFRC CA, San Francisco 5/10 2342 "KFRC The True Oldies Channel" ID, then song "Crystal Blue Persuasion" by Tommy James & The Shondells. Good. (AB-ID)

Without Art there would have been no WDXR this time! Nancy 5/14 2100



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**WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

**COLOMBIA:** 1540 Radio Cóndor is owned and operated by a private university in Manizales, one of six universities in the city. You may send reports in English or Spanish directly to the Director, Ana María Mesa: [animasav@gmail.com](mailto:animasav@gmail.com). The audio stream of the station with news and music, reaching from classical to modern rock, is available at [www.fundeca.org.co](http://www.fundeca.org.co) with the following search path > emisora > escuchar en vivo, where two alternatives are available – click either on the text line "Radiocóndor en Listen2MyRadio" or on the icon "Escuche Radio Cóndor Online". The audio stream is un-buffered. The director has asked me to spread this information. You can also read about the city of Manizales and among the universities about the Universidad Autónoma de Manizales, the organization in charge of the station, at the English language website of Wikipedia or at: [http://www.autonoma.edu.co/web/sitios/cmsimple/english\\_UAM/index.php](http://www.autonoma.edu.co/web/sitios/cmsimple/english_UAM/index.php). (Henrik Klemetz, ARC)

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** 1470 Radio Vibra – La Deportiva, ex. Radio Sur. 1470 Radio Barahona, Provincia Independencia, ex. Emisoras Unidas. Relay Radio Barahona 970. (Dino Bloise and Christer Brunström, WRTH via Arctic)

**ASIA AND PACIFIC**

**AFGHANISTAN:** Logged VOA Deewa Radio in Pashto on 621 kHz, 2nd May during check at around 1750 UTC, this is via the new MW transmitter site in Afghanistan located in Tani-Khost, a 200 kW Harris transmitter was installed recently. Schedule 0100-0400 & 1300-1900 UTC on 621 kHz in Pashto. Here's an audio file: [http://sites.google.com/site/alokeshgupta2/deewa\\_radio\\_voa\\_621\\_1758-1800utc\\_2may2010r.mp3?attredirects=0&d=1](http://sites.google.com/site/alokeshgupta2/deewa_radio_voa_621_1758-1800utc_2may2010r.mp3?attredirects=0&d=1). (Alokesh Gupta, mw2x, 5 May)

**AUSTRALIA:** As of 6.00am (EST), 3MP Melbourne Vic AUS (1377 kHz) dropped its easy listening music format and became a talk station. Along with that, it now identifies as "1377 MTR" or "Melbourne Talk Radio". Earlier this morning, it seemed to be playing continuous commercials advertising MTR. (Robert Copeman, mw2x 21 April)

3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network) is on air from Busselton on 1629 with 400w and comes thru here poorly around sunrise and sunset. I have not tried later in the evening. I will be about 200km closer to Busselton tomorrow morning and will give it another try then. The original 3ABN signal is downloaded via satellite (Optus D2) but where it originates I don't know. (Roger Boyd, Denmark, WA, ARDXC)

3GB-1620 Bayswater is now Ygo Radio and broadcasts in Chinese! (Ian Stanley, ARDXC, May 2010)

**INDIA:** New website of All India Radio, Allahabad (Still under construction) <http://air.iiti.ac.in>. For a complete list of AIR websites visit <http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/links.htm>. (Alokesh Gupta, DX\_India)

**EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST**

**AZORES:** 837 Antena 1 Azores, Monte das Cruzes, Ilha das Flores, Flores island, has been off due to a tx break down; it is estimated that the repair crew arrived on the island 12 APR, so as to solve the problem and reactivate this 1 kW that serves both this island and that of Corvo This is actually my best AZR channel here despite [often avoidable] QRM de E. (Carlos Goncalves 13 April via mwn)

**BULGARIA:** Bulgarian National Radio reduced the transmission of Medium wave. From 6 April BNR stopped most of its medium wave transmitters as follows:

**1st px "Horizont" HS-1:**

- Pleven 1 594 PLV 250 kW 0300-2100 HS-1
- Pirin 1 963 PIR 040 kW 0000-2400 HS-1 (near Kresna)
- Varna 2 1143 VRN 040 kW 0000-2400 HS-1
- St Zagora 1 1161 STZ 300 kW 0300-2100 HS-1
- Suvorovo 1485 SUV 005 kW 0000-2400 HS-1
- Dobrich 1584 DOB 010 kW 0000-2400 HS-1

**2nd px "Hristo Botev" HS-2:**

- Vidin 2 576 VDN 300 kW 0300-2100 HS-2
- Pirin 2 702 PIR 040 kW 0000-2400 HS-2 near Kresna
- Sofia 2 828 SOF 050 kW 0200-2400 HS-2 near Stolnik
- Shumen 1 828 SHM 300 kW 0300-2100 HS-2
- Pleven 2 1296 PLV 030 kW 0200-2400 HS-2
- Haskovo 1485 HAS 003 kW 0000-2400 HS-2

**Regional stations REG:**

Plovdiv 1 648 PLD 030 kW 0000-2400 REG Radio Plovdiv+HS-2 (near Stomboliyski)

Varna 1 774 VRN 075 kW 0300-0100 REG Radio Varna  
St Zagora 2 873 STZ 060 kW 0200-2400 REG Radio St.Zagora+HS-2  
Shumen 2 963 SHM 075 kW 0200-2400 REG Radio Shumen+HS-1  
Varna 3 6000 VRN 100 kW 2100-0300 REG Radio Varna "Hello, Sea" Sun-Mon

**Will continue to operate the following transmitters in:**

Sofia 5 LW 261 SOF 075 kW 0000-2400 HS-1+Parliamentary Channel on Friday (near Vakarel)  
Petrich 747 PET 300 kW 0300-2200 HS-1+Radio Bulgaria External Service  
Salmanovo 747 SLM 010 kW 0000-2400 HS-1+Radio Bulgaria Turkish Minority  
Blagoevgrad 864 BLD 150 kW 0300-2100 REG Radio Blagoevgrad Local service  
Samuil 864 SML 010 kW 0000-2400 HS-1+Radio Bulgaria Turkish Minority  
Sofia 4 963 SOF 040 kW 0000-2400 HS-1, reactivated from Apr 9, 1300 UTC (near Dragoman)  
Kardjali 2 963 KRL 150 kW 0200-2400 HS-1+Radio Bulgaria Turkish Minority  
M Tarnovo 963 MTN 005 kW 0000-2400 HS-1  
Doulouvo 1161 DLV 010 kW 0000-2400 HS-1+Radio Bulgaria Turkish Minority  
Targovishte 1161 TRG 010 kW 0000-2400 HS-1+Radio Bulgaria Turkish Minority  
Vidin 1 1224 VDN 300 kW 0300-2200 HS-1+Radio Bulgaria External Service  
Kardjali 1 1296 KRL 150 kW 0300-2100 HS-2 (Ivo Ivanov, April 12, mwdx)

**GERMANY:** Now Radio Bremen officially announced the permanent shut down of their 936 kHz tx. After closing a month ago they did not announced anything and waited silently for listener complains. Only 200 were received. The annual MW operating cost in the higher 5 figure EUR range could be better spent on other fields, considering that it is public station financed by our radio/TV license fee. Interesting their statement that they do not expect a bright future for digital MW, a view probably shared among other ARD stations (Jurgen Bartels, mwdx 21 April)

**ITALY:** Official times for foreign language news bulletins on RAI Notturmo Italiano (657, 900 and 1107 kHz): English at 0003, 0105, 0205, 0305, 0405 GMT (Summer one hour earlier), French at 0008, 0110, 0210, 0310, 0410 GMT (Summer one hour earlier), No news in German. (Stefano Valianti, mwcircle)

**MADEIRA:** RTP "Antena 1 Madeira" – this is current status of their txs: 1332 Senhora do Monte is the only (!) active tx for the moment. 603 Pico do Areeiro (Madeira Island) awaits a new monopole to replace the one that collapsed back in FEB '10, ie if the RTP administration doesn't choose to shut this channel too. I suppose a decision won't be known in many months as the cost of such an antenna may easily surpass that of a 10 kW tx. 1125 Ponta do Pargo broke down, so it awaits replacement of a damaged part.

PEF-Posto Emissor do Funchal, Funchal: They are still active: Funchal 1530, nominal 10 kW, Santana 1017, 1 kW. The planned move to Cho dos Balces (this is not far from RTP's Pico do Areeiro site) has not materialized so far, so 1530 is still at reduced power so as to avoid QRM on neighboring households. Acc to the stn, no new tx will be installed on the new site where a new tower has already been installed; they'll be moving the old valve tx instead.... On a quiet receiving place, both 1530 & 1017 are audible during daytime, particularly the latter despite adj. QRM (de E), but 1530 is putting a terribly weak signal that's clogged by noise albeit audible at night time when it must fight QRM de CVA & STP (VoA). (Carlos Goncalves 13 April, via mwc)

**SPAIN:** Radio station EAJ25 is no more "Radio Tarrasa" (or Terrassa in Catalan language). Radio Tarrasa-SER Vallés was closed on January 30th and all its workers were fired. The station was owned by José Manuel Salillas who sold it in 2008 (with the FM Radio Club25, the TV station "canal TV20-Localia Vallés and the magazine "Terrassa Societat") to the KISS-FM group. After the Cadena SER decided not to renew the contract of association with the new owner (SER and KISS are direct competitors in the musical FM scene and a condition for membership is that the partner cannot compete directly with the brands of the network and KISS-FM is doing it) KISS-FM. After the last broadcast as "Radio Tarrasa", the MW station (828 kHz) spent several days in an unstable situation... sometimes switched on other off, sometimes relaying the SER satellite fed other the KISS-FM one. At the end, radio station EAJ25 has become a relay of the FM frequency of KISS-FM in Barcelona. So, update your lists! 828 is no more "Radio Tarrasa" but "KISS-FM Barcelona" relay.

CÁCERES. EAK57 (900 MW) is no more "COPE-Cáceres" but "COPE-Alta Extremadura". "COPE-Cáceres" is reserved now for the FM outlet. "COPE-Alta Extremadura" focuses its programming in the North of the province especially in the economically attractive market of Plasencia (where there was a Radio Popular station in the 60's EAK61)... and very suspiciously the 900 kHz signals has suffered a dramatic improvement in Plasencia city. Plasencia is @83 km. North of Cáceres city. The MW signals of RNE and (previously!) COPE were weak. RNE-1 774 the stronger and RNE-5 1107 the weakest. The last time I passed by the streets of Plasencia in the bus heading to Aldea del Cano (where my Perseus is) the scene was totally different: 900 AM with a LOCAL signal and RNE with the signal level expected... so I am suspecting that the Pirate's ship is starting to cruise the Spanish (medium) waves also (in the FM there is little room already!). (Mauricio Molano, mwcircle, 1 May)

**WLL AM 930**

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**Deadlines: 5/29, 6/12, 6/27, 7/10, 7/25 and 8/21**

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On April 23, 2010 at 1pm EDT an iconic radio station met its AM dial demise. Toledo's second oldest call sign and third oldest radio station WTOD-1560 signed off for the last time. As DXers we are very tuned into changes that occur in the broadcast industry. As listeners most of these are accepted as part of the normal cycle of things, shifting trends and tastes, etc. Sometimes a switch strikes a chord that makes you realize an era has ended. So it is for me with the loss of WTOD. Perhaps even more so than stations I've worked at which have seen call and format changes, ie WMHE-92.5 to WVKS and the many at WTUU-1520 to WANR/WGOR/WVOI/WDMN/WNWT – originally WTTO. What makes WTOD so different is the legacy this station has had in Toledo. While only a daytime the call sign even recognized that uniqueness as Toledo's Only Daytimer, so too was the call letters reference to dial position as Top Of the Dial, as well as the call sign being closely associated to the city of license-Toledo. So considering the heritage of the call sign itself, losing it from the AM dial is tough to take. Even more so for me as my favorite station while I was growing up, WTOD might just as well have stood for fun and entertainment. Whole in this region no one can question the domination of CKLW-800 (The Big 8) or Keener 12 WKNR-1310, but in its heyday WTOD was perhaps the highest rated daytime only station, not in just one format but two! WTOD was Toledo's earliest entry into Top 40 when then GM Bob Martz-a real Toledo legend- switched the station to that format. He paraded a host of on air talent through 1960s door-Bob Kelly aka Norm Plummer (whose program included Soupy Sales dog White Fang as his sidekick & whose Uh=Huh sound effect was featured often & ended his show with "Come get me mother, I'm through"), John Garry (don't you try to scare me-whose theme song Willie Boy by Phil Harvey was instrumental Ecstasy), Lee (knobby knees) Fowler (whose theme song Listen to the Mockingbird was a lively instrumental. Version), Bob Brossia, Bob "Mr. Music" Parkinson, Larry "the Emperor" O'Brien, Swinging Sweeny, Skapura, Bill (wee Willie-shouting) Webb, Michael Drew Shaw, Terry Shaw aka Terry Gottshalk, Bill Hughes, Mike Edwards, "Fat" Dean Clark aka Bernard Riggs (often signing off by wishing listeners "Blue Skies & Green Lights to you & yours") and Mick Hodges – all these in the days of the famed Popometer music survey that included a weekly "Pick to Click". WTOD was noted as much for its bubbly personalities as for its music. (I can say quite unequivocally this station was the reason I sought a radio career-because these were all having so much fun and were so creative!) WTOF featured bawdy ads, iconic jingles-many included those geared to each day of the week, humorous episodes of that wild hero Super Fella and uproarious sound effects. One great sound effect even found its way onto WTOD's world famous sign-off as a giant "BONK" that was designed as a flip off to then WQXR, the radio station of the New York Times who always had a chime on the hour ushering in their station IUD. It was WTOD's way of saying screw you for forcing them off the air nightly. WTOD having to sign off nightly did not enhance any love of NYC for me which needed none since I already had a strong dislike for the NY Yankees. The inability of WTOD to secure night time service likely hastened its ultimate demise which has been in free fall since 1993 anyway. It was then that it became a simulcast satellite of sister station K-100 which ironically whose origins can be traced to WTOD's other highly successful format-country-as "Countryopolitan WTOD". Cumulus was unwilling to channel money to maintain the physical plant or its staffing. (continued next issue-rce)

**2009-2010 IRCA Focus on Five DX CONTEST**

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May 15, 2010 update

1. Lee Freshwater	54	4. Chris Knight	31
2. Larry Godwin	49	Bill Nittler	31
3. Tim Noonan	36	6. Nancy Johnson *	25
		7. Phil Bytheway	3

\* Contest manager is not eligible to win.

Please remember to report any special loggings you hear while DXing for the contest to the appropriate editor! The contest runs until May 31, 2010, and the final contest standings will appear in the late June issue.

**SUPER  
Talk 950  
AM**



The IRCA is a non-profit organization devoted to the hobby of hearing distant stations on the Broadcast Band (510-1720 kHz). **DX Monitor**, the official publication of the IRCA, is published in "soft" form 35 times a year (weekly from November through March, twice monthly from April to November) and in printed form 30 times a year (weekly November through March, monthly April to November). **DX Monitor** contains members' loggings, articles on radio stations, receiver reviews, technical articles, DX tips, and other material of interest to Broadcast Band DX hobbyists.



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