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DX TEST

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NEW MEMBER UPDATE

No new members for this issue. Report your DX as much as you can to your editors!

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Christmas is just two weeks away! DX Worldwide-West features the first part of a Hawaiian DXpedition report from Walt Salmaniw. Also, part one of a DXpedition report from Finnish Lapland appears in this issue. Canadian Radio News and DX Worldwide-East are in this issue.

IRCA Web Site

The IRCA Web site is available 24 hours a day. Our Web site contains plenty of information on our club and this hobby. The IRCA Web site can be accessed at www.ircaonline.org

2011 IRCA Convention – Colorado Springs, CO

The convention will be held June 23-25, 2011 at the Airport Value Inn (<http://www.airportvalueinn.com>) located on the east side of Colorado Springs at 6875 Space Village Avenue, Colorado Springs 80915. IRCA has set aside a special block of rooms with a special reservation rate of \$69.99/night (regularly \$79.99/night during the summer months), please call the hotel directly at (719) 596-5588 or toll-free (800) 596-5588 to book the special rate (the special rate is only available over the phone), views of the rooms can be seen on their website.

The Colorado Springs Airport is located about 5 miles south of the hotel and is a relatively easy drive from the airport to the hotel (taxis are available at the airport, the hotel doesn't have a shuttle). Convention registration is \$30, please send registrations to: Robert Wien 2910 North Powers Boulevard, #106, Colorado Springs, CO 80922. If you wish to donate items for the auction, they can also be sent to this address as well, all AM radio-related donations are welcome. The convention will include radio station tours (specifics to be announced later), an AM transmitter tour around the city, DX quiz with prizes, business meeting, banquet, and the traditional Saturday night auction. The banquet will be held at the Golden Corral Buffet located on 1970 Waynoka Road (near Powers/Palmer Park Blvd., about 4 miles NW of the hotel) Saturday night 6/25/11 at 6 PM (we will have a room reserved at the Golden Corral, it is a 'pay-your-own-way' all-you-can-eat-buffet, cost is approximately \$10/person (NOTE: COST OF BANQUET IS SEPARATE FROM CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE), beverage extra, to see the menu, go to <http://www.goldencorral.net>), with the auction to occur in the hotel meeting room after the banquet at approximately 8 PM. (Thanks to Mike Sanburn, KG6LJU, for the information.)

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, an 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 Interstate 255) on Saturday, January 29, 2011. For more information, go to www.slsrcc.org

CANADIAN RADIO NEWS

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For November 2010 (December 1 2010 – next update January 1 2011)

BRANDINGS

1570 QC Gatineau CJEU From RADIO ENFANT to OXYGENE RADIO

OFF THE AIR

610 QC New Carlisle CHNC Extension to authorized simulcast time for FM conversion expired
1150 QC Gaspe CHGM Extension to authorized simulcast time for FM conversion expired

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

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FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM. In Alabama, there's a straight-up swap of an FM translator for an unbuild AM The result is that non-commercial Christian operator WAY FM will have its Huntsville-market WAYH, Harvest (88.1) re-broadcast on the translator at 97.3. The translator's licensed to Cullman and will be ID'd as "W247BI." Birmingham-based RAMS II (Joan Reynolds) gets the translator in a like-kind exchange for the AM construction permit. That goes to Al Stroh of Montgomery, who will be building out the new AM at 1030. The daytime power is 35,000 watts and it's licensed for 1,000 watts at night. The city of license sounds unusual: Maxwell Air Force Base, or as the USPS knows it, "Maxwell AFB."

FROM FMQB DOT COM Survey: Could People Be Content Without Radio? A new survey from **Mark Ramsey Media**, in conjunction with **VIP Research**, aimed to find out just how important radio really is to its listeners. Is it a vital staple in their daily lives, or do people listen simply because it's convenient? Hence, Ramsey asked a national sample of 1,112 radio listeners (ages 10-54) the question: "If your local radio stations went off the air tomorrow and you had to get your news, information, and music from other sources, how would you feel about this?" The results show that 37 percent of people said "I would be very unhappy and miss my radio stations a lot;" 39 percent responded with "It would be too bad, but I would find other ways to inform and entertain myself;" and 24 percent said "It wouldn't matter much to me; I can get what radio provides elsewhere." Ramsey's survey also showed that Men are more likely to dismiss radio than women, as 27 percent of men wouldn't miss it while only 20 percent of women said the same. The results also vary by format preference. Listeners to the News/Talk format are more likely to miss radio than others, as 58 percent said they would be "very unhappy" if it went away. "The lesson for us all is that while attracting usage may be relatively easy, evoking passion is a lot more difficult," Ramsey wrote in his blog. "And the key in this process is investing in unique and quality content that listeners care about. In the long run, the best way to avoid obsolescence is to be worth missing. The best way to avoid substitution is to be irreplaceable. I think radio will matter to one degree or another for a good long time, even if we do nothing. But it sure won't matter as much as it used to – unless we do something."

FROM RADIO INFO DOT COM Disney sells off another Radio Disney station - Hartford's WZDK (1550) Buyer is Blount Communications, which will pay Disney \$500,000 for WZDK. It's licensed to Bloomfield, CT with 5,000 watts daytime and 2,400 watts at night. Disney bought it ten years ago as part of an aggressive expansion to put its Radio Disney national programming into the top 50 markets and beyond. Disney has recently been selling many of its medium market stations, and it informed the FCC in October that it had taken this one dark, while it was negotiating to sell it. The buyer is William Blount, and the deal was brokered by Bill Schutz for Disney and John Pierce for Blount.

FROM DALLAS NEWS DOT Cumulus Media to move four radio stations, including 'The Ticket,' to Dallas' Victory Park Four local radio stations – "The Ticket" KTCK-AM (1310), "The Wolf" KPLX-FM (99.5), KLIF-AM Talk Radio (570) and I93-FM Today's Hit Music (93.3) – are moving to Victory Park. The stations' owner, **Cumulus Media Inc.**, will also move into the Victory Plaza building that houses the studio for WFAA-TV (Channel 8). The building is next to **American Airlines Center**. The new lease will total more than 20,000 square feet, Victory Park's owners said Thursday. "Victory Plaza is an ideal fit for our four great brands," Dan Bennett, vice president/market manager of Cumulus-Dallas, said in a prepared statement. "The American Airlines Center attracts and hosts sporting and entertainment events that reinforce our sports and entertainment brands." Bill Brokaw of Cousins Properties Inc. negotiated the lease with Jeff Ellerman and Phil Puckett of **CB Richard Ellis**. Brokaw

said about 85 people will work in the new Cumulus office. "It will bring more people to the district," he said. "It provides Cumulus with a great venue for people to come see their programs. "And they are literally steps away from the sporting events." The two Victory Plaza buildings that face Olive Street are now fully leased. Other tenants in Victory Plaza include GDA Architects, Carson Private Capital and Public Strategies. And the larger One Victory Park office tower on Victory Avenue is more than 85 percent rented, Brokaw said. "We are marketing development sites down there, too, for the future," he said. The Cumulus lease is the first major business tenant announcement at Victory Park since German investors who financed the project last year took over most of the buildings from developer Hillwood.

FROM RADIO INFO DOT COM Next AM talk-to-FM conversion could be in Grand Rapids, at WOOD (1300) On Monday, Clear Channel changed the calls of soft AC WOOD-FM (105.7) to WSRW-FM, leaving them available for use on another station in the market. That station could serve to simulcast #4-ranked WOOD-AM, suggests **Michiguide.com**. The soft AC 105.7 converted to all-Christmas as it usually does, and speculation is that another local Clear Channel station would become the FM simulcast home of the WOOD talk format that features Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck and more. Michiguide even reports speculation of an additional format swap, with country WMUS perhaps moving from the Muskegon-licensed 106.9 to replace AC "Star 108" WSHZ at 107.9. That would leave 106.9 open as the potential new WOOD-FM. Clear Channel is able to quickly place the WSRW-FM call letters on 105.7 because it controls them nationally: those calls belong to CC's WSRW, Hillsboro, Ohio at 1590. There's one other interesting call letter story here, since Grand Rapids is a rare market where the radio station and TV station share the same calls, but have different owners. Clear Channel doesn't own WOOD-TV. LIN TV does.

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Ohio's "Paulding Pirate" was on both AM and FM The agent from the FCC's Detroit office paid a visit to Paulding, Ohio on September 29 and initially found an unlicensed signal at 1640 AM. But that wasn't all. The agent then detected an FM broadcast at 98.5 from the same location. The FCC's Part 15 rules permit an unlicensed backyard-like AM signal to be no stronger than 14.6 microvolts per meter at a distance of 30 meters from the source. The one in Paulding was running 3,600 microvolts when measured at 84.1 meters. On the FM, the Part 15 limit is 250 microvolts per meter at 3 meters (about 10 feet). The Paulding Pirate, Gary K. Unger, was cranking out nearly 7,000 microvolts at a distance of 350 feet away. There could be a \$10,000 fine if the violation continues.

FROM : OCALA STAR BANNER Radio station dating back to 1950s adds FM signal broadcast. One of Ocala's oldest radio stations has added an FM signal broadcast of its programming. WOCA, which dates back to the late 1950s and is broadcast on 1370 AM, went live with the FM signal last Saturday. Broadcast on 96.7, the signal currently covers most of Ocala, said Joe Martone, station manager and owner. Martone — along with his wife, Patsy, and his son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Melissa Martone — purchased the radio station in July. "One of the pushing factors behind it was that we have to drop our (AM) power in the evenings because of an FCC ruling," Joe Martone said. "So we said, 'Why don't we go to an FM translator and give the listeners the clarity?' And that's what we did." He would like to see the FM signal cover the 90 percent of Marion County that the 5,000-watt AM signal currently covers. "We'll have to apply to the FCC for that. We have to follow what Uncle Sam says. We want to keep our license," he said. There are no plans to phase out the AM signal and the move is not part of a plan to change the format. "The AM is staying permanently," Martone said. "One of the first questions people asked was were we changing the format. We feel if it's not broke, don't fix it. And it's not broke. You can improve on something like that, which is what we are doing." The FM broadcast is in stereo and has a deeper sound. "There are some people that don't realize that AM is still here. We hope the new signal will capture some of these people hitting the scan button," he said. Making the station more attractive to advertisers also was a factor.

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This is the second half of last week's column. 12/03/10 0700. 73's. fresh

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530 (TIS) UT, Salt Lake City both local TIS stations off the air. I heard faint rumble of voices. (MR-UT)
600 KCOL CO, Wellington 11/29 0816 with traffic report way under KOGO. (BB-AZ)
700 KXLX WA, Airway Heights 11/26 0004 heard "The Ticket" ID weak under a dominant KGRV, sports talk, etc. on TMC with SW wire. (GH-OR)
820 KUTR UT, Taylorsville since early Nov. station has been IBOCless. The usual mix of KTIB, KBHB and KLVZ is heard during critical hours. (MR-UT)
890 WLS IL, Chicago 11/23 1635 weak ID in a noisy jumble on TMC with SW wire. KDXU in there too I think. New! (GH-OR)
960 KIXW CA, Apple Valley 11/29 0833 with weather report and "Weather Channel Talk 960." (BB-AZ)
CFAC AB, Calgary 11/29 2043 with "The Fan" then traffic report. (BB-AZ)
CBW MB, Winnipeg 11/29 2000 with "CBC News" then temperatures around the area. (BB-AZ)
1000 KOMO WA, Seattle 11/27 0130 noted on 50KW non-directional, very strong local like signal. At 0300 station went to night directional pattern with drop in signal level. (MR-UT)
1010 CBR AB, Calgary 21/1 2030 with "As it Happens" and "CBC Radio 1?? 99.1" at 2059. (BB-AZ)
1150 CKFR BC, Kelowna 11/18 0000 faint ID mixing it up with unIDs on Drake with Terk loop. Sports talk (I think). (GH-OR)
1330 KCKM TX, Monahans 11/30 1958 with "Country KCKM Monahans." (BB-AZ)
1360 KLSD CA, San Diego 11/29 with "Xtra Sports 1360." (BB-AZ) (Time?—NJ)
1380 KTKZ CA, Sacramento 11/23 1603 news & traffic report. Very weak in a jumble with KRKO and one other, on TMC with SW wire. (GH-OR)
1440 KODL OR, The Dalles 11/19 0025 NOS type music and ID. In fairly strong for a few minutes on Drake with Terk loop. (GH-OR)
1450 KZNU UT, St. George 11/26 0200 above the hash with a spot for pizza parlor followed by ID "This is Fox News Radio AM 1450 KZNU St. George." (MS-CA)
1550 KMRI UT, West Valley 11/27 0215 station noted on day power all night. (MR-UT)
1570 KCVR CA, Lodi 11/8 0104 Spanish vocal music, female gave ID late at 0104. Weak & scratchy, but alone on R-390A. Last heard 4/8/10. (GH-OR)
1600 KRKE NM, Albuquerque 11/30 0818 with weather report then "Real Oldies 1600." (BB-AZ)
1660 KQWB ND, West Fargo 11/20 2130 mention of ESPN Radio and ad for West Fargo area. (MR-UT)

UNIDS

- 1260 UNID 11/22 0035 Spanish talker with many mentions of ESPN. Fair to good at times and alone, on Drake with Terk loop. (GH-OR)

DX tips from four different states this week. Nancy 12/3 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 1160 WCRT TN, Donelson. 11-28. 16:58 with religious programming, ID, and promos for the Bott R Net. [SP-WI]
1170 KFAQ OK, Tulsa. 11-28. 17:04 with Cowboys basketball, Oklahoma promos. This station is not common anymore. I used to hear KVOO all the time. [SP-WI]
1220 WHKW OH, Cleveland. 11-28. 21:27 with talk, phone number, spots, and an ID. Focus on the Family mentioned. [SP-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

December 7, 1985 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... A new Beacon Log was available for \$10.00 which listed some 6,100 beacons ... US daytime stations on Canadian Clear channels could now operate at night ... This issue included a Tip Traders list with DXers phone numbers.

OPEN MIKE

This column was typed 12-4-10. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturdays 8 AM!!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (KK-VA) Kraig Krist Manassas, VA.
NRD-545 rx w/134' multiband antenna NW to SE.
- (KK1-VA) Kraig Krist Linden, VA
Tecsun PL-310
- (JJR-MI) John J. Rieger L'Anse, MI
CC Radio 2

LOGGINGS

- 540 MD WGOP Pocomoke City 11/27 1726 Local Ad Call "410 968...open 7 days a week...". Area code 410 is Maryland. (KK1-VA)
- PA WWCS Canonsburg 11/28 0702 Typical Radio Disney programming. (KK1-VA)
- 560 MD WFRB Frostburg 11/28 0704 , "Open MRI at Oakland Open MRI", PSA "Talk radio 5-60 brought to you by Southern States in Oakland. Left on the dial, right on the issues". (KK1-VA)
- 580 GA WGAC Augusta 11/13 1800 Break in GA/Auburn Football. (WM-MD)
- 600 NC WSJS Winston-Salem 11/27 2003 Mixing w/ football and singing. WSJS with basketball game NC State vs FCU. "Carolina Journal Radio... Sunday... AM 6 hundred WSJS". (KK1-VA)
- 620 NY WHEN Syracuse 11/23 1901 Mixing w/ singing and Spanish talk. "Sports radio 6-20 WHEN". "You're listening to the Tom Hartman Show... call... AM 6-20 WHEN...". (KK-VA)
- PA WKHB Irwin 11/28 0729 Mixing w/ other talk. Jingle "KHB". Into "Voice of Faith"... (KK1-VA)
- 640 GA WGST Atlanta 11/27 1716 Mixing w/ WWJZ and sports. "Fox news. We report, you decide". (KK1-VA)
- NJ WWJZ Mount Holly 11/27 1716 Mixing w/ WGST and sports. Typical Radio Disney programming. (KK1-VA)
- 670 PA WIEZ Lewistown 11/28 0749 Mixing w/ other talk and c&w. Local ad, "Michael's Appliance downtown Lewiston", "Cowboy Jack's Ranch...". Jingle with WIEZ ID. (KK1-VA)
- 680 NC WPTF Raleigh 11/23 1854 Mixing w/ talk & singing. "WPTF news time 6-55". (KK-VA)
- NC WPTF Raleigh 11/28 0755 Mixing w/ singing. Discussion about public education in North Carolina. "Carolina's new maker. News radio 6-80 WPTF". (KK1-VA)
- 690 FL WOKV Jacksonville 11/24 1823 Mixing w/ talk. "News talk radio 6-90 WOKV depend on it" into traffic report and weather. Sean Hannity Show followed.. (KK-VA)
- WV WELD Fisher 11/28 0757 Mixing w/ talk. Religious programming. "WELD AM 6-90, 101.7 FM... West Virginia". (KK1-VA)
- 830 PA WEEU Reading 11/20 1700 "The Voice of Berks County" ; ID (WM-MD)
- 900 SK CKBI Prince Albert 11/27 0800 Poor but o/anything. ID(!) and nx (JJR-MI)
- 920 ON CKNX Wingham 11/27 1741 Country version of "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town". "CKNX AM 9-20". (KK1-VA)
- 950 SC WORD Spartanburg 11/18 2000 ID heard in the mess (WM-MD)
- 1150 SC WAVO Rock Hill 11/22 1705 ID heard in the mess (WM-MD)
- 1160 IL WYLL Chicago 11/22 2013 "Chicago's Christian talk 1160 WYLL" into local ad(KK-VA)
- 1190 IN WOWO Fort Wayne 11/27 1754 "On the web it's WOWO dot com. All day news talk 11-90 WOWO". (KK1-VA)
- 1230 MI WGRY Grayling 11/26 1818 Mixing w/ WABN and talk. WGRY with oldies. "AM 12-30 WGRY" into Christmas song.. (KK-VA)
- MN KTRF Thief River Falls 11/27 0807 Poor o/GY mess. w/many ads, adrs and local ph#s.Calls finally. (JJR-MI)
- VA WABN Abingdon 11/26 1818 Mixing w/ WGRY and talk. WABN with oldies. "WABN AM 12-30... 103.3...". (KK-VA)
- 1290 OH WHIO Dayton 11/27 2050 "News talk radio WHIO". Local Ad (KK1-VA)
- ON CJBK London 11/27 1758 Mixing w/ talk. "This is news talk CJBK London". (KK1-VA)
- 1300 NY WGDJ Rensselaer 11/27 1759 "WGDJ 13 hundred" into ABC news. (KK1-VA)

- 1350 OH WARF Akron 11-17 2000 Miami/Akron Football (WM-MD)
- 1390 IA KCLN Clinton 11/27 0829 Poor u/others. Lcl nx, ads, stn promo. Not common. (JJR-MI)
- 1400 TN WKPT Kingsport 11/30 1829 Mixing w/ WKAV, religious singing and others. WKPT with oldies. "Super hits of the tri cities WKPT". (KK-VA)
- VA WKAV Charlottesville 11/30 1829 Mixing w/ WKPT, religious singing and others. Out of the mix "WKAV Charlottesville Virginia...". (KK-VA)
- 1450 VA WFTR Front Royal 11/27 1711 "AM 14-50 WFTR" into c&w song. (KK1-VA)
- 1510 TN WLAC Nashville 11/27 1805 "Your 15-10 WLAC forecast...". (KK1-VA)
- 1540 IA KXEL Waterloo 11/27 2056 Mixing w/ station carrying China Radio Int. OMS discussing basketball. "KXEL". (KK1-VA)
- 1600 NY WWRL New York City 11/22 2016 Mixing w/ WKZK. Seton Hall vs Clemson college basketball game. Local Ad "16 hundred WWRL New York". (KK-VA)
- SC WKZK North Augusta 11/22 2016 Mixing w/ WWRL. Gospel singing. "WKZK 16 hundred AM your hot line requests...". (KK-VA)
- 1600 NC WBCN Charlotte 11-17 1700 Sean Hannity; ads; "America Talk"; ID (WM-MD)

Thanks to all this week. Somehow all the reports last week ended up in the "spam" folder and I did not see them. Sorry guys ..This will catch us up Best to all... fresh 12-04 0830

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Walter Salmaniw Hawaiian Report (11/27)

Finally got around to leaving the lanai and heading down to the beach to escape the noise, although our complex is relatively quiet here in Kauai, Hawaii. We're spending 10 days in Poi'pu at the Outrigger Plantation complex on the south shore of the island. My first time to Kauai, and it truly is a gem (previously I've DXed from Maui on many occasions and from Honolulu as well). Conditions don't seem to be all that great, but there were a few surprises. Tonight I listened between 06:00 to 07:15 UTC. Nothing at all from Alaska (which I've heard well on other visits in the past), nor Japan. Pacific Islands propagate fairly, with RFO Tahiti quite good on 738. I didn't hear 1017 Tonga tonight, but it's been present on other evenings at fair level. 1098 continues with a weak modulation. A couple of nights again 1386 Radio Tarana from New Zealand was coming in very well, but not so far tonight. Here's a quick list of what was heard sitting on the beach with my WRTH in hand, a headlamp, and my highly modified Eton e100 ultralight with the longer ferrite rod (tunable), and a good pair of noise-canceling headphones:

- 530 Most likely Radio Encyclopedia at poor/fair level with non-stop music and no TOH ID at 07:00. 11/27.
- 540 CBK, Watrous SK with CBC ID at 06:58 at fair/good level. 11/27.
- 580 Presumably KMJ, Fresno CA at good level IDing as the Bulldogs sports Network brought to you by Wendy's, etc. Mentions of California. 07:02. 11/27.
- 600 KOGO, San Diego with ID at 06:10 and weather forecast. Travel advisory due to snow warnings, then into Coast to Coast. Good reception. 11/27.
- 640 Coast to coast presumably KFI at 06:12, with het from 639, likely Fiji. 11/27.
- 670 Prob KBOI, Boise ID with CBC news at 07:05 and Home Depot ad. Good reception. 11/27.
- 780 Presumed KKOH, Reno NV with Coast to Coast at fair/good level at 06:19. 11/27.
- 880 Seems that KHCM, Honolulu is off the air. There's an open carrier there with blips every two to three seconds. Heard the same for the past several nights. Weak cochannel, probably KIXI, Seattle at same time (c 06:25). 11/27.
- 950 Radio Reloj, Havana. My surprise for the evening with SS talk, with the time pips in the background. ID at 06:30 with TC at poor/fair level. 11/27.
- 1020 KTNQ, with SS talk at strong level. 11/27.
- 1060 CKMX Calgary, AB. Nice ID at 07:09 as "Your Classic Country, AM 1060". Fair/good. Regularly heard each night monitored. 11/27.
- 1070 KNX, Los Angeles with snowfall warning at higher elevations. Mentions of Orange County, etc. Fair /good level at 06:40. 11/27.
- 1090 ?KPTK Seattle with talk program at fair level. Het from 1089 noted. 11/27.
- 1098 Low modulation, as always talk at 06:43, but too low to make anything out, despite a decent signal. 11/27.
- 1100 KFAX, San Francisco with religious talk at good level. 11/27.
- 1150 Fair reception with sports, possibly KTLK, Los Angeles, with cochannel SS ?KLPM, Portland? 11/27.
- 1410 CFUN, Vancouver with ESPN Radio and The Fan IDs at 06:55 at good level. 11/27.

Overall, a fun night, but without very outstanding reception. (More of Walt's report from Hawaii in coming issues of DX Monitor.-EiC)

DX WORLDWIDE – EAST

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Welcome to another edition of DXWW-East.

*** TRANSATLANTIC DX ***

- 531 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Ain-El-Beida, NOV 11 2114 - fast Arabic talk by man & woman; good. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** Alger Chaîne 1, Les Trembles, NOV 11 2114 - // 531 with Arabic talk. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 558 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2201 - bits of Spanish talk by man; in WGAN slop. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 567 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2200 - // 585 et al. with slow version of "Rock With You" (see 585 for more info); poor. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 576 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2130 - // 684 with man in Spanish; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 576 **GERMANY** SWR Cont. Ra, Baden-Württemberg / Mühlacker, NOV 11 2200 - German talk "drei und zwanzig uhr" (2300), ". . nachrichten" (news); over RNE. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 585 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Madrid, NOV 11 2200 - // 648 et al. with weird hypnotic deep-voiced slowed-down lounge-style male vocal of Michael Jackson's "Rock With You"; good. Strange thing was that it went right past the top-of-hour, no pips, and ended at 2201 when there was Spanish talk. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 594 **PORTUGAL** Radio Sim, Muge, NOV 11 2238 - Portuguese vocal; fair with het from 595 Morocco. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 594 **MOROCCO** RTM 1 & 2, Oujda, NOV 11 2238 - // 612 with strings; briefly audible. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 603 **FRANCE** France Info, Lyon-Tramoyes, NOV 11 2114 - music, man in French; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 603 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2200 - // 585 et al. with slow version of "Rock With You" (see 585 for more info); mixed with France. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** RTM A, Sebaâ-Aioun, NOV 11 2146 - emotional Arabic male vocal and strings; fair. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 621 **BELGIUM** (t) RTBF, Waver-Overijse, NOV 11 2130 - French-sounding music not parallel Spain RNE outlets. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, NOV 11 2238 - // 585 with man in Spanish; slight echo. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 630 **TUNISIA** RTT, Tunis-Djedeida, NOV 11 2114 - woman in Arabic; under WPRO. + NOV 11 2159 - group Arabic chant. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 639 **CZECH REPUBLIC** Český rozhlas, Liblice, NOV 11 2130 - Czech talk by man; beating up Spain. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, La Coruña et al., NOV 11 2130 - Spanish talk; behind Czech Rep. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 648 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Badajoz et al., NOV 11 2200 - // 585 et al. with slow version of "Rock With You" (see 585 for more info); poor. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 657 **ITALY** RAI R.1 synchros, NOV 11 2200 - Italian talk, RAI ID; mixed with Spain. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 657 **SPAIN** RNE R.5, Madrid, NOV 11 2114 - Spanish talk; mixing with Italy. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 666 **GERMANY** SWR Cont. Ra, Rohrdorf, NOV 11 2130 - woman in German; over Portugal. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 666 **GREECE** ERA 5 Filia, "Kosmos", Athens, NOV 11 2200 - music, Greek program; briefly dominant. Thanks to Mauno Ritola on RealDX list for ID help. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 666 **PORTUGAL** RDP Antena 1 synchros, NOV 11 2131 - Portuguese vocal came up over the German. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 675 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya, Benghazi, NOV 11 2114 - a cappella Arabic vocal; over other, tough WRKO slop. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** R. Maria, Lopik, NOV 11 2226 - female folk hymn; poor in WRKO slop. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 684 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Sevilla, NOV 11 2114 - fast Spanish teletalk; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 693 **GERMANY** VOR relay, Zehlendorf, NOV 11 2200 - Russian talk "Golos Rossii"; under UK.

- Thanks to Jean Burnell and Vlad Titarev on RealDX list for ID help. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R. 5, Droitwich et al., NOV 11 2114 - talk about rugby; good. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 702 **MONACO** RMC-Info, Le Col de la Madonne, NOV 11 2114 - woman in French; over low rumble. + NOV 11 2200 - French pgm. ID "Ici Radio Chine International" (CRI), news about Jintao-Obama meeting; very good. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 711 **FRANCE** France Info, Rennes, NOV 11 2130 - man in French // 603 with phone interview; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 720 **GREENLAND** KNR, Simiutaq, NOV 11 2130 - Muzak version of Beatles' "Yesterday", Greenlandic talk by man, barking dog sound; over jumble. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 720 **PORTUGAL** RDP Antena 1 synchros, NOV 11 2159 - jazz, then Portuguese talk into newscast at 2200. At 2201, I heard fast code "HIH" that I have noted before. Something inserted into RDP's news to separate items maybe? Similar type of thing was done with 'stingers' in the late '50s on US station newscasts (and now seems popular in the Middle East). [Connelly*D-MA]
- 729 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, NOV 11 2128 - fast Spanish talk, music insert; listened on LSB to dodge CKAC/WJTO. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 738 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Barcelona, NOV 11 2042 - man in Spanish; poor. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** R.5, Zeewolde (Flevoland), NOV 11 2127 - Dutch talk by man & woman, translation of a man in English speaking about the media; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, NOV 11 2114 - classical music; loud. + NOV 11 2200 - Deutschlandfunk ID. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 756 **ROMANIA** România Actualități, Lugoj-Boldur, NOV 11 2131 - under Germany with rock guitar // 855, 1152, 1179, 1332. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** RSR Option Musique, Sottens, NOV 11 2042 - woman in French, pop-folk vocal; fair. + NOV 11 2114 - "Sir Duke" by Stevie Wonder. + NOV 11 2200 - Option Musique jingle, timecheck "vingt trois heures" (2300); good. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 774 **EGYPT** Middle East R., Abis, NOV 11 2114 - Arabic music; even with Spain. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 774 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, NOV 11 2042 - Spanish // 738; fair over other. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 783 **GERMANY** MDR Info, Leipzig-Wiederau, NOV 11 2128 - man in German; over Arabic station. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 783 **SPAIN** Rock y Gol Radio Miramar, Ctra. Consería (Barcelona), NOV 11 2114 - Spanish talk; atop jumble. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 783 **SYRIA** Syrian Arab Republic Broadcasting Corp, Tartus, NOV 11 2131 - several Suriya mentions, Arabic news about Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah; dominant. Thanks to Paul Logan on RealDX list for ID help. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 792 **FRANCE** France Info, Limoges, NOV 11 2114 - // 603 with man in French; good. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 792 **SPAIN** SER, Sevilla, NOV 11 2130 - fast Spanish talk; under France. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 801 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, NOV 11 2130 - // 855 with Spanish talk by man; USB used to separate from unusually-loud 800 VOWR-NL. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 810 **MACEDONIA** R. Skopje 1, Ovce Polje, NOV 11 2131 - classical music, then "Radio Makedonia" ID; atop jumble. + NOV 11 2200 - Radio Makedonia ID, Slavic news; dominating what is usually a very busy frequency. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 810 **SPAIN** SER, Madrid, NOV 11 2114 - fast Spanish talk; mixed with BBC R. Scotland. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 810 **UNITED KINGDOM (SCOTLAND)** BBC Radio Scotland synchros, NOV 11 2114 - Scots-accented interview about European tour; mixed with Spain. + NOV 11 2300 - excellent Celtic fiddling, then talk "The time is 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month. This is BBC Radio Scotland. It's news time." then mentions of 98 and 95 FM, item about changes to welfare laws; good. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 819 **EGYPT** ERTU, Santah, NOV 11 2130 - talk, then female Arabic vocal. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** COPE synchros, NOV 11 2128 - Spanish teletalk over France, Arabic-sounding music way off in the background. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 837 **FRANCE** France Info, Nancy, NOV 11 2100 - man in French, then France Info fanfare music. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 855 **ROMANIA** România Actualități, Bucuresti, NOV 11 2131 - under Spain, rock guitar // 756, 1152, 1179, 1332. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 855 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, NOV 11 2100 - man, then woman with news in Spanish; slight echo. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 864 **EGYPT** ERTU, Santah, NOV 11 2200 - Koranic chant; mixed with France. [Connelly*D-MA]

864 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette, NOV 11 2100 - man & woman in French; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]

873 **GERMANY** AFN, Frankfurt, NOV 11 2131 - talk about Veteran's Day, "those who made the ultimate sacrifice", speech at Arlington National Cemetery; fair / dominant, over WLVP slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

873 **SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 11 2221 - Spanish talk by man; to fair peak. [Connelly*D-MA]

882 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R.Wales, Washford, NOV 11 2100 - man "This is BBC Radio Wales", then news by woman; good. [Connelly*D-MA]

900 **ITALY** RAI Radiouno, Milano, NOV 11 2130 - Italian sportstalk, Fiat advert, chat about Parma-Sampdoria football match; over CKDH/WGHM. Thanks to Sylvain Naud, Jean Burnell, and Alessandro Groppazzi on RealDX list for ID help. [Connelly*D-MA]

909 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2042 - talk "If you listen to the experts, you come out on top." Then mention of "bachelor party videos hidden under the bed." [Connelly*D-MA]

918 **SLOVENIA** Radio Slovenija 1, Ljubljana-Domzale, NOV 11 2127 - R. Slovenia ID by woman; poor in WGIN IBOC hash. Weak het from 917 Nigeria in background. [Connelly*D-MA]

927 **BELGIUM** VRT Radio Een, Wolvertem, NOV 11 2100 - country song, man in Dutch (or Flemish); through 930 slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

936 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2100 - Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

945 **FRANCE** France Info, Toulouse, NOV 11 2114 - French talk, emphasis music // 603, 837; fair through WROL slop.
+ NOV 11 2130 - France Info ID. [Connelly*D-MA]

954 **CZECH REPUBLIC** Český rozhlas synchros, NOV 11 2130 - Slavic talk by man, some synchro-echo.
+ NOV 11 2202 - woman with Slavic news talking about Obama; over Spain. [Connelly*D-MA]

954 **SPAIN** Onda Cero, Madrid, NOV 11 2200 - man & woman in Spanish; briefly over the Czech. [Connelly*D-MA]

963 **PORTUGAL** Radio Sim, Seixal, NOV 11 2101 - '40s-type female vocal, Portuguese talk. [Connelly*D-MA]

963 **SPAIN** R. Euskadi, Vitoria, NOV 11 2131 - man in Spanish. [Connelly*D-MA]

963 **TUNISIA** RTT, Tunis, NOV 11 2259 - Arabic vocal & strings; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]

972 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya BC, Sirte, NOV 11 2151 - male Arabic vocal, flute, strings; through WZAN slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

981 **ALGERIA** RTVA Chaîne 2, Algiers, NOV 11 2100 - Arabic male vocal, drumming, strings. [Connelly*D-MA]

981 **GREECE** ERA Sport, Athens, NOV 11 2127 - man with Greek sportstalk; over Algeria, others. Thanks to Paul Logan, Jari Savolainen, Torgeir Woxen, and Vlad Titarev on RealDX list for ID help. [Connelly*D-MA]

999 **MOLDOVA** Mayak, Grigoriopol, NOV 11 2042 - woman in Russian; good over Saudi Arabia. [Connelly*D-MA]

999 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA R.Quran, Tabuk, NOV 11 2042 - Koranic vocal; a bit behind Moldova.
+ NOV 11 2302 - now loud, way over Spain and Moldova. [Connelly*D-MA]

999 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, NOV 11 2020 - Spanish talk. [Connelly*D-MA]

1008 **NETHERLANDS** Groot Nieuws Radio, Zeewolde (Flevoland), NOV 11 2131 - Dutch religious talk by man; fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

1017 **GERMANY** SWR Cont. Ra, Wolfsheim, NOV 11 2250 - bits of German talk by man & woman; hammered by IBOC. [Connelly*D-MA]

1026 **SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 11 2221 - // 1044 with Spanish talk by man; poor with WBZ nulled. [Connelly*D-MA]

1035 **PORTUGAL** R. Clube, Belmonte, NOV 11 2128 - live version of "Think" by Aretha Franklin, then "Mandy" by Barry Manilow; fair in WBZ slop (actually better on LSB because of USB IBOC).
+ NOV 11 2250 - Santana song, then female vocal; good with WBZ nulled. [Connelly*D-MA]

1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 11 2221 - // 1026 with Spanish talk by man; poor with WBZ nulled. [Connelly*D-MA]

1053 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, NOV 11 2042 - Arabic vocal; under UK. [Connelly*D-MA]

1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, NOV 11 2101 - talk "ESPN to present five premier Liverpool games"; over Libya. [Connelly*D-MA]

1062 **ITALY** RAI Radiouno synchros, NOV 11 2130 - Italian sportstalk; slight synchro-echo.
+ NOV 11 2200 - RadioUno ID, woman in Italian; fair.
+ NOV 11 2300 - Italian anthem, widely-spaced test tones, blank carrier; good, way over Middle East music station. [Connelly*D-MA]

1062 **unID (IRAN ?) ?**, NOV 11 2250 - chanting; weak. [Connelly*D-MA]

1080 **IRAN** IRIB 1/VOIRI, Abadan, NOV 11 2101 - Koranic vocal; briefly atop the jumble. [Connelly*D-MA]

1080 **SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 11 2042 - // 1116 with fast talk by man in Spanish. At 2047 UTC, it was killing WTIC! [Connelly*D-MA]

1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, NOV 11 2047 - TalkSport and Sky promo's; good. [Connelly*D-MA]

1098 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2042 - slightly echoey Spanish teletalk; fair.
+ NOV 11 2130 - loud! [Connelly*D-MA]

1107 **GERMANY** AFN synchros, NOV 11 2059 - US-accented talk including mention of "America's Most Wanted"; to fair peak, dominant. [Connelly*D-MA]

1107 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2042 - Spanish talk // 1098; poor-fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

1116 **ITALY** RAI Radiouno synchros, NOV 11 2200 - // 1062 with harp, then woman in Italian; under Spain. [Connelly*D-MA]

1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 11 2200 - Spanish talk // 1179; over Italy. [Connelly*D-MA]

1125 **BELGIUM** RTBF Vivacité, Houdeng, NOV 11 2138 - man & woman in French; fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

1125 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2042 - teletalk // 1098; fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, NOV 11 2100 - romantic female vocal, Glas Hrvatske and Hrvatski Radio ID's, long pips, fanfare music, news intro with another ID; HUGE / LOCAL-LIKE! [Connelly*D-MA]

1143 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, NOV 11 2042 - man & woman in Spanish. [Connelly*D-MA]

1152 **ROMANIA** R. Romania Actualitati, Cluj, NOV 11 2131 - rock guitar // 756, 855, 1179, 1332; mixed with Spain. [Connelly*D-MA]

1152 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2042 - echoey Spanish talk; to fair peak. [Connelly*D-MA]

1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R. Sawa, Al Dhabiya, NOV 11 2200 - female Arabic vocal, drumming. [Connelly*D-MA]

1179 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 11 2159 - // 1116 with Spanish talk; mixed with Romania. [Connelly*D-MA]

1179 **ROMANIA** R. România Actualități, Galbeni-Bacau et al., NOV 11 2131 - rock guitar // 756, 855, 1152, 1332; good. [Connelly*D-MA]

1188 **IRAN** R.Payam, Tehran, NOV 11 2130 - dreamy piano music, then the familiar three-note intro ahead of newstalk; fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux, NOV 11 2042 - French talk by man, emphasis music inserts; loud. [Connelly*D-MA]

1215 **RUSSIA (KALININGRAD)** VOR, Bolshakovo, NOV 11 2101 - Russian national anthem; mixing with UK.
+ NOV 11 2200 - TWR interval signal, announcements "You're listening to TransWorld Radio." and "You're tuned to the World Service of the Voice of Russia."; mixed with UK. [Connelly*D-MA]

1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute R. synchros, NOV 11 2047 - talk about show featuring '90s hits, comment "we're on Facebook"; good.
+ NOV 11 2101 - advert for DeWalt 18 volt combi-drill at 'screwfix.com' online store; good, over Russia.
+ NOV 11 2201 - "Rock 'n' Roll Football Live" promo, "Hear all this on DAB digital and on 1215 AM", Sky advert, Best Buy advert; good. [Connelly*D-MA]

1224 **BULGARIA** R. Bulgaria, Vidin, NOV 11 2200 - interval signal came through fine, talk descended into QRM from Spain. Thanks to Sylvain Naud, Jean Burnell, and Vlad Titarev on RealDX list for ID help. [Connelly*D-MA]

1224 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, NOV 11 2201 - Spanish news; mixing with Bulgaria. [Connelly*D-MA]

1242 **FRANCE** France Info, Marseille, NOV 11 2201 - woman in French; in WBUR slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

1251 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli, NOV 11 2159 - slow Arabic talk by man, not parallel to 1449. [Connelly*D-MA]

1278 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Sélestat, NOV 11 2042 - French talk with woman in studio, man on phone.
+ NOV 11 2058 - "Superstition" by Stevie Wonder. [Connelly*D-MA]

1287 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, NOV 11 2059 - Spanish talk; in slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

1305 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2142 - two men in Spanish; fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

1314 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2200 - // 585 et al. with slow version of "Rock With You" (see 585 for more info); fair. [Connelly*D-MA]

1323 **GERMANY** VOR, Wachenbrunn, NOV 11 2058 - woman in French read list of times and/or frequencies, Russian anthem followed; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]

1332 **ROMANIA** Romania Actualitati, Galati, NOV 11 2131 - rock guitar // 756, 855, 1152, 1179; in WRCA slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** BBC Radio Ulster, Lisnagarvey, NOV 11 2101 - BBC news by woman in English; through slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

- 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille, NOV 11 2100 - // 837 with French talk, France Info fanfare. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1394.85 **ALBANIA** TWR, Flakë, NOV 11 2042 - Slavic-sounding talk by man; hammered by WPLM slop. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1413 **MOLDOVA** VOR, Grigoriopol, NOV 11 2047 - Russian talk. Thanks to Chuck Hutton and Paul Logan for ID help on RealDX. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2130 - Spanish talk about economy, stock markets: good. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** RTA, Algiers, NOV 11 2201 - French news by woman; coming up over Germany. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, NOV 11 2159 - German talk; slightly over Algeria. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** R. Sawa, Arta, NOV 11 2142 - pop Arabic male vocal, strings, then Sawa ID; to fair peak through slop. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1440 **LUXEMBOURG** RTL, Marnach, NOV 11 2042 - German talk by man, Chinese music; over WRED.
+ NOV 11 2100 - dance-rock instrumental, intro music based on 6-note interval signal, French talk "Ici Radio Chine International", news item about Hu Jintao - Barack Obama meeting; excellent, crushing the domestics.
+ NOV 11 2200 - English talk with Radio 86, Radio Luxembourg, and China Radio International ID's, Paul James with CRI news about the meeting between Chinese Premier Jintao and US President Obama; loud / dominant. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1449 **LIBYA** Voice of Great Homeland, Misurata, NOV 11 2159 - Arabic group vocal and drumming; fair, getting past the strong 1450 WNBW/WRKD/CFAB melange. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1458 **UNITED KINGDOM** Sunrise Radio, Brookmans Park, NOV 11 2047 - shrieky Bollywood type female vocal.
+ NOV 11 2059 - Indian accented advert with "dot com" in it; through slop. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR, Roumoules, NOV 11 2047 - man in Arabic or similar language; good.
+ NOV 11 2201 - preacher said a sentence in English, a translator read it in Arabic, and the process continued. Good signal. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1476 **SPAIN** Euskadi Irratia, San Sebastian, NOV 11 2059 - Spanish talk weak; hetted by something on 1476.26. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1485 **SPAIN** SER synchros, NOV 11 2200 - Spanish news; poor to fair. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1494 **FRANCE** France Info synchros, NOV 11 2200 - // 1206 with France Info fanfare, news by woman; over France Bleu - Corsica. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1494 **FRANCE (CORSIKA)** France Bleu, Bastia, NOV 11 2042 - operatic / showtune style female French vocal. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1503 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, NOV 11 2042 - Spanish teletalk // 1098. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Duba, NOV 11 2042 - Arabic phone interview; loud. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1548 **MOLDOVA** VOR, Grigoriopol, NOV 11 2101 - electronic music clip incorporating RTTY-signal sound, Russian talk by man; to good peak. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne, NOV 11 2020 - French talk. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R. Farda, Al Dhabiya, NOV 11 2142 - male Mideast dance club vocal; in bad WQEW IBOC. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** (t) Radiolé, Ceuta, NOV 11 2101 - maybe this with Spanish sounding vocal not parallel to SER stations. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1602 **SPAIN** R. Vitoria, Vitoria, NOV 11 2231 - woman in Spanish not parallel to SER outlets; to good peak over WUNR slop. [Connelly*D-MA]

*** **PAN-AMERICAN DX** ***

- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** R. ZIZ, Basseterre, NOV 11 2200 - local adverts, music clips; in WGAN slop. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 820 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** Trinity Broadcast Network / R. Paradise, Charlestown, NOV 11 2138 - black gospel singing; mixed with WNYC. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 870 **CUBA** R. Reloj, NOV 11 2301 - Reloj news; over WLVP. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 870 unID ?, NOV 11 2302 - Spanish shouting about futbol, La Mega mention; mixed with Reloj Cuban/WLVP/CFXS. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 900 **CUBA** R. Progreso, NOV 11 2300 - R. Progreso ID; over Canadians. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 910 **CUBA** R. Cadena Agramonte, Camaguey, NOV 11 2301 - "R. Cadena Agramonte" ID; in jumble. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 960 **CUBA** R. Reloj, NOV 11 2301 - Reloj news; mixed with WEAV. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1060 **CUBA** CMDX net, Baracoa, NOV 11 2301 - Cuban news in Spanish; under WQOM. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1100 **COLOMBIA** CARACOL, HJAT, Barranquilla, NOV 11 2301 - CARACOL Radio ID; good.

[Connelly*D-MA]

- 1160 **BERMUDA** VSB3, Hamilton, NOV 11 2138 - BBC financial news, talk about Ireland bail-out; dominant. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1220 **BRAZIL** ZYJ258, R. Globo, Rio de Janeiro, NOV 11 2301 - reverberated R. Globo ID; dominant. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1280 **BERMUDA** VSB2, Hamilton, NOV 11 2138 - religious organ music; over WFAU.
+ NOV 11 2230 - promo for CD's about great Christians, BBN network ID, hymn by woman; to good peak over WFAU. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1500 **VENEZUELA** YVRZ, Radio Dos Mil, Cumana, NOV 11 2201 - Spanish newstalk; briefly atop WFED. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1610 **ANGUILLA** Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, NOV 11 2231 - preaching in English; over ethnic Canadian stations. [Connelly*D-MA]
- 1620 **CUBA** R. Progreso / R. Rebelde, NOV 11 2230 - plaintive folk male vocal and guitar, then ID Radio Progreso, Habana, Cuba. [Connelly*D-MA]

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Anetnna: cardioid-pattern Micro-SuperLoop on car roof, square, 2 m per side, with 9:1 transformer on east bottom corner to speaker wire to 2:1 transformer to W7IUV transfer amp, and 9:1 transformer on west corner to speaker wire to 500 ohm null-adjust potentiometer. See http://home.comcast.net/~dx_lab/pictures/micro_superloop.htm for a similar antenna.

73, Brandon.

From Southern Star to under the North Star
AIH3 DXpedition to Aihkiniemi
October 16-23, 2010
 By Mika Mäkeläinen

This fall Jim Solatie and I spent quality time at two of the best DXpedition locations in the Finnish Lapland. First we enjoyed a week in Aihkiniemi, a brand new AM DXing base in the far north of Finland, then a second week in the traditional DX Mecca, Lemmenjoki. A definite highlight of the week in Aihkiniemi was catching a bunch of New Zealand AM stations, a first for me. Another unforgettable event was picking up the faint signal of a 10-watt highway advisory station from Alaska. Hearing rarities like these during below average conditions is a promising indication of the quality of this new base.

Convenience beat frugality, and so we took the train instead of driving through the night. Jim joined me at the Helsinki railway station, and we packed his stuff in my Nissan Murano for the ride north. Our cabin even had a private shower, which we learned to appreciate as there wouldn't be one in Aihkiniemi.

We woke up early on Saturday, October 16, when the train arrived in Rovaniemi on the Arctic Circle, to continue the journey driving further north. The weather was far from Arctic, but it was set to change dramatically over the week. We ran into reindeer several times, but fortunately didn't run over any.

This DXpedition entailed more uncertainty than normally, as Aihkiniemi was still somewhat a work in progress. I and Jim are among a group of eight DXers who purchased a lakeside lot in northernmost Lapland earlier this year to set up the first ever purpose-built AM DXing base in Finland, if not the first such endeavour in Europe or the World.



One of the beverage antennas at Aihkiniemi



The road between Kaamanen and Sevettijärvi, close to Aihkiniemi

DXer Martti Karimies successfully ran the project and got things moving fast. Just a few months from the land deal and building permit we already had a working DX base.

Aihkiniemi is located at 69.23 degrees North and 27.87 degrees East, essentially in the middle of nowhere, so we got to christen the place. According to title records, the original larger property had been called Aihkiniemi, so we resurrected that name to refer to this new DXing haven. "Aihki" means a grand, ancient pine tree, specifically in Lapland, and "niemi" translates as a cape or a peninsula. Sure enough, there are impressive old growth pines in the area, and the landscape is dotted with tiny lakes and rivers carving a very varied terrain, and one that is sometimes very difficult to cut across.

Our group had bought, refurbished, and transported a container-shaped cabin from a construction company,

and in August we had built eight beverage antennas, each close to 1 kilometer (over 3000 ft) in length. I and Jim erected the ninth antenna, pointing at 30 degrees, which brought us the Southern Pacific goodies. At least one more similar size antenna will be built by later DXpedition crews.

The 30-square-meter cabin is very basic and looks spartan, but it is well-equipped for two DXers. There is a bedroom for two, an indoor composting toilet, and a listening room with a kitchenette. The toilet is real hi-tech, odorless and cost more than the cabin itself! Our lot sits right next to a paved road that leads to Norway, so having a driveway built and getting electricity didn't cost a huge fortune.

On arrival we were a bit confused about the workings of the antennas, and couldn't get a decent signal out of an amplifier that we used in the cottage, so Saturday night and Sunday were spent on trying to fix things. We built the 30-degree antenna over swampy ground, and worked on the baluns, Jim being the seasoned expert and me the clueless disciple. Eventually getting a good enough signal from nearly all the antennas.



Jim at Aihkiniemi cabin after the first snow

Aihkiniemi turned out to be relatively free of interference. Our own AC adaptors were the biggest source of unwanted sounds on the AM dial, although we tried to exclude the noisiest adaptors already in advance. Fluorescent lights in the cabin had to be turned off during the daytime, and will need to be replaced in the future. A nearby power line with ADSL signals might have caused some faint interference, but we were unable to verify the source. In the future, once everything is running smoothly, we intend to make this base available for other DXers as well.

As receivers we relied solely on the Perseus, which should guarantee enough recordings to entertain us for



The DX central of Aihkiniemi

the rest of our lives. Detailed log listings will be published at some point in the distant future because of the overwhelming workload of checking the files.

Jim's stay in Aihkiniemi was unfortunately interrupted by work obligations, and already on Monday I drove him to the Ivalo airport for a flight south, but I continued making recordings on his behalf as well.

This was the third DXpedition to Aihkiniemi. The beginning is always tough in a new place, and the first two crews spent even more time on construction and problem solving. Most likely upcoming DXpeditions will produce even more impressive logs than ours, but this week was enough to convince me that we've found a real gem for AM DXers.

Once I had overcome most technical hurdles, it was time for some serious DX. On most mornings I got very good reception from various parts of the Western Hemisphere around 0430-0600 UTC. On a few days stations from the Pacific Northwest remained on the dial through the day, but generally daytime conditions didn't amount to much, and nighttime conditions were very poor. In late afternoons, conditions to China were excellent almost every day. Occasionally I also got nice reception of Korean and Japanese stations, areas which tend to be more productive in terms of new catches. The more southern antennas towards the Eastern Hemisphere continued to have problems, so I missed lower latitudes in Asia.

The highlight of the DXpedition was Thursday, October 21, when conditions to all directions seemed very good. After a nice morning I picked up Newstalk ZB, the first New Zealand AM station of my life, at 1108 UTC on 1035 kHz. I identified a couple of other Kiwis as well in real time, including Southern Star on 657 kHz at 1207 UTC, when a local pest in Murmansk on the same frequency luckily happened to be off the air for some reason. What an unforgettable afternoon!



Jim preparing grounding at the 30-degree antenna



A shared bedroom – better make sure that your partner doesn't snore!

To put things into perspective, I have been actively hunting for Kiwi AM stations for over a decade without catching any. Now I heard a bunch of them after only four days of monitoring with the new 30-degree antenna in Aihkiniemi. This opening seemed remarkable to me, although according to our Norwegian DX friends in Kongsfjord (see the KONG20 DXpedition blog) it was really not that exceptional compared to the previous couple of weeks. So, even better days can be expected. Lemmenjoki offered another point of comparison, because a few NZ stations were noted at the same time there as well, but much weaker. Based on all this, it would be safe to say that Aihkiniemi is currently the best place in Finland for DXing New Zealand, and by extension, probably other targets in the Southern Pacific as well. By the time I am writing this, Jim and I have discovered 16 Kiwi stations, and quite a few promising frequencies remain to be

checked.

Another true highlight was picking up a 10-watt highway advisory station from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, on October 20. WQLE259 caught my attention with its weather forecast loop running on 1610 kHz and audible for over an hour. The identity of this fairly new station remained a mystery, as the station ID was far from clear. Based on the conditions at the time, I initially suspected the Pacific Northwest, but low temperatures pointed to Alaska, as Jim quickly found out. West Coast DXers Bruce Portzer, Chuck Hutton, and Patrick Martin came to the rescue and nailed down the identity of the station. After a restless week I got my first TIS/HAR station verified.

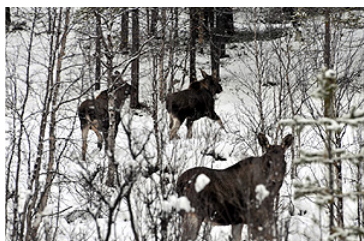
In addition to the previously mentioned KONG20 in Norway, there were other more or less simultaneous DXpeditions in the Arctic regions of Scandinavia: LEM294 in Lemmenjoki in Finland, PAX78 in Parkalompolo in Sweden and AND6 in Andøya, Norway.

Weather-wise the week was a rollercoaster ride back and forth between the fall and the winter. On the first day the small lakes were freezing, next morning they were solid frozen, and again free of ice by the following. On Saturday, October 23, heavy snowfall



Mika checking the direction while carrying the cable reel of the 30 degree antenna

made navigating on the roads really hazardous, even with a four-wheel drive SUV. Winter had arrived, a bit earlier than usually.



Not the best of my photos, I admit, but still, three moose in the same frame

In addition to DXing, Lapland never ceases to impress with its untouched nature. Some of the encounters can be unpleasant, such as trying to negotiate a path on a swamp where bog holes are covered by snow but remain unfrozen and treacherous. Also, on the roadside, for the first time I encountered three moose at the same time. A collision with just one would be enough to wreck the car and cause serious injury, even death. Better slow down on the northern roads. Reindeer, which are much more ubiquitous, are not nearly as risky, as they have shorter legs and don't tend to penetrate your windshield on impact.

As I mentioned, there is no shower – nor running water for any other purpose. It meant huge savings in construction, but we paid a price. After a sweaty day

working on the antennas we had to drive 14 kilometers to take a shower and haul drinking water from a rental cottage further north. Oh well, a minor inconvenience in the scheme of things. And of course, brave(r) DXers could take a dip in the freezing lake on our own property, although the water is so shallow that it isn't really suited for swimming.

In the following you can find a detailed description of the solar weather during the week (thanks to Jan Alvestad), followed by a detailed review of reception conditions on each day.

Date	Measured solar flux	Sunspot number		Planetary index			A K indices (3-hour intervals)		Min-max solar wind speed (km/sec)	Number of flares (events)		
		ST AR	NO AA	ST AR	NO AA	Daily low - high	Planetary	Boulder		C	M	X
15.10.2010	82.2	49	51	5.3	5	2-15	01011131	11121211	285-326			
16.10.2010	86.9	68	48	5.9	6	0-15	12101132	12202222	300-343		1	
17.10.2010	83.6	64	61	11.1	11	2-27	23431023	23532122	315-411	2		
18.10.2010	90.6	99	58	5.1	5	2-15	20011123	21121113	326-381	3		
19.10.2010	86.6	63	65	5.3	5	0-9	22211002	23222111	346-455	2		
20.10.2010	83.9	35	61	3.8	4	0-9	20012011	21112011	368-430	1		
21.10.2010	83.5	34	34	3.1	3	0-6	10002111	10102211	338-401			
22.10.2010	81.4	52	34	6.1	6	2-18	01211223	11311234	345-532			
23.10.2010	84.3	54	43	23.1	23	7-48	32445424	42444424	479-686			
24.10.2010	85.0	42	34	1.4	1	0-4	10000010	10001110	271-277	1		

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