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DX TEST

More DX Tests are coming; stay tuned to DX Monitor for further details on future DX Tests. On the World Wide Web, you can also access DX Test information at **www.dxtests.info** any time.

NEW MEMBER UPDATE

No new members this time around. If you've joined in recent weeks, a reminder to report your DX as much as you can to your editors! Reporting your DX is one of the fun parts of this hobby!

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Broadcasting Information is back in this issue. The WSM 650 return to the Opryland Hotel is on the front page of this issue, since WSM is one of the best-known radio stations in the United States. In a future edition, DX Monitor will present an article on a DXpedition to the far north of Finland.

Winterfest 2011 - Collinsville, IL

It's not often that a DX club puts in a blurb about a Hamfest. These are great places to find wire and

other materials for an antenna or other project, or even a good new or used receiver. (I should know, I picked up my current shortwave receiver, a Sangean ATS-803A, at a Hamfest, as well as my HF Amateur Radio transceiver, and ICOM IC-745.) The St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club (WØSRC/WØDCW), of which your Editor-in-Chief is a member, presents Winterfest 2011. The Hamfest will be held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL (Interstate 55/70 at Illinois 157; you can also use the Horseshoe Lake Road exit off of Interstate 255) on Saturday, January 29, 2011. For more information, go to www.slsrc.org

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WSM 650 RETURNING TO THE OPRYLAND HOTEL

From WSM Online via Lee Freshwater: WSM prepares to return to Opryland: An Iconic Nashville radio station will return to its flooded studios at the Opryland Hotel next week, more than six months after rising water forced an unexpected move. WSM 650 AM, home to the Grand Ole Opry for the last 85 years, fled its studios just before high water swamped the area in early May and has been broadcasting from its 832-foot transmitter tower and nearby equipment building in suburban Brentwood every since. While personnel fled Opryland during the flood, the historic radio station remarkably never went off the air. Joe Limarid, the station's program director, was broadcasting in the pre-dawn of Monday May 3, just hours after the hotel had been evacuated the previous night. Limarid and his crew knew they had to go, but before they left, they patched into National Weather service radio to keep precious flood updates on the air. Once at the transmitter site, it took just 40 minutes for crews patch together old equipment and get back on the air. Now, more than six months later, Limardi and his co-workers are anxious to return home. "It seems smaller," said WSM on-air personality Bill Cody. "When I left on that Friday and the flood happened on that weekend that was the lat time I was here, because you could not get back here." He added, "I can non't wait to get home, this is home for me." WSM will leave behind the transmitter that served as a broadcasting lifeboat on November 18 and return to Opryland Hotel. The station's return happens the same week the sprawling resort reopens.





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WRWB Huntington, WV

FREQ OLD CALL CITY

CALL LETTER CHANGES NEW CALL

WNBL

		F	FORMAT CHANGES			
FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO		
570	KVI	Seattle, WA	Talk	Oldies		
620	WZON	Bangor, ME	Sports	Talk // 103.1		
740	WJIG	Tullahoma, TN	S. Gospel	Reported Silent		
980	WXLM	Groton, CT	Tropical	News - Talk		
1060	WQOM	Natick, MA	Silent	Catholic Religion		
1240	KSOX	Raymondville, TX	Sports	Spanish Religion		
1390	WNIO	Youngstown, OH	Standards	Sports - Fox		
1570	WANR	Warren, OH	Sports	Classic Hits		
1590	KCNN	East Grand Forks, NE	Sports	Rock // K300BG		

SLOGAN - IMAGE CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW INFO
570 1570 1590	KVI WANR KCNN	Seattle, WA Warren, OH East Grand Forks, NE	"Seattle's Greatest Hits" "1570 The Blizzard" "Rock 107.9"
			TER APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS lication, (G) = grant)
540 630	WASG WNEG	Daphne, AL Toccoa, GA	License to cover application returned Increase night power to 220 watts DA-N at new site 34-36- 14 / 83-19-16 (A)
800 860 890 940 1050	KBRV WWDB KLFF KDIL KLOH	Soda Springs, ID Philadelphia, PA Arroyo Grande, CA Jerome, ID Pipestone, MN	Move from 790 50 KW, application DISMISSED License to cover 10K /DAY DA-D 40-09-16 / 75-22-09 (G) Minor change in patterns 5 K / 5 K DA-2 (A) License to cover 1 K / 250 DA-2 42-43-38 / 114-37-37 (A) Application to change night power to 410 from 432 DISMISSED
1060 1110	WQQM WCOK KVTT	Natick, MA Sparta, NC Mineral Wells, TX	Minor mod to 50 K / 2.5 DA-2 (from 40 K) (G) Increase day from 800 to 1.1 K 36-28-55 / 81-05-35 (A) License to cover for 50 K / 39 K CH DA-2 at 33-19-49 / 97- 44-08 (G)
1150 1190	KZNE KQQZ	College Station, TX Fairview Heights, IL	Correct Day co-ordinates to 30-37-54 / 96-21-28 (A) CP to move from DeSoto, MO 10 k / 650 DA-2 at 38-42-43 / 90-03-38 (G) (CoL announced as University City, MO-EiC)
1220 1230	NEW NEW NEW	Lakeville, NY Beaver, UT Summersville, WV	New station 2.5 K / 2.5 K DA-2 at 42-51-16 / 77-42-39 (A) New station 1 K / 1 K NDA 38-15-00 / 112-37-37 (A) New CP for 1 K / 1K NDA at 38-18-32 / 80-50-46 (G)
1240 1260	NEW WFJS WI3XSO	Prescott, AZ Trenton, NJ Aguadolla, PR	CP for 1k/1k NDA at 34-33-23 / 112-28-13 (G) CP to modify 5K / 2.5 DA-2 at 40-15-56 / 74-45-27 (G) Power increase for this experimental station to 5K/ 4.8 K DA-2 at 18-24-09 / 67-08-47 (G)
1270 1430 1440	KDJI WCWC WKPR	Holbrook, AZ Williamsburg, KY Kalamazoo, MI	Correct co-ordinates to 134-54-21 / 110-11-25 (A) License to cover 5.7 K / 32 NDA at 36-43-24 / 84-08-23 (G) Move from 1420. 2.7K/24 NDA at 42-18-47 /85-37-03 . If granted WDOW 1440 Dowagiac will cease operation and surrender it's license (A)
1460	KBRZ	Missouri City, TX	Application to increase to 10 K DAYS at 29-49-19 / 95-52- 56 DISMISSED
1490 1520	NEW WEXY	Lemont, PA Wilton Manors, FL	CP for 1K/270 NDA at 40-49-13-77-48-44 (G) License to cover 5 K / 800 DA-N at 26-10-26 / 80-09-27 (G)



DISMISSED

CP for 1K/1K DA-2 at 43-21-08 / 84-36-15 (G)

Application to simply replace rusted tower (A)

License to cover 10 K / 1.6K CH at 33-19-19 / 83-25-03 (G)

New station 5 K / 250 DA-N 39-43-06 / 105-14-08 (A)

Application for 500 DAYS DA-D at 33-25-54 / 102-02-26

Minor mod to 6 K/ 3.5 K DA-2 at 38-37-02 / 90-04-58 (G)

WMLM

WKVQ

NEW

NEW

KATZ

WTNI

1540

1550

1560

1600

1640

St. Louis, MI

Eatonton, GA

Golden, CO

Wolfforth, TX

St. Louis. MO

Biloxi. MS

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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(GS)		Stoklas-P.O. Box 117-Imperial, CA 92252-0117			
******	Drake R8 with a 4 foot box loop				
550	KOAC	OR, Corvallis 10/10 0850 with weather report and "It's 5:51." (BB-AZ)			
570	KACP				
070	10.01	for freedom and freedom570.com" then into CNN Radio news. God signal with			
		KLAC Los Angeles nulled. Light interference and fading. (GS-CA)			
	KVI	WA, Seattle 11/10 0849 with "570 KVI," then oldies (was talk). (BB-AZ)			
690	KTSM	TX, El Paso 11/5 2300 treasurydirect.com spot ended then "lt's 10 o'clock, the Alan			
		Colmes show continues after Fox News on Newstalk 690, KTSM El Paso" then into			
		Fox News lead in jingle and "Fox News Radio, I'm Bill Lithgow" and into news.			
		XEWW Tijuana nulled. Some interference but good readable signal. (GS-CA)			
780	KAZM	AZ, Sedona 11/5 0000 listened for about 15 minutes with good signal of oldies (Janis			
		Joplin, 3 Dog Night, Elvis, followed by a weak but clear ID at 0000 "KAZM." At time of			
050	KDMZ	ID, heavy interference from nulled KKOH & unID Spanish language station. (GS-CA)			
950	NHWZ	CO, Denver 11/5 0107 song ended then " oldiesCrusin' oldies 950" and into next song. Heavy QRM. (GS-CA)			
960	KOVO	UT, Salt Lake City 11/5 0024 with "Sporting News Rag(?), The Hornets sting the			
300	NOVO	Heat. I'm Rob Costas" Later heard spot for "1280thezone.com" KOVO website			
		indicates they simulcast KZNS 1280. UnID station interfering (GS-CA)			
1050	KTCT	CA, San Mateo 10/10 0831 with "KNBR 1050." (BB-AZ)			
	KKDZ	WA, Seattle 11/6 0130 usual kids type music with many Radio Disney ID's. Weak,			
		not heard for a while. (GH-OR)			
1250	KHIL	AZ, Willcox 10/8 2100 with "KHIL serving Willcox, Arizona since 1961." (BB-AZ)			
1280	KDOX	 '			
	01.11.45	weekend on KDOX." (BB-AZ)			
1320	CHMB	BC, Vancouver 10/28 2330 male with ID and female with news. Surprisingly weak on			
1050	VD74	Hammarlund with E-W wire. (GH-OR)			
1350		CO, Pueblo 11/10 1931 with "Homer 1350" then sports, way under KABQ. (BB-AZ) <u>ID</u> , Lewiston 11/5 0000 in strong as local on R-390A with Terk loop. A regular, but			
	KALO	seldom this strong. (GH-OR)			
	KARO	NM, Albuquerque 11/10 2100 with "This is KABQ Albuquerque's Progressive Talk			
	10100	1350." (BB-AZ)			
1440	KUHL	CA, Santa Maria 11/5 2007 with "AM 1440 KUHL, Santa Maria." Had been a very			
		good signal before the hour, but began to fade. It seemed like they may have			
		reduced power at 5pm local. Some unID in background. (GS-CA)			
1500	KSJX	CA, San Jose 10/24 2300 Spanish vocal music. Male gave ID in English at the top of			
. =		the hour. Weak & noisy on TMC with SW wire. (GH-OR)			

UNIDS

1590

KQLQ

1500	UNID	10/23 2330 ESPN sportstalker sputtering in the st	atic. Very weak but totally alone on
		Drake with SW wire. (GH-OR)	

broken English. Weak on TMC with E-W wire. New! (GH-OR)

NV, Sun Valley Spanish talk and vocal music in a staticky whirl. Male gave ID in

UNID 11/3 0100 Spanish talker with either no ID given or intelligible at top of the hour. Very weak and staticky on Drake with Terk loop. (GH-OR)

Thanks to our WDXR reporters this week! Nancy 11/12 2100



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CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

CFZM ON, Toronto. 11-12 fair with splash from KWRE-730. 17:11 with oldies, "Live at Five" mention, "Zoomer Radio 740" slogan, local spots. [EB-MO] 1240 IA, Ottumwa. 11-12. 17:32 with "Focus on the Family." [EB-MO] KGLO IA, Mason City. 11-12 good over WNQM. 17:30 with ID, local news. [EB-MO] 1300 1330 WEBY FL, Milton, 11-8 good to fair with minor splash from KSIV-1320, 18:03 with local spot, station promo including ID into talk program. [EB-MO] KCAP MT. Helena. 11-8. 19:00 with "This is 13-40 KCAP Helena" legal ID. [NJ-MT] 1410 WIZM WI, LaCrosse. 11-12 good to poor over several stations. 17:03 with spots, CBS

News, local weather forecast. [EB-MO] WBBP TN, Memphis. 11-12 fair over WJBM. 17:21 with traffic report, weather, local news, 1480 and "Stay tuned for more gospel music on WBBP" ID. [EB-MO]

WFRL IL, Freeport. 11-12 good to fair over semi-local WBGZ. 16:59 with oldies, legal ID into 1570 local news. [EB-MO]

unID 1310

11-9. 00:02 station with news from China Radio International followed by talk on the upcoming G-20 summit in Seoul, South Korea. Station had a good to fair signal over WIBA and WDXI. Minor splash from KSIV-1320. The CRI web site does not list any U.S. or Canadian stations broadcasting CRI EE service on 1310. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

November 16, 1985 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Doug Pifer of Vista, CA complained about having to hear "Just give me the checks, keep the bills" often while delivering mail ... Nick Hall-Patch of Victoria, BC logged N. Korea 855, HLKG 738, and JOPG 585 ... Ric Heald of Eureka, CA mentioned his move to Sacramento, CA would be completed by mid November.

OPEN MIKE

This column was typed 11-13-10. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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LOGGINGS					
640	GΑ	WGST	Atlanta 11/05 2000 ID heard in mess	(WM-MD)	
740	NC	WPAQ	Mount Airy 11/04 1845 ID; S/off	(WM-MD)	
850	ΑL	WXJC	Birmingham 10/28 1900 Break in Talk show; ID	(WM-MD)	
940	MS	WCPC	Houston 10/26 2000 Religious programming; ID	(WM-MD)	
1200	TX	WAOI	San Antonio 10/29 2000 ID into hourly news	(WM-MD)	
1270	MD	WCBC	Cumberland 11/02 1853 Station Promo; ID	(WM-MD)	
1370	OH	WSPD	Toledo 11/02 1900 "The Tea Part Continues"; "News Talk 1370" ID	(WM-MD)	
1420	OH	WHK	Cleveland 11/02 2000 Mark Levin program; ID	(WM-MD)	

A small one this week...... fresh 11-13 0920



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TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 153 RUSSIA, Komsomolsk, Radio Rossii 1449 11/12, (TR-WA)
- MONGOLIA, poor with pleasant Asian Inst. music up to 1455 then a man speaking, into NA from 1458-1500, then s/off 11/10. (SR-OR)
- 189 **RUSSIA**. Belogorsk. Radio Rossii poor at 1449 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 279 **RUSSIA**, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Radio Rossii, fair at 1449 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 531 **JAPAN**. Morioka. JOQG //594 and fair 1445 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 549 **RUSSIA**, Radio Mayak, poor "Moscow Nights" chimes then time pips at TOH 1500 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 558 **REP KÓREA**, Daegu KBS2 HLQH Fair //603 at 1459 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 594 JAPAN, Tokyo JOĂK 1253 11/13 JJ talk poor to fair until audio faded out at 1307, carrier still audible at 1326. (RA-OK)
- 603 **REP KOREA**, Namyang, HLSA, fair and //558 at 1500 11/13. (TR-WA)
- 639 **CHINA**, CNR1 fair with music and time pips, from 1459 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 648 **RUSSIA**, Razdolnoye, VoR Good, huge signal after 1500 Interval signal, EE anmt 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB 1302 man in JJ 11/13. (RA-OK)
- 747 **JAPAN**, Sapporo JOIB, NHK2 good 1459 11/12. (TR-WA)
- 774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB good 1459 11/12. (TR-WA)

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DX WORLDWIDE - EAST

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Welcome to another edition of DXWW-East. Many thanks to Mark Connelly for this excellent batch of loggings from South Yarmouth!

*** TRANSATLANTIC DX ***

- 153 unlD ?, NOV 1 0005 "Don't Give Up" by Peter Gabriel & Kate Bush, not // German or Algerian MW's. Possibly Romania, or Norway? [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 162 FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis, NOV 1 0005 man & woman in French; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 171 MOROCCO R. Méditerranée Internationale, Nador, NOV 1 0005 Arabic talk about Sana'a (Yemen), then vocal & orchestra; LOUD. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 177 GERMANY Deutschlandfunk, Oranienburg, NOV 1 0005 German talk; noisy. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 189 ICELAND Rikisútvarpid Rás, Gufuskálar, NOV 1 0005 Icelandic talk by man, musical insert, more talk; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 198 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R.4, Droitwich et al., NOV 1 0005 talk about Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 207 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Aholming, NOV 1 0005 German talk; in QI and CL beacon QRM. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 225 **POLAND** Polskie Radio, Konstantynow, NOV 1 0005 Slavic talk by man, piano music; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** RTL, Junglinster, NOV 1 0005 man in French, then a rock vocal influenced by Little Richard. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 252 **IRELAND** RTE R.1, Clarkestown, NOV 1 0005 female presenter "It's great having the pleasure of your company.", followed by big-band music. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 531 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Ain-El-Beida, OCT 31 2130 // 549 with slightly reverberated male vocal, plucked strings, percussion; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** Alger Chaîne 1, Les Trembles, OCT 31 2130 // 531 with Arabic male vocal, strings, percussion; good on LSB. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 576 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, OCT 31 2130 plaintive female folk vocal,

- pips, woman in Spanish; fair. Not // 585 at this time. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 585 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Madrid, OCT 31 2130 sports coverage; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 603 **FRANCE** France Info, Lyon-Tramoyes, OCT 31 2200 France Info fanfare music, man in French with news mentioning Sana'a (Yemen); good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO RTM A, Sebaâ-Aioun, NOV 1 0059 rock-sounding Arabic music with drumming, then talk by woman; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, OCT 31 2100 news in Spanish by man & woman; through WZON slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 630 **TUNISIA** RTT, Tunis-Djedeida, OCT 31 2130 Koranic or similar chant; under WPRO. Audio at "http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio/tunisia_under_wpro-630_2010 1031 2130z.mp3". [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 639 CZECH REPUBLIC Ceský rozhlas, Liblice, OCT 31 2100 ID as Cesky rozhlas; good/dominant. Audio at "http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio/czech-639 20101031 2100z.mp3". [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, La Coruna et al., OCT 31 2130 Spanish sports now atop; Czech had dominated earlier. [Connellv*Y-MA]
- 657 **ITALY** RAI R.1 synchros, OCT 31 2131 // 1062 with "My Love" by Paul McCartney; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 657 SPAIN RNE R.5, Madrid, NOV 1 0101 Spanish news; slightly over others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 684 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Sevilla, OCT 31 2130 sports shouting // 585 et al.; through WRKO slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R. 5, Droitwich et al., OCT 31 2100 "Five Live Radio" ID, news, sports comment mentioning "sort of a double whammy"; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 693 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, NOV 1 0000 news in Spanish sounded // 684; under UK. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 702 MONACO RMC-Info, Le Col de la Madonne, OCT 31 2131 man in French; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 711 **FRANCÉ** France Info, Rennes, OCT 31 2130 // 1206 with piano music, then usual France Info music fanfare; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 720 **GREENLAND** KNR, Simiutaq, OCT 31 2131 Inuit/Greenlandic talk by woman; fair, better on LSB to dodge WOR IBOC rubbish. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 729 **SPAIN** RNĒ R.1 synchros, NOV 1 0102 woman in Spanish; tough CKAC slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 738 SPAIN RNE R.1, Barcelona, OCT 31 2201 Spanish news; in CHCM slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** R.5, Zeewolde (Flevoland), OCT 31 2130 woman in Dutch mentioned "wereldomroep" and "nederlands": good (better on LSB to dodge CBGY), [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 1 0102 echoey or reverberated Spanish talk. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, OCT 31 2101 German news by man. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** RSR Option Musique, Sottens, OCT 31 2131 '50s influenced male French ballad vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 774 SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, OCT 31 2130 Spanish sports action; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 783 **SPAIN** Rock y Gol Radio Miramar, Ctra. Conseria (Barcelona), OCT 31 2130 bits of fast Spanish talk; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 792 **FRANCE** France Info, Limoges, OCT 31 2130 France Info fanfare music, talk; in tough slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 837 FRANCE France Info, Nancy, OCT 31 2059 French interview program. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, OCT 31 2119 Spanish sporting event coverage; good, over France. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 855 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, OCT 31 2118 man with Spanish play-by-play sports shouting; through WEEI slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, OCT 31 2118 woman in French; fair with some 870 WLVP slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 873 SPAIN SER synchros, NOV 1 0101 fast Spanish talk by woman; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, NOV 1 0059 Spanish discussion, teletalk; fair, dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Ř.5 synchros, NOV 1 0101 to good peak with news about Yemen bomb-makers. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 918 **SLOVENIA** Radio Slovenija 1, Ljubljana-Domzale, OCT 31 2344 Slavic talk; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 927 **BELGIUM** VRT Radio Een, Wolvertem, OCT 31 2059 country-rock (JC Mellencamp or Alan Jackson style); initially fair, then submerging in WGIN slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 936 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, OCT 31 2345 woman in Spanish; mixed with others. [Connelly*Y-

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- 945 FRANCE France Info, Toulouse, OCT 31 2118 talk // 1206; through WROL slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 963 SPAIN R. Euskadi. Vitoria, NOV 1 0102 Spanish news by man & woman; fair, [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 972 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya BC, Sirte, NOV 1 0100 male Arabic vocal and strings; to fair peak over WZAN slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 981 **ALGERIA** RTVA Chaîne 2, Algiers, NOV 1 0100 French news by man; to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 999 MOLDOVA Maiac, OCT 31 2100 TransWorld Radio interval signal, Russian-sounding talk by woman. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, NOV 1 0102 man & woman in Spanish; in tough IBOC. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS Punto Radio, Las Palmas, NOV 1 0102 Spanish talker not // SER (1116); to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1026 **SPAIN** SER synchros, OCT 31 2344 Spanish talk by man; in WBZ slop. Station noted under may have been Iran. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, OCT 31 2118 teletalk about Chelsea and Arsenal teams; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1053 LIBYA Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, NOV 1 0059 Arabic vocal; mixed with UK. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1062 ITALY RAI Radiouno synchros, OCT 31 2131 // 657 with "My Love" by Paul McCartney; poorfair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1071 **unID** (IRAN?) ?, OCT 31 2131 Koranic male vocal; over someone with talk by woman. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, OCT 31 2201 "on DAB digital radio, on 1089 and 1053 AM", then talk about bomb plots hatched in Yemen; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, OCT 31 2344 // 1107 with Spanish talk by man; fair. [Connelly*Y-MAI
- 1107 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, OCT 31 2344 talk // 1098; fair to good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1116 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 31 2344 Spanish talk, teletalk; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, OCT 31 2100 long tones, Hrvatski Radio ID, Croatian news; HUGE, better than adjacent 1130 WBBR. Audio at: "http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio/croatia-1134_20101031_2100z.mp3". [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1134 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, NOV 1 0101 Spanish news; poor in slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 1 0059 // 1098 with pop-rock vocal; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, OCT 31 2118 French talk by man; over WKOX slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1215 RUSSIA (KALININGRAD) VOR, Bolshakovo, OCT 31 2101 Russian national anthem (very familiar from Olympic games); way over UK. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM Absolute R. synchros, OCT 31 2130 advert for a broadband company; over Russia. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, NOV 1 0101 male Arabic vocal, strings, drums; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1305 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 1 0101 // 855 with Spanish news by man; fair. [Connelly*Y-MAI
- 1341 HUNGARY Magyar Katolikus Radio synchros, NOV 1 0000 mood music similar to "Wonderland by Night" (B. Kaempfert, 1960), non-English talk by man, interlude of spiritual instrumental music, then talk by woman; initially dominant, BBC mixing in at end. [Connelly*Y-MA1]
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND BBC Radio Ulster, Lisnagarvey, NOV 1 0002 woman in English; now over Hungary. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille, NOV 1 0030 French political news mentioning presidents and premiers; very good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, NOV 1 0100 piano music, Deutschlandfunk ID, pips; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** RTA, Algiers, NOV 1 0000 French news by man; over Germany and jumble of others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1449 LIBYA Voice of Great Homeland, Misurata, NOV 1 0059 slow male a cappella Arabic vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1485 **SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 1 0102 fast Spanish talk by man; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABÍA BSKSA, Duba, NOV 1 0102 call and response interaction with preacher and congregation, then Arabic talk mentioning the Koran; HUGE. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1521 **SPAIN** SER R. Castellon, NOV 1 0102 fast Spanish talk; audible under Saudi during pauses in chanting. [Connelly*Y-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** R. ZIZ, Basseterre, NOV 1 0100 male blues vocal across the top of the hour; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ, San Juan, NOV 1 0102 nostalgic vocal, WKAQ ID; over WTAG. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 630 PUERTÓ RICO WUNO, San Juan, NOV 1 0102 Puerto Rico news; under WPRO. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 640 CUBA R. Progreso synchros, NOV 1 0100 // 690 with operatic male vocal; under CBN. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 690 **CUBA** R. Progreso, Jovellanos, NOV 1 0100 // 640 with operatic vocal with slight Middle East influences, running across top-of-hour; over unID Spanish speaker (YV or HJ?). [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 750 CUBA CMHV, R.Progreso, Trinidad, NOV 1 0101 operatic vocal // 690; mixing with CBGY. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 820 ST. KITTS & NEVIS Trinity Broadcast Network / R. Paradise, Charlestown, NOV 1 0101 southern US preacher reading from Genesis 26 verse 1; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 840 **HAITI** R. 4VEH (4VEF), Cap-Haitien, NOV 1 0100 French preaching by man, then hymn; slightly over pile-up. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 861 CUBA R. Reloj, NOV 1 0101 Reloj news; to fair peak on USB to dodge CJBC. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 870 CUBA R. Reloj, NOV 1 0101 Reloj news; over WLVP. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 960 CUBA R.Reloj, NOV 1 0100 Reloj news; over WEAV. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1020 **CUBA** R.Reloj, NOV 1 0102 Spanish news and tick-tocks; over unID station with Spanish vocal, USB used to dodge IBOC. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1060 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** (t) HIRV, R. Amanecer, San Pedro de Macoris, NOV 1 0100 Spanish language gospel hymn; briefly over KYW. [Connelly*Y-MA]

Over the weekend of the Nov 5-7, Jim Pogue, JD Stephens and I held a DXpedition at the Monte Sano State Park, located on a mountain just east of Huntsville, AL. We had some nice reception conditions for most of the weekend, and the morning of Nov 6 actually netted audio on two Japanese stations, a rare occurrence down here in the Southeast region. I am still working on compiling my loggings from the Perseus recordings, and should have them in next weeks bulletin.

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Antenna: dual-feedline SuperLoop 9 m vertical by 22 m horizontal, base height 1 m0

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Tecsun PL-606 AM-FM-SW DSP Ultralight Radio— First Impressions By Gary DeBock, Puyallup, WA USA November 2010



Tecsun's newest Si4734 DSP-chip Ultralight radio (featuring the full range of DSP filtering options) has apparently attracted some serious interest among the Ultralight radio enthusiast group, considering the 110 members who have already downloaded the PL-606 owner's manual (posted at http://www.mediafire.com/?msaeidp58598crt). Judging from initial testing here, this latest and most compact Tecsun 1 kHz DSP model will do a fine job of meeting expectations.

Arriving 5 days after an EMS order was placed with the eBay seller "Anon-co," my black colored PL-606 was eagerly unpacked, along with multiple accessories. At first glance, the compact radio resembles a slightly shrunken PL-380, minus the direct-entry keypad. The radio is noticeably smaller and lighter than either the PL-310 or PL-380, and uses only two AA batteries, instead of the three powering the larger radios. For those who thought that the PL-310 was a little large for their shirt pocket, the PL-606 should be a very comfortable fit. Like the PL-380, the radio uses thumb wheel tuning, instead of the PL-310-style tuning knob. The dual 1/10 kHz tuning rate is still used (depending upon the rotation speed of the thumb wheel), but in the PL-606 the system seems more user-friendly than in the PL-310, with the 1 kHz tuning rate sticking around unless the thumb wheel rotation is very fast.

In the test which will probably draw the most interest, the new PL-606's AM sensitivity was thoroughly checked against that of both the PL-310 and PL-380. Because of the PL-606's smaller cabinet expectations were not high, but the new radio actually outperformed the PL-380 in S/N and RSSI readings on both the 530 and 1650 kHz TIS stations, and at least matched the PL-310's AM sensitivity on both stations. The PL-606's audio signal recovery on both frequencies was superior to that of the PL-380, and equal to that of the larger PL-310. These testing results were quite unexpected, and immediately provided motivation to order a couple more of these overachieving little wonders for loopstick transplant experiments.

The new PL-606 Ultralight radio has been eagerly awaited by 9 kHz-split DX enthusiasts because of its unique combination of 1 kHz DSP selectivity and very compact size, and the unusually good AM sensitivity results are likely to be considered an additional bonus. Further testing will include soft-mute comparisons, SW testing and FM performance, the detailed results of which will be included in the upcoming Ultralight Radio AM-DX Shootout review. In summary, the newest Si4734 1 kHz DSP model seems like a real winner, and may well be the compact, highly sensitive Ultralight that many enthusiasts have been waiting for. At \$39.50 plus \$20 shipping (to North America), it provides a low-cost ticket for a lot of transoceanic DXing fun.

73 and Good DX, Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA)

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