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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

At this time, we should remember the people of Japan in our thoughts and prayers as they recover from the earthquake and tsunami that hit the island nation. We don't know how this has affected AM broadcast band activities, especially in the hardest-hit areas north of Tokyo, as this bulletin goes to press. Walt Salmani was in Hawaii at the time the tsunami hit; part one of his report is in this issue. Convention time is nearing...have you made your reservations yet? I won't be able to attend this year due to my caretaking duties with my mother. In this issue, we have the monthly look at the radio scene in Canada from Dan Sys and the rest of the world from Bruce Portzer, in addition to the regular look at the U.S. radio scene from Lee Freshwater. The regular domestic DX columns are in this edition, as well as DX Worldwide-West. The next issue is the last fortnightly (that's The Queen's English for "bi-weekly") issue...summer is nearing, and some of us (your Editor-in-Chief included) turn our attention to FM and TV DXing. As an Amateur Radio operator, I also work the DX on the 6 Meter (50-54 MHz) band. If FM and TV conditions aren't good at any time during the summer, continue to check out the DX on the AM broadcast band!

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.)

Spring Midwest DX Get-Together

John Tudenham (WØJRP) is planning a spring DX get-together in Washington, MO the weekend of April 15-17. Washington is in Franklin County, MO, about 50 miles west of St. Louis. Amtrak provides two trains a day to Washington from St. Louis and Kansas City. Tours may be arranged for KWMO 1350/KSLQ 104.5 and KLPW 1220 (this is unofficial at this point). More information as it becomes available. For more information, you can E-mail John at jotud@yahoo.com or snail-mail to: John Tudenham, 2824 Missouri, Joplin, MO 64804-2755. Tell John you saw this in DX Monitor!

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CANADIAN RADIO NEWS

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For February 2011 (March 1 2011 – next update April 1 2011)

OWNERSHIP CHANGES GRANTED

1240 ON Stratford CJCS From Raedio Inc. to Halliburton Broadcast Group

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.

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
610	WLVE	Winchester, VA	WXVA
840	WGRU	Mims, FL	WPGS
1250	WAPZ	Wetumpka, AL	WRBZ
1440	WRBE	Lucedale, MS	WVGG

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
550	WBZS	Pawtucket, RI	Silent	Business Talk
790	WBLO	Thomasville, NC	Sports	Regional Mexican
1120	WXJO	Douglasville, GA	Silent	Southern Gospel
1130	WHHW	Hilton Head Island, SC	Sports - ESPN	Standards
1250	WRBZ	Wetumpka, AL	R & B Oldies	Classic Hits
1390	WAJD	Gainesville, FL	Silent	R & B Oldies
1440	WVGG	Lucedale, MS	S. Gospel	Sports
1590	KLRK	Mexia, TX	Country	Reported Silent

SLOGAN / IMAGE CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW INFO
1130	WHHW	Hilton Head Island, SC	"AM 1130 The Island"
1250	WRBZ	Wetumpka, AL	"Kool 95.7"

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

550	KMVI	Wailuku, HI	Minor change to 5 K / 5 K NDA at 20-53-26 / 156-29-20
680	WMFS	Memphis, TN	Minor change to 8 K / 5 K DA-N from 10 K / 5K at 35-13-22 / 90-02-37
1150	KZNE	College Station, TX	Minor change to 1 K / 500 DA-N at 30-37-54 / 96-21-38
1230	WGUY	Veazie, ME	Minor change to 1 K / 640 NDA at 44-50-50 / 68-40-48
1270	KDJI	Holbrook, AZ	Minor change to 5 K / 130 NDA at 34-54-21 / 110-11-25
1340	KJMU	Sand Springs, OK	Minor change to 450 / 900 NDA at 34-07-59 / 96-05-32
1400	WQBQ	Leesburg, FL	Minor change to 5 K / 88 NDA at 28-46-52 / 81-53-30
1410	WQBQ	Leesburg, FL	Minor change to 5 K / 88 NDA at 28-46-52 / 81-53-30
1440	KMAJ	Topeka, KS	Minor change to 5 K / 1 K at 39-01-07 / 95-34-22
1520	WINW	Canton, OH	License and call deleted
1570	WNKX	Lobelville, TN	Minor change to 1 K / 66 NDA. Change COL from Centerville, TN. New site at 35-46-01 / 87-49-52
1590	new	Big Rapids, MI	New CP for 1 K 920 DA-2 at 49-39-49 / 85-28-54
	KLRK	Mexia, TX	Minor change to 2.5K / 65 DA-2 from 500/128 NDA at 31-27-12 / 96-45-06
1680	KGED	Fresno, CA	License to cover for 10 K / 1 K NDA at 36-39-37 / 119-41-01
1690	WMLB	Avondale Estates, GA	Minor change to 10 K / 1 K NDA at 33-48-34 / 84-21-14 Co-locate with WNIV 970 & WAFS 1190

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

FROM : Delaware On Line Delaware radio: Activists call for boycott after WILM switch. Clear Channel defends replacing local host with Glenn Beck, Wilmington community activists are calling for a boycott of WILM-AM and its sponsors after the station moved longtime morning personality John Watson to a night slot

and filled the early spot with conservative talk-show host Glenn Beck. The group, led by Herman Holloway Jr., who heads a small nonprofit social service agency in South Wilmington, said the switch will reduce Delawareans' ability to publicize local issues because nationally syndicated shows, such as Beck's, don't take on local views. He also said few will follow Watson to his new night hours, 9 p.m. to midnight. But Clear Channel Communications Inc., WILM's parent company, said the switch was made in response to listeners' requests. "It was strictly a business decision based on what our listeners indicated to us that they wanted to hear," said Wendy Goldberg, a Clear Channel spokeswoman. "We're confident his fans will follow [Watson] ... and his program will thrive in the new time slot." Watson, who on his last morning show Friday announced he was excited about the new time slot, declined to comment Tuesday on the change or the boycott call. "You have to understand my position," Watson said after apologizing for not commenting. Holloway was joined by the Rev. Ty Johnson, president of Interdenominational Ministers Action Council, and Jea P. Street, a New Castle County councilman and president of the Delaware Black Caucus, in the boycott call. He said Watson's push to a later time slot shows a pattern of discrimination by the radio station, which has eliminated several minority on-air personalities, including reporters Valerie Mack and Nancy Lopez. Neither would say they felt they were discriminated against when they were let go. Mack said Clear Channel has "bent over backwards" in trying to help her with references. Lopez, who has now been let go by the station twice, said the dismissal of minorities does give the "appearance" of discrimination, but she was not aware of any. Claims that minorities were being pushed out were "absolutely, categorically not true," Goldberg said. Beck's show was carried on WPHT-AM until January, when the station dropped him and Sean Hannity in favor of a local lineup. Hannity's show also airs on WILM. Street said that what Clear Channel is doing is political. "It's no accident that as we now approach the 2012 election, you've silenced the voices of those who speak at certain times to certain people," he said. The group will hold a gathering at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the King Center, 435 S. Heald St. in South Wilmington, to make plans for a demonstration.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1260 KTRP **ID**, Weiser 3/15 testing with their new classic C&W format running non-stop Willie Nelson music, 2212 ID "KTRP 1260" mentioned twice. Ex-KWEI. S9+10. (PM-OR) +3/16 1634 "KTRP 1260" into tape loop of Willie Nelson songs well past 1800. Ditto 3/17. Ex-KWEI. (AB-ID)

600 KGEZ **MT**, Kalispell 3/15 0923 song "You're Nobody Till Somebody Loves You" sung by Dean Martin, KGEZ ID at 0925. (AB-ID)

770 KKOB **NM**, Albuquerque 3/15 0914 ad block, "7-70 KKOB" "KKOB.com" at 0915. (AB-ID)

780 KKOH **NV**, Reno 3/15 0920 sports news and "7-80 KOH." (AB-ID)

970 KFTA **ID**, Rupert 3/14 0806 "La Fantista" slogan. (AB-ID)

1080 KVNI **ID**, Coeur d'Alene 2138 Subway, and IBM ads, KVNI ID. Poor/fair with KFX. (AB-ID) (Art, you didn't include the date for this one.—NJ)

1120 KPNW **OR**, Eugene 3/17 0912 KPNW ID and news. (AB-ID)

1180 KOIL **NE**, Bellevue 3/18 0838 popped up while I was listening to KOFI, with news or talk and KOIL ID. New. (AB-ID)

1230 KORT **ID**, Grangeville 3/16 0850 song "Georgia On My Mind" sung by Willie Nelson, KORT ID at 0853. Last heard 8/15/09. (AB-ID)

1240 KMHI **ID**, Mountain Home 3/16 1750 C&W music, "AM 12-40 KMHI" at 1753. Last heard 6/16/09. (AB-ID)

1330 KKPZ **OR**, Portland 3/17 0854 religious programming, "12-30 KKPZ The Truth" at 0856. (AB-ID)

1350 KDZA **CO**, Pueblo 3/12 2300 "KDZA Pueblo," with slight KSRO & KTIK QRM. (AB-ID)

1490 KYNR **WA**, Toppenish 3/16 "Yakima (Nation?) Radio" just after 0800. New. (AB-ID)

DX TESTS

1440 (WFNY) **NY**, Gloversville 3/6 0100-0200 possible code heard in mess but not enough to confirm. (FA-ID)

1540 WKVQ **GA**, Eatonton DX test heard at 0200 3/12 with opening ID and Morse code IDs, instrumental music. Quite good at times topping the channel over KXEL. Really pleased with this one. Sent CD report. First time hearing a GA station for a long time. (PM-OR)

(WKVQ)+3/12 0100-0130 nothing heard in mess. (FA-ID)

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DOWN THE DIAL

660 WFAN NY, New York. 3-17 good to fair signal over KSKY, digital sideband from WSCR 670 nulled. 20:12 with local spot, "WFAN 20-20 Sports" jingle into sports headlines mostly concerning NCAA basketball. [EB-MO]

680 KKYX TX, San Antonio. 3-17 fair signal over WMFS. 20:25 with spot cluster, trivia feature, mention of web site. Classic Country format. [EB-MO]

WMFS TN, Memphis. 3-15 fair to poor signal mixing with others. 00:24 with local spots and sports talk. [EB-MO]

780 WBBM IL, Chicago. 3-12 good. 00:30 with Chicago news, CBS News. [POB-IN]

930 WAUR IL, Sandwich. 2-26. 04:45 glitch in automation. Heard an announcement "12-70 AM WWCA Gary, Talk radio for Catholic Life, Relevant Radio Chicago" repeated over and over with male and female voices. Mixing with regular programming on WAUR. This went on for several hours before it was corrected. This announcement was later noted being used at correct time on Relevant Radio 950 WNTD Chicago during TOH ID. [TMJ-IL]

1010 WGUN GA, Atlanta. 3-2 good. 23:23 with spots. [POB-IN]

1030 WNVR IL, Vernon Hills. 3-12 fair. 23:11 noted with "Poliskie Radio" slogan, Polish language station. [POB-IN]

1050 WADC WV, Parkersburg. 3-17 fair to poor mixing with XEG and WEPN. 22:10 with Adult Standards and ID. [EB-MO]

1160 WKCM KY, Hawesville. 3-8 good. 16:38 with secret noise contest promo, mention of a Purple Heart Ceremony for the 550th Company. [POB-IN]

1230 KFPW AR, Fort Smith. 3-11 fair to poor through KZYM and several others. 22:05 with ID in promo. [EB-MO]

1240 KJCR MT, Billings. 3-11. 23:00 with "Thank you for listening to Billings' newest radio station KJCR at 12-40 AM and 97.5 FM an Agnus Dei Communications radio station bringing you the teachings of the Catholic faith through the generous support of our listeners. Thank you and God Bless." Vatican Radio World News. EX-KMZK. [NJ-MT] +3-12 02:59 with simple "KJCR Billings Catholic Radio" ID in EWTN programming. [JcJ-MT]

1270 WMKT MI, Charlevoix. 3-17 good to fair signal through WKBF. 22:03 noted with Fox News Radio, "WMKT the talk station" ID, weather forecast. Twilight Zone promo into talk program. [EB-MO]

1310 KZRG MO, Joplin. 3-14 fair to poor with ACI from KSIV-1320. 19:49 noted with ID in station promo. [EB-MO]

1430 WION MI, Ionia. 3-3 and 3-4 with WCMY, WPLN, and KZQZ. 18:01 heard ID mentioning award from Michigan Association of Broadcasters. This followed by very fast Morse Code lasting about 5 seconds. The last five characters spelled out IONIA. First time heard. [TMJ-IL]
 WPLN TN, Madison. 3-13 good. 19:59 with "Nashville Public Radio" slogan and legal ID. New logging for me. [TN-WI]

1520 WHOW IL, Clinton. 3-14 fair. 22:35 with Dennis Miller Show, quick farm report, "This is Flame Thrower of Central Illinois" slogan. [POB-IN]

1530 WCKY OH, Cincinnati. 2-28. 18:45 noted het on high side of 1520 and low side of 1540. Het started out around 1KHz +/- and within five hours drifted upward to around 2.5KHz at 1522.4 and 1537.5. In the middle of this is 1530 and WCKY was suspect of generating strong spurs on either side of its carrier. This was also reported by other DX'ers. Hets ceased around 01:15 on 3-1 when apparently WCKY corrected the problem. The het on high side of 1521 was not from the Saudi station, instead looping NW/SE in the direction of WCKY. [TMJ-IL]

1560 WMRO TN, Gallatin. 30-3 good. 22:50 promo for morning show on "Magic 1560." [POB-IN]

1580 WHFS MD, Morningside. 3-6 poor. 23:00 with "Doug C Show" top 10 countdown. [POB-IN]

1590 WTVB MI, Coldwater. 3-5 poor. 23:35 with part of station promo before fading. [POB-IN]

1630 KKGW TX, Fort Worth. 3-4 fair. 23:00 with military news for Fort Worth area. [POB-IN]

WRDW GA, Augusta. 3-12 poor. 01:05 with news, "News talk, WRDW" ID. [POB-IN]

1680 KRJO LA, Monroe. 3-7 good. 00:34 with "This is old school oldies music, religious. Lord I need you now." [POB-IN]

DX TEST

1420 WFNW NY, Gloversville. 3-6 DX Test 01:00-02:00 in poor with weak signals over the graveyard sounding channel. Heard with Morse Code 4 times during the hour. Two different pitches, music, voice announcements mentioning WFNW 14-40 AM, 5000 Watts and a phone number. Noted at 01:28 heard mention of a DXer named Geary or Gary calling in from London, KY. First time heard. [TMJ-IL]
 +3-6 DX Test tried for, but not heard on either the CC nor GE receivers. Talk stations mixing to the east with a GY-like mess under them. I assume the talk stations were Amarillo and Topeka. 01:30-02:00 no code, tone, old rock music, etc. Did this test even run? [RW-CO]

1540 WKVQ GA, Eatonton. 3-12 DX Test in good. 01:00+ DX Test with voice announcements, Morse Code ID's. Playing Christmas music. [TN-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

March 22, 1986 Anniversary issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **John Clemmer** of East Moline, IL said he was 27 ... **Ernest Cooper** of Provincetown, MA mentioned his first verie was dated December 28, 1932 ... **Richard C. Evans** commented about being 41 in June ... **Niel Wolfish** of Winnipeg, MB was 23 ... **John C. Johnson** of Billings, MT mentioned KGHL 790 won Billboard's Small Market Country Station of the Year for the 2nd year in a row ... **Jef Jaisun** of Bothell, WA said he was 40 ... **Larry Godwin** of Santa Rosa, CA commented on the lack of DX Tests compared to 10 years ago ... **Bruce Portzer** of Seattle, WA said he began DXing at the age of 12 in 1964.

OPEN MIKE

Yet another call change for 1240 Billings. As of 2-15-11 KJCR is now the call letters for this station. This column was typed 3-19-11. 73, John

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STARS OF THE WEEK

(KK-VA)	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA. NRD-545 rx w/134' multiband antenna NW to SE.
(KK1-VA)	Kraig Krist	NRD-545 rx with homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE
(KK2-VA)		PL-310 with built-in antenna
(JJR-MI)	John J Rieger	L'Anse, MI CC Radio 2 stock

LOGGINGS

560 FL WQAM Miami 3/9 0255-0405 Mixing w/ other talk and Spanish. Typical ESPN programming. Talking about Ohio Buckeye basketball coach, NBA results, BYU violations. "... WQAM dot com...". (KK1-VA)

MD WFRB Frostburg 3/9 1832 Mixing w/ WJLS and singing. Ads mentioning "Frostburg". "5-60 Left on the dial - right on the issues". (KK-VA)

WV WJLS Beckley 3/9 1832 Mixing w/ WFRB and singing. St. Mary's vs Greater Beckley Christian basketball game. "Sponsored by the West Virginia...", "West Virginia Fire Marshal's office...". (KK-VA)

580 WV WCHS Charleston 3/9 1901 Mixing w/ WHP. Running down a list of West Virginia businesses. "We now return you to our regular programming already in progress." into "ABC News". "WCHS The Voice of...". (KK-VA)

590 VA WLES Bon Air: Logged @1700 8/12 (finally) with ID which mentioned WTRU-830: "W L E S, Bon Air." //WDRU-1030 Wake Forest/Raleigh. Clearly audible, but still poor with QRM from cochannelers. Obviously up to full 200 w ERP and not old (estimated) 50 w or so. (JJR-MI)

640 NC WFNC Fayetteville 3/15 0355-0505 Mixing w/ Spanish (with mentions of Havana). "Coast to Coast AM". "Paving the way business does business. Serving the local community for 70 years. We're 6-40 news talk WFNC Fayetteville. A... station." Into "CBS News". (KK1-VA)

680 NC WPTF Raleigh 3/16 0355-0505 Mixing w/ other talk and singing. "This is your host for WPTF... this is news radio 6-80 WPTF Raleigh North Carolina" into news. Then, "WPTF accu weather...". "When you need to know we're here 24 hours a day. WPTF and WPTF dot com." into "Midnight Radio Network" show. (KK1-VA)

690 LA WIST New Orleans 3/17 0355-0505 Mixing w/ other talk, singing and Spanish. Typical Fox Sports programming. "Sports radio 6-90 WIST 'The Sports Leader'". Bell chime, "3 o'clock", "Fox Sports - Go Now!". (KK1-VA)

730 NC WZGV Cramerton 3/4 1802 Mixing w/ WTNT. Fortuitous event of being at the right place at the right time. WTNT is dominate here as the transmitter is only 20 miles away. At tune in, stumbled upon a pause in WTNT programming. WTNT carrier on, but a break in the audio. During the WTNT audio break I hear "Appalachian sports... Charlotte's home for sports. Fox Sports 7-30".. (KK-VA)

780 NE WJAG Norfolk 3/5 0705 Poor "780am and 105.9fm, Newsradio WJAG", wx in WBBM null. (JJR-MI)

800 IA KXIC Iowa City 3/4 1854 Poor but o/others. Steady. Calls, t/c, wx from KWWL. News. (JJR-MI)

VA WSVS Crewe 3/4 1803 Mixing w/ talk. WSVS with C&W songs. "This hour only. Your home for the country classics banishes those sad country songs. It's country happy hour". "That's Charley Pride 'Never been so... in my life'. Here's your classic country favorite hits...". "If you love country music. You found the right place. Classic country 8 hundred AM WSVS." (KK-VA)

810 WI WJJQ Tomahawk 3/5 0711 Poor - calls, wx by YL o/others (JJR-MI)

900 MO KFAL Fulton 3/4 1856 Poor - Calls in jingle o/others. No CHML. C&W. (JJR-MI)

910 WI WHSM Hayward 3/5 0744 Poor "WHSM.com" and "910AM WHSM" after ads. No usual WDFD. (JJR-MI)

920 IL WMOK Metropolis 3/4 1947 Mixing w/ C&W songs (probably CKNX), music, talk and oldies. WMOK with C&W songs. Out of the mix, "WMOK". (KK-VA)

930 NC WDLX Washington 3/6 2044 Mixing w/ other WFMD and French talk. Typical ESPN programming. Discussing college basketball playoffs. "This is pirate radio 12-50 WGHB Farmville Greenville. Pirate 9-30 WDLX Washington Greenville Newburg". (KK2-VA)

960 MN KTLF Little Falls 3/5 0716 Poor - "Little Falls Radio" in promo, t/c, MN sports scores. No calls hrd. O/others (JJR-MI)

970 NY WNED Buffalo 3/6 2101 Mixing w/ other talk, singing and ESPN. WNED with NPR. "On AM 970 WNED dot...". (KK2-VA)

990 NC WEEB Southern Pines 3/16 1611 Mixing with singing and other talk. WEEB with "Sean Hannity Show". "WEEB weather". "... Southern Pines... Fox News Radio... WEEB we got you by the ears.". (KK-VA)

990 QC CKGM Montreal 3/14 2011 Mixing w/ other talk and singing. Talking sports. Local Ad "This is Montreal's sports authority 9-90". (KK-VA)

1050 MD WBQH Silver Spring 3/9 1909 Mixing w/ WADC. with news. (KK-VA)

WV WADC Parkersburg 3/9 1909 Mixing w/ WBQH. Oldies 10-50 WADC". (KK-VA)

1090 AR KAAAY Little Rock 3/9 1917 Mixing w/ WBAL. Religious singing. "... 501 401-0228...". According to KAAAY website, www.1090kaay.com, this is KAAAY's contact phone number. (KK-VA)

WI WAQE Rice Lake 3/6 0715 Fair - s/on.no SSB. SPO:Fox. (JJR-MI)

1240 MI WIAN Ishpeming 3/7 0837 Poor - "Telephone Time" w/phone #, @WJPD.com" (WJPD is FM sister) Rare (JJR-MI)

1310 MN KGLB Glencoe 3/7 0829 Poor - "I'm ... 1310 KGLB sports" o/weak WIBA (JJR-MI)
 1320 ON CJMR Mississauga 3/6 0047 Fair - "on Joy 1250, Christian Radio for Southern Ontario" to fade. //1250CJYE (JJR-MI)
 1340 MN KWLM Willmar 3/7 0710 Poor -Calls 2x in a few mins (JJR-MI)
 1350 MN WCMP Pine City 3/7 0734 Poor w/ long nxcast, w/"basketball tonight on WCMP-FM" NOS (JJR-MI)
 1380 MI WPHM Port Huron 3/7 0713 Poor - wx, stn promo, calls and wx again (JJR-MI)
 1390 ND KRRZ Minot 3/6 1859 Poor o/u KXSS. Calls, OLD (JJR-MI)
 1440 NY WJLJ Niagra Falls 3/6 0128 Poor- calls between OLD trying for dx test (JJR-MI)
 1450 MI WNBX Newberry 3/5 0700 Poor - calls In mess. (JJR-MI)
 1460 ON CJOY Guelph 3/4 1908 Poor -alone. Calls after Oldie (JJR-MI)
 1490 WI WOSS Oshkosh 3/7 0705 Poor in fade up "sporttime on WOSH" & out. (JJR-MI)
 1510 SD KMSD Milbank 3/7 0816 Poor - nxcast, t/c, calls, wx in/out w/EE Sportstalk I was chasing for 20+ minutes, but never got. (JJR-MI)
 1590 IA KWBG Boone 3/5 0734 Poor in tight null. Talk of Des Moines, "Radio Iowa" ments a few times. Only affiliate listed. No calls hrd. (JJR-MI)

UN-IDEN

770 ?? ???? 3/5 0635 Very poor u/WABC. Somebody To Love, Jefferson Airplane anf Tighen Up, Archie Bell. No "True Oldies" in GA. Possibly WKFB, but nothing hrd to fade. (JJR-MI)

D X TESTS

1540 GA WKVQ Eatonton 3/12 0200-0230 DX Test. Mixing with KXEL and singing. Morse code IDs, Voice ID, contact info and Christmas music. Fair to good. (KK-VA)

Thanks to all this week. fresh 03-19 0800

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX
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A good turnout this time with a beautiful bunch of QSLs from Nigel. So away we go.

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

800 **MEXICO**, Zaragoza, Coah XEZR 3/15 0500 noted with Nortena music. ID in EE and SS. Good to poor signal, mixing with KQCV. (EB-MO)
 890 **MEXICO**, Culiacan XENZ, Mar 2 0759 – Through KDXU with vocal by a man, ID just past the hour 'XENZ... La Sinaloense'. (NP-AB)
 1000 **MEXICO**, Mexico City XEOY, Mar 2 0758 – EZL vocal, then 'Radio Mil' ID by a man at the hour and back into music. (NP-AB)
 1040 **MEXICO**, Guaymas XEGYS, Mar 2 0959 – Slogan and call ID, also gave power, address, and mention of Primera FM. (NP-AB)
 1470 **MEXICO**, Tijuana XERCN, Mar 2 0800 – Through KNFL with ID by man with call, slogan, location, then national anthem. (NP-AB)
 1710a **UNID** heard 3/13 1159-1205. Male vocal across the hour, man and woman spoke and the language seemed SS to me. There seemed to be a commercial, so this would rule out a pirate. Loop bearing N/S suggests. Weaker audio at the same hour 3/14 and 3/15. Anyone else hearing this? (LG-MT) (Larry, 1710 is getting busy these days. There in a Midwest pirate, plus Russian NW pirates on 1710. The one in the Puget Sound is still operating, plus the Eastern pirates (Boston area) PM)

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB at 1306 2/21 with man reading daily weather forecast, fair level at 1308. Signal faded out by 1311. First TP reception of the year, no other signals observed. (RA-OK)
 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ 1318 2/26 fair with talk. (DV-WA)
 1593 **CHINA**, CNR1 1316 2/26 weak to fair with CC talk. (DV-WA)

QSLs

549 **ALGERIA** Radiodiffusion Algerienne. Full data yellow/white QSL card and sticker in 110 days for mint stamps and CD report. (NP-AB)
 702 **IRAN** VOIRI Rasht. Date/freq QSL card, along with calendars and magazine, in 373 days for CD report on a Russian broadcast. (NP-AB)
 756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk synchrons. Date/freq QSL card in 10 days for CD report and mint stamps. (NP-AB)
 783 **GERMANY** MDR Info Leipzig. Full data QSL card, station info, and fridge magnet in 72 days after f/up with mint stamps (which were returned). (NP-AB)

972 **GERMANY** NDR Hamburg. Full data QSL card, along with station info, in 33 days for CD report and mint stamps. Germany #10 QSLed. Germany #10 QSLed. (NP-AB)
 1180 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde. No data e-QSL for e-mailed report in 3 days. (NP-AB)
 1215 **CHINA** CNR. Usual full data QSL card in 225 days for CD report. (NP-AB)
 1224 **BULGARIA** Radio Bulgaria Vidin. Full data QSL card (along with one for 9700 kHz shortwave) in 63 days for CD report on Russian program. (NP-AB)
 1458 **ROMANIA** R Romania Actualitati Constanta. Full data "Fortress of Prejmer" card in 78 days for report sent to overseas service. Had received a sked some time earlier. (NP-AB)
 1566 **AUSTRALIA** 3NE Wangaratta. Freq only verie letter, stickers, and a toque (to use a good Canadian term!) in 25 days for mint stamps and a CD report. (NP-AB)

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Mini DXpedition to Haida Gwaii March 11 to 13, 2011 (Part One)

Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC

On the heels of the giant 9.0 earthquake that rocked the Pacific coast of Japan and the subsequent tsunami which struck the entire Pacific Rim, by coincidence I flew up to my cottage on Haida Gwaii a few hours after the earthquake, and before the tsunami was scheduled to hit Haida Gwaii. I had heard nothing until I turned on the radio that morning and listened with increasing alarm regarding the devastation and possible tsunami that might affect the coast of British Columbia. Whatever was going to happen, I would arrive 3 ½ hours after the tsunami. As it turned out, the estimate for Haida Gwaii was for a wave height of between ½ and 1 meter. As you will see, there was evidence of such a wave near the cottage, as well as out at Tow Hill, well past the high/high tide line, and into the grass and dunes above. My estimate was that the wave height may have been up to 2 meters in height at Tow Hill.



Figure 1 On Rose Spit, with Tow Hill in the background collecting debris from the beach on Saturday March 12, 2011.

The further we walked along the beach away from Tow Hill, the higher the tsunami wave appeared to have reached, as shown in the following photos:



Figure 2: Sand from a high wave covering the snow that had fallen earlier in the week, some 2 meters above ocean level. Rose Spit 12 March 2011.



Figure 3: Looking along Rose Spit above the tide line. Notice the large amount of sand deposited on top of the recent snow. There were no high tides or storms that would account for this, besides the tsunami. Sand was seen right up on top of the crest, two meters above the ocean level.

Even at our cottage, the wave height must have reached a meter or more with the same large amount of sand deposited on top of the moss, grass, and snow covered dunes.

This time, I travelled very light, without any radio gear. Using my resident AOR 7030+ and NRD 535D, it was like going back in time for me. I've become so accustomed to using the Perseus SDR, and its visual cues to help in DXing. Still, it was a thrilling weekend. The first night, I simply used my large diameter ALA 100 loop oriented approximately 40/220 degrees. On the second night, I added a 700' Beverage aimed approximately 300 degrees towards Asia, hoping to hear Japan better. I was not disappointed.

I'll divide the report into two sections, with the first covering MW DX, and the latter, mostly SW loggings. Conditions were like night and day between the two days. On March 12th, the TPs were strongly favouring a more southerly direction, with a decent number of Australian stations. On the other hand, Japanese stations were very anemic by comparison, at least until dawn/post dawn when they did pick up. On the following morning (March 13th), conditions were fabulous to Japan with a huge number of stations booming in at great levels. The NHK2 network, which only carried a loop multilingual tsunami warning on the 12th to past 16:00 UTC, signed off at 14:40 this morning leaving every MW channel with a strong open carrier (OC). Programming was back to normal, as well. I'll send a clip of the emergency loop to the various clubs/websites as well. (Part Two will be in the next issue-EiC)

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ALASKA 1080, 1459-, KUDO Dec 31 Loop with information that KUDO ceases operations on Dec 31st. Invitation to tune in KOAN 1020 for great local progressive talk radio. Excellent reception. 1020 KOAN ID'd at 15:06 as Fox Talk Radio KOAN, also at excellent level. (Walt Salmaniw, Masset, BC)

ARGENTINA: 1610 R. Fósil new station "no oficial" from Rosario, Provincia de Santa Fé. Future web: www.radiofossil.com.ar (Rubén Guillermo Margenet via ConDig)

1620 R. Sentir, new station "no oficial" in the Province of Buenos Aires (Marcelo A. Cornachioni)

1630 License for a new station has been issued to San Juan, Provincia de Entre Rios web (Arctic)

COLOMBIA: 1520 HJLI AM Libertad, Santafé de Bogotá, ex JC-Radio. Announces HJLI, LI as in Libertad, on top of the hour. New name since 1 Dec 2010. (Torolf Johnsson, Henrik Klemetz, ARC)

ECUADOR: 730 HCMG2 R. Guayaquil has been heard by Jim Solatie in Lemmenjoki. Closer examination has revealed that the station has been off the air for well over a year. It has close ties to the PRE party and the Bucaram family. The ex-president Abdala Bucaram is living in exile in Panamá, but his youngest son is a member of the parliament. Radio Guayaquil has become the party's mouthpiece. There is no "official" address to the station.

1370 HC5RR R. El Rocío sometimes calls itself "RR". The callsign, which is missing in the WRTH, is HC5RR. It is indeed announced from time to time. (Henrik Klemetz, Arctic)

MEXICO: 1170/1240 R. Recuerdo and La Rancherita, respectively, i.e. the opposite to what is shown in the WRTH. This is according to a QSL to Jan Edh from Ing. Sergio González, Director Técnico de Radiogrupos in Aguascalientes. "Sí, la programación fué cambiada de 1170 y 1240." This frequency switch has previously also been confirmed by Henrik Klemetz. (Jan Edh, ARCAMs 78/08)

SURINAME: 914 R. Nickerie is observed (Renato in mw-br@yahoo.com.br via Arctic)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: 1701 R Brisvaani has been off air since mid last week (11/01) ... I assume related to the Brisbane flooding. 1638 The recently new "Goanna" on 1638 has run open carrier only for the past 24 hours (Merv Joyce, Mwoz, 16 Jan)

It was just too good to last. Two years ago Launceston lost its 3 MW stations as they shifted to FM. Recently the owner of the network running 7LA, now LAFM, applied for a second commercial license for the city and Tasradio sold their FM license to this consortium and obtained a narrowcast license. They have now re-appeared on 1008 with 24/7 horse racing and will vacate their 91.3 FM channel later this month, paving the way for another format for LAFM probably SEAFM. (Robin Harwood, Tasmania via Glen Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group 3/1)

TAJIKISTAN. Re DXLD 13 Dec, NHK relay on 900 kHz: During the Oct 2008 Sheigra [Scotland] DXpedition, CVC The Voice Asia was heard testing on 900 via this transmitter, and at the time Andrew Flynn of CVC commented in an email to Alan Pennington that "CVC is exploring an opportunity to use 900 kHz MW to supplement SW to northern India and Pakistan, and indeed tests were carried out on 7 & 8 Oct. The transmitter is in Dushanbe. We are only in the early stages of assessing the opportunity so I cannot provide any further information at the moment". Regular broadcasts from CVC via Dushanbe seemingly did not materialise (Tony Rogers, MW Report, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

ALGERIA[Clandestine]: 700 Polisario Front, Rabouni, Algeria, *1704- 2314, 08 Jan, "natl." anthem after which they went immediately to prayer,.... Castilian prgr at 2300 UT, songs, etc.; 34443 rating at s/on, adj. QRM. // 6297.15 kHz rated 55444 also at s/on. I don't recall such a long use of this fq: they're on 700 kHz since, what, late August/early September last, with 1550 kHz silent all this time. Sometimes, there's no signal on HF, just on MF - it's not as strong / good as on HF, but it provides a signal whenever 6297.15 is too bad for a number of reasons like deep fades, flutter, sometimes even utility QRM which at least I can attenuate with the K9AY. (Carlos Goncalves-POR, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 12)

DJIBOUTI: R. Djibouti had a very strong signal in the evenings (checked between 18-21 UT) on 1539 & 4780, both SINPO 45444, in local languages. Another program was audible on 1116, 1820 UT, with SINPO 44544. A strong station was also received on 1431, presumably R. Sawa from Djibouti, SINPO 45444, 22 December (Robertas Pogorelis, visiting Ethiopia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ETHIOPIA. Ethiopian national radio was received on the following parallel MW frequencies: 594; 684; 828; 855; 873 . On 1044, Ethiopian R. seems to be audible in the north of the country and Kenyan BC – in the south.

On shortwave, I received Ethiopian Radio on 4910 [NEW; unlisted -- gh] with SINPO 35333, 34433, 25333 (on different days and in different locations): at 1625 in vernacular, at 1735 in English. The signal was in parallel on 9560 with SINPO 22322, with strong QRM from different stations, such as Deutsche Welle in English after 1600 and a strong station in Arabic on 9555 . Interestingly, the signals were weak even in Ethiopia itself! Did not check if 7235 was parallel at that time. [4910 works out to be a leapfrog mixing product of 9560 over 7235, and does not have to be //, just from the same site -- gh] Regional Ethiopian stations on 6030 (in Oromo language, SINPO 45434) and 6090 also seemed to be present with strong signals. So was the Voice of Tigray Revolution on 5950 (SINPO 45434) as well as different relays on 7235 .

In Addis Ababa, the following FM frequencies are used: 90.7 (R. Zami); 92.3 (a station in Oromo language); 93.1; 94.5; 96.3; 97.1 (FM Addis – Ethiopian state radio); 98.1 (R. Fana); 102.1 (Sheger FM); 105.3 (Afro FM, in English). No other channels heard!

While in Addis Ababa, I visited the ERTA and met with the English service staff, who are also producing English-language TV programs, as well as with the chief engineer. He was insisting that 7110 is the best for listening to the Ethiopian Radio in Europe (yet I received nothing on this frequency, so I doubt if it is currently used).

The head of the English service, Mr Kebede Gizachew, was very friendly and accommodating, and so was the chief engineer Mr Worku Gachena. Their efforts to find a QSL-card for me for half an hour were unsuccessful, yet they promised to send me one if I send them a report. Instead, I was interviewed on their TV for their Christmas show! (Robertas Pogorelis, visiting Ethiopia, WORLD OF RADIO 1547, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE: According to a usually well-informed French newsgroup (fr.rec.radio), FIP has ceased transmitting on 585 from Paris-Romainville since the beginning of this year. A sad coincidence indeed, as FIP is at the same time celebrating its 40th birthday: <http://fipblog.radiofrance.fr/fip-40-ans-fetons-nos-2-fois-20-ans> Paris-Romainville transmitting site had been active since 1930; some photos here: <http://tvignaud.pagesperso-orange.fr/galerie/am/75romainville.htm> And by the way, FIP was also relayed in FM by a pirate operator in Brighton some years ago (I wonder if this is still the case)? cf. <http://lovefip.wordpress.com/> (Francis Mougenez, mwcircle 5 Jan)

Liste des stations en AM de France. French AM stations January 2011 COMPILATED by Christian Ghibaud for PLAY-DX

162 2000 kW France Inter Allouis
 585 10 kW F.I.P Paris (reported inactive)
 603 300 kW France Info Lyon, Emission locale N.D. des Ondes dimanche 18.00-19.00
 711 300 kW France Info Rennes, Emission locale France Bleu Armorique samedi 12.08-13.00
 792 300 kW France Info Limoges
 819 1 kW Sud Radio Toulouse
 837 200 kW France Info Nancy
 864 300 kW France Bleu 107.1 Paris
 945 300 kW France Info Toulouse, Emission locale France Bleu Toulouse samedi 1145-1245
 999 Tests en DRM/ DRM Tests Paris
 1206 300 kW France Info Bordeaux
 1242 150 kW France Info Marseille
 1278 300 kW France Bleu Alsace/Elsass Strasbourg
 1350 10 kW Radio Orient Nice
 1377 300 kW France Info Lille
 1404 20 kW France Bleu Frequenza Mora Ajaccio [Corsica] Emission locale 1210-1230 samedi -
 "Mediterradio" et Replique lundi 1310-1330
 1404 20 kW France Info Pau
 1404 20 kW France Info Brest
 1404 5 kW France Info Dijon
 1404 5 kW France Info Grenoble
 1494 20 kW France Bleu Frequenza Mora Bastia, Emission locale 1210-1230 Samedi "Mediterradio"
 et Replique Lundi 1310-1330
 1494 20 kW France Info Clermont Ferrand
 1494 5 kW France Info Besançon
 1494 4 kW France Info Bayonne
 1557 300 kW France Info Nice
 1602 1 kW Radio Orient Nimes
 (via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

GAMBIA, THE: Arrived finally in The Gambia after a 4 hour drive from Wooler to Birmingham Airport and a 6 hour flight to Banjul. Very hot here and glad to escape UK wx for a while ! Location here is Manjai Kunda which is some 7 miles from Banjul and adjacent to the SOS Childrens Village. A very quick bandscan during daytime only revealed GRTS on 648. This station has very little progs in English, mainly in Mandinko and Waloff. Closes daily at 1400 gmt and reopens at 1700 gmt. Had walk along beach from Banjul and passed the derelict site on Radio Syd. The place is overgrown with weeds, all buildings wrecked. Of the 3 towers two are still standing but the third has toppled over and smashed through the roof of the main building. Guy there said most equipment has gone and as far as he knows there are no plans to re-open the station. (G1MXP, mwdx 14 Jan)

HUNGARY: Yesterday the Hungarian media authority (it is called as Media Council) told that they could lengthen the mw broadcast license of Magyar Katolikus Radio for another five years if the radio had asked, but, the radio had never asked it. The radio wants to migrate to FM, but, Hungary has not enough FM band space for a new country-wide network. In far western part of Hungary (Szentgotthard, where I live) the FM is so overcrowded. We have Hungarian, Austrian (Austria is 10 km away), Slovenian (15 km away) and Croatian (70-80 km away) stations and they occupied the space well before Hungary migrated from OIRT FM (66-74 MHz, popularly was known as 'eastern fm') to CCIR FM (87-108 MHz, which was called at that time as 'western fm band'). I think Magyar Katolikus Radio made a big administrative mistake not submitting its application for renewing mw license on time. And now, the license is expired. (Tibor Gaal, Hungary mediumwave.info/15/1-2011)

IRELAND: 612 Spirit Radio - Ireland's new Christian radio station, Spirit Radio, has been given the green light by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland to commence terrestrial broadcasts in January 2011. The station will launch initially on FM in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Waterford and 12-18 months later Spirit Radio will begin broadcasting on AM 612 across the nation. Spirit Radio says it is well on the way to raising its capital launch costs. The medium wave frequency was previously used by national public broadcaster RTE from a 100 kW transmitter in Athlone, but Spirit Radio will broadcast from its own transmitter site. (Spirit Radio via Andy Sennitt, RN media network via SM)

LUXEMBOURG: 1440 DRM transmissions on 1440 are almost gone, they have meanwhile been cut back to a token operation between 8 AM and 9 AM local time. Otherwise the Marnach transmitter is operated in AM mode, in the time slots 04:30-08:00 and 17:00-02:00 CET or thereabouts. As well-known a large amount of this airtime is leased out to missionaries, CRI and KBS, which presumably for now saved 1440 from being closed down altogether. Gossip has it that RTL meanwhile became less willing to pump money into its Luxembourg radio operations. This gathered, amongst other sources, from <http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,850244> Concerning the power used on 1440: It is understood that Marnach has now Transradio solid-state equipment for 600 kW and that these 600 kW are the power at which the paid relays are being run. The tube transmitters (S 4006, they should still have an even older 600 kW Telefunken/Transradio transmitter with classic plate modulation as well), in the past run in a pair as 1200 kW, are no longer in routine use. (Kai Kudwig)

MOROCCO: 595, SNRT-"A", Oujda, 2316--, 07 Jan, Arabic, news bulletin; off channel again; \ 207, 540, 612, 936; 44453, QRM de POR 594 (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NETHERLANDS: 828 Dutch oldies station Radio 10 Gold is returning to medium wave. The transmitter on 828, which is currently carrying an alternative service of Arrow Classic Rock, will switch to Radio 10 Gold on Monday 18 October, according to an announcement on the Radio 10 Gold website. The station, owned by RTL since the start of this year, has used several medium wave frequencies in the past, most recently 1008, but has been broadcasting on cable, internet, satellite and digitenne only for the past three years. Despite that, it has maintained a market share of around 2.5 percent. The station says that it will be broadcasting on "full power" - the licensed power of the transmitter is 20 kW. (Andy Sennitt, RN Media Network 16.10.2010) 1395 Big L seems to be silent from at least 2 December, exactly a year after their return. (Olle Alm, ARC)

NORWAY: The Vigra transmitter on 630 will be turned off on 30 June 2011. Demolition of the facilities will start immediately after the closure, the station grounds are to be cleared until yearend 2011. The Røst island transmitter on 675, inaugurated as replacement for the Bodø facility not before 1999, will be closed on 31 Dec 2012. <http://norkring.no/templates/page.aspx?id=500> (illustrated) The 232 meters mast on Vigra island is considered a threat to air safety, already in 2007 requests to remove it have been reported. Thus the site will be demolished immediately after the closure. http://www.nrk.no/nyheter/distrikt/more_og_romsdal/1.4290865 The antenna of the site, modernized in 1985 with a new transmitter (I assume it is a S 4002 and it is still in use): <http://www.waniewski.de/MW/Vigra/index.htm> Here are photos of the 675 Røst transmitter, which reuses the mast of a Decca transmitter (127.1) that had been shut down in 1997: <http://northernstar.no/rost.htm> (Kai Ludwig, Germany via dxld yg, 30/10-2010)

RUSSIA: As noted by Russian DXers: it appears that according to this schedule, DW will be dropping its German and Russian MW relays in Moscow (693), St. Petersburg (1188) and Grigoriopol (999) from January 1, 2011. RFI is leasing 1188 from DW for an hour or two of its Russian and (presumably) French broadcasts in St. Petersburg. (Sergei S., Oct 21, dxldyg)

I got brand new information on Radio Maiak on 765 kHz from Petrivka with 40 kW. Earlier I reported it was on the air but with probably low power. I can now say that this was not entirely accurate. According to listeners from Petrivka itself, the station has been off air since 19 December 2010 (to date). Apparently last summer it was also inactive for one month. Whether the station will return is unsure. (Herman Boel, mwcircle 18 Jan)

SPAIN: After several months OFF, the EAJ25 station in Tarrasa (prov. of Barcelona) is on the air again. Now with the second channel of KISS-FM: HIT-FM. But not in // with the web stream of "www.hitfm.es". (Mauricio Molano, mwdx 16 Jan)

SWITZERLAND: [and non]. Austria/Germany --- Radio Gloria Switzerland, transmitting via Kall, Germany confirmed my reception with a personal letter from Peter Galliker. He promised me to send a QSL card by ordinary mail. The transmitter is 1 kW and what I heard was a test transmission on January 1st 2011. On 18th or 20th of January Radio Gloria will start transmissions on medium wave, 1566, from central Switzerland, with a power of 250 watts. These are test transmissions during one month. Web site: <http://www.radiogloria.ch> or the unofficial site for the tests: <http://radiogloria.beepworld.de> (Björn Fransson, Gotland, Sweden, Jan 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SYRIA: 783, 1839, Syrian R. in Russian, destined for Israel. SINPO 23322. 22 December, Gonder (Robertas Pogorelis, visiting Ethiopia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

U A E: The US-operated [RFE/RL] Radio Farda, broadcasting to Iran in Farsi, has commenced broadcasting from Al Dhabbaya in the United Arab Emirates on medium wave 1314 (1000 kW) as of 1 January 2011. The station operates at 1400-2400 UTC. (Media Network weblog via Kim Andrew Elliott 17/1-2011 via mediumwave.info)

The RFE/RL website is still showing 1575, also Al Dhabbaya, as the only medium wave frequency for Radio Farda. According to DXers, 1314 is in addition to 1575 (they are hearing both). This appears to be a new transmitter and frequency in the UAE. (Kim Andrew Elliott (19/1-2011), mediumwave.info)

UNITED KINGDOM: A letter from Ofcom, replying to an MP's request for information about Radio Caroline's request for access to a medium wave frequency, has been posted to the Radio Caroline Yahoo group by paul_k3d. The BBC has confirmed to Ofcom that it no longer requires 648. They are checking the legal position but if it's available Ofcom say that they could licence it for a local commercial radio service (awarded by beauty contest), national commercial radio service (auction) or a service targeted only at listeners outside the UK. In the latter case Ofcom would licence the frequency and not the content. They say that they are aware that other international broadcasters would like to use this frequency. They are going to run a public consultation setting out the options for the use of 648 and invite expressions of interest. (Mike Barraclough, mwcircle)



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Joined the IRCA some time around 1984, although I had been a member for a while earlier, I can't find the dates. Stated DX'ing as a kid, in Tucson Arizona. Fond memories of hot summer nights hearing, "Yours Truly K O M A." Loved PAMS. Moved to the San Francisco Bay area after I got out of the Navy, and lived and worked there until six years ago. My wife and I now live in Boone Iowa, a small farming town. I have been a Ham Radio Operator (First call N6BPL then WV6U, now NGØG) since 1979, and find my AM BCB DX'ing skills come in handy when chasing new countries on 160m. One of my favorite sounds in the world (although some think I am a little off kilter) is the sound of a graveyard channel in the winter, near sunset. I collect old radios, books about radio, and old radio programs. Best wishes to the IRCA. Steve Hawkins

CORRECTION

Mike Hardester says that his e-mail address is DX4EVR@ec.RR.com . That's my mistake, Dock, as I hadn't updated my notes on you.--rce

SPECIAL FEATURE

A Recap of 2010 By Kraig Krist (KG4LAC)

2010 was a very productive reception/DX year for me. In 2010 I had 2,096 receptions setting an all-time personal record. Of those, 1,964 receptions (more than doubling 2009's 890 receptions) were in the medium wave band with 1,853 receptions (beating 2009's 882 receptions) at my regular listening post, 53 during a DX outing in Linden, VA, 36 while on vacation in Luray, VA and 22 while in Puerto Rico. Of the 1,853 receptions at my listening post, 1,527 were using the JRC NRD-545, 321 using the Tecsun PL-310 and 5 using the Sony ICF-SW7600G. Of the 1, 527 receptions using the NRD-545, 676 were using the Kiwa loop, 438 using the 134 foot multiband antenna, 206 using the Quantum loop, 198 using the 65 foot multiband antenna and 9 using the 43 foot Eavesdropper.

I heard 151 stations for first time in 2010 (besting 2009's total of 142) at my listening post. These were CFOS, CFRW, CIAO, CKIM, CKWW, George Mason University TIS, KFAQ, KNX, KOA, KRMG, KWKH, Virginia Department of Transportation Highway Advisory Radio, WABN, WAGR, WAGY, WAME, WANG, WANR, WAUD, WBAP, WBLT, WBTM, WBYN, WCBA, WCCS, WCGC, WCHA, WCHT, WCPA, WCRO, WCRV, WCUE, WDDT, WDEL, WDIC, WDMV, WDOV, WDRD, WDWL, WEED, WEGP, WEPM, WEZE, WFBF, WFCF, WFIN, WFLR, WFSR, WGAC, WGBW, WGDJ, WGEM, WGFA, WGFY, WGIV, WGNQ, WGTK, WHBG, WHBL, WHBS, WHGT, WHLO, WHLX, WINA, WIXE, WIXI, WJCV, WJLS, WJMT, WJRM, WJZ, WKAV, WKAZ, WKBL, WKBN, WKDL, WKDV, WKGE, WKIK, WKIX, WKJK, WKJV, WKMC, WKNR, WKOK, WKPT, WKRC, WKST, WKWH, WKZK, WLBR, WLOC, WLOU, WLSG, WLXE, WMBD, WMBS, WMFS, WMIR, WMIX, WMNA, WMT, WNAV, WNCA, WNDE, WNED, WNML, WNRI, WOKV, WOSU, WOYK, WPDC, WPGY, WQEL336, WQVA, WRGM, WRSC, WRUF, WRVC, WRWB, WSAI, WSML, WSOM, WSPQ, WSPZ, WSSG, WTV, WTJZ, WTMA, WTNT, WTOC, WTRI, WTVN, WTVX, WUFA, WVAR, WVCV, WVIE, WVMC, WVMT, WVNA, WVOI, WWII, WWRK, WWWC, WXKS, WXYT, WYGL, WYRD, WYTI and WZHF.

I consider a station as new if it was never heard before, or if the station is on a different frequency from when previously heard.

The New Station Average per station heard (NSA) at my regular listening post is .081 Or, almost 1 new station for every 10 receptions. The New Station Average doesn't guarantee I will get a new station every 10 receptions. NSA is simply an average. New Station Average per Day (NSAD) is .41 or averaging almost 1/2 a new station per day. Reception Average (RAVG) at my regular listening post is 5.077 Or, 5 stations heard on average each day of the year. RAVG is analogous to baseball batting average. Continuing the analogy, a BAVG of .333 doesn't guarantee the batter will get 3 hits for every 10 at bats, likewise I probably didn't hear exactly 5 stations each day of 2010. Since I average 5 receptions per day if I multiply .41 * 2 (for 2 days or average 10 receptions) this equals .82. Close enough to confirm the accuracy of the New Station Average calculation.

Of the 151 stations, 128 heard using the JRC NRD545 (67 using Kiwa loop, 20 using 134 foot multiband antenna, 20 using Quantum loop, 19 using 65 foot multiband antenna and 2 using the 43 foot Eavesdropper antenna) and 23 first time stations heard using the Tecsun PL-310. 151 stations

breakdown by month. 11 January; 48 February; 28 March; 9 April; 3 May; 2 June; 5 July; 5 August; 5 September; 25 October; 5 November and 5 December. I heard 156 stations (besting 2009's total of 145) for the first time at my current QTH. This count is different than the 151 first time stations as it only looks for unique reception for the QTH regardless of other listening locations. Breaks down as 131 heard using the NRD545, 24 heard using the PL-310 and 1 heard using the Sony ICF-SW7600G.

Some fantastic distance catches in 2010 from my listening post. KNX Los Angeles, CA took the top with a distance of 2,279.1 miles (heard using NRD545 and 134 foot multiband antenna). 2nd was KOA Denver, CO at 1,456.6 miles (heard using the NRD545 134 foot multiband antenna and on another date heard using the NRD545 and Kiwa loop. Also heard using the PL-310 with built in antenna). 3rd was WOAI San Antonio, TX at 1, 336.4 (heard using the NRD545 and the Kiwa loop and on another date using the NRD545 and 65 foot multiband antenna). 4th was CKIM Baie Verte, NL at 1,298.2 miles (using the Tecsun PL-310 with built in antenna). 5th was CFRW Winnipeg, MB at 1,235 miles (heard using NRD545 and 134 foot multiband antenna). 6th was WBAP Fort Worth, TX at 1,179 miles (heard using the NRD545 and 65 foot multiband antenna and on another date heard using the Tecsun PL-310). 7th was KRMG Tulsa, OK at 1,045.3 miles (heard using the NRD545 and Quantum loop and on another date using the Tecsun PL-310 and built-in antenna). 8th was another station from Tulsa, KFAQ at 1,018.4 miles (heard using the NRD545 and Kiwa loop). 9th was KWKH Shreveport, LA at 1,006.9 miles (heard using the NRD545 and Kiwa loop). To round out the top 10, at 10th was WCCO Minneapolis, MN at 926.6 miles (heard using the NRD545 and Quantum loop, heard another date using the NRD545 and Kiwa loop, heard another date using the NRD545 and the 134 foot multiband antenna and also heard on another date using the PL-310 with the built-in antenna).

Focusing on the ultralight Tecsun PL-310 with the built-in antenna at my listening post. 1st is KOA at 1,456.6 miles, 2nd is CKIM at 1,298.2 miles, 3rd is WBAP at 1,179 miles, 4th is KRMG at 1,045.3 miles, 5th is WCCO at 929.6 miles, 6th is WTNI at 860.3 miles, 7th is WHO at 859.3 miles, 8th is KCNZ at 823.3 miles, 9th is WMT at 773.4 miles and tenth is WKSH at 633.8 miles.

While honeymooning in Puerto Rico, using the Tecsun PL-310 and built-in antenna, I was able to receive the Caribbean Beacon, R. Reloj, Radio Trinidad, Voice of Nevis, WBMJ, WDHP, WFAN, WGD, WINS, WIVV, WOSO, WRVA, WSTA, WVVI and WWRL. Amazing distances were WINS New York City, NY at 1,623 miles, WWRL New York City, NY at 1,621.6 miles, WFAN New York City, NY at 1,621.1 miles and WRVA Richmond, VA at 1,484.9 miles.

Please don't think I have the luxury to sit and chase MW DX all the time. I've been exceptionally lucky to receive a considerable number of stations employing judicious use of available time a few hours each day. While I endeavor to listen daily, this doesn't always happen. There are actually some days and some weekends when I am unable to listen at all. I also enjoy spending time with my family, bike riding (I pedaled over 1,000 miles in the summer of 2010. Beginning in April, for 2011, I plan another 1,000 miles), shortwave listening/DXing, keeping up my website, www.kg4lac.com, being the e-DXN and NRCDXAS webmaster, monitoring Radio Romania International, monitoring Radio Bulgaria, etc.

I'm looking forward to another productive year in 2011.

73 and good listening.

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2. Tim Noonan 26
3. Nancy Johnson* 9
4. Richard Bradley 8
5. John C. Johnson 1

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